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Dragon tix

The Observer & Eccentric/Hometown Newspapers will be giving away five family four-packs to the advanced screening of *How To Train Your Dragon* 11 a.m. Saturday, March 20, at the AMC Livonia.

How To Train Your Dragon is set in the mythical world of burly Vikings and wild dragons, and based on the book by Cressida Cowell. The action comedy tells the story of Hiccup, a Viking teenager who doesn't exactly fit in with his tribe's longstanding tradition of heroic dragon slayers.

The movie will be shown in IMAX-3D. Go to hometownlife.com to enter the contest.



Anyone planning on walking the Michigan 3-Day for the Cure gets a chance to find out what to wear at a kick-off event March 20 in Novi.

Walk kick-off

Saturday, March 20, marks the 24-week training kick off for local Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure walkers.

Registered Michigan 3-Day for the Cure walkers - and anyone interested in walking - can get started at the event, which will feature staffers from New Balance conducting a footwear seminar and hosting a fashion show displaying the proper apparel to wear during the three-day, 60-mile journey.

The event takes place 9 a.m. to noon at Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, 44175 W. Twelve Mile in Novi.

Registration is still open for the 2010 walk. For more information, visit The3day.org

Diva day

Ladies are invited to attend the second annual Diva Day in downtown Plymouth 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 27.

Many downtown restaurants are offering special Diva Drinks plus lunch, dinner and appetizer specials. For example, 336 Main will offer special martini flavors and Sean O'Callaghan's will offer the appetizer menu for half-off, plus drink specials.

The event is free to attend. Maps of participating merchants are available at any of the shops listed above. For more information call (734) 453-1540.



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Water wonder

Canton's Ryan Boes is set for a pretty busy day Friday, taking part in the Division 1 boys swimming state meet, then rushing back for a DECA business and marketing state competition. For more on the Canton High School swimmer, please turn to page B1.

Work starts on downtown streetscape

Contractors began construction Tuesday on a \$2 million streetscape beautification project in downtown Plymouth.

And, despite construction that will continue through mid-May, officials are assuring residents and visitors alike that downtown Plymouth "remains open for business" with plenty of parking available for visitors to shop.

The \$2 million project will include the repaving of Main Street from Penniman Avenue to Ann Arbor Trail, as well as Ann Arbor Trail from Union Street to Forest Avenue. New concrete intersections will be constructed at Main and Ann Arbor Trail as well as Ann Arbor Trail and Forest.

The project also calls for new crosswalks at the corner of Main and Ann Arbor Trail, as well as the mid-block crossings on Main St. and Ann Arbor Trail and Forest. A decorative pedestrian feature - a multi-colored compass - will be centered in the middle of the intersection of Main and Ann Arbor Trail.

Decorative mast arms for new LED traffic signals will also be part of the streetscape at Main and Ann Arbor Trail, which is what crews worked on this week. Crews installed a temporary wooden pole on the southeast corner of the intersection and switched the overhead electrical wires to the temporary pole.

Since most of the beginning work will be on the southeast corner of the intersection, pedestrians are being advised to use the north side of Ann Arbor Trail to move east and west through the downtown, or cross Main Street. While the traffic signals are being switched to the temporary pole, the intersection will be set up as a four-way stop intersection. Temporary stop signs will be set up and traffic will be slow in the area. The right lane of northbound

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Rauhorn Electric works on the traffic signal at Main and Ann Arbor Trail. Work on the downtown Plymouth streetscape project is going to include moving traffic signals to temporary poles.

Residents debate cap on liquor licenses

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth residents discussing a proposed cap on the number of establishments licensed to sell alcohol by the glass came down on all sides of the issue Tuesday evening.

A public meeting before the City Commission's liquor license review committee, which has been studying the demands placed on city services by bars, restaurants and other places licensed to serve alcohol, drew a range of opinions from residents.

Some argued for no limit, saying the market should determine how many places should be serving alcohol; others said they'd favor a cap; and some said that, at 22 liquor licenses, there are more than enough drinking places in Plymouth already. The meeting was held at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

"I would suggest maybe we have too many," said Victoria Barkoff, adding she fears that if police officers are tied up on alcohol-related incidents, they may not be able to respond to incidents at Fairgrounds Park, where there have been public safety concerns. "If we open it up to more or we don't decrease, we're going to have a problem with police response," she said.

Heather Pacheco said when she moved to Plymouth, the city didn't have nearly the number of places serving alcohol that it does now.

"We've witnessed in the last 14 years that we've gone too far in the other direction," Pacheco said.

Others, however, argued for no cap, with some saying that if competition among bars and licensed restaurants becomes too tough, some of those businesses will fail, and such turnover would be a good thing.

"I personally don't think it's government's business to dictate the mix of businesses you have in a community," said Colleen Pobur, a former city commissioner and a current member of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Pobur praised the city's liquor license ordinance, which was introduced in 2003, and said enforcement with the license-holders is the key to cracking down on problems caused by people who've been drinking in the city's bars and restaurants.

"You've got a very, very solid liquor ordinance that gives you a lot of hammer," she said.

Police Lt. Al Cox, the city's acting police chief, said patrol officers are "taxed" by the runs involving bar and

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Drinking suspected in crash that injured 20-year-old

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Livonia man faces a preliminary hearing Friday in what police say was an alcohol-related crash in Plymouth that left a 20-year-old Wayne man hospitalized.

Adam Dionysopoulos, also 20, is charged with one count of causing serious injury while driving intoxicated, a felony. Free on a personal bond, he is to appear Friday before 35th District Court Judge Ronald W. Lowe.

The crash occurred at the intersection of Ann Arbor Road and Main Street at about 10:30 p.m. on March 3.

According to Plymouth Detective Jeff Jones, witnesses told police that a Ford F-150 pickup truck heading north on Main went through a red light and collided with a Ford Taurus that was heading west on Ann Arbor Road. Dionysopoulos is accused of driving the pickup.

The truck flipped over on its passenger side, Jones said, and struck a southbound Ford Mustang that was sitting at the red light on Main.

A Breathalyzer test on Dionysopoulos, Jones said, registered a blood-alcohol content of .14, which is over the level, .08, at which a driver is considered intoxicated.

The driver of the Taurus

was taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, but his status could not be confirmed on Wednesday.

Dionysopoulos was not seriously injured and was examined at the scene by paramedics, Jones said. A passenger in the pickup, a 20-year-old Livonia man, was treated for minor injuries at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia and released, and the driver of the Mustang, a 22-year-old Canton man, sought treatment on his own for a gash to his head, Jones said.

Police believe the people in all three vehicles were wearing seat belts.

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

Rabbit rescue

Children get a chance to make an Easter craft and enter a raffle to win a large, stuffed animal when Genuine Toy Co., hosts a fund-raiser for the Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary 1-4 p.m. Sunday, March 14.

Volunteers from the sanctuary will be on hand to answer questions about bunny rabbits and their care. You need not be present to win the raffle, but crafts are limited, so registration with an associate to ensure a spot is reserved. Crafts not reserved will be done on a first-come basis.

Genuine Toy Co., is located inside Westchester Square Mall, 550 Forest Ave., in downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 414-9500.

Little Lambs open house

Little Lambs Christian Preschool hosting its open house on 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 13.

Registration is now taking place for the 2010-2011 school year. The open house provides

parents with an opportunity to visit the facility, meet the staff and learn about the program which includes the Handwriting Without Tears and Hands on Bible curriculums.

The school offers both social and academic programs for 3 year olds to young 5's with a low student/teacher ratio.

LLCP is located at 8500 N. Morton Taylor, just south of Joy Road.

For more information call (734) 414-7792 or visit the Web site at www.pbcplymouth.org/littlelambs

Mom-to-mom

The Plymouth Canton Mothers of Multiples host their semi-annual Mom-to-Mom Sale 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 13 at West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail (at Sheldon) in Plymouth.

The event features department-style shopping (grouped by boy or girl, then by size), spring and summer boys and girls clothing (newborn to size 10), sets for twins and triplets and multiples items, clothes, toys, baby gear, strollers, maternity clothes and a bake sale.

Admission is \$1, cash only, all sales are final (no strollers before



On display

The artworks of Plymouth Artist Tony Roko are on display at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill through March 29 in the Gallery@VT. Known for his bold and expressive art, this self-taught artist began his art career while working at Ford's Wayne Assembly Plant in vehicle production. Roko's works are intended to promote a harsh realism. The Gallery@VT is free and open to the public 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday-Friday and during public performances at the theater. For more information about this latest exhibition, visit cantonvillage theater.org or call 734/394-5300.

10 a.m.). For more information, e-mail pemom@hotmail.com

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.

Grief seminar

Emmanuel Lutheran Church is sponsoring an eight week grief workshop, "From Grief to New Hope" beginning on April 14.

This free workshop is open to the community and will be held on eight consecutive Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Each session will begin with a talk about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Each person will be placed in a group with others who have had similar losses. The workshop will meet at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road in Livonia.

For registration information, please call (248) 442-8822. For information about other age and loss specific grief support groups offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support call (248) 348-0115 or visit the Web site www.newhopecenter.net.

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.

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 every-day 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

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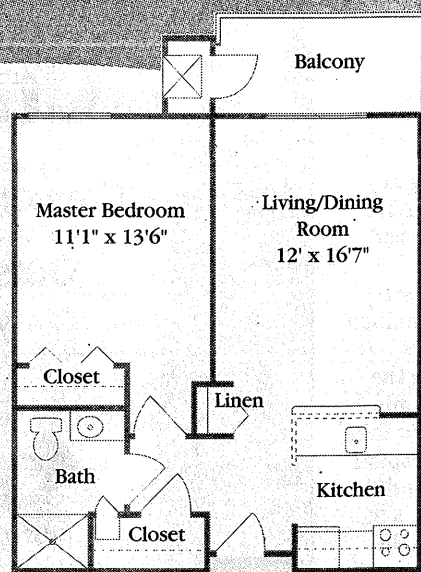
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'Shavees' have fun with fund-raiser, but cause is serious

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Eric Bacyinski decided a couple of years ago to help fight childhood cancers, he did the most logical thing — he got his head shaved.

Bacyinski, Plymouth Township's deputy clerk, was one of thousands of people participating in a fund-raiser for St. Baldrick's Foundation, which raises money for research aimed at finding cures for childhood cancers.

"Shavees" gather pledges for the event, and, afterward, their newly bald heads make good marketing tools, Bacyinski said, as acquaintances ask about the sudden hair loss. It's also a way of expressing solidarity with child cancer victims who lose their hair because of chemotherapy.

Bacyinski became a "shavee" for a second time on Sunday at The Claddagh Irish Pub, on Haggerty Road in Livonia. It's a way of raising money that's different from, say, a running event, he said.

"This is something you normally don't hear about," said Bacyinski, who raised more than \$800. "A lot of people throughout the township were very kind and generous in supporting me."

There were 14 "shavees" at The Claddagh on Sunday and, manager George Barker estimated, about 200 other visitors to the pub who were supporting the effort. Red Head Salon in Canton Township donated the service of stylists.

Barker himself got his head shaved. It was the second time The Claddagh had hosted a St. Baldrick's event.

Along with a silent auction of donated items — including a Guinness basket and a wine basket donated by The Claddagh — and a 50-50 raffle, the fund-raiser had taken in more than \$6,700 as of Tuesday, Barker said. Donations are being accepted through the end of the month.

There are 15 Claddagh Irish Pubs, mainly in the Midwest, and 13 of them host a St. Baldrick's event each year, Barker said.

At the Livonia pub, they're planning one for 2011. "We're definitely getting everything planned out," Barker said.

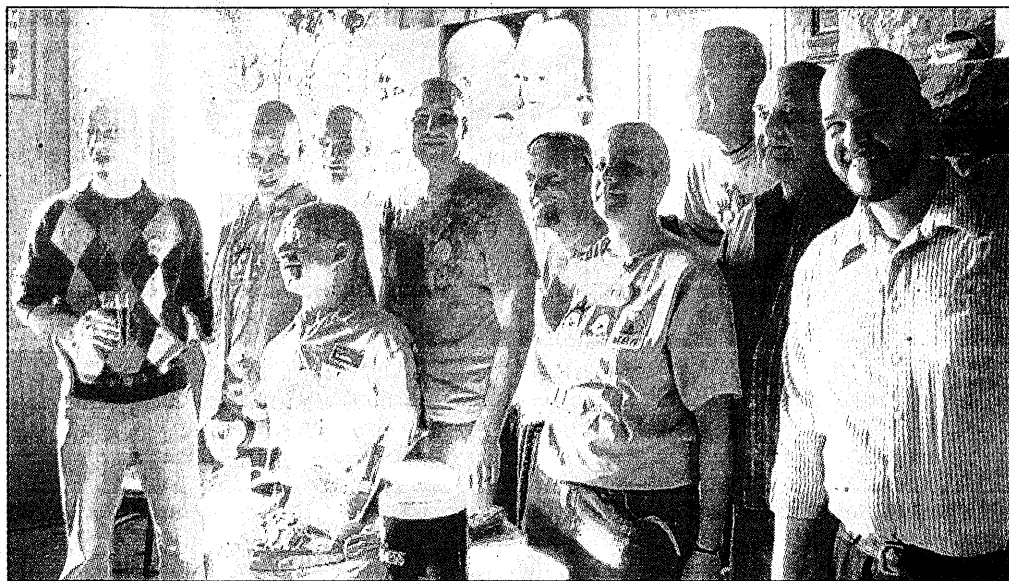
Bacyinski said he doesn't know any child cancer victims personally, but that he's motivated by thinking about his daughter, Brooke, who is nearly 6.

"I can't fathom how my life would change and how I would feel if my daughter had to go through that," he said.

The St. Baldrick's Foundation (it's a play on words meant to suggest St. Patrick; there was no St. Baldrick) was founded in 2000 and claims to be second only to the federal government when it comes to money donated toward research into childhood cancers. So far in 2010, more than \$7 million has been raised.

For more on the St. Baldrick's Foundation, visit the Web site www.StBaldricks.org.

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Some of the "shavees" pose at The Claddagh Irish Pub in Livonia during a Sunday fund-raiser for the St. Baldrick's Foundation, which raises money to combat childhood cancers.



Stylist Brittany Schepman of the Red Head Salon in Canton Township takes the clippers to Plymouth Township deputy clerk Eric Bacyinski during a Sunday fund-raiser for the St. Baldrick's Foundation at The Claddagh Irish Pub in Livonia. The event raised more than \$6,700 for research aimed at fighting childhood cancers.

Without service tax, school cut is \$265

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

State Reps. Marc Corriveau, (D-Northville), and Dian Slavens, (D-Canton), dropped by Tuesday's Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education meeting and did a variation on "good cop, bad cop."

"We're here with sort of a good news, bad news thing," Corriveau told the board.

Slavens proceeded to present the board with a resolution applauding them for their work in recognition of School Board Recognition Month. That was the good news.

Corriveau got to play "bad cop," delivering the news that, unless Gov. Jennifer Granholm's plan to spread the sales tax to services not currently subject to the tax is approved and generates the \$554 million she said it would deliver, public schools are expected to take a \$260 per-student cut in their state foundation grant.

"Michigan is still facing tough times, and your job isn't going to get any easier," Corriveau told board members.

Without the projected windfall, the school aid fund would fall approximately \$415 short, according to numbers presented by Corriveau. That projects to the \$260 slice in per-pupil funding.

"That's the number this board should plug into its calculators," Corriveau said.

The \$260 cut would be in the 2010/2011 school-year budget and would come on top of the \$165 the governor shaved off for the 2009/10 school year. That would mean Plymouth-Canton, which lost some \$3 million this year, would drop another nearly \$5 million in 2010/2011.

The news came as no surprise to Plymouth-Canton administrators, who built in a \$268 cut for 2010/11 based on information delivered at a conference in January, according to Jim Larson-Shidler, the district's assistant superintendent for business.

"The good news is that's what we put in our budget," said school board president Steven Sneedman. "We're hoping that changes, but ..."

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Dad: Son 'always wanted' to be a cop Fraud suspect pushes guard, flees Kmart

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As slain Jackson Police Officer James Bonneau was growing up in Canton, he seemed destined for a career in law enforcement.

"This is what he always wanted to do from early in life," his father, Marc Bonneau of Canton, said Tuesday after his 26-year-old son was shot and killed while responding to a domestic dispute in Blackman Township. "Police work just fascinated him."

Blackman Township Officer Darrin McIntosh also was shot during the incident and was recovering in a hospital.

As Marc Bonneau and wife Amy grieved over their son's death in the line of duty, the father offered a suggestion for how he hopes James Bonneau will be remembered.

"I'd like to say as a hero," Marc Bonneau said, "but he was also just a good-natured, kind man. He had the biggest heart. He was just a joy."

The father reflected on James Bonneau's childhood in Canton, saying his son was active in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Little League baseball and high school wrestling.

Marc Bonneau recalled how his son played with G.I. Joes and always seemed intent on a law-enforcement career so he could help others. After graduating in 2002 from Canton High School, James Bonneau studied criminal justice at Schoolcraft College and Eastern Michigan University.

He applied for police jobs across the nation, but he wanted to stay in his home state of Michigan. He landed a job with the Jackson City Police Department about three years ago.

"We were fortunate to have him so close to us," his father, a



James Bonneau

Michigan State Police forensic technician, said. "This is really hard for us, but it was a joy having him for as long as we did."

Lt. Steven Rand of the Jackson County Sheriff's Department said the two officers were shot about 12:20 a.m. Tuesday, prompting return fire that killed 63-year-old Elvin Potts inside his home on Mitchell Street in Jackson.

Earlier, Potts had gone with a revolver to an apartment where authorities believe his estranged wife lived, and he had threatened to shoot up her place. Potts reportedly had been drinking.

Potts had left by the time Blackman Township authorities arrived, so they went to his house on Mitchell Street and called for Jackson city officers to meet them there, Rand said.

"They went to the door, something went wrong and the next thing you know, they were calling for help and shots were being fired," Rand said.

Potts fired several shots from his revolver, fatally wounding Bonneau and injuring McIntosh, who underwent surgery and was expected to survive.

Bonneau, who had received commendations for his police work, was shot in the chest even though Rand said he was wearing a bullet-proof vest. Rand indicated that vests aren't always fully impenetrable.

"Officer Bonneau did everything right," Rand said.

McIntosh was shot in the leg, he said.

Bonneau had strong ties to the Canton community. Local officials said his grandfather, Robert Shefferly, formerly served on the Canton Township Board of Trustees from 1988 to 2004.

Canton Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek also said Bonneau's sister once worked as an intern in the township police department's records bureau.

"This family has a lot of deep ties to Canton," Nemecek said. "We're going to offer any services and any support we can to the family."

Nemecek recalled how difficult it was when Canton lost one of its own police officers, Gordon "Lew" Stevens, in the line of duty in July 2003. Stevens was killed when he stopped to investigate an abandoned vehicle and his patrol car was struck from behind.

"We've been through this," Nemecek said, adding that local police offer their condolences to the Bonneau family.

"We consider them part of the Canton family," he said.

Visitation for Bonneau will be 1-9 p.m. today (Thursday) at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 42600 Ford Road, in Canton. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road, in Canton.

Bonneau's survivors include his sister, Emily (Rene) Bonneau-Rocha; brother Peter Bonneau; grandparents Jane Bonneau and Robert and Lorraine Shefferly; and his special friend, Rachael Maloney. Bonneau was preceded in death by grandfather David Bonneau.

