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Annual eats

The popular State of the Community luncheon takes place Wednesday, March 24, from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Plymouth Manor, 345 N. Main. The annual event is an opportunity to join fellow business people and community leaders to hear about what to expect in the community in the coming year.

The speakers will include Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume, Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox, Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer and Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Dr. Craig Fiegel.

Cost to attend is \$20. To attend this event, please reply to teri@plymouthmich.org or contact the Chamber at (734) 453-1540. Cancellations must be received 48 hours prior to the event, since the Chamber is liable for all meals.

Signing up

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools begin enrolling kindergarten students March 8-12 for the 2010-11 school year. All P-CCS elementary schools will accept applications, but each school will offer different hours for registration. Parents are advised to contact their neighborhood school in advance for hours. Parents also should bring their child's birth certificate (children should be 5 on or before Dec. 1, 2010), immunization records and two pieces of identification as proof of residency. For more information, residents should call their neighborhood P-CCS elementary school, or call the Board of Education office at (734) 416-2701.

Chamber scholars

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce are accepting applications for the Student Citizenship Award scholarship. Nominations from all employees, parents and friends of high school seniors from the Plymouth and Canton area will be accepted before 4 p.m. Friday, April 16. The \$250 scholarship is based on community service only.

The selection committee will pick one student each from Canton, Plymouth, Salem, Starkweather and a non-P-CCS high school for the award. The scholarship application, which is available at the Board of Education office, requires the student to give a one paragraph description of what community service means to them, a one page, bulleted list of the student's community service and a one page testimonial by the person nominating the student for the award.

Contact the P-CCS Community Relations office at (734) 416-2755.

Modest to majesty



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Keith Germain and Mike Armbruster built the new pulpit at Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church in Plymouth Township.

Decorative handmade pulpit adorns unassuming township church

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A new handmade wooden pulpit provides a sense of majesty in the modest sanctuary of a small Plymouth Township church.

The ornate raised pulpit at Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church, made of seven kinds of wood and adorned with seven wooden crosses, was made by church members Michael Armbruster and Keith Germain. It replaced the simple table and portable lectern that the Rev. William Burke Jr., Our Shepherd's pastor, had been using.

"It's beautiful, isn't it?" said Burke, who lives in Plymouth Township. "It was so well-done."

Burke compared the sharp angle of the front of the pulpit to the bow of a boat, which is appropriate, he said, because Jesus often preached from the front of a fishing vessel.

"That seems to be a symbolic thing," he said.

Our Shepherd's congregation worships in a basement meeting room at an office building on Sheldon Road. There are folding chairs, a small, donated electronic organ, a borrowed upright piano — and the pulpit.

"It's an anchor," said Rebecca Des Jardins Doll of Livonia, who attends services at Our Shepherd, but is not officially a member.

"It's the most church-looking thing that we have," said Rick Saless of Livonia, a church elder.

Armbruster, of Plymouth Township, an experienced builder and cabinetmaker, had long thought he'd build a pulpit for his church, which has been meeting in the office building for more than a year. He said it was a chance to use his skills "not for myself or someone else, but for His

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Residents pack meeting, plead to save police jobs

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With police jobs on the chopping block as officials struggle to balance Plymouth Township's budget, residents turned out in force Tuesday in an effort to save those jobs.

During a sometimes emotional Board of Trustees meeting, residents pleaded with board members to avoid police layoffs, which officials have said could occur if a deal on union concessions cannot be reached.

Speakers, in a packed township hall meeting room, cited the township's reputation as a safe community, with some suggesting they fear crime could increase with fewer officers available for patrol.

"I want to raise my family here and be safe," Lindsay Lehrer said. "It's just making me feel very uncomfortable."

"To even be talking about cutting back the police presence and cutting their salaries is unacceptable," said another resident, Jacqueline George. "If the public knew how few officers are out there now, they'd be outraged."

George drew applause when she said: "For you to even be talking about this is not right."

"Any layoff in public safety is much more than a money issue; it's a safety issue," Janice Johnson said.

Seven is the number of potential police layoffs banded about

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Snow birds

Heavy snowstorm? Saint Bernard? It's not the Swiss Alps, but Mike and Louise Steele walking 4-year-old Addison in downtown Plymouth during Monday's storm. According to the Plymouth Township couple, Addison loves this kind of weather, even if she doesn't carry the traditional cask of brandy.



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FBI raids three local companies

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An official for Plymouth-based TRAM, Inc., a subsidiary of automotive supplier Tokai Rika, confirmed Wednesday that FBI investigators seized documents Tuesday during a raid of the facility, and a spokeswoman for Yazaki North America of Canton also confirmed a similar raid there.

The developments came as FBI officials in Washington, D.C., confirmed an international antitrust investigation.

"We were visited by the Department of Justice yesterday and, yes, they did have a subpoena," TRAM's human resources director, Joe Rine, said late Wednesday afternoon. "We are cooperating fully with their investigation and pro-

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JOE RINE,
TRAM's human resources director

viding them with any and all information they are requesting.

"They did collect some documents and were interested in some electronic media," Rine added. "The investigation will be ongoing."

Rine said he had no knowledge of any improper activity whatsoever at the Plymouth facility.

Shefali Cromer, Yazaki's manager of public relations and communications, confirmed that federal authorities

also searched that company's premises Tuesday.

"Federal authorities did show up at our premises here at our Canton location and issued search warrants," Cromer said.

She also said federal authorities visited Yazaki branches in Lexington, Ky., and Columbus, Ohio.

"They did not disclose to us the nature of the investigation at this point," Cromer said.

TRAM, Inc., and Yazaki officials' remarks came amid reports of an investigation that also involved Denso International America of Southfield.

Reached Wednesday afternoon in Washington, D.C., spokeswoman Gina Talamona of the U.S. Department of

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Penn finale

The Plymouth Community Arts Council and the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society will present the final "Saturday @ the Penn" musical variety show of the season on Saturday, March 6. This family event will be held at the Penn Theater in downtown Plymouth, with doors opening at 11:05 a.m., show starting at 11:30 a.m. Admission is \$4 per person.

The featured performer for March is the ever popular Guy Louis, Chautauqua Express who delights families with musical adventures, incorporating a wide variety of instruments and audience participation into his program. Special guests are the crowd pleasers "Gemini."

The Penn Theater is located at 760 Penniman in Plymouth. Saturdays @ the Penn is generously sponsored by a grant from the Wilcox Foundation, as well as by several local businesses and individuals: Quixworks, Signature Audio, Kelly & Tom Doneth, Optimist Club of Plymouth and Steve & Renee Alexandrowski.

Show and tell

Have you ever seen a "bung hole auger"? How about an "etui" or a "Steff monkey"? These unusual items and more will be on display in the Plymouth Historical Museum's new special exhibit, "Show and Tell Collectibles," which debuted Wednesday.

The exhibit is composed of



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Spotlight on Youth presents the heartwarming "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," March 18-21, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. This classic is the root of the expression - "you must pay the piper." The 90-minute show has two casts - including James Broderick of Plymouth, who plays James Roland - with alternating actors to give more children the opportunity to participate. The show plays 7 p.m. March 18-19, 2 and 7 p.m. March 20, and 2 p.m. March 21. Tickets (\$15) are available by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or on-line at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater or in person at The Summit on the Park or at the door.

an eclectic mix of personal and Museum collections ranging from antique tools (including the bung hole auger) to chatelaines (including the "etui") to stuffed animals (the Steiff monkey). You'll also find dogs, fire items, several porcelain or china collections, aprons, birthday collectibles, toy horses, and

the Museum's timeline of mannequins. The exhibit will run through Sunday, June 13.

Changing choices

Changing Choices Foundation will hold its first annual "Bowling For Changing Choices" Event from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28 at Westland Bowl in Westland.

Ticket donation is \$25 and will be available at noon at Westland Bowl on the day of the event or they can be purchased in advance at the office of WMUZ at 12300 Radio Place, Detroit, MI 48228. The station phone number is (313) 272-3434. Tickets can also be purchased by calling Barbara Jean at (734) 239-2752.

The event, which benefits the Changing Choices Foundation radio show and its "Speaking to Youth" program, will include prizes, raffle prizes, a silent auction and live DJ music by Jimmy Barrios. Among the items are a \$100 Savings Bond and a "Silver" Detroit Lions Autographed Football including players Charles Johnson

and Matthew Stafford.

Bowlers will get three games, shoes, pizza and a free ticket for continued chance raffle drawings throughout the event. Plus, meet Scott Harris, Certified Life Coach, Founder of the Changing Choices Foundation and Member of WMUZ's Team of Experts & Host of Changing Choices Radio Show.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available to local businesses and organizations. For information regarding sponsorships please contact Barbara Jean at (734) 239-2752.

Irish dancing

The staff at Plymouth Park Apartments has extended an open invitation to join them 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at 107 N. Haggerty, for an enjoyable afternoon of wonderful entertainment with Irish Dancers and complimentary refreshments.

There's no need to RSVP; just come wearing "green" even if you're not Irish. This is a free event.

For more information call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

St. Patty's lunch

The Council on Aging and Heartland Plymouth Court invite the public to join them on Wednesday, March 17, for a delicious traditional St. Patrick's lunch of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, dessert and a beverage.

The lunch is free and takes place in the main floor dining room at Heartland Plymouth Court, 105 Haggerty at 12:30 p.m.

Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 to RSVP; call (734) 459-8888 to arrange transportation.

AAUW meets

The Plymouth/Canton branch of the American Association of University Women meets 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon (just north of North Territorial) in Plymouth.

The meeting will feature a light dinner (\$5 per person) followed by a skit, "The Tater Girls," written by Sharon Belobraidich and Mickey Edell and performed by AAUW members. Visitors and non-members are always welcome.

For more information contact Esther Nelson at enelsonc@att.net or (734) 981-4938.

Sagear scholars

The Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. is striving to recognize a Plymouth-Canton School District High School senior who has overcome adversity with the \$500 Sandra Sagear Rotary Scholarship.

The club is looking for students who have displayed courage, perseverance, spirit, and creativity in succeeding in achieving an education, despite a physical, mental or emotional barrier.

The recipient of this award will receive a scholarship named after Sandra Sagear, a 1969 graduate of the original Plymouth High School who imagined and believed she could succeed as she lived everyday with polio.

Application deadline is March 30, and the award will be announced April 16. Applications can be downloaded at www.storytellerdesign.com/SagearRotaryScholarship.pdf

For more information,

contact Debra Madonna at clarion@storytellerdesign.com or call (734) 377-0914.

Garden Club

The next scheduled meeting of the Plymouth Garden Club will be on Monday, March 8 at 12:30 p.m. in the Plymouth Library.

The scheduled speaker will be Garden Club member Rosemary Hughes speaking on the topic of growing the herb Rosemary. A brief business meeting will follow. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information view our web site at sites.google.com/sites/plymouthgardenclub or contact Eileen Wittenberg at (734) 340-2062.

Egg hunt

The Plymouth Lions Club is making plans for their annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 3.

Youngsters through age 14 will be eligible to take place. The Plymouth Lions Club is looking for donations to help make the hunt a success.

For more information or to make a donation, call Debbie Baudino-Dowling, (734) 207-7464.

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.egrant.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.

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The meeting takes place 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center, located at 525 Farmer Street in Plymouth.

Dr. David H. Janda will

present a seminar on preventative medicine, addressing what parts of the proposed health care bills that are already in place and his viewpoint on why this new bill could create more problems than answers.

Janda practices Orthopedic Surgery in the Saint Joseph

Mercy Health Care System. He is the director of The Institute for Preventive Sports Medicine based in Ann Arbor. Janda was asked to be the keynote speaker at the Congressional dinner on July 17th, 2009. He is also the author of the book, "The Awakening of a Surgeon." He has appeared on Oprah,

the Glenn Beck show and his work has been featured on the Today Show, Good Morning America and Fox Network News.

This event is free and open to everyone.

For more information, please visit rattlewithus.com or contact Sharon at (248) 486-5139.

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Canton gives fallen Marine hero's welcome

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Lucy Smithers didn't know Marine Cpl. Jacob Turbett, hadn't ever met him or anyone who knew him and knew nothing about Monday's show of support for the fallen Marine until reading the local paper Sunday night.

Yet there was Smithers, with her friend and fellow Westland resident Gerry Spino, holding an American flag while standing on Ford Road in a driving snowstorm and paying her respects to the 2007 Canton High School graduate killed in Afghanistan.

"It's about patriotism," said Smithers, who said the weather never discouraged her from participating. "He gave his life for our country. This was the least I could do for him."

Smithers and Spino were among hundreds of supporters who lined the roadways along Canton Center and Ford Road Monday morning as Turbett's body was escorted from Willow Run Airport, where it had been brought from Dover Air Force Base, Del., on its roundabout journey to his final resting place.

Turbett will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., March 9.

A combat engineer, Turbett was felled by a single gunshot wound Feb. 13. For the hundreds who lined the road Monday, it was their best chance to pay respects to a young man who gave the ultimate sacrifice for his country.

Canton's veterans groups made their way to Willow Run in the snow to accompany Turbett on his final trip home. The procession was escorted by both Van Buren and Canton Township Police.

The veterans' color guard felt a particular need to take part in honoring the young man. "He's a veteran, and this is our way of honoring his service and his sacrifice," said Army Cpl. Bob Lamoreux, who served in the infantry in Vietnam in 1968. "It's especially important for Vietnam vets, because it's a way of honoring him the way we were never honored."

Citing the veterans' adopted motto, "Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another," a rally against the way Vietnam veterans feel they were treated when they came home, Lamoreux said the turnout for Turbett was especially satisfying considering the weather.

"I thought it was tremendous," Lamoreux said. "It shows (Canton) supports our veter-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Alice Schneider's son, Charlie, is a Marine training at Camp Pendleton. She joined hundreds of others along the route from Willow Run Airport to the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton. She is a resident of Graden City.

ans. You don't have to support the war, but you do have to support the soldiers."

The crowd wasn't all veterans, though. Friends and family also turned out. Jordan Stambaugh, who met Turbett during her freshman year and said she was in Turbett's wedding party, remembered Turbett as "a great guy."

"I wanted to show my respect," said Stambaugh, a Canton resident. "He was an amazing guy and a great friend."

The show of support — the scores of people lining the street, most of them waving an American flag — was overwhelming to Turbett's family, many of whom have served their country, including his sister, Jamie, who is in Navy boot camp now.

Sheila Turbett, Jacob's mother and a resident of Redford Township, said the support was greatly appreciated and, under different circumstances, would have included Jacob himself.

"We couldn't stop crying," Sheila Turbett said of the trip from Willow Run to Canton. "Jake would have liked knowing there was that much support for the military. He'd have been out there with them if it had been someone else."

Turbett is survived by his wife, Crystal — on his Myspace page, he called her "the best thing that ever happened to me" — whom he married in July 2008; his mother, Sheila; his father, Richard; sister Jaime Turbett; stepbrother, Joseph Marsh; grandparents, aunts and uncles.

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Plans to share senior transportation scrapped

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plans for a four-community senior citizens transportation program, which could have saved Plymouth and Plymouth Township an estimated \$15,000 a year combined, have been shelved.

Trustees in Northville Township, which currently partners with the city of Northville for senior transit, rejected the idea on Feb. 18, and because of that the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees removed the item from its agenda at its Tuesday meeting.

Supervisor Richard Reaume said such a partnership would

save the township an estimated \$2,500 to \$5,000 a year.

Officials from the Plymouth and Northville communities have been discussing the idea since last fall.

"We were close, but the savings weren't that high," Reaume said.

The township now shares senior transit with the city of Plymouth, where a majority of the system's riders live. The system lets seniors who don't drive get to the grocery store, the hair dresser, the doctor's office and the like.

The annual savings in Plymouth, which manages the current shared system and would have managed the expanded one, were projected

at \$8,000 to \$10,000.

In Reaume's opinion, the problem for Northville and Northville Township is that a merger would have been more restrictive than those communities' current system, which takes riders farther out of the communities than the system serving the Plymouths. Current riders, however, would have been grandfathered into the current system.

"Collaboration isn't good or worth it if you lose your own individuality or uniqueness," said Northville Township Trustee Marv Gans, according to *The Northville Record*.

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PULPIT

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kingdom."

The seven woods — cherry, oak, walnut, hickory, birch, ash and maple — represent the diversity of Our Shepherd's congregation, Armbruster said. Plus, seven is described in the Bible as a perfect number.

It was Germain, of Milford, who provided the woods. He didn't visit Home Depot or the local lumber yard, but found or was given all seven woods in log form.

A neighbor, for example, gave him the oak, cherry and ash after Germain helped him thin his property. And Doll let him have a damaged maple from the right-of-way outside her house after the city of Livonia had it cut down.

Germain has a barn on property near Bay City where his lumber has a chance to cure. Describing himself as more of a woodworking hobbyist, Germain said he learned a lot from Armbruster.

"I have longer experience, but not as skilled," he said.

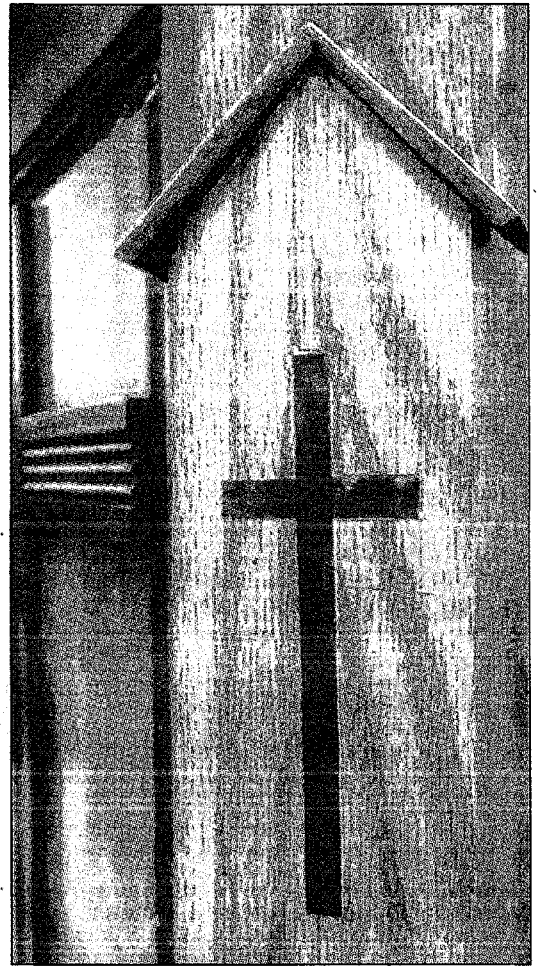
The men based their design on a pulpit Burke had admired at a church in Ann Arbor, but they added their own touches.

"We just kept coming up with new ideas until we had what we wanted it to be," Armbruster said.

The pulpit includes a lectern that can be raised and lowered to accommodate any speaker's height, and a small cabinet in which to store church literature. The pulpit was stained and protected by at least six coats of lacquer, Armbruster said.

"It's unique," Doll said. "There isn't anything else like it."

