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**PIPELINE**  
*Safety first*

The safety of students was foremost in the minds when the decision to close schools was made Tuesday morning, officials at Plymouth-Canton Community Schools said.

Despite temperatures that were up around 35 degrees, according to National Weather Service information, deputy superintendent and chief operating officer Ken Jacobs decided, in consultation with other district officials, to close schools around 5:30 a.m. Tuesday because many of the back roads in the district were too slippery to risk it.

The decision drew the ire of local parents, many troubled by child-care issues such a decision causes.

"A lot of the back roads are dirt roads, and they were slick," said Frank Ruggirello, the district's director of community relations. "We understand closing schools inconveniences some parents who don't have day care. We're sorry about that, but if we have even one accident, it's just not worth it."

Plymouth-Canton was the only local district to close, a factor administrators understood after talking to officials in surrounding districts. The decision was made to look more curious by the resulting weather, during which no real hazards occurred.

"We knew we were going to be the only district (to close)," Ruggirello said. "(But) our job is keeping our kids safe."

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**Army party**

The Plymouth Salvation Army Corps, which serves Canton, Plymouth, Belleville and Northville, is thankful for the number of volunteers who help out, particularly during the hectic holiday season, and officials there are throwing a party to show their appreciation.

Anyone who volunteered for the Salvation Army, whether it was ringing bells during the Red Kettle Campaign or participating in some other program, is invited to the Corps office (9451 S. Main in Plymouth) 2-5 p.m. Sunday for a Volunteer Open House.

To RSVP (requested by Friday), call (734) 453-5464.

**Chinese firm picks Plymouth Township**

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While most of the attention in the car world this week is on Detroit's North American International Auto Show, Plymouth Township grabbed a share of the spotlight.

Changan Automobile, a major Chinese car manufacturer, on Tuesday announced the opening of a research and development center on Halyard Drive, in part of a vacant Dow Chemical facility. Changan is making a \$7 million investment in its U.S. R&D Center, as it's being called, is benefiting from state and local tax incentives, and is expected to eventually

employ more than 200 people.

It's a win for Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, who courted Changan during trade visits to China in 2009 and 2010.

"It goes further to build the relationship," said Ficano during a ribbon-cutting at Changan Tuesday afternoon. Ficano's November 2010 visit was his sixth trade mission to China.

"I think our cultures have really been closer with the exchange of commerce as well as culture," he said.

The center will focus on automotive chassis technology for Changan's mid- and high-end cars and sport utility vehicles, according to a company press release. Other

Changan research and development centers are in England, Italy and Japan, as well as in China; the company's goal is to tap into major centers of automotive know-how around the world in order to improve its product development.

The Plymouth Township location will be an important platform for Changan to present itself to the world, said Jianmin Gu, chief engineer for Changan's global research and development centers.

However, the company doesn't plan to introduce a car for the U.S. market for eight to 10 years.

"We've got our hands tied up pretty much in the Chinese domes-

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JAMES WALLACE

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume (right) shakes hands with Gang Feng, the deputy general manager of the Changan Plymouth Township research and development facility.

**Ice festival glides back into town**

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With a lineup of blues, rock and top 40 acts, a forecast of below-freezing temperatures (keep your fingers crossed), plenty for kids to do and more than 100 ice sculptures, the Plymouth Ice Festival is ready to roll — make that glide — into downtown Plymouth.

The 29th annual festival begins at 3 p.m. Friday, with an opening ceremony scheduled for 7

**Great stops at** the festival, 86. The opening will feature the cutting of an "ice ribbon" and a "fire and ice" display, a 20-foot torch sculpture that will be lighted upon kickoff.

"We're looking forward to an awesome time, and people need to be ready to come down and see something cool," said festival producer Sam Walton of Signature Professional Group.

New this year will be a snow hill, Saturday and Sunday, on Ann Arbor Trail between Union and Main streets. Visitors, especially children, are invited to bring skis and snowboards and try out the hill.

The hill will be provided by the Otsego Club, a resort near Gaylord, and employees from Sun and Snow, a downtown sporting goods shop, will be on hand for demonstrations and performance and equipment maintenance tips.

Walton said the hill, made of snow that is to be trucked in, will be modest but, "for the kids especially, it's really going to be something cool."

Walton has also scheduled live entertainment for Saturday and Sunday, downtown on both Forest and Penniman avenues.

On Saturday, the Shawn Riley Band,



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James Gietzen, Ice Festival manager, and Fred Eagle, assistant manager, set up barricades in Kellogg Park for the festival, which opens tomorrow and runs through Sunday.

performing top 40, blues and Motown music, will appear on Forest between 1-6 p.m. The Bluescasters, a favorite during the summertime Friday concert series at Kellogg Park, will take the stage on Penniman during the same hours.

On Sunday, Steve King and the Dittilies, an ice festival favorite, will appear on Penniman between 1-4 p.m. The Bluescasters are tentatively sched-

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**FESTIVAL FACTS**

**What:** Plymouth Ice Festival

**When:** Friday-Sunday; opening ceremony is 7 p.m. Friday in Kellogg Park

**Where:** Downtown Plymouth

**Streets:** Streets around downtown Plymouth will close due to the Ice Festival. They include northbound Main from Ann Arbor Trail to Penniman, Ann Arbor Trail from Union/Deer to Main and southbound Union from Roe to Ann Arbor Trail, all closed from 5 p.m. Thursday through Monday morning. Penniman from Main to Union will be closed Tuesday and will reopen Monday. Penniman from Harvey to Main will be closed Friday through Monday.

**Information:** www.plymouthicefestival.org or call the Plymouth Chamber at (734) 455-1540.

**Group targets school board election**

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A group formed in the hope of saving Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Supt. Craig Fiegel's job will likely turn its attention to defeating board members who ousted him when the next school election is held in November.

The Concerned PCCS District Residents Group, discouraged by what it perceives as a lack of collaboration among board members,

is considering options ranging from recall to campaigning in an effort to produce a Board of Education willing to work together in the best interest of the district.

That seems less likely to happen with the current makeup of the board, according to Mark Hutchins, one of the group's leaders. Hutchins, already distressed over the board's treatment of Fiegel, was further discouraged by the voting for board officers at the Jan. 11 board meeting.

At that meeting, John Jackson (president), Dianne Gonzalez (vice president), Judy Mardigian (treasurer) and Adrienne Davis (secretary) were elected to the board leadership positions. Three of the four were elected on 4-3 votes, with all of them voting for each other. Davis was the only officer elected on a unanimous vote.

Hutchins and members of his group say the board has

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Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano (center) was on hand to help Changan officials and other dignitaries cut the ribbon on the company's Plymouth Township research and development facility.

## CHINESE

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tic market," said Jingjing Zhang, Changan's human resources director, through an interpreter.

That market, Jingjing said, has sales of about 18 million vehicles a year. Changan sold 2.4 million vehicles last year and plans to sell four million a year by 2015 and six million by 2019, she said.

Township Supervisor

Richard Reaume welcomed the company to the community and presented a plaque from the Board of Trustees to Gang Feng, the deputy general manager of Changan's Plymouth Township center.

The state tax credit is worth about \$1.7 million, said Larry Gormezano of the Michigan Economic Development Corp.

"If everything goes well we see this as the start of many more projects and investment here in Michigan," Gormezano said.

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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

### Alzheimer's support

St. John's support group for the caregivers of Alzheimer's patients and other forms of dementia will host Jeanne Trumpe of Comfort Keepers at their next meeting on Friday, Jan. 21. Trumpe will talk to the group about the various in-home services that can be provided by a health care server, as well as the average cost of these services.

The St. John's support group meets the first and third Friday of every month at St. John's Episcopal church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth, from 10-11:30 a.m. (although this particular meeting will run until noon). These meetings are open to anyone responsible for the care of a dementia patient and are sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association. Free respite care is always provided for the caregiver's loved one.

### Hoodies needed

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Retail Committee is working with the Warm Hearts organization to collect warm hoodies, in all sizes, for those in need during

these cold winter months from now until Jan. 31.

The committee is particularly targeting the weekend of the Ice Festival (Jan. 21-23). New sweatshirts are preferred, but gently worn (laundered) ones will also be accepted. Chamber officials will be dropping off posters to all downtown merchants and asking them to find a box or some sort of container to collect the donations that are dropped off at the business.

Chamber officials will collect them all the first week of February and they will be distributed through area shelters and churches.

Warm Hearts is a 501© non-profit organization dedicated to providing assistance to those in need. For more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

### Scholarships available

Community Financial Credit Union, in collaboration with the Community Foundation of Plymouth (CFP) and the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation (AAACF), will be awarding 11 scholarships worth \$1,000 each in April.

Applications can only be made online by going to <http://scholarships.egrant.org>, creating an account and logging in. Follow the instructions care-



DAVID L. MALHALAB

### Vroom, vroom

David Caples, 19, a Michigan State University sophomore from Plymouth, shows off the 2010 Michigan State race car 71, that he helped design, at the 2011 North American International Auto Show at Cobo Hall. Caples designed and built the fuel system for the MSU racer, which will race in the May 11 Formula SAE competition. Caples is also the team lead designer on the intake and exhaust system for the 2011 MSU car 51.

fully and read the guidelines for the "Community Financial Margaret Dunning and George Lawton Scholarships." Those who qualify can complete just one application to be considered for both scholarships.

One of the eligibility requirements is that the scholarship applicant must have had an account at Community Financial for at least six months. An application, transcripts and two letters of recommendation must be submitted online, and four copies of this information must be mailed to Community Financial, attention: Debbie Dunbar, 500 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 and received by March 4.

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### Call for artists

The Plymouth Community Arts Council announces its second annual open art exhibition, Pure Art of Michigan, to be held in April. Artists are invited to submit work that highlights the unique beauty of our state.

Works will be accepted in all media except sculpture. There will be a \$10 fee for up to two entries of reasonable size. Paintings must be framed and ready for hanging and clearly identified and priced on the back. Final selections will be made by the exhibition committee.

The drop off day for exhibit consideration is Monday, March 28, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pure Art of Michigan runs from April 1-30.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is located at 774 N. Sheldon Rd. in Plymouth. For further information, contact Nancy Pilon at (734) 455-4681, ([nanpilon@yahoo.com](mailto:nanpilon@yahoo.com)) or Tamara Trudelle at the PCAC at (734) 416-4278, [tamara@plymoutharts.com](mailto:tamara@plymoutharts.com).

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Ellen Elliott and Geri Kilsdonk check out the new seating that will be part of the renovation at the Penn Theatre. Kilsdonk is a major donor to the project.

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# Renovations planned for Penn Theatre

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Downtown Plymouth's Penn Theatre is getting a present — major interior renovations — on the occasion of its 70th birthday.

The theater, which hosts second-run discounted feature movies, film classics series and live music, is slated for new seating, new flooring, new drapery and a new, portable stage in a \$170,000 project slated to begin this summer.

It's something Ellen Elliott, executive director of the non-profit Friends of the Penn, has wanted to do since the group took over the theater five years ago. But there were other priorities — a new roof, mechanical work, a 2009 overhaul of the theater marquee and, last year, new exterior doors, that had to be done first.

"Now that we've taken care of the must-do items we can take care of these things that are more aesthetic," Elliott said on Tuesday. "It's something I personally looked forward to since we started this."

New seating will be provided by the Irwin Seating Co. in Grand Rapids, which happens, Elliott discovered after the company was awarded the

contract, to be the company that made the original seats when the Penn was built in 1941.

"We didn't realize that until we got out the original seating plan," she said. "It was kind of interesting that we decided on them and they were actually the ones who put the seats in."

The new seats — 399 of them compared to 405 now — will have rounded backs and will comply with Americans With Disabilities Act specifications, Elliott said. Unlike the current seats, which date from the late 1980s or early 1990s, the rows will also be staggered, so that moviegoers' view of the screen won't be blocked by the head of the person directly in front of them, she said. The Penn's original 1941 seating had staggered rows, she said.

The theater's concrete floor will get an epoxy coating to protect it and make it easier to clean, Elliott said. The new stage will be smaller, safer for performers, and portable, she said.

The renovations actually started last month with the purchase of a new sound system through the help of a donation from the Community Foundation of Plymouth.

Friends of the Penn vol-

unteers plan on doing much of the work, such as tearing out seats and work surrounding the stage installation, in order to keep the project within budget. But the group has launched a fund-raising campaign to help it toward the goal; donors can be recognized with personalized plaques on the new seats.

The group already has some money set aside for the project, and "it looks like we won't have a problem meeting our goal," Elliott said.

Elliott is planning to have the renovation work done so that it has minimal effect on the Penn's movie schedule, she said. The theater could be in the midst of construction during some movie weekends, she said, but she anticipates having to close it entirely, when seat installation is being finished, for just one weekend.

"We're going to make sure this one doesn't drag on," Elliott said. "It should only be a few weeks from start to finish."

For information on how to contribute to the fund-raising campaign, visit the Web site [www.penntheatre.com](http://www.penntheatre.com) and click on the "Donations" link.

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## ELECTION

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to stop that kind of partisan, divisive behavior.

"We're going to be advocating they make a solid, concrete and valid attempt to work together," Hutchins said of the board, divided 4-3 on most key issues recently. "We realize they don't have to agree on everything, but there's a clear division and that's got to stop."

The group has considered attempting to recall the four board members — Mardigian, Gonzalez, Davis and Jackson — who voted not only not to renew Fiegel's contract, but to strip him of most of his duties and install Deputy Superintendent Ken Jacobs as chief operating officer. However, Gonzalez and Jackson can't be targeted in that fashion because they're up for election this year anyway. Mardigian and Davis are in the middle of four-year terms.

Instead, Hutchins said, the group will try to find highly qualified candidates to run for the board election in November. Seats held by

Jackson, Gonzalez and Trustees Steven Sneiderman and Nancy Eggenberger are up for grabs. None has said yet whether they'll seek re-election.

"The group will be looking as a whole, and I will be looking individually, for people to run for the board," said Hutchins, who acknowledged he's been considering such a run himself since summer. "We had a meeting to clarify what we want to accomplish, and we decided we've got to quit talking about it and start doing something."

Hutchins said the idea of a recall is still out there, though "nothing concrete" has been done about it. The group last met Saturday.

"The recall issue is still out there, and information has been collected," Hutchins said. "No action has been taken as far as filing or actual verbiage (for a recall petition)."

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## United Way heads food relief program

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Residents in Plymouth and Northville are about to have a new avenue for getting help when they need it.

Plymouth and Northville will be among communities participating in "The Emergency Food Assistance Program" (TEFAP), a supplemental food program for all income-eligible Wayne county residents. The Plymouth Community United Way will administer the project locally.

"The need increases every year, and it seems the basic service people need the most is with food," said Marie Morrow, president of the Plymouth Community United Way. "Working closely with the Salvation Army, we see those needs. This is just another way to help those in the community who need help. That's why

were here — to help."

Distributions will take place the third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth Township. The first distribution is scheduled for March 17. All recipients must be pre-registered to become certified for eligibility (meeting both income and

residency requirements) before being able to receive food on distribution days.

Recipients who are not currently on any governmental program (food stamps, ADC and general assistance) will need to provide documentation such as birth certificates or social security cards, proof of income and residence and proof of the

number of household members. Bridge Card holders will automatically be qualified to participate, but must still register.

For more information and registration, contact the Plymouth Community United Way office at (734) 453-6879, Ext. 2. St. Kenneth Catholic Church is located at 14951 N. Haggerty in Plymouth Township.

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## Slain officer's funeral set for Plymouth

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Police Officer Larry Nehasil's last police assignment on Monday with the city's intelligence bureau was, as Police Chief Robert Stevenson describes it, a mission tracking down and arresting dangerous felons.

On Tuesday, Stevenson and an Oakland County undersheriff recounted details of the intelligence bureau's surveillance on a somber day at the Livonia police station. Nehasil was shot and killed during an exchange of gunfire with a suspect in a home invasion in Walled Lake at about 5:30 p.m. Monday.

Public visitation for Nehasil will be noon to 8 p.m. today at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Funeral services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 North Territorial (west of Beck Road) in Plymouth.

On Tuesday, the Livonia police headquarters was quiet and hushed, as members dealt and coped with the death of Nehasil, a well-liked officer and colleague.

Nehasil and other officers from the intelligence bureau took on surveillance in areas where criminals would hit several locations, whether it was larceny from autos, home invasions or break-ins of businesses. On Monday, they were pursuing two suspects with long criminal histories who police believe



Nehasil

were responsible for a rash of home invasions in Livonia and other communities.

One of the suspects, David Matthew Bowling, 44, was on probation on a conviction for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated, causing serious injury, in Detroit. He also had three other felony convictions dating back to 1986.

Police say Bowling and his 48-year-old brother, Terry Neil Bowling, who also has an extensive criminal history, drove to Walled Lake late Monday afternoon, familiar with the area as one of them had a job in that community several years ago, investigators said.

They were being watched by Livonia officers, including Nehasil.

"We had been looking at that crew for about a week," Stevenson said.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Department conducted an investigation into the shooting at the request of the Walled Lake Police Department. Oakland County Undersheriff Mike McCabe said the brothers drove down Maple Road, choosing a home on Glenwood at Maple Road.

"It was a crime of opportunity," McCabe said. "They see the homeowner leave the home and drive out of the driveway. One (of the suspects) dropped the other off,



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Chief Robert Stevenson talks about Officer Larry Nehasil, shot and killed in the line of duty. Behind the Chief, Livonia City Council President James McCann and Mayor Jack Kirksey. Nehasil's funeral takes place Friday at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth Township.

who went around the back of the home, while the other suspect drove away."

After a few minutes, David Matthew Bowling, who was inside the home, called his brother to let him know he had stolen goods from the home, including a .45-caliber handgun, McCabe said. The driver returned and backed into the driveway.

The driver of the vehicle exited the car and was arrested without incident.

"The second suspect ran out of the back door of the attached garage into the backyard," McCabe said. The yard was surrounded by a 6-foot tall wooden fence. Nehasil ran after the suspect. There were no witnesses to what happened next.

"Multiple shots were fired," McCabe said. As other Livonia officers reached the yard they observed Nehasil and the suspect on the ground, both suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Both were dead at the scene.

A .45 caliber gun stolen from the home was used by Bowling to shoot Nehasil, McCabe said.

Nehasil, who was wearing a bulletproof vest, was hit five times. One bullet hit his vest; three others hit his thigh and hip. McCabe believes Nehasil would have survived those injuries by themselves, but he also suffered a fatal wound to the head, McCabe said.

Nehasil managed to shoot the suspect twice in the chest.

## Police seek warrant against Lion in molestation accusation

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Police have finished an investigation into a woman's complaint that she was molested by a Detroit Lions player at the Ironwood Grill during an employee party earlier this month.

Lt. Jamie Grabowski, who is in charge of the department's detective bureau, said Tuesday that a warrant request had been submitted to the Wayne County prosecutor's office. Prosecutor Kym Worthy's spokeswoman, Maria Miller, said the office would not comment on the case until a decision has been made.

The 22-year-old woman, Grabowski said, complained to police Jan. 4 that a Lions player had had "inappropriate contact" with her at the restaurant on Penniman during a holiday party the night before. The player, who has not been named, was cooperative with police and denied the accusation, Grabowski said.

About 10 Lions players and employees had stopped by the Ironwood during the closed party late on Jan. 3, Grabowski said. As some Lions players are known to employees there, the group was let into the restaurant, he said.

The woman's attorney, Michael Jaafar, has said he intends to file a lawsuit against the player, whether or not he is charged with a crime.

### Minivan theft

A 2003 Dodge Caravan was reported stolen from the driveway of a house on Driftwood Court in Plymouth Township on Friday. The van had been taken between about 8 p.m. Jan. 13

### CRIME WATCH

and 6 a.m. the next day, the victim told police.

### Theft attempt

Someone apparently tried to steal a Chrysler Town & Country van from the driveway of a house on Latheron Drive in the township, the victim reported on Friday.

The van was found unlocked, and with its ignition damaged, a police report said. There were also a number of footprints in the snow around the spot where the van was parked, police said. The victim couldn't remember if he had left the van locked or not.

A hands-free cellular telephone device was reported stolen from the van.

### Diesel theft

About 140 gallons of diesel fuel were reported stolen Friday from three delivery trucks parked outside a business on General Drive in the township.

The fuel had been siphoned from the trucks between 5:30 p.m. Jan. 13 and about 5:30 a.m. Friday, the complainant told police.

### Shed break-in

Someone cut two padlocks from the door to a backyard shed at a house on Minehart in the township earlier this month. The door frame was also damaged, but nothing was reported stolen from the shed, a police report said.

The break-in occurred between Jan. 6 and Jan. 10, the complainant told police. In addition, a window on a 1990 Ford Thunderbird parked nearby was shattered during the same time period, police said.