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A fraud suspect pushed a security guard and fled from the Kmart on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township on Saturday evening. No one was hurt.

Police were called to the store shortly after 8 p.m. According to a Plymouth Township Police Department report, the female guard told police she was outside on a break when she saw a woman hunt through two garbage cans and take a receipt from one of them.

The woman took the receipt into the store and selected items on it — two containers of Listerine pocket mist — then went to the service counter and got a "refund" for the items with the receipt, the guard said.

That's when the guard confronted her, asking her to go to the security office, she said. Instead, the suspect pushed the guard with both hands and fled the store, the guard said.

She was last seen driving east on Ann Arbor Road in a red Pontiac Sunfire; the guard was able to get a license-plate number.

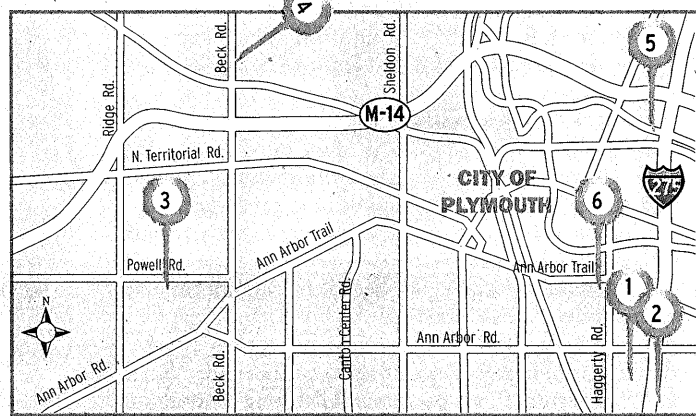
Freeway vandalism

The hood and windshield of a 2006 Chevrolet Trailblazer were damaged Saturday by a rock tossed from a freeway overpass in the township. The driver, a 32-year-old Warren man, was not hurt.

The incident occurred just before 3:30 p.m. on southbound I-275, a police report said. The victim told police he was on the freeway approaching Ann Arbor Road when he saw two juveniles on the overpass. He couldn't tell if they were male or female, he said.

One of them threw a rock, which struck the hood and windshield of the Trailblazer, he said.

Police checked both the Ann Arbor Road and Ann Arbor Trail overpasses but found no juveniles, the report said.



New toolboxes stolen

Five Snap-On brand rolling tool chests were reported stolen Sunday after a break-in at a garage on Powell Road in the township.

A door to the garage had been forced in, according to a police report. The break-in occurred between Saturday evening and just before 9 a.m. Sunday, the report said.

The tool chests were new and in boxes, police said. Two were taken from outside the garage, three from inside, police said.

Minivan burglary

A laptop computer, a checkbook and a passport were reported stolen from a minivan on Saturday outside Compuware Arena on Beck Road in the township.

The items were in a laptop bag the victim had left in the Ford Windstar while he went into the arena for about a half hour Saturday morning, he told police. He was not completely sure he had locked the minivan, he said.

Police said there were no obvious signs of forced entry into the minivan.

Scrap swiped

Twenty-two scrap appliances — washers, dryers and refrigerators — were reported stolen

from Green Environmental Solutions on Schoolcraft Road in the township.

There were two separate thefts, an employee told police, one between Feb. 27 and Feb. 28 and the other between March 4 and Friday.

The thief or thieves, police said, had apparently used the company's front-end loader to hoist the appliances onto a truck.

By Matt Jachman

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs between March 3-9:

- Tuesday, March 9 - Commercial rescue run on Main; residential rescue runs on Chambury, on Oakview, on Breckenridge, on Hammill, on Newporte, on Jackson and on Northville Road; vehicle accident at Haggerty and Ann Arbor Trail; special run on Maple Ridge; vehicle fire on the northbound I-275 ramp to Ann Arbor Road; smoke investigation on Princeton.
- Monday, March 8 - Residential rescue runs on Deer, on Haggerty and on Fellows Creek; rescue run on Risman.
- Sunday, March 7 - Residential rescue runs on Main, on Northville Road, on Ivywood, on Haggerty, on Forrest and on Dogwood; rescue run on

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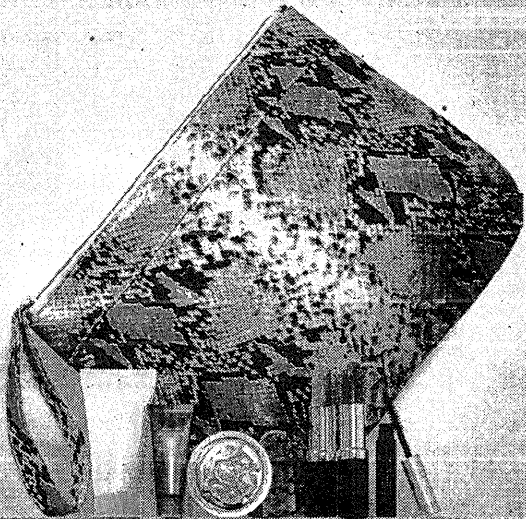
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Red carpet ride

Oscar event raises cash for food bank

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While Steve Martin and Alec Baldwin were welcoming guests to Hollywood's biggest party Sunday — the 2010 Academy Awards — tons of folks were strolling the red carpet thousands of miles away at Canton's own Oscar shindig.

Canton's annual "Magical Night with the Stars" event drew enthusiastic crowds eager to walk the red carpet, have their photos taken with Oscar and enjoy a night of Hollywood entertainment without ever leaving the township.

Some 150 people turned out to watch party with Oscar at Canton's Emagine Theater.

"We had another great time," said Canton Community Foundation President Joan Noricks. "How often do you get to go out and do something like that, take over a theater, eat all the popcorn you want, schmooze with your friends. It's a unique event."

The event, sponsored by the Canton Community Foundation, benefited Gleaners Community Food Bank, an organization that last year gave more than 30 million pounds of food to soup kitchens, shelters and pantries across southeast Michigan, including Canton-based Open Door Ministry. The event raised some \$5,000, according to Noricks.

"We wanted to help Gleaners because the food need is so great," citing a need that has grown as area families have lost jobs amid a grueling economic recession. "We've had a close relationship with Open Door Ministry, and the majority of their food comes from Gleaners."

Open Door Ministry, Noricks pointed out, has already seen a 48-percent increase in demand (the ministry serviced some 53,000 people in 2009). Other local beneficiaries of Gleaners include First Step, the Plymouth Salvation Army and Trinity Presbyterian



ANN ESPINOZA

Jim and Madelyn Cosens of Plymouth walked the red carpet at the Canton Community Foundation's Oscar Night event at the Emagine Theater.

Church, which also offers a monthly food bank. "It's scary to know there's that much hunger in this area," Noricks said. "That's why we chose Gleaners. We're seeing the demand going up, and the foundation thinks it's really important we pay attention to what kind of need is in the community."

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LIQUOR

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restaurant drinkers, such as drunken driving and disorderly conduct arrests. "I wouldn't mind seeing a few less" licenses, he said.

City Manager Paul Sincok said that on a recent Saturday night, police responded to five incidents related to people who had

been drinking at local bars and restaurants.

"We had a significant number of issues that tied up our police," Sincok said.

The committee's work comes during a moratorium on new liquor licenses in the city that the commission approved last October. The moratorium was to expire in April, but the commission last week extended it for 30 days.

Sincok said that, just since

the moratorium was imposed, there have been at least seven different inquiries from business people interested in opening a bar or restaurant in the city.

Commissioner Michael Wright, the committee chairman, says the committee will soon be making recommendations to the full commission.

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Mary Ann Wheeler speaks on "Lincoln's Family," sharing little known facts about the 16th president's stepmother and wife.

Presidential Tea draws record turnout

BY KAREN SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

They ate Lyndon B. Johnson's chewy macaroons and Barack Obama's shortbread while being served tea from replicas of presidential china and listening to stories about Abraham Lincoln's family.

Nearly 100 people, a record crowd, enjoyed last week's annual Presidential Tea at the Alexander Blue House in Livonia's Greenmead Historical Park.

"We turned people away because it was full," said Linda Wiacek, Greenmead recreation supervisor. "There was no more room to put up another table."

The draw may have been the speaker, Mary Ann Wheeler, a retired librarian for Livonia Public Schools, who has studied Lincoln's family.

"I had a lot of gals here for the first time," Wiacek said. "Many

people told me after the tea how enjoyable it was."

Wheeler has done a lot of personal reading about Lincoln's family. She is a guide at the Plymouth Historical Museum, which has a large section on Lincoln. Though many of the stories are sad, Wheeler said she likes to share the "good stepmother" story of Sarah Bush Johnston Lincoln, who married Abraham Lincoln's father, Thomas, after Abraham's mother died.

Thomas Lincoln left Abraham and his sister Sarah, who were 9 and 11 at the time, in Indiana with a cousin while he left to go to Kentucky, where he courted Sarah. He was gone for several months.

When Sarah went with Thomas to Indiana, she found Abraham and Sarah skinny, hungry, dirty and sleeping on the floor of the cabin on piles of leaves and rags, Wheeler said. "She probably saved them. She was a wonderful woman; he (Abraham) loved her."

The crowd listened intently to Wheeler's talk, Wiacek said: "Everybody gave her such perfect attention."

Besides the good stepmother story, Wheeler shared little-known facts about Lincoln's wife, Mary Todd Lincoln, a victim of "bad press" in her day. That bad press got repeated by historians through the years, but female historians have since written about her more positive attributes to balance out her story, Wheeler said.

"She was very well-educated; she was very pretty and popular," Wheeler said. "Lincoln married one of the most eligible women in town. She said as a girl she was going to marry a president."

The Presidential Tea is one of several annual teas benefiting Greenmead. The next tea, a Victorian Tea at Greenmead's Hill House, will be April 10. Tickets are \$25 each. Call (248) 477-7375.

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STREETSCAPE

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Main Street will likely be closed from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. when crews are working today and Wednesday.

"We currently anticipate that on Monday, March 15, work will begin to auger new bases for the mast arm poles," said Tony Bruscato, director of operations for the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority. "This phase is expected to go through Thursday, March 18, and will involve the closure of the sidewalk one corner at a time as work is being completed."

Beginning April 1, look for Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail closures to begin as the 10-inch concrete intersections are constructed.

"As always, construction schedules are subject to significant changes as a result of weather, crew scheduling, equipment, site conditions and other factors that may affect the timing of the schedule," Bruscato said.

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OUR VIEWS

Conversation, not panel, is needed on high school course

If anything came out of the huge attendance figures at Tuesday's Plymouth-Canton Board of Education meeting, it's the idea that a conversation needs to be had as the district moves to implement its newest social studies course.

The question is this: How best to accomplish that?

At the center of the debate is the district's first course in African-American history and culture. The course, developed by Salem High School social studies teacher Carrie Chobanian, is designed to examine African-American history from around 1890 to the present. Students will "revisit key themes," such as empowerment, community, identity, the role of the church, citizenship, entrepreneurship, oppression and cultural expression, according to the course description.

It's a potentially politically charged course, as all discussion of racial conditions in this country can be. The board felt the best way to have that discussion was to empanel an advisory committee, a seven- to 12-member panel, at least a third of the membership of which would represent the African-American community.

The concern among some is that the course include the African-American perspective, and not just be a class about African-American history taught from a Caucasian perspective. And board members are right. As the course is developed, whomever develops it, input from experts — other teachers, historians, parents, members of the African-American community — should absolutely be sought.

But that can be handled in a variety of other ways. A host of guest speakers can be used. Chobanian had spoken to people at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit about ways for students to work down there to gain that perspective, though nothing had been solidified because the course hadn't yet been approved.

Establishing an advisory committee to provide input on class materials and make recommendations on the direction and potential changes in the course steps outside the board's responsibility. Like the class itself, the advisory committee formed by the board — on which the board will have approval authority over one-third of its members — is a first-of-its-kind panel in the district. The only other piece of the curriculum with such a committee is the sex education course, and that committee is required by law.

While we understand the teachers' discontent over the formation of the advisory committee, we don't believe it indicates any mistrust or lack of belief in the quality of the district's teachers.

Rather, we think the inclusion of this panel is an overreaction to concerns raised over the potential sensitivity of the course. The safeguards the board seeks to put in place already exist in a variety of other forms. Parents have access to teachers and administrators. Administrators — experts in the education of children — will oversee the content.

The fact the language in the committee structure was softened from "oversight" to "advisory," and a panel that would "make changes" lightened to "recommend changes" doesn't change the perception the board seeks to control the class. It doesn't embrace the spirit of the board's general attitude: Eyes in, fingers out.

Do we think establishing the advisory committee is an exercise in control for the board? Of course not. We don't believe it starts a "slippery slope" effect that will have the board overseeing the next new math course, for instance.

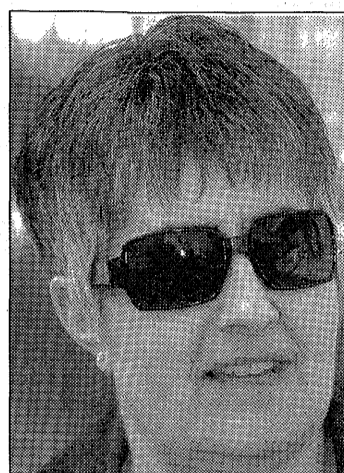
Social studies teacher Darrin Silvester spoke to the board at its Feb. 23 meeting, and said considering new curriculum is about risk and trust, and urged the board to trust its teachers. To be sure, we don't think the advisory committee is necessary. But trust goes both ways.

Maybe the two sides should remember that, and let the conversation begin.

COMMUNITY VOICE

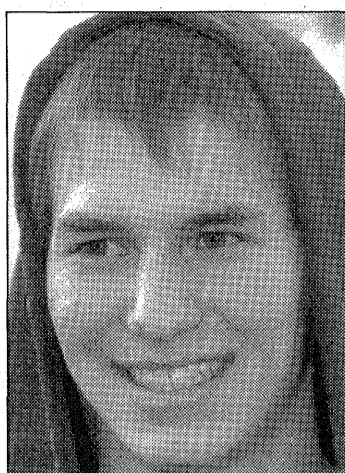
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Leslie Crane
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"I'd say 'Avatar' ... I love how they did it. I'd never seen a movie quite like that."

Kyle Middleditch
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"I guess I'll say 'Avatar' ... The special effects were great."

Robert Toney
Plymouth



"I'd have to say 'Avatar' too ... All of the visual effects and how realistic everything looked."

Chris Keehl
Plymouth

LETTERS

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Census forms are delivered to households, not to individuals. The form does not ask where you live, nor is there a place on the form to indicate a primary address if you respond to the form from your winter retreat. Every U.S. resident should be counted by the census once, at the residence where they live most of the year.

Counting Michigan snowbirds as resi-

dents of another state reduces Michigan's political influence in Congress, reduces the level of federal funding received by state and local agencies, and reduces the accuracy of the census data.

Help Michigan be counted correctly! Please circulate this information to your snowbird friends so that Michigan can receive all the resources it deserves!

Paula Bowman, president
League of Women Voters of NW Wayne County

What's in a name?

The article described controversy over the "African-American History & Culture" course, the district's first course on "African-American History." The heart of the controversy, I believe, lies in the name.

I've seen firsthand the educational weakness of many of America's youth — they don't know many of the facts of American or the world history. History happened. It is facts. The history as to "why" events happened depends on your viewpoint, then and now.

It's important to understanding history, but it's a fair statement to say that everyone who acted in history acted out of a conviction that they were doing what was right at that time. If we want to teach a part of history as not just facts, but facts which must include the historical viewpoints, then of course WW II history must include the then views of Nazis and Communists.

As shown on a recent news show, in 1939 Madison Square Garden was

filled with an American Nazi Party rally — there were two sides then, to what we see as only one side now. If all history courses include detailed teaching on viewpoints of the events, especially what we now think of them, not much in the way of facts will be taught. It will be more a political course than a history course.

A participant in the discussion on the Plymouth-Canton course "was a little disturbed to hear a white teacher discuss an African-American course that was written completely from a white perspective." If it truly is a history course, as I (and Webster) understand the meaning of history, I'd suggest there are no perspectives on the facts.

Facts are facts, including the perspectives then. Any black or white perspectives now are not necessarily those of then. If it is an African-American Culture History course, then it is a course with one point of view, prepared by whatever historians, black or white, who can determine factually the African-American views at that time in history, and their evolution until now.

If anyone believes the facts in the text are wrong, challenge them. If it is a course on current Black-American views of their cultural past, then it likely needs a Black-American author, but that is not, strictly speaking, a history class.

What is the course title? What are you teaching?

Tom Salapatek
Canton

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

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• In response to the story, "Social studies course stirs controversy:"

Got-It wrote:

"Try as you may to speak for Ms. Davis, she does not share your opinion that a 'white' (Caucasian) teacher has the ability to teach the course, even with proper training. Ms. Davis's quotes, 'If you have not experienced discrimination, how can you teach it?' and '... There is a perspective to the African-American experience that the Caucasian perspective can't bring.'"

"I ... voted for Ms. Davis in an effort to bring diversity to the School Board but, in reflection of her comments made will not do so again. I think her viewpoint is too blunt, myopic and perpetuates the stagnated racial tensions which have burdened SE Metro-Detroit for far too long."

vickishields wrote:

"I'm Vicki Shields and I developed the curriculum for Ann Arbor Pioneer's

African American Cultural Humanities (AC) and I have been having some awesome dialogue with Chobanian as she prepared to go after putting this course in place. Both sides have made some very valid points, but my fear is that you are not hearing what is behind Ms. Davis' opinion. The irony is you are doing exactly what she fears will be done if the class is taught by someone White. Whether or not someone White can teach it is a valid concern. Just because someone is "nice", "hard-working" or even proposed and developed the course doesn't mean that they can automatically teach the African American experience and that's a fact. Does a White teacher have the ability, yes, with proper training. I must say that I was pleased with what I saw so far, but there are some things that are part of cultures and ethnicities that are not in books and need to be shared from that group's perspective."

awareness2010 wrote:

"There is much history and foundation that is acquired by family history/experience that is not found at a library, textbook, etc. For ex. An African American History class should never start at 1815's."

Our history does not start at slavery. This will only further stir up already escalating racial problems within the Park. At this point in time, we need someone that can teach with the sensitivity and strong voice to assist with many questions/confusion that is happening with our kids being African American living in a white community. I am sure that any teacher can instruct/ repeat from a textbook, research etc, But we all know the best teacher is one that is experienced in that subject. This class is a major step to helping us with the escalating racial tensions within the park. Having a white American teach a class on slavery, etc, is not the right answer especially to high school students."

• Referring to the story, "Make sure conversion to ROTH IRA makes economic sense:"

rosie43 wrote:

"When I call IRS last week they told me if you were over 59 1/2 there was no 5-year waiting period. Now who is correct?"

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Don't let IRS keep your money; file a return

A recent press release caught my eye. In big, bold letters it said the IRS has \$40 million for Michiganians who have not filed their 2006 tax return.

My first inclination was that some company was providing a service, legitimately or illegitimately, to help people recover money. Throughout my years in the financial world, I've seen many companies claim they can help

people recover money from the government. Although there are legitimate companies that do this, many are trying to scam consumers out of their hard-earned money. However, after reading the entire release I realized it was not issued by a company but the Internal Revenue Service notifying Michigan taxpayers of unclaimed refunds.

According to the IRS, they have more than \$40 million owed to over 42,000 Michigan residents who did not file a 2006 U.S. tax return.

