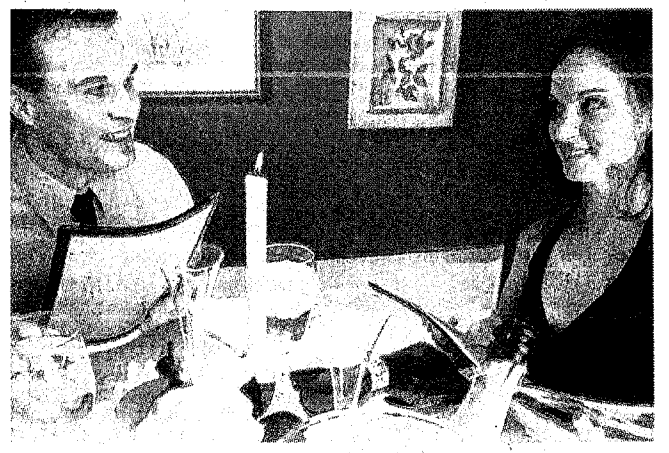


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Clothing bank

The Plymouth-Canton Community Clothing Bank is making appointments for individuals and families in need of clothing. Clothing bank officials have also issued a "thank you" to the community for "the various clothing drives that have been held" for the bank.

The bank's hours of operations are 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Call (734) 416-6179.

Lions scholars

The Canton Lions Club announced the availability of a scholarship grant to a senior student in the Plymouth-Canton School District who is vision or hearing impaired, or to a student who plans to major in a college program which will benefit the vision or hearing impaired.

Students who are interested in applying for this scholarship should submit a letter detailing their impairment or their plan of study in the future. Letters should include name, address, grade-point average, counselor's name and school, plus a short biography.

Interested students should send the letters to Nancy Spencer, 42764 Woodbridge Road, Canton, MI 48188. Letters must be post-marked by March 1.

Drug classes

Canton Police Department has partnered with Saint Joseph Mercy Health System to offer the class, "Drugs 101: What Parents Want to Know," and there are four more chances for people to take part.

The class features educators from Saint Joseph Mercy Health System staff and Canton Police Department Community Relations Sgt. Mark Gajeski, who will educate parents on the signs, symptoms and current trends of alcohol, tobacco, inhalants, marijuana and other drugs teens may use. Legal consequences and long-term implications will also be addressed.

Remaining dates for "Drugs 101: What parents want to know" include:

- 10 a.m. Saturday, March 6 — Plymouth District Library in Plymouth
- 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 23 — Fiegel Elementary gym in Plymouth
- 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 27 — Field Elementary gym in Canton
- 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 13 — Summit on the Park in Canton

It's a free, two-hour class for adults only who reside in Canton or its surrounding communities. Register at www.sjmercyhealth.org, click on Classes and Events, or at www.cantonpublicsafety.org.



Younger dancers put in some 40-50 hours a week, while the older dancers rehearse 50-70 hours a week as the PNA Centennial Polish Dancers' annual recital nears.

Polish pride

Recital celebrates dancers' 30th anniversary

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ashley Ricciuti enjoys going out on stage and performing in front of an audience, watching the joy on people's faces as they enjoy her dancing.

Ricciuti, a Canton High School senior who turns 18 Monday, gets her chance when she joins the rest of the PNA Centennial Polish Dancers of Plymouth on the stage at Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton for their 30th anniversary recital.

Ricciuti, the daughter of Arthur and Catherine Michalak, is looking forward to it.

"Although I myself am not Polish, I find the culture of Poland incredibly interesting," said Ricciuti, who has danced with PNA for five years. "It's so rich, there's been so much history I've been able to learn from being in this group. Learning dancing from different regions is something I can share with my friends."

Kristal Greniuk-Wioncek, a 25-year member of the group who has served the last 2½ years as its director, said the group wanted to do something special for its 30th anniversary. Saturday's show, she said, will feature a trio of second-generation performers, dancers in authentic costumes and the dancers singing Polish songs with the accompanist.

"People should look for a fabulous afternoon/evening of a step back in to one's Polish heritage," Wioncek said. "If you do not have Polish roots, you will enjoy the colorful costumes worn by enthusiastic dancers that have



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The Polish National Alliance Plymouth Centennial Dancers are a popular attraction at local events like Plymouth's Fourth of July parade and Fall Festival.

30TH TIME'S THE CHARM

What: PNA Centennial Polish Dancers' 30th anniversary recital
When: 1:30 and 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13

Where: Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton

Tickets: \$10; can be purchased at Clix Photography in Canton, Dental Smiles of Livonia, Simply Polish in Garden City or go to the group Web site — www.pnacentennialdancers.org — for additional information.

perfected advanced routines for entertaining the audience."

The Plymouth-based PNA Centennial Polish Dancers, which draws dancers from Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Garden City, Northville, Milford and as far away as West Bloomfield and Howell, formed in 1980 and has been performing at parades and other events since.

The group's main aim is to

teach authentic Polish dances promoting Polish heritage and customs. Students also learn about Polish history, language and geography. The group has traveled several times as a group to Poland. They're asked to perform at events such as Livonia Spree, the Northville and Plymouth Fourth of July parades and Plymouth's Fall Festival.

The group starts practices Wednesday in September, then adds Sunday practices as the recital draws closer.

"The younger groups put in 40-50 hours and the older groups practice for 50-70 hours," Wioncek said.

Katherine Broderick, a 7-year-old from Plymouth who goes to Our Lady of Good Counsel School, said she's following the example of her mom, Donna.

"My mom is Polish, and she did dancing when she was a little girl," said Katherine, who is in her second year with the group. "I like dancing. It's fun."

Home values slide in both township, city

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Homeowners in Plymouth and Plymouth Township will be getting property assessments in the mail later this month, and figures released by Wayne County last week offer some clues about what they can expect.

Residential values for 2010 dropped an average of almost 10.7 percent in the township and an average of just over 2.6 percent in the city, according to the county's assessment and equalization office. Homeowners' individual assessments will vary.

Every Wayne County community suffered a decline in residential property assessments, ranging from just over 2 percent in Highland Park to more than 21 percent in Van Buren Township.

"Everything's sliding. Where do you see anything picking up?" said township Treasurer Ron Edwards.

Commercial property values in the township fell overall by almost 11.6 percent, and industrial properties dropped by almost 13 percent. Edwards estimated that reduced property values in Plymouth Township will translate into a lower total taxable value and mean the loss of more than \$800,000 in tax revenue. That's more than 10 percent of the township's current tax revenue for this year of \$7.65 million.

"We've been warning people about this for well over a year and a half now," Edwards said.

Township officials have made more than \$1 million in budget cuts in the past two years, recently won concessions from two employee groups, and in January laid off three firefighters. Concessions are being sought from township police officers.

The situation isn't as dire in Plymouth, where finance director Mark Christiansen estimated a revenue loss of about \$100,000.

Commercial assessments fell an average of about 13.7 percent in the city, while industrial properties, of which Plymouth has very few, fell an average of 12 percent.

"We are very fortunate to be where we are" given the declines in other areas, Christiansen said.

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DOWN THEY GO

Here are the numbers for Canton and other nearby communities, according to Wayne County. The first number is the SEV percentage over market value; the other number is the decline in value:

	Value	Decline
Canton	55.43	9.8
Northville	54.19	7.73
Plymouth Twp.	55.98	10.68
Van Buren	63.49	21.25
Belleville	55.59	10.06
Livonia	57.29	12.72
Plymouth city	51.35	2.63

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District begins budget grind

BY BRAD KADRICH
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Late last year, the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education commissioned seven participatory budget committees, made up of administrators, teachers, parents and other community members, to help them fashion a strategy for dealing with a potential \$9 million deficit in the 2010-11 budget.

On Monday, board members heard from those seven committees as they began a push toward a scheduled June 8 public hearing on next year's budget.

The reports, which are available on the school district's Web site (www.pccs.k12.mi.us), detail a variety of areas committee members think the board could consider as trustees begin the

budget process. The recommendations range from potential cuts in staffing to revenue enhancements such as increases in pay-to-participate fees.

While staffing cuts were discussed, committee members hope they don't happen.

"We will not recommend cutting staff," said Christine Cummings, who has children at Miller Elementary and East Middle schools (along with a son at Our Lady of Good Counsel) and who served on the elementary committee. "It will reduce interaction between students and teachers. Elementary class sizes are already too big."

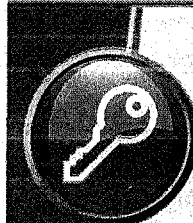
The committees started with the premise they'd need to operate at two figures — 90 and 95 percent of the 2009-10 budget. They came up with a variety of

ideas for both cuts and revenue generation. Cuts discussed included staff reduction, a buyout plan for employees and negotiated concessions with union representatives.

Cuts in transportation were also discussed. Money can be saved, according to the reports, by eliminating noon-time busing for kindergarteners (under the idea, morning kindergarteners would be bused to school, then picked up by parents, while afternoon kindergarteners would be dropped off by parents and then bused home), cutting busing for talented and gifted students and eliminating transportation home from athletic events.

Revenue enhancement ideas

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CFCU scholars

Community Financial, in collaboration with the Community Foundation of Plymouth and the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, will be awarding 11 scholarships in April, valued at \$1,000 apiece.

Applications can only be made on-line by going to <http://scholarships.cgrant.org>, creating an account and logging in. Read the guidelines for our "Community Financial Margaret Dunning and George Lawton Scholarships."

Students who qualify need only complete just one application; they will be considered for both scholarships.

Deadline to submit four copies of the application is March 5.

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

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

Wrestling fund-raiser

Salem High School Wrestling Boosters would like to invite everyone to their fund-raiser

at Buffalo Wild Wings, 41980 Ford Road in Canton Monday, Feb. 15. Flyers can be obtained at the group's Web site at wrestling.salemrock.com. A flyer must be presented at time of order in order for the club to receive a percentage of the proceeds from that day.

Damaris scholars

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will recognize a Plymouth-Canton School district senior who has displayed outstanding abilities in visual arts and plans to continue his/her education in this field with the \$1,000 Damaris Fine Arts Award.

Students' artwork will be judged on its originality, creativity, and use of material. Artwork will be professionally juried.

Applications will be accepted April 27-30, the work will be juried April 30-May 3, and the Damaris Fine Arts Award will be announced May 4.

Applications can be downloaded at: www.storytellerdesign.com/DamarisAward.pdf

Contact Tamara Trudelle at the PCAC, (734) 416-4278 to make an appointment to submit application and portfolio.

Ice Cream Social

The Council on Aging also hosts an Ice Cream Social with State Representative Marc Corriveau 2-3:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, also at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

It's an opportunity to come out and get updates on what is currently happening in the State Legislature. Corriveau



Chess champs

East Middle School's chess team won first place in the K-6 section at Saturday's 2010 Michigan Scholarstic Primary/Elementary team chess championships at Michigan State University. Some 55 schools from across Michigan brought 129 teams to the tournament. East Tiger Team members included (from left) Alan Sun, Jason Ren, Mathew Song and Mandy Lu. Behind them is Jennifer Skidmore, vice president and scholastic coordinator for the Michigan Chess Association. Michigan Scholastic Primary/Elementary Team Chess Championships is organized by Michigan Chess Association annually since 1985.

will also entertain questions and concerns.

Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236, to RSVP.

Cassidy exhibit

Spring comes early to the Plymouth Community Arts Council with an exhibit of colorful paintings by Plymouth resident Denise Lowe Cassidy. Her art will be on display for the month of February during regular PCAC business hours (Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and at an Artist Reception 7-9 p.m. Feb. 19. All are welcome to attend the reception, RSVP to (734) 416-4278.

Cassidy grew up in Wyandotte, and has been living in the Northville and Plymouth area for six years. While she has been dabbling in art most

of her life, Cassidy began painting only a few years ago while taking a Continuing Education class at Schoolcraft College.

Her favorite subjects are flowers. "My best work comes from painting things that make me feel happy," she said. These acrylics on canvas range in size from 15"x19" to 30"x40", with prices ranging from \$150-\$600. This is Denise Lowe Cassidy's first public exhibit.

To find out more information about this exhibit or for information on all PCAC programs, visit www.plymoutharts.com or stop in at the PCAC, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth.

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Tea and tales

Cozy up to the table for some midwinter tales of yesteryear during the Plymouth Historical Museum's upcoming "Tea and Tales" event, Sunday, Feb. 28 at 2 p.m.

Debra Christian will regale listeners with stories following the delectable treats prepared by Sweet Afton Tea Room in Plymouth. Christian is a speech and language pathologist at Douglas Elementary School in Garden City. A Victorian-style tea will be served complete with scones, tea sandwiches, and other fare. 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.

Purchase tickets at the Plymouth Historical Museum or using Paypal on the Museum's website at www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html. Tickets are going fast and will not be available at the door.

For more information, call (734) 455-8940 or e-mail secretary@plymouthhistory.org. The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street, one block north of Kellogg Park.

Rockettes clinic

The Salem Rockettes Pom Team hosts its annual pom/dance clinic at Salem High School Saturday, March 6.

Youngsters in grades K-5 go from 9 a.m. to noon; grades 6-8 go from 1-4 p.m. The cost is \$40. For more information, contact Kim Benintende at (734) 340-9360 for more information, or check the team's Web site at www.pompon.salemrocks.com

Appraisal clinic

The Plymouth Historical Museum will be holding an antique appraisal clinic with Ernie DuMouchelle of DuMouchelle Art Galleries in Detroit on Wednesday, March 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Items to be appraised include antique furniture, art, and small objects. No jewelry please. Appraisals are by appointment only and time slots are filling up quickly. Oral evaluations will be provided for \$10 per item; written evaluations will be provided for \$15 per item. There is a maximum of four items to be appraised per 15 minute time slot. Call now for an appointment, (734) 455-8940. The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street, just north of downtown Plymouth.

Hospice volunteers

Compassionate Care Hospice is a community-based organization committed to providing excellent hospice care for patients and their families. The group is currently seeking caring and dedicated individuals to provide support by being a friendly visitor to patients in the Western Wayne County area. Training is provided.

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City, township dig out after snowstorm while students get day off

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Helped by plenty of storm warnings and closed schools, which cut down on traffic, Plymouth and Plymouth Township cleaned up major thoroughfares in short order after the snowfall Tuesday and Wednesday.

"We had crews virtually working 24 hours," said Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincok Wednesday morning of the 11 workers who plowed and salted city streets and the lots and walks at city property Tuesday and Wednesday.

The city had declared a snow emergency Tuesday afternoon, which meant parking on the streets was banned.

But the emergency was lifted at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday. All major streets and about 85 percent of residential streets had been plowed by that time, Sincok said.

Students in the Plymouth Canton Community School District had a snow day Wednesday, but city offices and the Plymouth Cultural Center were open as usual.

It was also business as usual in Plymouth Township, which relies on Wayne County crews to plow and salt its streets.

Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said county plows were out Tuesday night and early Wednesday.

"They probably will get the majority of the roads plowed by the end of the workday,"

he said. It might be a couple of days, Reaume cautioned, before the county can get to most residential streets.

Reaume said the closed schools took traffic off the roads — not just school buses, but the cars and trucks of parents who were forced to stay home with their children.

"I think, with almost every school closed, it created a slow day," he said. Less traffic made it easier for plow drivers to do their work, he said.

Township workers were responsible for clearing the lots and walks at township properties, such as township hall, the fire stations, and the senior citizens center on Schoolcraft Road.

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"I think that speaks very highly of the quality of life in Plymouth," said City Manager Paul Sincok of the relatively small drop in residential property assessments. Christiansen said homeowners

shouldn't make assumptions about what the drop in property values will do to taxes because of the many other variables that go into determining a property's taxable value.

Philip O. Mastin III, director of Wayne County's equalization office, said a study of the county's housing market

during an eight-month period last year showed signs that the market had bottomed out or even begun recovering.

Christiansen agreed. "We're already starting to see the signs that the sales amounts are picking up," he said.

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DISTRICT

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included opening the district as a schools of choice district (not a popular option), strengthening partnerships with local businesses and increasing the pay-to-participate fees for athletics and adding similar fees for other clubs and extracurriculars.

Board members, who've scheduled a number of workshops to refine the 2010-11 budget before a scheduled June 8 public hearing, found the reports informative.

"Everything is helpful," board Secretary Nancy Eggenberger said. "It's important to look at everything we can do to deal with these deficits."

The board took no action Monday other than to listen intently to the reports, which

took some two hours to deliver. When it was over, board members were impressed with the amount of information provided.

"We have a lot to think about," board President Steven Sneiderman said. "We took two hours, and we only did an overview. You can imagine how long the deep dive will take."

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Art gallery boasts Bach concert fund-raiser

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The visual and performing arts will team up in Plymouth on Saturday to raise money for the Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras.

"Bucks for Bach" is the fund-raiser planned for 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Lotus Gallery in downtown Plymouth. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Four symphony musicians, including conductor Nan Washburn on flute, will be performing pieces by Johann Sebastian Bach, both individually and as a quartet. Washburn

will also play a flute duet with Dennis Carter. The other musicians are cellist Amy Kuras and pianist Patrick Johnson.

Beth Stewart, executive director of the Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras, said the idea behind the event is to forge a stronger connection between the orchestra and the community and to showcase the varied musical talents of symphony players, as well as to raise money.

"It's nice thing to do some fun musical events too," Stewart said. "A lot of is the idea of being able, outside of the concerts, to show that we're part of the community. We bring a lot to the

vitality of the area."

February is typically a month in which the symphony doesn't have a regularly scheduled concert, and "Bucks for Bach" will be a relaxed event, she said.

The event, Stewart said, will also bring people to the Lotus Gallery, which is hosting it free of charge.

The suggested donation for "Bucks for Bach" is \$35; reservations are preferred. The Lotus Gallery is at 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, at Harvey, in Plymouth.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Critical inspection will reveal home's vulnerabilities

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Police in Plymouth want homeowners to think like a burglar.

They're not advocating a life of crime, but asking residents to take a critical look at their homes with an eye toward the ways a B&E professional might find to get inside.

Is there a ladder lying in the back yard? It could be used to access a second-floor window.

Is there a crowbar lying around, or some loose landscaping blocks? Perfect tools for smashing windows.

Is the garage-door remote sitting on the dashboard of the car in the driveway? Another vulnerability.

"Anywhere you find you can break in, those are the areas you need to strengthen," said Officer Tony Angelosanto, the city's crime prevention officer.