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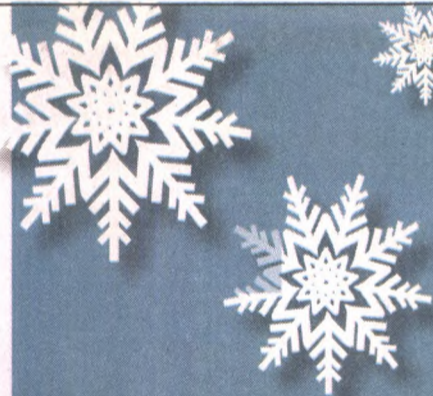
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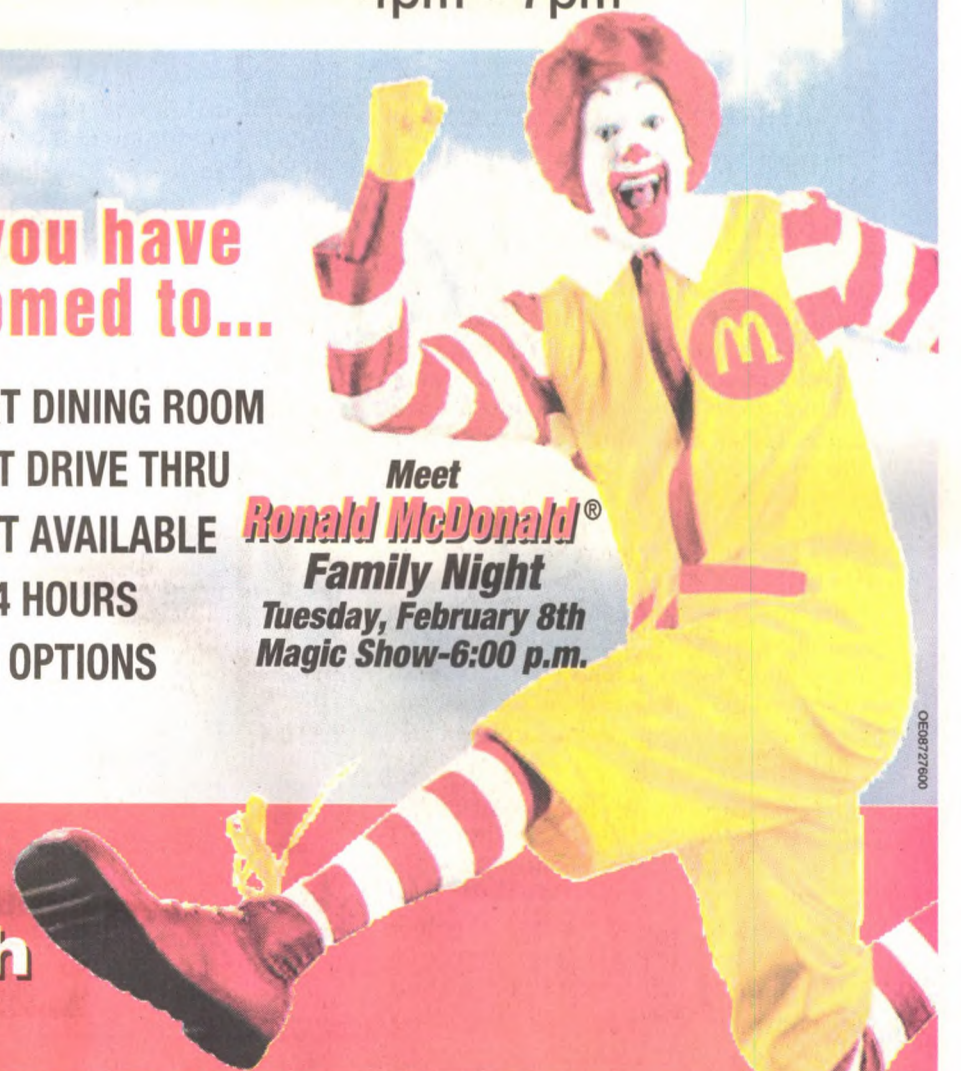


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# With Tucson wounds still fresh, Canton honors King

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As a nation shaken by a mass shooting in Tucson, Ariz., paused Monday to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy of peaceful protest, a Canton pastor reminded a large crowd that King — himself the victim of an assassin's bullet — sought to teach Americans to handle their differences with dignity, grace and respect.

"He was a dreamer, but he wasn't just a dreamer," the Rev. Bryan Smith of Geneva Presbyterian Church told a crowd that nearly packed the 400-seat Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

King, only 39 when he was slain April 4, 1968, outside the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tenn., taught that love, not hate, could lead this nation beyond racial segregation and other societal ills to a promised land where everyone,

regardless of their differences, could embrace a sense of "beloved community," Smith said.

King, the youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize at age 35, "lived and died" believing deeply that nonviolence and peaceful protest should be the hallmarks of how this country settles political, economic and social differences, Smith said.

"He was a hero to all of us," Smith said during a stirring program titled "Building Bridges: Canton Honors Dr. Martin Luther King Jr."

His keynote address Monday evening came as Canton, a community that prides itself on its diversity, observed a King holiday that — had the Atlanta-born pastor lived — would have marked his 82nd birthday.

Though most of Canton's celebration was upbeat, Smith paused to remember the six people killed and 13 wounded, including U.S. Rep. Gabrielle

Giffords, when a gunman opened fire in Tucson on Jan. 8.

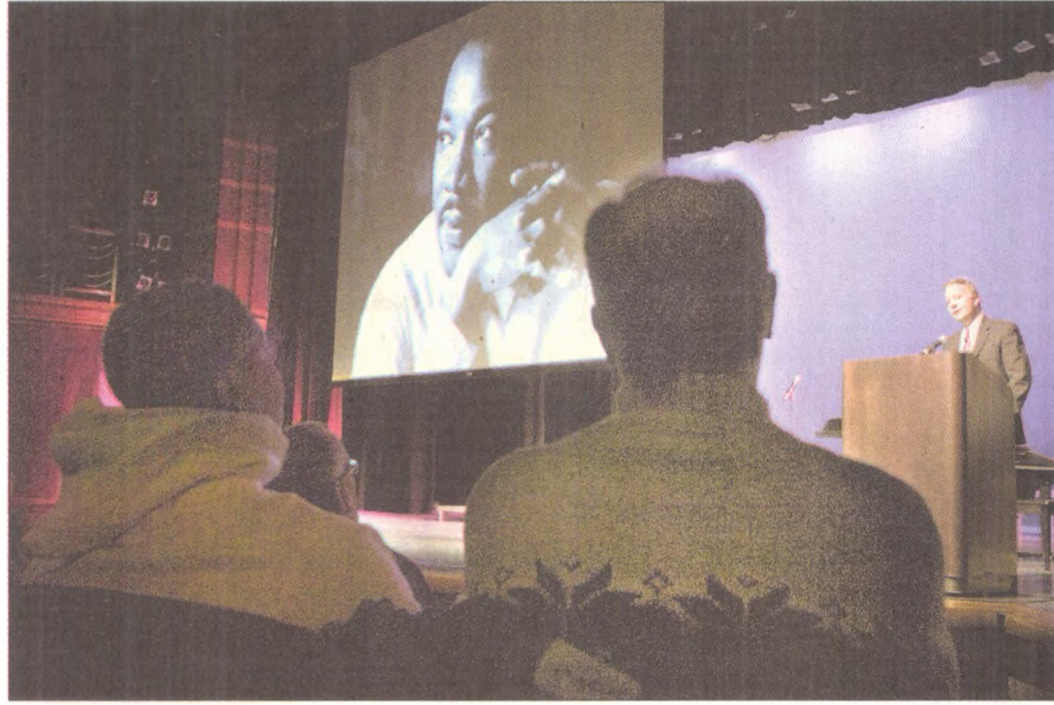
This nation continues to weather tough times, much as it did when King urged non-violence as he sought to dismantle racial discrimination, Smith said.

"We still need miracles in the hearts of men and women and boys and girls," he said.

As Smith spoke, a large, black-and-white image of King could be seen, along with quotes from the civil rights icon, on a screen draped from the ceiling.

Before the keynote address, ReGina Coles-Shamberger, member of Canton's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Subcommittee and incoming chair of the Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage, stood alongside young Kaitlyn Rose Moore as they gave a short biography of King.

Darian Moore, another King subcommittee and cultural commission member, spoke of



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Keynote speaker Bryan Smith, pastor of Geneva Presbyterian Church, speaks about the legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Idlewild, a small community in upstate Michigan where African-Americans could freely vacation from 1912 through the mid-1960s — a getaway that became known as The Black Eden. Idlewild is remembered in an art exhibit currently on display in the Village Theater lobby.

Some summers, Moore said, as many as 25,000 African-American visitors went to Idlewild — a place where they could escape widespread racial discrimination and injustice.

In a stirring tribute to King, the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Festival

Singers performed several inspirational songs that drew applause from the crowd, as did a beat-driven, street-savvy performance by P-CEP Breakdancing Club members who wowed the audience with their limber moves.

Coles-Shamberger called the musical performances "awesome" and said Tim Schoenherr, the school district's performing and visual arts coordinator, also worked on the King subcommittee to prepare for Monday's event.

Another musical group, Forever After Productions, also impressed the crowd.

Canton parents Eric and LaTara Brown brought their son Jalen, 14, and daughter Jocelyn, 9, to the King celebration, just as they have in years past. Eric Brown, a human resources representative for Blue Cross Blue Shield, said King's efforts helped open the door to opportunities for African-Americans who once were shut out.

LaTara Brown called it important for her family to honor King.

"We definitely feel it's a day of reflection and celebration," she said. "It's a good way to honor him."



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## FESTIVAL

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uled to return to the festival Sunday, this time on Forest, during the same hours.

Also on Forest, Saturday and Sunday, will be a scavenger hunt, a petting farm and pony rides for children. The festival will feature more than 100 ice sculptures in the downtown area, with 40-50 of them in the sculpture garden at

Kellogg Park.

Other festival highlights will include:

- The Hot Spot warming tent, at The Gathering on Penniman, with local vendors serving refreshments.

- The Dueling Chainsaws speed-carving event, a contest between four professional carvers, at 7 p.m. Saturday at Kellogg Park. The idea is to get the crowd involved; the audience picks the types of sculptures the contestants are to carve and votes, with their

cheering, for their favorite.

- A Kids Zone, with activities for children sponsored by Home Depot, beginning at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Hot Spot.

- Ice-carving demonstrations by professional carvers.

Festival hours, expanded this year, are 3-11 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. The ice sculptures will be on view around the clock throughout the festival.

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Whatever it is, Shen Yun has touched the hearts of millions. "I cried a few times," one audience member confessed. "What I saw was power, honesty, and integrity—I am grateful for that." The show has graced some of the most prestigious stages in the world, from the Royal Fes-

tival Hall in London to the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Shen Yun is more than just the world's premier classical Chinese performing arts company. It is an experience you won't want to miss.

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Based in New York, Shen Yun Performing Arts is distinguished by its conscious effort to remain independent of China's communist regime, which has abused and impoverished the arts for decades. In fact, a show like Shen Yun's can no longer be found in China today. As one well-traveled New Yorker noted: "I've seen China before with my eyes, but this show had me experience China with my soul."

For those who find all things Chinese a little foreign, never fear. The show is based on Chinese culture, but the values it portrays belong to all of humanity.

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No other art form in the world boasts such strong expressive qualities and diversity of technique as classical Chinese dance. It takes years of rigorous training to master the many leaps, flips, and delicate gestures. Dancers must also be versed in Chinese culture to achieve the bearing needed to bring ancient legends and heroic figures to life.

In addition to the classical forms, Shen Yun features the distinctive colors and styles of ethnic and folk dance. Choreographers draw upon over 20 dynasties and 50 ethnic groups to create pieces that range from the northern steppes of Mongolia to the lush forests of Yunnan. Among the most impressive elements of any Shen Yun show are the large-scale ensemble pieces in which dozens of dancers appear to move as one body across the stage.

Shen Yun has also created its very own brand of story-based dance, which often deals with universal, thought-provoking themes. As one distinguished ballet dancer noted, "There's a lot of depth and meaning. It's a new realm of dance."

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Today, the artists of Shen Yun follow in that noble tradition. Their training regimen requires focus and a mindful lifestyle. Many draw inspiration from traditional cultivation practices such as Falun Dafa, which teaches truthfulness, compassion, and forbearance.

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# ZF Group highlights focus on fuel efficiency

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

The ZF Group has been a sponsor of the North American International Auto Show for the last 10 years.

But for the first time, the German company, with its North American headquarters in Northville Township, decided to come out of its private suite and join the automakers on the main Cobo Center floor.

"We wanted to increase the awareness of the company, products and what we are bringing into the market," said Bryan Johnson, Canton resident and manager of marketing and communications for the ZF Group.

And what the company is bringing into the market is something at the forefront of everyone in the car industry's minds — increased fuel efficiency.

At the auto show, ZF unveiled a nine-speed automatic transmission that will improve the fuel efficiency of front-wheel drive cars.

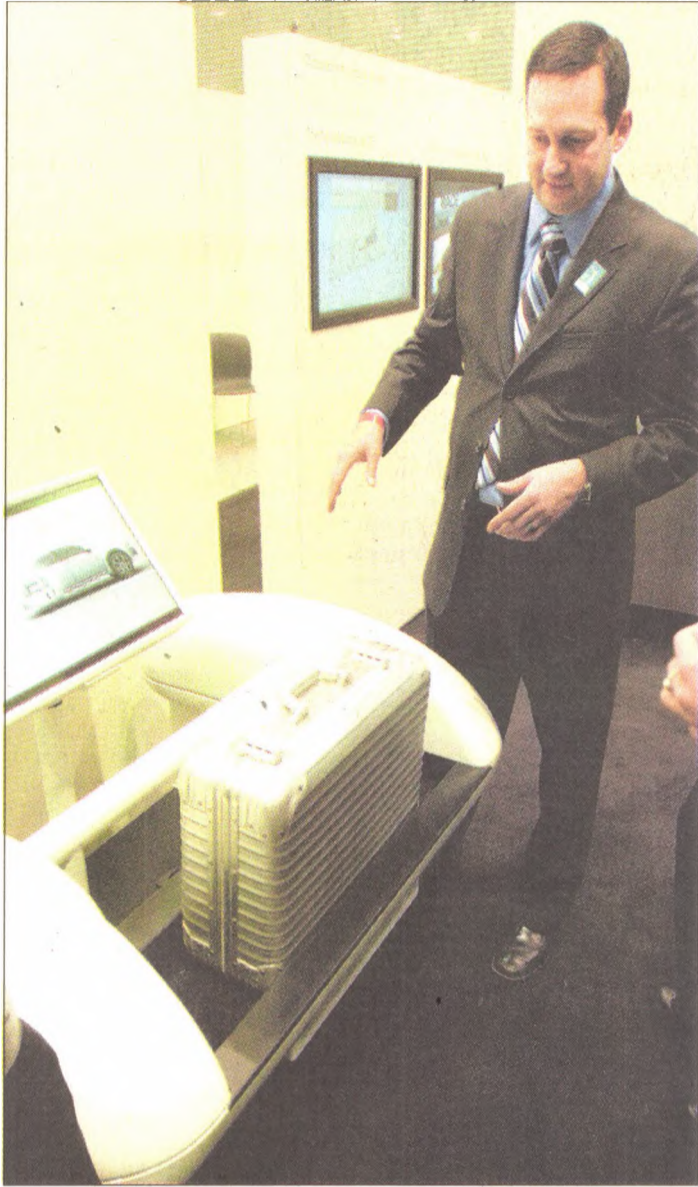
The company's first customer is Chrysler, and production is expected to begin in 2012.

Johnson said the new transmission will translate into a double-digit increase in fuel efficiency percentage.

According to the company's website, ZF Group develops and produces transmissions, steering systems, axles and chassis components, as well as complete systems for passenger cars, commercial vehicles and off-road machinery.

The Northville Township headquarters also is the technical center, and roughly 300 employees work out of that facility. The company also plans on adding 3,000 jobs worldwide in the coming year.

Some of the vehicles at the 2011 NAIAS that contained



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Canton resident Bryan Johnson of Z.F. Group N.A. out of Northville Township describes his engineering firm's suspension-adjusting mechanisms for trunk loads on Thursday, Jan. 13 at the auto show in Detroit.

components from ZF include the Audi A6, Audi A7, Audi A8, Chevrolet Volt, Dodge Durango and several others.

Paul Olexa, Northville resident and vice president of driveline sales and marketing, said the industry's continued emphasis on improving gas mileage is not new to ZF.

"Fuel efficiency was never

out of fashion with us," he said. Olexa, who has attended the NAIAS for several years and is a "car enthusiast," also said he noticed "definite change" in the mood at the auto show this year.

"There is a significant improvement," he said.

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## NEWS BRIEF

### Jazz @ The Elks

Ron Kischuck on trombone, Sven Anderson on keyboard, Marion Hayden on bass and Judy Cochill on vocals will be the featured performers for the next Jazz @ The Elks, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, at the Plymouth

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NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW

# Dancing with the cars

## at auto show charity gala

The 35th annual North American International Auto Show Charity Preview black-tie gala brought in \$2.6 million this year. One of the top single-night fund-raising events in the country, the Charity Preview benefits nine local children's charities. In the last seven years alone, the Charity Preview has raised more than \$37 million. Since its inception in 1976, Charity Preview has brought in nearly \$82 million.

For the second year, ticket prices remained at \$250, down from \$400 per ticket in previous years. Attendance was also up — 10,500 patrons, all decked out and revvin' to go.



Julie Yolles

"I'm here to tell you that we are back," boasted Paul W. Smith of WJR-AM (760), who emceed the exclusive ribbon-cutting ceremony, just prior to the opening of the Charity Preview and the North American International Auto Show, where 55 new vehicles were launched. "We're proud. We have the best product in the world and we're leading the economy back to health."

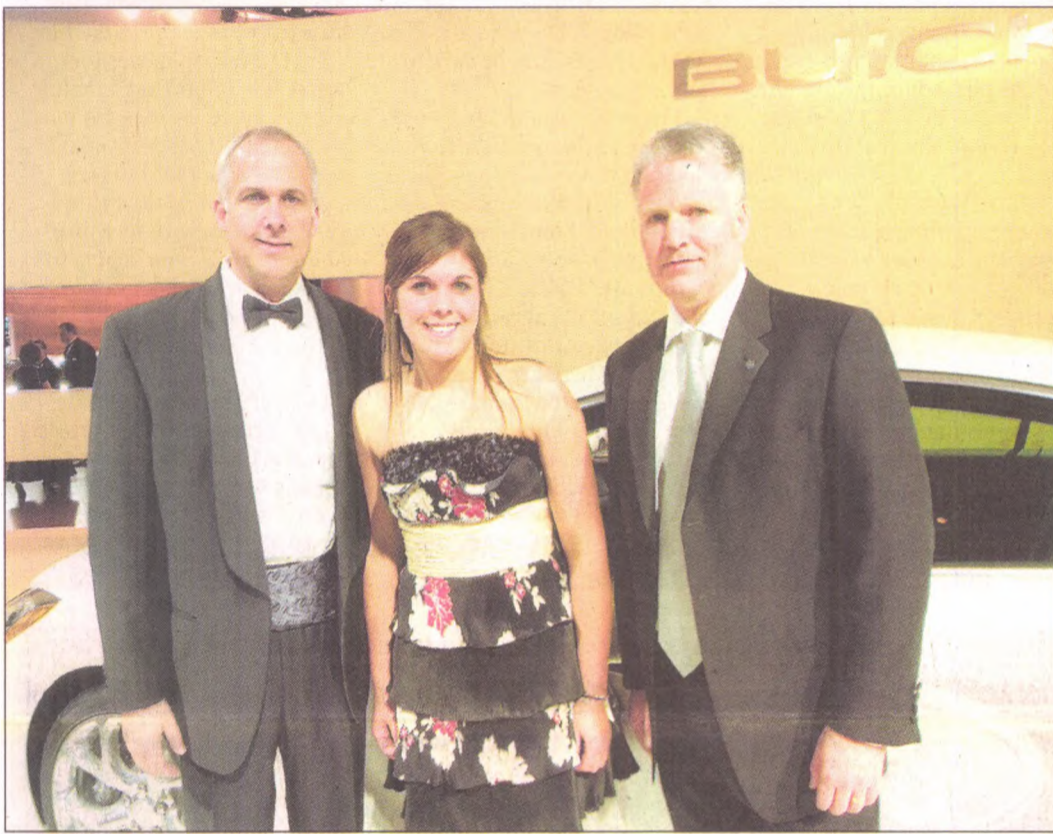
With every CEO from the auto companies gracing the stage, along with Gov. Rick Snyder and Detroit Mayor Dave Bing, 8-year-old Myles Parks was lookin' quite dapper in his tux as he welcomed the Charity Preview patrons. Parks was this year's youth ambassador, representing the Boys & Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan — and all the nine recipient charities.

Following the brand new launch of the new "I'm a Believer" advertising campaign, which promotes volunteerism in Detroit, Snyder told the sequined and tuxed crowd: "This is truly a great showcase for our state that we should be proud of. The state of Michigan is the leader of the automotive industry. We are the world's leader in innovation."

But for that night, it was all about the children, where all but \$10 of each \$250 ticket was donated to one of the causes.

"We've exceeded our goal," 2011 NAIAS Chairman Barron Meade of Birmingham said. "These children are the compass of our future direction."

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Kat Slaughter and her father, (left) Sam Slaughter, owner of Sellers Buick GMC in Farmington Hills and Brian Sweeney, Buick GMC U.S. vice president, sales and service in front of a 2012 Buick Regal GS at the Auto Show. Slaughter's dealership was named the 2010 Buick Dealer of the Year. He is also a co-chair of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Foundation's Heart & Soul Gala on Feb. 5.

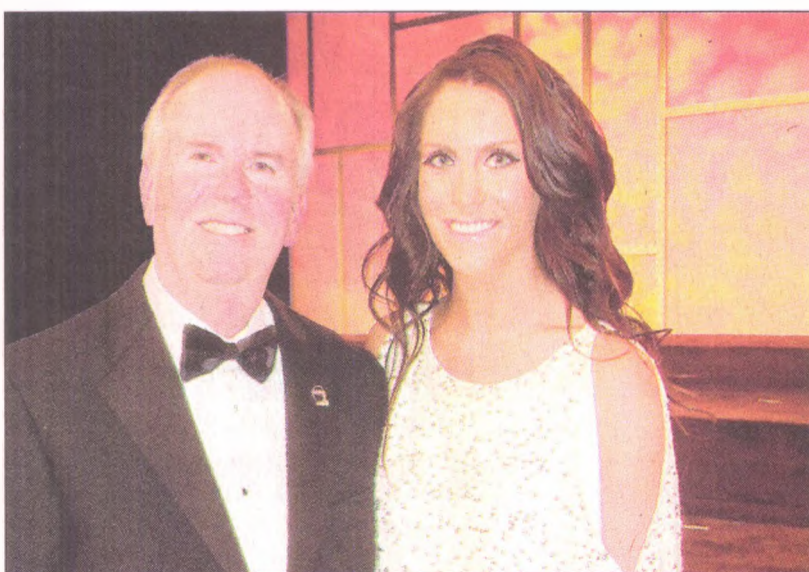


Dawn and Scott LaRiche of Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth Township. Scott LaRiche is the treasurer/secretary of the Detroit Area Dealers Association (DADA) which established the DADA Charitable Foundation Fund.



(From left) Terri Manduzzi of Troy, Joanie Helgesen of Farmington Hills and Elke Kroenung of Bloomfield Township attended the Charity Preview and the sold-out AutoGlow at the Westin Book Cadillac, sponsored by Ford Motor Company.

PHOTOS BY JULIE YOLLES



Northville residents Bill and Jackie Demmer of Jack Demmer Ford in Wayne are all smiles at Friday's auto gala.



It was a red-letter day at the Charity Preview for Livonia residents Steven Schmidt and his son, Erik.