There are many reasons why people do not file tax returns including that they may not have had sufficient income to require it. Many people believe if you don't have to file you shouldn't. However, many of those individuals could have had taxes withheld from their wages that they legitimately could receive back from the IRS if they had filed a 2006 tax return. In other words, even though they are not required to file, all they have to do is file their 2006 return to receive money back.

I always encourage people to file their returns even if they end up owing money — if for nothing more than it is the law.

In addition, when people don't file it weighs heavily on them. A huge burden is lifted once they file their returns.

Anyone who has not filed past tax returns — now is the time to do it. In order to be eligible for a refund the return must have been filed within three years of the due date. Therefore, if you did not file the 2006 tax return and you are eligible for a refund, the latest you can file and still receive a refund is April 15, 2010.

When completing the 2006 tax return don't forget the earned income credit for low and moderate income taxpayers. In addition, in 2006 taxpayers were entitled to claim a one-time telephone excise tax refund.

For those who need forms and instructions download them from the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov or call the IRS at (800) taxform.

Unfortunately, 2006 is not the only year in which Michigan taxpayers are owed millions from the IRS. I have no doubt that there are similar numbers for 2007 and 2008.

There is no reason to let the IRS keep your money. It definitely pays to file those returns. Even if you don't get a refund and owe the IRS, I still recommend filing the return. If nothing else, the feeling of relief by being current with the IRS is worth its weight in gold. And don't forget that failing to file a tax return may disqualify you from certain government assistance programs.

Good luck!

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

Entrants on the money in Oscar contest

Congratulations to our Oscar contest winners!

This year's Oscar show produced a few surprises, but not enough to keep our readers from picking the winners.

Eighteen entrants in the Observer & Eccentric/Hometown Newspapers Oscar Contest identified winners in seven categories and two tie-breakers.

The top three winners were selected in a random drawing from all correct entries.

Top winner is Kelly Kolchuck of

South Lyon, who receives a 12-month movie pass for two to Imagine Theatres. Second- and third-place winners are Matt Hoey of Farmington Hills and Catherine Carlton of Redford Township. Hoey receives four movie passes and a \$25 Imagine gift card, while Carlton wins two movie passes and \$15 Imagine gift card.

The others who correctly answered all categories will receive an Imagine Theatre pass for two. They are Amanda Zopf, Mike Zopf and Lisa Hengtgen of

Canton Township; Michelle Loisel of Garden City, Denise Burke and Joe Stuve of Livonia, Brian Sachs and Belinda Abbott of Farmington Hills, Irene Stanton of Highland, Kathryn Blackburn of Milford, Jay Hillard of Northville, Dorothy Deitch (last year's winner) of Southfield, David Kinney of Trenton, Roy Geiger of Galesburg and Paul Jarnagin of Colorado.

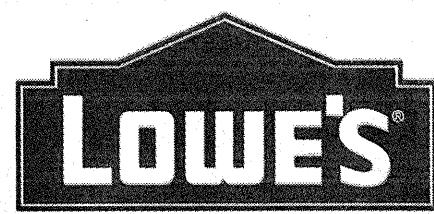
All 18 correctly identified:

• **Best Picture** - Winner: Hurt Locker

- **Actor in a Leading Role** - Winner: Jeff Bridges
- **Actress in a Leading Role** - Winner: Sandra Bullock
- **Animated Feature Film** - Winner: UP
- **Actor in a Supporting Role** - Winner: Christoph Waltz
- **Actress in a Supporting Role** - Winner: Mo'Nique
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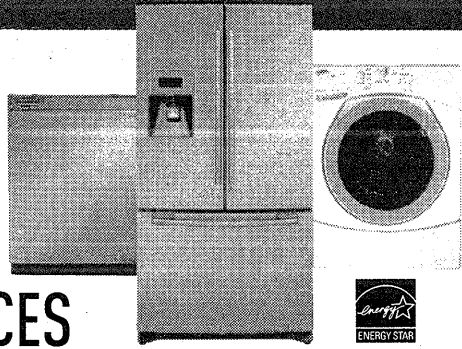
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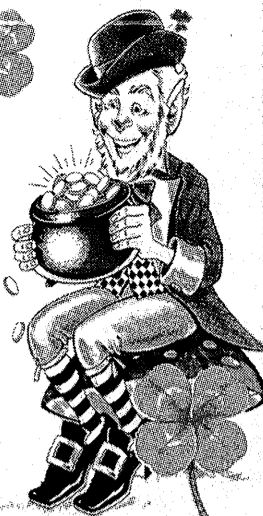
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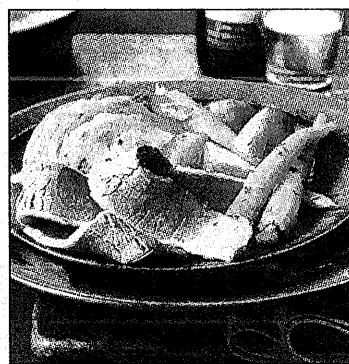
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Salem can't stop Lever

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's too bad Monday's Canton-Salem Class A boys basketball district quarterfinal was a late afternoon tilt.

Canton junior guard Dietrich Lever deserved prime time for his spectacular all-around performance, the main reason why the Chiefs (15-6) ousted campus rival Salem 54-42 at Novi High School.

With an exhilarating mix of finger rolls and coast-to-coast layups, Lever scored 28 points — including 10 of his team's 12 in the second quarter. Lever also collected six assists and drove the Rocks crazy with seven steals.

Even with the game well in hand, Lever didn't stop.

He nearly jumped into Salem's bench to steal the ball and then had the presence of mind to — while suspended in mid air — blindly loft the ball over his head to a teammate to keep the play alive.

"I was just playing, I wanted to win, we haven't gotten past first round in a while at Canton," Lever said. "I just

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played my hardest to win the game and everything was going in so I just kept going.

"My adrenaline wouldn't let me stop."

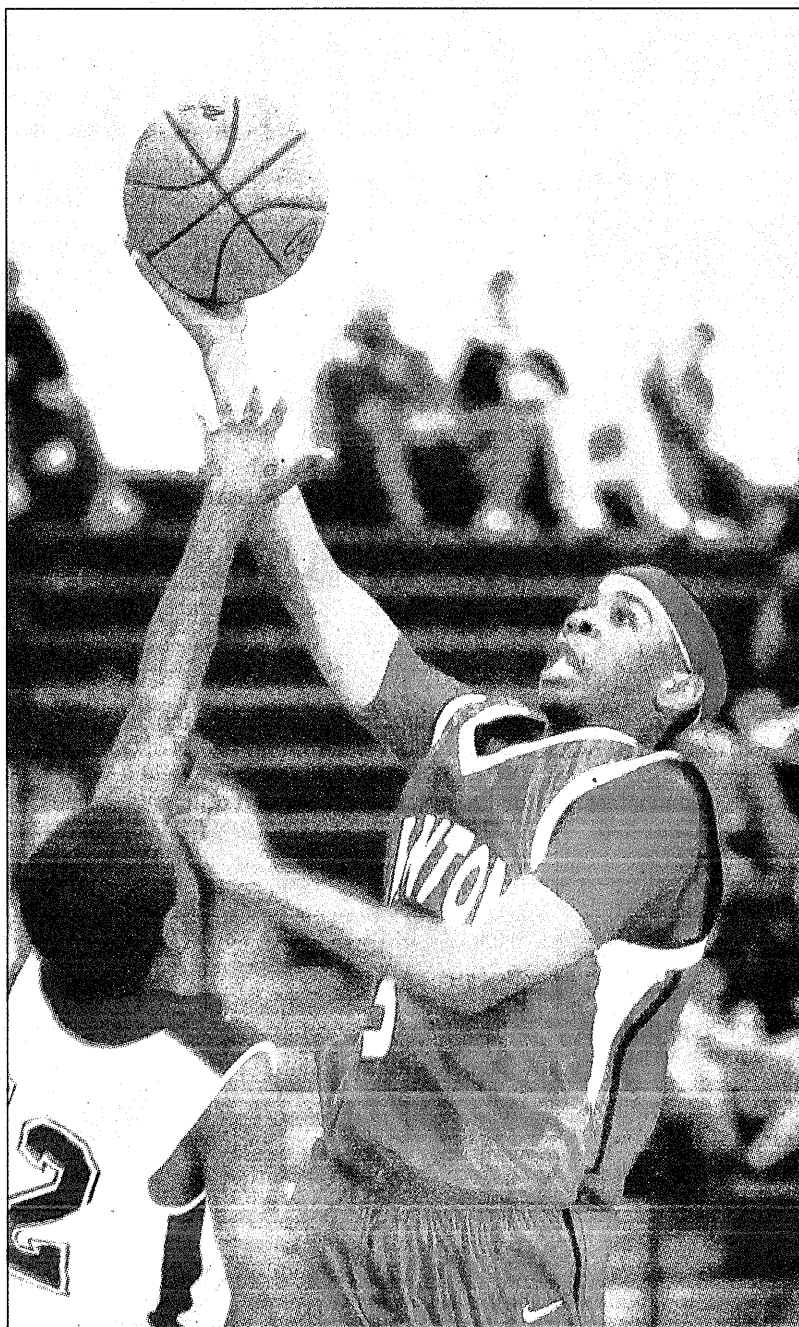
MULTI-DIMENSIONAL

Both coaches were definitely impressed by what they saw out of Lever.

"(He's) very instinctive, he's played a lot of basketball, he knows the game and he's got a feel for it," said Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy. "So a play like that (along the sidelines) is just, ... that's something he does already."

Reddy said Lever's speed, tenacity and pressure on the ball not only forced a number of turnovers and steals "he created shots by getting steals and transition points, whether he was scoring or someone else was scoring."

Please see **DISTRICTS, B2**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Dietrich Lever (No. 3) goes to the Salem rack Monday night in Class A district boys basketball action at Novi. Trying in vain to stop him is Plymouth's Devonta Riley.

GYMNASTICS

Finals next for Canton

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Coach John Cunningham always knew this year's Canton girls gymnastics team was a special group.

But following his team's regional championship on Saturday, he knows it's "a special year" for the squad.

"This is only the second time in Canton gymnastics where we have gotten both conference and regional championships the same year," said Cunningham, following the Chiefs' win at the Canton-hosted regional with 144,775 points. The last occasion was in 1996.

Finishing second behind Canton was nemesis Northville (140.875) and Livonia Blue (140.0).

Next up for Cunningham and the Chiefs is Friday's team state finals in Rockford (near Grand Rapids). Six team members then will compete in Saturday's individual finals.

"On Friday you give all you can for the team and Saturday it's all about you," Cunningham said. "That's going to be cool, too. But we're preparing for both."

Cunningham noted that Canton will need to "pick off" one of three top teams Friday to make the pre-season goal of at least a third-place finish.

Please see **FINALS, B2**

Chiefs grapplers place at individual state finals

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Although Friday's Division 1 individual state wrestling finals did not produce a champion for Canton, head coach Cory Mancuso was proud of what his contingent did accomplish at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Four of his six participants were state placers, and at the top of the list were seniors Brent Winekoff — who finished second (silver medal) at 152 — and Donnie Watkins, again taking third at 140.

"Brent's goal was to win this tournament, but sometimes things don't always go your way," Mancuso said.

"The great thing for Brent is that he is going on to wrestle at college where he will set new goals for himself and have the opportunity to reach them."

Winekoff lost for the first time after 60 consecutive wins in the 152 final against East Kentwood's Deshawn Nelson. Even then, it was a very close 7-6 decision.

Watkins (55-4 for the season) won his first two bouts before dropping a 10-2 major decision to Clarkston's Matt Dietz.

"He was disappointed that he was not able to finish his career as a state champion, but being a four-time state placer is a great accomplishment," Mancuso said. "I was very proud of

him to come back and finish third after losing in the semifinals to the eventual champion (Dietz)."

Also wrestling his way to the medals podium was junior Anthony Abro, who took fourth place at 189 to finish the season 62-4.

Please see **WRESTLING, B2**

This swimmer's all business

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If you see Ryan Boes at Friday's Division 1 boys swimming state meet, there won't be a giant "S" on his red swim cap.

But the 17-year-old Canton senior will have an almost super-human kind of day, competing at the Holland Aquatic Center with his Chiefs teammates and then rushing back to metropolitan Detroit later that day for a DECA business and marketing state competition.

"I'm pretty much going to have to hop out of the pool, get a shirt and tie on, get my suit on and get ready to drive the three hours to Dearborn," Boes said, smiling.

Boes, a co-captain with the swim team, will compete about 12:30 p.m. Friday in his event (200-yard medley relay) and — with help from the Boes Chauffeur Service (actually parents Amy and Tim) — he'll make

it back by 4 p.m. for the DECA states.

There, he will do a role play in front of judges, showing how well he can apply concepts learned this year in Canton's DECA chapter (where he is vice president) to real world business and marketing situations.

"The real kicker will be if we make the finals in swimming," Boes said. "Then I'll actually need to go to Dearborn and do my DECA event and then go back to Holland (by noon Saturday)."

According to Ryan, he and his parents started trying to determine how to fit everything in as soon as the swim team qualified for the state meet.

"We really sat down after I made them both and found out they were on the same weekend and kind of figured it out," he said, noting that swimming at the start of the meet helped immensely in being able to map it out.

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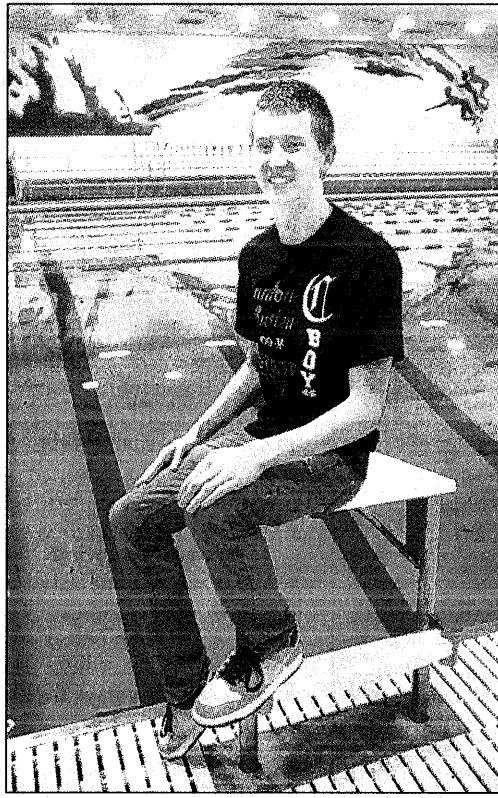
An event later on might have required Boes to "pick and choose" between swimming and DECA. "I think God was looking out for me."

But Amy Boes had no qualms that if anybody could figure it out it would be her second of three sons, because Ryan "can manage his time better than anyone I know. He plots everything down, he just can do it all."

Older brother Chad (a junior at Central Michigan) and younger brother Michael (a sophomore at Canton) are the same way, she said. There is one difference between the boys; Ryan is the only one to not play football at Canton.

"He wanted to go a different way, he found his niche in swimming," said Amy Boes, adding that it is a rare combination. "In his sophomore year he got into this DECA, and it's all for sales

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton senior Ryan Boes doesn't seem to mind carrying a heavy load, which includes varsity swimming, DECA, National Honor Society and a part-time job.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Penguins: D2 champs

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If Port Huron is a powerhouse girls hockey team, the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins pulled the plug Saturday night at St. Clair Shores Arena.

Freshman goalie Cortny McAdoo's outstanding effort helped get the Penguins through regulation of the Division 2 Michigan Metro Girls Hockey League playoff final. And then, senior defenseman Jordyn Moore's goal at 6:33 of overtime finished a 1-0 shocker over the D2 regular season champion Lady Icehaws.

The victory advanced PCS (13-9) up the rung into the Division 1 play-

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Battling it out for a rebound during Monday's district game are Salem's Jake Peterson (No. 32) and Canton's Paul Baumgart (No. 5). Peterson scored 18 points in his prep finale.

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Canton senior forwards Brandon Duffey and Kevin Weisz had good efforts, with eight points each.

Salem head coach Bob Brodie congratulated Lever in the hallway by the two teams dressing rooms following the contest, and couldn't help but praise an opponent.

"When you're determined like that you can handle the ball and shoot it like that, take care of it and dish it to teammates, it's tough to stop," Brodie said. "He's not one-dimensional, he's got a complete game. Defensively he causes you fits, too."

EARLY DEFICIT

Brodie lamented falling behind 15-2 in the first 5:30 of the game, as his squad repeatedly missed makeable shots.

It was 17-8 after the quarter (with Salem hitting just two of 17 shots from the floor) and 29-21 at halftime. In fact, the Rocks managed to stay within 7-12 points the rest of the game.

But the damage was done. "I just told the kids, against good teams like that, we gave away a lot of easy baskets early, transition baskets," Brodie said. "And at the other end we were getting good shots, they just wouldn't fall."

"All of a sudden you dig yourself into a 10- or 12 point deficit and it's hard to dig out of that hole."

Lever's great performance

aside, Reddy said it wasn't the best defensive game his team has played this season.

"I still don't think we rebounded it well enough," said Reddy, whose top player on the boards was Paul Baumgart, with five. "Salem was still getting second and third shots. But we did a pretty good job of making them shoot contested shots most of the time."

JOB WELL DONE

Meanwhile, Brodie also had some good words for senior center Jake Peterson, who scored 18 points and pulled down seven rebounds in his final game for Salem (10-11).

"Jake, we've ridden his shoulders all season long," Brodie said. "He's a tough player for us offensively and he's very unassuming. He doesn't say much, he just goes ahead and does his job."

With Peterson leaving, the Rocks will be a relatively young returning group in 2010-11.

"We've got a lot of potential coming up," Brodie said. "But as I told the players in there you're just potential right now, you've got to improve, you can't stay the way you are."

"If you stay the way you are it's going to be the same results."

Other Salem players of note Monday included junior guard Devonta Riley, junior forward Zinovy Pelekh (six points each), junior power forward Ethan Walsh (four points, five boards, four assists) and sophomore forward Tyler Stewart (six points, three assists).

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SHOUT OUT

Hard-working Canton Cheer enjoy success

Canton Cheer enjoyed a strong third-place finish at the recent Division 1 state competitive cheerleading districts, highlighting a promising second year for the program.

Canton also placed 10th at the subsequent regionals at Sterling Heights Stevenson against a tough 24-team field, just missing the cut for the state finals. And as a result did not move on to the state finals.

"The judges look for teams that perform their rounds cleanly, with strong skills," explained coach Allison Lewis. "We performed all three rounds cleanly."

"In round 1, we had tight, strong motions, high jumps and strong voices. In round 2, all skills (back handspring, heel stretch, back walkover and 2 jumps) were performed cleanly with great timing. In round 3, we had solid stunts and strong tumbling."

Canton tallied 753.5460 points at districts, hosted by Wayne Regional, including 222.4 for the first round, 225.6460 for the second and 305.5 for the third.