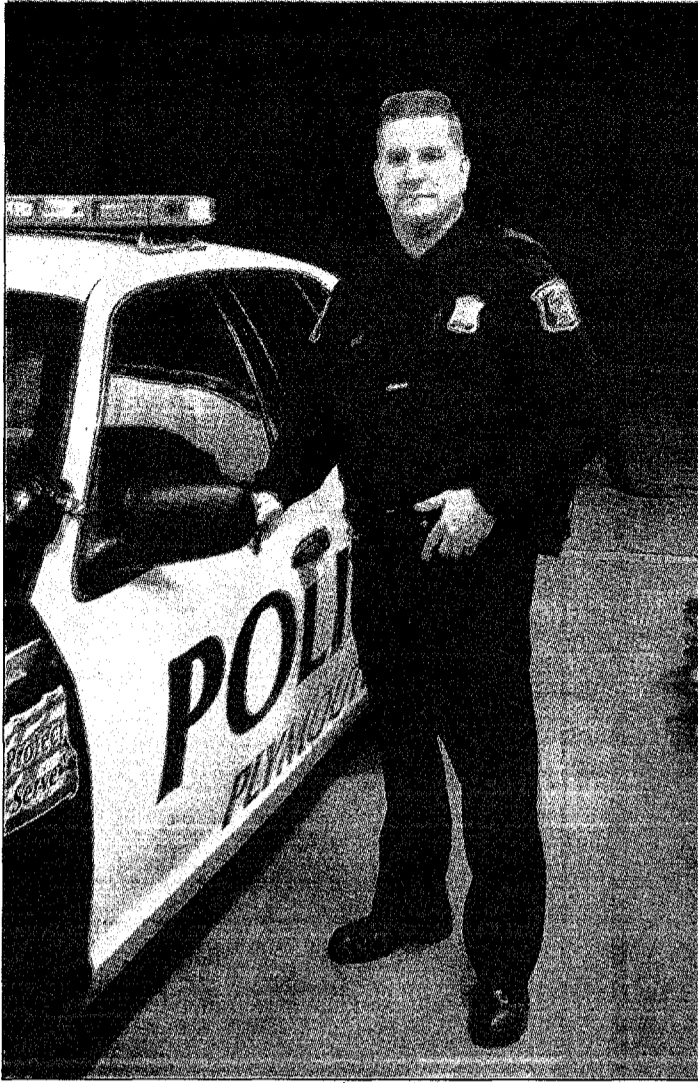
Angelosanto, who also works a regular patrol shift, offers free safety inspections of Plymouth homes and businesses. After each inspection, he'll write a to-do list of recommended steps, many of them simple ones, that can be taken to make the home or business more secure.

Some of the basics include:

- Good exterior lighting. Make sure pathways to the home are brightly lighted, along with each exterior entrance. Lights can also be placed on the corners of a house, on garages, and near patios and pools. The address at the front of the house should be illuminated.

- Exterior lighting is very important. Good lighting is a deterrent to criminals," Angelosanto said.

- Good visibility. Don't let landscaping block the neighbors' view of what might be occurring, or grow large enough to conceal a prowler. Shrubs within four feet of a driveway or sidewalk should



Officer Anthony Angelosanto wants homeowners to protect their homes by thinking like a burglar.

be no more than two feet high, shrubs located between four and eight feet of a driveway or sidewalk should be no more than four feet high, and tree branches less than six feet from the ground should be trimmed.

- Follow the 40-inch rule. Any lock on the inside of an entrance door that is within 40 inches of a window is unsafe; someone could break the window, reach in and unlock the door. Make sure the windows near your exterior doors don't leave you vulner-

able to such a break-in. Doors with windows can be replaced with solid doors or fitted with metal grates. Sidelights next to doors can be barred or replaced with glass-block windows.

Angelosanto, however, doesn't recommend barring most windows because of the possibility bars could hinder an occupant's exit during an emergency.

- Extra security. Make sure exterior doors are made of solid wood or steel. Put a dowel in the tracks of patio

doors to prevent them from being opened even if unlocked, or use a pin to secure the door to its frame. Keep windows locked when no one is at home. Keep outside gates closed and locked. Install three- to four-inch screws to secure the latch strikeplates on exterior doors; the screws that come with the strikeplates often prove flimsy.

- Vacation checklist: Don't let it look like you're away. Stop the mail and the newspaper, and use lighting timers inside to make it look like someone's home. Lights left on around the clock signal that no one's home, Angelosanto said.

In addition, you can request a vacation check from the police department, which will send officers by regularly to make sure nothing is amiss.

- Common sense. Leave keys with a trusted relative or neighbor, not under the doormat. Look out for neighbors, and ask them to do likewise. Use good deadbolt locks on exterior doors. If you arrive home to what looks like a break-in, don't go in, but call the police.

Angelosanto said that those who obtain firearms for protection inside the home should receive the proper training on how to use them and make sure they are secured away from children.

Alarm systems, he said, should have a reliable power supply, be tamper-resistant, be able to alert users of any malfunction, and have parts and labor warranties of at least one year.

Angelosanto also recommended families consider having a safe room in the home to which they can retreat in case of a break-in. The room should have a solid door and a good lock, and a phone with which to call police.

Plymouth Officer Tony Angelosanto can be reached at (734) 453-1234, ext. 526.

CRIME WATCH

Diner dashes on Big Boy dinner tab

A diner stiffed the Big Boy restaurant on Ann Arbor Road at Sheldon after eating dinner there on Saturday.

A waitress told police the man ran up a dinner tab of \$13.74 and, after eating, asked for change to buy a newspaper, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report.

Once he had change, she said, he went outside, apparently to get the paper; she assumed he intended to return to pay his bill.

But the man had other plans, the report said — he got into a car and headed east on Ann Arbor Road.

The car he drove was described as an older, red, boxy model, possibly a Volkswagen Jetta.

Tires slashed

The passenger-side tires on a Toyota Rav 4 were slashed late Saturday or early Sunday as the sport-utility vehicle sat in the driveway of a house on Plymouth Ridge Drive in the southwestern quarter of the township.

The vehicle owner told police he parked the Rav 4 there about 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and discovered the vandalism at about 12:30 a.m. Sunday.

— By Matt Jachman

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period Feb. 3-9:

- Tuesday, Feb. 9 - Rescue

run on Main; vehicle accidents on Beck and on Beck at M-14; commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road; mutual-aid-given run on northbound I-275; residential rescue runs on N. Territorial and on Sheridan; vehicle fire on M-14.

- Monday, Feb. 8 - Residential rescue runs on Northville Road, on Haggerty, on Mill and on Litchfield; mutual-aid-given rescue run on S. Canton Center; carbon monoxide detector run on Jener.

- Sunday, Feb. 7 - Residential rescue runs on Sheridan, on S. Harvey and on Red Maple; rescue run on Wilson; vehicle accidents on M-14 west of Beck and on Ann Arbor Road east of Beck; investigation on Lynn; commercial rescue run on Penniman.

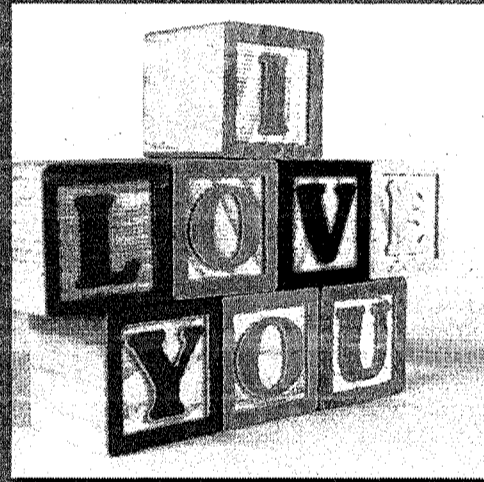
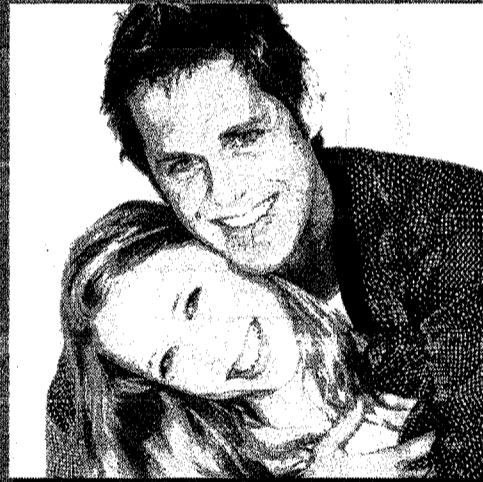
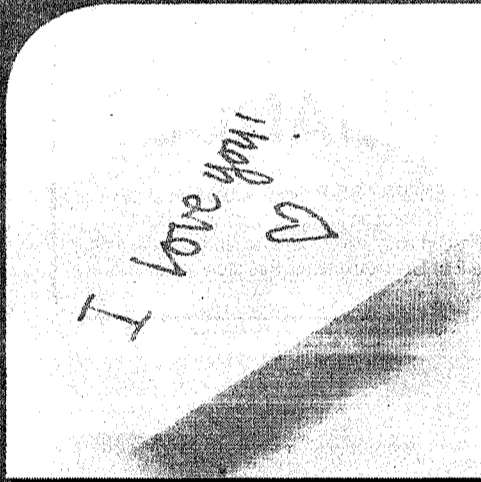
- Saturday, Feb. 6 - Residential rescue runs on Ridgewood, on Woodgate, on Haggerty and on Weston; special run on Haggerty.

- Friday, Feb. 5 - Residential rescue runs on Newport, on F Drive and on Northville Road; commercial rescue run on Main.

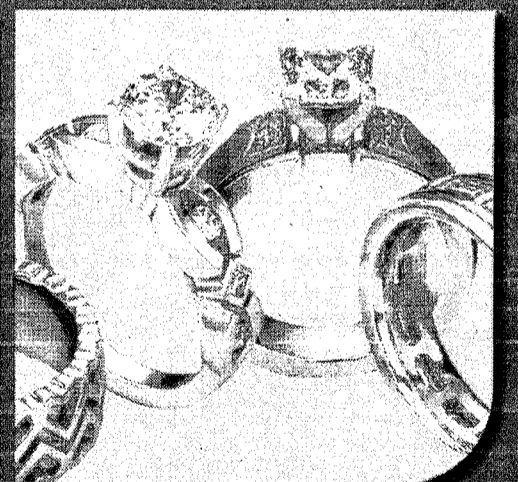
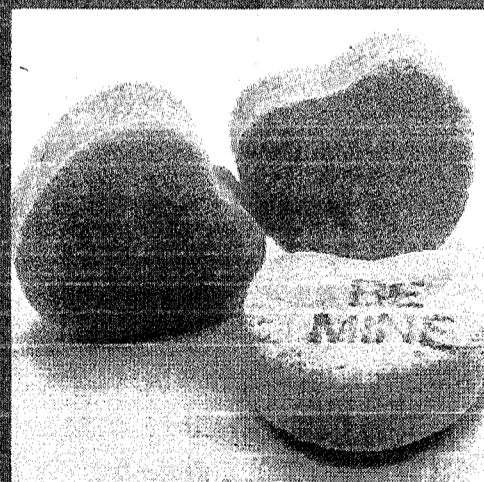
- Thursday, Feb. 4 - Downed wires on Clemons; residential rescue runs on Northview, on Newport, on Washington, on Baywood, on Risman, on Burroughs, on Blunk and on Deer Court; rescue run at Sheldon and Oregon Trail.

- Wednesday, Feb. 3 - Residential rescue runs on Haggerty, on Northville Road, on Linden and on Wilson; vehicle accident on northbound I-275 at Ann Arbor Road; commercial rescue run on Main.

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Local author tells story to Oprah

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton author Gregg Tyler Milligan, who revealed a painful childhood of abuse by his own mother in *A Beautiful World*, said he hopes to reach out to other victims when he appears on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*.

Milligan, still plagued by vivid memories of sexual abuse, emotional torture and physical beatings, said Winfrey's producers this week arranged to fly him to Chicago, where he was to tape a show Wednesday with Winfrey in front of a live audience.

Milligan was awaiting word on when the segment will air on television.

"My main concern and hope is that I help more people this way than through any other possible medium," Milligan, 46, said. "That's really what I'm excited about."

A film crew visited Milligan last week in Michigan to compile footage for the Oprah segment.

"The crew visit went very well," he said, describing himself as "emotionally drained, but it was well worth it."

In his first media interview, Milligan told his story last fall to the *Canton Observer*, describing a horrific childhood that still triggers panic attacks, chronic nightmares and anxiety disorder even though he succeeded in academics, athletics, the military and corporate America.

ABC News later interviewed him, and he continued to draw attention until Winfrey's pro-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton author Gregg Milligan, here with his wife, Sarah, is scheduled to be in Chicago Wednesday to tape a segment with Oprah Winfrey.

ducers found him through his involvement as a speaker with RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network), billed as the nation's largest anti-sexual assault organization.

Milligan originally thought of titling his book *God Must Be Sleeping*, but he decided on *A Beautiful World* because, despite a childhood that still haunts him, he found good people who helped him. He also said he found beauty through his own family, including his young adult son.

Milligan's appearance on *The Oprah Winfrey Show* will bring untold exposure to his story and his book, which is available along with other information through the Web site www.abeautiful-world.com — without the letter "o" in "world."

Milligan said his primary goal is to help others learn how they can find help if they are being abused. He said he wants to be a message of hope during his talk with Winfrey.

"My main concern is helping others reach out for help," he said.

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OUR VIEWS

School cuts bear down on students

One thing was fairly clear at Monday's Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education budget session:

If things don't pick up, students are about to start paying the price for the economic struggles dogging Michigan.

Board members gathered to hear reports from the seven committees they established to help develop priorities while they considered a budget expected to be ravaged by cuts in the state's per-pupil foundation grant. The committees, made up of administrators, teachers, parents and community members, developed recommendations about areas where budget adjustments — including some revenue enhancements, but mostly cuts — could be made. It was the first of many budget sessions set for between now and a scheduled June 8 public hearing on the 2010-11 budget.

The three school-level committees — there was one each for high school, middle school and elementaries — were using budget targets of 90 and 95 percent of the 2009-10 budget as a guideline.

It should be made clear that these are not recommendations for action, but are areas committee members looked at as potential savings. And, especially at the middle and high school levels, many of them centered on cuts.

For instance, the middle school committee noted that a 10-percent reduction in funding for staff would result in 35 fewer teachers and a student-to-teacher ratio of about 36-1. A similar reduction at the high school level could potentially save nearly \$4 million.

The high school committee talked about possibly hiking the pay-to-participate fees for athletics, while adding similar fees for other clubs and extracurriculars. The fee right now is \$180 for the first sport and \$100 for the second (the third sport is free). The fees are waived for students eligible for the free/reduced lunch program. In the high school committee report, the possibility of enhancing revenue with a hike of up to \$40 per sport, plus elimination of the waiver for free/reduced lunch-eligible athletes. There's also talk of eliminating return transportation from athletic events, and making student-athletes pay for their accommodations if they stay overnight at an out-of-town tournament.

But this is a district in an area hit hard by the economic times. Asking struggling families to pay even more for the chance to represent their schools with skill and pride seems an impertinent step to take. It comes down to the old argument: "What's more important, academics or athletics?" Of course we agree readin', writin' and 'rithmetic are critical.

But opinions abound that show the importance of athletics and the arts in developing well-rounded students. Hiking these fees will knock many students — some of whom are hanging on to school by the thread of athletics — out of the game.

There's also talk about eliminating busing for the talented and gifted students and for kindergartners at noon-time. That means A.M. kindergartners would ride the bus to school, then be picked up by parents; P.M. kindergartners would be driven to school by parents, then be bused home.

Nearly all of the recommendations made by the committees were things the school board has considered in the past. Even board Treasurer Judy Mardigian said, "It would have been great if you'd have come in with a lot of things we hadn't thought of. On the other hand, it means we didn't leave any low-hanging fruit on the trees."

She meant it as a compliment to committee members, who absolutely deserve a lot of credit for the time, effort and thought they put into their assignments. But it begs a question, cliché as it sounds:

Where was the "out of the box" thinking? Where were the ideas no one has considered? There was a little talk about redistricting, but it's clear the board is hesitant to entertain that idea. Becoming a "schools of choice" district was mentioned, but it's a double-edged sword that makes some uneasy.

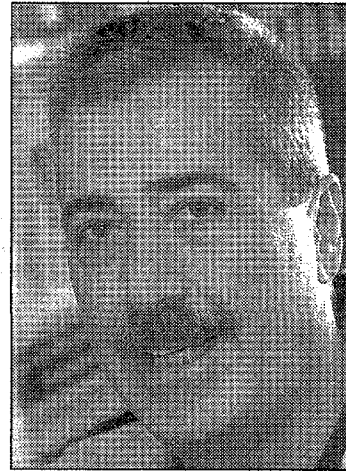
We're not saying these ideas should be tried; it's entirely possible they aren't workable. But nothing should be shoved to the back burner or ignored altogether. It's too easy to blame Lansing. Lansing isn't going to help. The board has done a great job trimming the budget the last few years, but it's not enough to rest on those laurels.

Board members have the hand Lansing has dealt them; now they must work within that framework to keep as much of this off the backs of students as possible.

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"I just Skyped for the first time last weekend with my sister, who just moved out of state. ... E-mail with family members that I normally wouldn't have talked to."

Erin Jesson
Dearborn Heights



"It's made everything a lot faster, that's for sure. I'm taking a class online right now. ... It's also made everything more impersonal."

Jessi Madau
Canton Township

LETTERS

Festival mistakes

Plymouth is my home. I love the community and am very proud of our association with the International Ice Sculpture Spectacular and especially the hundreds of people (primarily the students) we worked with for 19 years.

This year's event was presented as the Plymouth Ice Festival and press materials, Web materials, and information all represented the event to be a continuation of what had been done here previously with some new "fresh ideas." People looked in the newspaper, watched the television news and weather, and checked the event Web site to find beautiful images of wonderful and magical large ice carvings that had been at the festival in the past. When they arrived in town they found a miniscule group of small statues, and began asking where all the ice statues that they were used to viewing were located. They were nowhere to be found.

Most people who have been coming to the event since they were children with their parents and grandparents were disappointed their family could not share their experience. There were new aspects to the festival and a short speed carving competition by carvers who normally carve beautiful works of art in the park for hours over the weekend, a stage, and a short line up of local bands, none of which are what people really come to see.

Another disturbing new feature was the introduction of metal barricade fencing around what was termed the Ice Garden in Kellogg Park. We had always been cautioned to make the Kellogg Park setting as artistic and eye-pleasing as possible. We were even told not to use yellow caution tape as it detracted from the artistic ambience of the ice statues. This year the scene was overwhelmingly harsh due to this feature.

All these "fresh ideas" are also taking funds from the ice-carving aspect. People want to see beautiful ice sculptures — giant ones, big ones, little ones, and lots of them. Comments I have gotten since the festival (unsolicited, I might add) have been supportive of my position.

When presented with the idea (three years ago) of doing a concert sponsored by the Plymouth DDA at the Ice Spectacular my contention was live entertainment in the middle of winter with the uncertainty of the climate in an outdoor setting was unreasonable. What if it had been 10 degrees, 20 mph winds, sub-zero wind chill, and 10 inches of snow?

For the record I did take the proposal to the Ice Board of Directors with a recommendation that we ask that the money being allocated for this type of activity be turned into something more in line with the theme of the festival — ICE CARVINGS.