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## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

# Neighborhood market offers all the extras

**Observer:** Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature?

**Picnic Basket:** The Picnic Basket Market is a neighborhood store. Our meat department is a full-service meat counter meaning that the butcher will do the extras like deboning, trimming and cutting to your satisfaction. The quality in the meats is complimented by everyone who shops here. The prepared meals offered are also a big hit as well as our award-winning chilli, which won first place three years in a row at the Plymouth Chili Cookoff. The pizzas and salads bring in the families for dinner and are very affordable. We also offer catering for parties and with our menu there is so much to choose from that our staff has to help plan your party. The best part of the Picnic Basket is that even though we are small in size there is nothing that we can't get and stock for you. Convenience is very important from parking to easily getting what you want and to the checkout. The big stores can't compete.

**Observer:** How did you first decide to open your business?

**Picnic Basket:** I worked in similar markets but none catered to the customer. I have been in this type of business most of my life and I decided I could do it better than the people I was working for.

**Observer:** Why did you choose Plymouth?

**Picnic Basket:** I chose Plymouth because I knew that is was growing in the western end and I wanted to be there to grow with it.

**Observer:** What makes your business unique?

**Picnic Basket:** My customers thank me all the time for being there for them. I try to never let them down and make sure that everything is fresh and priced right. The store has a charm and quaintness about it that they love. I also don't think of my customers as customers but as friends that I have grown with over the years.

**Observer:** How has it changed since you opened?

**Picnic Basket:** The big box stores and chain stores have so much buying power that sometimes I get frustrated when I can't match a price. Most of my customers understand this and tell me that I have their patronage.

**Observer:** Do you have a funny



The Picnic Basket Market on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth specializes in choice meats, prepared food, hard-to-find wines and liquor and catering family parties. It's been there since February 1988.

### PICNIC BASKET MARKET

**Business name:** Picnic Basket Market

**Business address:** 49471 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

**Your name and title:** Al Jonna, owner

**Your Hometown:** West Bloomfield

**Business opened:** Feb. 4, 1988

**Number of employees:** 20

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**Observer:** Share a tidbit or anecdote to relate?

**Picnic Basket:** I started out in a smaller building that is just 100 feet from where the new building sits. The old building was built some time in the 40s and it was built like a treehouse. I am not kidding when I tell you that there were tree trunks in the basement supporting the floor.

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shake. The roof had so many leaks my customers would joke if they should bring their umbrellas inside. The floor had so many dips that when you would walk down the aisle you would start to get light-headed. I had to put up with all these flaws but I knew someday that I would have a new building. The funny part is that the customers that remember me from the old store always seem to remind me and tell stories with the biggest smile in their face.

**Observer:** How has the recent economy affected your business?

**Picnic Basket:** The last three years were hard but like everybody else we had to buckle down and work harder. I believe the next three years will be a lot better.

**Observer:** Any advice for other business owners?

**Picnic Basket:** Yes. Love your job, love your neighborhood and love your customers.

**Observer:** What's in store for the future of your business?

**Picnic Basket:** Once the economy is more stable I will expand one more time and this time I will have more ideas and space to share with my neighborhood.

# IRS audit can cause concern, but be vigilant

I recently received a call from an individual who had just gotten that dreaded letter from the Internal Revenue Service stating that their 2009 tax return was selected for an audit.

The caller was concerned because his preparer had been aggressive when completing the return. During our conversation, we discussed a number of issues regarding the audit that I thought would be helpful to my readers.

The first issue discussed was who was responsible for his return. I explained that although the preparer has some responsibility, ultimately it is the taxpayer's responsibility to file an accurate and complete tax return. In some rare cases, taxpayers who use unqualified preparers may be able to get some relief when it comes to penalties, however, it does not reduce the amount of taxes owed or interest that may be due as a result of the audit.

One of the most important issues regarding taxes is to make the decision regarding how your return is going to be prepared. For many people, preparing it on their own is still a viable alternative. There are many good software programs available for filers with straightforward tax situations. Keep in mind that if you prepare your own return, you cannot just blindly input numbers.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

Take your time and pay attention to what you are doing. If your tax situation is complex or you just don't wish to do it yourself, decide who will prepare your return.

If you are paying some-

one to do your return, you want someone who is qualified. You want to hire someone who has a commitment to staying current with the tax laws, and who will stand behind you if you are contacted by the IRS.

Hiring someone to do your tax return is no different than hiring an attorney or other professional. Don't be afraid to ask questions, and be sure to talk about fees.

The other issue I discussed with the caller is what causes audits. On a year-by-year basis, about 1 percent of taxpayers are audited. Sometimes there is no rhyme or reason why a return was selected. Yearly, the IRS selects at random a number of returns for audit. However, there are returns that are selected because of other factors. One of those is mathematical errors.

Another audit trigger is excessive deductions — taking deductions that are dispro-

tionately high in comparison to your income.

That doesn't mean that legitimate deductions should not be taken. However, it does increase your audit risk and therefore it is important to have backup documentation.

Other items that increase the chance of audit are hobby losses. Even though as taxpayers we must pay income tax on what we may earn from our hobbies, it doesn't necessarily mean we can deduct any losses.

Another audit trigger is the home office deduction. The IRS has always been very skeptical of this deduction. Taxpayers entitled to a home office deduction should take it. However, look at what the deduction actually saves. It may be a more prudent decision to not take the deduction.

As tax season moves forward, it is important to think about how to prepare your return. Just because you did something last year doesn't mean you should do it this year. Take some time, think about it, and if you decide to hire someone, make sure you hire the right person.

Good luck.

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The college carving competition is among the Plymouth Ice Festival's most popular attractions, and helps the festival draw tens of thousands of visitors every year.

## Ice age Festival a must-see for locals, visitors

The Plymouth Ice Festival has become such a staple of life around these parts, so synonymous with Plymouth, that it's difficult to believe there's anyone around who doesn't know about it.

But there are, and this weekend those folks get the chance to find out firsthand what all the fuss is about.

The 29th annual festival brings some of the same things it brings every year — some 100 statues carved from thousands of blocks of ice, competition between high school and college teams, and the artistry that brings people back year after year.

It looks a little different, after the switch last year in organizers to Signature Professional Group. The "international" part has been scrubbed, with no Japanese team being brought over. It's not as big as it used to be, but anyone who feared, with the change in organization, that the festival would suffer needn't have. It didn't, not really. It still drew tens of thousands of visitors.

That's because the heart of the festival is still there. It still features professional carvers, including home-grown champions like Ted Wakar of Canton and Tajana Rakaur of Plymouth, along with the traditional collegiate competition.

Kellogg Park is, as always, the heart of the festival. Booths and activities have typically lined Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail, but last year's festival was expanded to include Forest Avenue, which offered sculptures, live music and a petting zoo for children, and this year's event will include Forest plus Penniman Avenue. The streets will have similar attractions, but each will also have its own theme, "just to give the people a little bit of a different feel as they make their way around," organizer Sam Walton said.

Walton wants to gradually expand the festival over the next few years to include all of downtown's major streets, in order to draw visitors to parts of town some haven't seen. That paid off on Forest last year, he said, when business pooled resources to help pay for activities and sculptures, and some attendees reported to Walton that they hadn't been on that block before.

And Walton is quick to point out the event's signature element — the ice sculptures — aren't being forgotten. Some 250 blocks of ice will be used this year, up from some 200 a year ago.

All that adds up to this: If you've seen it before, it's worth seeing again. If you've never taken the opportunity, have a look this year.

It's a memory that'll be frozen in your mind forever.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

Were you surprised by the shootings in Arizona on Jan. 8 given the tone of political debate in this country?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



"No. Americans are less cooperative than previously."

Donna Wellman  
Westland



"Yes. I'm surprised because it's something you always have in the back of your mind, but you hope it never happens."

Jean Krause  
Plymouth Township



"I don't think he (the alleged shooter) was motivated because of the politics that are going on right now."

Darlene Stevenson  
Plymouth Township



"Not really. ... I didn't really watch much of it. ... I think there's probably a lot of debate going on about everything today."

Tera Bean  
Plymouth Township

## LETTERS

### Dream world?

What kind of "dream world" is the Plymouth-Canton teachers union living in ("Teachers, district still waiting on new pact," Sunday, Jan. 16). The statement that teachers are beginning "to bristle" at the suggestion it's "their turn" to give back to the district, in the form of concessions is far off base.

Fact 1 - The State of Michigan has been in an economic downward spiral for several consecutive years. The money simply isn't there like in the past.

Fact 2 - Everyone I personally know has tightened their belts. Why are teachers exempt from any belt tightening?

Fact 3 - If concessions from the teachers cannot be obtained, the Board of Education will play the layoff card, which will result in an increase of class sizes.

My belief is that the school board's position must be to save money in their negotiations with the teacher's union this time around in order to be both frugal and prudent. I believe the majority of residents within the Plymouth and Canton communities have a similar belief.

Roger L. Kehrier  
Plymouth

### Column hit mark

Just finished your outstanding article on healing school board ("Healing school board may take some time," Observer, Jan. 16) and I agree with you that it will take some time, if ever, to heal and forgive the actions of what appears to be a "dysfunctional board."

Your observations and your informative and easy-to-read reporting is great.

The board members need to get their act together and think about the children, parents and community that they represent.

Their agendas are not in the best interests of this wonderful community and could be served with distinction, instead of their amateur political and selfish grandstanding.

The board members should think about the children, parents, and in my case, grandparents, and great-grandparents.

Bud Boyce  
Canton

### Heise plan no fix

While the indictment of former Detroit Water and Sewer Department Director Victor Mercado has made the need for greater transparency within the department abundantly clear ("Incoming Rep. Heise to offer bill for DWSD fix," Dec. 26), hiring a private company to operate the system is not the answer.

Privatizing Detroit's water will not fix the DWSD's transparency or fiscal issues. In fact, publicly operated systems are, on average, 21 percent cheaper than those run by private entities. Additionally, a recent Food & Water Watch review of the 10 largest water system sales and concessions found that water rates for customers increased an average of 15 percent per year after privatization.

Although most DWSD customers would agree that the system needs revamping, we need one that increases transparency while keeping costs reasonable for consumers. Hiring a private company to operate the system would not solve these problems and would most likely exacerbate them.

DWSD customers should write their state lawmakers today and encourage them to maintain public control of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

Lynna Kauckek  
Food & Water Watch  
Ferndale

### Important legislation

I am writing in support of The Children's Safe Products Act (HB 4763-69). I am a resident of Plymouth Township and on the Faculty of the Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit. The health of our children in the Metro-Detroit area is of great concern given our economic situation here in southeastern Michigan. In this climate of downsizing government spending I am calling on our elected representatives to advocate for making better information available on toy products. A recent report released by a coalition of health and environmental groups in Michigan, examines direct and indirect health care costs for childhood diseases that are linked in part or whole to environmental toxins. The report estimates that the environmentally attributable costs of lead poisoning, asthma, pediatric cancer, and neurodevelopmental disorders in the state of Michigan is \$5.85 billion annually with a range of \$3.65 to 6.68 billion. "The Price of Pollution: Cost Estimates of Environment-Related Childhood Disease in Michigan" is the first-ever study of the cost of environmental disease for Michigan.

This report adds to the growing evidence that the health of Michigan's children is being compromised by toxics, including toxic toys. The Children's Safe Products Act (HB 4763-69) would require that information about the presence of the most hazardous chemicals in children's products, on the shelves of Michigan's toy stores be provided to parents. With 22 toy stores joining the coalition of parents, grandparents and the leading health, medical, and environmental organizations, there is no reason to delay moving this important legislation forward in the Michigan State legislature.

Patricia Benson  
Plymouth

## GUEST COLUMN

# We didn't give up on auto industry

Dec. 11, 2008, was the darkest night of my career. The Senate had just failed to pass critical legislation authorizing bridge loans for our automakers.

I went to the floor and gave a speech urging our country not to give up on the Big Three. Demand was down, jobs were being shipped overseas, gas prices were up and then we were hit by a global financial crisis that put our automakers in serious jeopardy.



Sen. Debbie Stabenow

Some of my friends on the right wanted to blame the labor unions. Some of my friends on the left wanted to blame the companies for building too many SUVs. Too many politicians were too busy pointing fingers and scoring political points to bother considering what would happen if millions of manufacturing jobs in this country disappeared.

Thankfully, we in the Michigan delegation understood that the survival of the auto industry was about saving American

manufacturing, and we worked together with two administrations to make sure that our country wouldn't walk away from our American automakers.

The Obama administration took a careful and responsible approach to the restructuring. In exchange for federal support, it decided that GM and Chrysler would need to go through a structured bankruptcy proceeding. When President Obama called our delegation with the news, I told him that if this was the course of action, we needed to show that the country was going to stand behind our companies. He agreed, and we immediately got to work.

I had already started some of this work by passing a retooling loan program in 2007 when gas prices were soaring. This program has helped Ford retool their Wayne plant, which has resulted in jobs coming back from Mexico to Michigan.

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Then in June of 2009, we passed "cash for clunkers," which I was proud to author in the Senate. For weeks, I twisted arms in the Senate to convince my colleagues this would work. It did.

"Cash for clunkers" helped 700,000 cars fly off dealer lots, created 60,000 jobs as auto plants opened second shifts and then third shifts.

This week, our companies are showing off their fantastic new products at the Detroit auto show. I was proud to be there when the Chevy Volt won North American Car of the Year, and to hear that Detroit automakers owned the truck category. Of the three finalists, Chrysler had two nominations and the Ford Explorer took home the award.

We should all be proud that all three of our automakers are profitable, growing and creating jobs. Our country stood by them, and it worked.

U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow is a Democrat who represents Michigan.

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## 'Cats win at buzzer

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The more dramatic the better seems to be the recipe for success that Plymouth's 2010-11 varsity boys basketball team is subscribing to.

On Tuesday, the Wildcats nipped Westland John Glenn 53-51 on a last-second spinning layup by senior forward Brennen Beyer. That followed Friday's win over Canton, when Mike Nadratoski scored at the buzzer.

Beyer (18 points, nine rebounds) and Nadratoski (20 points, seven boards)

keyed the **BOYS BASKETBALL** KLAACentral

victory between two teams at the top of the division. Adding nine points was Pat Salo.

Aveon Simmons scored 17 points for John Glenn while Nick Daniels added 11.

"We were able to battle back throughout the game," Soukup said. "It was nip-and-tuck, back-and-forth into the fourth quarter and into the last minute. But we were able to make enough plays to pull out a hard-fought victory."

Soukup said Plymouth didn't come out clicking on all cylinders in the team's home opener and he wasn't sure why.

One possibility, he noted, was Tuesday's "snow day" at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. "It was not an aggressive start."

But the ending was enough to lift the Wildcats into a tie with the Rockets on top of the division. Both are 6-3 overall and 3-1 in the KLAASouth.

**INTER-CITY BAPTIST 67, PCA 61:** A late surge by host Plymouth Christian Academy wasn't enough Tuesday night, as the Eagles dropped this Michigan Independent Athletic Conference contest.

Please see **BASKETBALL, B3**



Getting Tuesday's game off to a good start for Salem is forward Michael Manser (No. 19), snapping a shot past Northville goaltender David Ketelhut in the first period. Trying to check Manser is Connor Brown (No. 6).

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## Salem's Price is right in shutout

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Brandon Price watched longtime hockey rivals Northville and Salem from a seat in the stands the past three years, when he played travel hockey instead of suiting up for the Rocks.

But Tuesday, the Rocks' first-year goalie was right in the middle of the action — stopping all 31 Northville shots he faced in Salem's 4-0 victory at Plymouth Cultural Center. It was his second shutout of the year and first against a KLAACentral opponent.

"This is my first year (with the Rocks) but I've known about the rivalry with Northville," said the senior, following his stellar performance. "I've been to the games before. It's always been a good, clean matchup but this year I think we did a little bit better out there than them and came away with the victory."

Price was at his best during the second period, with the Rocks nursing a 1-0 lead (on a first-period goal by junior forward Michael Manser, set up by junior forward Austin Sartorius).

The 5-10, 165-pound goalie began a

scorching-hot stretch when he stopped a shot from between the circles by Mustangs forward Cole Brown, with about 13 minutes left in the frame.

### LEATHER LARCENY

He flashed his trapper to rob forward Robbie Thornburg twice within a minute later in the period and enabled Salem to still lead 1-0 after the second thanks to a last-minute stop on forward Stephen Champagne.

Price — who said he was "definitely in the zone tonight" — and his defense then killed off a 5-on-3 disadvantage early in the third period and the offense responded with two insurance goals.

"Again, he was the best player on the ice for us," Salem head coach Ryan Ossenmacher said. "Anytime a goalie can get a shutout against a quality opponent like Northville you know he's playing well."

"Also the guys up front did a good job limiting second opportunities."

Price, meanwhile, said he relished the challenge of killing off the two-man disadvantage.

"I loved every second of it, I love see-

ing those 5-on-3s," said Price, exuding confidence. "We only got three guys out there so I know I'm just going to get peppered with shots."

"And that's what I love about the game."

### BREATHING ROOM

Salem (9-3-1 overall) was up 2-0 at the time of the 5-on-3, thanks to a timely goal by senior forward Ryan Quigley (coming off a hat trick Saturday against Livonia Churchill).

Just 28 seconds into the period, Quigley tucked a backhander past Northville senior goalie David Ketelhut (27 saves).

Quigley, jumping onto the ice to replace a teammate who broke his stick, took a feed from senior blueliner Michael Hochkins (two assists), skated in all alone on Ketelhut and scored after deking the netminder.

"That was huge. The difference between a one-goal lead and a two-goal lead, especially at that point in the game," said Ossenmacher, noting that

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## Canton gymnasts second by eyelash

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

John Cunningham figured correctly when he predicted one of the big obstacles for his Canton gymnastics team this season is the Farmington Unified squad.

At Saturday's Farmington Invitational at Hartland Bounce Sports Center, the Chiefs finished second by a half-point (145.175) to the Farmington team's 145.675.

The teams soon will have another go at it Monday, Jan. 24, when the Chiefs host Farmington (at Plymouth High School).

And Farmington and Canton finished 3-4 at the recent Rockford Invitational, although Chiefs senior stalwart Robyn Piwowar was unavailable.

"We went home happy with our performance and knowing we had lots of ways to improve," Cunningham said.

He said his team "had a great meet" with five scores of 9.0 on floor exercise, three on vault and three on balance beam.

Top performers included Piwowar, who finished first in Division 1 on floor and in all-around with respective tallies of 9.65 and 37.225 points.

Also strong in D1 competition was sophomore Alex Fideler. She placed second on beam with a mark of 9.625, which was one-quarter point off her personal best. Fideler scored 9.4 on floor, good for fourth place.

Meanwhile, freshman Melissa Green scored a personal best on floor. Her mark of 9.5 earned third-place honors. Outstanding in Division 2 was junior Ayana Lewis — capturing four of the five events. Lewis won vault (9.5), uneven bars (9.25), beam (9.5) and all-around (37.3).

Also in D2, freshman Erica Lucas registered a third place on vault (9.05) and fifth on bars (8.3). Senior Kali Pierce finished sixth on floor (9.05).

In Division 2 events, the 10 best showings earn medals, while D1 medals are awarded to the top five in each event.

Farmington coach Jeff Dwyer acknowledged that Canton will be a tough competitor all season.

"Canton had one of its better girls back," Dwyer said. "She wasn't at the Rockford Invitational (Jan. 8), so that makes a big difference. (Cunningham) has been aiming for us. I think we're going to be neck and neck the whole season."

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Robbie Czarnik (No. 27, left) bats a rebound past Saginaw goalie Mavric Parks to give the Plymouth Whalers a 4-3 lead during Monday afternoon's game. Czarnik's goal proved to be the game-winner. At right for Saginaw is defenseman Dalton Prout.

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## Matinee magic

### Third-period surge sparks Whalers to comeback victory

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Forget Windsors, there's a new rivalry in town — between the Plymouth Whalers and Saginaw.

Plymouth rallied in spectacular fashion Monday afternoon before 2,581 at Compuware Arena. The Whalers scored three times in the third period to nab a 4-3 victory over the Western Conference-leading Spirit.

It was the first time this season that Saginaw coughed up a game in regulation after carrying a lead into the final period.

"It's a rivalry," Whalers head coach Mike Vellucci said. "They're at the top of the league and we're trying to measure ourselves up to them."

Swift-skating forward Tyler Brown, who played a strong forechecking game, added that the Whalers "knew what we had to do" in the third period, which began with the Spirit lead-

ing 3-1.

"Getting two points on these guys is big," Brown said. "Every point counts. We have a tight race in our conference."

One of the catalysts for the comeback was forward James Livingston. He got into a fight in the second period (with Anthony Camara), delivered some crunching hits and scored the tying goal in the third.

"I just tried to go out there as hard as I can and shake things up in the second period (with the fight)," Livingston said. "I was trying to get the boys fired up, and we turned it around and we had a great third period. It was really good for us."

### TURNING TIDE

Saginaw fell to 30-9-3-1 with the defeat, while the Whalers improved to 24-18-1-1 with their

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## SIDELINES

### Best so far

Salem grad Brett deBear tallied 12 points Saturday to lift Albion College to a 71-57 victory over Kalamazoo College in a Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association women's basketball game.

It was the first time in deBear's collegiate career that she scored in double figures. She connected on six-of-eight shots from the field and she grabbed three rebounds in 26 minutes of action.

This season, she has played all 15 games (including four starts) and is averaging 3.5 points and 1.5 rebounds per game.

The win improved Albion's record to 7-8 overall and 5-1 in the MIAA.

### Tennis meeting

If you are a Salem High School girls tennis player, or are interested in playing in the 2011 season, there is an important meeting slated for 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31, in the school library.

For more info, visit [www.salemrockstennis.com](http://www.salemrockstennis.com). Coach Lin Ware can be reached at (734) 453-0669 to answer any questions.

### GCYBSA signups

Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association is holding its registration for spring programs for baseball and softball for ages 4-18 girls and boys.

Information and registration can be found at [www.gcybsa.com](http://www.gcybsa.com). Registration is open until March 15. Programs include, small ball, T-ball, coach pitch, baseball, softball, competitive and travel leagues.

GCYBSA partners with Plymouth Township, Canton Township and Plymouth Canton Community Schools to provide developmental skill building baseball and softball leagues.

### YMCA winter fun

The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering a variety of youth instructional programs this winter — designed for individuals of all ability levels to give kids a chance to learn or improve on life and sports skills.

In each lesson, staff and volunteers will focus on youth development elements such as teamwork and dribbling, as well as healthy living components such as exercise and making good decisions.