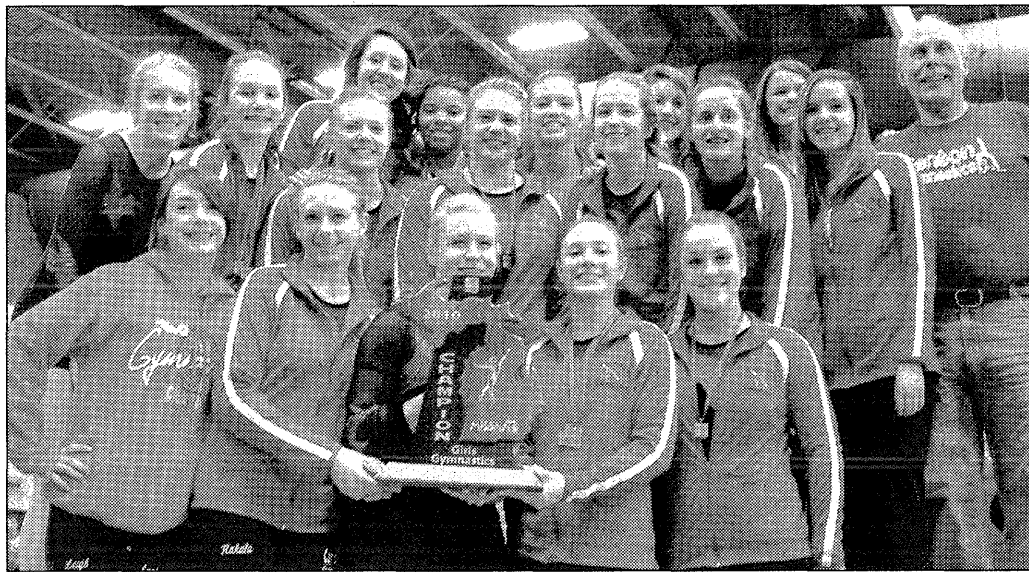
At the subsequent regionals, the team registered 223.2/226.6820/306.6 for a total of 756.4820.

Lewis said Canton Cheer's overall work ethic and dedication led to improved skills.

"They have been motivated from the start of the season to build our program and set new standards for Canton Cheer," Lewis noted. "This attitude has led to improvements in all areas of cheerleading. We have tighter motions, more tumbling skills and stronger stunts."



The Canton competitive cheerleading squad performs a routine during recent state regionals at Sterling Heights Stevenson. Canton finished 10th out of 24 teams, following a third-place finish at the Wayne Memorial-hosted districts. Members of the team include seniors Cassie Caballero, Rachel Countegan, Aquilah Henderson, juniors Jessica Langdon, Rachel Michalik, Jalliah Muhammed, Rachel Nowak, Marissa Woodard, sophomores Christina Bradley, Danielle Carrier, Amanda Druckenmiller, Brigitte Poirier, Lecie Scott, Hannah Wojcik, freshmen Emily Farhat, Anna Holthus, Heidi Payter, coach Allison Lewis and assistant coach Dorothy Brown.



The Canton girls gymnastics team and head coach John Cunningham (back row, right) celebrate winning Saturday's regionals.

FINALS

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He said Grand Ledge and Troy Athens go into the finals having completed outstanding regionals of their own while Farmington "had their usual 146-ish."

"And those are the teams that are ahead of us," Cunningham said. "I told you at the beginning that we've got a '3' on our shirt. The goal is to be third. And so we have to pick off one of those top teams."

The Chiefs will be "pretty relaxed" going to the finals because they have competed against those teams either at the Rockford or Canton invitational earlier this season.

READY TO GO

They were somewhat tense at the regionals, he emphasized. "I think they're going to be much better going into states, where they know what they have to do

and they understand the competition."

Cunningham said he is working with the girls this week both for the team and individual finals.

Six girls qualified at the regionals, including senior Robyn Piowar and freshman Alex Fideler (Division 1 all-arounders with scores of 36.675 and 35.975, respectively); Ayana Lewis and Mallory Hudak (Division 2 all-arounders with scores of 35.675 and 34.775, respectively); Brooke Granowicz (D2 balance beam, 9.05) and Kali Pierce (D2 floor exercise, 9.05).

Lewis took first in the D2 all-around and Cunningham said "she has a shot at being a state champion."

He added that Piowar's showing puts her in the top-five in the state while Fideler managed to qualify despite having a fall on vault and beam. Hudak and Granowicz tallied their best showings on the beam all season.

WRESTLING

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"He wasn't having his best day of wrestling on Friday during the early rounds," said Mancuso, "but (he) kept wrestling hard and found his way onto the podium when it looked like he was beaten in the blood round."

Mancuso said Abro defeated Tomas Gomez of Southgate Anderson by one point after trailing by three points with six seconds left in the match.

Senior Keith Zech placed seventh at 160, enabling him to place for the first time. Zech (49-11) won a 5-1 decision over Oxford's A.J. Logan and also prevailed 3-1 (in OT) against Dearborn's Dino Berri.

"Our goal for Zech this year was to get him on the podium and that is what we were able to accomplish," the coach said. "Not too bad for a three-sport athlete."

Although junior 215-pounder Ben Poirier could not tally a win at the Palace, he did finish with a strong 47-16 record and something to build on for next year.

"Ben Poirier had a great season," Mancuso said. "Unfortunately he was unable to get a win at the state tournament. But it was a great accomplishment for him to be able to make it to states after not making it out of districts the previous year."

"He will be back next season with even more confidence."

Canton's sixth representative at the finals was senior Waleed Faraj, who went 1-2 at 125 to end the season with a 39-21 record.

"He lost two hard-fought matches," Mancuso added. "Waleed had a tremendous wrestling career at Canton being a three-time state qualifier and one-time placer (8th)."

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GIRLS GYMNASTICS REGIONALS

March 6 hosted by Canton

TEAMS: 1. Canton, 144.775; 2. Northville, 140.875; 3. Livonia Blue, 140.0.

CANTON STATE QUALIFIERS

ALL-AROUND: (Division 1) Robyn Piowar, 36.675, 2nd; Alex Fideler, 35.975, 6th. (Division 2) Ayana Lewis, 35.675, 1st; Mallory Hudak, 34.775, 6th.

BALANCE BEAM: (D2) Brooke Granowicz, 9.05, 5th. FLOOR EXERCISE: (D2) Kali Pierce, 9.05, 5th.

TOTAL INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

ALL-AROUND: (D1) Piowar, 36.675, 2nd; Fideler, 35.975, 6th. (D2) Lewis, 35.675, 1st; Hudak, 34.775, 6th; Marina Milad, 33.8, 16th; Brooke Granowicz, 33.025 (personal best); Brittany Granowicz, 32.825; Nicole Lasecki, 32.325.

VAULT:

(D1) Piowar, 9.35, 2nd; Fideler, 8.55, 8th. (D2) Lewis, 8.9, 1st; Hudak, 8.8, 4th; Pierce, 8.65 (10th); Milad, 8.425; Hakala, 8.4; Brooke Granowicz, 8.225; Lasecki, 8.2; Emily Lang, 8.2; Brittany Granowicz, 8.15.

UNEVEN BARS:

(D1) Fideler, 9.45 (personal best), 1st; Piowar, 8.4 (9th). (D2) Lewis, 9.3, 1st; Milad, 8.3, 10th; Brittany Granowicz, 7.85; Brooke Granowicz, 7.65; Lasecki, 7.65; Lang, 7.6; Hudak, 7.4; Hakala, 7.05.

BALANCE BEAM:

(D1) Piowar, 9.35, 3rd; Fideler, 9.00, 5th. (D2) Hudak, 9.25, 1st; Brooke Granowicz, 9.05 (personal best), 5th; Lewis, 8.825 (8th); Milad, 8.725 (11th); Brittany Granowicz, 8.45; Lasecki, 7.8; Pierce, 7.65; Lang, 7.2.

FLOOR EXERCISE:

(D1) Piowar, 9.575, 2nd; Fideler, 8.975, 8th. (D2) Hudak, 9.325, 2nd; Pierce, 9.05, 5th; Lasecki, 8.65 (personal best), 19th; Lewis, 8.65; Brittany Granowicz, 8.375; Milad, 8.35; Hakala, 8.35; Brooke Granowicz, 8.1.

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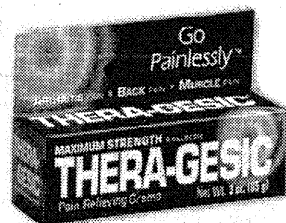
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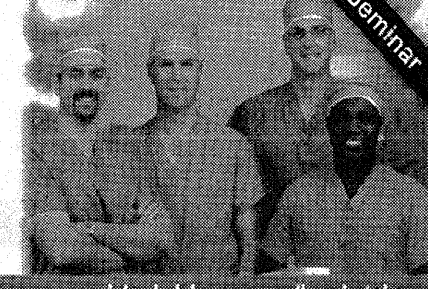
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Despite loss, Penguins getting noticed

BY TIM SMITH
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Hot on the heels of the biggest game in team history, the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins took Cranbrook-Kingswood down to the wire Tuesday in a Division 1 state girls hockey playoff quarterfinal.

But unlike Saturday night, when the Penguins edged Port Huron to win the D2 playoffs, the magic ran out at Detroit City Arena as the Cranes skated to a 2-1 victory.

Cranbrook-Kingswood (19-3) built an early 2-0 lead but had to hang on over the final two periods while PCS peppered goalie Colleen Jacoby — outstanding with 33 saves.

With freshman goalie Cortny McAdoo (20 saves) pulled for the extra attacker, the Penguins finally got on the board with just 44 seconds remaining.

A shot from the left point by senior defenseman Jordyn Moore was stopped by Jacoby, as was a rebound try by forward Jenny Fedon. Finally, senior defenseman Shauna Siebert swept the puck in while falling to the ice.

PCS (13-10) was unable to threaten for the equalizer after that.

"We had a little bit of a slow start and that kind of hurt us at the end of the game," said Johnson, finishing her first year as coach in excellent fashion. "If we had 17-minute periods it probably would have been another story."

"We really took it to them starting the middle of the second period and just ran out of time."

Cranbrook-Kingswood opened the scoring in the Michigan Metro Girls Hockey League contest with about eight minutes to go in the first. Sydney Sakwa finished a centering feed from

Caley Chelios.

Sakwa then batted in a rebound just 24 seconds into the second period for a 2-0 Cranes lead.

But that seemed to wake up the Penguins, who wound up firing 19 shots on Jacoby — who displayed a quick glove hand all night.

Siebert was outstanding, with a handful of top-quality shots that she just could not get past the goalie.

"All three of the seniors (Moore, Siebert, defenseman Kara Bongiovanni) played a fantastic game," Johnson added. "I think they realized this could be the last game and they went all out and they proved to everybody they deserved to be here and it wasn't a fluke."

Bongiovanni arrived at the arena on crutches after injuring her foot late in the upset win over Port Huron at St. Clair Shores Arena, but still managed to compete.

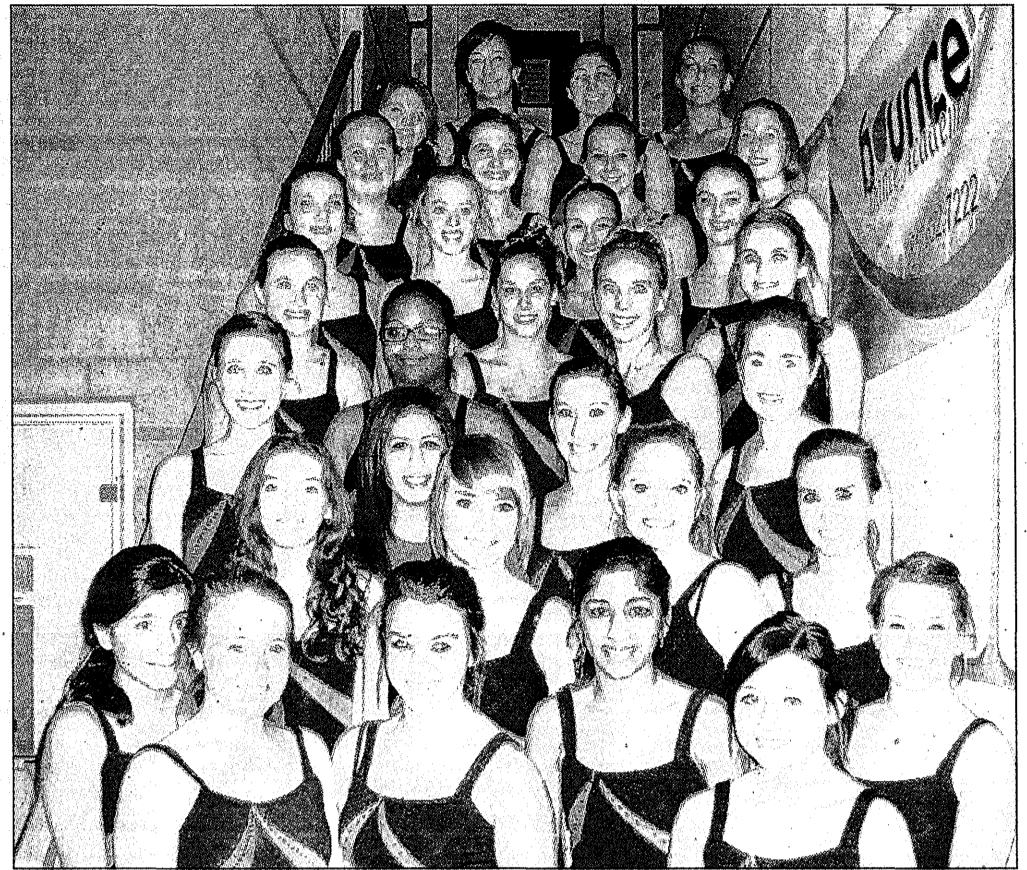
"She played very well for not being 100 percent," Johnson said.

In the third period, the Penguins continued to press Jacoby while their goaltender, McAdoo, kept the score close with a sparkling glove save against Sakwa with about three minutes to go.

The Penguins, by winning the D2 playoffs, moved up into the D1 single-elimination tournament. Both the championship and strong showing against Cranbrook-Kingswood bodes well for the future of the program.

"I've already gotten a few e-mails from girls who are interested," Johnson said. "... that big win on Saturday will go a long way for us I think in the history of the Penguins."

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The Plymouth-Canton Unified girls figure skating team has excelled at several competitions this season. The team, including skaters from Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools, includes (listed alphabetically): Summar Abdelnour, Samantha Amado, Caitlin Baumer, Emily Buck, Danielle Cecil, Danielle Desilets, Alex Feschenko, Kylie Hakala, Reagan Hurlley, Natalie Jordan, Pooja Kamani, Amy Kolarik, Katie Kowalski, Lauren Larsen, Shelby Locklear, Stephanie Lyle, Alexa Macari, Lindsay Magaldi, Alli Morrison, Amelia Peer, Ellita Perez, Amanda Pinko, Diane Postel, Leah Przytulski, Valeria Reyna, Breanna Schnur, Brooke Siepierski, Madison Smith, Lauren-Taylor, Freya Thodesen-Kasparian and Marissa Ziegler. Co-coaches are Barb Miller and Suzie Smith with Ellen Kolarik the manager/advisor.

Unified figure skaters making strides

Could there be some future Olympian figure skaters in the making?

A first-place finish by the B Team in spins highlighted an all-around fine showing by the Plymouth-Canton Unified girls figure skating team on Feb. 17 at Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

Plymouth-Canton brought three sub-teams (A, B, C) to the competition, representing girls with different levels of expertise.

Those teams did as follows: A Team (moves, 2nd; jumps, 5th; spins, 7th), B Team (moves, 4th; jumps, 8th; spins, 1st); C Team (moves, 5th; jumps, 5th; spins, 2nd).

Final standings were determined by a combined score of those three elements for all three sub-teams.

Team A and C tied for third and second

place, respectively (both with Hartland) while Team B finished fourth.

Skaters from Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools comprise the unified team, coached by Noreen Desilets.

The skaters showed steady improvement from the first competition in December.

Earlier in the season, at the second District 3 competition, Plymouth-Canton's A Team had excellent performances in moves (2nd place) and jumps (4th), helping it finish in a fourth place tie with Ann Arbor Huron.

Meanwhile, the B Team's first-place showing in spins highlighted its overall second place finish. The sub-team also took second in the moves category.

Plymouth-Canton's co-coaches are Barb Miller and Suzie Smith with important help from manager/advisor Ellen Kolarik.



It was a happy scene Saturday night for the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins girls hockey team, following a 1-0 overtime win against Port Huron in the Division 2 playoff final. Recording the shutout was freshman goalie Cortny McAdoo (front and center).

PENGUINS

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offs, which began Tuesday night at Detroit City Arena. (Cranbrook-Kingswood edged the Penguins 2-1, see related story.)

First-year head coach Mary Beth Johnson said her team was up to the challenge of facing Port Huron — a team that romped PCS 7-0 early in the year.

She pointed to how her team defeated Detroit Country Day on Thursday in the D2 semifinal, despite McAdoo being sick. Backup goalie Ellexus Montoya (only one previous game all season) stepped in and the Penguins prevailed

8-3.

"Nothing has been easy for us this year, but the girls have proved that they can take on adversity and pull through as a stronger team," said Johnson, whose coaching leadership turned the program around. "Having Ellexus play in net Thursday night was the best thing that could have happened to this team."

"The girls knew what had to be done to win the game against Country Day with our backup goalie in net."

Then with a nothing-to-lose attitude Saturday night, and the diminutive McAdoo playing flawlessly in net, the Penguins never gave in to the Lady Icehawks (who came into the game with a 19-1 record).

McAdoo made 25 shots, including several in the closing

seconds of regulation, displaying the poise of a junior or senior.

That led to the winner. Defenseman Shauna Siebert sent a pass over to Moore, who cut across the front of the goal and roofed the puck over the Port Huron goaltender's right shoulder.

When Moore hit the twine with her shot, Johnson said gloves and sticks flew into the air and her players celebrated in a big pile in the middle of the ice.

Johnson pointed to an excellent penalty kill, spearheaded by Mallory Rojo, as instrumental in the victory. The Penguins were called for four penalties, while Port Huron only needed to kill off one.

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Whalers tune up as playoffs near

The Plymouth Whalers came into last weekend determined to get into good habits and set up positive momentum for the playoffs. Mission accomplished.

The Whalers defeated the Saginaw Spirit, 4-0, in an Ontario Hockey League game played before a sellout crowd of 3,662 Saturday night at Compuware Arena. On Friday, Plymouth shut out the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds, 3-0.

Plymouth improves to 38-25-0-2, good for 78 points and fourth place in the Western Conference playoff race.

The Whalers have a five-point lead on fifth-place Sault Ste. Marie (34-25-1-4, 73 points) for the final playoff spot that assures home ice in the first round of the upcoming OHL playoffs.

Plymouth goalie Matt Hackett stopped 31 shots for his second straight shutout while Tyler Brown (13th), Austin Levi (3rd), Austin Mattson (3rd) and Robbie Czarnik (15th) scored for the Whalers, with Czarnik adding two assists and Tyler Seguin three assists in the victory. (Seguin scored on Friday for his 100th point of the season.)

"I've never done this before," Hackett said about consecutive shutouts. "Tonight was the same thing as last night — our D did their job and that made my job easy."

While Hackett and the Plymouth blue liners did their job, the Whalers offense

pelted Saginaw goaltender Tadeas Galansky with 51 shots.

Galansky played well and the Whalers finally took a 1-0 lead at 14:39 when Czarnik went wide right wing in the Saginaw zone and snapped a shot towards the net, where Brown redirected the puck over Galansky's shoulder.

"I saw Czarnik wheeling into the (offensive) zone," Brown said of his goal. "Using my speed, I went across the middle and made sure I took away the D. So I crashed the net and tried to screen the goalie."