It should be noted this event does not have revenue streams like Art in the Park and the Fall Festival, but creates a much-needed boost to the local economy during the weakest economic time of the year.

The board voted unanimously to reject the concept, and to ask for sorely

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needed funds to support our shrinking budget, but apparently the person viewed responsible for this position (me) was deemed to be uncooperative and needed to be removed.

The weather this year was warm, and the early morning rain on Sunday caused them to cancel the bands and the student team ice carving competitions, both which were probably unnecessary. We held the competitions one year on a Sunday when it was 61 degrees, but the ability to do that comes with experience.

We were told that the first thing the new management was going to do was reduce the price of the street carvings to attract more business participation. Did anyone notice that did not happen? I hate to say I told you so, but we had tried that many times and it has never worked.

This year most of the carving, and all the competitions, were done by the community colleges, and they have always been a cornerstone of this festival, but they were asked this year to take a 50-percent reduction in the small stipend their ice carving teams received for the festival due to lack of funds.

It's never been about the money because we have never been able to afford to pay them what they deserve, but maybe one less band could have been booked and those dollars would have been available to the student ice carvers for their ice-carving club who really deserved them. At most schools ice carving is an extracurricular activity, and the funds given are used to support the club and to buy ice and tools for the students. I truly missed them this weekend.

The real issue is the future of this event. If this was the first step we think it was in the wrong direction. It is a proven fact the longer people attend an event the more they are likely to leave dollars in the community. Having short, quick-hit "new events" at the expense of the longer and more interesting ice carving is a mistake.

Michael and Sandra Watts
Plymouth

Renewed spirit

I would like to take this opportunity to thank and commend the Plymouth Ice Festival board of directors, Sam Walton, and the many volunteers who made this year's Plymouth Ice Festival a

great success despite some weather that was simply too warm.

There was a renewed spirit to the event this year and focused coordination with the DDA, the Old Village Association and the merchants on Forest Street that has not existed in years past. I was at the festival with my family on Friday and Saturday and we all thoroughly enjoyed it.

Many people may not realize it, but this event is not funded with any tax dollars. While the city plays a role in coordinating the event, it is actually funded by a nonprofit board of volunteers who are committed to this community and the art of ice carving.

Fund-raising for these types of festivals has understandably gotten much more difficult in our current tough economic times. Everyone is watching what they spend and many corporate sponsorships have dwindled simply because companies cannot afford such contributions in tough times.

I want to thank everyone who found a way to contribute their money, time or talent for this year's event. Under the watchful eye of the ice festival board of directors and the incredible enthusiasm and leadership of Sam Walton, I believe this event will grow and prosper for years to come.

As evidenced by a few letters to the editor, there was a small number of people who were disappointed by the size of our ice festival this year. Instead of taking the time to criticize the event next year, I sincerely hope they will take the time to make a financial donation or perhaps volunteer of their time to support the festival so it can continue to be the event they have grown to expect.

Dan Dwyer
Plymouth Mayor

Ice party

Wow, Plymouth throws a great party and people start complaining! I really enjoyed the ice festival and didn't even get to Kellogg Park to see the main carvings.

We brought Chauncey, a year-old Harlequin Great Dane puppy and he thoroughly enjoyed the show and the people, too — even though Tom Kelly says that people should not bring their pets or babies. Chauncey enjoys the colder weather and loves the attention when throngs of people pet him and kids go nuts seeing him. Maybe those little kids should stay home, too ... and anyone over the age of 60.

But, I digress. It's actually great socialization for puppies and we love being able to talk about Great Dane Rescue and educate little kids about dogs in general. I was so impressed with the children asking if they could pet the dogs first, and it's so fun to see the excitement in their faces upon meeting a Scooby dog.

Thank you, Plymouth, for having a great party all weekend — it was wonderful to see so many people out and about in the middle of January!

Sandra Suarez
Plymouth

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Kelly's Kidz raises money to benefit families

BY MAGGIE WUNDERLICH
CORRESPONDENT

Special guests and surprises are expected at "Maggie's Second Annual Lucky Strike Challenge" Saturday at Canton's Super Bowl.

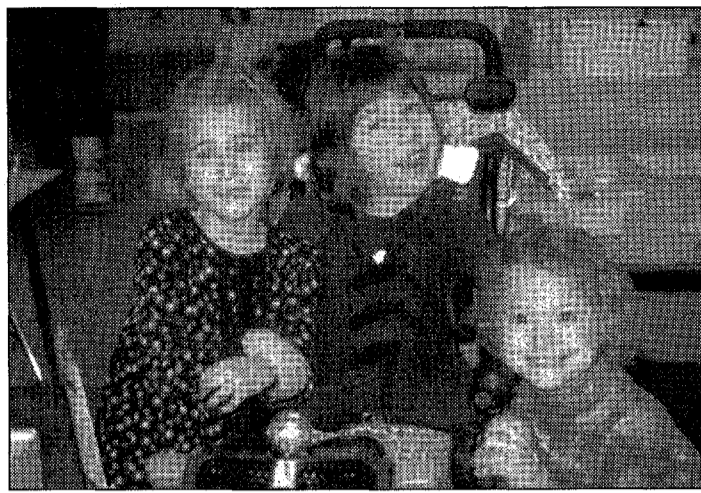
Nicole Blaszczyk, crowned Ms. Michigan in June 2009, and Joel Nitchman, who plays center on Michigan State's football team, are showing their support by attending the fund-raiser. Last year's event sold out and raised \$8,000. All proceeds benefit Kelly's Kidz.

In November 2008, Kelly and Dave Hermann launched Kelly's Kidz and the not-for-profit organization has raised \$110,000. Its mission is "to provide financial assistance and resources to physically-impaired children with special needs and to create an opportunity for them to lead the best life they can possibly live."

The Hermanns run Kelly's Kidz from their Canton home and are committed to providing \$35,000 to Oakwood Hospital's Center for Exceptional Families. The Center is an innovative program that provides comprehensive, coordinated, family-centered care for children with a wide range of chronic, complex disorders and disabilities. To date, they've helped six families at the Center.

"There are other people out there that are going through the exact same situation," Kelly Hermann said. "There's always going to be some kind of support." Hermann's motto: "Stay positive. There's going to be a light at the end of the tunnel." Hermann speaks from experience, since Kelly's Kidz was inspired by her daughter, Maggie, who was born with cerebral palsy in December 2002.

As Maggie gets older, a new



JENNIFER WILMARTH

Friends Anna LaForest (left), Maggie Hermann and Alexandra Voss are all smiles.

LUCKY STRIKE

- **What:** Maggie's Lucky Strike Challenge fund-raiser to benefit Kelly's Kidz
- **Where:** Super Bowl, 45100 Ford Road, Canton
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challenge is her physical size. She is getting bigger, despite her physical capability of a 3- or 4-month old. Hermann jokingly said, "She'll keep us fit for a long time." Their home was built to be easily accessible to Maggie, who wheels around in her specially designed wheelchair.

Maggie attends Dodson Elementary and is in a mainstream first grade classroom. "The whole staff at Dodson has completely embraced Maggie in her situation and we're willing to [work with them to] do whatever

it takes to provide whatever she needs," Hermann said. "Dodson's been a positive experience for us and we're really happy with how things are going."

Jennifer Wilmarth, a speech pathologist at Dodson, said she wants people to be "open-minded about people in wheelchairs and not make assumptions."

"Just because they're in a wheelchair, doesn't mean they're not mentally as able as you or I," Wilmarth said. "It's not a cognitive impairment; it's a physical impairment."

Stephanie Rudelic, a special education paraprofessional who's worked closely with Maggie since last year, sees her use the low-tech method with her classmates. "She makes friends just like the other children -- only she communicates in a different way," Rudelic said.

One of Maggie's friends is first grader, Alex Voss, who said, "We talk about how we love each other. I ask her what she likes and how she does stuff. We play matching games on the computer."

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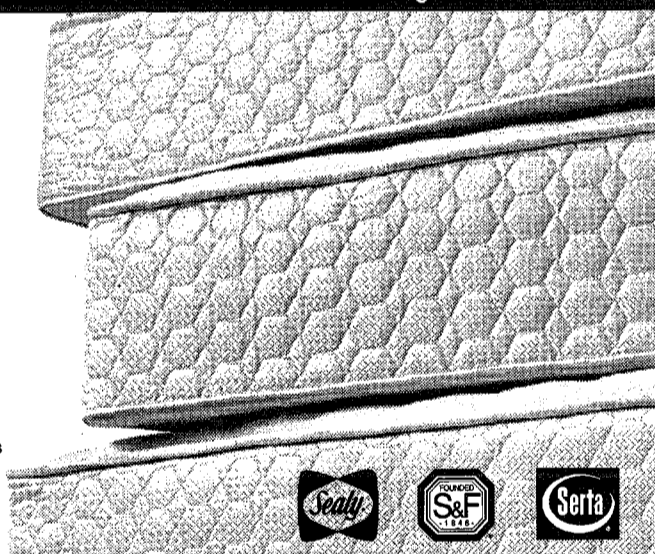
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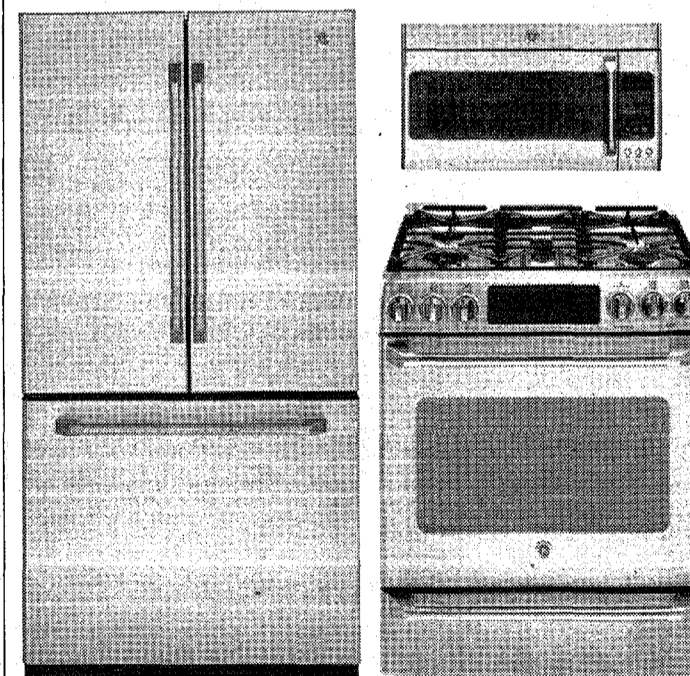
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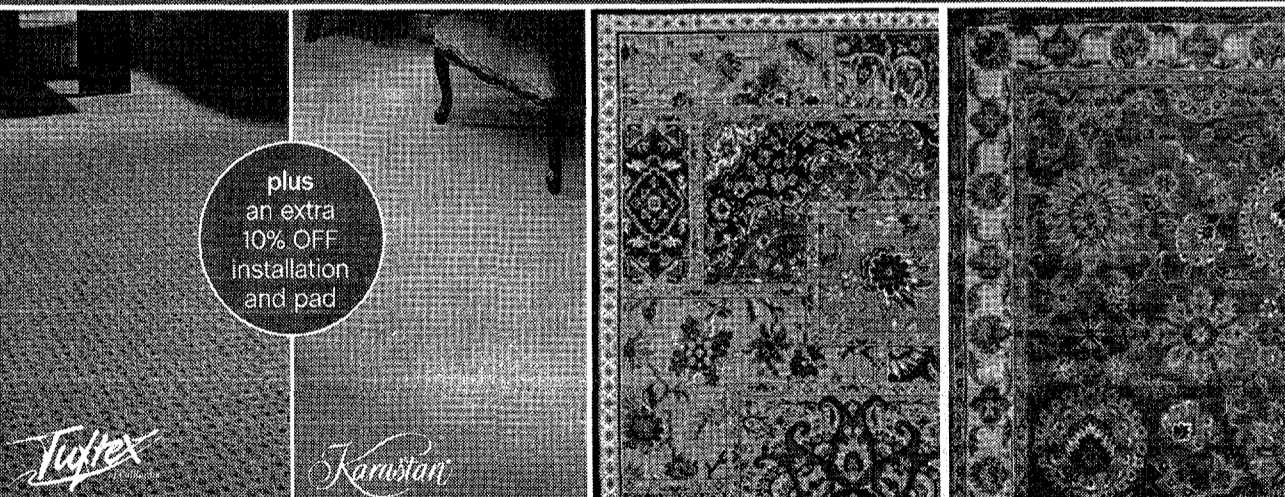
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CANTON'S 'CAN-DO' DUO

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With fire in their eyes and their bellies, all that Donnie Watkins and Brent Winekoff do is continue to pummel opponents on the wrestling mat.

Both Canton senior stalwarts have reached 200 career victories over four seasons with the Chiefs and won't rest on their laurels.

They are ramped up to overtake nemesis Novi-Detroit Catholic Central and lead their team to the state finals at Battle Creek.

Watkins and Winekoff know they have their work cut out for them to accomplish that. But that's no problem, since work is where it's at with both guys.

"It's total dedication," Canton head coach Cory Mancuso said about what makes Watkins and Winekoff so successful. "Donnie and Brent are our two leaders and the other guys follow them and do what they do. It's paying off."

Being dedicated means working out during the summer, going to camps, picking the brains of accomplished wrestlers and coaches.

Not settling for anything less than being the best.

"I competed in Florida, Iowa, went to a lot of off-season practices and training camps," Winekoff said. "Usually I'd wake up in the morning, do a timed two-mile run and have some practice I was going to."

GEARING UP

With the two prospects for Division I colleges inspiring teammates, the Chiefs crafted a 25-6 record as of last week (No. 6 in the state).

"I'm pretty proud of what we've done so far," Winekoff said. "This is our toughest team so far."

The Chiefs also placed an impressive

second to the Shamrocks at the Jan. 30 Observerland Invitational, considered a primer for the state tourney.

"I think the first time we wrestled them, they beat us pretty good," Mancuso said about CC. "But after wrestling them (at Observerland), I think we closed the gap a little bit."

"We beat a lot of their guys heads up."

According to Winekoff, who continued his perfect record with an overtime decision at Observerland over Farmington Hills Harrison's Kevin Beazley, the hard-fought bout could prove beneficial down the road.

"Having a closer match definitely helps me to get ready to have close matches in states," the Eastern Michigan-bound Winekoff said. "If I'm just beating up someone really bad, I'm not going to be ready for a good guy at states."

Watkins (No. 7 at 135 as of Feb. 4) fell short for the second time this season to CC 140-pounder Justin Melick. But he figures to break through the next time they meet.

"It's just that I know I need to keep scoring points and not sit on a lead when I have it," Watkins said, analyzing his Observerland loss, "and keep attacking rather than backing into a win."

A LOT OF SKILLS

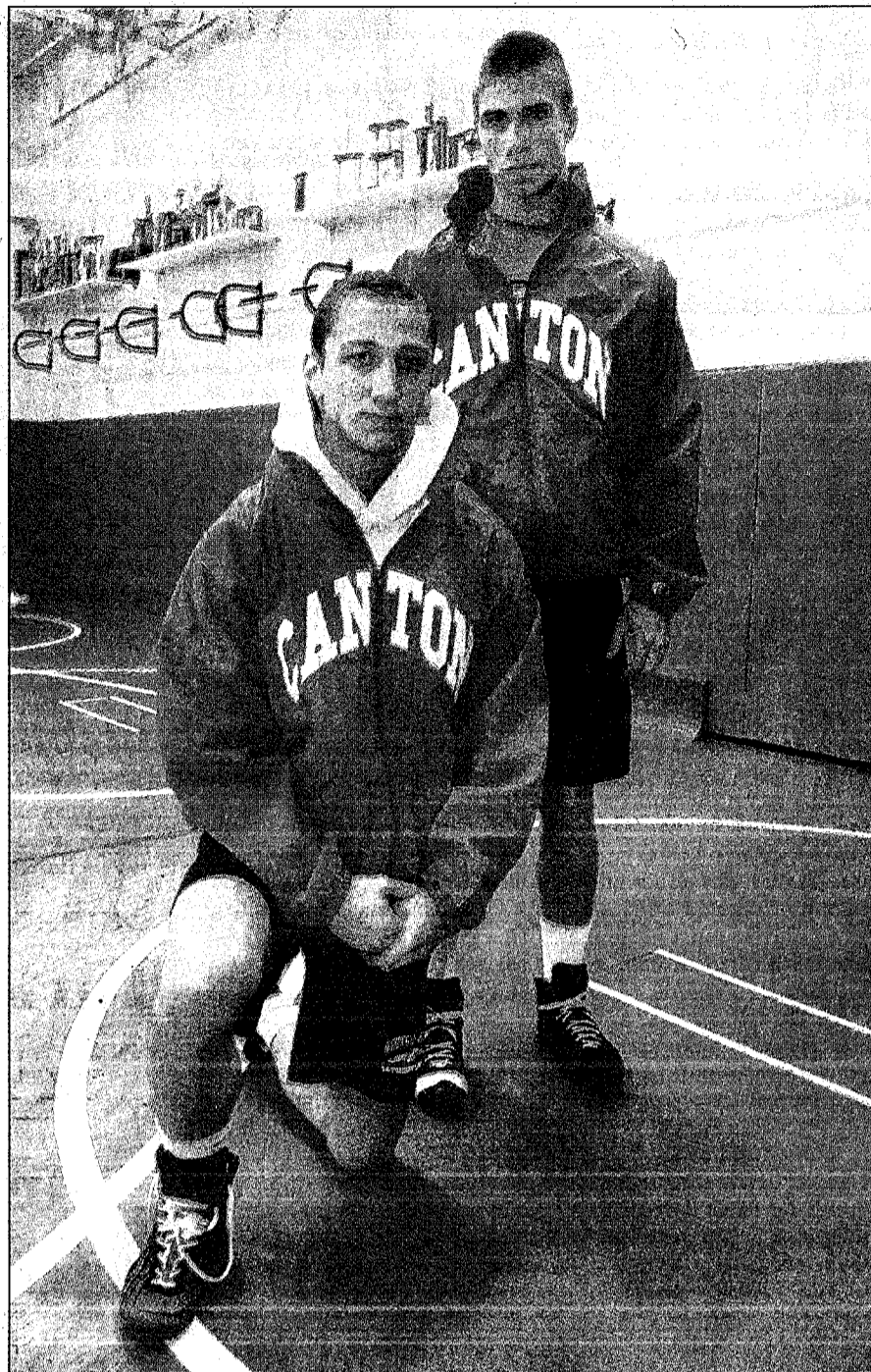
That ability to analyze — then apply any adjustments — helps give them another tool for the arsenal.

But the 18-year-olds also bring it, winning despite different styles and techniques.

"I'm more of a technical wrestler than going out there like Brent and being tough and strong and getting people tired," Watkins said. "I more technically do things than he does."

"He'll go out there and bang on

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Complete dedication and hard work, not to mention talent, are why Canton's Donnie Watkins (left) and Brent Winekoff are two of the state's best wrestlers in their weight classes.

