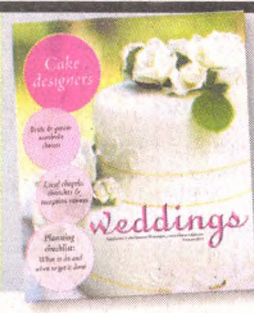


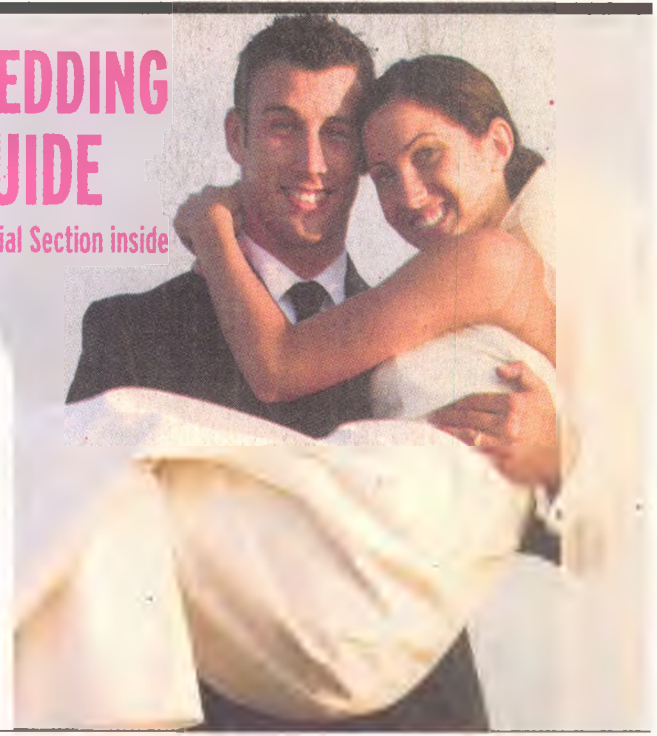
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### Oscars contest

Do you like movies? If you can pick this year's Academy Award winners you can win a yearlong pass for two to Emagine Theaters.

The Observer & Eccentric and Hometown Weeklies are sponsoring the contest, in which contestants must correctly pick the top seven categories: Best Picture, Best Actor, Best Supporting Actor, Best Actress, Best Supporting Actress, Best Director, and Best Animated Feature Film. Tiebreakers are Best Musical Score and Best Documentary. The winner will receive a yearlong pass for two to Emagine Theaters, located in Canton, Novi, Rochester Hills, Woodhaven and coming soon to Royal Oak. Movie tickets are about \$9-\$10 per person so if you used the pass once a week for 52 weeks that's a prize worth more than \$1,000. Second-place winners receive four movie passes.

To enter, go to hometownlife.com and click on The Oscars Reader Contest. Last day to enter is 11:59 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26. The awards program is Sunday, Feb. 27.

### Five years of Tea

The folks at TranquilTea tea shop celebrate their five-year anniversary 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, with treats, tea samples, door prizes and a portion of their sales to benefit First Step in Plymouth.

Colleen Cannon's shop has a selection of fresh, quality teas. The shop also features gift selection with items such as tea pots and cups. They also sell tea party kits for little girls.

TranquilTea is located at 904 W. Ann Arbor Trail. For details, call (734) 459-9686.

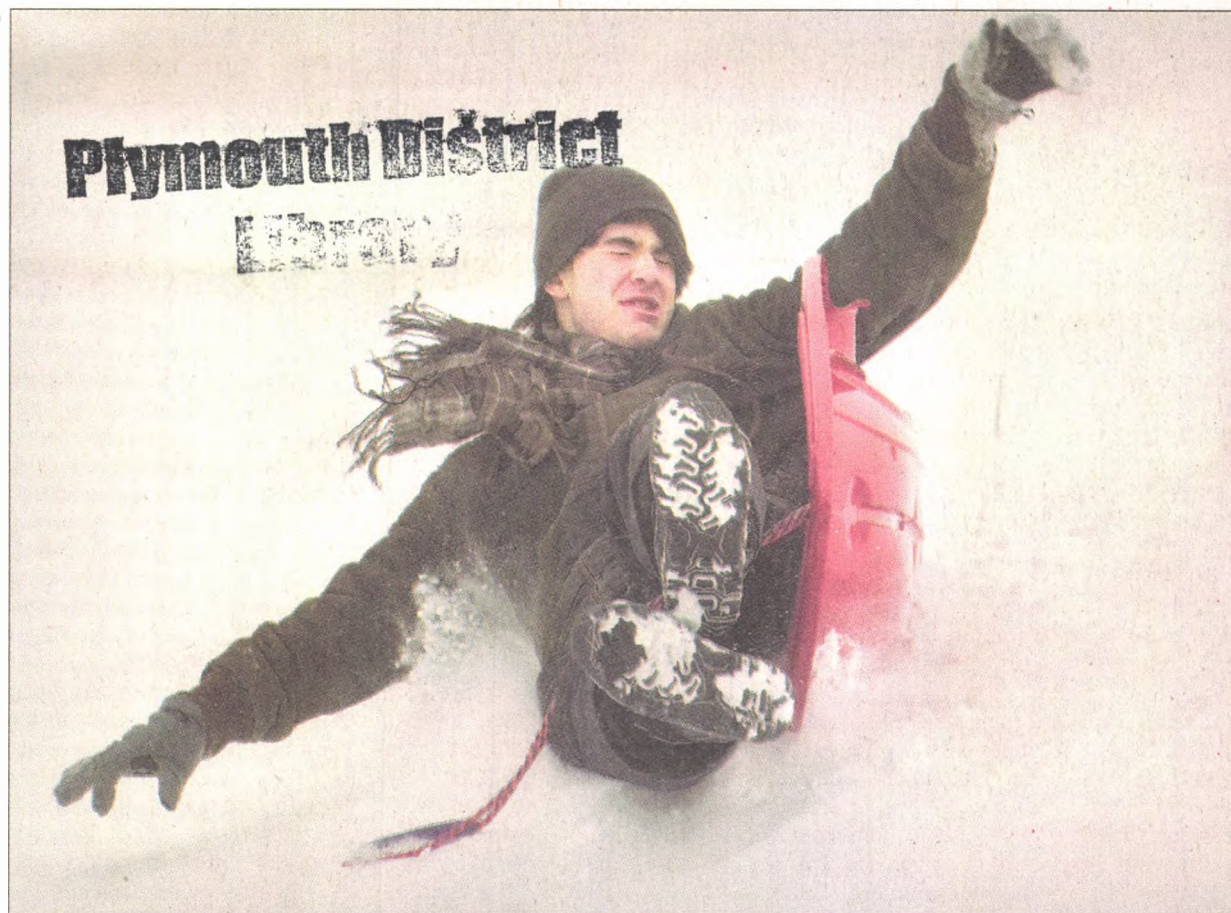
### Food assistance

Plymouth and Northville will be participating in The Emergency Food Assistance Program, a supplemental food program for all income-eligible Wayne County residents.

Distributions will be the third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, with the first distribution 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 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. Register by March 10 to participate in the March 17 food distribution.



The sledding hill at Plymouth Township Park is busy on the day after the storm. Daniel Negreanu wipes out about halfway down the hill. Daniel, a foreign exchange student, is from Frillstedt, a town in the Lower Saxony region of Germany.