Plymouth took a 2-0 lead at 14:41 of the second period with an excellent elemental play. Center AJ Jenks — who excelled on face offs — won a draw in the Saginaw zone from Jordan Skellett and sent the puck quickly to the right point to Levi, who wired a shot over Galansky's shoulder at 14:41.

The Whalers kept coming and scored at 17:21 of the second period to take a 3-0 lead. Seguin moved to the high slot and took a shot on Galansky, who made the save with traffic in front of him. Mattson tapped home the rebound just outside the Saginaw blue crease. Plymouth led, 3-0, after forty minutes of play.

Czarnik scored the only goal of the third period, tapping home a rebound from the left side of the Saginaw net for his third goal of the weekend at 15th of the year.

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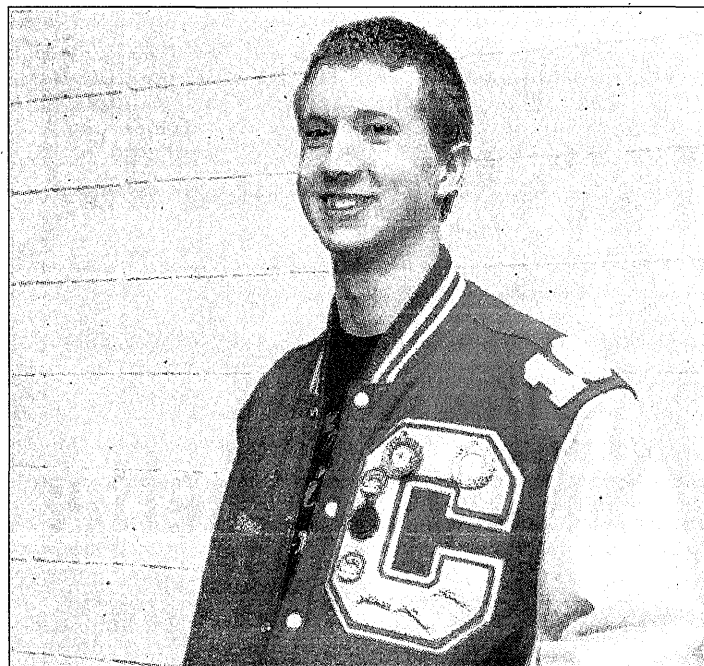
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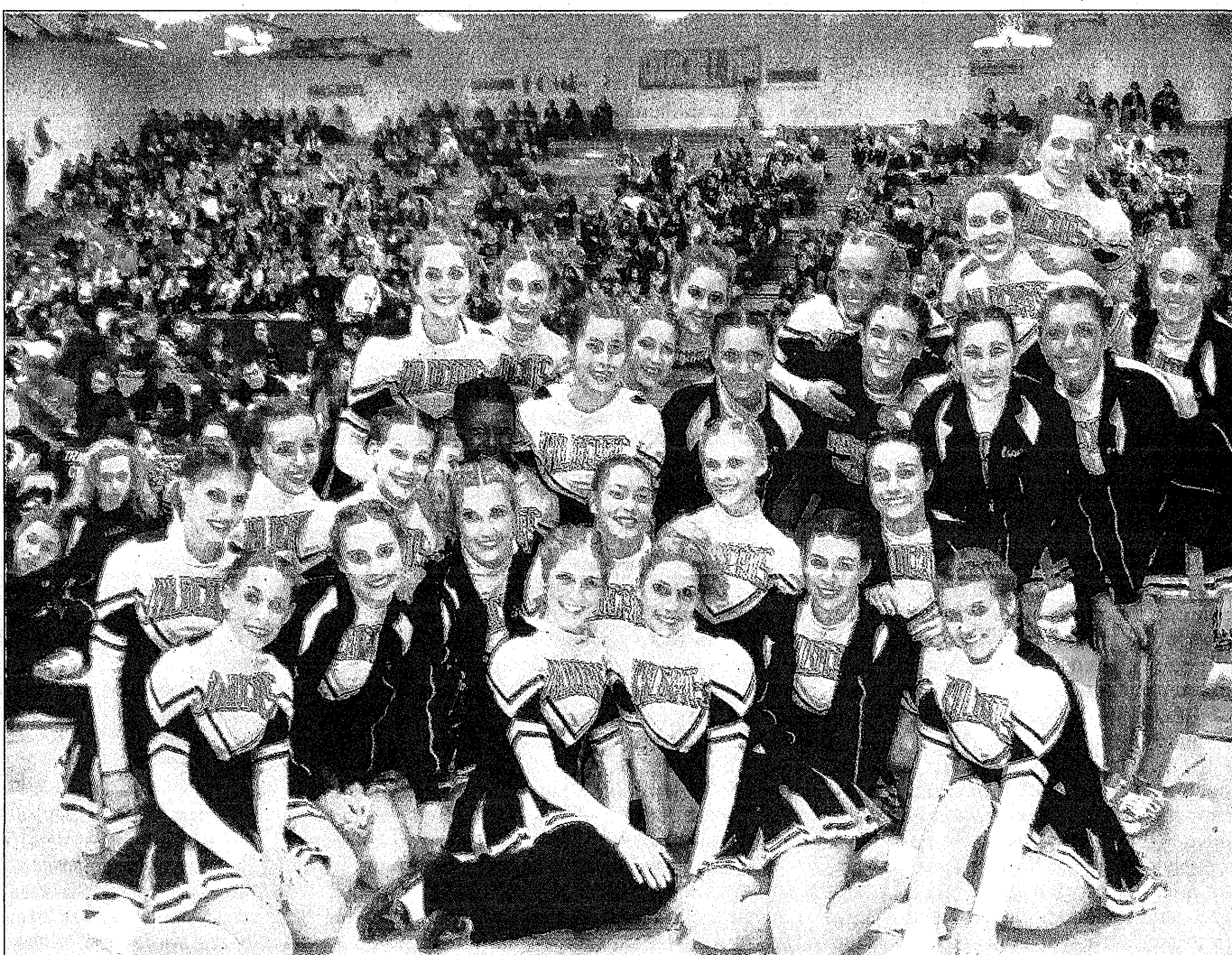
The much-decorated Canton varsity jacket says it all about multi-talented, success-driven Ryan Boes.

BOES
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and marketing and business. "He's just excelled in that. And he also wanted to excel in swimming. So to do them both is just phenomenal." She then grinned as she mentioned that Ryan has several other irons in the fire. Those include being a National Honor Society member, managing the Canton school store (he is in advanced marketing) carrying a 3.8 grade-point average and finding time for a girlfriend. "He amazes us." Oh, yeah, he works part time for A&A Calibration in Livonia — on flex time, of course. "I currently go to school, then go to swim practice and if I have National Honor Society meeting I go to that or DECA, and then I'll go to work," Ryan Boes said. "And after that I go home and hopefully I have enough time for homework." Being an organized go-getter with leadership skills is

something that he said really came to fruition over the past two years. "I really think it just evolved with the start of my junior year," Boes said. "Over the summer between my sophomore and junior year I got my first part-time job and from then on my junior year just went crazy with all the clubs I started becoming involved in. "I was really just forced to be able to manage it because of all I do. I had to learn a sense of how to prioritize." And he's always been a competitive guy, at least during high school. That helps him excel now in swimming (he earned All-Observer second team last year) and perhaps in the future in the business world. "It's just the drive, you've got to be motivated, you have to want to do it," Ryan summed up. "You just have to have that, that hunger, that desire. I think that goes for anything in life." That's a pretty good sales pitch if there ever was one.

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Sharp Saberettes

Hard work and dedication paid off as the Plymouth Varsity Saberettes recently placed second at the Mid American State Competition at Eastern Michigan University. They finished second in the large Class A division against 39 high school varsity teams, a source of pride for Saberette parents. The Plymouth Saberettes are as follows: (front row, from left) Jillian Covault, Katie Justice, Kirsten Engstrom, Nichole Finch, Jennifer Turner, Laura Krahel and Lauren Uhlan, coaches Maria Hernandez and Trisha Ward; (middle row, from left) Lauren Turner, Kimberlin Butler, Emma Buckele, Lauren Fisher, Chelsea Schroeder, Katie Shelton and Anjelica Janovski; (back row, from left) Allison Santori, Christina Dreyer, Kendall Torp, Holin Pardikes, Lindsey Martin, Dominica Convertino, Hayley Wakefield, Megan Laporte, Kirstie Liakos, Kelly Connelly, Tiffany Granowicz, Holly Runyan and Danielle Gomerick.

Canton defeats Hartland, in 'Sweet 16'

BY TIM SMITH
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Canton took another post-season step Tuesday night, earning a 58-34 victory over Hartland in a Class A girls basketball regional semifinal at Ann Arbor Pioneer. The win moves the Chiefs (22-1) into the regional final, 7 p.m. Thursday, against 21-3 Ann Arbor Huron. "They're a great team," said Canton head coach Brian Samulski. "It'll be a battle. They're athletic and quick. It's the regional final, so both

teams are going to play hard." The Chiefs did just that against the Eagles (17-7), taking leads of 18-13 after one and 28-21 at halftime before really opening up a big lead thanks to a 17-4 third frame. Scoring 15 points and grabbing five rebounds was junior forward Sara Schmitt, while twin sister Kari Schmitt chipped in with 14 points, seven rebounds, two steals and two blocks. Other Canton helpers were CarolAnn Sexauer (10 points), Kayla Bridges (7 points, 6 boards) and the defensive

trio of Robyn Mack, Melanie Pickert (back after missing districts) and Alyssa Cottrell. Samulski said those three were very effective against Hartland sophomore point guard Bailee Maggert, holding her to just one point along with five first-half assists. "They have a real good point guard (Maggert) who gets things going on the penetration dribble," he said. "Once she gave it up we made sure she didn't get it back. We did a better job on her (in the second half)."

Hartland's top scorers were Shelby Maggert and Jill Cartland, with 12 and 10 points, respectively. Canton now advances into the so-called "Sweet 16," teams still in the hunt for a state championship. "We keep saying 'One more win, one step closer,'" Samulski said. "We're down to 16 teams, the 'Sweet 16.'"

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Plymouth Christian Academy 'D' makes grade

BY TIM SMITH
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Strong defense out of the gates keyed Plymouth Christian Academy to a 57-34 girls basketball win over Camden-Frontier in Tuesday's Class D regional semifinal at Wyandotte Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. The Eagles (10-11) put the clamps on Camden-Frontier scoring threat Morgan Warfield, allowing her to score just eight points in the first half — when PCA built a 37-13 advantage. Although Warfield finished with 25 for the night, most of her points came after the contest was decided. "Jenna Abraham did a great job on her in the first quarter with Bri Harris, and so did Karen Windle," noted Eagles head

coach Carol Gerulis. At the other end of the floor, Windle, a freshman guard, helped the cause with 20 points along with five rebounds and four steals while sophomore forward Kristin Malcolm tallied 17 points and 15 boards. "When they're freshmen, they don't realize the 'bigness' of it," said Gerulis, referring to how well Windle played. Also contributing were Harris (5 points, 8 rebounds) and senior Michaela Wheeler (5 rebounds, 4 assists). The Eagles will vie for the regional championship 7 p.m. Thursday against Lenawee Christian, also at Mt. Carmel. **District title** Plymouth Christian defeated Class D

district host Washtenaw Christian 64-21 Friday night to capture the district championship. Scoring 14 points each for the Eagles were senior Brooke Purcell and Malcolm, who helped spark PCA to a 31-12 halftime edge. They also played strong in other areas. Purcell tallied seven rebounds and three steals while Malcolm chipped in with eight boards and two blocks. Also making key contributions were junior guard Harris (7 points, 6 steals, 4 assists) and senior Jessica Soblesky (5 assists, 3 steals). "It was just a great game, everybody scopped and played very well together as a team," Gerulis said. "I'm very proud of them... they put two really good games together back-to-back."

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a **Bid for Bid Package #25A: Interior Signage at Salem High School**. Bidding documents prepared by **TMP Associates, Inc.** will be available for public inspection and pick-up (1 set per company) at the office of the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith Inc.**, 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335 (248) 427-8400. They can also be viewed at: FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit; Builders Exchange, Grand Rapids; Construction News Service, Grandville; and Reed Construction Data, Novi, MI. Bid Division description includes:

Bid Division 122: Interior Signage

Any and all questions in regards to the bidding or the Bid Package Documents should be addressed in writing to the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith Inc.** Questions or clarifications will be promptly answered and returned to the bidder/bidders.

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the corresponding bid division identified on the outside of the envelope. All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00300) and the Proposal Execution Form (Section 00400). The Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted.

Bids are due to the PCCS E&J McClendon Educational Center on or before 10:00 a.m. EST, Wednesday, March 17, 2010, where they will be opened and read publicly. Faxed proposals will not be accepted. The Board of Education for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

This project is to be bid and the work performed at the Prevailing Wage Rates.

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

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Wolfpack tryouts

Tryouts for the Plymouth-Canton Wolfpack 16-Under AAU travel boys basketball team are scheduled from 6:30-to-8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16 at West Middle

School (Ann Arbor Trail near Sheldon Road). For more information, call (313) 570-7819.

Flag football

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will

be taking Summer NFL Youth Flag Football Registrations (for grades 3-8) now through April 16 at the recreation office Monday-Friday, 12 noon to 4:30 p.m.

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EXEL: We chose Plymouth due to concentration of our talent pool; proximity to Canada (we have an office in Toronto) and Detroit Big 3; great amenities including access to airport, lodging and restaurants. **Observer: What makes your business unique?**

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Observer: How has your business changed?

EXEL: We are using more and more automation equipment such as robots to apply the product.

Observer: How has the economy affected your business?

EXEL: We did have to downsize but it also afforded us the opportunity to acquire a company and add to our product line.

Observer: Do you have a funny story or tidbit that you would like to share with our readers?

EXEL: More an interesting tidbit: There is a 70 percent chance that the cabinets in your house were painted, stained or sealed using our



EXEL North America's mission is to "make manufacturers better." The firm is located at 45001 Five Mile in Plymouth Township.

equipment. **Observer: Do you have any advice for other business owners?**

EXEL: Stay focused and

hence, you have a chance to be the best.

Observer: What does the future hold for your business?

EXEL: We expect to see sales double in the next five years.

CHAMBER CHAT

Business series

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce continues its Business Development Series with a workshop on how to gain business through LinkedIn.

The seminar takes place March 23 from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at the Chamber office (850 W. Ann Arbor Trail). LinkedIn

is the premier professional networking site available and can be a great resource for your business. The users of LinkedIn have an average household

income of \$109,000; 80 percent are college graduates and 49 percent are business decision makers.

The searchable LinkedIn Groups feature allows users to establish new business relationships by joining alumni, industry or other relevant groups. This is just one tool that makes this site one of the fastest growing networks on the web. Over 60 million professionals use LinkedIn to exchange information, ideas and opportunities.

There is no charge to attend this workshop, but we only have seating for 35 people. Please contact the Chamber at teri@plymouthmich.org to register.

The workshop will be presented by online networking expert Urvi Mehta of PR Easy. She was the presenter of our successful Facebook and Twitter workshops.

Parking is available in the parking deck off of Harvey Street behind the Chamber building.

Community luncheon

The March 24 State of the Community luncheon is beginning to fill up quickly. This popular annual event is an opportunity to join fellow business people and community leaders as we hear about what to expect from our community in the coming year. In spite of almost every area of local government being challenged by lower revenues, our leaders plan to maintain the high quality of life for this community. We invite you to join us to hear how you can be part of a brighter future.

Featured 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.

The event will be from noon to 1:30 p.m. and the cost to attend is only \$20. The luncheon will be held at Plymouth Manor, located at 345 N. Main St. 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.

Fourth Tuesdays

New Liberty Bank at 1333 W. Ann Arbor Road hosts casual information coffees on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 7:30-9 a.m. Join them for free coffee, donuts and their panel of experts who will

be on hand to answer banking and financial questions. Registration is not necessary, just stop by.

60th anniversary

Dearborn Jewelers is hosting a two-week anniversary party that will kick off on March 20 and run through April 3. The celebration will include refreshments, live music and a free gift with purchase to the first 100 party goers. The grand prize will be a .60 carat Lazare Diamond. Visit www.dearbornjewelers.com for more information.

Hazardous Waste Day

Wayne County will hold a household hazardous waste collection day on Saturday, March 27, at Redford Township Public Services (12200 Beech Daly Road). Acceptable items include pesticides, fertilizers, automobile fluids, car batteries and electronic devices. For information on computer equipment disposal read Guide 12 at www.plymouthtp.org/Departments/PublicServices/factsheets.htm.

Penn classics

March will be Alfred Hitchcock month at the Penn Theatre: *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 p.m. All seats \$3.

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

EASTER FUN

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 at jehincker@comcast.net or call Debbie Dowling at (734) 207-7464 for more information.



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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Block captains

The Downtown Business Association is considering implementing a block captain program to help disseminate information to merchants.

The block captain would be the go-to person on the major streets to keep other merchants informed of activities and other important information.

Business News

• Eclectic Attic will be opening on Forest April 1 in the old Baker's Rack building. Owner Tina Camero says EA will be a high-end consignment shop with men's and women's clothing. She will also carry furniture, antiques and vintage pieces in the 1,600-square-foot store. Tina lives in Northville, but says "I love Plymouth."

• Burger Spot, which closed

in January in Westchester Square Mall, will be reopening soon with familiar faces as new owners. E.G. Nicks owners Frank Agostini and Tony Belli, along with building owner Denny Pennington, will be partnering to reopen Burger Spot.

• Forest Computer Solutions is offering \$5 off the hourly rate for computer services in the month of March. They are located at 480 Forest, with their entrance off the Harvey Street parking lot.

Contact Roz and Jayme at (734) 259-8611 or at www.for-estpconline.com

Safer driving

A number of recent studies now confirm that high-intensity discharge (HID) headlights offer significant safety advantages over halogen headlights,

according to Hella, a leading supplier of automotive lighting and electronics.

Steffen Pietzonka, vice president of Marketing for Hella's Lighting business unit, said that HID headlights offer several significant safety advantages. First of all, HID headlights provide two to three times more light than halogen versions. In addition, they create a wider light beam pattern and illuminate the area at the side of vehicle better. He cited a recent study by the German motoring association ADAC, confirming that drivers who use high-intensity discharge (HID) headlights drive more safely. ADAC (Allgemeiner Deutscher Automobil-Club), Europe's largest automobile club, found that drivers who use HID headlights drive more safely by up to 70 percent.

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W.E.L.S.

Open rehearsal appeals to families

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Elizabeth and Lisa seem content to perched on the same chair as their mother Kristin Hoy while she rehearsed with the Schoolcraft College Jazz Ensemble.

At six years old, the twins aren't quite ready to sit quietly through a concert, so Family Night, held Monday, March 8, was the perfect way for Kristin and her husband Bob to introduce them to the music. Elizabeth was especially thrilled about "mom letting me come."

"I wanted to share my love of music with my children, for them to meet my friends, to see what mommy does," said Kristin Hoy of Farmington.

"At a concert they have to behave themselves but here they can roam around until 7:30 when I take them home for bedtime," said Bob Hoy.

Lisa and Elizabeth ran around excitedly until jazz band director Riccardo Selva took command of the evening's open rehearsal. Once he started to speak, the girls respected the hush that came over the room. This was the last time the ensemble would practice before performing at the Collage Concert 8 p.m. Saturday, March 13, in the VisTaTech Center on the Livonia campus.