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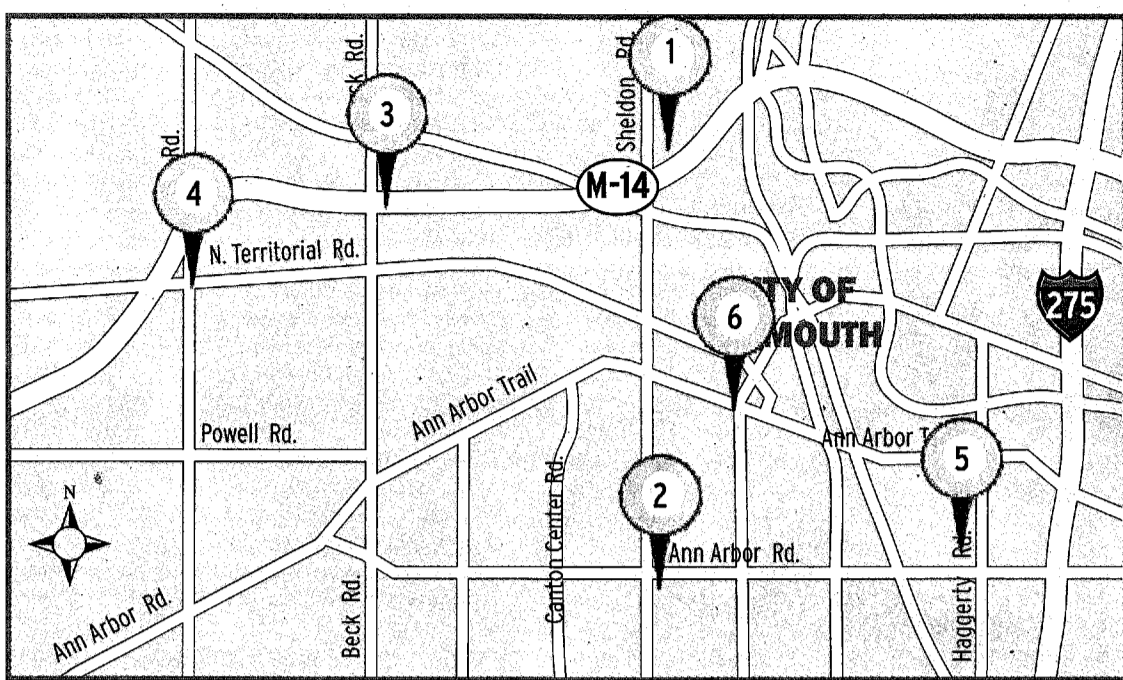
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Suspicious car report leads to drug arrest

1An 18-year-old Plymouth Township man was arrested on a marijuana-possession charge late on Valentine's Day after police were called to investigate a suspicious car in a hotel parking lot.

The incident occurred at the Hilton Garden Inn, on Sheldon Road north of M-14, shortly before 11 p.m. on Feb. 14, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report.

Two officers were dispatched to the hotel parking lot on a report of a suspicious light-colored car, and they found a silver 1999 Volvo with five male teenagers in it, the report said.

Upon speaking with the driver, one officer noticed the scent of marijuana, he wrote in the report. When they were asked where the marijuana was, some of the youths were silent while others denied there was any marijuana, police said.

CRIME WATCH

The officers began to get the youths out of the Volvo, and an officer noticed suspected "shake," or marijuana crumbs, on the pants of the teen in the front passenger seat, the report said.

More suspected "shake" fell from his pants when he was patted down, police said, and he handed over a plastic bag of suspected marijuana that had been hidden in his pants. He was arrested.

Aside from "shake" on the floor near where the suspect sat, no other suspected marijuana was found in the car, police said. The four other teens were released.

The suspect was issued a marijuana-possession ticket, which requires a mandatory court appearance, before being released later.

By Matt Jachman

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following incidents during the period Feb. 17-23:

2 • Tuesday, Feb. 23 - Commercial rescue run on Beck; residential rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road, at Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon, on Beck and on Ann Arbor Trail.

3 • Monday, Feb. 22 - Commercial rescue run on Beck; residential rescue runs on Russell, on Sheridan, on Pinewood, on Northville Road, on Hamilton and on Eastside; mutual-aid-given run on Winchester; rescue run on eastbound M-14 east of Beck.

• Sunday, Feb. 21 - Residential rescue runs on Deer Creek Run and on Micol; special run at Hines and Haggerty.

• Saturday, Feb. 20 - Residential rescue runs on

Sheldon and on Haggerty; commercial rescue run on Beck; mutual-aid-given run on Seven Mile.

4 • Friday, Feb. 19 - Special run on Newport; vehicle accident with wash-down at North Territorial and Ridge; residential rescue runs on Northville Road and on Micol; mutual-aid-given run on Deep Hollow.

5 • Thursday, Feb. 18 - Residential rescue runs on Haggerty, on Plymouth Road, on Bradner, on Maple Ridge, on Brookline, on Brownell; rescue run at a public building on Haggerty.

6 • Wednesday, Feb. 17 - Residential rescue runs on Northville Road, on Riverside, on Haggerty, on Brownell and on Newport; fire mutual-aid run on Ford Road; rescue run on Ann Arbor Trail west of Main.

JOBS

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by both township and police union officials, but Supervisor Richard Reaume said Wednesday it's difficult to determine what the exact number could be.

Treasurer Ron Edwards said the budget clock is ticking, and that inaction will compound the problem.

"We don't want to cut," Edwards said at the meeting, "but if we don't get concessions, we can't operate, plain and simple."

Trustee Steve Mann, a former township police officer, said officer safety would not be compromised. "We're not going to run a police department that's not properly staffed," he said.

Township officials, blaming cuts in state aid and falling property tax revenue due to a depressed housing market, said they need about \$400,000 in concessions from the police unions.

Police officers say they've been willing to compromise.

"We have given a fair amount," said Officer Bill Fetner, vice president of the Plymouth Township Police Officers Association. He declined to say what the union's proposed concessions might have saved because, he said, he didn't want to jeopardize its bargaining position.

"They want some concessions that we can't do," Fetner added.

Fetner, as others have done, criticized some township spending, such as for the annual township calendar (Reaume said the cost is about \$16,000) and the \$350,000 being spent to rehabilitate a building used to store heavy equipment.

One resident expressed support for the board. "I have confidence in the leadership of the township," Rebecca Hayes said. "You have historically made this a safe and wonderful place for us."

The board later met in a closed session to discuss negotiations with the police, but afterward took no action. Reaume said Wednesday that another bargaining session with the PTPOA is planned.

The township's police department numbers 41 — 21 patrol officers, 11 dispatchers, six sergeants, two lieutenants and the chief. The dispatchers also take fire and emergency medical service calls for the Plymouth Community Fire Department.

The township and two of its employee unions have already agreed to concessions. Three firefighters, however, were laid off after no agreement was reached in talks between the township and the union.

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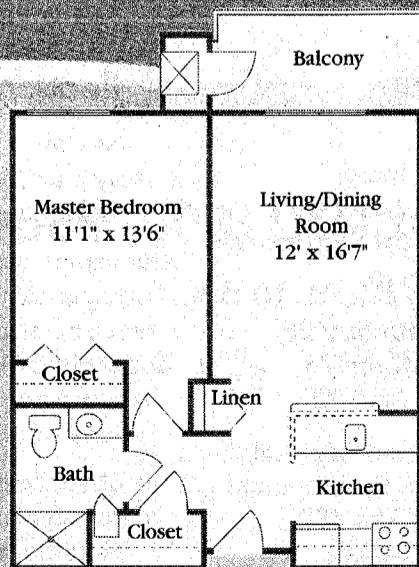
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Walking away from mortgage has adverse consequences

I saw a news story recently that dealt with foreclosures, restructuring mortgages and people walking away from their homes. A couple, whose mortgage was substantially higher than the value of their home, elected to walk away from the home instead of working with the mortgage company.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

The homeowners stated there was no hope that the house would regain its value, so it didn't make sense for them to continue to make the mortgage payments. When the homeowners were discussing the decision they knew this would hurt their credit but were willing to accept that consequence.

The news story concluded with the warning that when you do walk away from your home it could have a negative impact on your credit. However, the story did not mention that just because the homeowners turned the house back to the mortgage company, this does not relieve them from the mortgage payment obligation.

Many people are under the mistaken belief that when they walk away from their mortgages it's no harm, no foul. Nothing could be further from the truth. There are legal issues and tax consequences to consider.

The tax consequences associated with walking away from a mortgage are a major. Typically, if you have a debt forgiven, the amount is treated as taxable income. Therefore, if you owed the bank \$20,000 and the bank forgave that obligation, the \$20,000 would be considered taxable income.

A couple of years ago, because of the number of foreclosures that were occurring, Congress passed a temporary exception to the rule that dealt with the forgiveness of debt on a primary mortgage. Therefore, if because of a foreclosure or restructuring of a primary mortgage you were forgiven a part of or the entire obligation there are no income tax consequences.

However, that exception does not apply on second homes. If you own a home Up North and decide that you cannot afford to make the mortgage payments and let the bank foreclose, you will have an income tax consequence.

The amount of debt forgiven is included in your taxable income and is taxed at your ordinary income tax bracket.

Another issue to weigh is what happens — from a legal standpoint — when people walk away from their home.

I have heard many stories regarding individuals who basically have locked the doors and sent the key to the mortgage company. They believe that since there are no tax consequences that they're home free and clear. That is not the case. Just because you cannot afford to make your mortgage payment and voluntarily turn your home back to your mortgage lender does not relieve you of your legal obligation under the mortgage. In other words, your mortgage company can choose to bring legal action against you for the difference between what your home sells for and the outstanding mortgage obligation plus costs.

Although not every mortgage company has chosen to bring legal action, there is no guarantee that it will not happen in your situation.

Individuals who walk away from their homes may find that down the road they've put them-

selves in a very difficult position. That is why, as opposed to just walking away, try to reach some accommodation with the mortgage company.

Some companies have been very understanding while others have taken a very hard-line approach. The key, however, is to limit your future liability. That doesn't mean that the mortgage company will be cooperative. In the long run you may end up walking away. However, it does pay to be proactive.

In addition, it probably is best to have an attorney deal with your mortgage company. An attorney has the best potential of working with the mortgage company for an equitable resolution to your situation.

If you are in this situation, be proactive and don't make a bad situation worse. People who are just walking away from their homes and not planning will face more problems. It will make the road to recovery even more difficult.

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FBI

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Justice made only a brief statement about the investigation.

"I'll confirm that the Department of Justice's anti-trust division is investigating the possibility of anti-competitive cartel conduct by automotive electronic component suppliers," Talamona said. "We are coordinating with the European Commission and other foreign competition authorities."

She declined to elaborate. While officials confirmed the execution of search warrants, federal authorities have said the warrants are sealed in U.S. District Court in Detroit.

Canton Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek said township authorities weren't contacted to help execute the search warrant at Yazaki, which makes automotive electronics and is one of Canton's largest employers.

Yazaki, on its Web site, points out its strong ties to Canton, stating that "we embrace the opportunity to contribute to our local community."

The statement said Yazaki has supported the community with annual grants to the Canton Community Foundation and is active in the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

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OUR VIEWS

Publishing public notices ensures government transparency

There is a move afoot in the Michigan House of Representatives that, if successful, will eliminate the requirement of municipalities to publish legal notices in newspapers. Instead, the sponsors of a six-bill package say it would be sufficient for municipalities to post the notices in the clerk's office and on one of the following: the municipality's Web site, on a public, education or government (PEG) channel broadcasted in the municipality, or on a newspaper's Web site.

The legislation comes after heavy lobbying by the Michigan Municipal League, which represents 538 cities, villages and urban townships. The MML feels paying to place legal notices in newspapers is a burden its members just can't afford, particularly at a time when most cities, townships and villages are having to cut back because of the economy. In essence, they feel it is an unwarranted expense, and there are obviously some in the Legislature that agree.

We couldn't disagree more. This is a bad idea, on many different levels. It might seem self serving for us to be arguing against this idea. There is no doubt that it would eliminate a source of revenue for not only us but nearly every newspaper in the state. However, there are numerous reasons that municipalities should continue publishing important government notices in newspapers. First and foremost, this legislation would curtail the public's right to know about important government actions in their community, such as zoning and ordinance changes, public hearings, etc.

The MML and many local officials argue that posting the information on their Web sites is sufficient public notice, but what about for the elderly or those with lower incomes who have little or no access to the Internet? Do they count less?

Continuing to publish these notices in newspapers, which are an independent source of information and accessible to everyone, ensures public oversight of the important matters that impact communities. The fact is newspapers have long been and remain the main source of local news. They help hold government officials accountable. Just ask Kwame Kilpatrick. If it were not for the *Detroit Free Press*, it is likely he would still be in office today.

It is not that we are opposed to governments posting notices online. In fact we encourage them to do so — in conjunction with posting the notices in newspapers. There is nothing in the current law preventing them from doing both.

We think the MML and the authors of this legislation are selling their constituents short. The public understands why this is important. In fact, the cities of Trenton and Wayne put this very issue on the ballot back in November, and their residents overwhelmingly rejected it by a wide margin.

Yes, municipalities could save money by not having to publish the notices. But how much? According to the Michigan Press Association, a check of various municipalities across the state last fall showed that these notices comprised on average 0.0005 percent of a general fund budget.

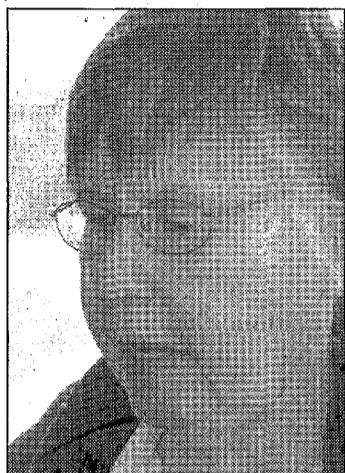
We think that is a small price to pay to keep residents informed about important issues that affect our homes, neighborhoods, schools and jobs. And at the same time help ensure there remains a strong, independent voice holding government officials accountable.

There is no doubt that government, from the state right on down to the local municipalities, need to enact reforms. That shouldn't begin with reducing transparency and public oversight.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What do you think of Gov. Jennifer Granholm's plan for a tax on most services?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



"I'm for that. ... I thought it was a good idea because of how she was going to use it."

Penny Striegel
Plymouth Township



"Basically the state needs some revenue. I guess I'd rather pay it on services I'm using."

Esther Rogers
Plymouth



"To be honest I haven't talked to my husband about it yet. We always share ideas."

Marge Stock
Plymouth Township



"They're taking from all of us that are just trying to make it. ... It's just robbing Peter to pay Paul."

Judy Dignert
Plymouth

LETTERS

Arrow needed more

The most helpful thing at the intersection of Main and Ann Arbor Trail would be a left turn arrow.

Other than that it doesn't sound like the described repairs are necessary. What is necessary is more parking in the downtown area!

M. Burkhardt
Plymouth

Police layoffs wrong

Recently there was a news article about Detroit (our neighbor) being one of the new hubs for Mexican drug trafficking.

There were also news articles about the release of hundreds of prisoners from Michigan jails, the high dropout rate in Detroit schools, the reduction or elimination of after-school programs, ongoing job losses, increased thefts, carjackings, burglaries, and purse snatchings.

Do our township officials read the news? With all of these scenarios, can we really afford to lay off police officers? If our elected officials won't at least consider the police union suggestions to avoid layoffs, then I think it's time the township thinks of new leadership.

Gloria Kulpa
Plymouth

Safety risk

I'm writing to express my concerns over the article published in the *Plymouth Observer* titled "Layoffs Loom for township police."

My question is, "If we don't need them now, why did we need them when times were good?" It seems to me that during the hard times like we are currently experiencing, crime would be at its peak and on the rise. It certainly seems to be that way everywhere else.

In short, as a resident of Plymouth Township for nearly 20 years, I personally do not believe that cutting the number of police officers is the most effective way to reduce expenses and risk public safety.

Mike Ferrantino
Plymouth Township

Tribute to fallen son

After hearing and reading about Marine Cpl. Jacob Turbett's death, I feel as if I, too, lost a family member.

You see, I am a Vietnam vet who spent 32 months in a war for my country. Back then there wasn't much support for someone like me that wanted to give back to their country.

Things are different now, the support for our boys fighting for world freedom is being backed by most American citizens, but even losing one soul is too much.

I hope everyone reading this letter and lives in the Canton area gives a few minutes of thought to how much this family lost. Let's hope his life, as well as all the other sons and daughters we've lost, does not go in vain.

Robert Denstedt
Canton

McCotter's 'facts'

In a recent address to the Conservative Political Action Committee, Congressman

Thaddeus McCotter, representative of the 11th congressional district of Michigan, urged people to "disabuse themselves of the notion that the Republican Party was the party of no" and that it was the Democrats that more accurately fit that description.

In light of all of the politically based GOP obstructionism in response to dire circumstances, one should examine the "facts" that McCotter has chosen again to distort and misrepresent.

In his speech, McCotter accused congressional Democrats of saying "no" to fiscal integrity and discipline. Really? Is Bush, McCotter and friends passing a massive expansion to Medicare that would provide a prescription drug plan without a supporting revenue stream an example of fiscal discipline? If McCotter thinks so, he may be unable to recognize discipline and integrity if he tripped over them.

This ill-conceived legislation has proven very costly to taxpayers and recipients in that it prevents Medicare, the largest of all purchasing groups, from negotiating the discount prices that big customers routinely get creating a lucrative payday for Pharma.

Medicare Part D also created the dreaded donut hole that forced most seniors to purchase private insurance to fill the coverage gap generating millions of new policy customers for health insurance giants like United Health Care.

What about the tax rollbacks early in the Bush administration benefiting the wealthiest 2 percent of citizens that passed without corresponding program cuts amid a period of rising deficits? We were fighting a war at the time and tax rates on the wealthy were already on the low end, historically speaking.

This set of "budget busting" tax cuts was passed by a simple majority in Senate through budget reconciliation, a technique that Republicans condemn now that Democrats may be considering it. With these gifts to the well-heeled, it might appear to some that McCotter and the Republicans were taking care of a relative few friends and supporters rather than exhibiting fiscal discipline, integrity and a desire to pursue the people's interests.

Was the Bush administration's use of "accounting tricks," as described by pundit Rachel Maddow, to finance two wars off of the books an example of integrity and discipline? If not, where was McCotter then?

According to the apparent revisionist, McCotter, the Democrats have also said "no" historically to smaller debt and deficits. Let's take a closer look at that claim. According to www.presidentialdebt.com, Ronald Reagan increased our debt 189 percent, George W. Bush added 89 percent, George H.W. Bush in one term upped the debt 55 percent, Carter in one term added 36 percent and Bill Clinton added 42 percent.

Seems that the party of "no" to fiscal restraint and integrity since Reagan has been the Republican Party.

Mitch Smith
Canton

Kidney disease on increase

This March, the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan (NKF) will celebrate National Kidney Month by encouraging Michigan residents to get tested and understand the risk factors for chronic kidney disease (CKD).

I am a Livonia resident who is living with kidney failure. I was diagnosed with kidney disease at the age of 17. By the time I was 22 I reached kidney failure and spent the next two years on dialysis. I now have a kidney transplant from my husband and because of that transplant we have a 2-year-old son.

CKD does not discriminate. It is an under-diagnosed, under-treated, yet treatable disease. Due to the increasing prevalence of obesity, hypertension and diabetes, CKD has emerged as a major health threat to our community. More than 900,000 Michigan adults are estimated to be living with the disease.

Most people with kidney disease are not diagnosed until late in the course of the illness when there are few opportunities for prevention. In Michigan, more than 12,000 patients undergo dialysis treatment for kidney failure.

This can change with early screenings. Those with diabetes, high blood pressure or a family history of kidney disease should talk to their doctor as soon as possible about getting their kidney function checked.

We can no longer ignore the facts. As the numbers increase, it is more important than ever to continue identifying risk factors for kidney disease in our area and to increase awareness. Early intervention can help save health and lives.

For more information, please contact the NKF at (800) 482-1455 or visit www.nkfm.org.

Sheila N. Jackson
Senior program coordinator
National Kidney Foundation of Michigan

Support Right to Repair

New data reveals that consumers save an estimated \$26 billion a year, or \$360 per family, for vehicle service and repair at neighborhood independent repair shops compared to more costly new car dealerships. This demonstrates why Congress needs to swiftly pass the Motor Vehicle Owners' Right to Repair Act (HR 2057).

This legislation will prevent car manufacturers from denying access to repair information, computer codes, tools and software needed by car owners and their neighborhood repair shops to repair late model vehicles.