## SOCKED WITH MAJOR SNOW, PLYMOUTH CLEANS UP AGAIN

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Nearly three weeks after a storm that didn't live up to its billing — and four days after a mid-winter warmup pushed temperatures into the 50s — the Plymouth area Monday was digging out of a heavy snowfall that took many by surprise.

"Enough is enough," Paul Sincock, the Plymouth city manager, said of the persistent snowstorms that have kept him and Department of Municipal Services workers extra busy since December.

The storm, which blanketed the region with a reported seven to 10 inches, caught Sincock off-guard, he said, but not his DMS crews. They were already out Sunday afternoon, he said, and had downtown-area streets cleared and ready for business by 7:30 a.m. Monday. In addition, at 4 a.m. Monday, they began clearing residential streets.

There were about a dozen pieces of equipment on the streets, Sincock said. The plowing left mountains of snow at some corners, but

crews will be working this week to transfer the piled snow to a grassy area along Theodore Street, near the railroad tracks.

### SNOWY HOLIDAY

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said Monday that he was enjoying his Presidents Day holiday.

"Not!" he added quickly. "There're a lot of issues when there's this much snow."

Wayne County is responsible for plowing township streets, but township crews keep driveways, parking lots and sidewalks clear at township hall, the police station and the Plymouth Community Fire Department's three stations, plus keep Plymouth Township Park accessible.

Reaume said the storm's timing was fortuitous. The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools were closed for the mid-winter break, and with others having the day off for Presidents Day, traffic was significantly reduced.

Please see **SNOW, A3**



Lisa Cervantes of Canton and her daughter, Juliet Ferreyra, cross country ski in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

## CITY LOOKS TO NORTHVILLE FOR FIRE AND EMS

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A contract with the city of Northville for firefighting and emergency medical services could save Plymouth \$400,000 or more a year, city officials say.

The proposal would increase the Northville Fire Department by up to 25 firefighters, refurbish and reopen the mothballed fire station next to Plymouth City Hall, outfit it with fire trucks and equipment, and deploy many Northville firefighters, who work on an on-call basis, out of the Plymouth station during emergencies.

The 12-year agreement will be reviewed this evening by the Northville City Council, and by the Plymouth City Commission during a special meeting Monday.

"It's going to be a quality service," Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer said. "Northville has a very good reputation, and I'm excited about getting more efficient."

### ONE PACT TO ANOTHER

The move comes less than three months after Plymouth officials notified Plymouth Township that the city plans to leave the joint Plymouth Community Fire Department after the end of 2011. The PCFD has 21 full-time unionized firefighter paramedics, plus a chief and an inspector, and operates out of three stations at a cost of about \$4 million a year. Plymouth's share is about \$1 million a year, and city officials are looking for long-term savings.

Northville, by contrast, currently has 33 certified, part-time, nonunion firefighters who are paid by the hour per emergency call. Most also have emergency medical service certification. The department's only full-time employee is Chief James Allen; the annual budget is about \$400,000.

The agreement calls for the cities to share costs proportionally based on the runs generated in each city. Plymouth is expected to generate 55 percent to 60 percent of the expanded department's runs, City Manager Paul Sincock said. Data from the PCFD will be used to calculate Plymouth's portion of the budget for the first year of the agreement.

Plymouth would also pay startup costs — for hiring, administrative time, station improvements and truck and equipment purchases — estimated at around \$1 million. It would retain ownership of the equipment it buys.

"We're not going to build a Cadillac" fire station, Dwyer said, "but we're going to professionally equip it the way it should be equipped."

Please see **FIRE/EMS, A5**

## PLYMOUTH COMPASS WINS CONCRETE AWARD

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The folks at the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority heard some grumbling about the cost of the decorative compass they had installed in the intersection at Ann Arbor Trail and Main as part of the DDA's \$2 million streetscape project.

But officials at the Michigan Concrete Association were apparently impressed.

The MCA honored the Plymouth DDA's compass

project with its "decorative use of concrete" award at the MCA's annual conference last week in Pontiac.

"I think it shows Plymouth is a distinctive place, and we have a distinctive feature being talked about in many parts of the metro Detroit area," said Tony Bruscato, operations manager for the Plymouth DDA. "If you talk to people who work outside the city, people are always bringing it up to them. It draws attention to Plymouth."

The Plymouth project was

one of four entries in that particular category, MCA officials said. Judges were impressed by the unique, self-designed tools the contractor, GM & Sons of Whitmore Lake, had to use and the innovation of the project itself.

"The contractor's work was innovative, and the judges felt Plymouth presented the best project," said Carrie Sutton, MCA's director of engineering for southeast Michigan. "They were impressed."

Please see **COMPASS, A3**



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The compass that adorns the intersection of Ann Arbor Trail and Main in downtown Plymouth was recognized with an award from the Michigan Concrete Association.



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## AROUND PLYMOUTH

"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

## Music for Maggie

St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth hosts "Coffee House Concert" 7-9 p.m. Saturday, March 26, with proceeds to benefit the Central Middle School band and the Maggie Kathleen Furlong Memorial Fund of the Educational Excellence Foundation, supporting Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

The EEF supports Plymouth-Canton schools. Donations to the Maggie Kathleen Furlong Memorial Fund will be used in accordance with the Furlong family wishes - either for scholarships or classroom grants to support education in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

The event will feature beverages and desserts, the concert, a bake sale, handmade pins and items for sale. St. Kenneth's is located at 14951 N. Haggerty in Plymouth Township.

To donate, go to [www.pccs.k12.mi.us/eeef](http://www.pccs.k12.mi.us/eeef) and follow links to scholarship funds. Donations for Music for Maggie accepted at the door.

## Bipolar support

The non-profit Depression Bipolar Support Alliance of Metro Detroit is offering support group meetings by trained leaders twice a month.

The meetings take place the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Lincoln Behavioral Services Office, 14500 Sheldon Road, Suite 160B, located off Plymouth Executive Park Dr. north of M-14. The DBSA is a self-help group of those diagnosed with bipolar disorder or depression whose mission is to provide support, hope and education to individuals diagnosed with depression and bipolar disorders, their families and friends.

More information is available on the group's website at [www.dbsa-metrodetroit.org](http://www.dbsa-metrodetroit.org) or you can call Bob, (248) 689-6110, or Nancy, (734) 536-3457.