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Salem wrestling fund-raiser

Salem High School Wrestling Boosters invites everyone to their fund-raiser Monday, Feb. 15, at Buffalo Wild Wings at 41980 Ford Road in Canton.

Fliers can be obtained at www.wrestling.salemrock.com. A flier must be presented at time of order in order for the club to receive a percentage of the proceeds from that day. Please come and enjoy a great meal and help the wrestling program.

Bridges sparks Albion

Albion College senior forward and Canton native Andre Bridges scored 24 points to lead the Britons to a 98-73 victory over Kalamazoo College Saturday.

Bridges (11.3 avg.) knocked down three of four shots from behind the three-point arc and made nine free throws in 11 attempts while collecting five rebounds. Albion improved to 12-9 overall following the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association win.

Snowball tourney

Who says you can't play softball in the snow?

The Canton Sports Center's annual Snowball Tournament, a Chicago-style softball event, is back by popular demand.

The games return beginning 9 a.m. Saturday at the Canton Sports Center, located at 46555 W. Michigan Ave.

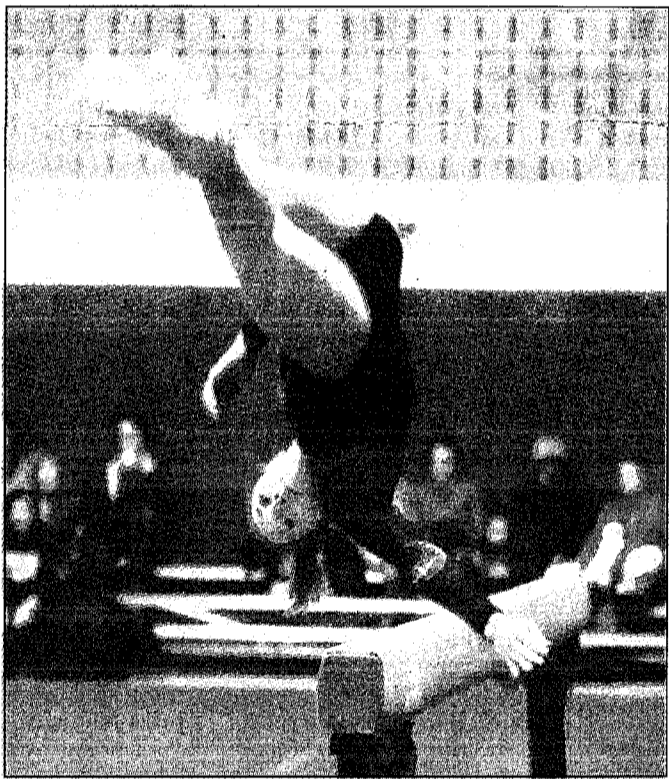
For the uninitiated, it's a co-ed tournament in a double-elimination format so everyone plays a minimum of two games. The entrance fee is \$130 per team and an umpire fee of \$12 per game is required. The deadline to register is 5 p.m. Feb. 10.

Chicago-style softball is a fun diversion from regular softball. A 16-inch ball is used, instead of the traditional 12-inch, and pitchers throw to their own batters, who get two swings to put the ball in play.

If traditional softball is more your style, the 2010 season is coming up fast and registration begins March 1, with opening day April 11. The Canton Sports Center has plenty of leagues to choose from that run six days a week, Sunday

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Dismounting following her routine on the balance beam during a recent meet is Canton senior all-arounder Robyn Piwowar, who placed in three events at Saturday's invitational.



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Chiefs see how they stack up

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For all intents and purposes, Saturday provided Canton's gymnastics team with a state-meet-like experience.

The Chiefs hosted the 19-team Canton Invitational, featuring the top squads in the state. Canton, ranked fifth in Class A, finished fourth with a season high total of 142.525 points.

"I'm pleased with the meet," veteran Canton gymnastics coach John Cunningham said. "It's a little like a state meet, where you have the top six or seven teams performing against each other."

If not for the fact several Canton girls were under the weather (including Robyn Piwowar, Kali Pierce and Mallory Hudak), the finish might have been even higher.

"But I'm very pleased with the results," Cunningham said. "We have Northville at the KLAA and again at the regionals. So

we have to get better."

Canton did outpoint the Mustangs, the fifth-place team with 141.65 points. The top three finishers were Grand Ledge (148.45), Troy Athens (147.35) and Farmington (146.2). In sixth place with 140.55 points was Livonia Blue. Plymouth placed 17th with a score of 128.45, with Sarah Uhlman the eighth-place finisher on beam.

Even though Piwowar was ill, she still tallied 36.1 all-around points to finish seventh in that category. In individual events, the multi-talented junior placed fourth in floor exercise (9.375), fifth on vault (9.25) and 12th on uneven bars (8.8).

Meanwhile, senior co-captain Hudak finished 11th in floor exercise with a tally of 9.025 points.

Sophomore Ayana Lewis placed in three events and took ninth overall (35.65). Lewis finished eighth on vault (9.1), ninth on

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Chiefs whitewash flat 'Cats

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Not even a game for the Lash Trophy could inspire Plymouth's varsity boys hockey team as rival Canton blanked the Wildcats 3-0 Saturday afternoon at Compuware Arena.

The Chiefs, behind solid netminding by sophomore Ryan Bazner (28 saves), gave Plymouth's state-ranked team fits and made Wildcats head coach Paul Fassbender shake his head.

In the process, they helped Salem get the Lash Trophy — an annual prize to the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park team to have the best overall record against the other two campus squads.

"The biggest thing is the rivalry game and they didn't come to play," Fassbender said. "This is four (lackluster) games in a row. We're falling apart."



Canton netminder Ryan Bazner keeps tabs on the puck as Plymouth's Ryan Bauer tries to get to it. Helping out Bazner are Canton's Brandon Grillo (No. 19, left) and Rohn Gaudi (No. 21).

Asked whether the loss might serve as a wakeup call ahead of this week's prestigious Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League Showcase in Trenton, Fassbender said his team's "had four games of wakeup calls. We're waiting for the wakeup call, still."

On the other hand, Canton head coach Jeremy Majszak was ecstatic with how Bazner and the rest of the Chiefs per-

formed against a PCEP foe. "We came out and they (Chiefs) really wanted an opportunity to prove themselves," Majszak said. "All week long I was telling them to keep their mouths shut and let the game do the talking."

"Last time we thought we didn't give everything we could." The victory gave Canton (10-9-1) some confidence

entering Wednesday's scheduled KLAA battle against No. 2-ranked Livonia Stevenson at Eddie Edgar Arena.

"These are the types of teams we've got to beat" in districts, he said. "We did what we were supposed to tonight."

Strong positional play by the Chiefs and Bazner's steadiness in the Canton goal frustrated

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Late trey nips Rocks

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Cold shooting plagued Salem's varsity girls basketball team Tuesday at South Lyon, with the Rocks falling 41-39.

Salem trailed almost all night, never really getting over the hump in the KLAA Central tilt.

"We had a ton of shots that we just couldn't get down much tonight," Rocks head coach Fred Thomann said. "We moved the ball pretty good, we had good looks. We just didn't make them."

The Lady Lions (9-6, 5-4) hit a trey with just over a minute remaining to break a tie and the Rocks were not able to recover.

"We played behind a lot tonight," Thomann said. "We did catch up a little bit. But we only had one lead the whole night, 28-27 in the third period."

Salem (10-5, 7-2) was led by Sara Stone (16 points, six rebounds), while Rachel Norman added eight.

Freshman guard Breanne Beaver chipped in with five points and six boards and

GIRLS HOOPS

Tabitha Mann added five points and six rebounds.

Kristin Short scored 14 points for South Lyon.

Next up for Salem is another road game, Friday against division rival Northville.

PLYMOUTH 58, JOHN GLENN 44: Stacey Klonowski scored 16 points to spark host Plymouth over Westland John Glenn.

Also in double figures for the Wildcats (5-10, 4-5) were Katelyn Watson (13) and Alex Roberts (11), while Danielle Desilets chipped in nine points.

For John Glenn (5-10, 4-5), top scorers were Michelle Vanover (14) and Abby Wright (11). Danyelle Terry added six.

CANTON 51, FRANKLIN 29: On Tuesday at Canton, the Chiefs threw a defensive blanket over Livonia Franklin, to earn a convincing KLAA South victory.

Canton (14-1, 9-0 South) only led 11-9 after one quarter, but outscored the Patriots 14-5 and 15-6 in the second and third to go up 40-20 entering

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GIRLS GYMNASTICS RESULTS

DUAL MEET RESULTS
CANTON 144.0
LIVONIA BLUE 139.35
 Feb. 9 at Canton H.S.
Vault: 1. Mallory Hudak (Canton), 9.3; 2. Robyn Piwowar (C), 9.2; 3. Alex Kitz (Blue), 9.15; 4. (tie) Katie Bridges (B), Ayana Lewis (C), Brittany Granowicz (C), 8.6.
Uneven bars: 1. Lewis (C), 9.3; 2. Piwowar (C), 8.95; 3. Kitz (B), 8.8; 4. Alex Fideler (C), 8.8; 5. B. Granowicz (C), 8.6; 6. (tie) Sara Bridges (B), Hudak (C), 8.5.

Balance beam: 1. Fideler (C), 9.25; 2. Piwowar (C), 9.2; 3. Emily Quint (B), 9.15; 4. B. Granowicz (C), 8.8; 5. Lewis (C), 8.5; 6. S. Bridges (B), 8.35.
Floor exercise: 1. Piwowar (C), 9.6; 2. Quint (B), 9.5; 3. Hudak (C), 9.3; 4. Fideler (C), 9.2; 5. K. Bridges (B), 9.1; 6. (tie) Kitz (B), Kati Pierce (C), 8.9.
All-around: 1. Piwowar (C), 36.95; 2. Quint (B), 36.2; 3. Lewis (C), 35.2; 4. Hudak (C), 35.15; 5. B. Granowicz (C), 34.8; 6. Kitz (B), 34.45.
Dual meet record: Canton, 8-2 overall.

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beam (8.9) and ninth in floor exercise (9.15).
 Freshman Alex Fideler chipped in with a fifth-place showing on beam (9.35) as well as sixth place in floor exercise (9.3).

Canton victorious

Robyn Piwowar wasn't over her illness Tuesday, but she was first overall as the Chiefs (8-2) defeated Livonia Blue 144.0 to 139.35 in a KLAA South girls gymnastics meet.

"Even though she's still stuffed up she didn't lose her equilibrium," said coach John Cunningham about the junior, who tallied 36.95 all-around points for first.
 Piwowar grabbed first place in floor exercise (9.6) while placing second in vault (9.2) and uneven bars (8.95).
 Other top Canton performances included Mallory Hudak (first, vault, 9.3), Ayana Lewis (first, bars, 9.3) and Alex Fideler (first, beam, 9.25). Lewis placed third overall (35.2) while Hudak (fourth, 35.15) and Brittany Granowicz (fifth, 34.8) also were near the top of the all-around standings.

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through Friday; leagues can be competitive or recreational and men's or co-ed.

For more information or to register for the Snowball Tournament and the softball leagues that are starting soon, call the Canton Sports Center at (734) 483-5600 or visit Cantonfun.org.

Hoop Shoot competition

The Canton Sports Center is inviting you to show off your basketball skills in the MRPA Hoop Shoot Skills Competition and the Three-on-Three Tournament.

Both events will take place Saturday, Feb. 20, in the Summit Gymnasium, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

The free Hoop Shoot Competition gives boys and girls ages 8-15 the chance to show off their shooting abilities. Each contestant has 60

seconds to score as many points from various locations on the court.

Check-in for the event will start at 8:30 a.m., with the event scheduled to start at 9 a.m. Players may either pre-register or register on-site, but all players must present a valid birth certificate for age verification.

The Three-on-Three Basketball Tournament is arranged by boy and girl divisions for grades 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8. All teams are guaranteed two games and prizes will be awarded to the winner and runner-up in each division.

The cost is \$52 per team, which can have up to four players, and the first games will start at approximately 10 a.m. The registration deadline is 9:30 a.m. Feb. 20, so teams are encouraged to pre-register.

For more information on the MRPA Hoop Shoot and the Three-on-Three Tournaments or to register for the events, call the Canton Sports Center at (734) 483-5600 or visit <http://csc.canton-mi.org>.

Meurs' hat trick lifts Whalers

BY TIM SMITH
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Owen Sound Attack found out Saturday night that forward Garrett Meurs could be the next sniper for the Plymouth Whalers.

Meurs, who just turned 17, scored a natural hat trick to jumpstart Plymouth to a 5-1 Ontario Hockey League victory at Compuware Arena.

"It's a great feeling going out there and doing what I can to help the team," said Meurs with a grin following the contest.

Meurs' first career hat trick, giving him 13 goals, also was something for Whalers coach Mike Vellucci to smile about.

"He's a great player and he's been a little snake-bit lately," Vellucci said. "... I think he's kind of a streak goal scorer as it is, so hopefully that gets him going again."

That would give Vellucci yet another player he can count upon for scoring, making it that much tougher for OHL opponents to stop his team. Plymouth improved to 32-20-0-2 (and 8-1-0-1 over the last 10 games) with the victory, witnessed by 2,602 fans.

Of course, the Whalers feature center Tyler Seguin, who assisted on Michal Jordan's third period goal.

Seguin is garnering nightly attention from National Hockey League scouts, eager to watch the player who is No. 1 in OHL scoring with 86 points and a projected Top 2 NHL draft pick in June.

But Saturday was Meurs' night.

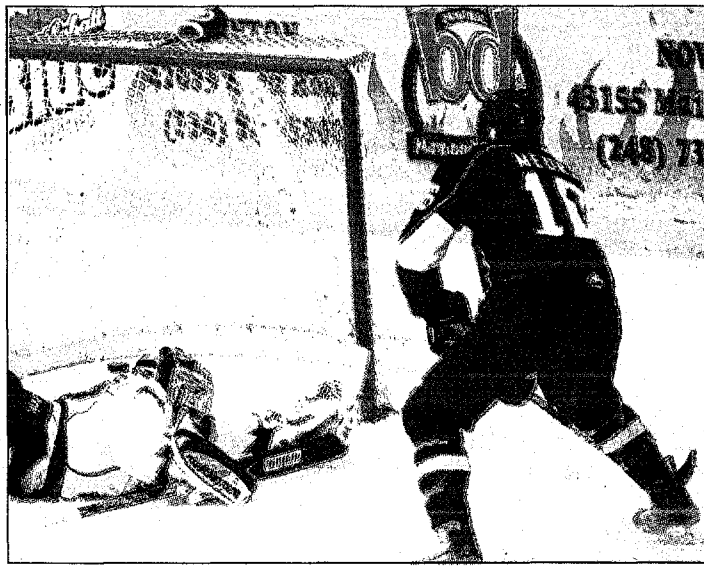
With about nine minutes left in the first period, Meurs cleaned up the rebound of a Jamie Devane point shot for a 1-0 lead.

At 17:42 of the first, Plymouth winger AJ Jenks (Walled Lake Central) whipped a pass from the left circle over to Meurs near the right of Owen Sound goalie Scott Stajcer.

Meurs made no mistake



Owen Sound's Bobby Mignardi bumps into Plymouth Whalers goalie Matt Hackett during Saturday's OHL game at Compuware Arena.



Garrett Meurs of the Plymouth Whalers watches the first of his three goals Saturday night get past Owen Sound netminder Scott Stajcer.

with his one-timer.

Then came Meurs' third straight goal, a power play marker at 6:29 of the second. Stajcer blocked Ryan Hayes' shot, but Meurs was there to bury the rebound from the left of the net.

Plymouth tacked on another goal later in the period for a 4-0 edge.

Forward Robbie Czarnik,

skating in the neutral zone along the right boards, fired a long pass to linemate Tyler Brown on the other side of the ice.

Brown hammered it from the left circle over Stajcer's glove.

Then came the Jordan goal in the third to cap Plymouth's scoring for the evening.

Meanwhile, another

Plymouth stalwart who could have a NHL future is goaltender Matt Hackett and he saved the Whalers' bacon on several occasions Saturday.

Both teams fired 35 shots on net, but only one got past Hackett. By that time it was 5-0.

"I thought Matt Hackett was great in goal again," Vellucci said.

In the first period and the Whalers up just 1-0, Hackett snared a rebound bid by winger Brendan Childerley. Then with the Attack on the power play midway through the middle frame, Hackett made several stops. He dove near the right post to keep forward Grant McGee from scoring.

Owen Sound (24-25-4-2) finally broke through with 10:51 to go in the game as McGee — all alone to the left of the Plymouth goal — tapped in a perfect cross-crease pass from Marcus Carroll.

"I thought we played a pretty simple game," Vellucci noted. "We forechecked their D, they were tired."

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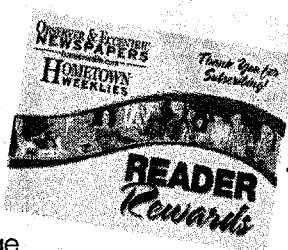


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Plymouth YMCA has bevy of offerings

Several spring offerings are being served up by the Plymouth Family YMCA.

Those include the following:

• Registration is ongoing for instructional clinics.

The focus of these programs will be on fun, exercise and social interaction through sports instruction.

Clinics include: Preschool Soccer for ages 3-5; Preschool Basketball for ages 4-5; and Youth Basketball for ages 6-7. The programs run the weeks of March 17-April 28.

All classes are held in local schools during the week.

• Speed and Agility Training, a class to focus on

improving your speed (stride length and frequency, starting and stopping ability, sprint form and technique) and agility (the ability to explosively brake, change direction, and accelerate again). Rarely in team sports do you run in a straight line at a fixed pace for a fixed length of time.

The class will improve movements in any direction at any sport, improve foot speed and increase strength and power.

Participants will learn new techniques through drills and play games to put learned skills into use. The class will be taught by an NCAA Division 1 athlete

with a degree in Exercise Science.

• Registrations are being accepted for the Spring Co-Ed Soccer League and Girls' Volleyball League.

Both seasons run from April 19-June 12. There will be one practice and one game each week. The cost is \$71 for program members or \$103 for community members. All participants need a YMCA Youth Sports Reversible Jersey (\$15).

The signup deadline is April 19. Coaches also are welcome.

• For all programs, contact the Plymouth Family YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

HOCKEY

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Plymouth as the game progressed.

The Wildcats (15-4-1) directed four shots at Bazner during a power play late in the opening period. But the goalie held the fort, grabbing a blast by senior forward Pat Smiatcz and denying junior forward Tyler Sanders on the doorstep.

BREAKING THROUGH

The contest remained scoreless until nearly 13 minutes of the second period.

The Canton defense broke up a promising Plymouth rush and then forwards Taylor Baker and Phil Baciak moved into the Wildcats' zone.

Baciak's shot missed the right post. But Baker reached the puck along the goal line to

the right of the cage and flung the puck from a sharp angle into the net past Plymouth senior goalie Zach Vojcek (20 saves).