"Tonight we opened regular rehearsal for show and tell," said Selva, director of jazz studies at the college. "We have grandparents and parents who want their children to experience the music. We have lawyers, teachers, manufacturing workers, all affected positively by a music teacher and they're still playing."

MUSIC MINISTRY

Selva started playing saxophone at age 12. He continues to teach and perform after earning his Doctor of Music degree in saxophone performance from Northwestern University in Illinois in 2003. He has years of experience in music ministry and wrote his dissertation on the Saxophone in Sacred Music. Selva taught woodwinds and coordinated the band program at Our Lady of Humility School in Illinois before moving back to Michigan. His goal is to expand the jazz studies program and attract more credit students along with those from continuing education.

On March 24, Selva plays saxophone as part of the



Collin Richter (right) of Canton rehearses alongside his trumpet teacher Bill Steele of Plymouth. In the background is Tim Kalvaitis of Livonia.

PHOTOS BY RENA LAVERTY



Riccardo Selva directs the Schoolcraft College Jazz Ensemble open rehearsal on Monday night in the Forum building on campus.



Lisa (left) and her twin sister Elizabeth Hoy look on as their mother Kristin rehearses with the Schoolcraft College Jazz Ensemble. On the right is Nino Biundo.



Nino Biundo talks with Elizabeth Hoy of Farmington at Family Night.

faculty spotlighted in the Noon Recital Series in the Presentation Room of the VisTaTech Center.

"The jazz ensemble opens up doors. It's a great opportunity," said Selva. "In April we're going to record student arrangements at Studio A in Dearborn and have our Up Jump Spring Concert, and in July play the Michigan Jazz Festival."

BLUES COMPOSITION

Selva composes music as well and encourages students to do the same. Ron Toth,

trombone, wrote "Blues for Nate" for his grandson who was born with a heart defect. Surgeons at C.S. Mott's Children's Hospital were able to correct the problem. One part of the piece mimics the heartbeat.

"Blues is because when he was born he turned blue," said Toth. A West Bloomfield resident, Toth's played with the jazz band 10 years. "Rick encouraged my composition. I love music, love jazz. As an amateur musician I enjoy the band because of the selections — Stan Kenton, Count Basie, Thad Jones."

Travis Strickland finds it refreshing not to play trumpet in a symphonic setting. The 19-year-old South Lyon musician is taking jazz

ensemble as a credit class. He's played trumpet since he was in fourth grade in Vermont.

"It's fun," said Strickland. "You get to play with certain styles."

SIDE BY SIDE

Collin Richter, 15, was sitting in on the rehearsal at the invitation of Bill Steele, his trumpet teacher and member of the jazz ensemble. Steele sat next to the Canton High School student and whispered instructions about playing the music.

"He was excited about coming," said Richter's father, Steve. "He was in marching band at East Middle School and joined the jazz band at Canton." Tim Kalvaitis espe-

cially likes the selections he's able to play on his trumpet. The electrical engineer joined the band last September. He's played trumpet since 1976 when he was in sixth grade in a Pinckney school.

"I moved back from the East Coast after 20 years looking for someplace to play," said Kalvaitis of Livonia. "I like the music, like to play. The concert band or classical is a different style of music. This is Big Band."

ON SAXOPHONE

Nino Biundo, an automotive engineer, was in a down-river community band when he heard the jazz ensemble needed a saxophone. Biundo began playing the instrument when he was in fourth grade in 1988. He travels every Monday night from Taylor just to rehearse with the band.

"Jazz is more free, artistic as far as your interpretation of the music," said Biundo who has two children, ages 4 1/2 and 3. They are still too young to come to Family Night but Biundo believes it's important to expose children to the music.

"It's good to get kids involved at an early age to get hooked," Biundo said.

Before long it was 7:30 p.m. But before the Hoy girls

left Selva asked them if they liked mom's solo. He showed them the difference between a baritone sax and the tenor their mother was playing. They giggled when Selva asked the trombone to play a long, gliding note characteristic of the instrument.

"Kristin was excited to have her daughters come," Selva said. "She e-mailed me they were fascinated with watching and listening and seeing the band in action. They were really inspired to play an instrument. Kids don't have the opportunity to sit next to a musician playing professionally, to experience real people playing real instruments and a lot of schools don't even have jazz programs."

The Schoolcraft College Jazz Ensemble performs at the Collage Concert 8 p.m. Saturday, March 13. Selections include *Manteca* and *Birk's Works* by Dizzy Gillespie, *Tickettoe* by Lester Young, and *Watermelon Man* by Herbie Hancock.

Tickets are \$8 adults, \$5 students with ID, \$3 children under age 12 and senior citizens.

For more information about the Schoolcraft College Jazz Ensemble, e-mail rselva@schoolcraft.edu or call Selva at (847) 721-7299.

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

Northville Art House

Time/Date: Through March 21
Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
Details: "Under the Influence" exhibit showcasing the influential artistic relationship between teachers and students at the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit. The exhibit illustrates that art is not done in a vacuum
Coming up: Dollmaking class taught by Charlie Patricolo, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., April 24-25. The two-day class costs \$100, along with a \$10 kit fee. Registration is available now
Contact: (248) 344-0497 or visit www.northvillearts.org

Village Theater at Cherry Hill

Time/Date: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Monday-Friday, through March 29
Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
Details: Works by Plymouth resident and self-taught artist Tony Roko on display
Contact: (734) 394-5300

AUDITIONS

University of Detroit Mercy

Time/Date: 7 p.m., March 29
Location: 4001 W. McNichols, Detroit; in Studio 164 in Reno Hall
Details: Non-equity auditions for the theater's 2010-2011, 40th season. Provide a recent headshot, resume and two monologues: one classical and one modern. RSVP at the theater's Facebook page; search "UDM Theatre Company" on Facebook
Contact: Greg Grobis at grobisgj@udmercy.edu or at (313) 993-3273

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Time/Date: Various show times
 Wednesdays thru Sundays
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Contact: (248) 327-0575; www.gocomedy.net

Ford Community & Performing Art Center

Time/Date: 6 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., Saturday, March 13
Location: 15801 Michigan Ave. at Greenfield, Dearborn
Details: Michigan Lesbian and Gay Comedyfest with Jessica Kirson, Gloria Bigelow, Jamie Pierce and Roxanna Ward; tickets \$30 in advance and \$30 at the door
Contact: www.comedyfest.org, (313) 537-7000

JD's House of Comedy

Time/Date: Various show times
 Wednesday-Saturday evenings
Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield
Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday
Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays
Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Sheila Kay, March 10-13; Jay Black, March 17-20; Myq Kaplan, March 24-27
Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickercomplex.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Time/Date: Brooklyn native Brian Soolaro, March 11-13; Bret Ernst, who appeared in the movie "Beer League," and hosted MTVs "Wrestling Society X," March 18-20
Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak
Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

CONCERTS

The Ark

Time/Date: Caravan of Thieves, (gypsy jazz) March 11; Joe Henry, (mixed genre) March 12; Justin Roberts & The Not Ready for Naptime Players, (rock music for kids) March 13; The Band of Heathens (country and Americana) March 13; Lehto & Wright



"Chloe" by Tony Roko. The Plymouth artist is showing his works through March 29 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, in Canton.

(folk rock) March 14
Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor
Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Date: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 and 8:30 p.m.
Location: 5200 Woodward Ave
Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

JWH Center for the Arts

Time/Date: 6:15-6:45 p.m., open mic sign up; performances, 7 p.m.
Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: BaseLine Folk Society open mic is for acoustic, folk and traditional musicians. Admission is \$5. BaseLine Folk Society open mic runs every third Saturday of the month through May
Contact: Mike Mullen, founder, mjmmullen@yahoo.com

Magic Bag

Time/Dates: The Mega 80's, March 12, 20; Satin Peaches, The Fake Take, March 19; The Killer Flamingos, March 26
Location: 22920 Woodward, Ferndale
Contact: (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com

Music Hall Center for Performing Arts

Time/Date: 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., Friday-Saturday, March 12-13
Location: 350 Madison Ave., Detroit
Details: Wilson "Chembo" Corniel Jr. & his Latin Jazz Quintet play the "Jazz Cafe"; tickets are \$27 (plus \$3 preservation fee) available at Music Hall Box Office or at www.ticketmaster.com
Contact: (313) 887-8500

range from \$43-\$75; students pay \$25

Contact: (248) 855-6070

Plymouth Coffee Bean Company

Time/Date: Spotlight on female performers, hosted by Jeni Lee, March 13; Steve Mullan & Scott P. & Mike Bermudaz, March 14; The Skinny Raccoons, with Justin Erion, March 20
Location: 884 Penniman Avenue, Plymouth
Contact: (734) 454-0178

Schoolcraft College

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, March 19
Location: Presentation Room at VisiTech Center on the campus, located at 18600 Haggerty, Livonia
Details: Emmanuelle Boisvert on violin and Pauline Martin on piano perform music by Beethoven, Bloch, Grieg and Corelli; admission \$20, \$10 for students
Contact: Schoolcraft Book store at (734) 462-4409 or www.scbox-office.com

Token Lounge

Time/Date: Noon-2 a.m., Wednesday, March 17
Location: 28949 Joy Road in Westland
Details: St. Patrick's Day bash with Paradime The Gorilla Funk Mob, Hush, Street Justice, U Stylez, Abrasive Method, Mu, Phathom, Cancer, Pony Boy and Knox Money. Also on hand will be DJ AMF, DJ PDog and DJ K-Fresh to provide sounds from the turntables all night. Token Lounge will be transformed into "Pair O'Dimes" Irish Pub and will offer Irish cooking and bagpipes. Cover is \$5; 21 and older are welcome
Contact: www.thetokenlounge.com

Trinity House Theater

Time/Date: Michael McDermott with John D. Lamb, 8 p.m., March 12, tickets \$15, \$12 for subscribers; Jill Jack with Luke Brindley, 8 p.m. March 13, tickets \$15, \$12 for members; Brooks Williams and Beaucoup Blue, 8 p.m. March 19, tickets \$15, \$12 for subscribers; Annie and Rod Capps, 8 p.m., March 20, tickets \$15, \$12 for subscribers; Gemini, 8 p.m., March 27, tickets \$15, \$12 for subscribers
Location: 38840 West Six Mile, Livonia

Contact: (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org

Village Theater at Cherry Hill

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 13
Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton
Details: "Tchaikovsky Spectacular" featuring guest composer Kristin Kuster. The orchestra will perform Tchaikovsky's "Symphony No. 5" and will play side-by-side with students of the Celebration Youth Orchestra on William Walton's "Crown Imperial March." Rounding out the evening will be a command performance of Kuster's, "Iron Diamond," which was commissioned by the Symphony for its 60th anniversary in 2005. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$10 for students
Contact: For tickets, contact the Symphony office at 774 N. Sheldon, in the Plymouth Arts Center; (734) 451-2112 or online at www.plymouthsymphony.org.

FAMILY

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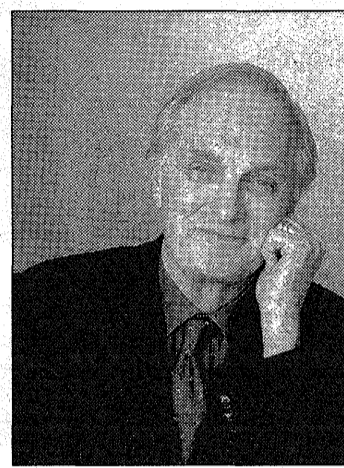
Time/Dates: 2-5 p.m. Sundays
Details: Jazz for Kids Program
Location: 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit
Contact: (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com

Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays
Details: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission
Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit
Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

Detroit Zoo

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March
Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak
Details: Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free. Wild Winter Weekends offer crafts, entertainment, educational experiences March 6-7
Contact: (248) 541-5717



Actor Alan Alda will be on hand with violinist Arnold Steinhardt March 20 at Seligman Performing Arts Center, in Beverly Hills.

Seligman Performing Arts Center

Time/Date: 8 p.m., March 20
Location: 22305 West 13 Mile, on the campus of Detroit Country Day School, Beverly Hills
Details: Violinist Arnold Steinhardt will be joined by actor Alan Alda for an evening of conversation and performance entitled "A Celebration of the Bach Chaconne." The discussion and concert is presented by the Chamber Music Society of Detroit. Tickets are \$43 - \$75; students \$25
Coming up: The Chamber Music Society of Detroit presents Steven Isserlis, on cello and Dénes Várjon, on piano, 8 p.m., March 27, in a program that consists of sonatas by composers Barber, Dohnanyi, Schumann and Chopin. Tickets

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Christian singer creates music to glorify God

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Jake Doby's country rock band is as much about ministry as it is music.

"We're doing this for God and for glorifying his name. It's about Jesus, not about me being famous or making money," said Doby, 31, a Plymouth resident. "It's about getting the word of God out and telling our stories about how God helped our lives, about the good work done for us by having faith."

Doby, who struggled with alcohol abuse for 10 years, says God helped him kick the drinking habit a year and a half ago. He also credits divine intervention in finding the other Christian musicians who form The Jake Doby Band and in the creation of the group's first CD, *Man on a Mission*.

"We hammered these songs out in a hurry," said Doby, who founded the band last fall. "It was meant to be — it all came together so fast. I believe God was working the whole time."

Doby, a Canton High School graduate, wrote the song lyrics while in treatment at Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac, nearly two years ago.

"I wrote the songs and then put them on the shelf," said Doby, who has sung all his life, in choirs and at church.

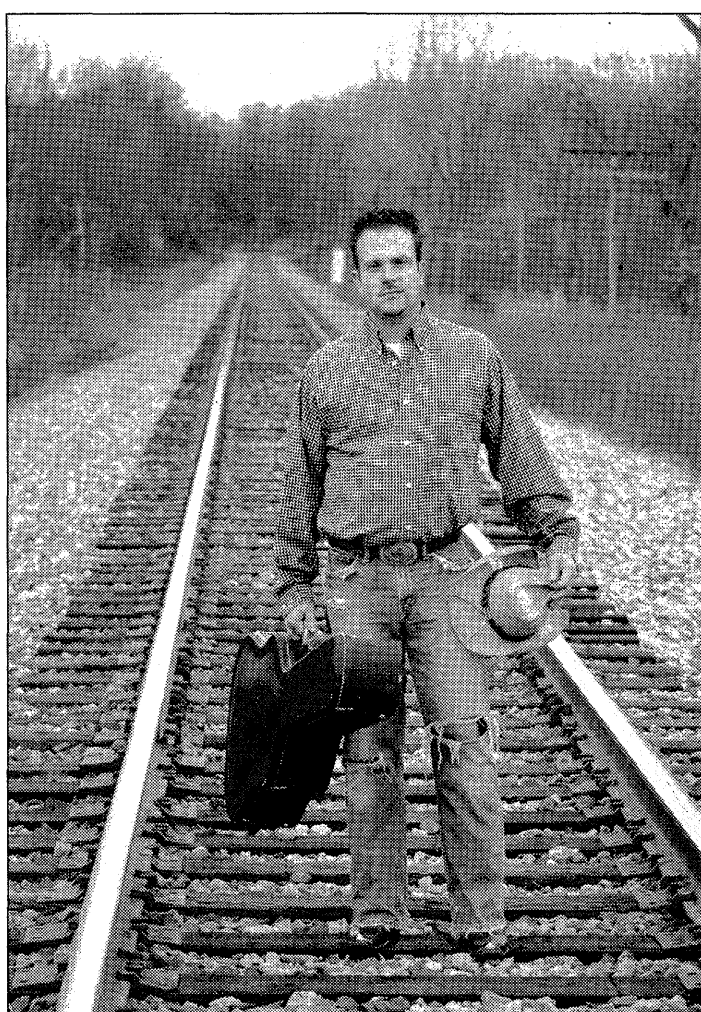
CHANCE MEETING

A cook by trade, he was applying for a job at a restaurant when he noticed an old friend he had met through Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) eating lunch there. The friend played guitar and wrote music. They talked about Doby's song lyrics and decided to get together. Now a member of the Jake Doby Band, the friend, Joe Walker of Northville, wrote music to Doby's lyrics.

"Looking back on it now it was God's plan that I wasn't going to find a job. I believe God was really working to push me to do this," Doby said.

Danny Boyle of Plymouth had battled addictions for 20 years before becoming sober. He joined the group as lead guitarist, followed by Courtney Barrells of Madison Heights on bass and Mike Swiecki of Wyandotte on drums.

"It came together rather quickly. We'd rehearse the songs and they sounded really good."



JIM NAUM

Jake Doby, from cover art on the Jake Doby Band's "Man on a Mission" CD.

Some of the songs focus on recovery from addiction; all of them are about Jesus, Doby said. "They are songs about being saved and reborn."

He'd like to use his experiences with addiction, recovery and faith to help others, particularly high school students who are thinking about drinking.

STRUGGLING WITH ALCOHOL

Doby said he quit going to church as a teen-ager and began drinking before age 21, continuing to party while at Eastern Michigan University, where he was studying journalism. He spent several years after college in and out of AA and jail, for drunk driving offenses. It wasn't until he went to Grace Centers of Hope that he began to put his struggles behind him and started pouring his thoughts into song lyrics.

"I wish everyone could have what I do, because I know there are a lot of people out there struggling like I was," he said. "I'd love to be an example for them. I'm supposed to use

my experience and strength and wisdom from what I've done to help others and hopefully, it will."

UPCOMING GIGS

The group will perform at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 6, at Blessed Hope Church, 1706 Fort Street, Lincoln Park. The performance is free and open to the public.

They'll celebrate the release of their new CD with a concert on Sunday, March 14, at Living Word Church, 46500 North Territorial Road, Plymouth; (734) 207-9673. The event will start with food and fellowship at 5 p.m. A youth praise band, "Unashamed" from Flat Rock, will take the stage first, followed by the Jake Doby Band at about 7 p.m. Copies of *Man on a Mission* will be available for purchase. Admission is free, although free will donations will be accepted.