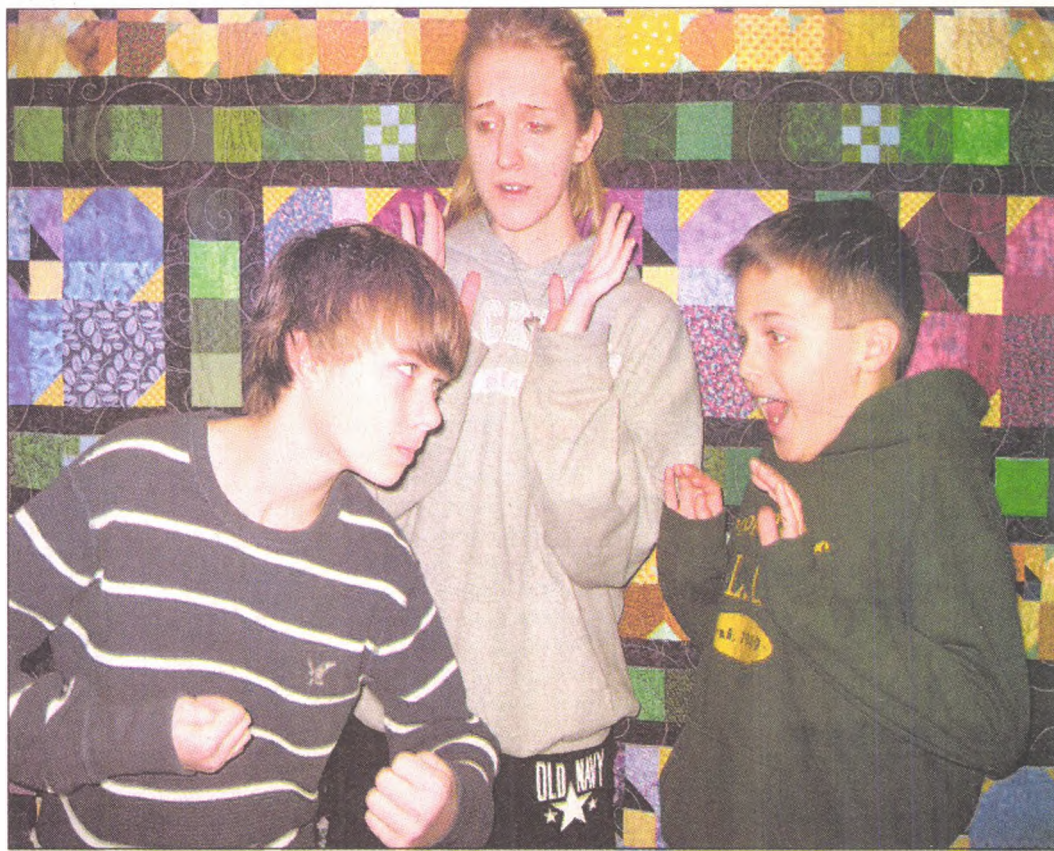
## Preschool parents

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Early Childhood Programs will host a Preschool Parent Information Meeting on Wednesday, March 2, at 7 p.m. at Discovery Middle School, 45083 Hanford Road, Canton. Learn about our 2011-12 preschool class options, meet the staff, and pick up enrollment materials.

For more information, please call the Early Childhood Office at 734-416-6190 or visit our website at: [web.pccs.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood](http://web.pccs.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood).

## Elder law lawyer

James P. Lampertius, a specialist in elder law and the principal of the law firm Lampertius & Associates, will speak to the St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers



## Weekend of Sawyer

Spotlight on Youth presents "Tom Sawyer" for one weekend only - March 10-14 - at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Theater-goers can visit St. Petersburg, Mo., in the mid 1800s and relive the classic adventures of Tom Sawyer as he plays hooky from school, leads a gang of boys, is sweet on Becky and Amy, terrorizes his cousin Sid and Aunt Polly, lazes with Huck Finn and leads the kind of life every boy dreams of on the Mississippi River. The cast includes Plymouth's Brett Moore as Tom Sawyer and Jim Broderick of Canton as Huck Finn, plus almost 40 children from local communities including Canton, Plymouth, Belleville and Westland. Show dates are 7 p.m. March 10-11, 2 and 7 p.m. March 12 and 2 p.m. March 13. The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton. Tickets are available by phone at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or online at [www.canton-mi.org/villageattheater](http://www.canton-mi.org/villageattheater).

of Alzheimer's patients on Friday, March 4, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth.

Lampertius graduated from the University of Detroit, the University of Michigan Law School and is certified as a Specialist in Aging with the Wayne State University Institute of Gerontology. His practice specializes in issues concerning estate planning, estate tax, special needs planning and education advocacy.

Lampertius will cover the legal and financial facts that need to be faced when one has to place a loved one in a nursing home—a topic that faces the caregiver of most dementia patients sooner or later. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and end at noon. Free respite care is provided for the caregivers' loved ones. St. John's Episcopal church is located at 574 South Sheldon Road in Plymouth. This meeting is open to all caregivers of patients with some form of dementia.

Call the church office, (734) 453-0190 for directions.

## Band booster craft show

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters host its annual Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble on Saturday, March 12. The fundraising event, to be held at Plymouth High School in Canton, is a juried art show produced twice each year by the PCMB to help support the band and color guard programs at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Over 100 exhibitors with handcrafted items will be on display at this artistic event. Visitors can expect a high quality show with jewelry, handmade clothing, soaps,

artwork, sculptures, floral arrangements, and many spring related items.

Plymouth High School is located at 8400 Beck Road in Canton. The Spring Arts & Craft Ensemble will be held from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. In addition to over 100 exhibits, there will be food, door prizes, a raffle, and entertainment by marching and concert band musicians throughout the day. Admission is \$2. Strollers are welcome.

"The Arts & Craft Ensembles are two of the most successful fundraisers we host each year," said Erin Babcock, president of the 2011 Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters. "The money raised at this event will help send the 200-member Marching Band to the 2011 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. We're hopeful the community will come out and support our kids by visiting our craft show."

## Hip-hop fundraiser

Metro Dance Company is hosting a hip hop benefit "Dance From the Heart" to raise funds for The Miracle League of Plymouth. The event is open for anyone ages 8 to adult, regardless of experience, and will be held at Metro Dance Company in Plymouth 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 19. Registration for the event is underway. Hip hop classes are \$15 per student with 100 percent of the proceeds donated to The Miracle League of Plymouth. Anyone interested in the event can contact Metro Dance Company at (734) 207-8970 or by e-mail at [info@MetroDanceCompany.com](mailto:info@MetroDanceCompany.com).

"We wanted to hold this fundraiser because it directly benefits some very special children in our community," said Metro Dance director Kristie Wyler. "Our goal is to raise as much money as possible to help these children and their families enjoy good times together."

## Euchre euphoria

The Canton Lions Club is calling all euchre players in southeast Michigan to play in the first Euchre Tournament Saturday, March 12, at the Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

The doors open at 6 p.m. and play begins at 7 p.m. Awards will be given to the top four players with the highest scores. Players can pre-register by March 10 for \$20 payable at the door by e-mailing [lionclubeuchre@yahoo.com](mailto:lionclubeuchre@yahoo.com). Contact Linda Obrec at (734) 945-6685 for more information.

## New exhibit

A new exhibit at the Plymouth Community Arts Council features contemporary mixed media by Livonia artist, Barbara Gibson. A graduate of the University of Michigan with a Masters of Fine Art, the artist has enjoyed a career that has spanned more than 35 years.

Experienced in ceramics, printmaking, sculpture and welding, she originally made her living as a clay artist. It was through clay that she came to see herself as a process person. The more steps to the creation, the more passion she has for it. She has many forms of firing and uses her welding knowledge to create dyes for extruders. This led to the formation of large wall pieces.

The current exhibit melds clay, metal and print making. Barbara Gibson has always been entranced by rhythmic patterns in the world. Hence the process pieces in this exhibit are called "Rhythms."

The exhibit can be viewed at the PCAC through Feb. 28. Exhibit hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A reception for the artist will be held on Thursday, Feb. 24, from 7-9 p.m. The public is most welcome. The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon Rd. in Plymouth. Call (734) 416-4278 for further information.

## Pastor remembered as 'gifted teacher'

BY LAUREL THOMAS GNAGEY  
CORRESPONDENT

Members of Trinity Church in Plymouth — a congregation perhaps best known locally for its monthly food pantry and soup kitchen, and other community outreach efforts in southeastern Michigan — are mourning the loss of their founding pastor.