The programs include Fun and Fitness Clinic (ages 3-5), Preschool School Clinic (ages 3-5) and Club Kickball (ages 6-8) and run from Jan. 17 through Feb. 28. For more information, contact the YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or visit [www.ymcadetroit.org](http://www.ymcadetroit.org).

### Free throw contest

The 2011 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship for boys and girls (ages 9-14) will be Sunday, Jan. 30, at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Registration starts at 2 p.m., followed by competition at 2:30 p.m.

Winners will advance through local, district and state competition. International champions are announced at the K of C international headquarters base on scores from the state level competitions. For more information, call David Lengel at (734) 516-4930.

# Plymouth earns 1-1 tie vs. St. Mary

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Having acquitted themselves well in recent non-conference games against tough opponents, Plymouth is ready for a busy stretch of important KLAAs varsity boys hockey action.

The Wildcats (3-5-4) battled to a 1-1 overtime tie Monday against Monroe St. Marys in a makeup game at Compuware Arena, blistering 41 shots at Falcons goaltender Zacory Cherney.

After two scoreless periods, St. Mary's took a 1-0 lead early in the third on a goal by Andre Lewis. His shot was the only one all day to get past Plymouth senior netminder

Mike Justus (14 saves).

The equalizer came about four minutes later (with 8:30 left in the period). Defenseman Tyler Lazorka pinched in and punched a rebound behind Cherney. Forwards Jordan Lopetrone and Zach Gambrell assisted. Plymouth had several chances to win late in regulation and in overtime, especially on the power play. But Cherney held his ground against in-close tries by forward Cody Staub, Gambrell and Lazorka.

"We carried the play, did a lot of the things we talked about," said Plymouth head coach Paul Fassbender. "We're playing strong these last couple games."

Although crediting Cherney

for his play, Fassbender said Plymouth's shot selection could have been better during parts of the game.

"We put a lot of shots into his chest," Fassbender said. "But he made a lot of big saves for them, too."

Another strong effort that did not end up in the 'W' column was Saturday against always-tough Muskegon Mona Shores.

The Wildcats lost 3-2 in overtime. Scoring against Mona Shores were defenseman Justin Bauer (1 goal, 1 assist) and Gambrell (1 goal, 1 assist).

Single assists were picked up by defenseman Kevin Matusiak and forward Mitch Claggett.

Now, the Wildcats will

go up against Northville on Wednesday, South Lyon on Saturday and Salem at 6:40 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25 — with the latter game also at Compuware.

"They're league games," Fassbender said. "I think we've had five in a row that were not league games. We've turned our game around and we're starting to play stronger and better."

The schedule doesn't ease up after the Salem game. Plymouth will become the third Park team to take a road trip to northern Michigan when they travel for weekend games Jan. 28-29 against Sault Ste. Marie.

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## PC Force is tops

The sixth grade Plymouth Canton Force red basketball team won the New Year's Tournament in Saline on Jan. 8-9. The team (7-0 overall) went 4-0 and outscored opponents 215-113. Next for the Force is a tournament on Sunday in Swartz Creek. Pictured are the victorious team members: (back row from left) Jackson Sartain, Justin Dolney, Jack Smith, Blake Preston and Jason Arnold; (front row from left) Zack Gruczelak, Kyle Burnette, Jake Cesarz and Camren Barden.

# Chiefs split pair of games in Sault Ste. Marie

Canton's varsity boys hockey team divided a two-game set in Sault Ste. Marie, as part of the "Showcase in the Soo."

After defeating the Escanaba Eskymoes 1-0 on Friday (a shutout by Canton goalie Spencer Craig), the Chiefs lost 6-4 to the Sault Ste. Marie Blue Devils at Pullar

Stadium.

Scoring for Canton in the penalty filled game, which saw the Chiefs facing a number of shorthanded situations, were seniors Matt Rodgers (from Trevor Moore), Parker Pakula (from Shawn May), Garrett Bryden (from Craig) and Matti Prasdorf (from Jimmy

LaFontaine and Phil Baciak).

Canton (8-5-1 overall) gave up four power play goals and still killed off more than 75 percent of the Soo power plays.

"It was very encouraging to see our boys not give up under these circumstances," Chiefs head coach Jeremy Majszak said. "It can get demotivating

when the ice is tilted with such a steep slope. This team really stepped up to the challenge."

In Friday's victory, Craig stopped 20 shots for his second shutout of the season.

Scoring an unassisted goal in the third period, the only marker of the game, was senior Martin Sisolak.

## SALEM

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Quigley was able to "use his speed and capitalize."

Mustangs head coach Jeff Hatley said "it was a momentum-changing goal, for sure."

With 9:25 remaining, Salem added another goal. Sophomore forward Alek Zultowski chipped in a rebound, finishing a play started when sophomore forward Jake Fedel flicked the puck from the side of the net. Earning the second assist was Hochkins.

About three minutes later, sophomore forward Kyle Downey roofed a shot from in front of Ketelhut.

Senior forward Wesley Carr and sophomore defenseman

Evan Patton collected the helpers.

According to Ossenmacher, it was a milestone victory.

"This was a team that nobody in this locker room, including myself, has beaten before," he said. "We have four-year seniors on this team and I've been here for four years, and up to this point we hadn't won a game against them."

Despite the loss, which dropped Northville to 4-8-1, Hatley praised the effort of his injury-depleted squad.

"They're a good team," Hatley said. "(But) we're down five players right now, five regular guys. So we have a lot of young guys stepping in, and they're playing well, playing hard."

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Salem forward Austin Sartorius (No. 14) wheels around fallen Northville forward Brady Marotta during Tuesday's hockey matchup at Plymouth Cultural Center.

## WHALERS

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third win in four days, tying Windsor for fourth place in the conference.

Vellucci said the penalty kill, in tandem with a shorthanded goal by forward Stefan Noesen at 1:46 of the third period, fueled the turnaround.

When the third period started, the Whalers faced the danger of falling further behind as Saginaw enjoyed a five-on-three power play for 46 seconds.

Plus, Saginaw's potent power play is tops in the OHL and the Spirit scored two more power-play goals Monday — by forwards Vincent Trocheck and Jordan Szwarz.

But the Whalers killed off the first penalty of the two-man disadvantage.

Still down a man, the Whalers cut the deficit to 3-2 to set up an electric finish. Noesen fielded forward RJ

Mahalak's clearing pass near center ice, skated in and beat Saginaw netminder Mavric Parks with a high shot on the glove side for his 21st goal of the season.

The noise level continued to escalate when Livingston blasted a shot into the Spirit net to make it 3-3 with 14:50 remaining.

"He (Livingston) has been great," Vellucci said. "When he moves his feet, he's a fast skater. And he's been great for us the last two months."

The tying goal developed in similar fashion to the Noesen goal.

This time, it was center Mitch Heard who banked the puck out of Plymouth's zone.

Livingston then took it in the neutral zone, sped into the Saginaw end and drove a shot from the right circle that clanked off the back bar inside the cage.

"Mitch Heard (his center), he had a great chip off the glass," Livingston said. "I was able to get behind the defenseman and I just shot it and it was lucky to go in."

## Quigley nets three in Salem win

BY BRAD EMONS  
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A high percentage of pucks found the back of the net Saturday afternoon for the Salem boys hockey team as the Rocks skated to a 7-5 victory over Livonia Churchill at Arctic Edge Arena in Plymouth.

The Rocks took just 20 shots to get their seven goals in raising their record to 8-3-1 overall and 4-2 in the KLAAs Central Division.

Churchill, meanwhile, falls to 6-5 overall and 3-4 in KLAAs South Division.

Despite giving up five goals, Salem senior netminder Brandon Price might have been the first star as he stopped 33-of-38 Churchill shots.

Churchill had the puck a majority of the time in Salem's end during the first period and struck first with 1:20 to go when Joe Williams' slap shot just inside the blue line deflected into the net and past Price.

The Chargers outshot Salem 13-6 during the period, but fell behind 2-1 when Nick Hayes

knocked home a backhand rebound off an assist from Garrett Berg with only 22 seconds left.

Ryan Quigley, who finished the day with a hat trick, then quickly followed with another Salem goal with only two seconds to go in the same period off assists from Mark McGee and Michael Manser.

Salem took control in the second period outscoring Churchill 4-2 to take a 6-3 advantage.

Off the opening faceoff, Manser scored just five seconds into the second period from Austin Sartorius to make it 3-1.

Churchill answered with a pair of power play goals just 25 seconds apart — Steven Klisz (from Jake Otto and Williams) at 4:18 and Otto (from Klisz and Williams) at 4:43.

But Salem then chased Churchill starting goalie Alex Estes with two goals — Quigley on a laser shot from just inside the circle (from Manser) at 6:42 and Sartorius on a power play goal (from Berg) at 8:00.

### THE WINNER

With 9:58 to play in the period, Plymouth scored the eventual game-winning goal.

Center Robbie Czarnik, standing near the left post, backhanded the rebound of a shot by forward Jamie Devane past Parks. It was his team-leading 24th tally.

Saginaw tried to tie the game in the final minute, pulling Parks for the extra attacker. But the Spirit couldn't crack the determined Plymouth defense.

"It (the win) shows we can beat anyone ... it gets a little monkey off our backs," Livingston said. "We're really thrilled and it's going to really help in the standings as well."

The Whalers started the game strong and had an 11-4 edge in shots on goal, but still trailed 2-1 heading into the second period.

Saginaw took an early 1-0 lead when Trocheck scored, wiring a one-timer from the left circle past Plymouth netminder Scott Wedgewood (30 saves).

It was 1-1 with 11:11 to go in the period after Whalers center Rickard Rakell scored his sixth goal over the past three contests.

Shalla (at 13:28 of the first) and Brandon Archibald then notched goals to make it 3-1 Saginaw with 19:07 left in the middle period.

Wedgewood struggled in the opening period, giving up a shaky goal to Shalla. But he settled down from that point on, making a number of clutch stops that kept the Whalers close.

"He's bailed us out a lot more than we've had to bail him out," Vellucci said about Wedgewood. "And tonight the team did it for him."

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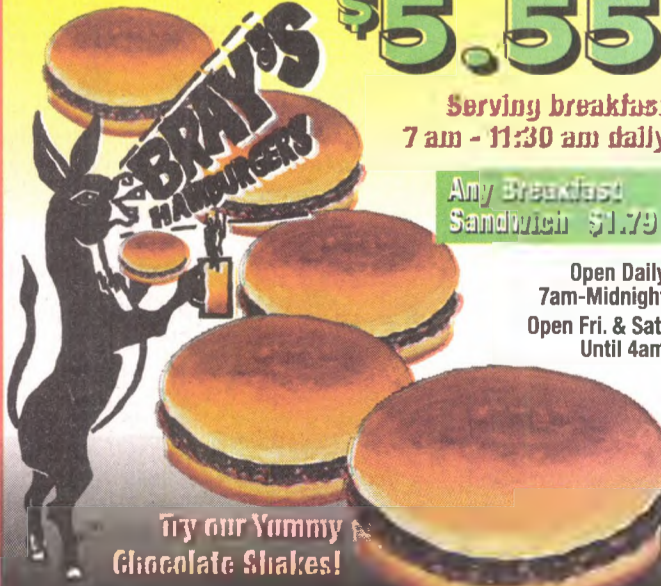
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## PCS tourney spawns solid efforts by area bowlers

The hosts didn't win any trophies at Saturday's Plymouth-Canton-Salem bowling tournament at Super Bowl in Canton.

But boys and girls bowling teams from the three Park high schools still had their moments.

Westland John Glenn nipped Wayne Memorial to win the boys tourney, 3,783-3,782.

Finishing sixth was Salem (3,463), followed by seventh-place Plymouth (3,328) and Canton, eighth with 3,228 pins. There were 13 schools at the tournament.

Individually, one of the top performers in the boys tournament was Salem's Ryan Clark. He finished fourth overall, with a 210-223-221-654 series.

Other Salem boys in the top-30 included David Nikkila (19th, 548), Tyler Foley (25th, 531) and Kevin Williams (27th, 526).

For Plymouth, the top bowler among the boys was Eric Thompson. His 562 series was 14th best.

Plymouth's Justin Thompson placed 29th with a 524 series.

Canton's Andrew Klein (18th, 550), Alex Champagne (22nd, 543) and Casey Bindas

(24th, 537) all were among the top-30.

### GIRLS RECAP

In the girls tournament, the highlight among Park teams was Canton's Charlotte Zimmer. She rolled a 181-209-235-625 series to finish first overall.

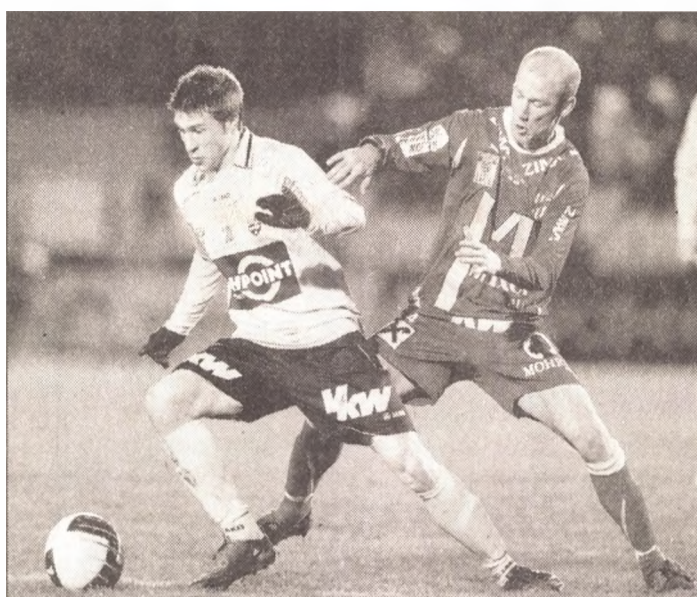
Zimmer's 235 game also was the best among girls in the tourney.

Her performance helped the Chiefs place third overall in the team standings, with 2,379 pins. They trailed Wayne Memorial (3,051) and Garber (3,003).

Salem (2,306) came in fifth while Plymouth's 2,077 was good for 11th place.

The only other top-10 finisher among individual PCEP bowlers was Salem's Kristin Larkins. She took seventh with a 511 series.

Finishing in the top-20 were: Salem's Meaghan Eldridge (11th, 485) and Ashley Kretschmer (17th, 473); Canton's Ashley Cade (12th, 480) and Allison Fries (20th, 469); Plymouth's Mackenzie Carlson (14th, 478), Tiffani Patterson (16th, 473) and Caitlyn Webb (19th, 470).



Plymouth native Josh Gatt (left) is shown playing against FC Lustenau in his last game before the winter break. Gatt played at Detroit Catholic Central during high school.

## Gatt on the rise on world soccer stage

The United States Football Club, the parent company of the Orange County Blue Star, is proud to announce that rising American soccer star Josh Gatt of Plymouth has officially joined Norwegian Division One professional club Molde FK.

Gatt, 19, who signed his first professional contract to play with Austrian club SCR Altach in January 2010, has emerged this past year as one of the premier young talents in the United States. His transfer to Norway is the latest step forward in the ascension of his career.

"This is a great step in my career and I'm really excited to be joining Molde FK," Gatt said. "It was a lifelong dream to become a professional player, and the training and experience I earned with SCR Altach was invaluable."

"I would like to thank SCR Altach for everything they've done and specifically my coach Adi Huetter, U.S.F.C. and my management team Sporteo International. Now I am progressing forward, and my family and I could not be more

pleased."

Gatt reportedly received a three-year contract with Molde FK.

Revered for his exceptional speed and attacking ability, the former Detroit Catholic Central player has earned an international buzz in a very short span of time.

After earning a starting role with SCR Altach in October, Gatt produced four league goals and countless highlights. Gatt further cemented his domestic reputation in December when he was invited to U.S. U20 National Camp and tallied two goals and three assists in a 5-0 win over Canada.

Gatt honed his early potential in the U.S. Soccer Development Academy as well as in the Orange County Blue Star's SuperElite system, a program designed to help players reach the world-class level.

As part of the program's initiative, Gatt was sent along with 17 American players to the All-American Showcase that features matches against world renowned European clubs.

## Rocks strong in fourth

A 14-point fourth quarter Tuesday night lifted visiting Salem to a 36-32 victory over South Lyon in a KLAAs Central girls basketball contest.

Salem head coach Fred Thomann said it was a see-saw battle all night, with the Lions up 14-13 at halftime and the game tied 22-22 after three frames. In the fourth, with Heidi Schmidt and Breanne Beaver each scoring four points, the Rocks were finally able to pull away.

Thomann also said Salem received a late boost from freshman Hannah Nowaske (three free throws in the fourth), junior Jennifer First (a bucket) and junior Brianna Berberet, who scored two of her six points in the final stanza.

Schmidt led the Rocks (4-6 overall, 3-1 in the KLAAs Central) with 15 points. Beaver tallied five points along with nine rebounds. South Lyon's record dipped to 4-5 and 1-3.

**CANTON 60, FRANKLIN 13:** The host Chiefs dismantled Livonia Franklin in a KLAAs South matchup.

Canton jumped out to a 23-6 lead after one quarter and didn't let up, with a 38-7 half-time advantage.

Kari Schmitt (14 points), Sara Schmitt (13 points), Kayla Bridges (9 points), Kiara Schneider (7 points) and Robyn Mack (7 points) all chipped in offensively for the

state-ranked Chiefs (8-2, 4-0).

Meanwhile, Melanie Pickert and CarolAnn Sexauer led the defense with five and four steals, respectively.

Franklin fell to 3-5 and 1-3 with the loss.

**JOHN GLENN 60, PLYMOUTH 13:** The speed of host Westland John Glenn contributed to 30 turnovers by the Wildcats in this KLAAs South game.

The Rockets (6-1, 4-0) were up 19-5 after the first quarter and 36-8 at halftime and then outscored Plymouth 24-5 in the second half.

"I give John Glenn credit," said Plymouth head coach Bob deBear. "They have some nice players and they get after it on defense."

Plymouth (4-5, 2-2) only made three of 14 free-throw tries.

**PCA 46, INTER-CITY BAPTIST 41:** Host Plymouth Christian Academy overcame a so-so first half to overtake Allen Park Inter-City Baptist in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference tilt.

Bethany Hale paced the Eagles (7-1, 3-0) with 14 points and seven rebounds. Other contributors were Karen Windle (9 points, 6 boards, 6 steals) and Rachel Smith (8 points, 8 boards).

"The kids came out focused after halftime and we competed and played hard and were able to win the game," said PCA head coach Carol Gerulis.

## Moore's 31 fuels SC victory

Karl Moore poured in a game-high 31 points and freshman forward Daniel Hill grabbed 18 rebounds as the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team notched its first conference win with an 87-72 triumph at home of Alpena Community College.

Schoolcraft overcame 36 percent shooting from the field by making 30-of-35 free throws (87.5 percent).

Moore, a 6-foot-6 freshman from Academy of Oak Park, got plenty of scoring support as five other Ocelots notched

double figures in scoring.

Anthony Nash added 12 points, while Mohamed Elhaj and Lydell Mason each added 11. Davonte Broden and Hill (Wayne Memorial) tallied 10 apiece.

Elhaj also dished out seven assists.

Alpena (7-10, 1-7) got 17 points from Lavarico Smith and 12 each from Michael Alden and Lucas Wickert.

The Lumberjacks, who trailed 41-35 at halftime, shot 14-of-22 from the foul line.

## BASKETBALL

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PCA trailed 28-23 at halftime and 48-38 after three before mounting a 23-point offensive assault in the fourth.

However, the Eagles (2-6, 2-4) couldn't overcome a number of turnovers earlier in the ballgame, said head coach Keith Anleitner.

"We shot the ball well and made some good plays on offense," Anleitner said. "But we turned it over time and time again."

Anleitner said his team's comeback bid in the fourth was "a valiant effort" that he was proud of.

For the Eagles, Mick Noel tallied 21 points — including 16-of-16 at the free-throw line. Chipping in with 18 points was Alex Huber, while Eric Jipping tallied nine points and seven rebounds.

For Inter-City Baptist (6-2, 4-2), Bill Draper led the way with 23 points.

**CANTON 48, FRANKLIN 36:** On Tuesday, Dietrich Lever and Paul Baumgart each scored 19 points to propel the Chiefs (5-4, 3-1) past host Livonia Franklin (1-8, 1-3) in a KLAAs South Division encounter.

Tino Thomas scored 10 points and grabbed eight rebounds for the Patriots, who led 18-17 at halftime.

Canton took control with a 10-3 edge in the third.

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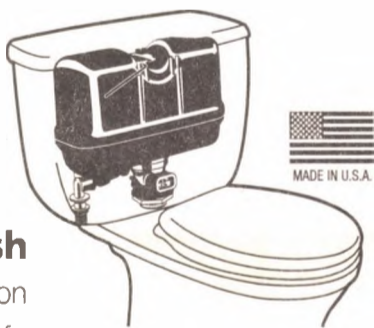
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- **Feb. 12 – It Happened One Night**  
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- **Feb. 19 – Love Story**  
Stampeddler Plus Memories, 145 N. Center
- **Feb. 26 – Guess Who's Coming to Dinner**  
Sincerely Yours Inc., 110 N. Center
- **March 5 – West Side Story**  
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- **March 19 – American Graffiti**  
Edwards Café & Caterer, 115 E. Main

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## New pastor

The Rev. Michelle Werner will be installed as associate pastor Sunday, Jan. 23, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia, where she'll focus on youth and family ministries. Werner studied economics and religion at University of Michigan and earned a bachelor's degree in 2004. While managing local restaurants in Ann Arbor and East Lansing for two years, her call to the ministry became apparent. She began seminary studies in 2006 at Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, Ill., and spent a year in a parish internship at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Jackson, before graduating in May 2010 with a master of divinity Degree. She will be ordained at 2 p.m. Jan. 22 in her home congregation, St. Paul Lutheran Church in East Lansing. She and her husband, Kurt, live in Novi.



## RELIGION CALENDAR

Send calendar items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Feel free to include relevant photos as attached jpgs. Or mail items to Sharon Dargay, The Observer, 615 Lafayette, level 2, Detroit, MI 48226. Submit items at least a week before expected publication date. Be sure to include a contact telephone number for readers, as well as any ticket prices for an event.