Historically, car owners have had the ability to repair their vehicles themselves or take them to the service facility of their choice. The car companies now seek to force consumers to return to the dealership for service and repair and are lobbying heavily against the Right to Repair Act. It is appalling that some manufacturers can take federal bailout money and then turn around and oppose a bill that would protect every American motorist from a vehicle repair monopoly.

The Motor Vehicle Owners' Right to Repair Act (HR 2057) currently has the support of 53 members of Congress. Every consumer who owns or operates a vehicle in the United States stands to suffer economically if this bill is not passed. Please send a letter urging your members of Congress to support the Right to Repair Act by visiting www.righttorepair.org.

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Providing an Olympic 'Edge'

Canton arena becoming figure skating mecca

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sure, ice dancers Charlie White, Meryl Davis, Scott Moir and Tessa Virtue figured prominently in Monday's final round of the Olympic ice dancing competition.

But, even thousands of miles away, it was their home ice in Canton that loomed in the background.

Moir and Virtue captured the Olympic ice dancing gold medal Monday, holding off the challenge of White and Davis, who settled for silver. Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto were in the bronze-medal position after their free dance Monday, then fell to fourth.

The success of those three teams was woven with a common thread: The Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton. The same thread ties into the mutual success of the arena, which opened in 2001 and has been building an Olympic-sized reputation ever since.

And it all comes as a pretty big surprise to those who were there at the beginning. "There's no way you could have predicted this," said Craig O'Neill, the arena's general manager. "You have gold- and silver-medal winning Olympic skaters here. It's unbelievable what's transpired here."

What has transpired is the growth of an arena whose origins were in hockey that didn't even have a figure skating program when it opened morphing into one of the pre-eminent arenas in the figure skating world, a claim Arctic Edge probably has a right to make after fostering a gold and two silver-medal winning ice dancing teams in the last two Winter Olympics.

HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

It couldn't have been foreseen when the arena opened in 2001. The Canton Hockey Association — still the arena's

primary tenant — dominated the ice. The facility's Learn To Skate program, started by Gary Clark and now coached by Theresa McKendry, had 20 students its first year, and there was no figure skating program.

But McKendry, a figure skating coach who couldn't find enough ice time at the Plymouth Cultural Center, approached O'Neill about starting a figure skating program at Arctic Edge. McKendry knew Igor Spilbon, an accomplished coach who was also looking for a home. Others followed, and a program was born.

"I was looking for more ice time, so I approached (O'Neill) and asked if he wanted a figure skating program," said McKendry, whose latest claim to fame is coaching Spilbon's daughter, Katia, to a national championship at the intermediate level. "Igor was looking for a place to go ... more and more started jumping on board, and here we are."

With its origins in hockey, Arctic Edge's figure skating reputation has exploded. The Learn To Skate program has grown from some 20 skaters its first year to more than 200 now. The Arctic Figure Skating Club grew to some 125 members and even now, in a tough economy, has some 75 skaters.

Diane Keils of Farmington Hills, president of the Arctic Figure Skating Club, said skaters come from all over the globe to skate at Arctic Edge because it's a program built to foster competition more so than recreational skaters. The students who skate there do so religiously — most of them one-two hours a day six days a week.

PRICE TO PAY

And most of the skaters — and, just as importantly, their parents — are willing to

pay the price, figuratively and literally. According to Keils, in addition to the dedication it takes to practice 12 hours a week, there's a tremendous financial investment, as well:

- Ice time: \$10 an hour, one-two hours a day, six days a week
- Coaches: Average coach is \$1 a minute; sessions run from 25-90 minutes, six times a week
- Skates: \$1,200 for what Keils called "a good pair"
- Outfits: Can run \$500-\$1,000, and most skaters need two, she said.

And the skaters and their parents are willing to pay those prices because most of them have the same dream realized this week by Moir/Virtue and White/Davis, who won medals their first time skating at the Olympic level.

"These kids want to go to the Olympics ... it's their dream," said Keils, whose own daughters, 12-year-old Olivia and 10-year-old Michaela, skate at Arctic Edge. "These kids know the coaches here can take them where they want to go."

SKATING SUCCESSES

Notables to skate at Canton's Arctic Edge:

- Canadian ice-dancers Scott Moir and Tessa Virtue - 2010 Olympic gold medal; 2010 Canadian national champions
- American ice dancers Charlie White and Meryl Davis - 2010 Olympic silver medalists; two-time U.S. national champions
- Americans Tanith Belbin and Benjamin Agosto - 2006 Olympic silver medalists (the first Arctic Edge skaters to win an Olympic medal); they've since moved their training base to Pennsylvania.

STRIKING A BALANCE

Those dreams were reinforced Monday when the younger skaters watched their rink-mates capture Olympic medals. Even though the skating lasted until about 11:30 p.m., the Keils sisters managed to stay awake for enough of it to realize the depth of the accomplishment.

"I think they really looked good," said 12-year-old Michaela, who admitted she was nodding off during part of it because of the lateness



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Reagan and Sarah Liberatore pose for a photo with Olympic ice dancers Meryl Davis and Charlie White. The Liberatore sisters belong to the Canton Skating Club at Arctic Edge. They are photographed by Jacek Zdziarski.

of the hour. "It takes so much hard work and practice. I was happy with what they did." Her mother, the new president of the club, knew more than that.

"We're a small club and we're new," Keils said. "We're trying to build a reputation, and having Olympic ice-dancing teams is a big part of that. These kids want to be Olympians, and saying they skate where Olympians skate ... well, not many kids can say that."

O'Neill, the arena's general manager, said the 22-team Canton Hockey Association is still the big dog in the arena, and figure skating fills ice time that would normally be dead time. The two combined strike a nice balance.

"Hockey still pays the bills," O'Neill said. "But this has become a real (figure skating) destination, a training mecca. It's a good balance."

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Team effort sparks Canton girls to conference title

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Canton calling cards all season have been team depth and defense, and both were crucial again Tuesday as the Chiefs defeated Novi for the KLAA Kensington Conference girls basketball championship.

Coach Brian Samulski's Chiefs (18-1) overcame Novi's tough senior power forward Kelsey Massarant — despite both of the Schmitt twins missing significant action due to foul trouble — and came away with a 46-33 win.

Visiting Novi (17-2) only scored six second-half points, all in the third quarter, as the Chiefs cranked up defensive pressure and made the most of their offensive chances.

"They (the Schmitts) were out, but I knew we'd just continue to keep playing," Samulski said. "That's what makes this group so good is the fact they can keep plugging away. When those two were out with foul trouble I knew the five that were on the floor would step up."

A case in point came during the second quarter.

Canton junior Sara Schmitt (five points, five rebounds) sat out the entire frame after being whistled for two quick fouls.

Midway through the second, she was joined on the sidelines by sister Kari Schmitt (nine points, four boards, four steals).

But that's when Samulski turned to forward Kayla Bridges and guard Robyn Mack among others to stem the tide.

Their task was to help keep Massarant from dominating the glass and stop hot-shooting junior guard

Alyssa Armiak.

Massarant scored 15 of her 17 points in the first half, and led Novi with eight boards while Armiak (10 points) drained three jumpers in the second stanza.

"When she (Massarant) started making those turnaround jumpers, we knew we had to change something," Bridges said. "So we started running two out at her, doubling down off some other players so she wouldn't get so easy shots."

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Ryan Clark is a contender at the D-1 individual regionals.

Wildcats capture KLAA South Division

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

About a month ago, Plymouth lost to Canton in a KLAA South boys swimming and diving dual meet and the Wildcats had a heart-to-heart with coach Doug Schade.

That pep talk — not to mention point-scoring contributions from many Wildcats — sparked Plymouth to a strong stretch drive that culminated with Saturday's KLAA South division meet championship.

"After the Canton loss we talked about finishing strong and I guess that's what the boys decided to do," said Schade, thrilled with how the Wildcats

DIVISION MEET (7-3 in dual meets) jelled when it mattered most.

Plymouth hosted the meet, which took place at Canton High School.

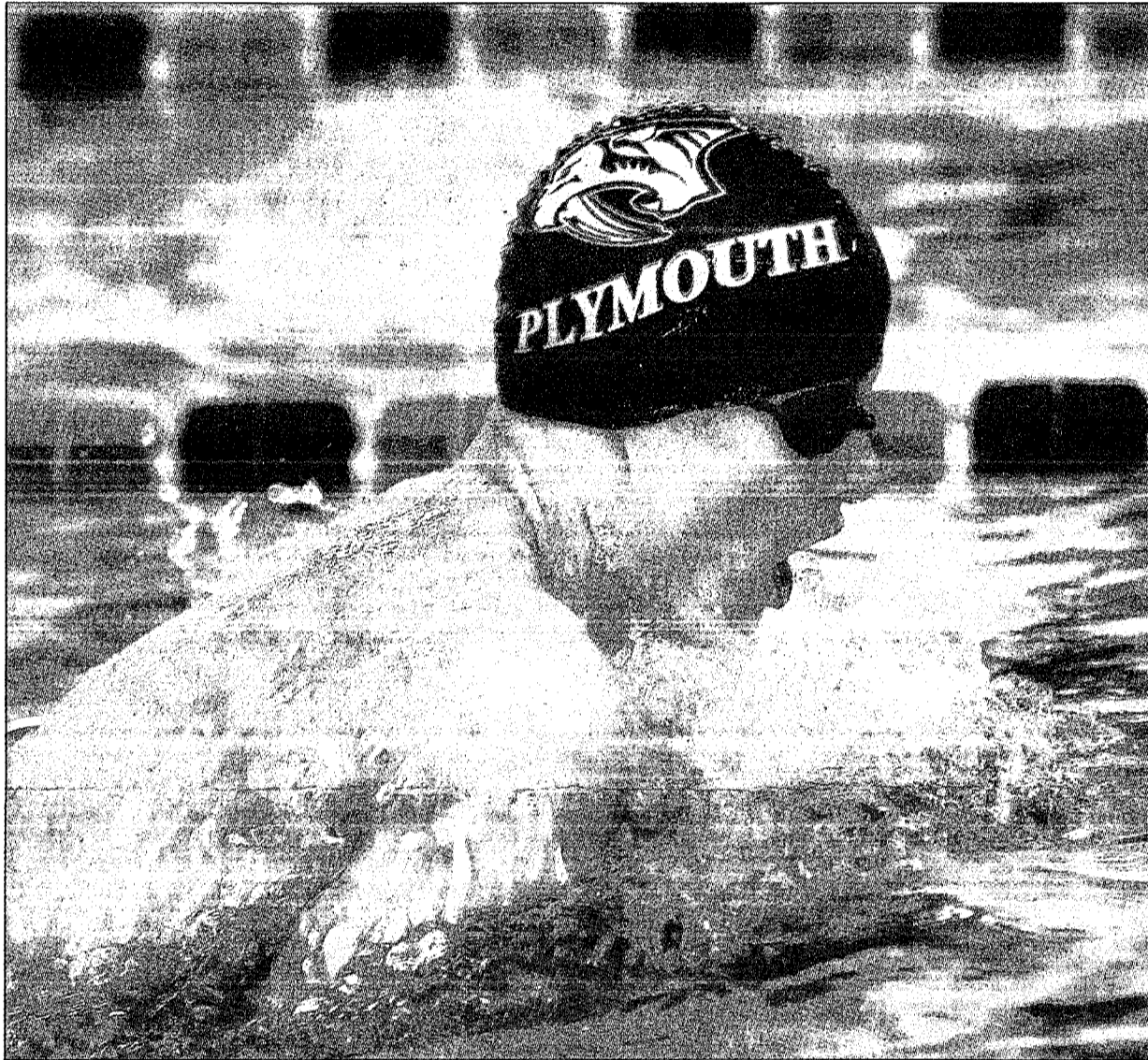
The Wildcats, setting more than 60 personal records at the meet, led the way with 613 points. Taking second with 573 was Canton. Because of the meet, both Plymouth and Canton are co-champions of the division.

Rounding out the meet standings were Westland John Glenn (325), Livonia Churchill (292), Livonia Franklin (281) and Wayne Memorial (171).

"It's tough to give any one swimmer or diver credit," Schade said. "It was an effort where just about every athlete we have stepped up."

Highlights included junior Alex Jouney capturing the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 51.85 seconds. Senior Tim Castle registered his best time of the year in the 100 breaststroke with a winning time of 1:04.39.

Please see **SWIMMING, B2**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth senior Tim Castle (shown from earlier this season) won the 100 breaststroke at the KLAA South Division Meet, helping the Wildcats finish in first place.

Bowlers primed

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park bowling teams will be reckoned with at this weekend's Division 1 team and individual regionals at Westland Bowl.

Co-KLAA Central boys champion Salem (11-1) features Ryan Clark, who finished the regular season with the highest average in the district with 215 pins.

Clark will compete Saturday, one day after the team regionals.

"They take the top three teams from each division," Rocks head coach Kathie Hahn said. "So things will be tight."

According to Canton head coach Jim Keppen, whose boys team finished third in the Central (9-6), the team is bowling its best at the right time of the year.

"Our outlook for regionals this weekend at Westland Bowl is very good," Keppen wrote in an e-mail, "as our team members are bowling quite well, and they know how their individual roles contribute to our team."

Seniors Trevor Cummins, Billy Keppen, juniors Andrew Klein and Casey Bindas will participate in Saturday's individual regionals.

Please see **BOWLERS, B2**

Chiefs soar, take KLAA championship

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Like a dark horse, Canton's girls gymnastics team finally galloped to the front of the KLAA pack after looking up at Northville all season.

The Chiefs — second to the Mustangs in the KLAA Kensington Division — one-upped Northville by handily winning Saturday's KLAA conference meet.

"I've got the bigger and better trophy, let's put it that way," said Chiefs veteran head coach John Cunningham.

Canton had 146.05 points to outdistance their 10 KLAA opponents at the Walled Lake Central-hosted meet.

Northville and Brighton, respective leaders of the conference's two divisions, tied for second with 140.45 points.

Plymouth also set a school record with 131.325 points, good for seventh place. Salem took ninth with 127.45 points.

"In gymnastics a point is a big differential," said Cunningham, about the Chiefs' comfortable margin of victory. "Six points is like Custer and the Indians."

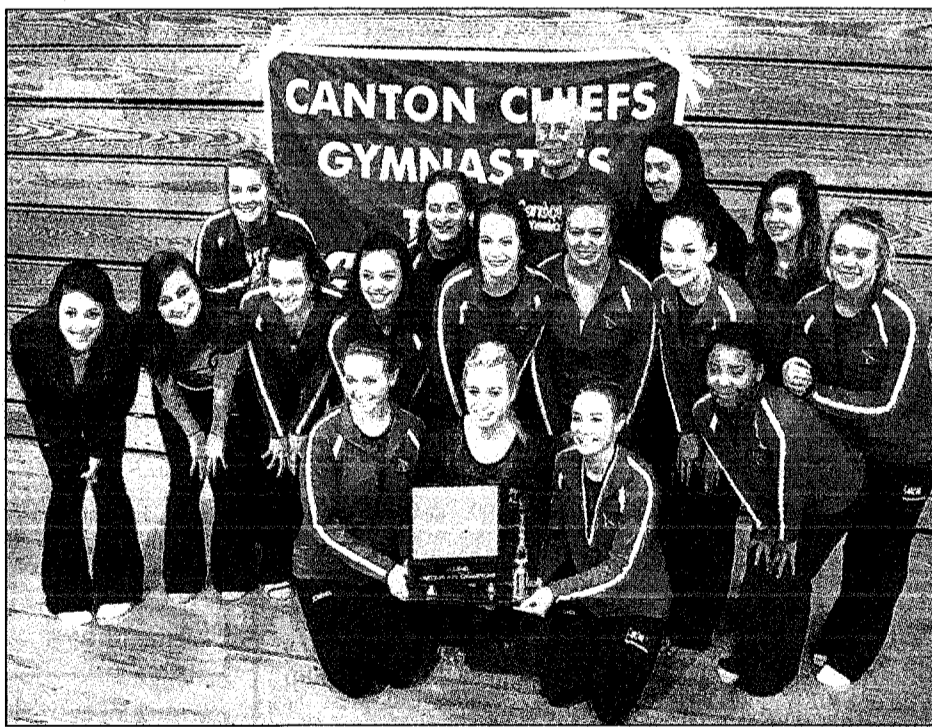
Leading the charge were freshman Alex Fideler and senior Robyn Piwowar, who finished 1-2 respectively in Division 1 all-around scoring with 37.425 and 37.200 points.

AMAZING EFFORT

Sophomore Ayana Lewis took first in D2 all-around scoring with 35.750 points and Canton gymnasts reached or surpassed the 9.0 mark 13 times (four times by Fideler, three times each by Piwowar and Lewis).

Fideler tallied three personal bests, including 9.65 in balance beam, 9.425 on uneven parallel bars and 9.3 in floor exercise behind Piwowar's 9.55.

"Alex finally did her Yurchinko vault and landed it," Cunningham said. "She



The Canton Chiefs, coached by John Cunningham (back row), celebrate Saturday after winning the KLAA girls gymnastics championship.

had a nice bar routine, did a double-back and got a 9.425."

Cunningham said the victory was surprising because of how Northville had held the upper hand throughout the year, up until a Feb. 16 tri-meet where the Chiefs defeated Northville and Livonia Red.

"Northville has been above us, above us," he said. "We barely got past them at the Canton Invitational. But we just had an amazing meet, that's the best way I can describe it."

"We had 13 nines, the kids won 18 medals, we took five first places out of a possible 10 first places."

The coach credited the conference vic-

tory to a high level of performance across the board plus a mid-winter break from school which helped relax the girls.

"Some of my kids came out and had their absolute best meet," Cunningham said. "We were on spring break, so I was missing (junior) Kali Pierce. She's one of my girls who sometimes scores nines on at least two events, so I was a little bit worried."

"But we had a sort of relaxed week... (and) I've been preaching to the kids about peaking at the right time."

In D2 all-around scoring, Canton senior Mallory Hudak took fifth with 34.775

Please see **GYMNASTICS, B3**

Salem's Jimmy Bowling finds 'mark' with sport

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jimmy Bowling might have the coolest and most "spot-on" name in the history of sports.

That is, for a bowler.

Yes, it's true. The (almost) 5-foot-8, 110-pound Salem freshman is intent on using his last name as an inspirational catalyst to success as a high school bowler.

So far, so good. Jimmy is averaging about 160 pins per game on Salem's junior varsity. But he's had some promising moments to suggest the best is yet to come — including games of 184, 194 and 197.

The last name also is raising eyebrows and smiles along the way.

"When I first tried out for the Salem team, my teammates thought I was joking about my last name," Jimmy said. "Coach Kathie (Hahn) had to verify that my name was truly Bowling."

"I also got girls coming up to me asking about my name which wasn't a bad thing either."

Over at Woodland Lanes in Livonia, he bowled his middle school years with Our Lady of Good Counsel and the Woodland Rangers' morning developmental team.

James William Bowling's interest in the sport began at age 5 when his dad, James Wyatt Bowling, signed him up for bumper bowling.

After two years of that, little Jimmy donned a football helmet and pads. According to Judy Bowling (Jimmy's mom), he played football from third to fifth grade.

"At 4-foot-6 and 64 pounds we were looking for something



"When I first tried out for the Salem team, my teammates thought I was joking about my last name. Coach Kathie (Hahn) had to verify that my name was truly Bowling."

JIMMY BOWLING, Salem freshman

Please see **JIMMY, B2**

SWIMMING

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GETTING CLOSER

Schade said none of the Wildcats qualified for the Division I state meet, although Plymouth has "a lot of kids who are close to cuts."

The coach attributed the victory to the face the Wildcats feature a deep roster of hard-working and talented youngsters.

"We won the division meet because we had over 20 of our swimmers score in the meet in either swimming or diving," Schade said.