Dr. William C. Moore died Feb. 22, at the age of 67, at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., following a brief illness. His wife of 44 years, Cindy, was by his side.

Moore served as senior pastor of the church, located at Ann Arbor Road and Godfredson, from Trinity's beginning in 1979 until March 2010, when he retired from the leadership role. After a brief sabbatical, he returned to the church, and in his most recent position he taught a number of classes, worked with new members, moderated the Board of Deacons, attended to pastoral care duties and preached on a monthly basis.

"Bill was a pastor, friend and mentor to thousands over the course of his pastoral ministry. His influence on the communities of Plymouth and Canton is immeasurable," said Mark Fuller, current senior pastor. "We have lost an incredibly godly and humble man who tirelessly served this church and his Lord with grace."

Trinity began as a small church plant by Ward Church, formerly in Detroit, then in Livonia and now located in Northville. Under Moore's leadership Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church, its formal name, grew from about 100 to more than 600 members. It also planted another church, Knox Presbyterian in Ann Arbor, in 1992.

## MORE OUTREACH

In recent years, under his leadership, the Trinity congregation expanded its definition of what it means to serve others to include more outreach to those in the local community.

To that end, Trinity started a food pantry in partnership with Gleaners that serves about 350 families each month. Members also worked with Central Detroit Christian (CDC) to build Peaches and Greens, a fresh produce market in Detroit, and Restoration Warehouse, a store that sells inexpensive home improvement materials, also located in Detroit. The church is involved in other ministries with CDC, including an upcoming tutoring program.

As church members and friends remembered Moore this week, they painted a picture of a gifted speaker and strong leader, who encouraged and empowered people. He had a way of convincing people to serve in the church, often picking up the phone himself to do a little recruiting.

"At Trinity, 80 percent of the people are involved in ministry — an unheard of number in most congregations," said Ellie Schupra, director of outreach,



Moore

who added that sometimes it is a challenge to use all of the people who want to volunteer for the monthly food pantry.

## SHOE LEATHER

Moore also is remembered as a gifted teacher who had a favorite saying: "Now, let's bring this down to shoe leather."

"Many people who read the Bible might see it as too theoretical or theological. Bill was committed, however, to helping people understand that the Bible was not just good theology, but the essential guide for daily living," Dale Lefever, one of the original members of the church, said to explain Moore's oft-used phrase. "Bill had a heart for evangelism and part of his commitment was to break down the biases many people have that the Bible is not relevant for today."

Colleagues in the ministry say Moore always was an encouragement to them. He started a group called the Plymouth-Canton Clergy Association that meets monthly from September to May. The organization that includes Catholic, Baptist, Lutheran and Methodist clergy, among others, provides church leaders an opportunity to share their challenges and successes with peers. Rick Thomas, pastor of New Hope Church in Canton, remembers Moore as a stabilizing force for their group.

"I will remember Bill as a man who always had a positive and peaceful demeanor, who was able to bridge denominational differences without compromising the truth," Thomas said.

The reminiscence of Moore also included some lighthearted anecdotes about the man who so loved Christmas that every year he decorated his office top to bottom and began playing carols as early as September.

## IN THE MIDDLE

"He loved people and liked to be in the middle of everything," said Barbara Davis, director of administration and assistant to Moore for 26 years. He would seek out people to visit, even on vacation. Yet, as much as he enjoyed his work and ministry, he also loved working in his garden, feeding and watching birds, relaxing with his nose in a book, and, most of all, spending time with his wife, Cindy, also an avid reader and his greatest supporter, Davis said.

He was a graduate of the College of William and Mary, the place at which he met his wife Cindy (Cain). He earned a master's of theology degree from Dallas Theological Seminary, and a doctor of ministry degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by daughter Kathy (Tim Edgren); three sons, Daniel, Thomas (Jenn), Phillip (Emily) and nine grandchildren; a twin brother, Charles; brother Stephen; and sister Edwina.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Feb. 28 at Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville.

## PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for food service equipment. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Raquel Hunter in the PCCS Business Office at (734) 416-2741. Technical questions should be directed to Kristen Hennessey of the PCCS Food Service Department at (734) 416-2742. Sealed bids are due to the PCCS - E.J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI on or before 1:00 p.m., Friday, March 18, 2011. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a proposal for Medical and Prescription Drug Coverage (duplicate current coverage). Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Nichole Maier, Underwriting Consultant at (248) 430-2789. Technical questions should also be directed to Nichole Maier. Sealed proposals are due to the PCCS - E.J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI on or before 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 22, 2011. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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# Workers play polar bears to benefit Special Olympics

**SNOW**  
FROM PAGE A1

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Amy Hammye took the plunge — the Polar Plunge — for a good cause a couple of Sundays ago.

Hammye, the Plymouth Township deputy treasurer, and the six others on her team, Jessie's Girls, braved the icy waters of Belleville Lake during the Polar Plunge, which raises money for Special Olympics Michigan — and raises awareness of Special Olympics programs.

**MONEY RAISED**

The Belleville event, on Feb. 12, was one of 24 Special Olympics Polar Plunges around Michigan this winter and raised more than \$41,000, about \$15,000 more than last year, said Kimberly Purdy, a Special Olympics Michigan spokeswoman.

Jessie's Girls raised more than \$5,000, tops among the teams participating in the Belleville Plunge, in which 142 people dived into the water, with temperatures hovering in the low 30s.

"I did the good old cannonball, one hand in the air," Hammye said Tuesday of her dive. "You're in and out, so it really wasn't that bad."

Hammye alone raised more than \$3,000 with her dive.



Amy Hammye, left, and Michelle Lozier, who both work at Plymouth Township Hall, jump into a frozen Belleville Lake Feb. 12 during the Polar Plunge, a fund-raiser for Special Olympics Michigan. More than \$41,000 was raised during the Belleville plunge, one of 24 such events around the state.

The Belleville divers, wearing zany costumes (a parade and costume contest had preceded the Plunge) were watched closely by members of the Belleville Fire Department's dive team. Afterward, participants were treated to lunch.

Need she say it? The Plunge was cold.

But it also added warmth to Hammye's life. Her daughter, Jessica, is a student at the Western Wayne Skills Center and has participated in Special Olympics programs, including bowling, track and hockey, for three years. Earlier this month, she traveled to the Traverse City area for a Special Olympics

event, in which she won a bronze medal and was also treated to snowmobiling and dog-sledding.

**SOCIAL BLOSSOMING**

Special Olympics has helped Jessica blossom socially and has provided the family with a source of support, information and friendship, Hammye said.

"When you ask Jess what is her favorite thing about Special Olympics, she is quick to reply, being with her friends and having fun," Hammye wrote in an e-mail. "When you ask me the same question, my answer is easy: seeing Jess smile!"

Jessie's Girls wore old soccer uniforms; the only male team member, Frank Parzynski, went with a cheerleader costume and a blonde wig.

Along with Hammye, three other team members, Michelle Lozier, Sara Gatzek and Julie Geisinger, work in township Treasurer Ron Edwards' office. Parzynski, a high school senior, is a nephew of Hammye.

"Being able to create a team to jump with me was an added bonus," Hammye said.

The money raised during the Belleville Polar Plunge will stay in the region to help local athletes, Hammye said. There are about 1,900 Special Olympics participants in the area, and about 18,600 around the state.

"If it had been a regular day, the roads would've been worse," he said.

Police reported numerous fender-benders in the township — and lots of crawling traffic on unplowed streets.