### JAN. 20-31

#### Concert

**Time/Date:** 4:30 p.m. Jan. 23

**Location:** St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Road in Plymouth

**Details:** The church's Resounding Art in a Sacred Space concert series features the Detroit Handbell Ensemble. Admission is a suggested donation of \$10 for adults and \$25 for families

**Contact:** (734) 453-0190, Ext. 16

#### ENDOW

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m., Thursday, beginning Jan. 27, for 10 sessions

**Location:** St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** The series, designed for women, will explore such topics as society and the moral law, the teaching authority of the church, the difference between contraception and natural family planning, and more. Cost is \$60

**Contact:** To register call (303) 715-3224 or visit www.endowonline.com; for facilitator Michele Schmidt, call (734) 367-0353 or e-mail to mtschmidt@sbcglobal.net

#### Exodus and liturgy

**Time/Date:** 5 p.m., Jan. 23

**Location:** St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Reflection offered within the context of evening prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Presenter is David J. Conrad. A potluck dinner will be held after the presentation. The parish provides the main course. Participants provide appetizers, vegetables, salads and desserts

**Contact:** RSVP to Conrad at (734) 425-5950 Ext. 203

#### Former Catholics

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Jan. 25

**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

**Details:** Six-week series, "Catholics Returning Home," is designed for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about the possibility of returning to the Church. The sessions will be conducted by former lapsed Catholics in a casual, non-threatening environment, with plenty of opportunities for questions and discussion.

**Contact:** (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200; www.livoniastmichael.org

#### Why Be Catholic

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 26

**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

**Details:** The popular series, Why Be Catholic, returns from hiatus with the Rev. Ed Fride pastor of Christ the King parish in Ann Arbor, sharing the story of his journey from Protestantism to teen-age agnostic to high-school convert to Catholicism. He'll explain why he gave up plans to be a nuclear physicist to become a parish priest. The evening is open to all, regardless of religion preference. A children's ministry is available by prior arrangement at childrenministry@livoniastmichael.org

#### Widowed Friends

**Time/Date:** 2:15 p.m. check in; 2:30 p.m. Mass, Jan. 23

**Location:** St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley Road, just south of Cherry Hill, in Canton

**Details:** Mass for widowed men and women, with refreshments and social time after

**Contact:** Pat at (734) 895-6246

### FEB. 1-10

#### Fellowship

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m., following Sunday worship, Feb. 6

**Location:** Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, between Ann Arbor Trail and Joy, Livonia

**Details:** A fellowship hour of soups to raise attention to the fact that many Americans can't afford even a bowl of soup, while others will spend freely on food for Super Bowl Sunday. A \$1 offering is suggested to raise money for the Wayne Co. Family Shelter

**Contact:** Jean Coleman at (734) 422-8855

### 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-fifth grade

**Contact:** (248) 426-0096

#### Classes/study

##### 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.



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**DON ATKINSON**  
Age 82. Dear husband of Elizabeth. Loving father of Gary and David. Proud grandpa of the late Nora Jean, the late Kathryn Jean, Shane and Jacob Atkinson. Don was laid to rest in Indiana. Arrangements were handled by Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel. Memorial Contributions may be made to Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150 734-425-7280



**CLARA SINTA**

January 15, 2011, age 95, of Northville. Loving mother of Leroy (Sophie) McGarry. Dear grandmother of Marsha (Michael) Maxey, Rick (Bonnie) McGarry, Darryl McGarry and Wendy (Mark) Grimm. Also leaves 16 great-grandchildren, 11 great-great-grandchildren, one brother Herman Arnoldink and one sister Mary Nycamp. Her family meant the world to her and in their company she smiled. Visitation Tuesday 5-9 PM and Wednesday 2-9 PM and Funeral Service Thursday 10 AM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd, Plymouth (between Sheldon & Beck). Interment United Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to Calvary Baptist Church, Canton.

To share a memory, please visit: [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

**ROBERT H. UPFOLD**  
Age 63 of Redford Twp., December 18. Son of the late Harry & Sue. Proud sergeant in the U.S. Marines serving two tours during Vietnam War. Receiving friends at the Fisher Funeral Home 24501 Five Mile Rd. (btw. Beech Daly & Telegraph) Redford Twp 313-535-3030, January 27, 2011 from 1 until time of memorial service at 3pm. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly.

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**ANNA MAE FRASER**  
Age 93, of Farmington, MI. Passed away January 18, 2011. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

**JANICE I. RUDICK**  
January 14, 2011, age 61. Beloved daughter of Bernice L. Rudick and the late William A. Rudick. Dear sister of Frances (Gary) Dunbar, Darlene (Michael) Ciarocchi and Barbara (Loren) Roberts. Also leaves nieces and nephews. Services have been held. Contributions suggested to Plymouth Elks, #1780. Share your special thoughts and memories at: [www.schrader-howell.com](http://www.schrader-howell.com)



The Detroit Handbell Ensemble performs Sunday, Jan. 23, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth.

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## Tail-wagging fun

### Livonia Kennel Club stages four-day dog show in Novi

BY SHARON DARGAY  
D&E STAFF WRITER

At age 5 months, Celine and Walker are too young to compete with adult dogs in the show ring.

But the Livonia brother and sister poodle puppies will debut in a new puppy event Saturday, Jan. 22, at the Michigan Winter Dog Classic in Novi.

"They're just babies," said owner and handler Barb Gallagher of Rosebar Standard Poodles in Livonia. "But I'm always looking for something to get my puppies into. The event I entered them in is brand new. It's a step we can take before we can actually enter AKC shows for points. It's kind of nice. It's good exposure for them. They've never been in a huge building before, with barking dogs. I plan to get there pretty early."

Celine and Walker will be among approximately 80 puppies involved in the new event at the Michigan Winter Dog Classic, which spans four days and will include more than 6,000 dogs involved in conformation, agility and obedience trials.

Judges will select a "best in show" dog each day.

The Livonia Kennel Club and Oakland County Kennel Club sponsor the show, which is in its second year at Suburban Collection



Drizzle, a member of Dog Scouts of America, and a Wayne resident is the poster dog for the Michigan Winter Dog Classic.

Showplace, (formerly Rock Financial Showplace). Lee Patten, secretary of the Livonia Club, says the organization has run dog shows "for years," starting at Schoolcraft College and then moving from Belleville to Dearborn

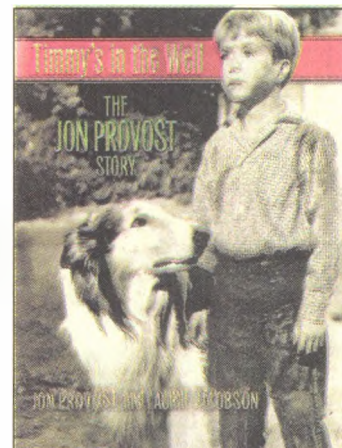
to Chelsea to Detroit after the college began expanding and the group lost its outdoor show space.

"We've been all over the place. Now we're at Rock Financial (Suburban Collection) and it's a wonder-

ful place," Patten said, adding that dog owners and handlers from across the Midwest participate in the show.

#### VETERAN MEMBERS

She and her husband, Mike, the Club's vice president, have



Jon Provost, who played Timmy in the original "Lassie" television series will be on hand, selling copies of his book and greeting fans at the Michigan Winter Dog Classic, presented by the Livonia and Oakland County kennel clubs.



Provost

been involved in the group for 30 years. It was organized in 1955, at a time when there were more people in Livonia breeding dogs and

showing them, Patten said.

"In those days you didn't have a lot of dog shows. A group of people got together and started the Club. It had 35-40 people back then."

Today, a handful of members meet on a regular basis and help organize the annual

#### Michigan Winter Dog Classic.

Patten advises purebred dog owners to join a local breed club and then apply to an all-breed kennel club.

"You can learn more that way," she said.

#### OWNING COLLIES

She was a member of a local collie group before joining the Livonia Kennel Club and has bred and shown collies through the years.

"I always wanted a collie, but I started out with a German Shepherd. My husband owned a Shepherd," she said. "I just love the look of Collies. I just like them."

To her delight, Jon Provost, the actor who played Timmy in the original television series, *Lassie* will greet fans and sell his book, *Timmy's in the Well*, at the show.

The 11th generation descendant of "Lassie," the collie that starred in the 1941 MGM movie, also will be on hand.

Eye clinics will be held Thursday and Saturday and a cardiac clinic is planned for Saturday. Canine Good Citizenship testing will be held Thursday and Saturday.

The clinics are open to the general public and are held in a different section of the building. Only those dogs that are entered in the Michigan Winter Dog Classic are allowed in the show area.

#### MICHIGAN WINTER DOG CLASSIC

**What:** More than 6,000 dogs representing 167 breeds will compete at the four-day dog show

**When:** Noon-6 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 20-21 and 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 22-23

**Where:** Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., between Novi and Beck Roads in Novi

**Details:** The 11th generation Lassie will be on hand along with Jon Provost, who played Timmy in the original "Lassie" television series. Provost will have his book available for purchase and will greet fans. Demonstrations and performances include the Rock n roll K9 Performance Team, Dog Scouts of America, Alaskan Malamute weight pull, Border Collie duck herding and Macomb County Sheriff Department K-9 team. The show will include daily judging, "Rescue Row" featuring rescue organizations, health clinics, obedience tips and a vendor marketplace. An all-new Puppy Special Attraction, designed to help puppies, 4-6 months, get acclimated to the judging ring, starts at 9 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 22. Eighty puppies have been registered in the event. The show is presented by the Livonia Kennel Club and Oakland County Kennel Club

**Admission:** \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and children, 7-12. Children, 6 and under enter for free. A discounted family pack is \$35 and includes admission for two adults and three children. Group tickets are \$4 per person for groups of 12 or more. Parking is \$5

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ARCHIVE PHOTO

A carver works on a sculpture at a previous Plymouth Ice Festival. Visitors to this year's show who feel as cold as this artist looks, can warm up with hot drinks and comfort foods at area restaurants.

# Grab a warm drink, a quick bite during Plymouth Ice Festival

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Krista Diamond and her crew at Kilwin's served so many hot chocolates during last year's Plymouth Ice Festival, they broke their beverage-making machine. If temperatures stay in the teens this weekend as predicted, she's likely to face another rush on warm drinks, but says the store is ready for a potential onslaught of hot chocolate-seeking customers. And she says the machine won't break again. "This year, we're making the hot chocolate on the fudge stove. It's made in a copper pot and we will store it, to keep it hot," said Diamond, store manager. Kilwin's is among stores and restaurants in downtown Plymouth that are gearing up for the 29th annual Plymouth Ice Festival, which runs Friday-Sunday, Jan. 21-23 in Kellogg Park. Event demonstration and activity times are 3-11 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. More than 100 ice sculptures will be on view 24 hours a day. The event's "Hot Spot" will offer a warm area to grab a quick snack or drink, but visitors who want to get out of the crowd will find many nearby restaurants and stores catering to festival-goers. "Last year we were very busy," said Joe Walters of Liberty Street Brewing Company. "We don't normally serve a bunch of food here. We do have a special on homemade beef stew and a bread bowl. I figured it was good, stick-to-the-ribs." A folk-rock group, Northern Skies, will entertain on Friday night and Bebe and the Bluesmasters take the state on

Saturday. Both shows start at 6 p.m. and are free of charge. Walters won't have any hot drinks on hand, other than coffee, but festival visitors might want to try the brewery's Punkin Pie Ale or a German bock beer. He tried a special hot drink for the festival last year, but didn't like the result. "I tried mulled ale. It was hot beer. I used a barley wine-style beer and all you could taste was the alcohol. It was not enjoyable, although it was quite the warmer," Walters said. **SNOWBALL CONFECTIONS** In addition to hot chocolate, made with melted dark chocolate and steamed milk, Kilwin's will serve "drinking chocolate." That's the same melted chocolate, but with only two ounces of milk. "It's a strong shot of chocolate in a 4-ounce cup," Diamond explained. Kilwin's speciality item for the ice festival consists of a caramel apple coated in white chocolate and white pear sprinkles. "It looks like a big snowball. They really are fun." Customers can eat the confection off a stick or request it be sliced into pieces. Diamond also will have new items, including chocolate-dipped maraschino cherries and dark chocolate sea salt caramels, ready for the weekend crowd. "When ice fest people come to town we get requests for a lot of custom assortments," she said. **SNACKING AL FRESCO** Janice Kraft, manager of the Burger Spot, plans to serve a variety of easy-to-handle foods from the restaurant's por-

table grill and hot dog cart, which will be stationed on the sidewalk. She said the outdoor fare is likely to include hot chocolate, coffee, hot dogs, tofu hot dogs, hamburgers, and possibly chili or soup and chicken sandwiches. "We'll have our regular menu going inside," she said. "Our chili is vegan. It's a quinoa chili and it has become our house chili because it's a huge seller." Black bean burgers and a Greek burger are two of the restaurant's vegetarian selections. Cupcake Station will offer a special flavor in conjunction with ice festival, but Rob Stolerow, store manager, said exactly what kind of cupcake is still under debate. The store also will offer a "buy one and get one free" special and will sell tea, hot chocolate, specialty regular coffee. Last year Station 885 served up a world record-breaking 5,714-pound snow cone to festival-goers last year. This year, the restaurant is leaning toward light and healthy foods, especially for young diners. It's launching a new children's menu with healthful sides such as apples, vegetables and cottage cheese instead of fries, and grilled cheese, turkey or peanut butter and jelly skewers. Adult festival visitors can't go wrong with the restaurant's pot roast or French onion soup. Try Spanish coffee as a dessert drink. Nico & Valli won't run a special promotion for the ice festival, but owner Paul Depalma, recommends that guests warm up with comfort foods, such as lasagna, and homemade soups. "Are coffees excellent, too. We use a micro roaster. They are 100 percent organic and they are delicious."

GET OUT!

ART

**Art & Ideas**  
**Time/Date:** Saturdays, 1-7 p.m., through Jan. 29  
**Location:** 15095 Northville Road, Plymouth Township, between eastbound and westbound 5 Mile intersections  
**Details:** "Time Tells All" holiday-season art exhibition, a multi-artist retrospective of 2010 exhibitions. Artwork on display through Jan. 29, 2011; free  
**Contact:** (734) 420-0775 or visit www.artandideasgallery.com  
**Northville Art House**  
**Time/Date:** Through Jan. 29  
**Location:** 215 W. Cady in downtown Northville  
**Details:** Erik Olson shows oil portraits of homes and structures in various stages of repair in a show called "An Outside View"  
**Contact:** (248) 344-0497

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:** Kurt Metzger, through Jan. 22; John Roy, Jan. 26-29  
**Contact:** (734) 261-0555, www.kicker-sccomplex.com  
**Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle**  
**Time/Date:** Tom Segura, Jan. 20-22; Ken Rogerson, Jan. 27-29; Louis Ramey, Feb. 3-5  
**Location:** 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak  
**Contact:** (248) 542-9900, www.comedy-castle.com

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**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-

CONCERTS

**Baseline Folk Society**  
**Time/Date:** Third Saturday of the month  
**Location:** The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth  
**Details:** Eight "Open-Mic" performances plus a featured group perform. Sign up for open mic from 6:15-6:45 p.m.; show starts at 7 p.m. Individual membership is \$25 and includes monthly concerts from September through May. Otherwise, admission to each concert is \$5 at the door. Family memberships are \$50 and include monthly concerts  
**Contact:** (248) 719-3464 or mjimmullen@yahoo.com

CITY BITES

Wine dinner

**Livonia** - Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar will offer a Celani Napa Valley wine dinner with Tom Celani, Celani Family Vineyards proprietor, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28. Tickets are \$125 per person and include tasting of four Celani wines and five-course dinner. Call (734) 542-WINE (9463) to reserve. The restaurant is located at 17400 Haggerty.

5th annual Steak Fry

**Livonia** - American Legion Riders Post 32 holds its Polar Bear Steak Fry from 5-8 p.m. Jan. 22, at 9318 Newburg, Livonia. Tickets are \$15 per person and include an 8 ounce New York Strip, baked potatoes and hot creamed corn and a side salad. Guests can cook their own steak or the post's chefs will do it for them. The event will include a 50/50 raffle, Chinese Auction, and DJ. (734) 427-5630.

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Grapefruit and Peanut Salad Flatbread

## Pizzazz on a plate

If you're hungering for something new to eat, or it's time to put some zip into the same old menus, take heart. These recipes bring two great ingredients together — Texas Rio Star Grapefruit and USA peanuts — perking up meal time with fresh and flavorful dishes.

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- 100% of the daily requirement of vitamin C for adults. Vitamin C supports healthy immune function, which helps the body fight infection.

### GRAPEFRUIT AND PEANUT SALAD FLATBREAD

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook time: 8 to 10 minutes

Makes 8 servings

1 pound whole wheat pizza dough (or ready-made whole wheat lavash, naan, or flatbread)

Flour for dusting

Olive oil cooking spray

8 ounces fresh mozzarella cheese, sliced thin

1/2 teaspoon extra virgin olive oil

1 teaspoon aged balsamic vinegar

3 cups baby arugula

1/2 cup red onion, sliced thin

1/2 cup snipped fresh basil

1/2 teaspoon sea salt Freshly ground pepper to taste

2 Texas Rio Star grapefruit, peeled and segmented

1/2 cup roasted, salted peanuts, coarsely chopped

Preheat oven to 450°F and line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. If using pizza dough, divide into 2 equal portions and roll each into a thin oval on a lightly floured board (about 9 x 13 inches). Place on prepared baking sheets and spray with cooking spray. Top with equal amounts of cheese and bake for 8 to 10 minutes or until crusts are golden brown.

In large bowl, whisk together olive oil and balsamic vinegar; add arugula, onion, and basil, tossing gently to coat. Season with salt and pepper.

Divide arugula mixture among flatbread and top with grapefruit segments and peanuts; serve immediately.

Nutritional analysis per serving: Calories: 280, Fat: 13g, Saturated Fat: 4.5g, Cholesterol: 20mg, Sodium: 420mg, Carbohydrates: 33g, Fiber: 2g, Sugar: 3g, Protein: 12g, Vitamin A: 15%, Vitamin C: 45%, Calcium: 20%, Iron: 10%



Grapefruit, Avocado and Radish Salad

### CRUNCHY PEANUT CHICKEN STRIPS WITH SPINACH SALAD

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: about 30 minutes

Makes 4 to 6 servings

1 cup finely crushed baked tortilla chips

6 tablespoons peanut flour, divided (available at supermarkets nationwide and online)

1/2 cup roasted, unsalted peanuts, finely chopped

1 teaspoon Mexican seasoning blend

1/2 teaspoon garlic powder

1 pound chicken tenders, or boneless, skinless chicken breasts cut into 1-inch strips

2 beaten egg whites

Olive oil nonstick cooking spray

#### Peanut Dressing:

2 tablespoons creamy peanut butter

2 tablespoons rice wine vinegar

1 tablespoon soy sauce

2 teaspoons toasted sesame oil

1 teaspoon hot chili sauce (such as Sriracha)

1 teaspoon honey

1/4 cup canola or vegetable oil

Salad:

5 cups baby spinach, washed and dried

1 red bell pepper, sliced thin

1/2 medium red onion, sliced thin

Preheat oven to 425°F. Stir together tortilla chips, 2 tablespoons peanut flour, chopped peanuts, Mexican seasoning and garlic powder in a shallow dish.

Dip chicken into remaining peanut flour, then in egg whites, then into tortilla chip mixture, pressing to evenly coat. Place on a baking sheet and sprinkle any remaining crumb mixture over chicken. Coat liberally with cooking spray and bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until chicken is golden brown, coating with nonstick cooking spray several times during cooking.

While chicken is cooking, in large bowl, whisk together all dressing ingredients until smooth. Gently toss spinach, red pepper and onion in dressing. To serve, divide dressed salad among plates and top with 2 to 3 chicken strips.

Nutritional analysis per serving: Calories: 500, Fat: 32g, Saturated Fat: 5g, Cholesterol: 30mg, Sodium: 770mg, Carbohydrates: 32g, Fiber: 6g, Sugar: 4g, Protein: 25g, Vitamin A: 25%, Vitamin C: 50%, Calcium: 6%, Iron: 15%



Crunch Peanut Chicken Strips with Spinach Salad

### FRESH GRAPEFRUIT, AVOCADO AND RADISH SALAD

Prep time: 15 minutes

Makes 8 servings

Make sure all ingredients are chilled before assembling this salad.

1 tablespoon freshly squeezed Texas Rio Star grapefruit juice

1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil

1/2 teaspoon granulated sugar

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

5 radishes, thinly sliced

2 tablespoons minced red onion

4 Texas Rio Star grapefruit, peeled, and segmented

2 large firm but ripe avocados, peeled, pitted and sliced

In medium bowl, whisk together grapefruit juice, olive oil, sugar, salt and pepper. Add radish and onion, toss to coat and set aside. On a large platter, layer grapefruit and avocado slices, top with radish mixture. Serve immediately.

Nutritional analysis per serving: Calories: 140, Fat: 9g, Saturated Fat: 1.5g, Cholesterol: 0mg, Sodium: 80mg, Carbohydrates: 17g, Fiber: 5g, Sugar: 1g, Protein: 2g, Vitamin A: 8%, Vitamin C: 90%, Calcium: 2%, Iron: 2%

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# Upgrades can boost home's curb appeal

BY JULIE BROWN  
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Exterior replacement projects continue to be the most cost-effective home improvement projects, according to the 2010-11 Remodeling Cost vs. Value Report. This year, nine out of the 10 projects that return the most for spending are

improvements to a home's exterior, according to information from the National Association of Realtors.

A steel entry door took the top spot with an estimated 102.1 percent of cost recouped upon resale. That was the only project in this year's report expected to return more than the cost. A new addition to the report — the midrange garage door replacement — is expected to recoup 83.9 percent of its cost.

Both projects are relatively small, costing around \$1,200 each, on average. The report also found that replacement projects usually outperform remodel and addition projects in resale value due to their inexpensiveness and positive impact on curb appeal.

The third project listed was siding replacement, followed by No. 4, minor kitchen remodeling, and No. 5, deck addition (wood). Local pros have thoughts on what projects are most useful when selling in this market.

Realtor Nancy Austin of Keller Williams Realty, Ann Arbor, serves western Wayne and south Oakland counties. She focuses on Canton, Plymouth, Northville, Novi, Livonia, Westland, Garden City, Redford, Farmington Hills and Belleville.

"It always seems to narrow down to kitchens, bathrooms, windows," said Austin, a Canton resident. "Window replacement's big. People don't want to deal with those old aluminum windows."

Kitchen cabinets too are a popular item in this market, she said, with many who have homes on the market going for new cabinets to boost sales appeal.

"A fresh coat of paint is always preferable," Austin said. Clean carpet too and it's best if that's neutral so buyers aren't put off.