Getting the meet off to a promising start was Friday's diving competition.

Although John Glenn's Cody Roe won with 333.60 points (followed by Canton's Ryan Kilgore, 274.50), the Wildcats had divers in the third and sixth places for a total of 29 meet points.

Freshman Connor McManus took third with 266.80 points but senior Kyle Wilkinson — almost miraculously back after breaking his femur in early January — came in sixth (230.70) after being cleared to dive just three days earlier.

Wilkinson wasn't the only injured team member coming back to help spark the squad. Junior Zach Koch who had an ICL sprain operated on in late January, returned and had his best time in the 100 butterfly (1:01.87, seventh).

The two Plymouth-Canton Educational Park rivals combined to win all three relays, with the Wildcats winning the 200-yard freestyle relay. The team of sophomore Adam Liakos, junior Ethan Christensen, Jouney and



Plymouth's varsity swimming & diving team celebrates after winning the KLAA South division meet last weekend.

senior Chris Wilson finished in 1:34.13.

The Chiefs won both the 200 medley and 400 free relays. The tandem of sophomore Jay Jin, senior Ryan Boes, sophomore Victor Zhang and junior Evan Champine took the top spot in the former, with a time of 1:45.62.

In the 400 relay, Jin, freshman Kyle Kemp, junior Jacob Dillon and Zhang won in 3:26.02, ahead of Plymouth (3:27.67).

Canton earned three individual firsts, two by Zhang (200 free, 1:50.06; 100 backstroke, 54.46). Also first was Kemp in the 500 free, with a time of 5:00.68.

Canton head coach Dave Le could not be reached for comment.

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BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING

KLAA SOUTH DIVISION MEET

Feb. 19-20 hosted by Plymouth at Salem TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Plymouth, 613 points; 2. Canton, 573; 3. Westland John Glenn, 325; 4. Livonia Churchill, 292; 5. Livonia Franklin, 281; 6. Wayne Memorial, 171.

1-meter diving: 1. Cody Roe (Westland John Glenn) 333.60; 2. Ryan Kilgore (Canton) 274.50; 3. Connor McManus (Plymouth) 266.80; 4. Alan Robinson (Livonia Churchill), 259.25; 5. Wayne Roberts (C), 231.10; 6. Kyle Wilkinson (P), 230.70; 7. Christopher Sharp (LC), 226.25

200-yard medley relay: 1. Canton (Jay Jin, Ryan Boes, Victor Zhang, Evan Champine), 1:45.62; 2. Livonia Franklin (Brandon Larkins, Justin Larkins, Scott Ansteth, Tyler Lee), 1:45.78; 3. Plymouth (Cameron Earls, Tim Castle, Ethan Christensen, Ethan Weiner), 1:46.40; 4. Livonia Churchill (Brad Johns, David Vincentini, Jacob Rimatzki, Mark Freyberg), 1:50.18; 5. Canton (Christopher Krebs, Eric Tian, Brandon Tolinski, Mike Carlson), 1:50.96

200-yard freestyle: 1. V. Zhang (C), 1:50.06; 2. Kyle Kemp (C), 1:52.64; 3. Peter Burns (P), 1:57.92; 4. Weiner (P), 1:58.14; 5. James Scott (LF), 1:59.16; 6. Jake Ferguson (JG), 1:59.29; 7. Carlson (C), 2:01.25

200-yard IM: 1. B. Larkins (LF), 2:05.99; 2. Jin (C), 2:07.56; 3. Alex Jouney (P), 2:07.67; 4. Chris Wilson (P), 2:08.05; 5. Adrian Simion (C), 2:15.45; 6. Christensen (P), 2:15.74; 7. Scott Wang (P), 2:16.77

50-yard freestyle: 1. Paul Gutu (JG), 22.78; 2. Patrick Jenner (C), 23.56; 3. Joey Wakeford (JG), 23.78; 4. Lee (LF), 23.85; 5. Champine (C), 23.89; 6. Adam Karson (WM), 24.06; 7. Adam Liakos (P), 24.52.

100-yard butterfly: 1. Ansteth (LF), 55.82; 2. Christenson (P), 56.54; 3. Wilson (P), 57.38; 4. Gutu (JG), 58.84; 5. Rimatzki (LC), 59.92; 6. Adam Wing (P), 1:00.96; 7. Zach Koch (P), 1:01.87

100-yard freestyle: 1. Jouney (P), 51.85; 2. Jenner (C), 52.10; 3. Tolinski (C), 52.24; 4. Wakeford (JG), 52.42; 5. Lee (LF), 53.15; 6. Karson (WM), 53.24; 7. Castle (P), 53.46

500-yard freestyle: 1. Kemp (C), 5:00.68; 2. Jin (C), 5:13.85; 3. Burns (P), 5:15.59; 4. Scott (LF), 5:16.87; 5. Ferguson (JG), 5:19.50; 6. J. Larkins (LF), 5:22.95; 7. Koch (P), 5:23.34

200-yard freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Liakos, Christensen, Jouney, Wilson), 1:34.13; 2. Canton (Tolinski, Carlson, Champine, Jenner), 1:34.70; 3. John Glenn (Wakeford, Dave Wilton, Dave Vader, Gutu), 1:36.68; 4. Plymouth (Castle, Earls, Wing, Burns), 1:37.71; 5. Canton (Jacob Dillon, Tian, Ryan DeFrain, Simion), 1:39.59

100-yard backstroke: 1. V. Zhang (C), 54.46; 2. B. Larkins (LF), 57.37; 3. Earls (P), 1:00.50; 4. Zachary Williamson (WM), 1:01.60; 5. Ansteth (LF), 1:01.75; 6. Simion (C), 1:02.05; 7. Wing (P), 1:02.63

100-yard breaststroke: 1. Castle (P), 1:04.39; 2. Vincentini (LC), 1:07.67; 3. J. Larkins (LF), 1:09.19; 4. Brett Jia (P), 1:10.32; 5. Boes (C), 1:11.01; 6. Tian (C), 1:11.13; 7. Corey Robbins (WM), 1:11.17

400-yard freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Jin, Kemp, Dillon, V. Zhang), 3:26.02; 2. Plymouth (Liakos, Weiner, Jouney, Wilson), 3:27.67; 3. Canton (Tolinski, Simion, Krebs, Jenner), 3:31.35; 4. John Glenn (Gutu, Wilton, Ferguson, Wakeford), 3:34.42; 5. Livonia Franklin (J. Larkins, B. Larkins, Scott, Lee), 3:35.60

JIMMY

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a little less dangerous," Judy Bowling said.

Jimmy heeded his parents' advice and returned to the bowling alley as a sixth-grader at OLGC, with games at Woodland Lanes.

NATURAL MATCH

"I've (also) played baseball since I was 5 and have enjoyed the game, but bowling appears to be more up my alley," said Jimmy, joking that his mom made him say that.

It was at Woodland Lanes that the older James Bowling found out about the Woodland Rangers and personal instruction for young bowlers such as his son.

And, it was there that the game really began hooking the kid whose name suggests he was destined to take it up anyway.

Woodland Rangers' instructors impressed an initially reluctant Jimmy with their knowledge of and love for the sport.

"Everyone was rooting for me saying I had the name and I needed to develop my game," Jimmy said. "A man at Plaza Lanes said the only name better than mine was Strike."

A few more of those next season will bump him up to Salem's varsity, where an average of 180 is required.

According to Jimmy, who next week turns 15, the experi-

ence this year has been a real plus.

"I've enjoyed meeting students at 'The Park' with similar interests and also enjoy the excitement that is created when we're in sync making the marks (spares or strikes)," Jimmy said. "We cheer each other on and give support whenever needed. We also have some good laughs."

EXTRA INCENTIVE

Beyond the fun factor is getting better as a bowler. That's where Hahn and other Salem coaches have really helped his technique and given him reason for optimism about his game.

"(They) changed my approach and gave me tips and encouragement during this season," Jimmy said.

He also concedes that his last name is something that pushes him just a little bit more to be motivated and excel.

"I'm proud to have gotten the opportunity to play," he said. "I'm proud of my name and hope to live up to the sport. Who knows where it could lead."

Judy Bowling also is proud of the way her son is latching on to the sport as well as high school life.

"There is now pressure to make the grade with that last name and he is truly giving his all at Salem," Judy said. "With bowling and with academics."

It looks as though Jimmy is lining up his goals and can't wait to knock them down.

BOWLERS

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"If all goes well," he added, "we are hoping to be spending next weekend (March 5-6) in Battle Creek."

No matter what, the Chiefs have made strides already. Keppen noted second-place finishes at the Mercy and Wayne County tournaments. Billy Keppen's 697 series was the best for an individual at the Clarenceville Open Doubles Tournament (Canton made the quarterfinals) and juniors Andrew Klein and Ross Terrasi averaged 201 for

the year, just missing all-conference honors.

The coach would like his team to get off to better starts during Baker games. This season, the Chiefs had to play catchup too many times during dual meets.

Although the Canton girls team finished 5-10-1, Keppen said the Chiefs fared well with a second-place finish at the inaugural Plymouth-Canton-Salem tournament along with recent improvement.

Senior Lauren O'Bradovich, juniors Ashley Cade and Cheryl Cosby and freshman Charlotte Zimmer (all averaging 155-165) are slated for Saturday's individual regionals.

PREP BOWLING RESULTS

Table with bowling results for Boys Dual Match, Girls Dual Match, and Prep Bowling Results for various dates and teams.

Plymouth icers win KLAA crossover

The Plymouth varsity boys hockey team Monday won 6-4 in a KLAA crossover game against Pinckney.

Scoring for the Wildcats were Pat Smiatacz (2 goals), Zach Gambrell, Tyler Sanders, Ryan Brown and Ryan Bauer. Chipping in with three assists was Ryan Renault while goalie Mike Justus made 18 stops for the victory.

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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 lisalynn1509@aol.com or Lori Schroeder at wecarefamily@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 registration is also available at 8:30 a.m., but enrollment is limited to the first 100 participants.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

CANTON POLICE AUCTION

These vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction. The auction will be on Tuesday, March 2nd at 10:00 am. The auction will be held at 6375 Hix, Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, the starting is for towing and storage.

Table with columns: YEAR, MAKE, MODEL, VIN. Lists vehicles for auction including Ford Taurus, Chevy Van, Eagle Summit, etc.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a proposal for Prescription Drug Carve Out/Repricing. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Brenda Armour, Underwriting Consultant at (248) 502-1108.

Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Nancy Eggenberger, Secretary

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Notice is hereby given that on Monday, 03/15/2010 at 9:30 am, TATE & CO. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Extra Space Storage, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Extra Space Storage reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Extra Space Storage, 6729 N Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48187.

Table with columns: Name, Unit #, Size, Description of items for sale.

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PREP WRESTLING

Table with columns: MHSAA Individual Wrestling Results, Division 2, Region 2. Lists wrestlers and their opponents.

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.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC City Clerk

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NOTICE

As of April 6, 2010 the Wayne Housing Commission will no longer recognize preferences for the waiting list. Applicants will be placed on the waiting list as of the date and time the completed application is received in the Wayne Housing Commission office.

A public meeting will be held on March 10, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. at the regular board meeting in the housing commission conference room.

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PCA boys clinch Red

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity boys basketball team clinched the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division Tuesday, with a 71-53 "Senior Night" victory over Newport Lutheran South.

The Eagles (11-4 overall, 10-1 in the MIAC Red) broke open a close game with a 28-7 run in the fourth quarter.

Head coach Mike Doyle said his team came out flat, possible due to only having one other game over the past three weeks and did not crank up the energy until the fourth (which began with Lutheran South up 46-43).

"Until the fourth quarter I had to read the names on the front of the jerseys because I felt like we were in a twilight zone," Doyle said. "That certainly was not PCA basketball until then."

Doyle credited Lutheran South (7-8, 5-8) with playing smart, patient basketball.

For the Eagles, Eric Jipping scored 21 points while Ethan Walker (11 points) and Don Mullet (10 points, 8 assists) also played well.

CANTON 50, STEVENSON 47: After Friday's disappointing loss to Salem, Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy urged his team to get back to basics, especially in the rebounding

department.

That strategy worked Tuesday in a KLAAs consolation boys basketball victory over Livonia Stevenson. The Chiefs outrebounded Stevenson 26-21, led by Kevin Weisz (7), Dietrich Lever (6) and Paul Baumgart (6).

Canton also had four players in double figures — Brandon Duffey (12), Lever (11), Weisz (11) and Baumgart (10) — but needed a Baumgart block on Stevenson's final shot followed by two Lever free throws to ice the win.

"We spread it (offense) around a lot," said Reddy, adding that Duffey's play was a real boost. "Brandon Duffey did a great job for us tonight."

Canton improved to 12-6 overall while Livonia Stevenson dropped to 13-5.

PLYMOUTH 49, SOUTH LYON 33: In another KLAAs consolation contest Tuesday, the Wildcats (10-8) took it to the Lions.

"We played well," said head coach Mike Soukup. "... We were the more aggressive team from the start."

Mike Nadratowski scored 17 points for Plymouth, while Dion Johnson (8 points, 10 rebounds), Brennen Beyer (8 points, 7 boards), Pat Salo (7 points) and Jake Morris (7 points, 12 boards) all had solid games.

Plymouth will play Canton Friday in the final leg of the KLAAs tourney.



WALT DMOCH

Plymouth Whalers netminder Scott Wedgewood dives to keep the puck out of his net during Saturday's home win over Sarnia. On Sunday, the Whalers clinched an OHL playoff spot with an 11-3 drubbing of the Sting in Sarnia.

Rookie Whalers goalie comes up big

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Scott Wedgewood got in the way of 38 rubber pucks and one shaving cream pie Saturday night, and it was all good for the rookie Plymouth Whalers goalie.

Wedgewood handled all but two of the 40 shots Sarnia sent his way Saturday at Compuware Arena, backstopping the Whalers to a 5-2 Ontario Hockey League victory.

The offensive hero for Plymouth was defenseman Beau Schmitz (Howell), who scored twice over a 5:38 span in the second period to break a 2-2 deadlock.

In the locker room afterward, fellow netminder Matt Hackett came up from behind the 17-year-old Wedgewood with a shaving cream pie and a big grin — and hit him with the 39th object of the night.

"I think it was shaving cream," said the kid they call Wedgie, after toweling off. "It tastes kind of bad."

But getting that kind of treatment, especially from Hackett (who is a highly touted NHL prospect), meant that Plymouth's backup goalie had made a big-time contribution to a huge win.

"We're trying to have a run here at the end and move up to third place," Wedgewood said. "So when I play in games, coming in as the backup goalie and getting wins is really important. It helps the team out."

Plymouth (35-22-0-2) earned points 71 and 72 with the win, but didn't gain ground on Kitchener. The Rangers moved to 79 points with a 6-5 shootout win over Owen Sound.

Wedgewood showed calm under fire all night, as the Sting repeatedly crashed the Plymouth crease. Sarnia (16-39-3-1) also tested him with some top-drawer chances only to be thwarted by a quick glove or flexing leg.

TOOL BOX
During Sarnia's 5-on-3 power play during the second

period, Wedgewood held his ground and thwarted the perfectly set-up Brett Ritchie on the doorstep.

When the game was 4-2 early in the third, the goalie did the splits to snare one close-in try by Joe Rogalski and seconds later he flung out a pad to deny him again. Several times he managed to track and stop the puck while being bumped.

"I thought he was outstanding, he played very, very good," said Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci. "He's a good goalie and we really didn't help him out back there. He had to make some big saves."

The only goals Sarnia managed were on the power play during the second period.

At 5:15 of the frame, Tyler Peters whipped a wristed past a wall of bodies parked in front of Wedgewood, who never saw the puck.

Sarnia — who outshot Plymouth 11-5 in the stanza — made it 2-2 with 10:58 to go when center Brandon Francisco snapped one home from the right circle.

BASKETBALL

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"That kind of stopped her a little bit."

Novi head coach Bill Kelp praised the games turned in by Massarant and Armiak, although they could not carry the load for the entire way.

"Kelsey's strong, she played very well and kept us in the game," Kelp said. "She got us back in the second quarter, her and Alyssa Armiak with a couple outside shots."

HOLDING THE FORT

Samulski lauded Mack's defensive intensity (she chipped in with four rebounds) and Bridges' ability to keep Massarant from allowing Novi to catch the Chiefs in the second.

Canton led 19-11 after the first, but had that lead trimmed to two points late in the second before the Chiefs held on to a 31-27 halftime edge.

"Bridges had a great game," Samulski said. "If you look at it, we struggled to rebound the ball a little bit in the second quarter."

"And she had some great rebounds offensively and defensively. I think all nine kids did their part."

The second half began with Canton whittling 75 seconds off the clock before Melanie Pickert (eight points) tallied a layup.

Bridges followed with a pair of free throws and a jumper from the left flank to up the Canton lead to 39-31.

Perhaps the final straw came as the horn sounded at the end of the frame.

Bridges pulled down a defensive rebound and launched a long pass down the floor to CarolAnn Sexauer (four points), who canned a banker as time ran out for a 42-33 lead.

Pickert's steal resulted in a layup by Mack early in the fourth, and there would be no more scoring during the five minutes that followed a bucket by Sexauer.

After the game, the Chiefs celebrated their first KLAAs conference title since 2006-07, with the disappointed Wildcats watching.

"I think we didn't play together in the third quarter," Kelp said. "We tried to do too much individual stuff, like dribbling inside the paint three times with our back to the basket is not going to get it done."

"We didn't play as well together offensively in the third quarter as we did in the second quarter."

SOUTH LYON 29, SALEM 26: An outstanding first quarter for visiting Salem Tuesday could not be maintained as the Rocks dropped a KLAAs consolation girls basketball game.

Salem (12-7, 9-4) broke out to a 12-2 lead after one quarter, but South Lyon started chipping away with a 10-3 edge in the second to make it 15-12 at halftime. The rally continued after intermission and the Lions finally surpassed Salem with less than three minutes to go.

Sara Stone led the Rocks with 11 points and 12 rebounds while Rachel Norman contributed seven points.

JOHN GLENN 49, PLYMOUTH 32: The Wildcats were defeated handily in Tuesday's KLAAs consolation game, despite a 10-point game from sophomore Katelyn Watson.

Also having good offensive nights for Plymouth (6-13) were sophomore Isis Haywood (eight points) and senior Stacey Klonowski (seven points).

Michelle Vanover tallied 22 points for Westland John Glenn (6-13).

Penguins nip Mercy in overtime, 3-2

GIRLS HOCKEY

Pond, the Penguins dropped a tight contest thanks to Hannah Periera's second goal of the game (with 8:48 to go in the third stanza). Scoring for PCS was Siebert, on an assist from Rojo.

CRANBROOK 7, PCS PENGUINS 0: The host Cranes got off to a quick 4-0 lead and never looked back in a game played Feb. 9.

Registering a hat trick and assisting on another was Sydney Sakwa, while Caley Chelios chipped in with a pair.

PCS PENGUINS 4, COUNTRY

DAY 0: Goalie Cortny McAdoo pitched a shutout for the Penguins, who scored in every period en route to the 4-0 victory at Southfield Civic Arena.

Marissa Sullivan (from Rebecca Majsak) and Sarah Coleman opened up the scoring with goals in the first period, and Jordyn Moore got the puck past the Yellowjackets Allie Ulrick with just 1:05 left in the middle frame for a 3-0 edge.

Moore wrapped up the scoring when she took a pass from Rojo and found the back of the Country Day goal with about six minutes remaining in the game.

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins have endured an up-and-down stretch recently, but the girls hockey team did earn a 3-2 overtime win Feb. 16 against Farmington Hills Mercy to finish 2-2 over the four games.

In the victory at Livonia's Eddie Edgar Arena, Kara Bongiovanni scored with 46 seconds left in OT for the winner.