"Unless they were able to get the streets clear somewhat, traffic was just real slow," township Police Lt. Robert Antal said.

**CRASHES AROUND**

During a 28-hour period that began at 8 p.m. Monday, township police responded to 23 crashes, Antal said.

"Fortunately, none of them were serious," he said.

Ten of those involved a single

vehicle, Antal said, and nine others were rear-end crashes. The total did not include crashes on M-14 and I-275, which are typically handled by the Michigan State Police, but there were fender-benders reported on the freeways as well.

In Plymouth, there were no traffic accidents attributed to the storm, but officers kept busy pushing the vehicles of motorists stuck in the snow, Chief Al Cox Jr. said.

Jim Meadows, who was shoveling snow and spreading ice-melter in front of Haven, an antique and jewelry shop on Penniman, in Plymouth, joked about the lack of media hype that preceded this snowstorm.

"The television went crazy for the last one," he said.

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**COMPASS**  
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The \$2 million project also included the repaving of Main Street from Penniman Avenue to Ann Arbor Trail, as well as Ann Arbor Trail from Union Street to Forest Avenue. New concrete intersections were constructed at Main and Ann Arbor Trail as well as Ann Arbor Trail and Forest.

While the project installed new LED traffic signals, the

most noticeable piece of the project was the multi-colored compass centered in the middle of the Main/Ann Arbor Trail intersection. While public perception was that piece of the project was expensive, Bruscato pointed out it was only a small percentage of the total cost.

"People think we spent a lot of money on that, but the compass probably cost less than \$10,000," Bruscato said. "To get a significant feature like that, which fits in well with our updated streetscape, I think it turned out to be very much a positive."

# County storm response frustrates city officials

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Calling Wayne County's response in the Plymouth area to Sunday's snowstorm "lackadaisical," Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincok expressed frustration Tuesday at what he called an ongoing problem of poor snow-removal this winter on county roads in the area.

Tuesday morning, more than 24 hours after the snowfall ended, Plymouth Department of Municipal Services workers were sent to apply road salt to Sheldon Road near Ann Arbor Trail, and police officers had to divert traffic off of Sheldon, where icy conditions and a hill made driving treacherous, Sincok said.

The steps were taken after calls to the county, which is responsible for maintaining Sheldon, went unheeded, Sincok said.

"This is getting to be a regular program" this winter, Sincok said. Either the city or Plymouth Township workers have been called out several times in recent months to service the area, he said. "There's no help from the county."

Sincok said the work costs the taxpayers of the city and the township, but that it's preferable to leaving road conditions unsafe.

"It's just better to go ahead and do it rather than somebody having an accident and possibly getting hurt," said Police Chief Al Cox Jr., whose department had requested the city service Sheldon.

Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox, who represents the city and the township, said she was aware of the problem, and others in her 10th District that stemmed from the recent snowstorm, and addressed them Wednesday during a meeting of the commission's public services committee.

"It fell short and it's not acceptable," Cox said. "And I made it very clear that it was not acceptable."

Cox said the county's roads division had several representatives at the meeting, and that she expects steps will be taken to ensure road-clearing efforts are stepped up following future snowstorms.

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## Fire department faces murky future Shoplifter flees Kroger, but witnesses recover beer

The Plymouth Community Fire Department faces an uncertain future as the communities involved, the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township, look to reorganize or eliminate their shared fire department.

The fire merger has been highly successful throughout the 15 years that it has been in effect. In 2004, the communities were recognized by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments for Outstanding Joint Public Services Project. The merger resulted in \$6 million in projected savings during the first 10 years of the agreement.

Currently, the city and the township jointly operate the Plymouth Community Fire Department, which employs 21 full-time firefighters, one fire inspector and the fire chief. Full-time firefighters are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at three fire stations. All of the firefighters are trained as paramedics, and in 2010, the fire department transported approximately 20 percent of EMS patients, with the rest being transported by a private EMS company.

### GRANT DENIED

The department is down nine full-time personnel since 2002, a 28-percent reduction in staffing as a result of attrition and three firefighters who were laid off one year ago. Last fall, the fire department applied for an \$880,000 federal SAFER grant to hire back three laid-off firefighters and three more firefighters not replaced through attrition. The grant would cover all associated costs of employing the firefighters for two



Greg Mangan

years. It would have also, in effect, saved the township considerable overtime costs because of the increase in manpower.

The department was in final consideration for the grant when the township supervisor decided to turn it down due to the uncertain future of the joint Plymouth Community Fire Department.

This past fall, the city of Plymouth commissioned a report from ICMA, a consulting firm from Washington, D.C., regarding delivery of fire service and EMS. Unfortunately, this report did not include any input from the fire department. Following this report and after a handful of meetings between representatives of the township and city regarding the fire merger — also without input from the fire department — the city of Plymouth made a decision to withdraw from the merger, effective Dec. 31, 2011.

### NOT AN OPTION

The city of Plymouth contributes 25 percent, about \$950,000, to the PCFD budget for 2011. The city is currently exploring using the city of Northville paid-on-call fire department for fire services. Ironically, this option wasn't one of the several options from the ICMA report that cost Plymouth approximately \$70,000.

Plymouth Township officials, meanwhile, have asked the city of Livonia and Canton Township officials whether those communities would

### GUEST COLUMN

be interested in taking over fire services in Plymouth Township. Another, more likely, scenario that township officials are proposing is to move to a "hybrid model" fire department.

Under this proposal, the fire department would consist of 10 to 14 full-time firefighters in two or three stations, 12 hours a day, five to seven days a week. Part-time firefighters would work at night and on weekends. The part-time firefighters would not be required to have paramedic training; this means the fire department would lose its Advanced Life Support licensure and would no longer be able to provide service as paramedics at any time during the day.

In 2000-2001, the township invested approximately \$450,000 to educate, train and equip the firefighters to become paramedics and to provide Advanced Life Support EMS to its citizens. Some 52 percent of fire department runs occur after 6 p.m. and on the weekends — when part-timers would be used. The township would rely solely on a private ambulance service for EMS at a cost estimated to be \$1.2 million to \$1.5 million.

### ALL THE TRANSPORT

Most surrounding communities are ALS fire departments, which have their firefighter/paramedics transport patients to the hospital 100 percent of the time. Plymouth Township officials acknowledge that the fire department can generate \$400,000 by transporting

EMS patients 100 percent of the time in the township. The revenue from transporting would go back into the township budget, rather than being taken out of the community by a private agency.

Also, the PCFD participates in the Western Wayne County Fire Department Mutual Aid Association. The mutual aid provided is based upon reciprocity. The PCFD currently operates as an ALS fire department providing paramedic services, as do the surrounding communities involved. If Plymouth Township moves the department to the new model it is proposing, it would no longer be able to receive mutual aid from surrounding communities for EMS.

Plymouth Township would be completely reliant on a private ambulance service for emergency medical services.

The firefighters union is offering significant contract concessions, including decreased wages, contributions toward health care and significantly reducing instances of overtime. The township acknowledges that this would reduce the fire department budget expenditures by \$300,000 annually. The result of the increase in revenue from transporting and decrease in expenditures through contract concessions would decrease the overall cost of the fire department by at least \$700,000. To date, township and city officials have not been amenable to the firefighters' proposal.

Greg Mangan is a firefighter/paramedic with the Plymouth Community Fire Department and treasurer of Plymouth Firefighters Local 1496.