"In the more upscale homes, fin-



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NANCY AUSTIN OF CANTON, Keller Williams Realty

ished basements are more important, more important than they used to be," she said. "They have the big entertainment centers. They want a place for their kids, particularly if they're teenagers."

Some of those finished basement areas are complete with kitchens. "They're just whole habitable places on their own. They'll often choose a theme for that area." One she recalled

had a 1950s theme with chrome, neon, and jukebox.

"It was fun," she said.

"There's always things you can do even if you have no money to spend. There's always cleanup." She tries to be sensitive to that when working with sellers.

"Decluttering and soap and water doesn't cost anything," Austin said. "Keeping spaces open, that's part of staging. Keeping spaces open, airy is also important." She says to take down heavy draperies.

"They're heavy looking. There's a more light and airy appeal to a window that isn't loaded down with heavy material."

Updated window treatments are good, if possible, Austin said, along with light fixtures.

Nicki Wilson of Decorating Den

Interiors, which serves Plymouth, Canton and other surrounding areas, also has some thoughts on curb appeal indoor and out.

"The key things would be to declutter and to neutralize it color-wise," said Wilson, a Pittsfield Township resident who formerly lived in Canton. "If you had a purple room you might want to change it to a beige."

Wilson also recommends a good cleaning "so it shines. You get used to your own dirt, I guess, so you don't notice little things other people would notice. That makes a huge difference too." Cobwebs in corner or spots on faucets are no-nos for home sellers.

If showing your house, you can bake cookies or burn a scented candle, especially if you have a pet. "You want something to kind of hide that," Wilson said of odors.

## Fort Myers broker can help

**Q: I am thinking about buying a condominium in Fort Myers and I understand that the market is very soft. Do you have any information?**

**A:** A number of major developers have gone belly up and receivers have been appointed to sell the units in the Fort Myers area on behalf of the lenders. You are able, therefore, to negotiate



Robert Meisner

a good purchase price for a unit, but it is imperative that you have a knowledgeable and experienced real estate broker assisting you in the process. It is also important that you retain a knowledgeable attorney to evaluate the propriety and success of the condominium and/or homeowner association project as a whole and the association.

**Q: The owner of the property next to me deeded to me access to use a strip as a dirt road, which I later improved with a layer of gravel. The neighbor next to me acquired some property and began using the strip for access to their tract. They are now claiming a prescriptive easement. We as the owners conceded that the neighbor had used the road in an open and continuous way, but their use, in our opinion, was not adverse for the entire prescriptive period of 10 years. Do we have any argument?**

**A:** In a similar case out of Oregon, the court explained that normally use of a road over a neighbor's property is presumed to be adverse to the owners use, but a different rule applies when the servient owners constructed the road for their own use. In that case, then there is an inference, if not a presumption, that the neighbor's use was with permission. This meant that the neighbors could demonstrate adverse use only by showing that their use significantly interfered with the owner's use.

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

## HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 4-8, 2010, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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2293 Brookhaven Rd	\$174,000
556 Buchanan St	\$250,000
338 Cherry Hill Pointe Dr	\$136,000
249 Coronation Ct	\$140,000
49859 Courtyard Ln	\$160,000
48212 Deer Trail Dr	\$320,000
49275 Hanford Rd	\$165,000
6809 Kings Mill Dr	\$315,000
45573 Morningside Rd	\$250,000
45657 N Stonewood Rd	\$129,000
8427 Orhan St	\$109,000

351 Robyn Dr	\$148,000
2171 S Cavalier Dr	\$207,000
43901 S Umlerland Cir	\$196,000
44162 Vassar St	\$177,000
1229 W Crystal Cir	\$195,000
7095 Weatherfield Way	\$225,000

18336 Levan Rd	\$175,000
32260 Lyndon St	\$105,000
27719 Perth St	\$109,000
34083 Roycroft St	\$142,000
33670 S Hampshire St	\$150,000

9009 Rocker Ave	\$218,000
9029 Rocker Ave	\$205,000
9375 Saddlebrook Crk	\$399,000
971 Sutherland St	\$104,000
1010 Sutherland St	\$245,000

## HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 4-8, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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32461 Beaconsfield St	\$350,000
31240 Foxboro Way	\$250,000
20015 Old Coach Rd	\$229,000

182 Chewton Rd	\$693,000
4251 Derry Rd	\$135,000
1750 Ward Rd	\$30,000

30561 Sequoia Cir	\$203,000
26524 Valhalla Dr	\$220,000
29332 Valley Bend Ct	\$234,000
30028 W 12 Mile Rd	\$25,000
32208 W 12 Mile Rd	\$80,000

29405 Candlewood Ln	\$70,000
28569 Everett St	\$36,000
25776 Grand Concourse St	\$67,000
27405 Pierce St	\$60,000
20701 Secluded Ln	\$61,000

Birmingham	
536 Graten St	\$207,000
591 Henrietta St	\$299,000
1457 Southfield Rd	\$110,000
1408 Villa Rd	\$192,000
2060 W Lincoln St	\$465,000

1760 Fenwick Dr	\$350,000
2260 Ivy Hill Dr	\$281,000
6142 Majestic Oaks Dr	\$230,000
3500 Stoneridge Ct	\$205,000

630 Woodside Dr	\$137,000
21880 Arbor Ln	\$155,000
45701 Balfour Ct	\$424,000
49988 Drakes Bay Dr	\$1,040,000
22480 Eaton Ct	\$255,000

8 Woodbridge Towne St	\$45,000
1194 Clearwater St	\$146,000
9914 Highland Rd	\$190,000
508 Jamestown Dr	\$256,000
420 Lakeview Dr	\$120,000

## CREW leaders

Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) Detroit, an organization influencing the success of the commercial real estate industry by advancing the achievements of women, announced its new board members for 2011 as it prepares to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Detroit chapter's founding. According to CREW Detroit's incoming President Marilyn P. Nix, 2011 will be a year of celebration and growth for the chapter.

"There are 73 chapters in the CREW Network throughout the U.S. and Canada; CREW Detroit, as a founding chapter,

has always been among the strongest in terms of membership numbers, advocacy, education and charitable efforts," said Nix. "We will be celebrating our ongoing successes in a variety of ways in 2011, including the expansion of our prestigious IMPACT real estate awards beyond Southeast Michigan to all new and redeveloped commercial Michigan properties, the creation of an advisory board of influential women business leaders, a 25th anniversary charitable project, and a to-be-announced anniversary event. "All in all, 2011 is going to be a momentous year for CREW Detroit and we anticipate

increased membership as commercial real estate professionals learn more about why we have been able to grow and sustain such a large, active chapter of career-oriented women," Nix said.

The following members will serve on the 2011 CREW Detroit Board of Directors:

•President: Marilyn Nix; principal, Marilyn P. Nix & Associates, LLC (Bloomfield Hills). Nix is a resident of Bloomfield Hills.  
•President-elect: Jan Purcell; director of Marketing and Communications, eTitle (Troy). Purcell is a resident of Bloomfield Hills.

•Immediate past president: Rachele Downs; director, Corporate Relations, United Way for Southeastern Michigan (Detroit). Downs is a resident of Farmington Hills.  
•Treasurer: Donna Hanson, CPA; partner, Plante & Moran, PLLC, Auburn Hills. Hanson is a resident of Lake Orion.

Secretary/ Communications Director: Nicole Dombrowski; vice president, Luna Tech Designs, LLC (Plymouth). Dombrowski is a resident of Sterling Heights.  
•Membership director: Alicia E. Buist; president, Next Level Consulting (Brighton). Buist is a resident of Brighton.

•Programs director: Mary LeFevre; manager of Business Development, Turner Construction Company (Detroit). LeFevre is a resident of Livonia.

•Outreach director: Janet Gekiere, Business Development and Marketing manager, Ronnisch Construction Group (Royal Oak). Gekiere is a resident of West Bloomfield.

•Golf director: Leslie Zawada P.E.; Senior Project manager, Giffels-Webster Engineers (Rochester Hills). Zawada is a resident of Attica Township in Lapeer County.  
•IMPACT Real Estate Awards Director: Toni Gasperoni; sales

representative, Landscape Forms, Inc. (Kalamazoo). Gasperoni is a resident of Shelby Township.

CREW Detroit (www.crew-detroit.org), founded in 1986, influences the success of the commercial real estate industry by advancing the achievements of women.

It is a founding chapter, and one of the largest local chapters, of CREW Network, a professional organization of more than 8,000 women and men in commercial real estate women in the U.S. and Canada that serves as a resource to CREW chapter members and the commercial real estate industry.

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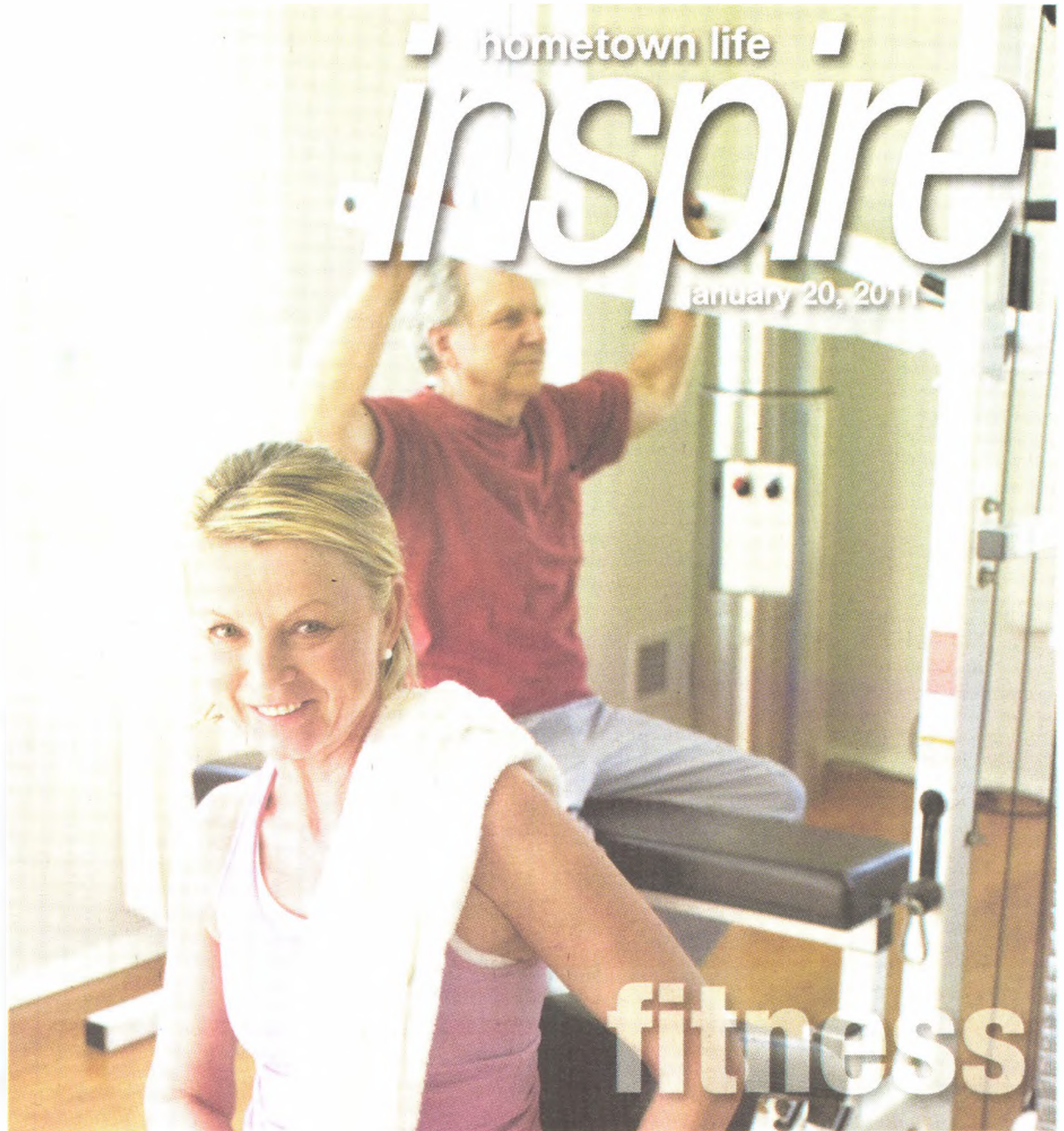
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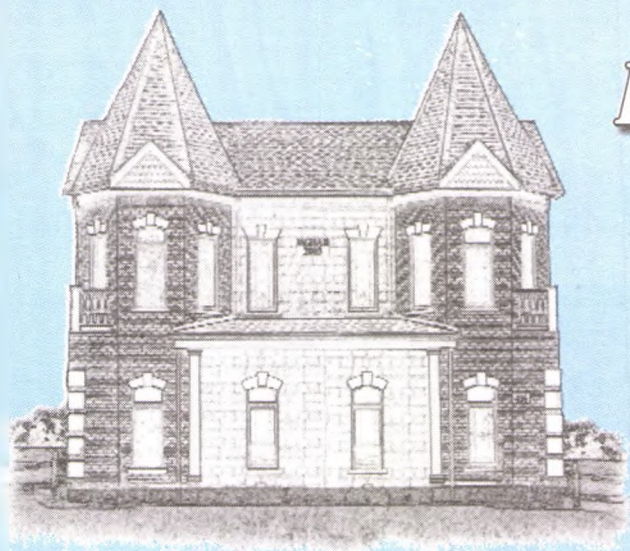
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# Celebrate winter: Let Inspire point the way

Michiganders have built an industry out of ice and snow. If you don't believe me, check out the many festivals featured inside today's *Inspire*.



Who says we need a beach to party?  
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From downtown Plymouth to downtown Detroit, from Houghton Lake to Frankenmuth — winter is a season to be celebrated with ice carvings, snow sculptures, entertainment, food and fun.

brate the four seasons — and yes, that means winter. So look inside for ways to enjoy our winter wonderland.

And to help the rest of you manage winter — Contributing Writer Dennis Zelazny offers up some bed and breakfast locations that are sure to cure the postholiday blues. Affordable, warm, welcoming and relaxing are just some ways to describe the B&Bs featured here. Pick out your favorite and make a reservation.

If you're looking to get fit in the comfort and privacy of your home, Contributing Writer Mary Quinley writes about equipment that can help.

And as always, *Inspire* focuses on food and entertainment. Get ready for the Super Bowl with recipes inside.

Whether it's decorating tips for the new year or how to use the tech toys that Santa delivered, the first edition of *Inspire* has it all.

Snuggle up with a cup of hot tea and enjoy what's inside. As always, I welcome your comments and ideas for upcoming editions.

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## Where to get help for new tech toys

By JON GUNNELLS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

So you got a cool new gadget, camera or smart phone for the holidays and don't know how it works. With the help of some local retailers, gadget junkies and the Internet, you could soon be enjoying your new gift — without any headaches or confusion.

To start becoming tech savvy about the electronics you use the most, first specify what you plan to use them for.

**Smart phones:** It would be easy for a new smart phone owner to say they are using their new Blackberry or Android device as a phone, but with so many capabilities you need to think about what features you plan to use the most. If you plan to use your smart phone for basic uses such as phone calls, text messaging and playing "Angry Birds" the sales people at your wireless retail stores can teach you some tricks so you don't end up butt-dialing your boss.

If you want to become more advanced and use your phone for business e-mail, tethering, and reading your local Observer or Hometown Weekly online — more useful advice can be found on the Internet. Blackberry owners can visit Blackberry.com, Android owners can visit Android.com and iPhone users can visit Apple.com to download applications, read troubleshooting forums and more. Still need more help? You can always go back to your retailer, the Blackberry Store or Apple Store — chances are, the salespeople have all the newest gadgets too. Specialty sites such as lifehacker.com can be invaluable resources that teach you how to fix a broken trackball or salvage a wet phone. (Put it in rice).

**Digital cameras:** If you've just now broken away from the world of Polaroid cameras, the new digital world can be scary, with about 27 more buttons than you are used to. Your best bet is to read the user manual and try to learn/master the basic functions like zoom, adding or removing flash and, of course, snapping a picture. Still too complicated? It might be time to visit the Camera Connection in Redford.

"What I've always done for people in the area is if they come in, we will show them how to use it," said owner Jim Crosby. "We prefer that they are our customers, but we will help other people's customers, too."

Crosby said the Camera Connection also offers instructional DVDs and books to help novices learn the photography trade.

**Home theatre systems:** Big ticket items like flat screen TVs and home entertainment systems now come with big options and likely some big headaches. If installing your new Blu-ray player or DVR is tripping you up, or you don't know what an HDMI cable is, the Geek Squad at Best Buy has you covered. The Geek Squad is available to help troubleshoot and fix a variety of electronics from iPods to GPS systems, appliances, computers and more. Best Buy locations in Novi, Farmington Hills and across metro Detroit offer Geek Squad services.

**Computers:** Canton Computers, with locations in Canton, Redford and Livonia, can help customers learn how to use their devices, and even fix them when their customers break them. Canton Computers also offers virus removal, data recovery and even a drive-through window at its Livonia location. Yes, you read that correctly, a drive-through window at a computer store for all of those customers with frequent computer troubles.

"We definitely teach customers how to set up and see what they are trying to use their computers for," salesman Andrew Parsons said. "Sometimes we will send out an on-site technician to help explain in detail how to use certain programs."

Canton Computers serves the entire metro Detroit community.

"We set up PCs, laptops and work with wireless systems," Parsons said. "We will set up your systems for you."

**iPads and e-readers:** Lucky enough to score the iPad, one of the most sought-after tech toys? The folks at the Apple Store can have you downloading your favorite applications and movies in no time. Have an e-reader from Sony, Microsoft or another manufacturer? Visit their respective websites for useful hints and forums to maximize the benefit of your new touch screen technology.

Learn about your camera at March event

Camera Connection owner Jim Crosby said photography enthusiasts and newcomers can learn everything they need to know about cameras at a March camera show. The date for the event is still to be determined, but it will be held in the Redford area. Dealers will be on hand to help users purchase the correct accessories and teach them about their cameras. For more information, visit thecameraconnectiononline.com.

# Get fit at home — here's how

BY MARY QUINLEY  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

For some fitness buffs, like Cindy Senkbeil, working out at home is a preferred alternative to exercising in a gym or fitness center.

"It's all about convenience," said Senkbeil of Canton. Busy schedules, with work and extracurricular activities, are reasons she and her husband, Dave, invested in a home gym.

The couple purchased a treadmill, elliptical, set of block weights and an all-in-one-gym ensemble that features a weightlifting bench, pulley system with a 200-pound weight stack, Olympic bar, bench with leg extension and other challenging attachments.

"It's basically an entire gym. We have been utilizing it regularly," said Senkbeil, who enjoys early-morning fitness routines.

Now, she said, rather than a time-consuming drive to and from a fitness center, it takes less than three minutes to arrive at her private-gym-in-the-basement.

No matter what your taste or budget constraints, exercise enthusiasts will discover a wide assortment of home fitness equipment from local retailers.

At the Dunham's in Canton, elliptical trainers range from \$300 to \$1,200.

"The elliptical offers more of a total body workout compared to a treadmill," manager Mark Garcia said. Less stress on the knees is another plus for this trainer that guides the user in a skiing motion.

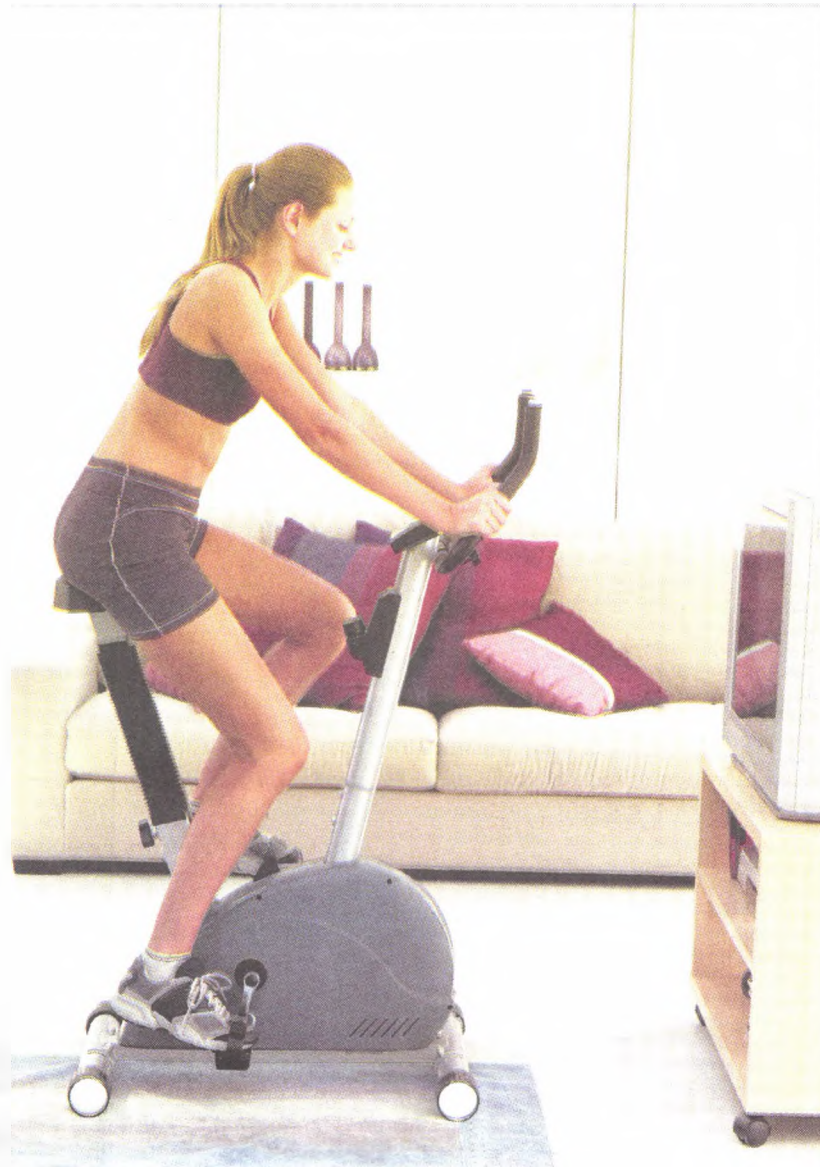
Treadmills (\$300 to \$1,000-plus), weights (a 100-pound set costs \$50) and four models of inversion tables (\$149 to \$300) are also available at Dunham's.

If space or funds are an issue, Garcia suggests resistance bands (\$10 to \$20). Attach the band to a door and you'll get a good workout, he said.