PCS led 1-0 in the second on a tally by Rhianna Fleisher, but the Marlins evened the contest early in the third when Madeline McClain beat Penguins freshman netminder Cortny McAdoo.

Shauna Siebert restored the PCS lead with 6:49 remaining in the third, with the lone assist to Mallory Rojo. But Mercy knotted the game 2-2 with just 32 seconds to go, with Lauren Hensick converting a feed from Jacqueline Lapres.

That set the stage for Bongiovanni's winning goal.

LADYWOOD 2, PCS PENGUINS 1: On Feb. 13 at Canton Arctic

GYMNASTICS

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points. Other Plymouth-Canton Educational Park gymnasts to make the Top-15 were Salem freshman Ade Jepperson (34.350) and Plymouth sophomore Reagan Engstrom (34.0).

According to Cunningham, the conference triumph is something that could be a springboard. "If we can duplicate this performance we can be regional champs."

The regionals will take place Saturday, March 6, at Plymouth.

Members of the conference champions, listed in alphabetical order, are as follows: Madelyn Albers, Marina Belfiore, Alison Butala, Leigh Collins, Kelsey Courtney, Enisha Demsey, Alex Fideler, Jenna Poster, Brittany Granowicz, Brooke Granowicz, Kylie Hakala, Cathy Huang, Mallory Hudak, Daronique Jackson, Nicole Lasecki, Emily Lang, Rachel Lee, Ayana Lewis, Domanique Maddox, Marina Milad, Malaysia Patterson, Kali Pierce, Robyn Piwowar, Shelby Roberts, Tareina Rogers, Tayla Rogers, Michelle Saucedo, Kim Tuttle, Brittany Vance, Maureen Watson and Phalyn Winans.

Division honors

Cunningham said Piwowar won KLAAs South Division medals for season-long excellence in uneven bars (8.87 average) and all-around (36.87 average).

Other KLAAs South medal winners were Northville's Allison Kemp (vault, 9.34; balance beam, 9.43) and Livonia Blue's Emily Quint (floor exercise, 9.4).

In the KLAAs Lakes Division, medal winners were Salem's Nicole Jacobs (beam, 9.06), Brighton's Madison Cusick (bars, 9.24; floor, 9.25), Walled Lake Gold's Taylor Meredith (vault, 9.19) and Brighton's Marina Morelli (all-around 35.9).

GYMNASTICS RESULTS

KENSINGTON LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
GYMNASTICS MEET

Feb. 20 at Walled Lake Central
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Canton, 146.05 points; 2. (tie) Northville and Brighton, 140.45 each; 4. Livonia Blue, 139.225; 5. Livonia Red, 137.175; 6. Howell, 133.425; 7. Plymouth, 131.325; 8. Walled Lake Gold, 130.70; 9. Salem, 127.45; 10. Walled Lake Maroon, 124.10; 11. Hartland, 33.85.

DIVISION 1 RESULTS

Vault: 1. Emily Quint (Blue), 9.35; 2. Robyn Piwowar (Canton), 9.3; 4. Alex Fideler (Canton), 9.050.

Uneven bars: 1. Alex Fideler (Canton), 9.425; 3. Piwowar (Canton), 8.9.

Balance beam: 1. Quint (Blue), 9.7; 2. Fideler (Canton), 9.65; 4. Piwowar (Canton), 9.45.

Floor exercise: 1. Piwowar (Canton), 9.55; 2. Fideler (Canton), 9.3.

All-around: 1. Fideler (Canton), 37.425; 2. Piwowar (Canton), 37.20; 3. Quint (Blue), 36.875.

DIVISION 2 RESULTS

Vault: 1. Marina Morelli (Brighton), 9.2; 3. Mallory Hudak (Canton), 9.075; 4. Ayana Lewis (Canton), 9.05; 11. Reagan Engstrom (Plymouth), 8.65; 14. Natalie Diacova (Plymouth), 8.6.

Uneven bars: 1. Lewis (Canton), 9.2; 13. Engstrom (Plymouth), 8.1.

Balance beam: 1. (tie) Amy O'Brien (Northville), Nicole Jacobs (Salem), 9.4; 4. Adelaide Jepperson (Salem), 9.3; 10. Lewis (Canton), 9.1; 12. Brooke Granowicz (Canton), 9.05.

Floor exercise: 1. Hudak (Canton), 9.2; 6. Marina Milad (Canton), 8.75; 7. Jepperson (Salem), 8.65; 11. Engstrom (Plymouth), 8.5; 13. Lewis (Canton), 8.4; 15. (tie) Granowicz (Canton), Jane McCurry (Plymouth), 8.35.

All-around: 1. Lewis (Canton), 35.75; 5. Hudak (Canton), 34.775; 8. Jepperson (Salem), 34.350; 10. Engstrom (Plymouth), 34.0.

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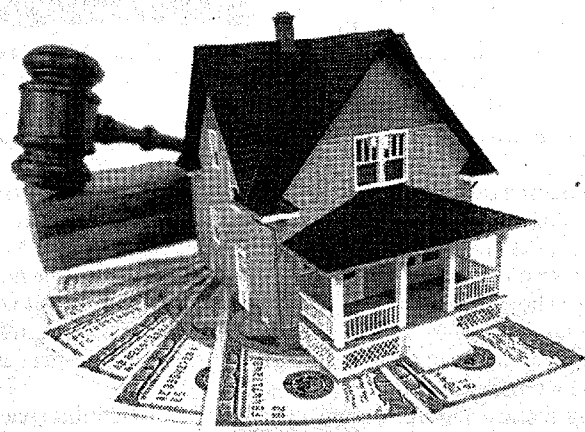
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Hospice focuses care on patients' needs

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Considering their patient base extends from Monroe County through Wayne County and into southern Oakland County, officials at Arbor Hospice felt a little land-locked in their old offices on Center Street in downtown Northville.

With their front door now just yards away from the Ann Arbor Road interchange with I-275 in Plymouth Township, hospice caregivers are finding the road to some 500 patients a little easier.

"Our office services a very large area," said Julie Richards, Arbor's vice president of community and provider relations. "The freeway access was very important to us."

Arbor Hospice now coordinates patient care out of its new space on Ann Arbor Road (40500 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 102), where they moved in October. Caregivers provide "end of life" care to patients, services that cover a wide range of areas and vary patient-to-patient.

Routine hospice care includes emotional support to families, caregivers and significant others; instructs and supports the patient and family on patient care, disease progression and treatment; manages symptoms like anxiety and restlessness and provides assistance with personal care needs for patients, while offering a respite for caregivers.

Richards said hospice workers and volunteers can perform duties ranging from singing or reading with patients to something as simple as listening.

"The beauty of hospice care is it's your choice," Richards said. "It really is about what they want to do. There's so little in life that's about you ... it's your kids or your job. This is one thing you have complete control over."

END-OF-LIFE CARE

Business name: Arbor Hospice
Business Address: 40500 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 102, Plymouth, MI 48170

Business Specialty: End-of-life care that focuses on the needs and goals of all family members. Serves Monroe, Wayne and southern Oakland counties.

Number of employees: 23 employees, 500 volunteers agency-wide

More info: (734) 794-5350 or www.arborhospice.org

Arbor Hospice uses 23 employees, and a bank of some 500 volunteers agency-wide (their corporate office is in Ann Arbor). A typical interdisciplinary team consists of a nurse, a hospice aid, a social worker, a spiritual adviser and a volunteer.

While patients vary in age from 17 and younger to 75 and older, the bulk (94 percent) of Arbor Hospice patients, according to the agency's fiscal 2009 report, are 50 or older. Of those, some 64 percent are at least 75 years old.

While patient diagnoses include HIV and other infectious diseases, kidney disease and dementia, the largest bloc of patients suffer from frailty or decline of age (29 percent) and cancer (42 percent).

To be eligible for hospice, a patient must have certification from two physicians that, if their disease follows a normal progression they have an estimated lifespan of six months.

According to hospice statistics, though, only 37 percent of the people who die in this country have the benefit of hospice service.

"People don't have the knowledge of what hospice can give them and their families," said Marie Pierce, community outreach representative for Arbor Hospice. "It's not only



Julie Richards (right) and Marie Pierce of Arbor Hospice talk about the agency's move from Northville to Plymouth.

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pain and symptom management, but it's also comfort. It's not just when they're sick; it's afterward, helping with the grief.

"Often, you see (patients) blossom once they're in hospice," Pierce added. "Their pain and their symptoms are being managed."

Most hospice care is done in-residence, though a small portion is done in hospitals and Arbor Hospice does have a 26-bed in-patient facility in Ann Arbor. Hospice care is a Medicare benefit, and Arbor

Hospice gets some 90 percent of its funding from Medicare, according to Richards. None of that matters, she said, when considering patients' welfare.

"We provide care based on a patient's need, not what we get reimbursed for," she said.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Celebrating Michigan

Basket Kreations hosts a Celebrate Michigan! party 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25.

Attendees can sample "Made in Michigan" specialties and receive a Made in Michigan goody bag with any purchase (while supplies last).

Basket Kreations is located at 550 Forest Ave., #10, in downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 354-9156.

Tropical vacation

Spa Juliana hosts a Tropical Vacation Mixer & Spa Party 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at 444 S. Main in Plymouth.

Bring a friend and head to Spa Juliana for its open house and travel party event. Meet Detroit radio personality Linda Lanci, who will be introducing a new Luxury Travel Club.

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Space is limited for this open house. You must RSVP at spajuliana@yahoo.com and bring your confirmation with you to participate in the Open House.

Credit union merger

Detroit Edison Credit Union, headquartered in Plymouth, and NuUnion Credit Union of Lansing are one step closer to a combined organization as the members of NuUnion voted to approve the merger at a special NuUnion member meeting last week. The merger would create the fourth largest credit union in the state and strongly positions the organizations to better serve both memberships through increased access to branches and ATMs, stronger capital position, and enhanced best-in-class

products and services. Pending approval from state and national regulators, Office of Finance and Insurance Regulation and National Credit Union Administration, Federal Trade Commission, and Department of Justice, the merger is expected to be final in early April.

According to William J. Thiess, Detroit Edison's CEO and President, "We both have decades of rich history to build on. We saw a great opportunity to step ahead for members of both credit unions. The values of our two organizations are aligned and our members-first philosophy was the basis of this potential partnership - more for the member. (Last week's) vote told us that NuUnion members agree."

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CHAMBER CHAT

Auction theme

The Chamber's Auction Committee is asking members to provide ideas for a theme for this year's 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 ideas for a theme by Feb. 22. If your theme is chosen we will announce it on our E-Newz. To provide ideas, please e-mail the Chamber at teri@plymouthmich.org.

Egg hunt

The Plymouth Lions Club will be sponsoring their second Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3. The project will consist of several of their members stuffing thousands of plastic eggs with festive toys and goodies for the kids and gathering a variety of prizes for children ages 0 to 14.

They are asking area businesses to contribute to this project with donations to purchase Easter candy, small toys, pens, pencils, coloring books, stuffed animals, plastic eggs, pre-stuffed Easter baskets, and any other prizes or monetary donations you might find appropriate.

For a donation of \$25 or more, your business name will be printed on a banner of appreciation, which will be hung at the event. All donations will receive recognition in their monthly newsletter as well as print media. E-mail JoEllen.Hincker@comcast.net or call Debbie Dowling at (734) 207-7464 for more information.

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



The Plymouth Lions Club will be sponsoring their second Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3.

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 name tags it will be easy to spot other Plymouth Community Chamber members and you will have others asking about those name tags.

There are 6 exhibit spaces available for this event. Spaces are \$60 each with 8-by-3-foot exhibit tables. Each space will also have a Plymouth Rocks framed 8-by-11-inch logo on the table to identify where you are from in 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.

Penn classics

March will be Alfred Hitchcock month at the Penn Theatre. The Thursday night line-up *The Wrong Man* on March 4; *Suspicion* on March 11; *Mr. & Mrs. Smith* on March 18 and *Rope* on March 25. The box office opens at 6:30 p.m. with movies starting at 7:00 p.m. All seats \$3.

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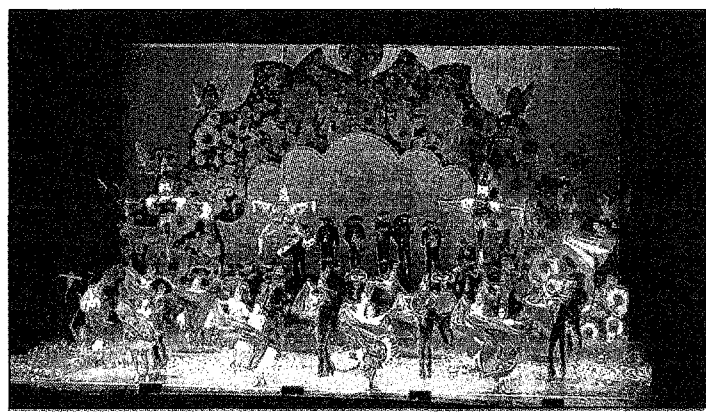
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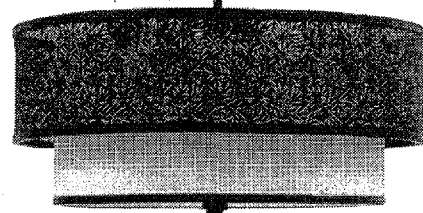
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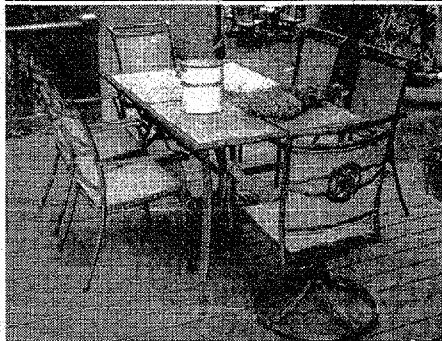
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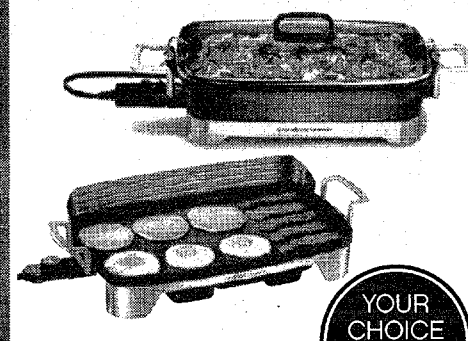
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Friends of the Opera of Michigan will hold a dinner to raise funds for *The Most Happy Fella*, a musical by Frank LoEsser, 6:30 p.m., Saturday, March 27, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Tickets are \$60 per person and include a family style dinner with open bar and live entertainment by baritone Quinto Milito and tenor Carlos Seise, who will sing classic and operatic arias. The musical will be performed Oct. 29-30 at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center in

Dearborn. For reservations call (313) 582-0997 or e-mail to fotomi@twmi.rr.com. Make checks payable to Friends of the Opera of Michigan and mail to P.O. Box 530115, Livonia, MI 48153-0115. Reservations deadline is March 13. Anyone interested in auditioning for the musical should send a resume to the organization by mail or e-mail. The group seeks sopranos, mezzo-sopranos, baritones, and tenors, as well as dancers, a choreographer, stage director and actors.

Local filmmakers nominated in first Detroit Independent Film Festival

BY SHARON DARGAY
OGE STAFF WRITER

Viewers will feel at home watching scenes in Sam Kadi's short film, *Raised Alone*, when it screens at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 6 at the inaugural Detroit Independent Film Festival in Detroit. The film, which is nominated for seven Michigan Film Awards, was partially shot at the historic Redford Theatre, The Inn at St. John in Plymouth, at a home in Bloomfield Hills, in and around Milford and Brighton and features a scene with Garden City Police Department members. "The film is a 100 percent Michigan product," said Kadi, a former Farmington Hills resident who now lives in Walled Lake, where he also owns a production studio. "Michigan post production, Michigan locations...We have what it takes in Michigan. We know how to make films. The only thing I brought from out of state was the money. Why go somewhere else?"

Kadi, a former mechanical engineer, wrote plays, acted and directed in his native Syria before coming to the United States on the invitation of a theater troupe who planned to produce one of his scripts. He also started doing stand-up comedy and working with music videos, which led to studies at the Motion Picture Institute of Michigan.

ARTISTIC SHORT FILMS

Although he plans to "move on" to a full-length motion picture, he views the short film as an important "calling card" for filmmakers.

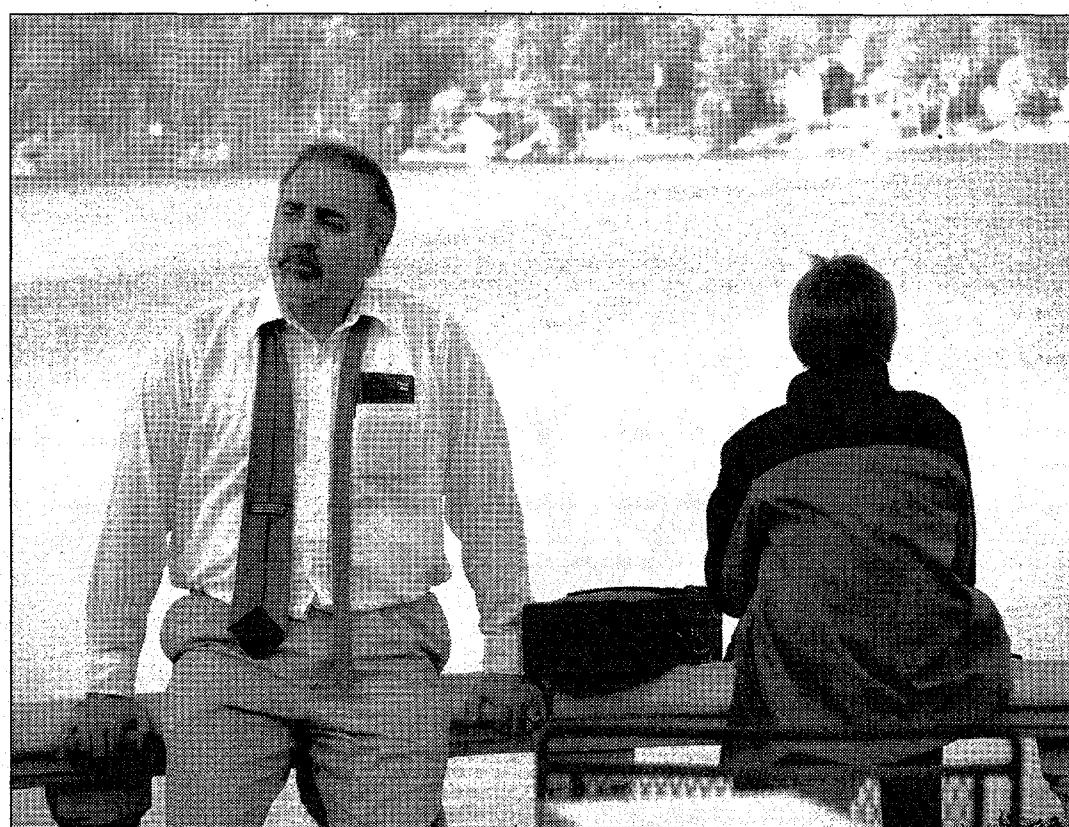
"The feature length is more popular and has more potential, but the short film is harder to make. It's harder to engage people in 15 to 20 minutes. A feature film takes more time and more money and people, but as far as having the art behind it, it's the short film."

Raised Alone, the first short film approved under the Michigan Film Incentives, takes viewers on an emotional journey in 29 minutes, Kadi noted. It tells the story of accomplished violinist Adam Bandle, who lived his childhood in a mansion, with a housekeeper for company. As a boy, he feels lonely and neglected by his obsessed workaholic father. As an adult and an accomplished violinist, he performs his world renown solo, providing a glimpse into his youth.