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

### CRIME WATCH

A case of beer was recovered Friday night after a shoplifter took it from the Kroger on Ann Arbor Road at Sheldon in Plymouth Township, according to a police report.

The thief, who was on foot, dropped the case of Budweiser in the area of Baywood and Erik Pass, southwest of the store, as he was being pursued by two witnesses and a Kroger employee in a minivan, police said. He was last seen running eastward on Erik Pass; a store manager told police the man was no longer welcome in Kroger.

The incident occurred about 9 p.m. One witness, who had stopped to pick up his wife from a restaurant near Kroger, told police he saw a man walking through the parking lot carrying beer, followed by a Kroger employee who said, "That guy just stole a case of beer."

The witness, his wife and the employee began following the thief in the witness' minivan, heading west on Ann Arbor Road and south on Baywood, police said. The witness told the thief that the store employee wanted to speak to him about the beer, police said, and the thief responded by telling the witness to stop following him or he would call police.

"Go ahead. They are already on the way," the witness replied, he told police. At that, the thief dropped

the beer and started running east on Erik Pass, the witness said.

Another witness, an employee at the Kroger deli counter, told police she saw a man walk past carrying a case of beer and talking on a cellular phone. She thought it odd, she said, because the supermarket's beer section was at the other end of the store.

A responding officer told the Kroger manager and employees to call police if the man is spotted again in the store.

### Funny money

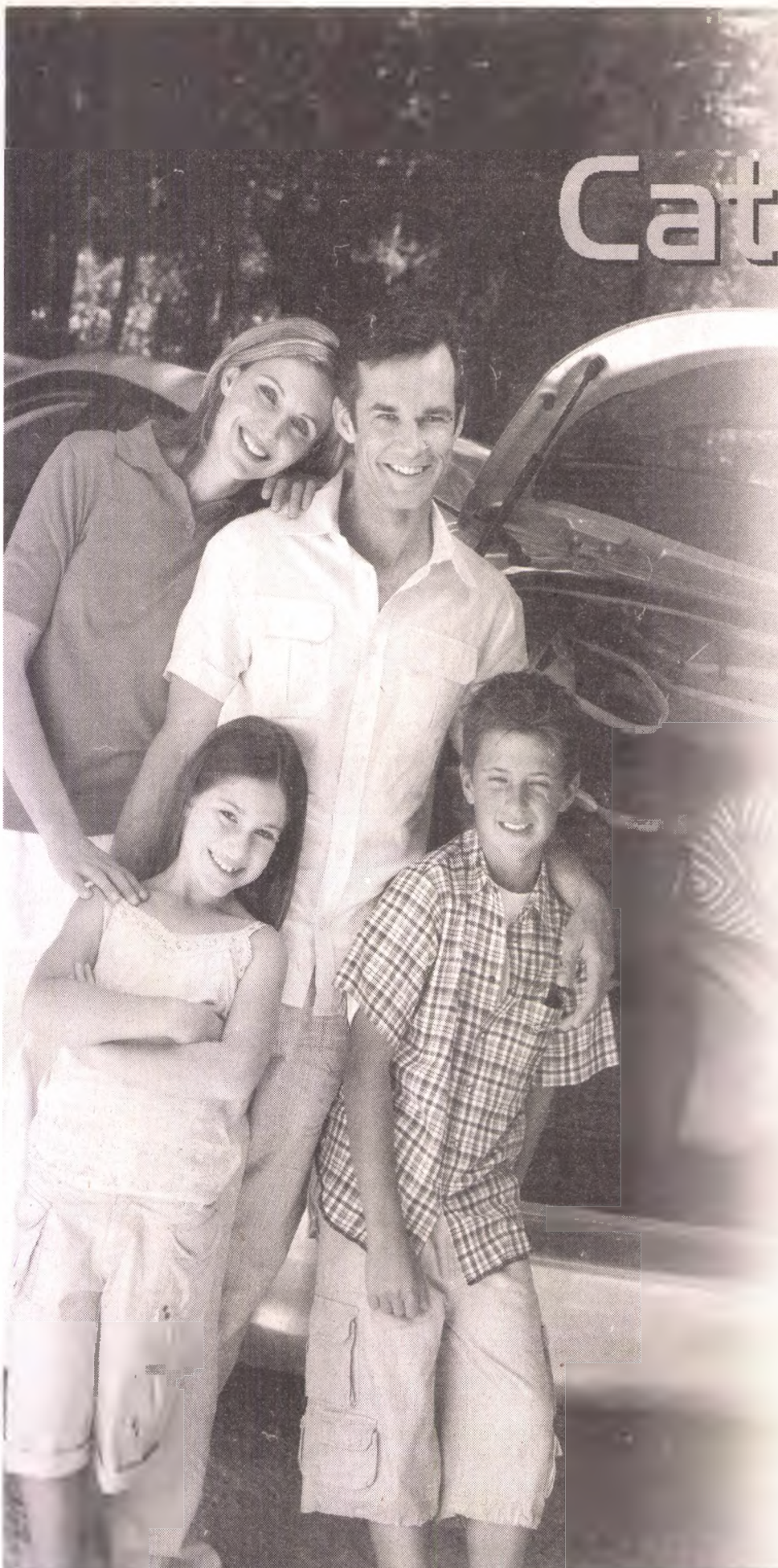
Township police have turned over a suspected counterfeit \$5 bill to the U.S. Secret Service, which investigates counterfeit cases.

The bill was turned in Saturday afternoon by a Westland man who told police he had received it as change during a transaction at a township gas station. He drove to the township police station once he suspected the bill was phony, he said.

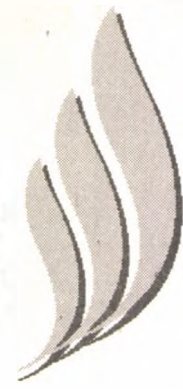
Police said the bill is missing a security bar, has an ink smear, and that the portrait of Abraham Lincoln on it is incorrect.

The bill was mailed to the Secret Service, along with a copy of the police report, said township Sgt. Steve Rapson, a detective.

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City of Plymouth officials are looking at a deal for fire and EMS services with Northville, which provided mutual aid for the Park Manor apartment fire earlier this month.

## FIRE/EMS

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Dwyer said the expanded department will have firefighters who can respond to a call in Plymouth within six minutes.

### A ROLE FOR HVA

Northville firefighters would provide basic life support during Plymouth medical emergencies, and would be able to transport patients to hospitals, but the private, nonprofit Huron Valley Ambulance would be contracted to provide advanced life support care, plus handle most patient transports, as it does now in Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

Plymouth city commissioners will take up a contract Monday that would formalize the city's relationship with HVA. However, Dwyer said, the city will not be paying HVA, which generates its revenue through billing patients or their insurers.

The deal with Northville appears headed for approval in Plymouth.

"It's not done until it's done, but we're working through it," Sincock said.

The intergovernmental agreement would also:

- Create a fire department

advisory board made up of a Northville council member, a Plymouth City Commission member, and the manager of each city. The board would meet at least quarterly, review the Northville Fire Department's budget and have approval of expenditures more than \$100,000.

- Require the Northville Fire Department to provide fire inspection and fire prevention and safety education services in Plymouth.

- Keep both cities in the Western Wayne County Fire Department Mutual Aid Association, through which area communities support each other with extra personnel and equipment in the event of major fires and other emergencies.

- Give Plymouth the option, at its expense, of having the Plymouth station staffed during peak periods. This would be done by part-timers scheduled for that purpose.