"That first goal that Baker scored from behind the net, practically throwing it on net after a great two-on-one," Majszak said, "you put something on net and that's what we've been saying all year long."

"Those have been going in against us and not in for us."

Canton added two more tallies during the first six minutes of the third to seal Plymouth's fate.

Scoring were defenseman Josh Dickson (on a wrist shot from the left circle) and Baciak, banging in a rebound from the top of the crease.

Assisting on both markers were forwards Riley Hoernschmeyer and AJ Rosales.

'POND HOCKEY'

Bazner had to make a few tough stops to preserve his shutout, the best of them to foil a breakthrough by Smiatcz.

"Bazner's been wanting his opportunity and he played really well," Majszak said.

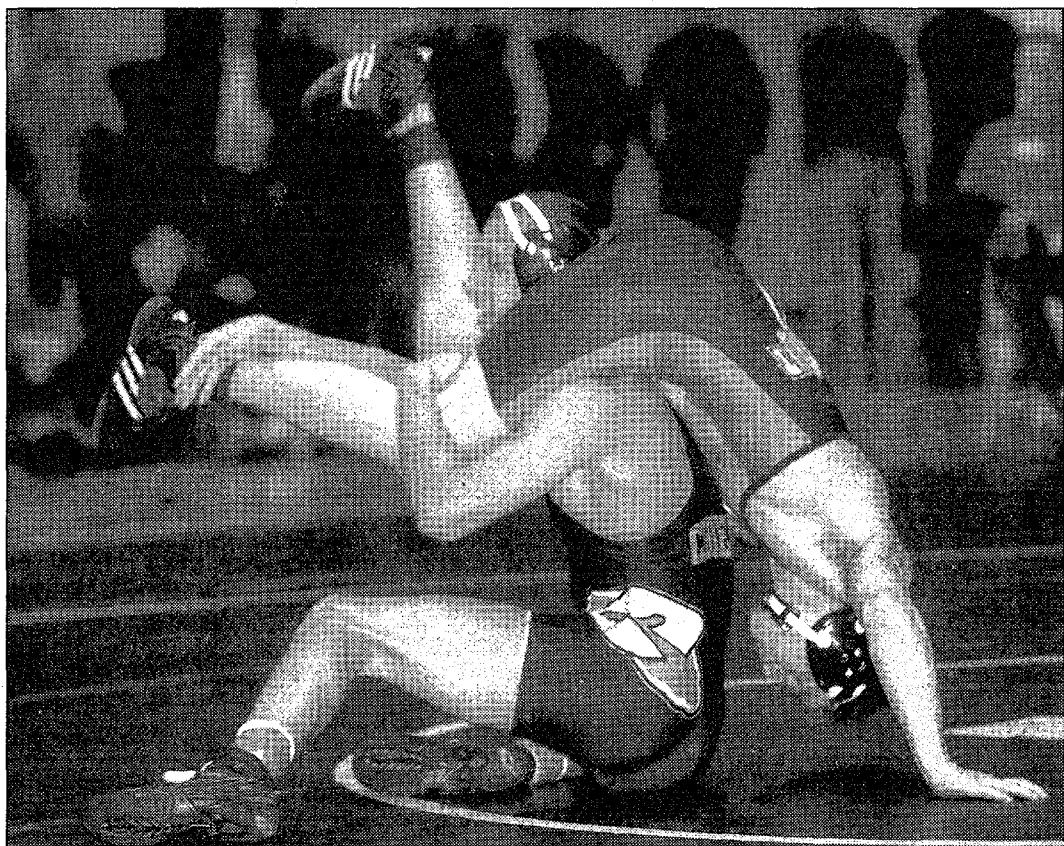
"He found the puck, the puck was finding him. He played great positionally, he was moving around. He really kept us in that game."

Meanwhile, Fassbender said he might have to make a couple of lineup changes to shake his team up before Thursday's Showcase tilt against Flint Powers.

"I think we had two or three good scoring chances in the entire game," Fassbender lamented.

"No one was working. They were floating around playing pond hockey."

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Canton senior Donnie Watkins (left) battles it out with Justin Melick of Novi-Detroit Catholic Central at the recent Observerland Invitational.

WRESTLING

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someone's head and get them out of position."

According to Winekoff (No. 5 at 152), "Donnie is more of take someone down and work on top and get some back points. I'm more of take 'em down, let 'em up and get 'em tired. I try to break the opponent more."

Whenever things aren't going as well as they'd like, they can go to Mancuso.

"He (Mancuso) is probably one of the best technicians in the whole state, teaching us how to do stuff and what to

do," Watkins said. "He motivates us. He's a big part of what we are today."

THEY'RE UNITED

The Chiefs have been a strong program since they arrived on the scene, and coaching is only part of the reason.

"We made it to team states my eighth-grade year. We had a strong team my freshman year," Watkins said. "Plus, there was the fact we had everyone there, and everyone was like a team and like a family."

That togetherness has continued right up to their senior season.

"We like to have fun together," Watkins said. "We hang out

with each other. We're more of a team."

Those kinds of elements contribute to winning programs. But talent, confidence and a thirst for bigger things to come also helps. Watkins and Winekoff have what it takes there, too.

"I want to be an All-American in the NCAA," said Watkins, who would love to wrestle at the University of Michigan. "I know that I've worked hard my whole life for it and that I deserve it. I've put in 14 years."

And there's no way he or Winekoff are stopping any time soon.

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College wrestler's late bloomer

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

All last summer, 2009 Belleville High School grad Tommy Kozak trained with Canton wrestling standouts Brent Winekoff and Donnie Watkins as he prepared for his freshman season at Thiel (Pa.) College.

That extra effort turned out to be a good idea.

Kozak, 18, is having an outstanding year so far with Thiel. He soared to the top ranking at 133 pounds in the Midwest Regional Conference (NCAA Division III), and now boasts a 18-6 record.

If he can grab firsts at regionals and a top eight ranking at the D-III nationals, Kozak has a shot at becoming an All-American as a true freshman.

"Yeah, I was excited when I heard it," said Kozak, referring to the All-American opportunity.

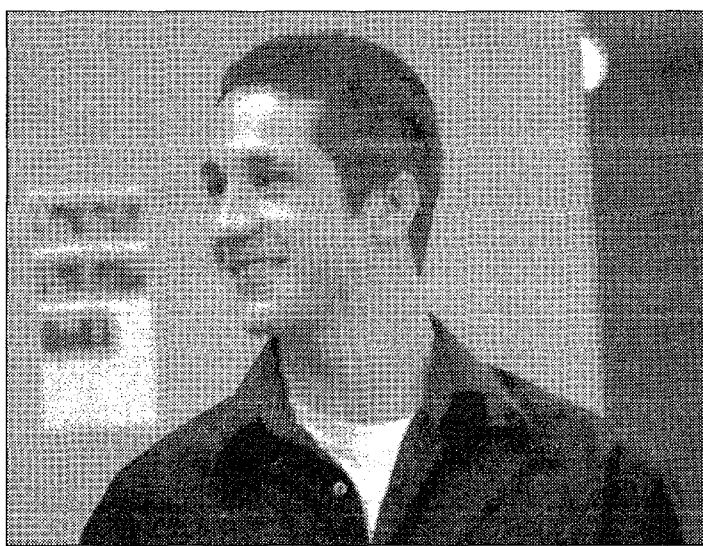
According to Winekoff, it's "pretty cool" that his friend is starting as a college freshman. That means all the workouts last summer were well worth it.

"Tommy and I, we went to some practices with each other," Winekoff said. "We worked with my dad (Carl Winekoff) in the off-season a lot."

"We went to tournaments together. ... He got a lot better over the summer."

Kozak — whose unofficial coach and perhaps biggest fan is dad Tom Kozak — stressed that the college level is different than what he experienced at Belleville.

The first period is three



"It's not a big deal to go into the second period 0-0 and that's something I got used to."

TOMMY KOZAK

minutes long instead of two, for example.

"It's not a big deal to go into the second period 0-0 and that's something I got used to," Kozak said. "Because in high school, if it was 0-0 both people would be sweating it out (after one period), like 'Wow, we're not doing anything.'"

"But that's normal in college, 0-0. You learn how to keep your composure more."

Another plus for Kozak at Thiel are his improvements on the mat.

"I've noticed a lot of stuff I've been able to do that I wasn't able to do in high school," he said. "I'm a lot better in my defense when I'm in neutral."

"That's a big part, too, because it doesn't matter how many times you can take someone down. If they can take you down too, it's going to

be a much closer match than it should be."

Kozak is quickly making up for lost time, not having taken up the sport until he was in eighth grade.

Beyond that, he broke an ankle in ninth grade and didn't really get serious about wrestling until his senior year.

But encouragement from his dad, and prodding from Winekoff and Watkins, rekindled his passion for pins and takedowns.

His college success might not have happened without their help and it's a lesson he wants to share.

"Just work as hard as you can and don't take the time you have in the wrestling room for granted," he said. "Like I did my sophomore year, junior year."

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Salem cagers tough it out

Salem broke out to a 31-20 halftime lead and went on for a 65-53 boys basketball win over visiting South Lyon Tuesday night.

The Rocks knocked down twice as many free throws as South Lyon, earning the KLAA Central win. Salem hit 33 of 48 attempts from the foul line while the Lions managed to sink just 16 of 24 tries.

Leading Salem with 20 points was Tyler Stewart, with Devonta Riley and Chris Dierker contributing 14 and 12 points, respectively.

"It was a very physical game," said Rocks head coach Bob Brodie. "There were a lot of fouls called both ways, but we knocked our free throws down

in the fourth quarter. We shot real well late from the line."

Brodie said he was pleased with the composure his players maintained in the face of second-half pressure from South Lyon.

CANTON 59, FRANKLIN 42: Canton improved to 10-5 overall and 7-2 in the KLAA South with this Tuesday night win over host Livonia Franklin, sparked by Kevin Weisz' 19 points and Dietrich Lever's 18.

The Chiefs came out stronger than they did Friday against Plymouth, leading 13-10 after one frame and 29-20 at the break.

"We had a little more urgency and we took care of the ball," said Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy, noting that the Chiefs turned the ball over just nine

times (compared to Franklin's 15).

Another key was rebounding. Canton led 27-17 in that category, with Paul Baumgart pulling down seven and Weisz nabbing six.

Lever collected eight assists to spark the offense while Baumgart tallied eight points.

PLYMOUTH 37, JOHN GLENN 35: Despite sloppy play, the Wildcats edged Westland John Glenn in a KLAA South contest.

Top scorers for Plymouth (8-7, 5-4) were Mike Nadratowski (13 points), Pat Salo (10 points) and Brennen Beyer (8 points along with 6 boards).

"It was a survival game for us," said Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup. "It was a grinder, we made just enough plays down the stretch to eke out a win."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Are you a Bad Bowler?

Super Bowl on Ford Road in Canton might be your place if you are. The facility is hosting a 12-week "Bad Bowlers Club" at 8 p.m. Thursdays through March. The program is for beginning or low-average bowlers.

Teams of four (any combination of men and women) may participate in a pressure-free environment. The cost is \$9.95 per person per week. Call (734) 459-6070 for more information.

Saberettes Kids Clinic

The Plymouth Saberettes are holding a Kids Pompon Clinic from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., March 20, at the Plymouth High School cafeteria. The clinic is open to children ages 5-14.

Pre-registration is now open on the www.pompons.plymouthwildcats.com Web site. You may also contact Saberette parents Lisa Krahel at lisa-lynn1509@aol.com or Lori Schroeder at wearefamily@aol.com.

Cost is \$40 per child and includes a T-shirt, poms and a snack. Discounts are available for additional siblings. Parents are invited to come see their daughters perform at noon on the day of the clinic. All girls attending the clinic will be invited to perform at the Plymouth Variety Show in April.

Pre-registration participants should arrive between 8:45-9:00 a.m. Same day registra-

tion is also available at 8:30 a.m., but enrollment is limited to the first 100 participants.

Football inductees

Longtime Detroit Catholic Central assistant coach Rick Coratti and former Wayne Memorial standout Al Slamer (Holt) will be among those honored at the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame induction and banquet Saturday, March 27, at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Ann Arbor.

Doors open at 5:45 p.m., with the social hour at 6 p.m. Dinner is at 7 p.m., followed by induction ceremonies at 8 p.m.

Guest speaker will be University of Michigan head coach Rich Rodriguez. To obtain tickets, call Gandalf Church at (269) 963-0865. For more information, call Larry Merx at (845) 837-9438; or e-mail lmerx@max-preps.com.

Coaches, please call

Coaches of high school teams for the winter season are reminded to send in results to Tim Smith, Plymouth-Canton sports editor, in order to spotlight the achievements of local student-athletes. Call (313) 222-2637 or e-mail him at tsmith@hometownlife.com.

Please provide as much detail as possible as well as your team's current record. Deadlines are 11 p.m. both Tuesday nights for the Thursday edition and Friday evenings for Sunday's paper.

Lacrosse coach wanted

Applications are being taken by the city of Plymouth Recreation Department for a boys seventh- and eighth-grade lacrosse coach.

Lacrosse experience as a player or coach is preferred, but not mandatory. Contact recreation director Steve Anderson at (734) 455-6620, ext. 302, or e-mail him at sanderson@ci.plymouth.mi.us.

Ice shavings

Plymouth Cultural Center is hosting drop-in hockey sessions through March 31, from 4-5:20 p.m. Tuesdays. Fees are \$5 for skaters except for the first four goalkeepers to sign up (they can play for free). Full equipment is required and participants must be age 14 or older.

The Cultural Center (525 Farmer) also features open skating and "Sticks & Pucks" through March 31.

Open skating is 12 noon to 1:20 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays and 4-5:50 p.m. Sundays. Fees: adults, \$5; under 16 and over 55, \$4; skate rental, \$2.

For "Sticks & Pucks" all skaters must pay \$5 and wear full equipment for the sessions, 2-3:50 p.m. Monday-Friday, also until the end of March. Parental supervision is required for participants under age 16.

Call 734-455-6620 or go to www.ci.plymouth.mi.us for more information.

HOOPS

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the fourth.

In addition to strong defense, the Chiefs were better from the charity stripe, hitting 22-of-30 free throws, while Franklin connected on just 11-of-20.

"It was a pretty solid win defensively," Canton head coach Brian Samulski said. "We didn't let them score double figures in any quarters."

Leading the Chiefs' balanced offense was Kayla Bridges with 14 points, while Kari Schmitt

chipped in 13. Adding nine each were CarolAnn Sexauer (all in the first half) and Alyssa Cottrell.

For Franklin (11-4, 7-2), Amanda Borieo and Chelsea Williams tallied 10 and eight points, respectively.

"CarolAnn had a great first half and Kayla Bridges had a great second half," Samulski said.

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 35, ROEPER 32: Visiting Plymouth Christian Academy rallied in the fourth quarter Monday to get past Bloomfield Hills Roeper in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference game.

The Eagles, who trailed 21-11 at halftime and 29-21 after three, went off on a 14-3 tear to pull away with the triumph. Kristin Malcolm's 12 points, 10 rebounds and three blocks were key, as were 11 points from Bethany Hale (including nine on three treys) and seven points and five rebounds from Karen Windle.

PCA head coach Carol Gerulis said her team came out and played the full-court press in the second half to wear down the Roughriders, while point guard Brianna Harris played excellent defense to hold Roeper's Ashli Pearson to six points.

PREP WRESTLING

19th annual OBSERVER INVITATIONAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT Jan. 30 at Churchill H.S.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 296.5 points; 2. Canton, 203; 3. Livonia Franklin, 170; 4. Westland John Glenn, 166.5; Belleville, 114; 6. Farmington Hills Harrison, 96.5; 7. Livonia Stevenson, 84; 8. North Farmington, 79; 9. Plymouth, 59; 10. Farmington, 56.5; 11. Livonia Churchill, 53.5; 12. Lutheran High Westland, 53; 13. Wayne Memorial, 38; 14. Salem, 34; 15. Garden City, 9.5.

INDIVIDUAL FINALS RESULTS
103 pounds: T.J. Fagan (CC) d. Keshav Patel (4-0); 3rd place: Kyle Gillies (WJG) d. Dan Martinez (LF), 1-0; 5th place: Nimantha Herath (Farm.) d. Shadi Jummul (Phy.), 3-0.

112: Ken Bade (CC) dec. Steve Wakeford (WJG), 6-0; 3rd: Gabe Martinez (LF) won by injury def. over Alec Breckenridge (Phy.); 5th: Jacob Meadows (LC) won by major dec. over Daniel Filippelli (Canton), 16-8.

119: Josh Austin (WJG) won by major dec. over Todd Melick (CC), 14-6; 3rd: Matt Jaisie (NF) dec. Andre Sanders (FHH), 9-7; 5th: Steve

Tuyo (LF) won by major dec. over Said Yousef (Phy.), 15-2.

125: Alec Mooradian (CC) won by technical fall over Laith Francis (LW), 15-0; 3rd: Waleed Faraj (Canton) won by major dec. over Devon Stratton (Salem), 15-4; 5th: Erik Czech (LF) dec. Rob Schramm (LS), 8-6.

130: Anthony Pavlich (WJG) dec. Tyler Schneider (Bell.), 3-0; 3rd: Charlie Joseph (CC) dec. Justin Palka (LW), 3-0; 5th: Mitch Wolski (Canton) pinned Garrett Fish (NF), 0-47.

135: Jordan McGuire (LF) dec. James Roberts (FHH), 20-13; 3rd: Nick Mason (CC) dec. Jonny Bannoura (LC), 5-2; 5th: Carter Sherman (Bell.) dec. Zach Marsh (Canton), 10-3.

140: Justin Melick (CC) dec. Donnie Watkins (Canton), 4-3; 3rd: Charlie Kokenakes (LS) dec. Mikkel Tipton (WJG), 5-4; 5th: Kyle Skotak (Bell.) dec. Sean Rowe (LW), 6-3.

145: Doug Eldridge (CC) dec. Mike Johnson (WJG), 9-2; 3rd: Nick Tomski (Farm.) dec. Josh Hatfield (LF), 5-2; 5th: Andrew Majewski (Bell.) dec. Jacob Malloux (LS), 6-4.

152: Matt Roos (LF) p. Gerid Gee (CC), 1-41; 3rd: Sean O'Keefe (Canton) dec. Dan Leeb (FHH), 7-4; 5th: Chris Arnold (LS) dec. Zach Juchartz (Bell.), 5-0.

160: Brent Winekoff (Canton) dec. Kevin Beazley (FHH), 14-12 (over time); 3rd: Andrew Erickson (CC) dec. Brian Miller (NF), 6-3; 5th: Jimmy Gross (Salem) dec. Shames Delhaye (Bell.), 8-3.

171: Keith Zech (Canton) dec. Curtis Castleberry (LC), 4-3; 3rd: Kameron Jones (WJG) dec. Zach Leuenberger (LF), 9-6; 5th: Brandon Bennett (CC) dec. Dan McCarthy (LS), 1-0.