"My main goal was to make a film about a story that could happen. We make films to say something and make an impact," he said, adding that many feature length films entertain for the moment, but are easily forgotten. "It's not very often you go home and are still talking to your wife or girlfriend about it. Or you learn something from it. That's what we're missing now. We need to get back to our roots — to films that affect society and lives."

GRANDMA'S INFLUENCE

That's what Marija Makeska of Canton hopes to accomplish with her films — to inform as well as entertain. Two of



Actors Alex Safi and John Duffey Leo on the set of "Raised Alone."

Detroit Independent Film Festival Schedule

The festival will be held at the Burton Theatre, 3420 Cass Ave., Detroit; (313) 473-9238, and at the Derooy Auditorium on the Wayne State University campus, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. For more information or tickets visit www.burtontheatre.com or www.detroitindiefest.com.

Tuesday, March 2

7:30 p.m.
"Babysitter Wanted" - Special screening with guest appearance by Michael Manasseri (Writer/Director) of Big Screen Michigan/Big Screen Entertainment Group, who will introduce the film and host a Q&A immediately following.
10 p.m.
"Litterbug" - An earth-friendly, Generation X, coming-of-(middle)age, romantic comedy you can dance to.

Wednesday, March 2

5:30 p.m.
"The Stevie Wonder Show" - Detroit Premiere
8 p.m.
A special screening of "Poultrygeist: Night of the Living Chicken Dead" with guest appearance by Lloyd Kaufman followed by a Q&A.
10:15 p.m.
The World premiere of "You Can't Rent Here Anymore"

Thursday, March 4

3:30 p.m.
2 for 1 Feature including The US Premiere of "Eddie: The Documentary" and "Street Boss."
7 p.m.
The Michigan Premiere of The "Woman from Sarajevo."
10 p.m.
A Program of Short films

Friday, March 5

4:30 p.m.
"Alphonso Bow" - Feature

6 p.m.
"Fairview Street"
8 p.m.
"Is It Just Me?" Michigan premiere
10 p.m.
US Premiere of George A. Romero's "Survival of the Dead" - the sixth film from "The Dead Zombies" series
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Saturday March 6 - 2010 Michigan Film Awards

10:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
All day screening of nominated Michigan Shorts at the Burton Theatre and Derooy Auditorium.
7:30 p.m.
2010 Michigan Film Awards begin with a screening of the five "Best Short" Nominations at Derooy Auditorium.

3 p.m.
Detroit Film Think Tank Forum - A Panel of Michigan Film Office representatives along with other experienced filmmakers lead a discussion on how we can move the Michigan Independent Film industry forward.

Sunday March 7

12:15 p.m.
Detroit Premiere of Official Rejection, a documentary about two filmmakers journey in the film festival circuit and how they struggled getting their small independent film recognition. Includes interviews by Kevin Smith, Bryan Singer, Andy Dick, and Chris Gore. A panel and discussion will be held immediately after the screening.
6 p.m.
"The Twenty" - Detroit Premiere
10 p.m.
Closing Night - Viewing of three shorts, including the Detroit Premiere of "The 8th Samurai," a behind-the-scenes retelling of Akira Kurosawa's Samurai masterpiece The Seventh Samurai.

It's a semi-autobiography of my grandmother, mixed in with dramatic elements."

Soul Mates tells the story of two young girls, Elena and Anna, whose friendship stands the test of time in the midst of war, hate, cultural and religious differences. It is set during World War II in the Macedonia's capital Skopje, when Yugoslavia falls under the Fascist regime, and Eastern Macedonia is occupied by the Bulgarian Nazis.

Makeska, who used native-speaking actors, said the film comments "on the nature of human beings, on how human beings are selfish and so brutal." It also illuminates the history of the Jewish people in Macedonia.

STORYTELLER

Makeska, 23, said she's been writing since she was a youngster and was active in art and poetry festivals before she came to the U.S. about six years ago. She keeps a "big box" of her works at home.

"I'm a storyteller, but it didn't happen over night. We have a tradition of storytelling. It's a very cultural thing," she added.

"I'm planning to work in the film industry here. I plan to do anything that opens my doors. I love international film. I'd love to do research overseas and produce international films as well."

Other local filmmakers and actors nominated for awards include:

- Bryan D. Hopkins, who works in Farmington Hills, is a writer, director, editor, and cinematographer. His film, *Qing Lou Nu*, has been nominated in seven categories and will hold its official premiere at the Detroit Independent Film Festival.

- Grace Anne Rowan was raised in Redford, and is nominated for three acting awards: Best supporting actress in *First Day*, best actress in *Nikki and Eli* and best actress in *Playback*.

- Vikkie Gasko of Livonia, is nominated for a best supporting actress award for *Raised Alone* and *Retreat*.

them, *Slippery People* and *Soul Mates*, will screen at the festival on Saturday, March 6. *Soul Mates* also is nominated for a Michigan Film Award.

Makeska, a senior at Wayne State University with a double major, in communication arts

and theater, took her award-nominated project overseas for filming.

"I actually wrote a draft off of a story my grandma told me as a child," said the Macedonian native. "It's a documentary and narrative film, a mix of both.

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College students plan mission trip to Ghana

BY SHARON DARGAY
OGE STAFF WRITER

A handful of college students from Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian church in Plymouth hope to raise about \$5,000 each over the next few months to finance a mission trip to Africa this summer.

They're selling T-shirts on a trip Web site, planning monthly fund-raisers with local restaurants and will accept donations Saturday, Feb. 27 at a silent auction and information event.

"We'll give an overview of the trip. We'll have desserts and appetizers, lots of T-shirts and (auction) items," said trip co-leader Joshua McKamie, a nutrition major at Wayne State University. "We're asking for any donations at the door."

The event starts at 7 p.m., at Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 South Lotz Road, Canton.

Participants also will get a chance to meet the college students, including McKamie's co-leader, Rebecca Birman, a psychology major from Grand Valley College, who inspired the trip after spending several months volunteering at an orphanage in Ghana last year. McKamie said Birman returned from her mission trip passionate about the volunteer work and determined to return to Ghana. She suggested her church friends join her this year.

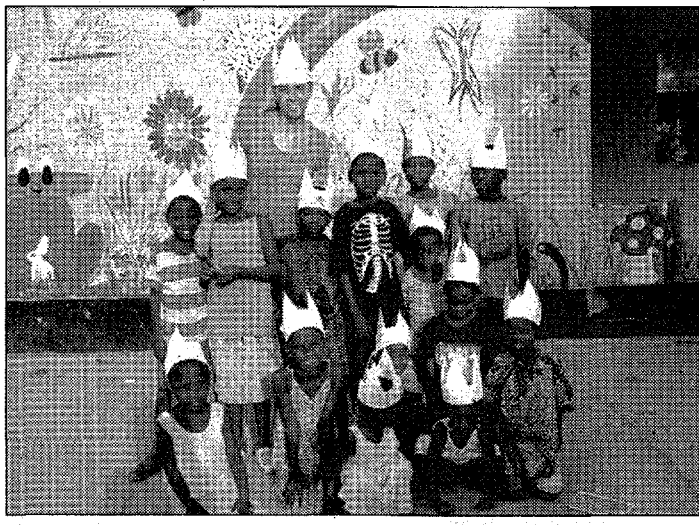
"I think we were all surprised when she did it because I don't think anyone thought she'd go to Africa by herself for four months. It was cool to see her make such a big commitment," McKamie said.

"We all grew up together and did short term trips in high school. We did stuff in America, like San Francisco and we worked in Detroit. Our bigger trips were to Puerto Rico, and Mexico and the Bahamas."

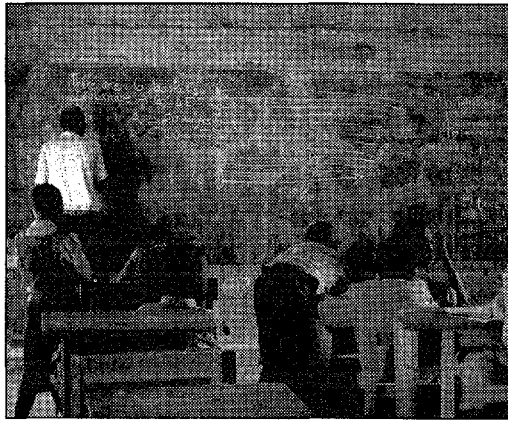
VARIED TASKS

In Ghana, the group will tutor children, cook meals, clean, and wash clothes at Rwanz-Mia Orphanage in Kpando, Ghana. They'll help finish building a new kitchen and a chicken coup.

Some of the volunteers will



Rebecca Birman poses with youngsters during her stay in Kpando, Ghana, last year. Birman inspired other members of Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Plymouth to return to Ghana with her later this year.



School is in session at the orphanage in Kpando, Ghana.

work on a "Talking Bible" project in partnership with Cross Connection Outreach, a non-profit organization dedicated to producing audio Bibles in every language. They aim to record the New Testament in the Ewe language and will distribute solar-powered devices that play the recorded scriptures to families.

Other projects include installing water purification systems and assisting local artisans develop sustainable businesses.

BIG IMPACT

"Probably what I'm most looking forward to is installing the water purification systems," McKamie said. "That seems to be an easy way to make a big impact on the kids' lives. I can't imagine getting sick frequently from parasites in the water. It's something we take for granted here — clean water."

The college students will travel in two separate groups. One will leave in May and return in November. The other will leave in June and return at the end of August.

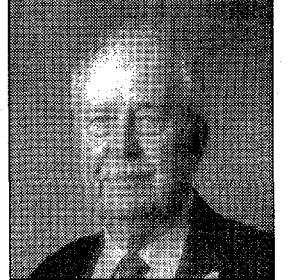
Other trip members are Robert Lindman, a marketing major from Eastern Michigan University, Steve Elliott, an English major from Dartmouth College, Samantha Terranella, a biology major from Wayne State, Natalie Sliva, a social work major from Michigan State University, David Pugh, a marketing major from Central Michigan University, and Daniel Monroe, a business management major from Taylor University. McKamie said the college students all are from the Plymouth-Canton area.

For more about the group, visit www.ghanatrinitytrip.com

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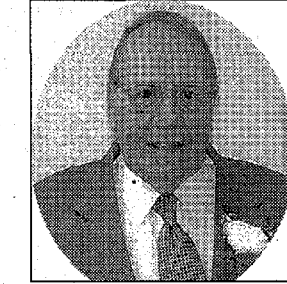
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JOSEPH J. GADBAW
Died February 21, 2010

Traverse City - Dr. Joseph John Gadbaw, 93, of Traverse City died at home on his beloved Boardman river on February 21, 2010 after a long illness. He was surrounded by his loving wife Ann and their children. They recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Dr. Joe was born in 1916 to the late Joseph and Wanda (Dombrowski) Sakowski in Utica, N.Y. He was adopted and raised by Marion Gadbaw. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Hamilton College in 1939 and a Medical Degree from Syracuse University in 1943. He served in the U.S. Army in Germany from 1946-1948. He lived and practiced medicine in Farmington for 38 years and dedicated his career to the care of the elderly. He was Medical Director of the Long Term Care Facility at Wayne County General Hospital from 1968 - 1972 and he joined the staff at Henry Ford Hospital in 1976. In 1993, his lifetime of work was honored by the American College of Physicians in naming him a Laureate. He was a loving and care physician who went beyond the call of duty, often making house calls on those who could not get to his office. He retired at age 73 and moved to Traverse City with his wife in 1990. His most important accomplishment was the inspiration that he imparted to his children and their children to strive for excellence in their life pursuits. Dr. Joe's greatest passions included golfing, carving, and fly fishing. He became interested in hickory stick golf clubs and was the driving force behind "The Haig" and annual tournament at Elmbrook Golf Course where participants dress in period clothes and use hickory stick golf clubs. He enjoyed playing in this tournament with his wife, three sons and grandsons. Joseph is survived by his wife Ann and their eight children, Joann Gadbaw, Dr. Joseph (Vicki) Gadbaw Jr., R. Michael (Sally Chandler) Gadbaw, John Gadbaw, Mary (Steve) Davis, Anne (Erik) Pus, Elizabeth (James) Kelderhouse and Cate Gadbaw, 20 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Visitation for friends and family will be held on Thursday, February 25th 2010 from 4 to 6 pm at the Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home. A funeral mass honoring Dr. Joe will be held on Friday, February 26, 2010 at 2 pm at St. Francis Catholic Church with Father Ken Stachnik officiating. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Grand Traverse Heritage Center, Munson Hospice, or St. Francis Catholic Church. Please visit Dr. Joe's online guestbook at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com to share your thought and memories with the family. The family is being served by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home & Cremation Services. www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com



SHIRLEY PATRICIA (SHERLOCK) GUILMETTE

Died February 17, 2010, at age 89.

Born on August 8, 1920 in Cork, Ireland to Harry T. (pattern maker at the Cork Ford plant) and Mary E. Scott, Patricia made seven transatlantic liner crossings between Ireland and the states before Harry Scott transferred to Dearborn's Ford plant when Patricia was ten. The family which included Pat's sister, Evelyn, resided in Wixom. Pat graduated from Walled Lake High School in 1938. Moving to Detroit to study bookkeeping, she met and married George H. Sherlock, a Chief Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy and they settled in Farmington, MI and had five children, Phillip Sherlock of Negaunee, MI who has a daughter, Krystine (Paul) Sherlock Vermeer, Rockford, IL, Thomas (Catherine) Sherlock of Commerce Twp., MI who has three children, Rebecca (James) Wathen, Commerce Twp., Amanda (Tim) Cholak, Northville, and Scott (Kathryn) Sherlock, Garden City, Susan Olson (Dale) Lalka, Lawton, MI who has three children, David (Stephanie) Olson, Caledonia, Leslie (James) Holder, Lawton, and Danielle (Nathan) Jones, Kalamazoo, Richard (Nancy) Sherlock, Farmington, MI, and Kenneth (Alynn Neely) Sherlock, Gregory, MI, all surviving. Also surviving, are fifteen great-grandchildren. Patricia has been described by family as the "best grandma ever". George Sherlock and second husband, Val Guilmette, the Farmington Village Carpenter, preceded her in death. Pat not only worked until retirement as a bookkeeper, she also enjoyed waiting on tables at Farmington's Danish Inn and being a hostess at the Elk's Club. With family present, Pat died peacefully at Milford's West Hickory Haven, a place where she received, to borrow a phrase from the director there, "the best of both worlds". Not only was she able to enjoy excursions out with children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, but was fortunate enough to have the needed around-the-clock care provided by an amazing staff. Patricia's quick wit, sense of humor, and lovable contrariness will be sorely missed by both family and her more-than-caring nursing home staff. Donations in memory of Pat (Sherlock) Guilmette may be made out to The American Cancer Society and mailed to Becki Wathen -Rely For Life, 4640 Duck Lake Rd., Commerce Twp., MI, 48382-1332.

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RAYMOND EUGENE SMITH

Died January 25, 2010. He was a former resident of Plymouth, Michigan, died in Fort Myers, Florida, leaving his wife Rosita Smith and daughters Mary Eberhardt and Julie Useman, sister Francis Cooley and Bobby Smith and five granddaughters and four great-grandchildren. He was a sheriff for Sumpter Township which he loved. He was the kindest man you could ever meet, he loved his family and all animals. He will be greatly missed!

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Lenten fare ranges from fish filet to pierogi

Eating fish when pregnant may lower depression risk

Researchers found that moms-to-be who ate no seafood were nearly 50 percent more likely to have symptoms of depression than those who ate seafood at least three times per week (12 or more ounces weekly).

Published in July's issue of *Epidemiology*, the study of more than 14,500 pregnant women shows that those who ate fish at least three times per week had the lowest level of risk for symptoms of depression.

For more information on the health benefits of eating seafood, visit www.hmhb.org/pnwg.

SWEET AND SPICY TUNA POT STICKERS

- Dumplings:
- 2 pouches (4.5 ounces) Sweet and Spicy flavored tuna
 - ¼ cup chopped water chestnuts
 - ¼ cup chopped green onions
 - 24 wonton wrappers
 - 1 tablespoon canola oil
- Dipping Sauce:
- ½ cup soy sauce
 - 2 tablespoons rice wine vinegar
 - 1 teaspoon canola oil
 - ¼-½ teaspoon red pepper flakes

Mix tuna, water chestnuts and green onions in a bowl. Put one wonton wrapper in the palm of your hand. With a wet finger, moisten boarder of the wrapper. Place 1 tablespoon of tuna mixture in middle of each wonton wrapper; fold it over and seal edges together tightly. Place on a cookie sheet and continue making the rest of the dumplings.

Heat oil in non-stick skillet. Place dumplings in skillet (a large skillet should hold 12) and fry until golden on the bottom, about 2-3 minutes. Add ¼ cup water and cover, cooking for 7-10 minutes until all water is evaporated. Meanwhile, mix soy sauce, rice wine vinegar, canola oil and red pepper flakes in a bowl. Take dumplings out of skillet and serve with dipping sauce.

Courtesy of Family Features



BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Bob Modes of Livonia always wanted to own a restaurant.

And if he keeps adding new items to the menu at St. Edith Church's Friday fish fry, he might just create one — if only for a few days during Lent every year.

"We wanted to get as many people to come to the fish fry as possible. I always try to tweak it every year," Modes said. "I tried fried clams, that's new this year. We were doing salmon patties and someone said, how about filet? So we added that."

"People say, why don't you do this all year long? But fish isn't that popular."

And that's why the Livonia church has such an extensive Lenten fish fry menu. Modes, who owns Dairy Whip in Redford, wants to make sure there's something for every palate.

"When I took over five years ago, we had fried fish, baked fish, mac and cheese and pierogi," he noted. "They were using pre-battered fish. They were like sponges."

Now Modes and his all-male crew of other church members and volunteers, batter the fish by hand.

"It makes a great difference in taste."

The adult dinner menu includes fried fish, baked fish, shrimp, fried clams, a sampler platter, salmon filet, crab cakes, and pierogi. All dinners include a beverage, French fries or baked potato, an all-you-can-eat salad bar — run by the St. Edith School Parent Association — and roll. The kid's menu offers a fish dinner, macaroni and cheese, or cheese pizza dinner. All include fries or salad and a drink.

The adult sampler plate costs \$10 and all other adult meals are \$8.50. Kid's meals are \$6 for fish and \$5 for macaroni and cheese or pizza.

Volunteers served 785 dinners last Friday, the first of seven Lenten dinners.

Modes said profits go to the St. Edith School Parent Association, and sports programs for youth.

The dinners are served 4:30-7 p.m., every Friday through March. On Good Friday, April 2, service starts at 3 p.m. The church is located at 15089 Newburgh, just south of Five Mile in Livonia. (734) 464-1222

MAC AND CHEESE

At St. Dunstan Catholic Church in Garden City, the macaroni and cheese dinner isn't just for children.

"We started a year before last with salad and macaroni and cheese. It seemed to take off," said Howard Behr, a church usher for 14 years and treasurer of the Ushers Club, sponsor of the Lenten dinners. "You can have fish, shrimp and macaroni and cheese. It's for all ages."

"Fish may be ordered baked or fried. What's really changed is the fish is now outstanding. It tastes like fish. There's not a thick batter on it."

St. Dunstan, like St. Edith, used to buy pre-battered fish, but last year switched to hand-battering.

"We upgraded the fish at the end of last year," Behr said, adding that the church serves cod. "Where we purchased it and how we prepare it changed."

A one-piece fish dinner costs \$5.25; two pieces are \$6.75 and three pieces are \$7.75. Shrimp and combo dinners also are available for \$8 each.

All dinners include a roll, coffee, tea, milk and a choice of French fries, baked potato or macaroni and cheese and a choice of salad or coleslaw.

A la carte items include a pizza slice, mac and cheese, French fries, baked potato and salad.

Homemade desserts and pop are available for an additional cost.