- Provide for the open sharing of financial information, related to the fire service, between the communities and for a financial adjustment process at the end of each fiscal year, when the department's actual expenditures in each community can be compared to estimates.

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# 'Our little miracle'

## Family credits paramedics for saving daughter's life

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For a little girl who suffered cardiac arrest and spent her fourth birthday in a coma, Nevaeh Muntian of Canton seems remarkably healthy.

She laughs and sprints across her family's living room as she plays with her brother, Braelen, and cousin Lexi Bonar, both 2. She still enjoys singing, dancing, eating cookies, coloring and watching her favorite cartoon character, Dora the Explorer.

She hardly seems to notice the defibrillator doctors implanted in her upper left chest. She remembers little of her recent 16-day hospital stay. "I was sleeping," Nevaeh said.

She nearly died, more than once. Her parents, Brandon and Melisa Muntian, are convinced they would have lost their beloved daughter if Canton Fire Department paramedics hadn't arrived as quickly as they did to help Nevaeh, who was unconscious and barely breathing in her home on Heritage Drive, near Haggerty and Palmer.

"They saved our daughter's life," Brandon Muntian, 29, said. "We couldn't be more pleased with the way things turned out."

### TURNING BLUE

Nevaeh's parents, her two grandmothers and a family friend, 19-year-old Derek Styron, still recall the terrifying ordeal that started after an outing Jan. 26 to a Detroit Pistons



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Four-year-old Nevaeh Muntian sits in her father Brandon Muntian's lap, while her mom holds Nevaeh's 2-year-old brother, Braelen. The family is grateful Nevaeh got the quick help she needed after suffering cardiac arrest.

basketball game at The Palace of Auburn Hills, where Brandon Muntian took photos of his smiling daughter on his phone.

Returning home after 11 p.m., Nevaeh had started toward the bathroom when Styron noticed her fall. Her father rushed to her.

"Her eyes rolled back in her head. She was turning blue. I picked her up and she was limp in my arms," Brandon Muntian said.

Nevaeh's paternal grandmother, Vicki Partin, said it seemed that a Canton police officer arrived within 90 seconds after a 9-1-1 call was made, and he radioed his finding of a weak pulse to paramedics who

quickly arrived. They used every medical procedure possible to save Nevaeh as they rushed her by ambulance to Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne.

Fire Chief Tim Dunn said four paramedics — Chris Battistone, Matt Niemczewski, Richard Crackel and Ryan Molina — had rushed to Nevaeh's house in an ambulance and a heavy rescue vehicle. Three of them accompanied her to Oakwood Annapolis, where doctors gave further treatment before Nevaeh was flown by medical helicopter to the University of Michigan's Mott Children's Hospital.

and her family said U-M doctors suspect one of two heart conditions could have caused her problems. They also believe Nevaeh's condition could be genetic, though her parents said no one on either side of the family ever suffered cardiac arrest at a young age.

Nevaeh returns for a follow-up visit in late March, when her parents hope to learn precisely what caused her heart problems. Doctors already have told the family that Nevaeh may have to wear a defibrillator the rest of her life.

### 'GOING TO DIE'

U-M doctors nearly lost Nevaeh. "They thought she was going to die," her 24-year-old mother said.

Even after the initial scare, Nevaeh remained in a coma for several days, including her fourth birthday, as doctors gave her a hypothermia treatment to cool her body. They needed to reduce the risk of brain damage.

"Her brain was shut off," Melisa Muntian said.

Doctors slowly revived her Feb. 2, and her family said doctors ran tests that showed Nevaeh hadn't suffered any brain damage, despite going into cardiac arrest four times and then being in a coma.

"That's why we call her our little miracle," her maternal grandmother, Shelly Ozment, said.

Nevaeh finally came home Feb. 10 with a defibrillator implanted in her small body,

### 'SHE HAD ANGELS'

Dunn, Canton's fire chief, was glad to hear that Nevaeh's family lauded the efforts of local paramedics, police and hospital personnel at Annapolis Oakwood and U-M.

"We try to do our best to help everybody," Dunn said. "That's why we're here."

Aside from top-notch medical care, Ozment believes her granddaughter also had help from another source.

"She had angels," Ozment said.

Brandon Muntian said Nevaeh's ordeal has brought the family even closer together. Family members are thankful Nevaeh will, again, be able to sing, dance, eat cookies, color and watch cartoons. And in coming weeks, there will be a belated fourth birthday party.

That thought brings a smile to Nevaeh's face. "I want some cake," she said.

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Business news

Things going on around Plymouth, courtesy officials at the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority:

- The Cupcake Station will be offering their BIG1F Cupcake deal through Feb. 27 (up to 6 Free per visit). The Cupcake Station is located at 318 Main in Plymouth.

- De Giulio Kitchen & Bath is updating some displays in their showroom, and selling some displays to make room for new items. On sale is a large kitchen island (size 56" wide x 40" deep x 36 1/2" high) with 2" thick Mahogany top and 4 cabinets. Profiled doors are featured on exposed ends. Also on sale is a mobile island with (4) locking casters. You can sit 3-4 stools round the mobile island. Comes with a solid-surface Corian top. Need appliances? All showroom appliances on sale now. Bosch and Thermador units at discounted pricing. De Giulio Kitchen & Bath is located at 975 W. Ann Arbor Trail.

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The 2011 downtown Streetscape project is expected to begin sometime in April. This year's main focus will be to construct a concrete intersection and install traffic light

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## Studio shows men up to Pilates challenge

Two area men have discovered practicing Pilates can benefit men, not just women.

Jaime White, owner of Core Sport Pilates Fitness Studio in downtown Plymouth, searched for ways to grow Core Sport's male clientele and created a unique program called the 60/30 Challenge. Two area men agreed to participate, which meant committing to 30 Pilates sessions within 60 days. Throughout the process, both men discovered that Pilates – initially created by a man – provides tremendous benefits, White said.

According to White, Bill Csatari and Rob Innis are the first two men in Core Sport history to have taken this kind of challenge. Their progress was documented throughout and both men provided testimonials as to the benefits of Pilates training. Through this program, White hopes to relay the message that Pilates will benefit anyone willing to make the commitment.

Bill Csatari, a 62-year-old avid golfer, said the experience was "eye opening." He was intrigued by the idea and jumped at the opportunity to participate in the challenge.

Csatari said White literally "brought me to my knees in the first session." He said he had to do the "man roll" off the carriage more than once – a term that describes a slow, less-than-graceful roll off the Pilates carriage. No additional weights other than his own body weight were used.

"I learned quickly that form is more important than reps," Csatari said. "After our first

few sessions, now having a good idea of my capabilities and flexibility, (White) provided more specific routines toward my goal of increasing balance and flexibility in my golf swing. While the sessions were tough and challenging, she always came up with something new for each session. Slowly, my weight started dropping and I felt better."

The real test came for Csatari when he went on a golf trip to Mississippi in early January. "I could not believe how much my balance had improved in my golf swing," he said. "With my increased shoulder turn, I was 25-30 yards longer than before. To say I was excited is putting it mildly."

Rob Innis, a 29-year-old hockey player, is no stranger to athletic and personal training. He said results came a lot quicker than anything he's ever done before and he felt better right away.

"It was amazing," said Innis, who lost 25 pounds during the challenge. "Seeing improvements and results instantaneously made it easy to keep coming back. It's definitely the hardest workout I've ever done."