189: Anthony Abro (Canton) dec. Miles Trealout (CC), 12-5; 3rd: Andrew Schramm (LS) dec. Craig Kowalsky (LW), 5-2; 5th: Courtney Drew (NF) dec. Dimitrus Renfro (WM), 12-7.

215: Mike Kinville (CC) won by major dec. over Ben Poirier (Canton), 9-1; 3rd: Forrest Sampson (Bell.) p. Majid Mokbel (NF), 3-45; 5th: Justin Roe (Farm.) dec. Nick Simmons (LF), 10-8.

285: Dustin Gajowiak (WJG) p. Dustin Staton (Bell.), 1-21; 3rd: Dylan Wells (Farm.) dec. Wally Eppler (Phy.), 6-2; 5th: Dave Knuth (CC) p. John Shekel (LC), 1-32.

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3-Day fund-raiser

On Feb. 11, Team Happy Feet is hosting a fund-raiser at 336 Main for the Susan G. Komen 3-Day walk. Starting at 7 p.m., the group will be guest bartenders for the evening. There will also be drink specials, a 50/50 raffle and gift raffles. 336 Main is located at 336 Main St. across from Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. Visit their Web site at www.teamhappyfeetonline.com

After hours

Plymouth Rocks on Wednesday, Feb. 24 as The Rock Bar & Grill will host an After Hours to give everyone a chance to enjoy Plymouth's newest hot spot. The event will run 5-7:30 p.m. and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Members will have a great opportunity to network with each other in a casual and

fun atmosphere. There will also be door prize drawings and members can join us any time throughout the evening.

To RSVP, please contact the Chamber at teri@plymouthmich.org or call (734) 453-1540. There is no charge to attend this business mixer. The Rock Bar & Grill is located at 844 Penniman, just east of the post office in downtown Plymouth.

Twitter marketing

Following the successful Facebook seminar last week, the Chamber will be holding a seminar about how to market through Twitter. You hear about the micro-blogging site Twitter in the media, but may not understand how it can actually help you to market your business. This seminar will take the mystery out of Twitter to help you add another powerful free marketing tool.

The seminar will be presented by Urvi Mehta of PR Easy who is an expert in using social media sites like Twitter to help businesses market themselves. The seminar will be held



Ribbon cutting

Hug Center for Hearing cut the ribbon on their new location at 705 S. Main St. The new location is just south of the downtown. Pictured cutting the ribbon is Dr. Gerald Hug, their staff, and several Chamber Ambassadors. The center has been located in Plymouth for many years and recently located to the new location to have more space and provide ample parking for their clients. For more information visit the clinic's Web site at www.hughearing.com or call (888) 422-HEAR.

at the Chamber office (850 West Ann Arbor Trail) on Tuesday, Feb. 23 from 8:30-9:30 a.m. and seating is limited to 35 people. To RSVP email teri@plymouthmich.org or call (734) 453-1540.

March events

The Chamber will hold its annual School Board Celebration at a Coffee Connection hosted by our Education Committee from 8-9 a.m. on March 11. Members are invited to join in a celebration to thank the School Board for their efforts to deal with a job that is always difficult. Certificates of appreciation will be given to the School Board members at the coffee. If you are interested in joining us to acknowledge the School Board's efforts and share a cup of coffee with fellow members, please

contact the Chamber at teri@plymouthmich.org or at (734) 453-1540.

Join 300 other business people from Western Wayne County for one of the best networking events of the year in this region. The Annual Western Suburban Area Council of Chamber's "Breaking the Boundaries" Business Mixer will be at Burton Manor on Thursday, March 11, from 5-7 p.m. This will be a great night for networking, where business meets business across every border in the western suburbs.

We will have special prominent Plymouth Rocks name tags for everyone from our Chamber who attends to make sure you stand out in the crowd. By getting a strong showing of members from our Chamber, we can show all of the businesses from Western

Wayne County that the Plymouth area is vibrant and thriving. With these nametags it will be easy to spot other Plymouth Community Chamber members and you will have others asking about those nametags.

There are 6 exhibit spaces available for this event. Spaces are \$60 each with 8'x3' exhibit tables. Each space will also have a Plymouth Rocks framed 8'x 11' logo on the table to identify where you are from Plymouth. To reserve space, please call the Chamber at (734) 453-1540. Space must be paid for by March 8 or the space will be offered to other members. Payments can be taken by credit card over the phone or by check.

Ribbon cuttings

On Wednesday, Feb. 3, Hug Center for Hearing cut the ribbon at their new location at 705 S. Main St. in Plymouth. Hug Center for Hearing specializes in hearing tests, hearing aids, assistive hearing devices, service and repair. Their expert staff is AudigyCertified™.

Also on Feb. 3, Ironwood Grill cut the ribbon to celebrate their start in the Plymouth community. They are located next door to the Chamber office at 840 Ann Arbor Trail.

To see all of the recent grand openings, go to our website at www.plymouthmich.org/chamber/Grand-Opening

Auction theme

The Chamber's Auction Committee is asking members to provide ideas for a theme for this year's Annual Gala Auction on Nov. 5. The theme is a vital part of making the event a successful, memorable evening for the 400 attendees. Please submit any ideas for a theme by Feb. 22. If your theme is chosen we will announce it in our E-Newz. To provide theme ideas, please email the Chamber at teri@plymouthmich.org.

Wes Graff is executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. He can be reached via e-mail at wes@plymouthmich.org or by calling (734) 453-1540.

New Business

Coming soon: Informational meeting dates concerning the upcoming Streetscape Project in the DDA district are being finalized; but will most likely be held in early March at the Plymouth Cultural Center with engineers to present the paving and upgrading plan and answer all your questions. We will have at least one morning and one evening meeting to facilitate your schedules. Look for upcoming Weekly Updates and e-mails for times and dates. There will be construction downtown for nearly 8 weeks, starting sometime in March with the bulk of the work in April and May.

The engineering group is scheduled to give the City Commission a look at what will be done at the Monday, Feb. 15 meeting at City Hall. The meeting begins at 7 p.m.

The DDA has set up three information meetings with the engineer at the Plymouth Cultural Center to give downtown merchants and any others the opportunity to see the scope of the project, estimated timelines and how the streets and sidewalks will be affected. They are scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m.; Thursday, Feb. 25 at 2 p.m.; and Friday, Feb. 26 at 8:30 a.m.

Newcomers Welcome Service

Carolyn Baetz of Newcomers Welcome Service says she can help merchants spread the word about their businesses to those families who move into Plymouth and Canton. If you want information on how Kitchen Table Marketing works and how much it costs, give Carolyn a call at (734) 459-1097 or e-mail her at cbatz@newcomersws.com.

Keeping investments in balance is key to success

Over the last few weeks, I've been to the Troy, Royal Oak and Sterling Heights public libraries speaking about investing. Unlike many seminars for investors, mine are meant to be educational and not designed to sell you something. Unfortunately, too

many seminars geared toward investors are all too often the hard sell.

That being said, one issue I discussed at recent seminars was the importance of rebalancing one's portfolio.

During one discussion, a gentleman mentioned he was using an adviser to manage his portfolio. However, during the four years he has dealt with the adviser, his portfolio was never rebalanced. The question was how often he should rebalance and what should he do about his adviser.

As to the adviser, the first question is whether the adviser is paid. In this case, he is. In fact, the investor is paying this adviser 1 1/4 percent to manage his account (1 1/4 percent is at the high end to manage an account).

My next question is what are you paying him for? The gentleman answered he was paying the adviser to watch his account. I believe when an adviser commits to watching an account and charging high fees for it, one thing he/she ought to be doing is rebalancing the account. Rebalancing may not seem important, but it is essential for successful investors.

When it comes to investing, most people concentrate on what investments they should buy and sell. Unfortunately,

this is a fool's game and not something that smart investors should do. Rather, smart investors recognize that they need to focus not just on the individual investment, but on sectors of the economy that their money is invested.

Over the years, smart investors have recognized that to be successful over the long run you must have a diversified portfolio. Diversified just doesn't mean owning 10 mutual funds or 20 stocks. It means spreading out of money into a variety of different asset classes. These asset classes are such things as large U.S. companies, small U.S. companies, energy, emerging markets and international large and small.

In the portfolios I manage, I typically will have about 15 different asset classes in a portfolio. The theory behind using a variety of asset classes is that different sectors of the economy move at different times. By diversifying, you are able to spread out your risk without sacrificing returns.

The key to a well-balanced and diversified portfolio is to target each individual asset class. For example, 5 percent in an emerging market or 10 percent in large U.S. companies. Having a target ensures that you are not too heavily invested in one sector of the economy.

Rebalancing comes in after you have purchased your investments and a period of time has gone by in which various investments have performed differently, thus your allocation is no longer accurate. Therefore, the key to rebalancing is to adjust the portfolio back to your original allocation. For example, if you allocated 15 percent of your portfolio in small U.S. companies and now small U.S. companies represent 20 percent of your portfolio, you know you have to reduce your exposure

by 5 percent and reinvest that 5 percent in an area of the economy that hasn't performed well. In that regard, rebalancing allows you to buy low and sell high. Unfortunately, too many investors never rebalance and after a period of time their original allocations are off. Consequently, the portfolio does not reflect what they are trying to achieve as an investor.

How often should someone rebalance his/her portfolio? I recommend, at a minimum, at least once or twice a year. Of course, if you have professional management and you're paying an adviser to manage your portfolio, they should be rebalancing more often.

One of the benefits of periodically rebalancing your portfolio is it allows you to focus on the most important thing and that is your overall game plan vs. what is happening to the market on a day-to-day basis.

All the independent studies say the same thing and that is that the right allocation is more important to a portfolio than picking the right individual investments.

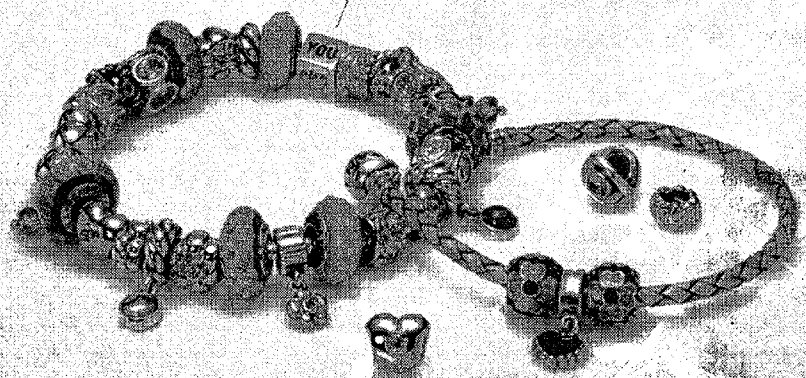
If you have not rebalanced your portfolio in a while, it is a great time to do it. Of course, to make rebalancing effective, you must know what you're rebalancing to. In other words, you have to know how you want your portfolio to look before you can rebalance it. If you're the type of investor that never really looks at investments and, in fact, tends to ignore them, then it may be an indication that you need professional management. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

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These Heavenly Heart-Shaped Pancakes don't take a lot of time to make, so we can enjoy a warm breakfast and good conversation.

There are plenty of other simple ways you can show your love all day long. Instead of the everyday dishes and placemats, why not dress up the table with the good stuff? Set a pretty table and sprinkle it with heart-shaped confetti to make the whole family feel special.

Leave little notes around the house that tell your family some of the many reasons you love them. There are lots of little things you can say to make a big impact on others.

Set aside some time to do something as a family. Spending time with each other is a great way to show love and make new memories.

For more delicious ways to share the love on Valentine's Day, visit Tollhouse.com.



Jenny Harper

HEAVENLY HEART-SHAPED PANCAKES

Makes 18 pancakes

- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup (6 ounces) Nestlé Toll House Semi-Sweet Chocolate Mini Morsels
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/4 cups milk
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil, plus more for the griddle and cookie cutters
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 3-inch heart-shaped metal cookie cutters (optional)
- Powdered sugar

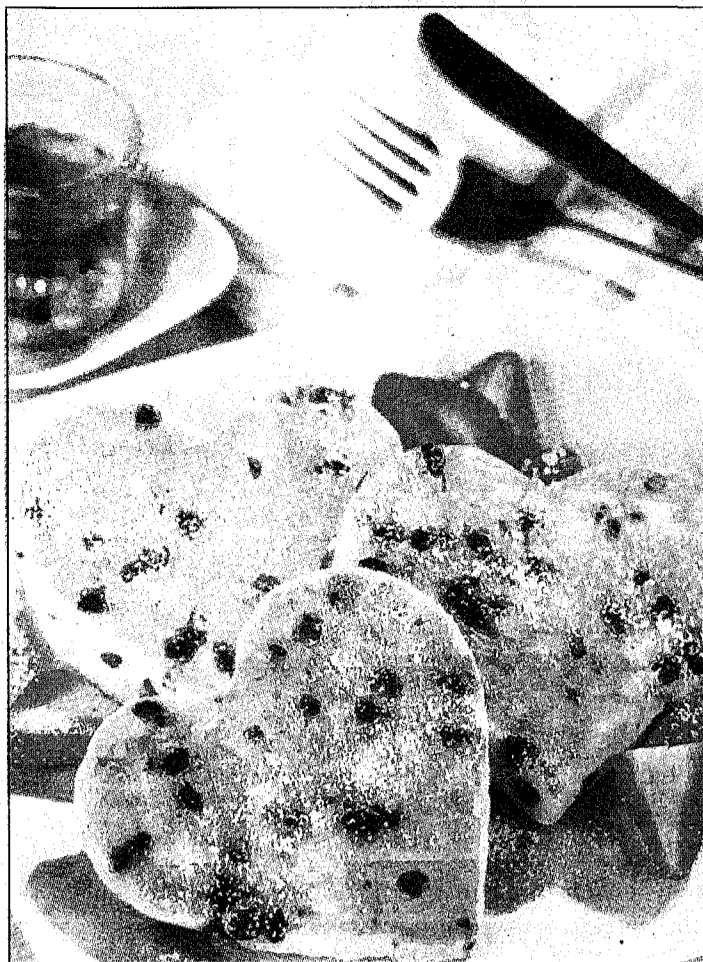
1. Combine flour, morsels, baking powder and salt in large bowl. Combine milk, eggs, oil and brown sugar in medium bowl; add to flour mixture. Stir just until moistened (batter may be lumpy).

2. Heat griddle or skillet over medium heat; brush lightly with oil. Pour 1/4 cup batter onto hot griddle into the shape of a heart; cook until bubbles begin to burst. Turn; continue to cook about 1 minute longer or until golden. Repeat with remaining batter. For perfectly shaped pancakes, brush inside of cookie cutters with oil. Place on griddle. Pour about 1/4 cup batter into the cookie cutters and cook until bubbles begin to burst. Remove cookie cutters. Turn; continue to cook about 1 minute longer or until golden.

3. Sprinkle with powdered sugar before serving.

Nutrition Information per serving: 210 calories; 90 calories from fat; 10g total fat; 3.5g saturated fat; 25mg cholesterol; 150mg sodium; 27g carbohydrate; 1g fiber; 12g sugars; 4g protein

Jenny Harper is Consumer Test Kitchen Project Manager for the Nestlé Test Kitchens and VeryBestBaking.com. Her column is courtesy of Family Features.



Chocolate morsel-studded pancakes with powder sugar sprinkles.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF HEARING ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE OF HEARING given that the Plymouth Township Board of Review will meet on the following dates and times:

Hearings are by appointment, please call 354-3269, between 8 am and 4:30 pm for an appointment.

Tues, March 2	9 am - Noon	Organizational Meeting
	2 pm - 5 pm	Hearings by Appointment
Mon, March 8	2 pm - 5 pm	Hearings by Appointment
	6 pm - 9 pm	Hearings by Appointment
Wed, March 10	9 am - Noon	Hearings by Appointment
	2 pm - 5 pm	Hearings by Appointment
Sat, March 13	9 am - 11 am	First Come - First Served

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed.

All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. Written protests to the Board of Review must be received by mail or delivered in person to the Assessing office by the close of business on Friday, March 19, 2010 at 4:30 pm.

The Board of Review will be held in the Board Meeting Room of Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Please come prepared as a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board of Review will be strictly adhered to.

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GET OUT

ART

Costick Center

Time/Date: Through Feb. 26
Location: 28600 W. 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills

Details: "Metallics: Photography by Janna Bissett"
Contact: (248) 473-1856

Lotus Arts Gallery

Location: 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth

Details: Yuroz is the artist of the month

Contact: (888) 889-4ART (toll free) or (734)453-5400

Northville Art House

Time/Date: Through Feb. 26;
Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH 2010 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Plymouth Board of Review will be conducting the 2010 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Commission Chambers, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, for an Organization Meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

- Wednesday, March 3, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, March 4, 2010 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 10, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, March 11, 2010 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Monday, March 15, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 2010 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY, and must be submitted to the Front Office located on the First Floor of City Hall, prior to your appointment. The "Deadline" for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Monday, March 15, 2010.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner. Written petitions must be received by Monday, March 15, 2010 by 3:00 p.m. Postmarks are not accepted.

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper.

All Board of Review Meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

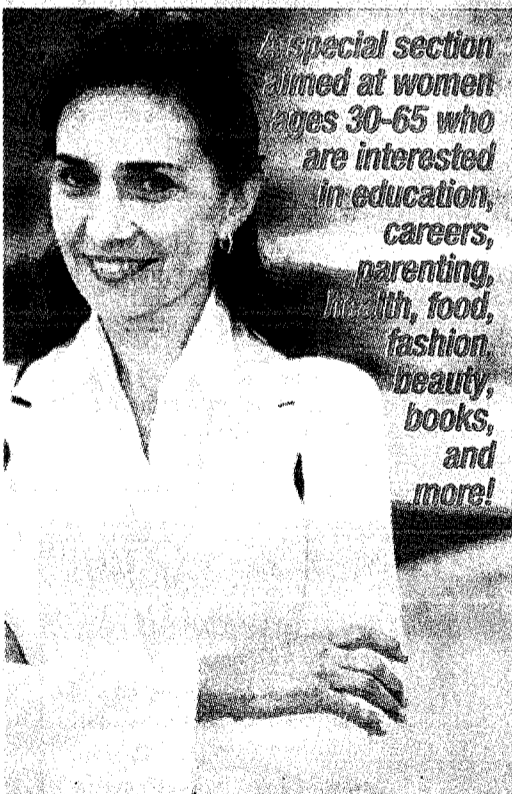
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at 734-453-1234, ext. 253 or 252.

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Fat Tuesday

Throw a King Cake party or pack away the paczki

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

King Cake not only satisfies the sweet tooth, but can make you feel like royalty in a single bite.

"Ours is a traditional New Orleans-style cinnamon coffee cake. We braid it and decorate it with the traditional colors of Mardi Gras, yellow, purple and green," said Jeff Pavlik, owner and baker at Sunflour Bakehaus in Farmington.