Treadmills (\$1,000 to \$2,000) are the hottest seller at Dick's Sporting Goods in Westland. And at local Kmart stores, customers have a choice of an elliptical with adjustable resistance (\$249.99), weight bench (\$129.99), upright cycle (\$169.99) and, for those easy-to-do crunches as advertised on TV, the Ab Rocker™ (\$99.99).

Fitness Things in Plymouth has seen a resurgence in treadmill (\$1,295 to \$4,099) sales. "I think people are looking for simple things right now," said Elise Walley, co-owner with her husband, Gary.

First-time treadmill buyers should "consider price and commitment," recommends Walley. Find a shop that specializes in fitness equipment sales and try out the different models.



No matter what your taste or budget constraints, exercise enthusiasts will discover a wide assortment of home fitness equipment from local retailers.

Fitness Things also carries a line of elliptical machines (\$1,195 to \$3,995) and a variety of home gyms (\$1,995 to \$4,000).

Some folks like to shop at the Sears Outlet in Livonia, where the store's inventory is always changing. At this writing, a mini home gym (\$45) that offers stretching, cardio and core workout options, without weights, is available. Treadmills range from \$540 to \$1,200, while ellipticals cost \$360 to \$1,000.

Check out Sears at Westland Shopping Center for exercise cycles (\$180 to \$700), ellipticals (\$600 to \$2,300), treadmills (\$600 to \$3,000) and mini-steppers (\$60). Exercise balls start at \$12.99 and jump ropes run \$7.99.

Kris Diaz is also a fan of indoor fitness

machines. She has used a treadmill on and off for about a decade.

"I always prefer to listen to music when I work out," said Diaz of Westland. After dinner is her favorite time to walk on the treadmill. She averages "anywhere between three and five miles."

Consumers who are in the market for high-end equipment might consider American Home Fitness.

"We carry the top brands in the country," said Kevin Kelsey, manager of American Home Fitness in Novi. Treadmills range in price from \$799 to about \$4,999; ellipticals cost \$999 to \$4,999; and home gym prices range from \$1,099 to \$3,199.

## WHERE TO BUY HOME FITNESS EQUIPMENT

- Fitness Things: Plymouth, [www.fitnessthings.com](http://www.fitnessthings.com)
- Dick's Sporting Goods: Westland, Novi (two locations) and Brighton, [www.dickssportinggoods.com](http://www.dickssportinggoods.com)
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- South Lyon Cycle: [www.southlyoncycle.com](http://www.southlyoncycle.com)
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According to Kelsey, treadmills and ellipticals — which both provide an efficient method to achieve any fitness level an individual wants — are the hottest sellers at his store.

And if a "great upper body, muscular and aerobic conditioning" is what you're looking for, Ian Douglass, chief operating officer of The Burn Machine in Redford, suggests the Speed Bag.

This high-repetition, handheld machine — with 360-degree rotating grips — is available in four-, eight- and 12-pound weights. Cost is \$129 to \$149.

# Test friendship on a short break first

You expect to lose something on holiday — your sunglasses, your camera and perhaps your pasty complexion, but not your friendship. But it seems a seven- or 14-day holiday can really push the boundaries of a friendship to the limit, which is why a short break is advisable when holidaying with a friend.

It might sound a bit far-fetched, but 10 million of us have ruined a good friendship on a holiday due to the fatal mistake of not testing "holiday friendship compatibility" before embarking on a break together, according to research by Travelodge.

As a result, one in five of us has experienced a holiday from hell with a friend and vowed never to do it again. But this can often be avoided if you invest in a short break together first. This can help you find out whether you and your chum are well-matched to go on a longer trip together and would prevent you from having to end the holiday within the first few days.

That's exactly what happens to 7 percent of such holiday-makers, simply because they could not bear to spend another minute in their friend's company. Fifty-five percent of us have at least two serious arguments with our friend while on holiday. The top five causes for the disagreements are: clash of personality, a lack of similar interests, such as activities and choice of food, your friend's annoying habits such as snoring, being untidy and



Investing in a short break with a friend can help you find out if you are well-matched to go on a longer trip.

borrowing things without asking, fancying the same person and money — particularly who has paid for what and how the kitty is spent.

For many of us, one night is all it takes to realize that we are not compatible with our friends. A large percentage of hotel managers regularly get asked by customers who are sharing with their friend if they can book a separate room after the first night. The most common

reason for this is because the friend is snoring and talking in their sleep.

Paul Anstey, Travelodge operations director, says: "Around 60 percent of our customers stay for leisure. A large proportion of these consumers are friends who are traveling or holidaying together. Our findings illustrate you can know someone for many years, but it's only when you share a room for the first time that you really

get to know that person. This experience can be true test of a friendship."

A common mistake most of us make is thinking that because we are great friends with someone we will get along with them on holiday. But according to psychologist and life coach Anjula Mutanda, this is not always the case. "The idea of going away with someone you know and trust sounds good in theory, but it's so easy for it to go wrong. Never think that just because you're good friends, going away together for a one- or two-week break will be easy. It's a big risk holidaying with someone for the first time. This is when you will discover what they are really like," she says.

To avoid a falling out while on holiday, follow Mutanda's five-step Holiday Friendship Compatibility plan:

1. Ensure the friends you go away with have similar interests.
2. Do a trial run first and go away on a short break before investing in a one- or two-week holiday.
3. Decide on holiday arrangements beforehand such as are you having a kitty, sleeping arrangements and what type of activities you would like to do.
4. Give each other space. You don't have to live in each others pockets during the whole holiday.
5. Be extra considerate to your friend's needs when holidaying together.

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## Boomers turning to online dating

Men and women over the age of 50 are turning more frequently to Internet dating to find a new significant other.

After losing a loved one or completing a divorce, many baby boomers are considering getting back into the dating pool. Internet dating sites often provide a good number of candidates for busy people to consider. In busy times filled with work responsibilities and family obligations, logging on to the computer to find a date can be much easier than finding a date in a social setting.

Twenty-two percent of the registered members of Match.com are over the age of 50. There's a good chance that other popular dating sites also

have a growing number of older participants as well. There are also dating sites geared to the over-50 crowd to make narrowing down prospects even easier.

Finding oneself in midlife and looking for a date or new mate is actually quite common. Thousands of people are in the same situation. In a September 2003 study of singles ages 55 and older, the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) discovered that 49 percent said of respondents cited, "Having someone to talk to or do things with" as the most important reason for dating.

Seniors dating can have a unique set of challenges in comparison to younger daters. These include:

- Habits or routines that have developed after months or years of living single.
  - Added baggage from divorce.
  - Older children who may not be keen to their parents dating again.
  - Elderly parents who need care.
  - Physical appearance woes, such as wrinkles and extra weight.
  - Medical conditions that may be embarrassing or serious.
  - Self-esteem issues from being out of the dating loop for so long.
- Baby boomers now represent more than a quarter of the population, and many are being spurred on by children to look into online dating.

— MetroCreativeConnection



Internet dating sites often provide a good number of candidates for busy people to consider.

# Ice dams give reason to curse

Remember these two words: "ice dams." In the coming months, there's a good chance you'll be cursing them because of the damage they could cause.

The melting of the snow on your roof causes ice dams. As the snow melts, it gets to the cold overhangs, eaves and gutters. The snow freezes and starts accumulating as a large ice block or "dam."



**Lon Grossman**

As more snow melts, the cold ice water runs down the roof toward the dam. The water refreezes as the sun goes down and that ice starts backing up. As you might imagine, shingles are not waterproof. They are designed to shed water so the accumulating ice is now backing up beneath the shingles.

As the ice melts, it rots the roof structure, ruins ceilings, walls and furnishings and causes mold to flourish.

Your best defense against ice dams is increasing the amount of insulation and ventilation in your attic as well as installing ice shields.

The heat that is melting the snow is heat you've paid for. It is lost through your attic because you do not have enough insulation.

There are a few things you can do to reduce ice dams and eliminate any damage they can cause to your house. You should bring the level of insulation up to R-49. Doing so will save you money on heating and cooling costs and will make your house more comfortable in the summer as well as the winter. The added insulation reduces or stops the heat from escaping into the attic and keeps it where you want it, in the living space of the house. Go to [www.technihouseinspections.com](http://www.technihouseinspections.com) and click on "Insulation-Packing it In" to find out how much insulation you need and how to do it yourself or hire it done.

Adding adequate ventilation to your attic cools the attic area above the insulation, which also helps to reduce ice dams, prolong the life of your shingles and save on cooling costs. But Michigan has severe winters and ice dams are inevitable. The only way to eliminate damage from back-

ing up of the ice is to install "ice shields" under your shingles.

When re-roofing, you should remove the shingles and install ice dam membranes. In our area, code requires at least "two layers of underlayment cemented together or a self-adhering polymer modified bitumen sheet shall be used in lieu of normal underlayment and extend from the lowest edges of all roof surfaces to a point at least 24 inches (610mm) inside the exterior wall line of a building."

The only exceptions are detached structures such as sheds or garages that do not have a heating and/or cooling system.

That code is from the 2006 Michigan Residential Code but remember that is the minimum code. In reality, you should go 6 to 9 feet depending on the slope of your roof. Lower slope roofs should have more ice dam membranes. You should also install the membranes in and all the way up all valleys and around all skylights.

By the way, if you don't think heat you're paying for is causing the ice dams, go through old photos. Better yet, try and remember what the roof looked like a couple days after a snowfall. You'll see snow on the garage and porch roofs. You'll see snow along the overhangs of the house, but the snow over living spaces is gone or melting. If the sun alone were causing the snow to melt, it would be melting evenly all over the roof.

Many people use de-icing cables on their roofs to reduce and melt the ice accumulation. Oftentimes it is successful. But remember, heat loss, along with freezing weather, is causing the ice dams. I have on occasion seen where those electric de-icing cables caused secondary ice dams farther up the roof. While many people swear by them, I do not feel they are all that effective.

They can be expensive to operate if left on for long periods of time. Every inch of them needs to be inspected annually to verify they have not become brittle or cracked.

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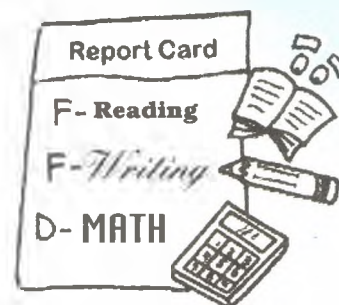
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# Top 10 home décor trends for 2011

Something old, something new. Something borrowed, something blue. While typically the refrain for most brides, this adage holds equally true for the top home decorating trends for the coming year.

## OLD IS NEW AGAIN

Whether they're genuine period pieces being repurposed or home furnishings reproduced from popular items from the '50s, '60s or '70s, vintage will be hot next year, according to Kenneth Ludwig of Kenneth Ludwig Home Furnishings, Ltd. Examples include chair frames redone in new upholstery, traditional lighting fixtures in newer brass or pewter finishes, or products imported from Russia, Poland and the Czech Republic such as chairs done in old grain sacks, or old carts from factories used for end tables or coffee tables.

## SPECTRUM OF COLORS

Color trends will carry over from 2010 to 2011 with the soothing aqua and green hues that draw their inspiration from the verdigris deposits found on weathered copper statues, predicts design expert, TV host/spokeswoman and best-selling author Kathy Peterson. For outdoor furniture and accessories, she sees sassy colors like lime green, bold orange and Caribbean blue, along with more subdued hues such as sage green, barn red and mocha brown.

## MAD WORLD OF FURNITURE

Taking a nod from the award-winning AMC series "Mad Men," Linda Fougousse of Interior Transformation, Inc. also sees furniture styles returning to the '50s and '60s with round tapered legs on angles, geometric accents and seating with curved backs. Jase Frederick of Jase Frederick Sustainable Interiors adds that classic wood pieces made from sentimental stock



Murals by manufacturers like Murals Your Way allow for versatile decorating.

like fallen trees or scrap wood from ancestral or historic structures will become heirlooms to pass from one generation to the next.

## A TREND TO STICK AROUND

A small change in a room can make a huge difference — and wall coverings make a dramatic, yet cost-effective statement. With their innovative new SmartStick repositionable wall murals, Murals Your Way has made it easy for homeowners, renters and even college students to add a fresh new look to indoor and outdoor walls, floors, doors and windows. "Easily applied and removed, SmartStick murals boast a high quality, lightly textured finish and can be reused and reinstalled hundreds of times," says Todd Imholte, president of Murals Your Way. "It's a perfect temporary — or long-term — decorating solution for consumers."

## ILLUMINATING INSIGHTS

As living green becomes more ingrained in our lives, LED lighting will continue to light the way, according to Jeff Dross, senior product manager of Kichler Lighting, which will introduce several new under-cabinet systems and landscape products with an ultra-efficient technology next year. For a casual, contemporary twist, Dross also suggests hanging chandeliers in new areas such as bathrooms, bedrooms and

closets, and embracing today's art glass applications, which are much more chic and casual than the Tiffany lamps of the past.

## THERE'S NOTHING BLAND ABOUT NEUTRALS

In a recent video posted on her website, Michelle Lamb, co-founder and chairman of Minneapolis-based Marketing Directions Inc. and editorial director of The Trend Curve, spoke about a resurgence in neutrals in 2011. These more complex 'chameleon' neutrals will have more color, and will shift and change based on the light and whatever's around them. Lamb claims that these neutrals will be 'the likes of which we haven't seen in 20 years or more.'

## GOTTA HAVE HEART

The kitchen remains the "heart of the home," according to Andrea Vollf of Andrea Vollf Interiors. Consumers interested in remodeling their kitchens should consider a well-designed, open, airy layout that integrates the kitchen into the rest of their home. Dross also suggests new countertop materials in lieu of granite, such as quartz stone or binding crushed recyclable glass underneath a solid, smooth surface for those seeking green alternatives.

## UNDERFOOT, NOT UNDERRATED

M. Grace Sielaff of M. Grace Designs Inc. envisions rich-looking herringbone-

patterned hardwood floors in an ebony oak finish — paying attention to board thickness and giving special consideration to products that meet industry LEED requirements. For a green touch, Frederick suggests hardwood flooring from reclaimed wood or sustainably grown and harvested sources. To add warmth, Marta Cullen of Dream Interiors suggests round rugs — the bigger, the better.

## THINGS ARE DEFINITELY LOOKING UP

According to Janet Davidsen of Details in Design Inc., homeowners are casting their eyes upward. The ceiling will be embellished and noticed more as the "fifth wall," and may be painted or architecturally enhanced to play more of a focal point in a space. Sielaff also suggests homeowners consider a painted metallic ceiling with a large, eye-catching chandelier.

## GREEN IS KEEN

According to Kathy Hoffman of Susan Fredman Design Group, products and materials such as bronze, copper, clay, cotton, linen and hemp — which are environmentally friendly, contribute to healthy indoor air quality, and can be repurposed or recycled at the end of their lifespan — will be in high demand. Vollf adds that using such natural textures as hemp, jute, organic cotton, recycled polyester, bamboo fiber, organic wool and linen, and soy silk will help keep it simple but still green.

For more information on top trends, go to [www.muralsyourway.com](http://www.muralsyourway.com).  
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Kichler Lighting LED arrangements provide stylish and environmentally friendly options for your bathroom.



Home decorating expert Kenneth Ludwig recommends repurposing old furniture, as vintage items are in for 2011.



# R&R in a B&B to beat the winter blues: You don't have to go far to enjoy an affordable getaway

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It's January, a new beginning. It's a great time to step back and take a few minutes for yourself. All the inspirational writings tell us that we need to do just that. So why do we hesitate ... the cost, the travel expense, the uncertainty of leaving and not being able to make the time? If you wait for the perfect time it may never happen. Beat those feelings before they hit and plan a getaway.

Here are a few suggestions that are affordable and you don't have to book a flight to get there. It's a winning idea for a winter Michigander.

Rest and recreation at a local bed and breakfast is the perfect solution. Imagine all the comforts of home, and not having to lift a finger for a day or two. Innkeepers are thrilled to welcome you into their homes. The inns operate with you in mind, and offer unique home-like settings. They do not have hundreds of rooms to decorate or take care of. The staff is usually the owners and perhaps a second set of hands to help them out. Talk about personalization.

The inns featured in this edition of Hometown Life Inspire



Photo courtesy of UCCA Inn on Ferry Street

Spacious and tasteful décor in one of the bedroom suites in the Roehn House at The Inn on Ferry Street.

are located within downtown areas. Shopping and other activities are available, so be sure to include that in your plans.

Since the purpose is to relax and rejuvenate, you will want to choose a location that you enjoy with settings that you know will be relaxing and comfortable for you. B&Bs can be styled in a modern motif as well as classical Victorian style. Take the time to shop around and find one that

works for you. Remember, it's your getaway time.

Here's a sampling of bed and breakfast inns close to home and all in the \$200 a night range.

## ANN ARBOR

The Stellar House sits two miles from downtown Ann Arbor on a rather large triangular plot of land removing guests from the city setting. Hosts Hillary and Terry Steller have

few rules and encourage guests to enjoy good food and conversation. The setting is modern and spacious. If your palate requires sweets, homemade baked goods are always on the menu. While there, ask about the Bob Seger rumor.

## DETROIT

The Stone House Bed and Breakfast in Chesaning offers Victorian stylings in this 101-year-old home. Owners Robert and Julie Bloom have created a historical setting in the common areas with a surprise offering in the lower level. Robert says, "The area is set up for scrapbooking, with large work surfaces and modern comforts complete with microwave and crock pots for snacks that you are allowed to bring in and enjoy at your convenience."

## HIGHTON LAKE

In Houghton Lake, the Springbrook Inn has the look of a country inn. Hosts Kathy and Matt Grover point out that there is a full service lounge in the lobby, with an "Up North" look. "Be sure to watch for the bar. It uses a tree trunk as its cornerstone," said Matt.

There is casual fine dining

right on the premises serving prime beef and seafood. Myriad winter activities start at the edge of the inn parking lot.

In the heart of Detroit's Cultural Center is The Inn on Ferry Street, a truly boutique inn. Composed of four fully restored Victorian homes and two carriage houses, the Arts and Crafts stylings are perfect for this 1890s historic setting. Belgian waffles are the fare for sun up and at sundown fresh baked cookies are sent to each guest room. A complimentary shuttle will take guests anywhere within a five-mile radius of the inn. The inn is run by the University Cultural Association.

## GRAND RAPIDS

In the Grand Rapids area, the romantic Prairieside Suites Luxury Bed and Breakfast is rated in the top 3 percent of B&Bs in the United States and Canada.

The motto of award-winning hosts Cheri and Paul Antozak is that guests are encouraged to experience, not just stay at, Prairieside.

The inn is modern in style,



Photo courtesy of Jon and Carey Gary

Cozy up in front of the fireplace at 932 Penniman in Plymouth, while discussing your downtown walk that is only a few minutes away.

with state of the art amenities. The suites are filled with luxury items including whirlpool tub, fireplace, refrigerator and microwave. Until Feb. 10, guests might qualify for the free Firelight Romance Candle Package. Breakfast is always by candlelight.

## PLYMOUTH

In the heart of downtown

Plymouth is 932 Penniman A Bed and Breakfast. The 1903 historical home combines elements of Queen Anne, Arts and Crafts and Neo-Gothic stylings. Jon and Carey Gary are welcoming hosts who encourage guests to relax and unwind in the parlor, or enjoy their well-stocked library/music room. A refreshing nap can be had in the glassed-in wraparound front porch. The

reception hall fireplace is always a great choice to warm yourself. Shopping and dining are one short block away. Carey says she especially enjoys "stay-cation" visitors, those of who can only stay for a few days but make it just as good as a full-blown vacation.

Take time to plan your own getaway and beat the winter blues.



Photo courtesy of Robert and Julie Bloom

The Stone House Bed and Breakfast in Chesaning has character and charm with a 101-year history.



Photo courtesy of Cheri and Paul Antozak

Romance is everywhere, at Prairieside Suites Luxury Bed and Breakfast with attention to detail.



Photo courtesy of Matt and Kathy Grover

With the cold outside, enjoy a hot tub in your room at The Springbrook Inn.



Photo courtesy of Terry and Hillary Steller

The foyer of the Stellar House B&B, where guests are welcome to enjoy a three-course breakfast in their PJs and Stellar House robes.

## MAKE EVERY MID-DAY 'ESCAPE' A TRIP WORTH TAKING

Whether it's Monday, midweek or a weekend afternoon, it can feel as though life is always hectic. The workplace presents a busy environment, and even when you leave the office, household chores and everyday errands are often draining and time-consuming. Though it might feel like an indulgence, it's surprisingly easy to cut back on stress by making some time each day to enjoy a mid-day getaway.

Just as with a true vacation, taking a few moments every day to relax and recharge allows you to come back to tasks at hand with better focus and more energy. Luckily, embarking on such an escape is as easy as switching up often-monotonous surroundings and indulging your senses in fun, unexpected ways.

For a quick, indulgent getaway, give your senses a break from the ordinary by following these simple suggestions:

• **Sight:** Simply changing what you look at can be the change of pace you need. Surround yourself with images of faraway places that you'd like to travel to and a "getaway" will always be at your fingertips. Calendars featuring beautiful locales are one great way to keep your favorite destinations in mind, but you can also search for images on photo sharing websites like Flickr.com, or subscribe to a blog or e-newsletter that will send you daily inspiration about places and cultures you'd like to explore.

• **Sound:** Stock your mp3 player with music from around the country that inspires you. Enjoy the bubbly, vibrant spirit of New Orleans as you listen to the jazz that made the city a musical mecca, or revel in the feeling of down-home Americana that comes with the high-energy sounds of Kentucky bluegrass. Simply download the music of whichever destination you're dreaming of for a quick getaway when you need it.

• **Taste:** The flavors of food can transport you to any locale, reminding you of places you've been and places you aspire to visit. Various cookie flavors are a good choice and will carry you to the taste destination of your choice.

• **Smell:** Scent is closely tied to memory, so light a scented candle of your choice and be whisked away to vacation destinations you've come to love. A whiff of jasmine or frangipani might remind you of the rich floral scents of Hawaii, while cedar and pine scents can take you away to a mountain hike in the Rockies, or the smell of pumpkin spice and sun-baked fallen leaves could inspire memories of a fall foliage trip along the East Coast.

• **Touch:** Bring elements of your favorite destinations into your home or office to remind you of vacations gone by. Fill a decorative bowl with seashells you once gathered on a beach walk, or plan to collect vials of sand from every shore you visit. Even a cozy blanket acquired in chilly New England can take you back to nights spent snuggling in a ski lodge or B&B.