Behr said the Ushers Club donates the money to the church's food pantry.

St. Dunstan's Lenten dinners are served 4-7 p.m. every Friday through April 2. The church is located at 1526 Belton, Garden City; (734) 425-6720.

Here's a sampling of other local church fish fries:

- Our Lady of Good Counsel Booster Club serves baked or fried fish, shrimp and combo meals, 5:30-7:30 p.m. every Friday through March 26, at the church, 47650 N. Territorial Road, at Beck, in Plymouth; (734) 453-0326. Dine in or carry out.

Adult meals are \$7 and senior meals are \$6. They include coleslaw, baked potato and roll. The children's menu, for ages 8-12, is \$4 and includes fried fish, shrimp, macaroni and cheese or chicken strips served with chips, applesauce, and beverages. Children, age 7 and under eat for free.

Joanie Spryszak, a Booster Club member, said the free meal for children 7 and under is designed to help families coping with the poor economy.

"Someone came up with that and we said let's see what happens. We realize it's a little tougher for a lot of families this year. Hopefully it will keep families coming in," she said.

- St. Aidan's Men's Club sponsors the Lenten meals, which run 5-7 p.m., every Friday through March 26. The menu includes baked cod and

baked salmon, pasta, roasted potatoes, steamed vegetables, coleslaw, roll, dessert, coffee, tea and milk. There's also mac and cheese for children. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children, free for children age 2 and under.

The church is located at 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia; (734) 425-5950.

- St. Raphael, 31530 Beechwood, off Merriman, two blocks north of Ford Road, Garden City, serves hand-battered Icelandic haddock, shrimp and combo dinners from 4:30-7 p.m., or until sold out, through March 26. Dinner service is from 3-7 p.m., on April 2.

Dinners cost \$8.50, the fish sandwich plate is \$7, a one-slice pizza meal is \$3 and a two-slice meal is \$4. Pop and bottled water are \$1 and Arizona iced tea is \$1.50.

Dinners include choice of potato (fries or mashed) coleslaw, roll and butter, coffee, hot tea or milk. Carry out dinners don't include a beverage. (734) 427-1533.

- St. Michael the Archangel, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia, offers all-you-can-eat fish fries 4:30-7 p.m., every Friday through March 26. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children, age 3-11 and free for children under 3. (734) 261-1455

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Disabled people can enjoy comforts of home

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Builder Bob Johnson of Livonia's got some 34 years of experience in the field. About 25 years ago, his Johnson Building Co. did a home for a disabled person. An occupational therapist saw it and liked what she saw.

"She passed my name around to other occupational therapists," he said.

"They need to be able to roll under countertops and stoves," he said of wheelchair users, adding that's true of sinks as well.

"The least little bump is a real hardship for them. It can be very hard on the person in the chair," he said. The transition from ceramic to hardwood flooring, for example, can be eased with a tapered edge.

"Those of us who aren't in a wheelchair we don't think anything about it," he said of the bumps.

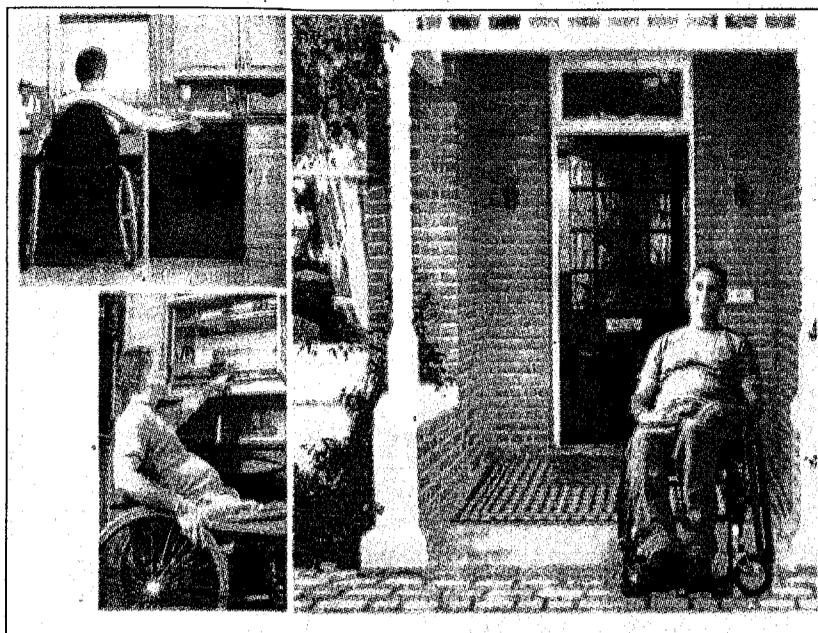
Bathrooms are often not large enough for a wheelchair user, Johnson said, noting some can transfer to a shower stall or toilet. "They still need room to get the chair in," and a roll-in shower's called for.

Stephanie Kearney, a home care nurse with Oakwood Healthcare, was glad to help a disabled patient who lives in Lathrup Village.

"She was like a prisoner in her home," Kearney said of the woman who's in a wheelchair. The woman lacked money to make her home livable with her handicap.

Kearney put her in touch with Downriver businesses that paid and had work done to retrofit the woman's home. The effort was spearheaded by Brandy Ochab, who owns the Pete's Place pizzeria with her husband.

"Now she's able to shower," Kearney said of the patient. "She's



able to cook." New flooring accommodates her wheelchair, and she has use of a roll-in shower and hospital-type bed to prevent bedsores.

As a home care nurse, Grosse Ile resident Kearney has inside knowledge of how to make a home livable for a wheelchair-bound resident.

"She hadn't been able to wash dishes or vegetables," she said of the woman's former kitchen sink, now lower, as are countertops.

"It's nice if they can have hardwood or tile floors," the nurse said. Some types of carpet will accommodate wheelchair use better than others.

Pullout shelves are best in a kitchen with a lazy Susan for corners. There can't be an unreachable freezer on the top of a refrigerator.

Kearney's heard of new dishwashers for disabled people that open similar to a drawer and are three-quarters in size. Regular dishwasher doors are hard to navigate around,

she said. Stoves need to be modified, as wheelchair users can't safely reach back burners on a regular stove.

"Most of the supplies are very expensive," she said in noting cost as an obstacle to retrofitting a home. Her patient's home had ample doorway space, so that wasn't a problem, but there were other issues.

Kearney recommends a wheelchair user employ a sturdy chair in the shower rather than a less stable bench. Such shower users need grab bars and a hand-held shower.

"The whole bathroom floor has to be the same level," she said, and designed so water drains properly.

In the bedroom, disabled users find shelves easier than drawers for storing clothing. A roll-in closet can be a big help, and hanging clothes need to be within reach, she said.

Kearney, who's been in home care about four and a half years, a nurse for about 14, also recommends a cen-

tral electronics area where all home light controls can be within reach.

Older people who aren't in wheelchairs also have products available to help them stay in their homes. Telephones are available with larger dial numbers, along with Life Line services that can summon emergency help.

"They're living longer," Kearney said of seniors. She recommends removing throw rugs which are a tripping hazard; having grab bars in the shower and a raised toilet seat; and better lighting for older people.

Seniors often don't need extensive home renovation, she said, but may need to move to a downstairs bedroom if climbing stairs becomes an issue.

Builder Johnson said research of the American Association of Retired Persons and National Association of Home Builders shows a growing need for such housing. His Web site is www.johnsonbuildingco.com and the phone is (734) 522-0224.

He finds the work rewarding: "It is for me and that's the reason I've stuck with it for so long," said Johnson, who also does regular remodeling. He added the Americans with Disabilities Act standards apply more to businesses and other public buildings, and ADA-compliant isn't generally sufficient for a disabled person's home.

Disabled people are often sensitive to heating and cooling, Johnson said. "Lighting's very important," he said, adding many need rails on both sides of a stairway.

A grab bar for the step or two from garage to house is a big help, he added.

"A lot of people can't afford the things," he sees many community groups such as the Knights of Columbus doing ramps and other projects "which is very good."

Naples foreclosures lower for area

Q: I am interested in buying on the West Coast of Florida around the Naples/Fort Myers area, and I am wondering what the situation is with the extent of foreclosures?

A: The number of foreclosures in the Fort Myers area has decreased percentage wise, although there are still a significant number of foreclosures which have not come to fruition yet given the dire economic straits in Florida. In Naples, the number

of foreclosures is significantly less, particularly in the high-end units over \$1.5 million where most of the people pay cash for their units. In any event, it is

imperative that you find a good Realtor and a good real estate condominium lawyer before you enter into any purchase agreement, and, be sure that you examine the comparables in the area in which you are thinking about buying a condominium.

Q: I am a member of a board and our management company has been sued along with us. Thus the board insists upon using the same attorney to represent our management company who is representing us and, of course, our management company recommended this attorney in the first instance. What do you think?

A: I think you need to check into the relationship between your management company and the attorney. If your attorney is representing the management company in your matter, how can he or she effectively represent the association if there are any adverse circumstances between the two, namely your association and the management company. Moreover, in future cases and/or issues concerning the review of the management agreement, how can the attorney, in effect, serve two masters? I would suggest that you get an outside opinion from another attorney as to the propriety of the circumstances and whether or not you should engage separate counsel to represent the association.

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

Company knows how to make home work for disabled

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Wright and Filippis, founded in Detroit in 1944, is a company full of people who know about modifying homes for the disabled and older people. The home medical equipment business does a lot of barrier-free modifications including elevators, stair lifts and ramps.

"It's definitely growing," said Tony Filippis, department head for the

lift elevator and ramp department, speaking of the need. Many people want to move their parents into their homes.

"People are doing more to make their homes accessible," Filippis said. The family business does a lot of modifications for wheelchair users who can live independently; some are Wright and Filippis staffers.

"They're able to function completely independently," he said of

residents of modified homes.

Bathroom modifications include patient transfer lifts overhead, a "crane on trolley" system. The resident can move sideways onto the toilet, into the tub or even from the bathroom into bed, completing the transfer with one device.

Outdoor modifications include ramps and vertical wheelchair lifts for porches.

"We widen doorways so they can get their wheelchairs through the

doorways," he said. Grab bars are often needed in bathrooms, and Wright and Filippis can do roll-in showers as well as transfer seating devices for the bathroom.

For the kitchen, there are a lot of cabinets that pull down on a track-type system, he said. "They don't have to just rely on the lower cabinets."

Wright and Filippis is available at (800) 482-0222, online at www.firsttoserve.com.

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 9-13, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 2-6, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Certified Graduate course Business Management for Building Professionals on Tuesday, March 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Association Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills.

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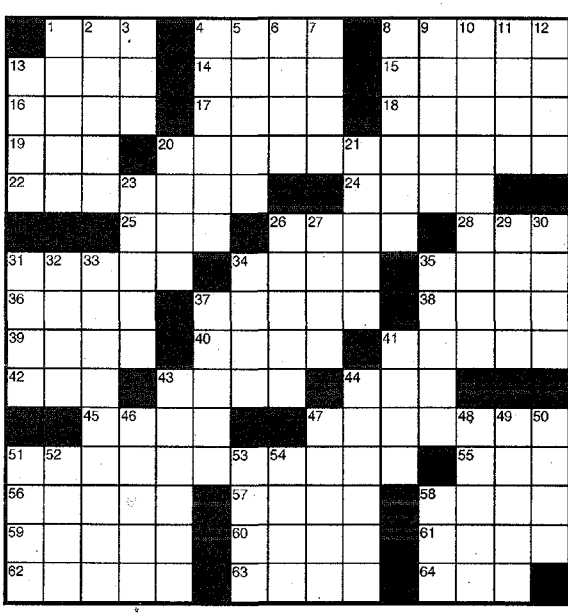
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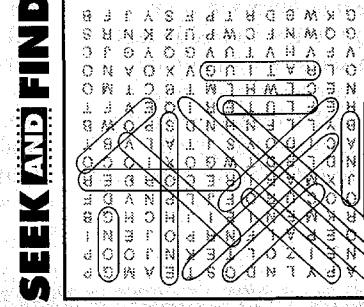
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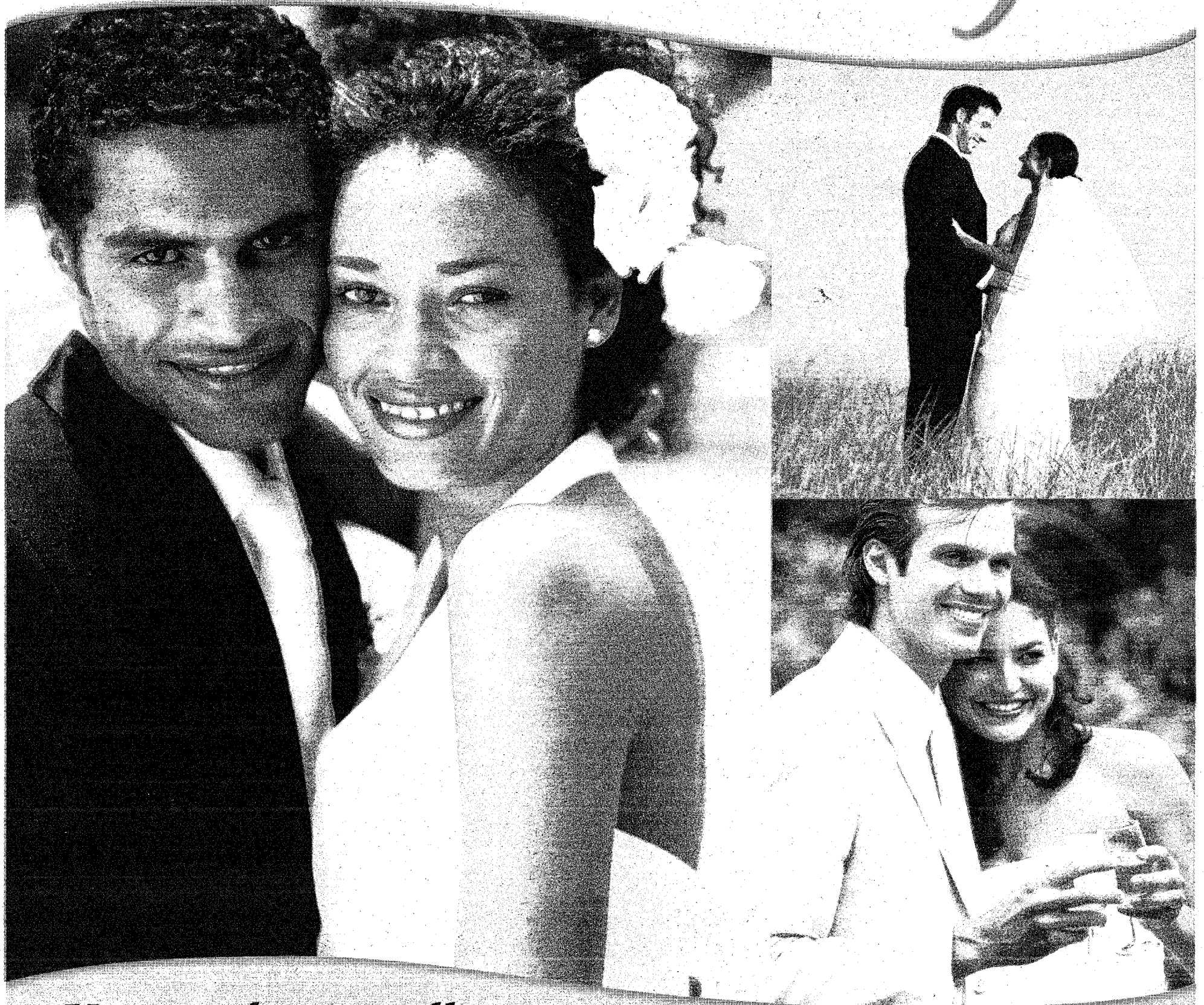
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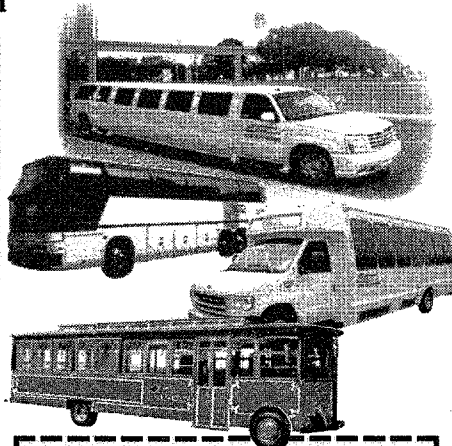
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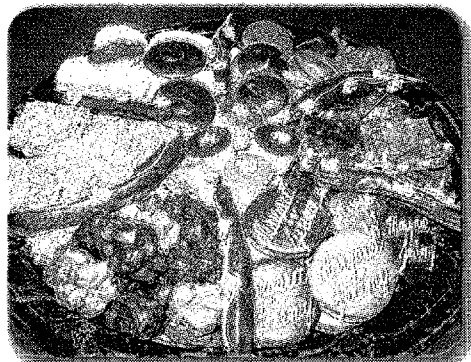
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Sydney Bogg's Sweet Essentials

Since 1936, Sydney Bogg's Sweet Essentials has been making candies by hand. Today the recipes that have been handed down through generations continue to delight and serve customers throughout Metro Detroit.

When engaged couples come to Sydney Bogg's Sweet Essentials, they are typically looking for Sweet Essential's ever-popular traditional cake toppers. For years, they have been crafting candy pieces of the bride and groom's initials to grace the tops of wedding cakes. These toppers can be customized for any wedding, with different colors and writing styles. Green and earth tones have become popular recently along with darker choices as compared to traditional pinks and lavenders.

Sweet Essentials also offers a variety of options for wedding day tables, such as credit card size candy plaques made for table settings or favor boxes with pieces of candy that can be chosen from the wide variety of handmade chocolates.



Sydney Bogg's Sweet Essentials, Berkley.

Sweets 21

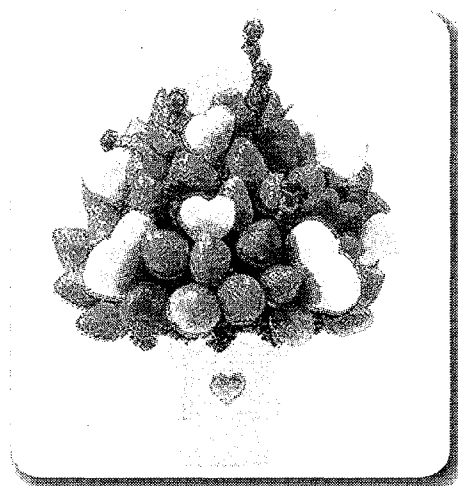
Sweets 21, located in downtown Plymouth, prides itself on specialized wedding and special occasions cakes. Ample time and exceptional tailor to detail is devoted to each customer to find out what is important on their special day. Not only do they create beautiful cakes, they use only the finest ingredients, anything from chocolate to fresh fruits. The taste is just as important as the details on the outside. This season, Sweets 21 has created several wedding cakes with winter gold, red and silver in the forefront. Sweets 21 also offers a variety of cakes for any occasion. Their shop is lined with pastries, baklava, spinach pies, and cookies.



Sweets 21, Plymouth.

Edible Arrangements

Edible Arrangements in Berkley offers alternatives for wedding day centerpieces and desserts. Today, brides have many different options when it comes to centerpieces for the wedding day. As an alternative to traditional fresh flower arrangements, Edible Arrangements offers bouquets of fruit and chocolate covered pieces that can double for centerpieces or appetizers and dessert. A popular arrangement is their Sweetheart Bouquet made of chocolate covered strawberries placed in a ceramic heart shaped vase. Their Hearts and Berries bouquet features strawberries, pineapple and grapes (show below). Apples dipped in chocolate and rolled in nuts or chocolate covered strawberries are popular favor choices among brides.



Edible Arrangements, Berkley.