"Our King Cake feeds 10 to 12 and comes with traditional plastic baby or coin, as well as a set of 10 beads (necklaces). The coin or baby is placed outside of the cake when you buy it, but it's your responsibility to hide it under a slice. Whoever picks that slice has rights to be the king or queen of the party."

The trinket also reminds the royal party-goer to serve King Cake at the next Fat Tuesday gathering, which they also must host.

"We've been doing them for seven years. When we first started doing them no one had seen them. It was a long process of education. They've started to catch on in metro Detroit," Pavlik said, adding that contemporary versions range from pecan praline-filled to cream cheese and bourbon-flavored.

"We stay pretty true to the kind of cake that has been around for years in New Orleans. You'll find French and Spanish King Cakes from the same tradition."

King Cake traditionally was served on Epiphany, the Christian observance held 12 days after Christmas that marks the three kings visit to the baby Jesus.

Epiphany gave way to the carnival season, which lasted until Lent.

"The carnival season was the ball season and these (King Cakes) were served during the grand balls," Pavlik said. "The king or queen could pick the

partners they wished to dance with. These balls were continuous activities. You could have one every week."

AVAILABLE NOW

Pavlik began making and selling King Cakes last weekend in time for the Super Bowl and will have the traditional Mardi Gras sweet available through Fat Tuesday, Feb. 16.

He'll also sell fruit- or custard-filled Polish pastries, "paczki," but will buy them from a local doughnut-maker. He's taking orders on both King Cakes and paczki.

"We do carry extra in the store, but if you want to guarantee paczki or King Cake I highly recommend ordering ahead."

King Cakes, with necklaces and trinket, are \$15. Paczki are \$13 a dozen or \$1.25 a piece. Sunflour Bakehaus is located at 33250 Grand River Ave., in downtown Farmington; (248) 442-2360.

Pavlik said his bakery sells "quite a few" King Cakes to people who want a Fat Tuesday alternative to paczki.

"You can slice off a sliver of King Cake," he noted. "You have better portion control."

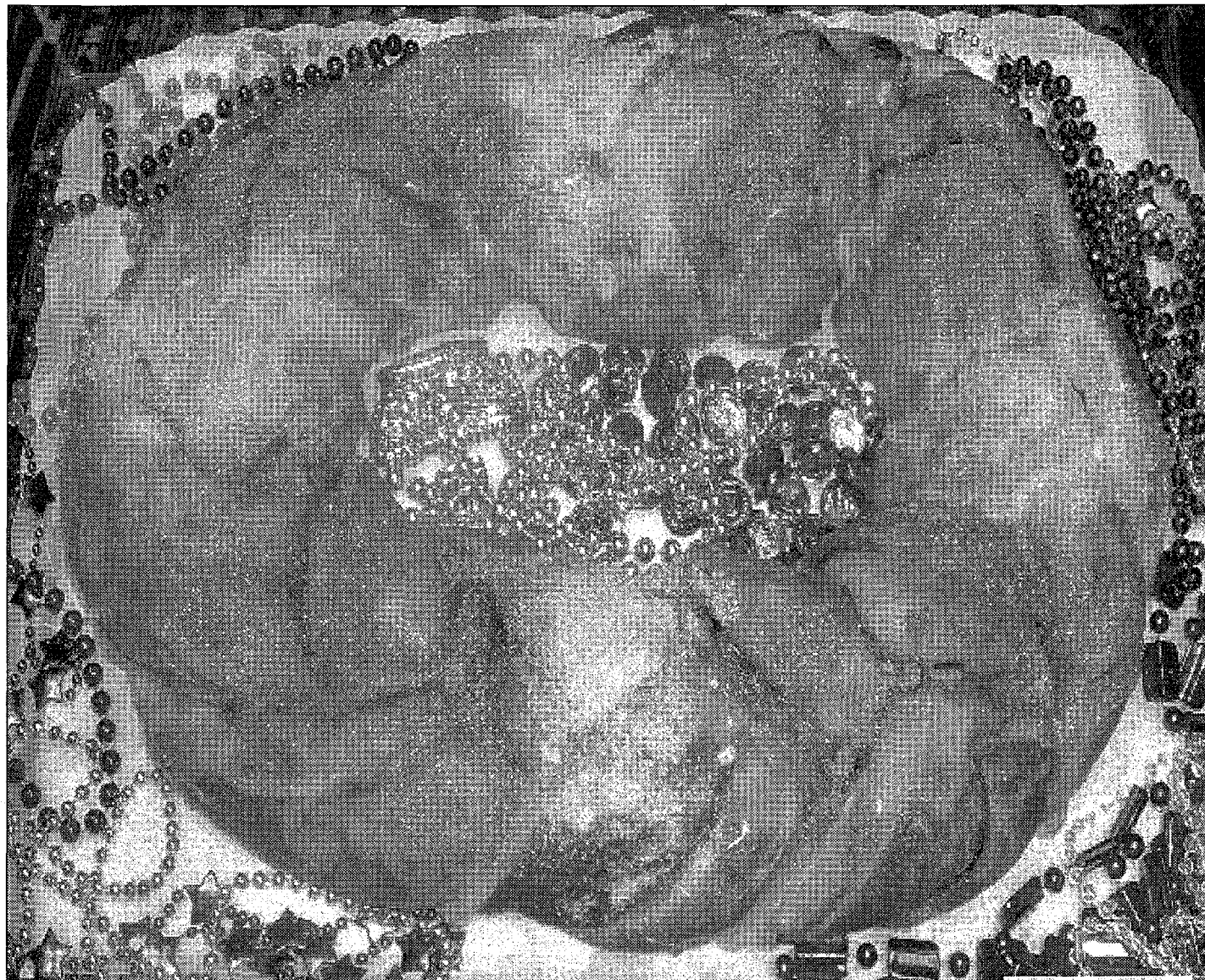
BAKERY MUSIC

Who cares about portion control when you can polka the calories away?

"People have danced. They've polka danced in here. And they love it," said Bridget Domzalski, describing the annual scene on Fat Tuesday at her business, GM Paris Bakery in Livonia.

Joe Czapski will be on hand with music from 6 a.m.-6 p.m., at the business, located at 28418 Joy; (734) 425-2060.

But customers don't have to wait until Tuesday for a GM Paris Bakery-made paczki. Domzalski said she has been making "a couple of hundred dozen" a day this week, all while also making a full line of



Sunflour Bakehaus in Farmington decorates its King Cake with sugar in Mardi Gras colors.



Paczki is an annual treat at Sunflour Bakehaus in Farmington.

bakery items. By Saturday, the bakery will make only paczki "24 hours a day."

"It is busy. They'll be lined up out the door Tuesday, and on Monday, too."

GM Paris Bakery sells paczki for \$6.50 a half dozen, \$12 a

dozen or \$1.25 each.

Here's a sampling of other local stores with paczki or King Cake for Fat Tuesday:

• Joe's Produce Gourmet Market, 33152 W. Seven Mile, Livonia, has sold out every day since it began offering pac-

zki about a week ago. Debbie Warren, cake decorator for the store, suggests ordering ahead to guarantee they will be available in the fillings requested. Cost is \$6.49 a half dozen and \$1.29 each. (248) 477-4333

• Heritage Bakery, 37458 Five Mile, Livonia, sells both King Cake and paczki and is open 5 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Friday.

"We started two weeks ago. People have been buying us out every day," said Ryan Sarb, who works behind the bakery counter. "The King Cake is more of a bread than a cake, but it does have a sweet taste. About one out of every 15 people who come in for paczki buy one." King Cakes cost \$12.95; the paczki are \$11.50 a dozen or \$1.25 each. (734) 464-1855

• Old Fashioned Bake Shoppe, 27427 Warren, Garden City, usually sells out of paczki around 1 or 2 p.m., on Fat Tuesday, according to owner,

Louie Simovski.

"The best way is to place an order," said Simovski, who admits a weakness for prune-filled paczki. He'll sell raspberry, apple, blueberry, cherry, custard and lemon in addition to prune paczki Monday and Tuesday. Cost is \$8.99 per dozen or 90 cents each. (734) 522-3010.

• Le Cakery Bake Shop, 844 N. Wayne Road, Westland will sell paczki with seven different fillings on Monday and Tuesday and is taking orders this week for both King Cakes and paczki. Owner Pauline Dimovski also said customers can special order buttercream filling for paczki. She'll open her bakery early both days, at 6 a.m. Monday and 5 a.m. Tuesday.

"We're known for our paczki," she said. "I tell you, they are so good."

They cost \$1 each or \$12 a dozen. (734) 326-4151

Bake a Fat Tuesday tradition

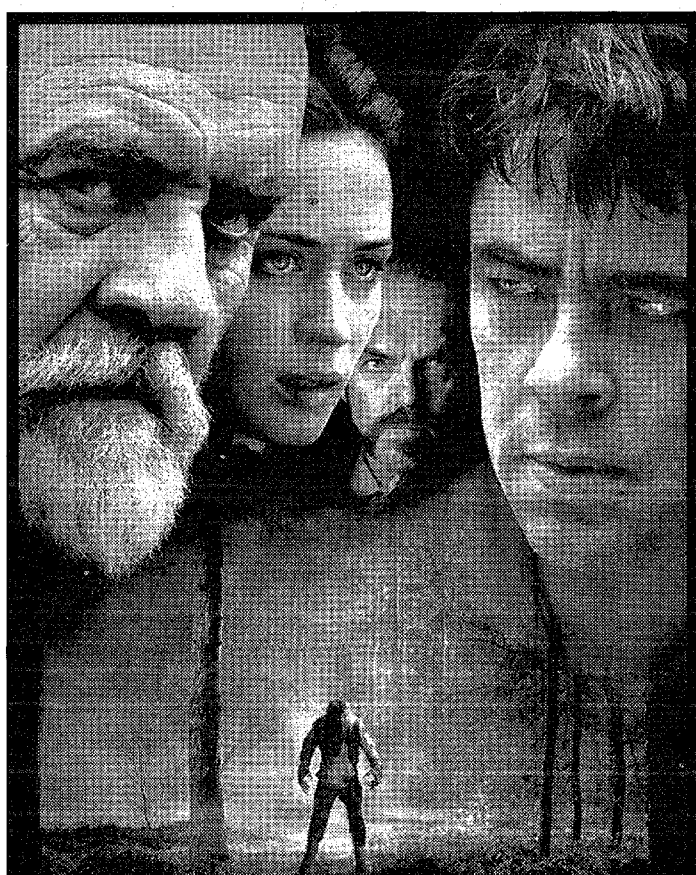
Want to try your hand at making Carnival King Cake? Here's the recipe Jeff Pavlik's uses at his Sunflour Bakehaus in Farmington. Don't forget to place a small plastic baby or plastic coin under the cake before you cut and serve it. Its recipient wins the king or queen title and responsibility for the next King Cake and Carnival party.

CARNIVAL KING CAKE

- Cake dough**
- 1/2 cup warm milk
 - 1 1/2 tablespoons butter at room temperature
 - 1 package active dry yeast
 - 1/2 cup lukewarm water
 - 1/2 cup white sugar
 - 1 egg
 - 1/2 teaspoons salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 3/4 - 2 1/2 cups all purpose flour
- Filling**
- 1/2 tablespoons butter at room temperature
 - 1/2 cup white sugar
 - 2 tablespoons cinnamon
- Glaze**
- 1 cup powder sugar
 - 1/2 tablespoons water

- Sugar decoration**
- 1/2 cup of white sugar for each color
 - Purple, yellow and green food coloring
1. Warm milk on stove and combine with butter. Set aside until lukewarm.
 2. Place yeast in lukewarm water with 1 tablespoon of the sugar. Temperature of the water should be no more than 110 degrees. Let stand until creamy, about 10 minutes.
 3. Combine milk and yeast mixture in mixing bowl, whisk in the egg and add the remaining sugar, salt, and vanilla. Slowly add in 2 cups of flour, stirring continuously until a dough forms. Place dough on work surface and knead in the extra 1/2 cup of flour, adding small amounts of additional flour if needed to form soft, smooth and elastic dough. Knead for 10 minutes. If using a bread machine follow instructions for making a coffee cake.
 4. Place dough in a lightly oiled bowl. Cover dough and let rise in a warm place until doubled in volume, about 1 hour. When risen punch dough down, let it relax for 5 minutes, then stretch it into a large rectangular piece, approximately 9 by 11 inches.
 5. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
 6. Spread butter over entire surface of the dough. Sprinkle sugar over the entire surface and then the cinnamon.
 7. Fold dough into thirds, cut into three equal strips with a pastry cutter and braid. Let braid relax for several minutes then bring ends together to form an oval.
 8. Let cake rise in a warm spot until doubled in size, about 45 minutes.
 9. Bake for about 25 minutes until golden brown.
 10. Let cake cool completely. Prepare colored sugars. Mardi Gras colors are purple, green and gold. Mix the icing and spread over top of the cake and then sprinkle colored sugars in alternating pattern.

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FEB. 11-17

First United Methodist Church
Time/Date: 4-7 p.m., Friday, beginning Feb. 12 and running through March 26
Location: 3 Town Square, across the street from the Wayne post office, in Wayne
Details: 4th Annual Fish Fry offers choice of baked or fried fish, french fries or baked potato, Cole slaw, roll and beverages, for \$8. A child's portion will be available. Fresh pie will be offered by the women's group for \$1 per slice. The money raised goes to help needy family's during the holiday season
Contact: (734) 891-2523

Loia Park Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 6:15 p.m., soup and sandwich supper, followed by Ash Wednesday service at 7:30 p.m.
Location: 14750 Kinloch, Redford
Details: Free will offering accepted for soup supper
Contact: (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 5:30-8 p.m., Feb. 12
Location: 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills
Details: All-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner includes a salad and ice cream bar. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for youth ages 4-10 and under 4 free. Prince of Peace also will collect health kits for Haiti. Items include: soap, washcloth, towel, toothbrush and toothpaste, nail clippers and a comb
Contact: (248) 553-3380

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian
Date/Time: 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 17
Location: 9601 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: Ash Wednesday Service, with Communion served and the mark of ashes given, will be held in the sanctuary. Nursery care will be provided. The Young Adult Fellowship Group will host a spaghetti dinner before the service from 6-7 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 3-12. Tickets, available at the church office, will be by advance sale only. All proceeds will benefit the Young Adult Mission trip to Janesville, Wisconsin to work with Habitat for Humanity in June
Contact: Church office at (734) 422-0494

St. John Lutheran
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 11
Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills

Details: St. John Lutheran Church and St. Gerald Catholic Church will come together for an Ecumenical Celebration of the Word of God. The Rev. Lauren Kirsh-Carr of St. John and the Rev. Festus Ejimadu of St. Gerald will deliver messages during this 25th annual Service of Christian Unity. Special music will be provided by the choirs of both congregations
Coming up: 4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 14 "Songs of the Heart" concert with Canadian baritone, John Worthington, and pianist Wesley Fishwick. A free will offering for Haiti relief will be collected during the concert. An intermission reception will be held in the church lobby
Contact: (248) 474-0584

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
Time/Date: 6 p.m., pasta bar and desserts; 7 p.m., the movie "Casablanca"
Location: 30900 Six Mile, Livonia
Details: "Hearts for Haiti" dinner and a movie fund-raiser costs \$10 per person, \$18 per couple, and \$6 for children 5-12. An appropriate movie and activities will be available for kids. Tickets can be purchased at the door, but event organizers request an RSVP
Contact: (313) 570-4443 or e-mail to yd@stmat-thewslivonia.com

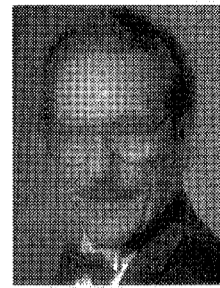
FEB 18-24

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. meal and Bible study; worship service at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 24
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, in Livonia
Details: The Lutheran Choraliers will sing at the Lenten midweek service; a free will offering will be accepted for the meal
Contact: (734) 522-6830

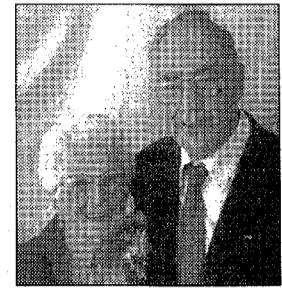
Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit
Time/Date: 6 p.m., Feb. 21
Location: Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia
Details: This is the first of five Sunday Lenten Vespers. The Very Rev. Roman Star of St. Innocent of Irkutsk Orthodox Church, Redford, president of the Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood of St. John Chrysostom of Metropolitan Detroit and spiritual advisor to the COCC, will preside at the service, assisted by other members of the Clergy Brotherhood. The Very Rev. Archimandrite Joseph (Morris), abbot of St. Gregory Palamas Greek Orthodox Monastery, Hayesville, Ohio, will be the homilist. An inter-Orthodox choir under the direction of Victoria Kopistansky, choir director at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, Detroit, will sing during the service. Refreshments will be served after the service
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 Age 90, February 8, 2010, of Garden City. Beloved husband of Irene. Loving father of Vincent (Deborah), Lawrence, Marlene Young and the late Kenneth. Grandfather of Tyler Francis Wagner. Visitation Thursday 10-12pm, with funeral services at 12:00pm at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City. Memorial donations may be directed to Heartland Hospice, 26211 Central Park Blvd., Suite 600, Southfield, MI 48076. Please sign the online guestbook at: www.rgrgharris.com



ALBERT JOHN DEBOUTTE
 Age 73, of Westland, February 5, 2010. Beloved husband of Carol. Loving father of Diane (Shane) Puckett, Steven (Janice) Deboutte, Denise (Jim) Fielding and step-father of Mark Young and Tonia Young. Dear grandfather of Garrett, Brennen, Chelsea, Bradley, Amanda, Christopher, Nichole, Shelby, Maxwell and Lacy. He is also survived by his siblings Robert (Lorraine) Deboutte, Mary (Frank) Kochian and Virginia Macko. He was preceded in death by his son Timmy, his daughter Karen Deboutte, his parents George and Clementine Deboutte. Funeral service was Tuesday, 10:00 AM at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Visitation was Monday, 1:00 ~ 9:00 PM. Interment in Michigan Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to Odyssey Hospice. michiganmemorialfuneralhome.com



RUTH WARNEMUENDE
 Age 82, of Canton, passed away February 5, 2010. Loving wife of 59 years to the late Herman. Beloved mother of Jerry (Sandra), Larry (Sharon), Dean (Rebecca), Blair Warnemuende and Dawn (William) Timmreck. Proud grandmother of 13 and great grandmother of 11. Dear sister of Virginia (Wayne) Vanderwalker. Ruth was an accomplished artist for most of her life, her oil paintings were known throughout the community and beyond. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 9, 2010, from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Interment took place at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. To share a special thought or memory www.schrader-howell.com

EDITH RAYNER BONNO
 Age 57, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, February 7, 2010. The family will be receiving friends at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St. (Ten Mile), South Lyon, on Thursday, February 11 and Friday, February 12 from 4 - 8 PM. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 13, 2010 and will begin receiving friends at 10:15 AM at the First United Methodist Church of South Lyon, 640 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

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FOOD

Tell your sweetie 'I love you' over dinner on Valentine's Day

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Candlelight, flowers and Sack Meal #3.