When long workdays and busy weekends leave you feeling overwhelmed and in need of an escape, a simple mid-day getaway might be all you need for a quick vacation fix.

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# Go big for the big game



Touchdown Italian Sausage Chili



Reuben Brat Hoagie



Spicy Sausage Queso

When your friends and family gather around the big screen for the big game, only BIG FLAVOR will do! Earn MVP status with quick and easy Johnsonville recipes featuring sausages that are big on flavor when served by themselves, or when they're included in these traditional sports-fan favorites.

Visit [www.johnsonville.com](http://www.johnsonville.com) for great recipes to flavor up any get-together.

## Touchdown Italian Sausage Chili

12 servings (\$1.38/each)  
Prep: 35 minutes  
Cook: 20 minutes

- 1 package (19.76 ounces) Johnsonville Italian Sausage Links
- 1 cup onion, chopped
- 3 celery ribs, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 large sweet red pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 tablespoon garlic, minced
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large yellow pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 large green pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 3 cans (14 1/2 ounces each) Italian recipe stewed tomatoes
- 1 can (16 ounces) dark red kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can (15 ounces) butter beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can (6 ounces) tomato paste
- 1/2 cup black olives, sliced
- 1/4 cup cream sherry (optional)
- 1 tablespoon fresh basil, chopped
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking cocoa
- 1/2 to 1 teaspoon pepper

Grill Italian sausage according to package directions; cut into half moon slices and set aside. In soup kettle, saute onion, celery, sweet pepper and garlic in oil until tender. Add sausage and remaining ingredients; bring to boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 20 minutes or until flavors are blended.

Serving suggestions: Sprinkle chili with grated Asiago, Romano or Parmesan cheese.

## Pig Tails & Fries

6 servings (\$1.69/each fried or \$0.91/each baked)  
Prep: 10 minutes  
Cook: 20 to 25 minutes

- 1 package (13.5 to 16 ounces) Johnsonville smoked sausage (Polish, New Orleans, Smoked Turkey, BOLD Beef Hot Links or Beef Franks)
- 1 package (28 ounces) frozen curly french fries
- Oil for deep-fat frying

Cut sausage links in half lengthwise. Cut each half into three long strips.

TO FRY: In deep-fat fryer, heat oil to 375°F. Fry french fries in batches for 3 to 6 minutes or until golden brown. Drain on paper towels. Place sausage strips in single layer in fryer basket. Fry for about 1 minute or until they curl. Drain on paper towels. Serve with fries.

TO BAKE: Spread fries in single layer on baking

sheet. Bake at 450°F for 17 to 20 minutes, turning once. At the same time, arrange sausage strips in single layer on separate baking sheet. Bake at 450°F for 12 to 14 minutes or until they curl. Serve with fries.

## Reuben Brat Hoagie

6 servings (\$2.14/each)  
Prep: 20 minutes  
Grill/Bake: 35 minutes

- 1 package (19.76 ounces) Johnsonville Original Bratwurst
- 1 large onion, sliced
- 1 teaspoon butter
- 1/2 cup Thousand Island salad dressing
- 1/2 cup coarse ground mustard
- 1 loaf (1 pound) French bread
- 12 slices Swiss cheese, thinly sliced
- 1 can (14 ounces) sauerkraut, drained

Grill brats according to directions. When cool, cut into 1/4-inch bias slices. In skillet, saute onion in butter until tender; set aside. In small bowl, combine salad dressing and mustard. Slice French bread lengthwise and transfer to baking sheet. Spread salad dressing mixture on inside of bread. Layer bottom of bread with six slices of cheese, brats, onions, sauerkraut and remaining cheese. Bake at 350°F for 10 minutes or until cheese is melted. Cut hoagie and serve hot.

Serving suggestions: To grill hoagie, assemble sandwich on a large sheet of heavy-duty foil. Wrap in foil. Grill, covered, over medium-low heat for 10 minutes or until cheese is melted.

## Spicy Sausage Queso

24 servings (\$0.52/each)  
Prep: 25 minutes

- 1 package (16 ounces) Johnsonville All Natural Ground Italian Sausage
- 2 pounds Velveeta cheese, cubed
- 1 jar (16 ounces) chunky salsa
- 1 tablespoon fennel seed, crushed
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon anise seed, crushed
- 1/4 teaspoon dried basil
- Garlic toast

In skillet, cook and crumble sausage until no longer pink; drain. Place cheese in large microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on high for 6 minutes or until melted, stirring every 2 minutes. Stir in salsa, seasonings and sausage. Microwave 2 minutes longer or until heated through. Serve with garlic toast.

Serving suggestions: Add 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper for a spicier dish. Serve garlic toast with diced tomatoes and chopped black olives. To serve in a bread bowl, cut off the top of a round loaf of bread; carefully hollow out bottom, leaving a 1-inch shell. Cube removed bread. Spoon cheese dip into bread shell. Serve with bread cubes.

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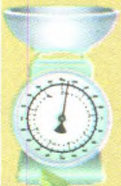
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# Sudoku

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

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Level: Beginner

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Level: Intermediate

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				5				7

Level: Advanced

Answers found on page 18

## Secrets of suet: Why serving up suet helps birds weather winter

So you think you know suet? Think again.

Today's suet is not the messy, hard-to-manage lump of congealed animal fat that your grandparents had to contend with. Modern suet has gone gourmet, and can be served in convenient suet cakes, suet kibbles, suet nuts and suet pearls loaded with treats that backyard birds adore, like nuts, grains and berries. You can even find squirrel-proof varieties that thwart the bushy-tailed bullies by including habanero pepper in the succulent fat.

As winter approaches, you may need to change some of the foods you offer backyard birds. Suet is an essential source of energy for birds during long, cold winter months. So if you've avoided serving suet in the past, or have been unsuccessful at attracting birds with suet while keeping squirrels away, here are some suet secrets to get you on your way this winter:

While many species, like robins and sparrows, will migrate south, many stay put, like cardinals and chickadees. These birds rely on high-calorie, high-fat foods, like suet, to help maintain their increased metabolic rate during a season when their normal food sources, such as insects and berries, are scarce. If you want to attract a bounty of birds to your backyard during cold months, fat is your friend.

Birds love suet, the solid fat rendered from beef, venison or vegetables that provides concentrated energy to help birds make it through freezing winter days and nights. Typical suet-eating birds include woodpeckers, bluebirds, chickadees, titmice and nuthatches, but you never know who might show up, like a kinglet or warbler.

Feeding birds through winter can actually improve traffic at your feeder, since many birds will find and stay where there is a reliable food source.

While birds need suet during winter, they also need a variety of foods that normally constitute their diets as well. Supplement your suet feeding with plenty of seeds, presented in a variety of feeding styles. Variety and reliability will attract birds and keep them coming back to



Backyard feeders are a good source of food for neighborhood birds.

your yard throughout the year.

One way to cater to birds that love seeds, nuts or berries is to try a suet-seed mix like Nutberry Suet Blend, offered by Coles Wild Bird Products, which mixes human-grade cherries, apples and blueberry-flavored cranberries, preferred nuts, nutritious insect suet kibbles and whole kernel sunflower meats into an energy-packed, powerhouse feed.

Coles suet cakes are offered in an assortment of blends, such as Blue Ribbon, mixing rendered beef suet, sunflower seeds, millet, and cracked corn, formulated to attract the largest variety of birds. You can also stir things up further by serving some innovative "gourmet style" suet products that are in forms other than traditional cakes. Try Suet Pearls, which offer sunflower meats buried within energy full suet pellets; Suet Nuts, that combine nourishing peanuts with berry suet; or Suet Kibbles, which mix berry flavor and dried insects in a convenient, non-messy, kibble form.

Squirrels love suet too, and can quickly consume a cake that would otherwise feed dozens of birds for days. To discourage squirrels, Cole's offers Hot Meats suet cakes, which uses a patented technology tested by scientists at Cornell University, consisting of rendered beef suet, red chili peppers, sunflower meats, corn,

and oats. Birds love it but can't taste the heat that squirrels hate.

Different species of birds prefer different types of feeders, so supply several styles of feeders arranged around your backyard. You can serve up suet in traditional suet cages as well as wood and cage style feeders that protect birds from the elements by making them hang upside-down while feeding. You can also use peanut feeders to serve newer, innovative suet products like Suet Pearls, Suet Nuts and Suet Kibbles.

Be sure to locate feeders out of the wind, positioning them near natural cover and perches like bushes and trees. For ground feeding, provide an area near cover with a clear view of the surroundings.

This winter season, boost backyard birds' energy levels and serve up suet. You'll enjoy winter bird-watching and the birds will benefit from the extra energy suet provides. Be patient though, it may take a few weeks before the birds discover newly placed feeders. While you wait, be sure to keep the feeders full. Eventually, the birds will come. For more information on Coles Feed visit [www.coleswildbird.com](http://www.coleswildbird.com).

— ARA Content

# Growing food indoors

While it might be cold and blustery outside, there are a number of edible plants you can grow indoors. Some of my favorites are herbs. Growing herbs indoors successfully is all about selecting the right varieties and having the right conditions to grow them.

Here are some tips for growing herbs inside in winter.

## THINKING ABOUT HERBS

Window boxes filled with rosemary and parsley can be moved inside before freezing weather.

Some of my favorites to grow this way are parsley, rosemary, and chives. There are a few things to keep in mind:

- Don't worry about a few dropped leaves. Light levels in a house, even in a sunny window, are much lower than outside. Older, larger leaves will drop off and smaller, low-light-efficient leaves should form in their place.

- Cut back on watering and fertilizing mature plants. They don't need as much moisture or nutrients inside as they do outdoors.

Indoor herbs can be decorative as well as functional. Why not train a rosemary plant on a topiary frame for a whimsical look?

## STARTING NEW HERBS

Although a sunny window looks bright in winter, the available light can be only 1/10th of what's needed for plants to grow properly. That's why it's best to grow herbs under grow lights. Select full-spectrum lights and leave



Courtesy of Getty Images

Pots of herbs on a window sill soak up daylight and are good for moisture control.

**Families are invited to view a movie about the impact of using plastic bags vs. eco-friendly cloth shopping bags called "Battle of the Bag." The event takes place at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, at the Milford YMCA. For tickets and more info, e-mail [hurongreen@yahoo.com](mailto:hurongreen@yahoo.com).**

them on for 12 to 14 hours a day. Keep the tops of the herbs close to the bulbs and the plants should thrive.

Grow seedlings in 3- to 4-inch-diameter pots and use only sterilized potting soil mixes that are light and airy. Many culinary herbs require well-draining soils, so the lighter the soil the better.

Supplement the potting soil with a liquid fertilizer when watering. Use a half-strength formulation to encourage new growth. Water plants less often but more thoroughly, and only when the soil is actually dry to the touch. Add water until it drains from the bottom of the pot. Keep the air temperature on the cool side (60 degrees to 65 degrees Fahrenheit) for the best growth.

## VARIETIES TO TRY

These herb varieties have compact growing habits and pack a flavorful punch.

- English mint (*Mentha spicata*) — Perhaps the best-behaved spearmint variety.

- Spicy Globe basil (*Ocimum basilicum minimum*) — Dense, compact form of basil, 8- to 10-inches tall. The leaves are smaller than regular basil, but taste and smell great.

- Blue Boy rosemary (*Rosmarinus officinalis*) — More compact and diminutive than standard rosemary, reaching a height of just 24 inches. Flowers freely and has excellent flavor.

- Dwarf Garden sage (*Salvia officinalis "Compacta"*) — Smaller leaves and more compact than regular sage, growing only 10 inches high.

For more tips and garden information visit [www.garden.org](http://www.garden.org).

Charlie Nardozi, a nationally recognized garden writer, book author, speaker and radio and television personality, has appeared on HGTV, PBS and Discovery Channel television networks. He teaches and inspires home gardeners to grow the best vegetables, fruits, flowers, trees and shrubs in their yards.

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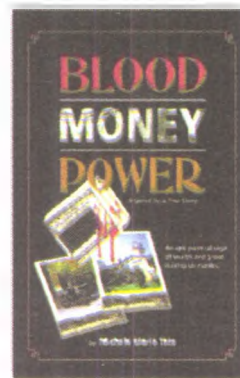
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BY MICHELE MARIE TATE

Blood, Money, Power is an epic historical novel inspired by a true story. It is a political saga of wealth, mystery and greed that leads to murder. The story begins in Santa Barbara, Calif., and follows the Preston family bloodline for three generations (1920-97). Otto Preston, a power-hungry attorney, will do anything it takes to build a lasting political legacy and erase the pain of his personal past. Relive the glamorous Hearst era with legendary movie stars like Charlie Chaplin and Marion Davis. Learn the dark secrets, dastardly deeds and personal trappings of the rich members of high society. Meet wicked Cynthia, exotic Adan and determined Amber. Mystery, murders most foul and foreign intrigue in Thailand await you. Travel to nature-rich Oregon and find out if Amber can expose the evil corruption that still blasts from today's newspaper headlines. Will truth and justice bring down the vipers that murder their victims and leave a trail of blood, money and power?



## LAST YEAR'S TOP HITS

### LADY ANTEBELLUM — "NEED YOU NOW"

Courtesy Capitol Nashville  
This plaintive painful ballad was one of the biggest country crossover hits in recent memory. It is reminiscent of classic '70s pop with highly memorable emotional lyrics. The song climbed to No. 2 on the Billboard Hot 100 as well as hitting No. 1 on the adult pop, adult contemporary and country charts.

listeners to celebrate themselves and look to the future with a positive point of view.



### RIHANNA FEATURING DRAKE — "WHAT'S MY NAME?"

Courtesy Def Jam  
One of Rihanna's most romantic songs features red-hot rapper and singer Drake. This second single from Loud actually soared to No. 1 on the U.S. pop singles chart before the first single "Only Girl (In the World)."



### SELENA GOMEZ — "WHEN THE SUN GOES DOWN"

Courtesy Island Records  
This powerful mix of pop, folk and more than a bit of soul anthem introduced mainstream pop audiences in the U.S. to Florence and the Machine when she delivered a stunning live performance of the song at the MTV Video Music Awards. It returned to the charts again later in the year after a show stopping Glee performance of "Dog Days Are Over."

Courtesy Hollywood Records  
17-year-old Selena Gomez broke into the pop top 40 for the first time with this perky bit of dance pop. It climbed all the way to the top 10 in the U.K.



### KATY PERRY — "TEENAGE DREAM"

Courtesy Capitol Records  
Katy Perry's third single from the Teenage Dream album became her third consecutive No. 1 hit. It is a powerfully uplifting anthem encouraging

Courtesy Big Machine Records  
Taylor Swift roared on to the pop singles chart with a No. 2 debut for "Today Was a Fairytale." It was written and performed specifically for the soundtrack to the film Valentine's Day and features Taylor Swift in pop mode singing about a nearly perfect day.



### TAYLOR SWIFT — "FEARLESS"



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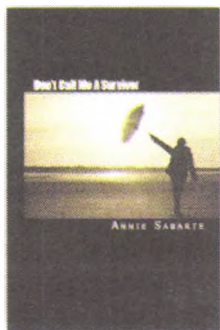
By ANNIE SABARTE

Annie Sabarte looks at the trend to label ourselves survivors. What does this mean to our personal growth? What do we do with ourselves after we are finished surviving? Walk through Annie's thoughts and ideas on how we can transition from survivors to thrivers, creating a whole new identity for ourselves in the process.

Discover where you would even begin to start in labeling your survivor status. Which adjective is the best to attach to your survivor noun? Which things took their toll on you the most, which one's helped shape who you are and how you see the world?

Which items on your list would you consider to be a survivor of?

Sabarte shares her list of all the things she has survived in 45 years of living. It is an intense list offers a chance for a lot of comparisons. The fact she survived them all and actively lived through each and every one shaped who she has become. She claims not to be perfect and can feel sympathy and empathy with those who have undergone similar conflicts. She is accepting of the fact she has survived all of these things and they are part of her past, her personality and her journey and offer her the power to prosper.



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GREEN HORNET

Britt Reid (Seth Rogen) is the son of L.A.'s most prominent and respected media magazine and happily maintaining a directionless

existence, until his father (Tom Wilkinson) mysteriously dies, leaving Britt his vast media empire. Striking a friendship with an industrious and inventive employee, Kato (Jay Chou), together they see a chance to

fight crime. They decide to become criminals themselves, protecting the law by breaking it, Britt becomes the vigilante The Green Hornet as he and Kato hit the streets. Using the Black Beauty, an indestructible car and the help of Britt's new secretary, Lenore Case (Cameron Diaz), they hunt down L.A.'s gritty underworld leader: Benjamin Chudnofsky (Christoph Waltz).

Theatrical Release Date: Jan. 14, 2011

Starring: Seth Rogen, Cameron Diaz, Jay Chou, Christoph Waltz, Tom Wilkinson

A horror-thriller where a young girl inadvertently unleashes a race of ancient monsters while exploring her father's 19th century mansion in this horror remake written by Guillermo del Toro and Matthew Robbins, and directed by newcomer Troy Nixey. Introverted Sally Hurst (Bailee Madison) has just moved in with her father, Alex



(Guy Pearce), and his girlfriend, Kim (Katie Holmes), Sally accidentally opens the gateway and then realizes that in order to prevent them from destroying her family she must convince her father than monsters really exist.

Theatrical Release Date: Jan. 21, 2011

Starring: Guy Pearce, Katie Holmes, Bailee Madison, Jack Thompson

RISE (11)

A drama-thriller inspired by author Matt Baglio's nonfiction book of the same name, director Mikael Hafstrom's supernatural thriller traces the experiences of a young seminary student who discovers the power of faith after being drafted into the Vatican's Exorcism School and confronted by the forces

of darkness. — Jason Buchanan, Rovi

Theatrical Release Date: Jan. 28, 2011

Starring: Anthony Hopkins

A drama-thriller. A man (Liam Neeson) wakes up from a coma while on a business trip to Europe only to find that some other man has taken his identity and stepped into his life. Diane Kruger and January Jones co-star. — Jeremy Wheeler, Rovi

Theatrical Release Date: Feb. 18, 2011

Starring: Liam Neeson, Diane Kruger, January Jones, Frank Langella, Aidan Quinn



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Ice artist torches the final touches to make crystal clear perfection.

## Plymouth Ice Festival: For the love of winter

The 29th annual Plymouth Ice Festival returns to downtown Plymouth Friday-Sunday, Jan. 21-23, with sculptures, displays, food and drink, free entertainment and more time to enjoy everything.

Formerly known as the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, the official 2011 Plymouth Ice Festival will bring a new name, a new look and several new outdoor exhibits into the heart of downtown Plymouth.

Created specifically for the love of winter, the revamped Plymouth Ice Festival will feature more than 100 ice sculptures, live music and entertainment, interactive family shows, winter-themed tasty treats and a variety of additional events 3-10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23.

Special events that highlight this year's schedule are the Dueling Chainsaws Speed Carving Show, Forest Avenue Scavenger Hunt and Penniman Avenue Petting Farm and Pony Rides.

Many downtown Plymouth merchants will also be holding individualized in-store events offering discounts and giveaways.

An estimated 100,000 people are expected to attend the three-day event. The Plymouth Ice Festival has ranked among the top ice festivals in the United States by promoting ice sculpture as an art form through competitions, demonstrations and seminars with standardized judging and exhibitions.

Festival goers can view sculptures 24 hours in Kellogg Park, the Gathering, Central Parking Deck and throughout the downtown area.

## Zehnder's Snowfest 2011

Zehnder's plans to dazzle guests once again with snow and ice sculptures created by professional ice and snow carvers from around the world.

Snowfest, one of the top snow sculpting events in North America for the past 20 years, is scheduled Jan. 26-31 in Frankenmuth.

Snowfest is also host to the National Collegiate Ice Carving Championship and the High School Snow Sculpting Competition.

On Thursday, Jan. 26, it's creative genius at work in the cold when artisans begin their work.



Photo courtesy of Zehnder's

The crowds enjoy the amazing sculptures and get a chance to cast a vote for favorites.

Zehnder's Restaurant will serve chicken dinners with dueling pianos in the main dining room. The state of Michigan Snow Sculpting event continues throughout the day and public voting also begins.

"Fore" something different, everyone is welcome to play a 9-hole putt putt golf course where each hole has a different ice carving challenge to play through. By Sunday, all ice and snow sculptures will be completed for public viewing.

The 20th annual Chef's Hot Food Competition and Tasting is 6-9 p.m. Monday, Jan.

31. Cost is \$30 per person. For more information, go to [www.zehnders.com](http://www.zehnders.com).

All scheduled outdoor activities and events may be changed due to weather conditions.

## Winter fun up north

Houghton Lake Tip Up Town (TUP) is recognized as one of the premier winter attractions for outdoor enthusiasts. The festival, which began in 1951, pays homage to winter's sea of ice fishing shanties and tip-ups, fishing pole holders with a flag that tips up when a fish hits your line. It is planned for Friday-Monday, Jan. 22-24, and 29-31.

For more than 20 years, TUT USA has been acclaimed among the top 10 festivals in the nation.

Last year, 17,000 people participated in the festival. This year's event — the 61st — is sponsored by the Houghton



Photo courtesy of JPR

Part of the fun is the miles of trails for snowmobilers.

Lake Chamber of Commerce.

The festival is inundated with snowmobilers who ride the area's miles of trails. In addition to the full-blown carnival there is a children's activity tent, a parade and fireworks show both Saturday nights.

Make sure you don't miss the Polar Bear Plunge, at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29. Last year, 236 people jumped in the cold water for the fun of it!

Admission is \$6 per person. For more info, visit [www.tipuptownusa.com](http://www.tipuptownusa.com).

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6	1	8	3	9	7	5	4	2
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1	6	4	9	8	3	2	7	5
7	9	5	2	1	4	6	3	8
8	2	3	7	5	6	9	1	4

Intermediate

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2	8	6	5	4	3	7	9	1
5	4	9	1	7	2	8	3	6
4	6	5	3	2	9	1	7	8
7	3	2	8	6	1	9	4	5
9	1	8	4	5	7	6	2	3

Advanced

7	9	5	1	6	2	8	3	4
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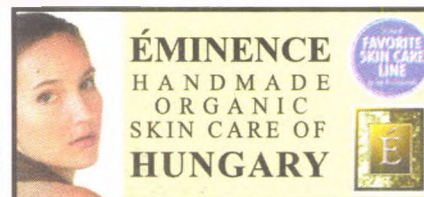


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