The CD also may be ordered via e-mail at thejakedobyband@gmail.com. It costs \$8. Visit the band's Web site at www.jakedobyband.com

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RELIGION CALENDAR

Time/Date: 6-7 p.m., March 14, 21, 28 and April 11, 18, 25

Location: 9601 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: Ballroom dancing lessons, followed by a practice session, with music. A dance party will be held 7-9:30 p.m., March 28 and April 25. Light refreshments will be served. Cost is \$6 for each lesson and \$6 for the dance. Attend the class and dance for \$10. Pay at the door in Fellowship Hall. The proceeds from the March classes will go to the Cancer Relay for Life; April's proceeds will go to the Capital Improvement Fund.
Contact: (734) 751-1957 or (734) 422-0494

St. Aidan
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Thursday, March 11
Location: 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Janene Ternes, commissioned spiritual director and founder of Prayer in Motion LLC, will present "A Lenten Evening of Reflection - Praying with Body, Mind and Spirit: Continually Renewing Our Faith." She'll share her inspirational story and lead participants in a variety of prayer experiences using music, movement, scripture of the season, and guided meditation. Basic movements, which can be done by anyone, regardless of experience or physical limitation, will be taught.
Contact: To register or for more information call (734) 425-5950

St. John Church
Time/Date: 3-5 p.m., Saturday, March 13

Location: 23225 Gill Road, near downtown Farmington
Details: "Re-Imagining the Word of God in Drama & Storytelling" workshop for middle and high school students. Led by award-winning actor Hunter Barnes (visit markhisword.org). Cost is \$5

Contact: Eric Stenson at the church office at (248) 474-0584

St. Joseph Parish
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Thursday, March 11

Location: 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon

Details: A panel discussion on domestic violence will include Joyce Hyttinen, director, Office for Catholic Social Action, Domestic Violence Education and Action with the Archdiocese of Detroit; Samantha Lederman; psychotherapist specializing in ways to end the cycle of abuse and break free from repression; and Cristy S. Cardinal, director of prevention at HAVEN in Pontiac. Question and answer session after the presentations; refreshments will be served
Contact: Elaine M. Young at (248) 719-6855

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Monday, March 15

Location: 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia

Details: The career team at this career resource workshop works one-on-one with job-hunters to help build a network of contacts, evaluate skills and potential markets, and provide honest feedback and encouragement. There is no charge for this workshop
Contact: (734) 422-6038

St. Michael Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 3:30 p.m., Sunday, March 14

Location: 3003 Hannan, Wayne
Details: Detroit Lutheran Singers perform works by J.S. Bach, Johannes Brahms, Gabriel Fauré, Francis Poulenc, Sergei Rachmaninoff, John Rutter and more; tickets are \$10 and \$7 and are available at the door or in advance
Contact: (248) 988-6715; www.detroitlutheransingers.com

St. Thomas a Becket
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m., March 14-17

Location: 555 S. Lilley, at Cherry Hill, Canton
Details: Dynamic Parish Lenten Mission with Passionist priest, the Rev. Melvin Shorter; "A Divided Heart is the Heart of the Problem"

Contact: (734) 981-1333

S.S. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church
Time/Date: 6 p.m., Sunday, March 14

Location: 750 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights
Details: Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit presents a Lenten Vespers service. The Very Rev. Roman Star of St. Innocent of Irkutsk Orthodox Church, Redford, will preside at the service; refreshments served afterward

Contact: Robert Mitchell, at (313) 204-5103 or rmitc02@ameritech.net.

Temple Beth El
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, March 14

Location: 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills
Details: The Sisterhood of Temple Beth El holds its 22nd Annual Party Planning Showcase. Metro Detroit vendors representing invitations, photographers, videos, musicians, bakers, caterers, venues, and more will be on hand to help plan Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, weddings and other parties. Free admission, free parking, raffle, samples and prizes

Contact: (248) 865-0617 press 2

MARCH 18-24

Canton Christian Fellowship Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m., March 23-25

Location: 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton
Details: Winter revival, "Exposed and Accountable: Preaching that Builds Lives!" with the Rev. Otis Moss, III

Contact: (734) 404-2480

Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 18

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Paul Wertz of Kosher Too Catering will demonstrate new holiday recipes for Passover. Recipes will be available to take home. The event, sponsored by Congregation Beth Ahm's Sisterhood, costs \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. RSVP by March 15

Coming up: Beth Ahm's Seniors will host a Continental Breakfast and Musical Program featuring singer and entertainer Robin Beck at 11 a.m. Sunday, March 21; breakfast is \$4 for members and \$5 for non-members. Burton Visotzky also will present a program, "Tidbits for Your Seder: Legends NOT in the Haggadah," 3

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STANLEY JOHN DOWN
Age 82, passed away peacefully Wednesday, March 3, 2010, surrounded by family at Select Specialty Hospital-St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. His death resulted from complications caused by a fall inside his home. Beloved husband of the late Barbara, he was the dear father of Pamela Down (Charles Pfeiffer), Jacqueline Mines, Deborah Belz-Rubis (Roger), and Candice Koda (Philip), proud and loving grandfather of Andrew Belz (Sabrina), Jennifer Koda, Kimberly Koda, and adoring great-grandfather of Juliana Belz. He is also survived by sisters, Marion Dohring and Patricia McCormick, a sister-in-law, Donna Jean Nagel and many nieces and nephews. He will be fondly remembered by his friends who enjoyed his sense of humor and love of life. A devoted cat owner and an avid animal lover, he will be missed by his neighbors' pets who enjoyed his treats or a day of pet-sitting. In accordance with his wishes, a private observance was held. Arrangements entrusted to Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Downtown Farmington.
www.thayer-rock.com

HERBERT C. SEEGERT
Age 74, of Plymouth, March 8, 2010. Husband of Lois. Father of Scott (Margaret) and Jeff (Beth). Brother of Esther Eichstaedt. Grandfather of Brad, Shannon, Jason, Corson, Kiernan and Isabella. Son of the late Fred and Lillian. Visitation Wednesday 2-9PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon & Beck), Plymouth. In state Thursday 10:30AM until 11:00AM funeral service at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Rd, Plymouth MI 48170. Interment Riverside Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the church. To share memories visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

JOHN M. THOMAS
Age 62, formerly of Farmington, passed away March 6, 2010. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK Funeral Home, Farmington.



ROBERTA VOLINSKI
Age 86 of Plymouth, formerly of Wayne, March 8, 2010. Loving mother of Geri (Harold) Galfano, Diana O'Brien, Suzette McCord and Bridget Volinski (Alexander Petniunas). Dear sister of Thomas (Josie) Bebeau. Proud grandma of 8, and great-grandma of one. Roberta was proud of her 40 years with Ford Motor Company and U of M Hospital as a Data Entry Person. She was involved in the early years of computer technology at Ford Motor. Private cremation services were held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Road (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. To share memories please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

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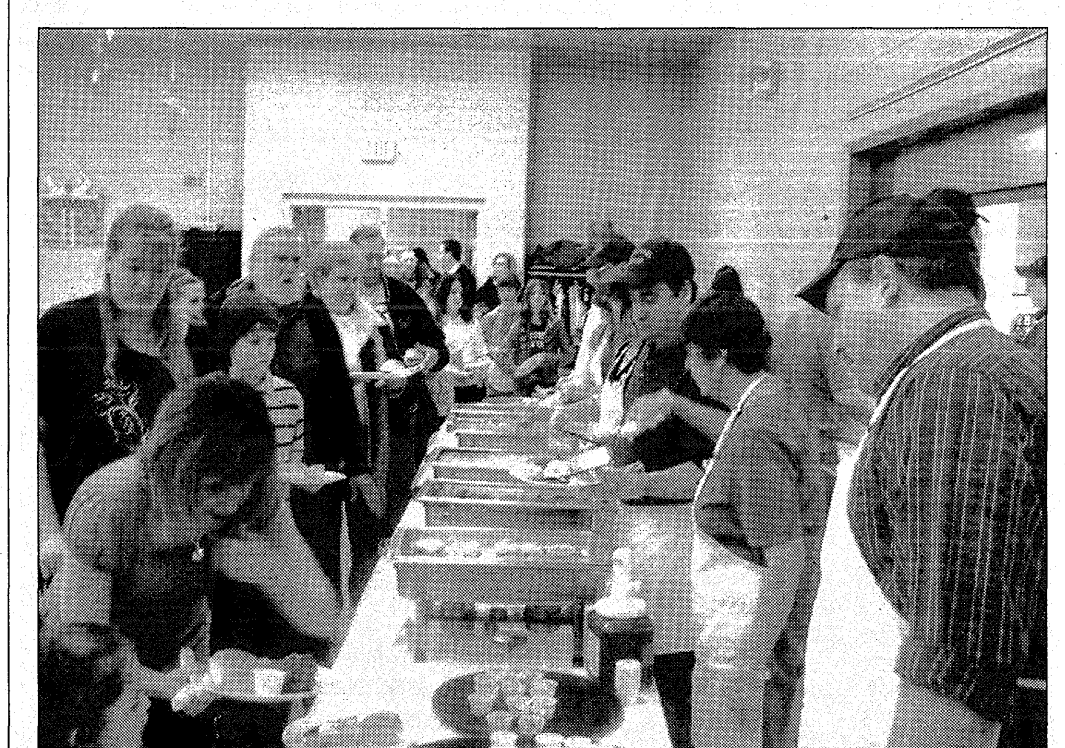
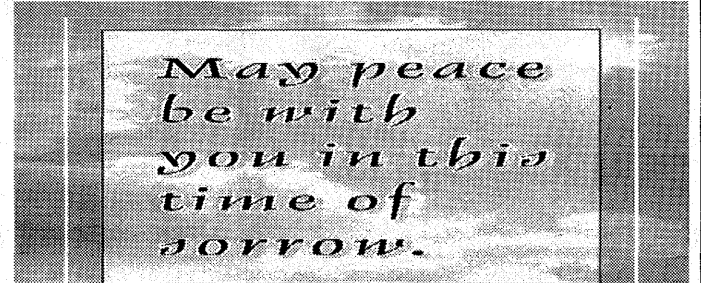
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Lenten fish
Bustling lines on both sides of the serving table were the order of the day at St. Michael the Archangel Parish's first All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry of the 2010 Lenten season. According to project chairman, Mark Steinhauer of Livonia, 50 volunteers served more than 631 meals in 2-1/2 hours, using 360 pounds of hand-dipped Atlantic cod, 180 pounds of macaroni and cheese, and more than 125 pounds of cole slaw. The dinners continue 4:30-7 p.m., every Friday, through March 26 in the school cafeteria, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or visit www.livoniastmichael.org.

CALENDAR

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p.m. Sunday, March 21. In this free program, open to the public, he'll explore how post-biblical Jewish texts - Talmudic, medieval, and modern sources from the rabbinic literary genres known as midrash and aggadah - have enriched the understanding of the Passover Seder, a central ritual of the Jewish tradition

Contact: Jody Grossman at (248) 851-7643 or e-mail to jsg12345@aol.com about the Passover recipes; call Mel Mogill at (248) 2588 about the senior breakfast and musical program

Faith Bible Church

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, March 20

Location: 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills

Details: Rummage sale with household items, electronics, toys, furniture and much more. All proceeds will support the FBC Brazil Mission Team

Contact: Aaron Walters (248) 426-0096

Faith Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., March 21

Location: 30000 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Detroit Lutheran Singers perform works by J.S. Bach, Johannes Brahms, Gabriel Fauré, Francis Poulenc, Sergei Rachmaninoff, John Rutter and more; tickets are \$10 and \$7 and are available at the door or in advance

Contact: (248) 988-6715; www.detroitlutheransingers.com

Leon's

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., March 20

Location: 30149 Ford Road, in Garden City

Details: Monthly Breakfast Meeting of Bethany Singles

Contact: Kathy at (734) 513-9479

Livonia Church of Christ

Time/Date: 9:11:30 a.m.

Location: 1531 Merriman, Livonia

Details: Senior Caregiver Solutions Expo is designed for those caring for aging loved ones as well as those who are approaching the time when they may need care. The free expo will include a special presentation entitled "Planning from a legal perspective for yourself or an aging parent" from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Vendors will be on site to answer all your questions about home care, elder law, financial planning/estate planning, construction (home modifications) and medical equipment

Contact: (734) 427-8743

St. Matthews United Methodist Church

Time/Date: Early bird admission at 8:30 a.m., regular admission 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, March 20

Location: 30900 Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia.

Details: Northwest Suburban Mothers of Multiples offers more than 35 tables of infant and children's clothing at its Spring Clothing Sale, as well as large items such as furniture, strollers, car seats, and toys; bake sale and refreshments available; early admission \$2, regular hours admission, \$1

Contact: (734) 422-6038 is the church's phone number

St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 24

Location: 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Associate pastor at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth, the Rev. Charles White will share the story of his conversion from the Baptist faith to Catholicism.

Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207 or see the parish Web site at www.livoniastmichael.org

St. Robert Bellarmine

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Sunday, March 21

Location: Southeast corner of Inkster and West Chicago Roads, Redford

Details: St. Robert Bellarmine Choir presents "The Seven Last Words of Christ," a sacred cantata by Theodore DuBois; free admission

Contact: (313) 937-1500

South Lyon Church of Christ

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m., March 21

Location: 21860 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon

Details: Metropolitan Detroit Youth Chorus will perform

Contact: (248) 437-3585 or southly-oncoc@hotmail.com

MARCH 25-31

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 26

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: The Wind Symphony and Jazz Band of Lutheran High School South, St. Louis, Mo.; free will donation will be accepted

Contact: (734) 522-6830, Ext. 103

Congregation Beth Ahm

Time/Date: 10-11:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 25

Location: 5075 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield

Details: Free, community-wide Jewish values play group, designed especially for preschoolers and their parents, grandparents or caregivers. Kinder Keshet meets twice a month and is open to all families in the metro Detroit Jewish community. Each 90-minute session features songs and stories, structured activities, snack and a Jewish value theme. Advance registration required

Contact: Amy Newnam at (248) 851-8820 or e-mail reilschool@cbahm.org

ONGOING

AWANA

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays

Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills

Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade

Contact: (248) 426-0096

Breakfast

St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-noon, third Sunday each month, October through May

Location: 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth, in Livonia

Details: The Ushers' Club presents an "all-you-can-eat" pancake breakfast served in the school cafeteria and featuring pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, and assorted breakfast beverages. Meals are served buffet-style. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, 4-11, free for children under 3, and \$15 for a family with two adults and children

Contact: (734) 261-1455

Classes/Study

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

Time/Date: 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesday

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile

Details: Tuesday Ladies Bible Study; \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5

Contact: (248) 348-7600

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia

Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun

Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net.

Livonia Unity

Time/Date: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.

Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine - a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions

Contact: (810) 813-4073 or gary@energeticarts.org.

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 p.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberg at (734) 464-9491

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Details: Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those who want to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening.

Contact: (734) 421-0472; leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you

New Life Community Church

Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays

Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville

Contact: (734) 846-4615

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Scripture study

Contact: (313) 534-9000

St. Andrew's Presbyterian

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Wednesday and 10:30 a.m. Thursday

Location: 26701 Joy

Details: Wednesday study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith.

Thursday group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey

Contact: (313) 274-3820

St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., second and fourth Thursday of each month

Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia

Details: Led by Catholic author and apologist, Gary Michuta. The in-depth study of the Gospel of St. Matthew continues, using the Hahn-Mitch study guide. New students of any faith are welcome

Contact: (734) 261-1455

Seeds of Mercy Mission Home

Time/Date: 7 p.m., every Friday

Location: 21819 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Details: Bible study

Contact: Nicole Christ at (313) 531-1234

Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays

Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville

Details: Learner's Bible study

Contact: (248) 374-5920

Clothing bank

Canton Christian Fellowship

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday

Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty

Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need

Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

Fellowship dinner

St. James Presbyterian

Time/Date: 6 p.m., the first Thursday of the month

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Details: Cost is \$8 and includes dinner, beverage and dessert. The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, provides the meals

Contact: (313) 268-7780. The church phone number is (313) 534-7730

Food Bank

New Hope Church

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only

Location: is 44815 Cherry Hill Rd., Canton

Contact: Call Pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528

Lenten services

Lola Park Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., every Wednesday through March 24

Location: 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: This year's theme is "Prominent Places of The Passion" with insights from pastor Gregory Gibbons' recent trip to the Holy Land. There will be free treats after the services.

Contact: (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523

968-3523

St. James Chapel

Time/Date: 7 p.m., every Wednesday through March 24 and Maundy Thursday, April 1

Location: 25350 West Six Mile, Redford

Contact: (313) 534-7730

Moms

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday and 7-9 p.m., fourth Tuesday

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers. Aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

Contact: Angie at (248) 427-1020

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope

Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

Prayer

Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesday

Location: 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Details: Prayer, spiritual healing and outreach

Contact: (734) 427-3660

Nardin Park United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests

Contact: (248) 476-8860

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back of the church

Details: Music, singing, prayer

Contact: Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906

St. Michael's Church of Livonia

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. third Wednesday

Location: Corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia

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Celebrate St. Paddy's Day with traditional Irish fare

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

St. Patrick's Day lasts just 24 hours but Sam Khashan, co-owner of Sean O'Callaghan's pub in downtown Plymouth, has been planning for months.

"There's a lot of prep that goes on — the band, the staffing — but it's what we do," says Khashan, who co-owns the business with his brother, Kevin. "We're a true Victorian Irish pub."

"Tomorrow we're having a mural painted on the window. The staff has St. Patrick's Day T-shirts. We're getting geared up."

They have to be ready by 7 a.m., Wednesday, March 17 when the tavern opens, four hours earlier than usual.

"We do it every year and believe it or not people are standing outside the door, ready to go. By 11 a.m. and noon, a line starts to form outdoors."

The que starts even earlier at Claddagh Irish Pub in Livonia. "We will be open at 6 a.m. and will serve beer beginning at 7 a.m.," said George Barker, manager.

Radio station 97.1 The Ticket will kick off activities by broadcasting its morning show on site. A live band, Belfast Gin, from Kalamazoo will perform at 11 a.m.

"They're just wonderful," Barker described the band, adding that other Irish music performers are slated for Friday-Saturday, March 12-13.

Marlarkey's in Westland won't open quite as early as some other establishments, but is expanding its space to accommodate all the entertainment it will offer on St. Patrick's Day.

"Blackjack, a local rock band will be on at 9:30 p.m. We're opening the building next door for that," said Megan Detton, Marlarkey's manager. "Then on the regular side of the bar, we'll have DJ Larry D. He'll be on at 7:30 p.m."



Afternoon entertainment includes bagpipers, Irish dancers and duelling pianos.

Detton said the tavern tried opening one year at 7 a.m., but found a 9 a.m. start works best.

"We usually have a line outside the door, but not until around 11 a.m.," she added.

Here's more about the St. Patrick's Day celebration at a sampling of area pubs:

• Sean O'Callaghan's Pub, 821 Penniman, Plymouth, (734) 459-6666: Breakfast will be available in the morning, including Scotch eggs, a variety of breakfast sandwiches and a corned beef dish. A limited menu, featuring Irish dishes, will be available in the afternoon and evening.

The Galway Celts, a band from Ireland, will perform Saturday-Sunday, March 13-14, as well as on St. Patrick's Day. The first 100 customers in the door on March 17 will receive a raffle ticket for the pub's "Pot o' Gold" contest. Five prizes will be given away at 10 a.m. The first is \$500.

• The Claddagh Irish Pub, 17800 Haggerty, Livonia; (734) 542-8141: Breakfast will be served until 10 a.m. The tavern's Irish menu will be available after 10 a.m.

• Marlarkey's, 35750 Warren Road, Westland; (734) 421-0746: The pub will serve Irish

stew, corned beef and cabbage, corned beef sandwiches and turkey sandwiches and will feature green beer, along with Irish beers.

• John Cowley & Sons Irish Pub & Restaurant, 33338 Grand River Ave., Farmington; (248) 474-5941: The pub will open at 10 a.m. and feature music by Shawn Riley Band from noon-5 p.m. and "Free Beer: from 6 p.m.-midnight. Admittance is restricted to age 21 and above.

The special menu includes Cowley's Potato Soup, potato skins, Irish spring rolls, crispy chicken salad, chicken tenders, The Cowley Burger, chicken sandwich, hot corned beef sandwich, fish and chips and corned beef and cabbage, served from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. or while supplies last.

• Doyle's Irish Tavern, 860 Fralick, Plymouth; (734) 207-9656: The pub will open at 10 a.m., with a menu featuring bangers and mash, corned beef and cabbage and Irish stew. Bagpipers will perform.

• O'Malley's Bar & Grill, 15231 Farmington Road, Livonia; (734) 427-7775: Opens at 9 a.m. and will serve Irish fare, including corned beef and cabbage, shepherd's pie, and Irish stew. Breakfast also will be available. Bagpipers and Irish dancers will perform.