Mary Dennings Cake Shoppe

Mary Dennings of Mary Dennings Cake Shoppe has been creating beautiful wedding cakes for more than 35 years. Recognizing that wedding cakes have changed throughout the years, the shoppe has no limits when it comes to creating a wedding cake today. Wedding cakes don't have to be all white with flowers or confined to one style. Brides are now using any color of the rainbow with unique decorations. Mary Dennings Cake Shoppe has crafted cakes that are green, pink, brown or blue.

A popular theme this year is cakes completely covered in butterflies, which symbolize new life and beginnings.

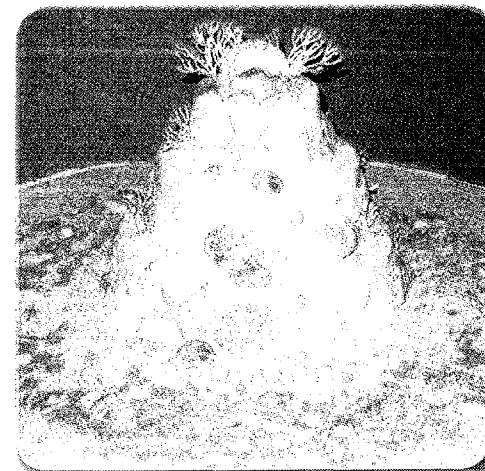


Mary Dennings Cake Shoppe, Westland.

Mary Dennings says she loves to create wedding cakes to mirror the bride's dress, which she thinks sets the mood the entire wedding. The special detailing on the dress such as beads, pearls, or lace is recreated on the wedding cake to compliment the bride in a unique and special way.

South Lyon Village Bakery

South Lyon Village Bakery & Deli has been serving the area's best tasting birthday and wedding cakes for more than 25 years, specializing in wedding, special occasion and birthday cakes. The shop provides beautiful designs and homemade frosting. All cakes are made with the freshest ingredients and are never frozen. Delivery is offered along with reasonable rates. All cakes are made to order. Special and custom requests can be honored.



South Lyon Village Bakery, South Lyon.

Fabulous Florals

There is no shortage of weddings flowers and arrangements to choose from any time of the year, even in the dead of winter.

Even with so much to choose from, including high fashion arrangements and custom designs, today's trend is still to be classic and economical.

"Brides are looking for distinction and they're looking for elegance," said Lawrence Derderian, owner of My

Lady's Florist in Garden City. "When push comes to shove, they edge back more toward a more traditional, simpler approach."

Hand tied flowers and single flowers of white roses, orchids or lilies are simple arrangements loved by many brides.

But for brides looking for something more exotic, local florists are still able to come through with unique arrangements.

"The chocolate colors are popular this year," said Brian Bak, owner of Bakman Florist in South Lyon. "The growers have been working on it to make chocolate gerber daisies."

My Lady Florist is located at 930 S. Wayne Road in Westland and can be reached at 734-326-6345.

Bakman Florist is located at 22280 Pontiac Trail in South Lyon. Visit www.bakmanflorist.com or call 248-437-4168.

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Roses, Sunflowers,
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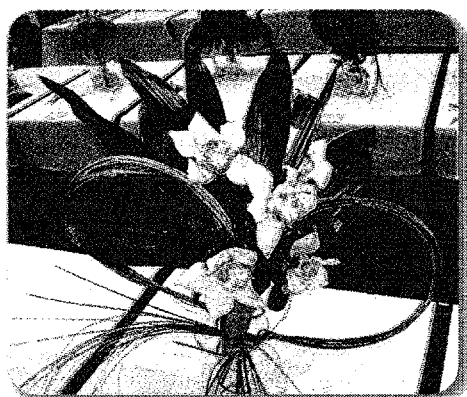
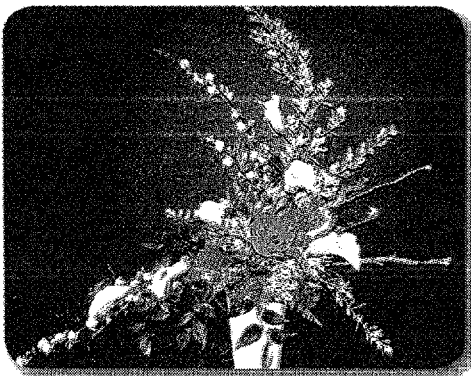
(Above) Hand-tied rose bouquet with babies breath and burgundy sash. My Lady Florist, Westland

(Below) Traditional bridal bouquet of white flowers. My Lady Florist, Westland



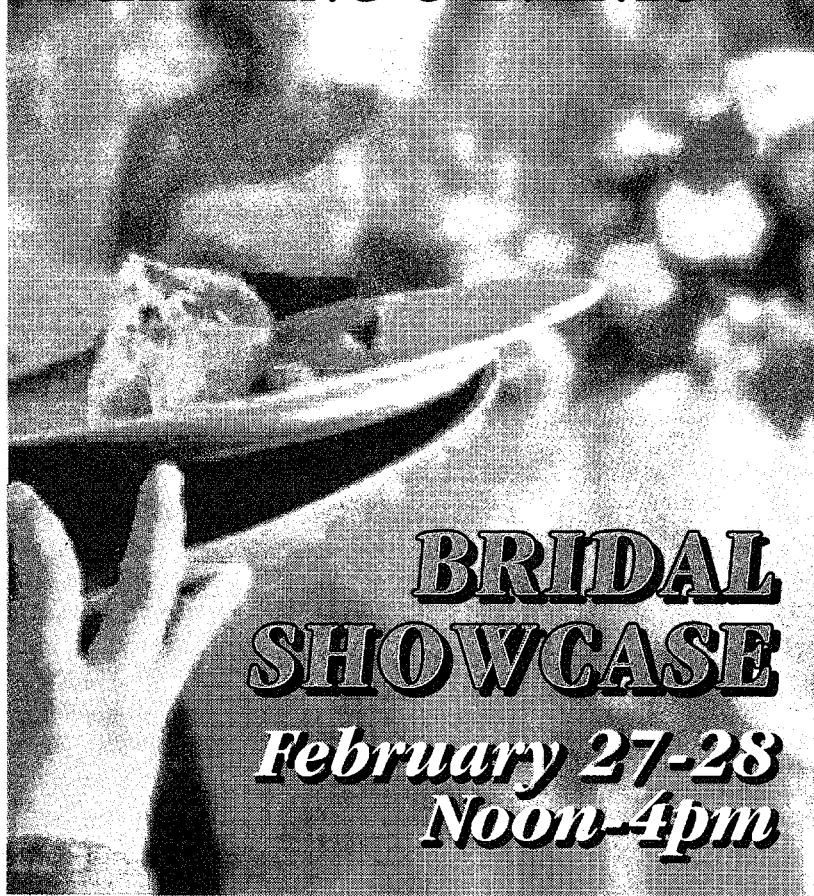
Arrangement includes yellow oncidium orchids, hot pink peonies, yellow spray of mini cymbidium orchids, fire and ice roses, large monestero, leaves for effect and bleached ornamental sticks. Available at Bakman Florist, South Lyon.

(Below) Contemporary arrangement of six white calla lilies, apple blossom snapdragons, variegated myrtle and one red rose in center. Bakman Florist, South Lyon



(Above) "Brides in Wireland" arrangement includes a cone shawire structure filled with wired bear grass in a heart shape with Ty leaves, white and burgundy cymbidium orchids for a simply elegant look.

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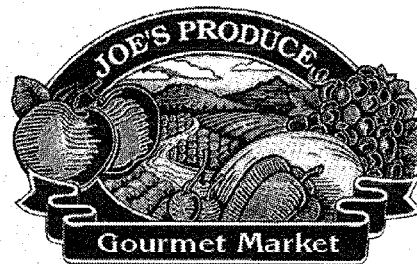


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The clubhouse is currently undergoing a remodel expansion that will allow larger weddings up to 225 people.

"Our motto is, 'The up north feel without the drive,'" said John Gillis, Coyote Preserve certified executive chef and food and beverage director. "Brides just love it here."

The upscale facility features a picturesque all-windows open room overlooking the 18th hole, waterfall and fountains. Guests can choose from an 11-page menu, ice carvings, sweet tables,

wedding cakes made on-site, specialty desserts and more to customize their event.

Coyote Preserve Golf Club is located at 9218 Preserve Drive in Fenton. Visit www.coyotepreserve.com or call 810-714-3206 for more information.

Jimi's Family Restaurant

Located in downtown Royal Oak, Jimi's Family Restaurant offers a banquet hall that seats 140 guests with a full-service bar.

"Several full-length floor to ceiling mirrors give the room a unique ambience that is soft and romantic," said Rhonda Carbary, banquet manager.

Carbary works with each couple within their budget to determine personalized menus and other offerings, including champagne toasts, punch fountains and more at a reasonable rate.

Jimi's Family Restaurant is located at 714 S. Washington Ave. in Royal Oak. Call 248-548-9377 for more information.

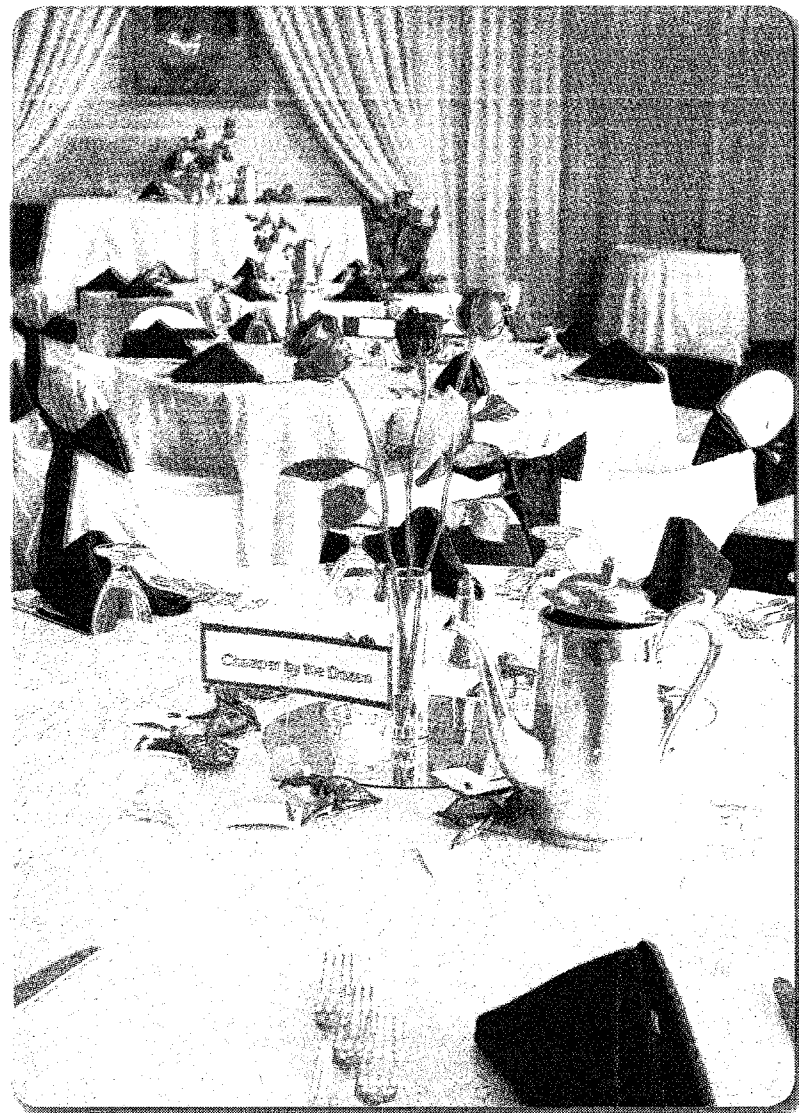
Pi Banquet Hall

Seated wedding receptions of up to 250 people including a dance floor can be held at Pi of Southfield's banquet hall. Each couple works directly with Owner Tony Gioutsos to create the perfect evening.

The gorgeous hall features real silver silverware, china imported from Germany and a soon-to-open outdoor area for wedding ceremonies.

"Our food is cooked to order for each event unlike most banquet halls," Gioutsos said.

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Pi Banquet Hall, Southfield

cutting and service, white chair covers and choice of sash color, white table linens and choice of 45 different colored napkins (certain times and dates required for this rate).

The restaurant and hall also boasts Executive Chef Marlin Smith, former chef at Excalibur and Beans and Cornbread.

Pi Banquet Hall is located at 28847 Franklin Road in Southfield. Visit www.pibanquethall.com or call 248-358-3355 for more information.



Coyote Preserve Golf Club, Fenton



Jimi's Family Restaurant, Royal Oak

Tanglewood Golf Course

Amid this impeccably manicured golf course is a clubhouse that seats 175 people with a walkout patio overlooking a scenic pond.

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Tanglewood Golf Course is located at 53503 Ten Mile Road in South Lyon. Visit www.twoodonline.com or call 248-486-3355 for more information.

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The church has an interesting layout because it has no center aisle. Couples can choose to ring the church's bell, and antique stain glassed windows add a romantic ambience.

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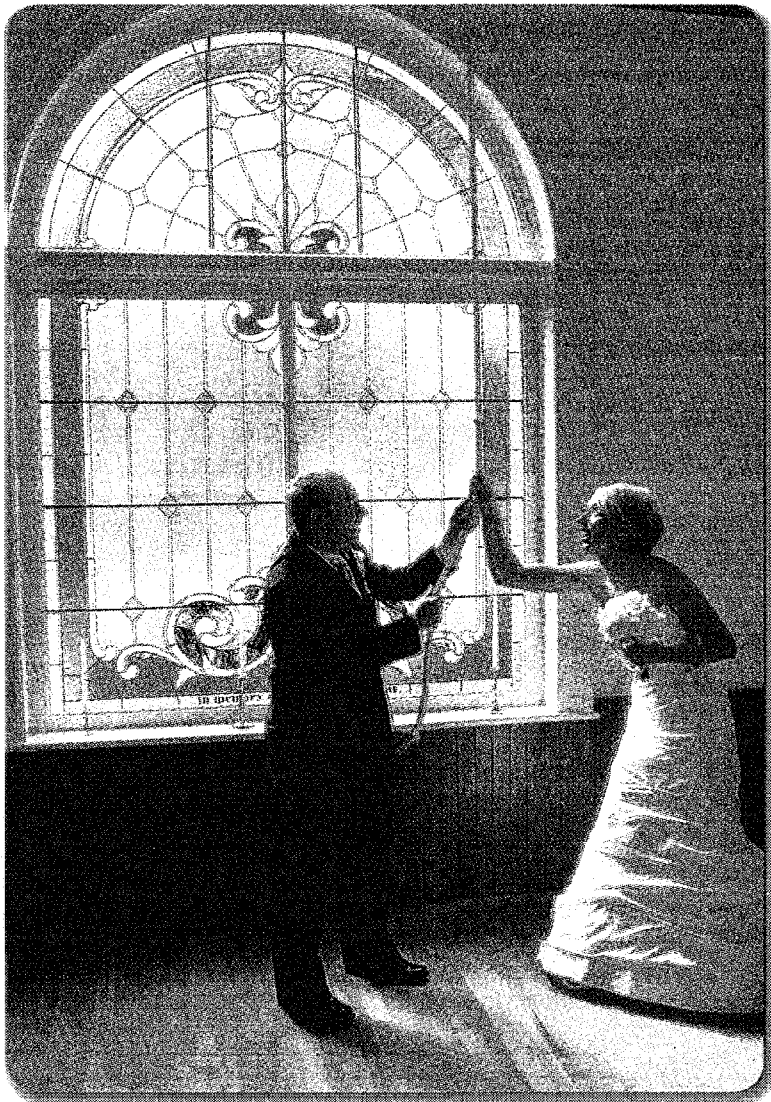
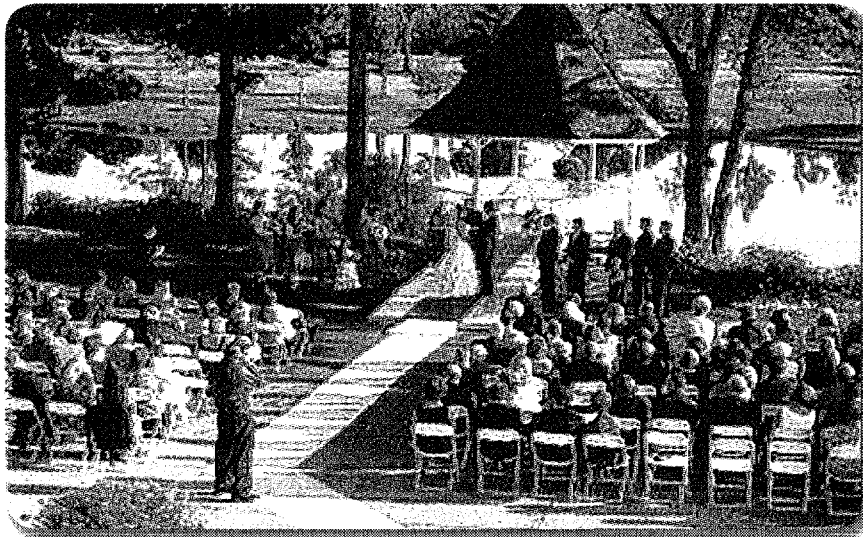


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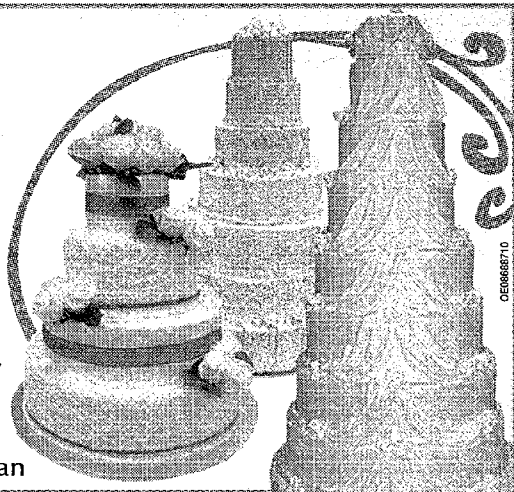
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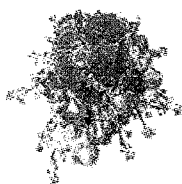
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The owners aren't afraid to buy trendy pieces to offer more variety. The Ann Arbor store currently features dresses in red, pink and blue.

Veils and accessories are offered too. The shops offer pieces from accessory designer Erica Koesler, who creates antique pieces that are hand beaded, old-fashioned style veils, rosaries and more. The small staff also works with brides to create custom veils, belts and headpieces as requested.



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Catherine Gregg of B. Ella Bridal models one of her favorite bridal gowns. B. Ella Bridal is known for a large and unique inventory, as well as their relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Catherine manages the Ann Arbor B. Ella Bridal, and is a top selling bridal consultant, who is also in the process of finding her own bridal gown.

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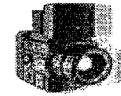
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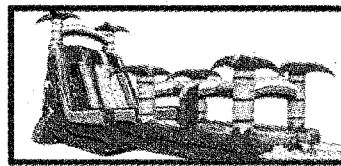
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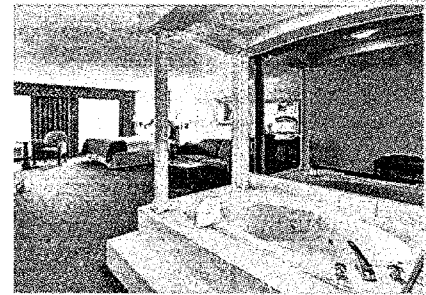


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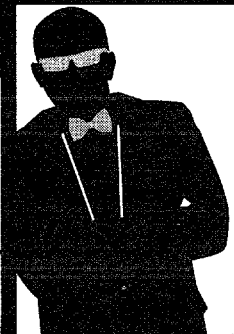
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