Cupid may be on a budget this year, but he's not skimping on style at local White Castle restaurants.

"They all do something a little different," said Diana Ford, district supervisor for White Castle. "It's something special and unique to each location. Each general manager creates their own aura."

"Some might have flowers in vases. Some do candles. Some bring in cider and do a toast. Some might have red tablecloths. They are all a little different."

"One of my stores last year made an arch with balloons. One store bought rose petals and sprinkled them on the floor and had flowers and balloons attached to them."

Although many sweethearts will head to more traditional eateries, all Detroit-area White Castles with dining rooms — including those in Redford, Canton, Livonia and Farmington Hills — are taking reservations for Sunday, Feb. 14, and they are "pretty full" Ford said. For reservations call (248) 477-1450 ext. 10.

The company has offered a sit-down meal served by wait staff — by reservation only — complete with decorations, on Valentine's Day since 1991. Ford said the event has been available in Michigan for about five years. The special day attracts loyal customers and twosomes who originally met at a White Castle and want to celebrate memories.

The dinner event is extended an additional hour, from 4-8 p.m., this year because Valentine's Day coincides with a Sunday, Ford said.

"We thought people would want to bring their kids." The menu doesn't change on Valentine's Day. Everything normally available — including Meal Sack #3 which includes 10 Slider hamburgers, two soft drinks and French fries for \$12.06 — can be ordered.

This year, everyone with a reserved place at the restaurant also will receive a free cupcake for dessert. "Some people think, oh, this is a joke. We're going to White Castle. Then once they get in there they say 'Oh my gosh, this is the best Valentine ever,'" Ford said.



SWEETHEART SPECIALS

suggestion for a romantic meal?

"The chef can prepare two different entrees and split them on two plates."

The pastry chef hasn't finalized the dessert menu but will offer a special, too.

Costanza suggests sweethearts visit the martini bar before their meal and stay after to hear keyboard player Paul Fitz entertain.

"Start with a martini. Then it's nice to have dinner and then move back into the lounge for dessert and music."

Make reservations for the restaurant, located at 39405 Plymouth Road, at (734) 254-0400.

With room for 250 customers, reservations for two generally aren't necessary at Amantea in Garden City, but Valentine's Day likely will be the exception.

Domenic Porco, owner, suggests them at least between 5-7 p.m., at his restaurant, 32777 West Warren Road. Call (734) 421-1510.

"We are having two dinners complete with two beverages for \$29.90," he said, describing the Valentine's Day special. "That's two prime rib dinners."

The special will include salad, coleslaw or soup, vegetable and two small cannoli.

MIXED GRILL

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres await Valentines Day diners at Fiamma Grille Steak and Seafood Restaurant in Plymouth.

"We'll put together a pairing of a couple of dishes, generally meat and seafood, simply grilled," said Ryan Yaquinto, manager, describing the special.

The restaurant, located at 380 S. Main, will be open from 4-9 p.m., Feb. 14. He recommends reservations at (734) 416-9340.

"We do have high back booths," he said, describing the most romantic seating at Fiamma Grille. "And we have a couple of window seats that are great for people

watching or weather watching, especially if it's snowing outside."

Here's a sampling of other area restaurants for Valentine's Day dinner:

- Cafe Cortina, 30715 W. 10 Mile, Farmington Hills will be open Valentine's Day. Call for reservations, available after 6:15 and until 10 p.m., at (248) 474-3033.
- Antonio's Canton, 2220 N. Canton Center Road, Canton, will be open 1-9 p.m. Seating is on a first-come basis and reservations are taken only for parties of eight or more. (734) 981-9800
- Rose's Restaurant & Lounge, 201 N. Canton Center Road, Canton. Open noon-9 p.m. Sunday. (734) 981-9904.

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Know-how, neighbors can reduce chances of break-in

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Preventing home break-ins isn't a sure thing, but you can take steps to reduce your likelihood of being a victim.

"The first thing they need to do is make sure their doors are locked," said police Sgt. Mark Gajeski of the Canton Public Safety Department. Deadbolts should be used.

If you're out for the evening, make it look like you're home, he said, using the TV or radio for sound and leaving lights on.

"You can have lights on timers," Gajeski said. Those are useful for when you're on vacation. Vacationers also need to have mail held at the post office or picked up by trusted neighbors; newspapers fall under that category as well.

Exterior lighting can make a big difference in preventing break-ins, the sergeant agreed. "It is (important), especially around the back of the house."

Many people in upgrading homes put in motion detectors to alert them that someone may be out there.

"When it goes off, you notice it a little more readily," he said.

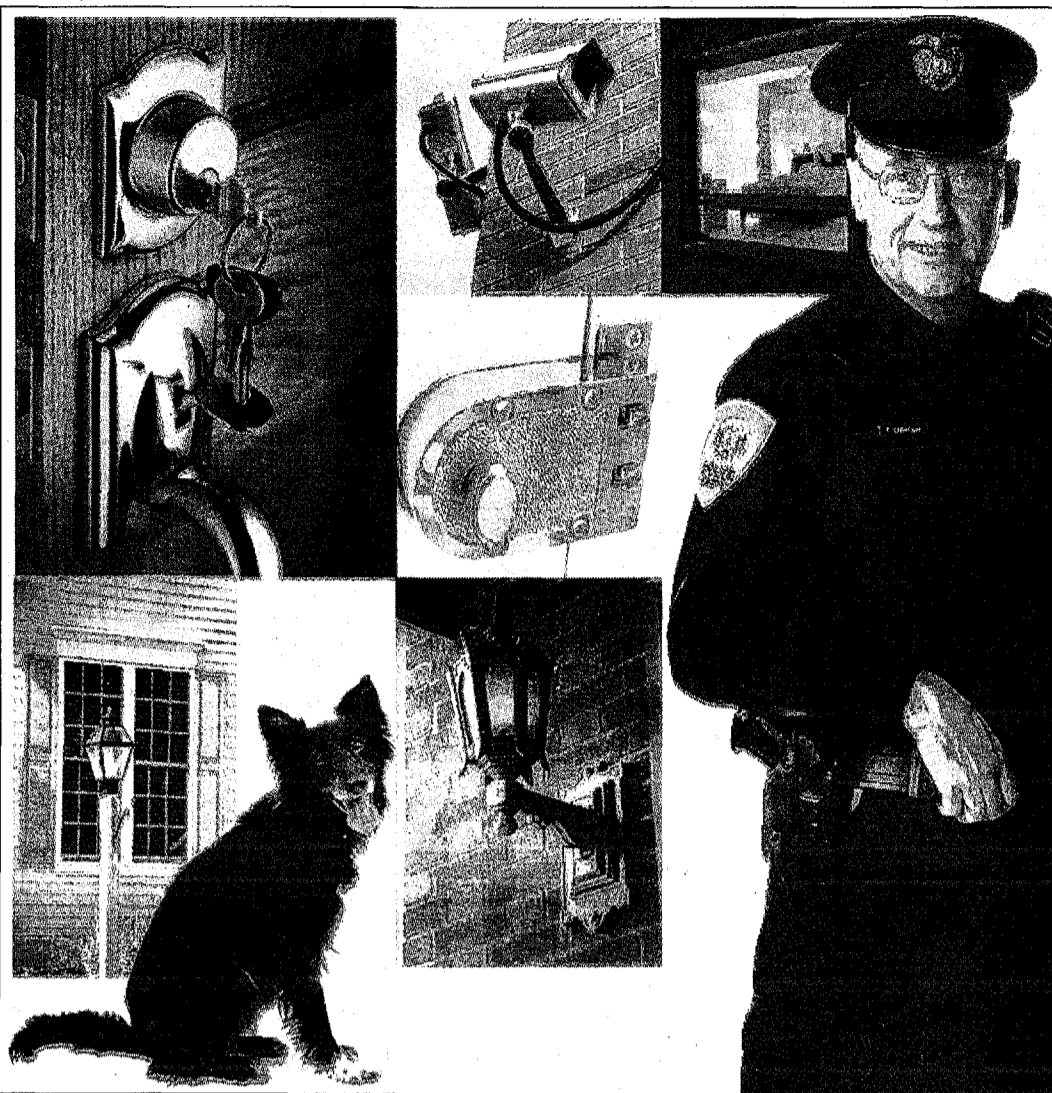
Alarms can be useful for homes, but you need a good understanding of how they work, Gajeski said. Have the installer show you how to use the alarm.

"And just consistently use it." Those who infrequently use alarms may have trouble with them going off at random, he said, also a headache for police departments.

Canton's got a surprising statistic for 2009, with home break-ins down a bit from 2008. "It wasn't by a huge number but it was fewer," Gajeski said.

He and other police officials urge residents to sign up for Neighborhood and Community Watch programs, in which residents watch out for neighbors and their property.

Gajeski sends alerts to Canton residents "so people can be that extra set of eyes for us." At of Feb. 1, Canton had joined some other area com-



munities with Nixle computer updates on public safety messages for residents and businesses.

He agreed sometimes people are reluctant to contact police. "There might be that apprehension, 'Oh, it's not that big a deal.'"

"It's a quality of life issue" for you and your neighbors, Gajeski said. "If it looks suspicious or sounds suspicious, you don't have to check it out. That's what the police are for."

Here are some additional home safety tips from Canton police:

LANDSCAPING AND PLANT MATERIALS

Bushes, trees and shrubbery can conceal an intruder as he attempts entry into a window or door; or worse yet, as he waits in hiding for the home-

owner. A few alterations to the home's landscaping and plant materials can be enough to discourage intruders. To avoid being seen or caught, intruders look for property they can get into and out of quickly.

Their ideal target is a house surrounded by large hedges or shrubs, which serve to hamper visibility from the street and neighbor's houses.

Trim shrubbery and trees so doors and windows are visible to neighbors and from the street. Trimmed landscaping should not provide concealment for criminals. If the home has a second floor, prune trees so they can't help a thief climb in second floor windows. Place trellises where they can't be used as ladders to gain entry to upper floors.

Ground plants (shrubbery and bushes) within four feet of any sidewalks, driveways,

doors or gates should be maintained at a height of not more than two feet.

Ground plants between four feet and eight feet of any sidewalks, driveways, doors or gates should be maintained at a height of not more than four feet. Ground plants under windows should be maintained at a height that is below the window sill.

Trees should be trimmed so that the lower branches are more than six feet off the ground.

Place large gauge gravel on the ground near windows. The noise caused by an intruder walking on it can be a psychological barrier. Do not place large rocks or other items near glass windows or doors. These could provide the burglar with his tools.

Plant spiny (thorny) plants along fences and under win-

dows. Such plants will discourage the possible burglar. Protecting with spiny plants can be almost as effective as using barbed wire, and a lot more attractive.

DOORS

Doors are usually the burglar's first choice of entry into a home. Some residents leave exterior doors unlocked... particularly children who may be the last to leave. In other entries, the burglar simply breaks a door or a side light and reaches around to unlock a door.

Exterior doors should be of solid core (wood, not composite materials) or steel, 2 3/4 inches thick is preferred.

Hollow core or wood panel doors can be easily broken. Such doors, however, can be reinforced by attaching at least 20 gauge (approximately 1/32-inch thick) sheet metal on the exterior side of the door.

Entry doors should fit their frames tightly, with no more than 1/8-inch clearance between the door and the frame.

Door frames should be solidly anchored to the rough opening. There are often spaces left between the rough opening stud at a point midway up the door jamb. These spaces create a poor anchorage for hardware making the door easy to kick open.

If possible, the door molding should be removed and these spaces should be filled or "shimmed" prior to mounting any new lock strikes. If the door opens inward, the stop strip should actually be part of the wood frame, not applied. The stop strip is a wood strip installed on or milled into the door jamb (it's the part of the jamb that the door closes on). If the stop has been applied (strip nailed on the jamb), pry it off carefully and coat the surfaces with epoxy cement. Then hammer the stop back in place and further secure it with tapered wood screws installed directly in front of the lock bolts. This will make it difficult for a burglar to pry up the strip and manipulate the lock from the exterior.

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Make sure developer's actions are in writing

Q: We are in the process of taking over control from the developer who has made various representations to some people but not others although we do not have a handle on it. Do you have any suggestions?

A: On moving from developer management to association leadership, there are a number of information gathering processes that should take place. Counsel co-owners and boards to take careful notes of every transaction that

pertains to the common elements and to private space. Your association may well be in a situation

where the developer was saying different things to different people. You should make copies and take photos of everything, advertisements, open house marketing materials, drawings or proposed décor and amenities and do a questionnaire to the co-owners. As the developer completes the project, you need to have backup evidence to ensure that what was promised has been delivered. Obviously, the more information that you have concerning what was promised, the better chance you have of getting what you bargained for.

Q: I am wondering whether the board should put the holiday bonuses that we are going to give to our employees in the budget as opposed to soliciting contributions from the members.

A: In my opinion, the residents should not be solicited for any monies to be paid to the employees of the association. If they wish to make contributions, that should be a voluntary item. But, if the association, through its board, decides to provide holiday bonuses, it should be handled as a budgetary item.

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HOMES SOLD - OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 26-30, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

6796 Woodbank Dr Clarkston	\$145,000	23013 Watt Dr 29901 Wertham Ct	\$130,000 \$217,000	23970 W Le Best Oakland Township	\$100,000	South Lyon		5020 Cooley Lake Rd 1037 Forest Way	\$150,000 \$230,000
8711 Andersonville Rd 5895 Dvorak St	\$68,000 \$127,000	26279 Westmeath St 27235 Winterset Cir	\$150,000 \$270,000	5382 Creekmonte Dr 5630 Kirkridge Trl	\$350,000 \$619,000	809 Eagle Heights Dr Southfield	\$300,000 \$148,000	970 Lakeview St 3955 Pitt Rd	\$53,000 \$240,000
5036 Edgar Rd 9614 Klais Rd	\$102,000 \$148,000	Lake Orion		Orchard Lake		25525 Catalina St 26356 Franklin Pointe Dr	\$135,000 \$37,000	2739 Ravenglass Rd 5534 Walling Dr	\$105,000 \$117,000
7247 N Village Dr 6607 Ridgeview Dr	\$250,000 \$93,000	1138 Abseguami Trl 326 E Flint St	\$260,000 \$128,000	2877 Orchard Pl Oxford	\$900,000	20320 Lacrosse Ave 21275 Midway Ave	\$66,000 \$15,000	4067 Wenonah Ln 6621 Windcliff Rd	\$53,000 \$4,000
6320 Waldon Woods Dr Farmington	\$215,000	154 Eagle Ridge Rd 2110 Hilltop Ct	\$175,000 \$235,000	651 Akram 26 Center St	\$135,000 \$15,000	30295 Spring River Dr Sylvan Lake	\$100,000	West Bloomfield	
33915 Alfa Loma Dr 23975 Gill Rd	\$144,000 \$80,000	3863 Long Meadow Ln Milford	\$205,000	1220 Deer Path Trl 45 Pontiac St	\$400,000 \$90,000	1756 Beverly St Troy	\$116,000	6625 Crest Top Dr 7261 Crestmore St	\$365,000 \$128,000
15925 W 14 Mile Rd Birmingham	\$107,000	19917 Charles Ct 654 Summit Ridge Dr	\$332,000 \$82,000	364 Stony Lake Dr 523 Willow Holw	\$180,000 \$209,000	4537 Cahill Dr 2454 Oak Ridge Dr	\$180,000 \$75,000	4144 Crooks St 6860 Long Ave	\$202,000 \$110,000
1400 Holland St 1115 N Old Woodward Ave	\$413,000 \$174,000	50820 Applebrooke Dr 131 Ely Dr S	\$425,000 \$152,000	1894 Flagstone Cir Rochester Hills	\$90,000	2082 Prescott Dr 6787 Serenity Dr	\$152,000 \$225,000	3940 Mitra Ct 7391 Radcliff Dr	\$250,000 \$130,000
1700 Torry St Bloomfield Township	\$92,000	47025 S Chigwidden Dr Novi	\$250,000	1115 Bluebird Dr 1529 Colony Dr	\$227,000 \$159,000	2535 Tarragona Way Walled Lake	\$207,000	1220 Clearwater St 9467 Mandon St	\$165,000 \$88,000
2774 Brady Dr 1218 Cedarholm Ln	\$216,000 \$550,000	23488 Broadmoor Park Ln 39483 Country Ln	\$465,000 \$95,000	3334 Everett Dr 826 Oak Brook Ridge Dr	\$338,000 \$83,000	9000 Campbell Creek Dr 1870 Hollingsworth Dr	\$130,000 \$143,000	Wolverine Lake	
5214 Clarendon Crest Ct 7388 Lindenmere Dr	\$210,000 \$205,000	24635 Edgewood Dr 40711 Lenox Park Dr	\$195,000 \$200,000	765 Passiv 354 Reitman Ct	\$125,000 \$156,000	454 Old Pine Way 870 Snow Drift Ct	\$150,000 \$155,000	310 Angola St 619 Los Arboles Dr	\$324,000 \$122,000
2972 Rambling Way Beverly Hills	\$157,000	27364 Victoria Rd Farmington Hills	\$269,000	535 Thornridge Dr South Lyon	\$180,000	Waterford			

HOMES SOLD - WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 20-23, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton		41672 White Tail Ln Garden City	\$195,000	18597 Myron St 37765 Pickford Dr	\$147,000 \$219,000	Plymouth		25475 Glendale 20571 Kinloch	\$75,000 \$69,000
44164 Arlington Rd 791 Ashton Woods Dr	\$145,000 \$194,000	31017 Pardo St 30205 Rush St	\$50,000 \$84,000	36324 St Andrews Dr 35104 Wood St	\$265,000 \$140,000	50472 Beechwood Ct 8909 Mayflower Dr	\$95,000 \$165,000	1695 Marion Westland	\$52,000
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Keller Williams Realty will host a Career Seminar 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth.

Candidates would benefit from previous experience or successes in: service industries, account management, retail sales, small business operations, marketing or event planning. Candidates should have: good people/communication skills, some computer knowledge, a strong work ethic, and an optimistic "can do" attitude.

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Rental Property

A Beginners' Workshop for Rental Property Investors will be held three consecutive Saturdays, Feb. 20, 27 and March 6, four hours per day in Royal Oak. This event will provide a basic foundation that gives the beginning investor with the knowledge and confidence to make their initial investment and enhance their financial success.

Price: \$99 for three days. Presented by the Real Estate Investors of Oakland. To register, contact: www.REIAofOakland.com

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Buying a home

There will be a free Homebuyers Educational Seminar in Livonia 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, at the Civic Center Library and in Novi 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at the Novi Civic Center. This is an informational meeting for those interested in understanding the homebuying process. Free information

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Register on line at www.MiHomeBuyer.info or call (248) 747-8653.

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A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. No obligation. Learn about reverse mortgages. Please RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext. 33.

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