St. Patrick's Day Cooking: Save a Pint for the Kitchen

St. Patrick's Day celebrations are filled with dancing, green decorations, and Irish food and beer. This year, try something new and save a pint for the kitchen.

Traditional St. Paddy's Day favorites, like Irish stout and corned beef and cabbage, can be combined to make a delicious dish even better. Because beer pairs so well with beef, it's only natural to cook with beer.

"Beer adds great flavor to the corned beef brisket, and can be used in other slow-cooked or braised dishes also," says Dave Zino, executive chef for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

Braising and stewing are excellent cooking methods when preparing beef such as pot roast, brisket and beef for stew. Typically, you'll want to start by browning the meat in a bit of oil to caramelize and bring out rich beef flavors. However, corned beef brisket does not require browning.

Braising is used with large cuts of beef that are cooked whole, like corned beef brisket. When braising, the meat is simmered slowly in 1/2 to 2 cups of liquid such as beer or water to ensure moist and fork-tender results, for about 3 to 3 1/2 hours, depending on the size of the roast.

Stewing works best with cubes of beef. When stewing, the cubed meat is simmered for about 1 1/2 hours to 2 hours in enough liquid to cover the meat and other ingredients such as vegetables, resulting in fork-tender meat and a delicious broth.

Chef Dave also notes beer can serve as a substitute in many recipes. "Beer can also be used in place of wine in recipes and is especially good in beef stews and chilis," he says.

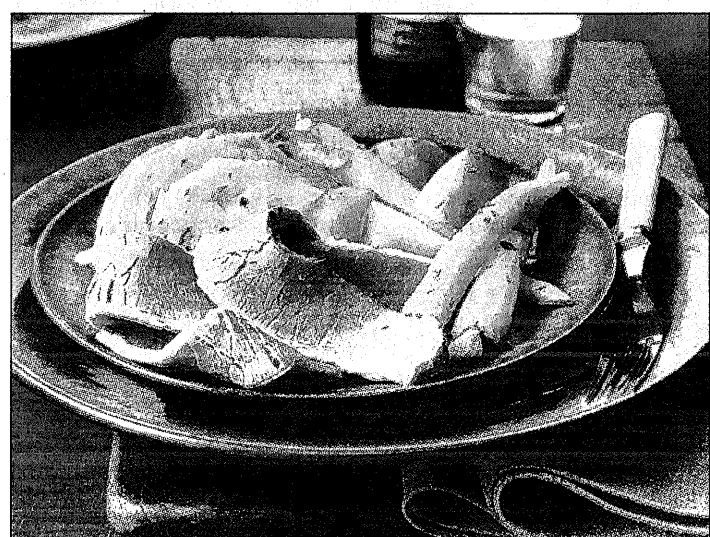
For mealtime inspiration and more beef cooking techniques, flavor pairings, storage guidelines and cooking tips, visit BeefItsWhatsforDinner.com.

CORNEBEEF WITH RED CURRANT-MUSTARD SAUCE

Total recipe time: 6 to 10 hours
Makes 6 to 8 servings

- 1 boneless corned beef brisket with seasoning packet (2-1/2 to 3 pounds)
- 3 ribs celery, cut into 3-inch pieces
- 2 medium onions, cut into quarters
- 2-1/2 cups water, divided
- 1 bottle (12 ounces) beer
- 1 pound green cabbage, cut into thin wedges
- 1 pound red-skinned potatoes, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 6 to 8 baby carrots, trimmed, or 4 medium carrots, cut crosswise into thirds
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- Chopped fresh parsley (optional)

- Red Currant-Mustard Sauce
- 1 jar (12 ounces) red currant jelly
- 3 tablespoons country Dijon-style mustard



Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with corned beef.

1. Place celery and onions in 4-1/2- to 5-1/2-quart slow cooker; top with corned beef brisket. Sprinkle contents of seasoning packet over brisket. Add 2 cups water and one bottle of beer. Cover; cook on high 6 to 7 hours, or on low 9 to 10 hours, or until brisket is fork-tender. No stirring is necessary during cooking.
2. Meanwhile, place cabbage, potatoes and carrots in 2-1/2-quart microwave-safe dish; add remaining 1/2 cup water. Cover; microwave on high 15 to 18 minutes or until vegetables are tender, stirring or rearranging once. Drain; remove and discard cores from cabbage wedges. Add butter; season with salt and pepper, as desired. Toss to coat; keep warm.
3. Prepare Red Currant-Mustard Sauce. Place jelly in medium microwave-safe bowl. Cover; microwave on high 1-1/2 to 2 minutes or until melted, stirring once. Whisk in mustard. Cover; microwave on high 30 seconds. Stir; keep warm.
4. Remove brisket and carve diagonally across the grain into thin slices. Serve with vegetables and sauce. Garnish with parsley, if desired.

Story courtesy Family Features; recipe from The Beef Checkoff

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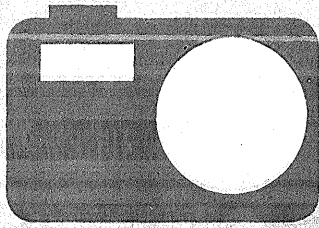


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Simple repairs, projects boost curb appeal

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Building pro Harry Jachym of Plymouth Township agrees with a recent study on resale value and remodeling.

"Curb appeal's a big thing when it comes to selling houses. Anything that'll just make it look better," said Jachym, who teaches construction technology at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn. He's been retired almost two years from teaching residential construction in the Livonia Public Schools.

Despite a slow market and a slight decrease in the resale value of most remodeling projects, Realtors report that the smartest home improvement investments may also be some of the least expensive. Results from the 2009 Remodeling Cost vs. Value Report show that small-scale exterior projects are the most profitable at resale, according to estimates by Realtors who completed a recent survey.

On a national level, eight out of the top 10 projects in terms of costs recouped were exterior replacement projects that cost less than \$14,000. Certain types of door and siding replacements, as well as wood deck additions all returned more than 80 percent of project costs upon resale. A steel entry door replacement — a new addition to this year's list — recouped 128.9 percent of costs, followed by upscale fiber-cement sliding replacements at 83.6 percent. Wood deck additions recouped 80.6 percent of costs.

Jachym recommends washing siding in the spring, along with painting. "Concrete tends to sag and heave in the winter months," he said.



"Generally, winter tends to be harder on a house." That's particularly true in our part of the country with its freezing and thaw cycles. Those damage siding, shingles and gutters, he said, with ice tending to lift as it expands.

The 2009 Remodeling Cost vs. Value Report compares construction costs with resale values for 33 mid-range and upscale remodeling projects comprising additions, remodels and replacements in 80 markets across the country. Data are grouped in nine U.S. regions, following the divisions established by the U.S. Census Bureau. This is the 12th consecutive year that the report, which is produced by Hanley Wood, LLC, was completed in cooperation with REALTOR Magazine, as Realtors provided their insight into local markets and buyer home preferences within those markets.

On a national level, the project

with the biggest improvement from 2008 was the attic bedroom addition, recouping 83.1 percent of remodeling costs compared to 73.8 percent in 2008. The only other interior project that landed in the top 10 was a minor kitchen remodel with 78.3 percent costs recouped.

Other exterior projects in the top 10 include midrange vinyl and upscale foam-backed vinyl sliding replacements, which returned more than 79 percent of costs. In addition, several types of window replacements — midrange wood, midrange vinyl, and upscale vinyl — all returned more than 76 percent of costs upon sale.

Similar to last year's report, the least profitable remodeling projects in terms of resale value were home office remodels and sunroom additions, returning only 48.1 percent and 50.7 percent of project costs.

Jachym noted costs typically double when a contractor's needed; some simple projects can be do-it-yourselfers for many, and homes suffer damage from neglect or lower property values if not maintained.

Jachym powerwashes their family deck on low pressure in the spring, and makes sure windows are clean. "If I didn't get around to painting in the fall, I certainly get around to it in the spring," he said.

Picking up trash is needed come early spring, and Jachym does pruning as a garden pro told him the best time for that is "when your shears are sharp." Jachym's wife is the gardener, and he also appreciates the flowers and foliage at their home.

The Jachyms have been in their home almost 24 years, having bought it new. They were recently trying to sell their daughter's home built in 1937. "That takes a little more work," he said of such a sale. He added not to be discouraged from buying an older home as many have charm and often superior construction techniques.

Tim Parker, general manager of Plymouth Nursery, agreed that curb appeal counts, if the "first impression is a well-maintained landscape."

That initial good feeling lets a potential buyer know the rest of a home's been maintained, said Parker, a Pinckney resident. "Just some elbow grease to clean up the debris," he recommends for spring.

Perennials can be bought for \$5-6, he added, noting the geranium Rozanne offers summerlong color.

The National Association of Realtors Web site contributed to this report.

Be leery of free legal advice

Q: Our management company is pressing us to hire this attorney who she says gives free advice. She said she gets along well with him. At present our attorney has done a good job for us but, at least on paper, appears to be more money. What do I tell the other board members who are asking me for direction?

A: The old adage that "you get what you pay for" certainly

applies in the case of a lawyer who "gives free advice." Obviously, a similar old adage that "he who charges least knows best what he is worth" applies in this

case. A lawyer is responsible for the advice that he or she gives and should be reasonably compensated for it and that is what his or her profession allows him or her to do. If he or she gives away free advice, chances are that while it may be a good marketing item in the long run, it is not best for a client who may not be able to have the lawyer provide it in writing and be held responsible for it. Moreover, free advice results in a lawyer shooting typically from the hip as opposed to doing the initial research and/or analysis necessary to give a reasoned opinion. I would tell your association to keep the lawyer that they have and not look for "discounted items" that may end up being a bad bargain.

Q: We are close to being foreclosed upon and I am wondering if you have any tips?

A: First, do not ignore the problem and contact your lender once you realize that there is a problem. Keep communication open with your lender and do not ignore mail or calls. You should learn about your rights from an experienced real estate lawyer, as well as your options for foreclosure prevention. You may wish to contact a HUD-approved housing counselor. You obviously have to prioritize and/or re-evaluate your spending. Use your assets to help with additional income but avoid foreclosure prevention companies. Be aware of foreclosure recovery scams and ask your lender to restructure your loan and defer payments until you can get caught up. You may also wish to consider a short sale, but in any event, have a knowledgeable real estate person assist you.

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of November 23-27, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills	
3906 Hillside Dr	\$190,000
2401 Joswick Rd	\$120,000
2415 Joswick Rd	\$8,000
750 Southampton Ct	\$90,000
2560 Walnut Rd	\$40,000
Beverly Hills	
32361 Arlington Dr	\$145,000
22168 Camelot Ct	\$239,000
Birmingham	
1987 Graefield Dr	\$48,000
750 Hanna St	\$265,000
680 Humphrey Ave	\$630,000
1961 Washington Blvd	\$121,000
271 Westchester Way	\$352,000
Bloomfield Hills	
2173 Randall Ln	\$275,000
634 Rudgate Rd	\$435,000
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383 Concord Pl	\$60,000
3217 E Bradford Dr	\$330,000
4731 Haddington Dr	\$217,000
5919 Miller Way E	\$325,000
3440 South Blvd	\$123,000
Clarkston	
4891 Cecelia Ann Ave	\$80,000
5026 Mystic Ridge Ct	\$275,000
8268 Sashabaw Ridge Dr	\$258,000
Commerce Township	
8004 Bywater St	\$105,000
3743 Thomas Ct	\$120,000
Farmington	
35453 Heritage Ct	\$65,000
22630 Maple Ave	\$126,000
33166 Maplenut St	\$157,000
20917 Meadowlark St	\$183,000
Farmington Hills	
28618 Balmoral Way	\$125,000
27820 Berrywood Ln	\$45,000
30586 Fox Club Dr	\$270,000
1415 Cranston St	\$150,000
35025 Hillside Dr	\$106,000
21294 Juniper Ct	\$99,000
30515 Knighton Dr	\$280,000
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29620 Nova Woods Dr	\$154,000
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34864 Pennington Dr	\$169,000
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21586 Woodcrest Ct	\$205,000
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2440 Freeman Dr	\$190,000
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27627 Eldorado Pl	\$130,000
479 Ravineside Dr	\$269,000
Northville	
49690 Deer Run	\$55,000
Novi	
2211 Austin Dr	\$15,000
45083 Bartlett Dr	\$290,000
42661 Faulkner Dr	\$225,000
30223 Viewcrest Dr	\$227,000
30263 Viewcrest Dr	\$235,000
41272 Village Lake St	\$151,000
Oxford	
60 E Oakwood Rd	\$154,000
1213 Fountain View Ln	\$153,000
170 Great Pines Dr	\$335,000
185 N Baldwin Rd	\$125,000
686 Oneta St	\$80,000
145 Persimmon Dr	\$165,000
Rochester	
1231 Welland Dr	\$335,000
Rochester Hills	

1540 Colony Dr	\$148,000
990 Dahlia Ln	\$207,000
794 E Bluff Ct	\$198,000
1855 Greenbriar Dr	\$390,000
169 Grosse Pines Dr	\$275,000
1796 South Blvd W	\$70,000
2836 Woodelm Dr	\$144,000
2853 Woodford Cir	\$235,000
South Lyon	
26106 Cornell Dr	\$314,000
23288 Shinecock Dr	\$430,000
Southfield	
27070 Arlington Dr	\$80,000
27050 Berkshire Dr	\$130,000
22455 Chatsford Circuit St	\$145,000
24826 Pierce St	\$100,000
29315 Southgate Dr	\$40,000
Sylvan Lake	
2694 Island Ct	\$150,000
Troy	
1215 Chaucer Dr	\$185,000
3081 Dominique	\$250,000
1133 Foxboro	\$98,000
5600 Houghton Dr	\$140,000
61 Melanie Ln	\$375,000
4647 Rivers Edge Dr	\$478,000
Walled Lake	
23200 Chesapeake Cir	\$118,000
30107 Chesapeake Cir	\$125,000
174 Club House Cir	\$114,000

114 Dekalb St	\$133,000
152 Sandy Ln	\$105,000
3410 Sutton Ln	\$355,000
Waterford	
172 Ascot Ave	\$150,000
7338 Breeze Ln	\$134,000
331 Dover Rd	\$87,000
2213 Hedge Ave	\$73,000
3540 Oakshire Ave	\$90,000
4499 Sashabaw Rd	\$115,000
4300 Waterloo St	\$133,000
4163 Woodstock Rd	\$68,000
West Bloomfield	
4070 Circle Blvd	\$120,000
4176 Colorado Ln	\$117,000
5731 Culppepper Ct	\$210,000
1591 Furnwall St	\$315,000
3262 Hartslock Woods Dr	\$210,000
7191 Pebble Park Dr	\$128,000
6610 Pine Eagle Ln	\$193,000
3300 South Shore Cir	\$496,000
2212 W Long Lake Rd	\$170,000
4753 Woodbine Cir	\$308,000
White Lake	
293 Picture Ln	\$358,000
8098 Timber Trl	\$99,000

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 16-20, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	
41554 Ayshire Dr	\$127,000
46004 Bartlett Dr	\$170,000
50490 Colchester Ct	\$450,000
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45475 Indian Creek Dr	\$270,000
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FORD TOPS GM IN FEBRUARY SALES, BUT WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

Advertising Feature

CAReport



By Dale Buss

February marked the first month since August 1998 that Ford Motor Co.'s monthly sales topped those of chief rival General Motors Co., providing an unexpected jolt in a month when the broad industry was handicapped by severe winter weather in the northeast regions of the country -- and by the spillover from Toyota's safety-recall debacle.

Total U.S. auto sales for the month were 779,743 units, an increase of about 13.5 percent from year-earlier sales of 687,182, when the American automotive market was at the very bottom of one of its biggest slumps ever. And the February pace represented a seasonally adjusted annual sales rate of 10.4 million units, a number at the upper middle of most SAAR projections.

"The good underlying news is that the industry hasn't gone into reverse in terms of its recovery," said Jessica Caldwell, senior industry analyst for Edmunds.com. "At the beginning of the month there was weak retail performance, but when Presidents' Day [sales] came around and there were good deals out there, we saw strong sales -- even stronger than history would indicate."

Especially for Ford. The long-time No. 2 U.S. automaker became No. 1 again for at least a month, decades after the last time that Ford was the nation's most

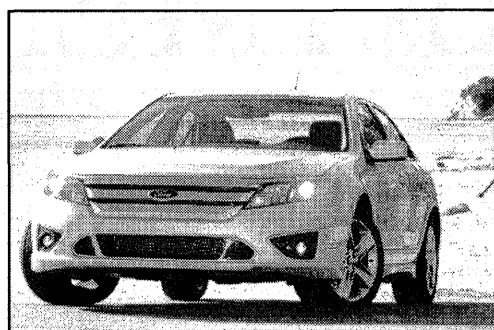
prolific vehicle producer and about 12 years since a strike was crippling GM -- and opened the door briefly for Ford to assume the top spot.

Ford's sales increased by 43 percent over February 2009 and by 22 percent over January of this year. Car sales were up 54 percent versus a year ago; utilities were up 39 percent; and trucks were up 36 percent. Ford brand sales rose 46 percent in February; Lincoln sales increased by 19 percent; and Mercury sales were up 24 percent.

"The strength of our new products and Ford's leadership in quality, fuel efficiency, safety, smart design and value are resonating with customers," said Ken Czubay, Ford's vice president of U.S. marketing, sales and service.

Edmunds.com's Caldwell agreed. "They've got a balanced portfolio of products; they're not putting all their eggs in one basket." She also noted that GM now is down to only four core brands, just like Ford's stable (including Volvo for now). "That equals the playing field." Strong fleet sales also boosted Ford.

It also helped Ford that Toyota had pretty much left the field in February. Toyota's overall U.S. sales were down nearly 9 percent -- almost 11 percent for the Toyota division, which has borne the brunt of the bad news about recalls. Over all three of its brands, because of



Hot sales of the Ford Fusion were one big reason that Ford surpassed GM's overall totals in February.



The Lincoln MKZ is helping Ford lead a resurgence in the luxury-car market.

the publicity and lost momentum in its dealerships, the company sacrificed about 18,000 sales in February compared with typical levels, estimated Bob Carter, the Toyota division general manager.

But Toyota also announced what Carter called "the most far-reaching [incentive] program that Toyota has ever conducted," beginning immediately and extending through April 5. It includes zero-percent loans or hugely discounted lease prices on a range of models that covers about 80 percent of Toyota's business.

"It's aggressive," Carter said, "but rather than just discounting our vehicles, it shows our long-term confidence in the value of the Toyota lineup."

For the moment, only GM said right away that it would also offer a new round of incentives: zero-percent financing on models that account for about 55 percent of its volume, but not on any of its hot new sellers such as Chevrolet Camaro and Equinox. The succession of storms in the

Midwest and, especially, the Northeast and mid-Atlantic affected every automaker to some degree, of course, but GM seemed to make the point that its business might have been hurt worst. GM sold 14 percent more vehicles during February than a year earlier, largely on the strength of extremely robust fleet sales.

But GM figured that retail sales in its Northeast region for Chevrolet were down 17 percent, as snows kept customers from showrooms -- or outright shut dealerships -- while Chevy's retail sales rose in every other region of the country.

OEM executives on Tuesday continued to point to economic storm clouds hovering over the industry's long-term outlook, as regular reports on business and household finances provide a mixed picture at best. "The primary risk is in the housing market and in [week] employment," said Michael DiGiovanni, GM's top U.S. market analyst.

And, said Ford's Czubay, "Consumer confidence seems to have reached a plateau."

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