White opened Core Sport in October 2007 after training for her Teacher of Teachers certification from the United States Pilates Association. She just recently expanded studio space to meet area demand and now offers two locations in downtown Plymouth.

For more information on Core Sport, visit [www.core-sportstudio.com](http://www.core-sportstudio.com).

## CHAMBER CHAT

### Snowman photos

Now that more snow has fallen, locals are being encouraged to gather it up and get creative. The City of Plymouth's Recreation Department is sponsoring a photo contest. Build a snowman (or woman), dress him/her up and take a picture. E-mail it to Lauren at [lobsniuk@ci.plymouth.mi.us](mailto:lobsniuk@ci.plymouth.mi.us) or drop it off at the Recreation Department (525 Farmer) along with your name, address, phone number and e-mail address by Friday, March 4.

Judging will take place the week of March 7 and the winner will be announced March 14.

### Dog listeners

Wags to Wiskers will be featuring Beverly Morgan, Certified Dog Listener, speak about canine behavior in a class for dog owners who want to better understand their dogs.

Sessions will be offered Saturday, March 5, and Saturday, March 12, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$120 (for both classes) or \$100 for dog owners who donate a 10-pound bag of food to Tail Waggers.

Wags to Wiskers is located at 44707 Five Mile in Plymouth. For more information or to register call (734) 453-3884.

### Upcoming March Events

#### 10-Member Connection

Join the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce for its second Ten Member Connection of 2011 8-9 a.m. Thursday, March 10, at the Chamber office, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

Make nine new valuable business contacts in one hour in addition to doing a short 3-4 minute presentation about your business. Afterward everyone can stay to finish off the coffee while getting to know each other better.

Attendees are limited to the first 10 members who respond and who are from different business categories. To sign up for the 10 Member Connection, call (734) 453-1540 or e-mail [wes@plymouthmich.org](mailto:wes@plymouthmich.org).

### Multimedia marketing

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### Cutting the ribbon

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce joined the staff and guests of Merle Norman at their grand re-opening earlier this month. Tania Reid is the new owner of this full service cosmetic and hair salon offering everything from skin care to a full line of cosmetic products. There are two stylists, Lynette Cislo and Tammy Hembrick. Merle Norman is located at 595 Forest Ave. in downtown Plymouth.

snappy text and design might make a customer take a second look, it does not always convert a customer lead into a sale. Print, radio, TV, direct mail and internet are all parts of a successful marketing campaign, but how you put it together dictates your success. This workshop will show you how to get the biggest impact with your target audience for the money spent.

This Business Development Series workshop is scheduled 8:30-9:30 a.m. March 22 at the Chamber office (850 Ann Arbor Trail). To register for the workshop e-mail [teri@plymouthmich.org](mailto:teri@plymouthmich.org) or call (734) 453-1540.

### Business mixer

Breaking the Boundaries Business Mixer - March 24  
Join 300 other business people from Western Wayne County for one of the best networking events of the year in this region. The annual Western Suburban Area Council of Chamber's "Breaking the Boundaries" Business Mixer will be at Burton Manor on Thursday, March 24, from 5-7 p.m. The event is designed for networking, where business meets business across every border in the western suburbs. This year's event will include a presentation by Carol Kocan, a Dale Carnegie trainer, on "Networking and Working the


Room" from 5-5:30 p.m.

The cost to attend is just \$10, which includes food, and there will be a cash bar. Due to the overwhelming popularity of this event there are no walk-ins allowed and everyone must be pre-registered. To register for the event or to reserve exhibit space, e-mail the Chamber at [teri@plymouthmich.org](mailto:teri@plymouthmich.org) or call (734) 453-1540.

### Business show

Laurel Park Place in Livonia hosts a Small Business and Home Based Business Show March 25-27 during regular mall hours. This event is to assist owners with promoting their smaller business and home based business to build customer clientele. It's an opportunity to showcase your business to a larger audience, meet directly with new potential customers and sell your products and services on-site.

The cost is \$200 and includes an 8-foot table with tablecloth, skirting and one chair. Reservations for the event will be accepted through March 1. For more information or to reserve a space, contact the mall office at (734) 462-1100, Ext. 227 or Ext. 260, or e-mail Dan Irvin at [Dan\\_Irvin@cblproperties.com](mailto:Dan_Irvin@cblproperties.com) or Claudia Frederick at [Claudia\\_frederick@cblproperties.com](mailto:Claudia_frederick@cblproperties.com)



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# Siblings rally to help their brother beat lymphoma

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It may not have been hospital policy, but for Brenda Leclercq and her brother Brian Haddow, walking two dogs into the ICU unit at Botsford Hospital was important — not only to them, but to their baby brother Kevin.

"Brian and I decided that Kevin's best friends, Cody and Marley, two beautiful golden retrievers that are his kids, should come pay a visit in the ICU unit," Leclercq said. "We just knew if we got those dogs there, they would help him recover."

A 30-year employee of Detroit Edison, Kevin Haddow has been battling a rare form of immunoblastic T-cell lymphoma. His family has partnered with the Garden City Firefighters Local 1911 to stage a bowling fundraiser Friday, March 4, to help the Garden City resident.

The benefit will be at Garden Lanes, 29145 W. Warren Road, east of Middlebelt, and proceeds will be used to pay his medical expenses. He is single and faces a 50-percent cut in pay in June.

### NIGHT SWEATS

Kevin Haddow went to the doctor to find out why he was having night sweats and a fever. According to his sister, he had no pain, just the sweats.

"His sheets would be

drenched in sweat," said Leclercq, whose husband Bob is a retired Garden City fire captain. "Doctors were baffled until they did the blood work. They decided to follow up with some blood studies, and that's when we knew something was terribly wrong."

Oncologist Dr. Craig Gordon, director of neoplastic diseases at Botsford Hospital, ordered two tests. First was a bone marrow biopsy, followed by a lymph node biopsy two days later. It took three weeks to get the biopsy report, which told the family what type of lymphoma it was.

But while waiting for an answer, Haddow kept getting sick to the point that doctors had to begin some type of chemotherapy — "It was a matter of life and death." They started to administer CHOP, one of the most common chemotherapy regimens for treating non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

The biggest problem was that Haddow's platelets were dropping and he started bleeding internally and had to have two surgeries to stop it, "even though they didn't know where he was bleeding," Leclercq said. "The doctors saved his life."

Every day challenged Haddow more. He didn't know that Christmas had come and gone, nor did he know that his five siblings had celebrated a new year.

"We stayed by his side, rubbing his feet, talking to him, to let him know that he wasn't



Kevin Haddow of Garden City is finding he has help from his brothers and sisters in his battle with immunoblastic T-Cell lymphoma. They're staging a bowling fundraiser to help with his medical expenses.

alone in this fight for his life," Leclercq said. "We just looked forward to a new year, a new beginning for Kevin."

At one point, Haddow aspirated and was put on a ventilator. Then he developed pneumonia.

### 'MOUNTAINS TO CLIMB'

"It was another mountain to climb, more prayers, trying to never give up on Kevin," Leclercq said. "The days and nights just seemed to run into each other, and it seemed like every time we got any hope of good news, bad news would follow with it."

That's when Leclercq and her brother Brian decided to

take Cody and Marley to see Haddow. They didn't ask permission "because we knew the answer would be no."

"All of the brothers and sisters knew that if anything could bring Kevin back to us, Marley and Cody could," Leclercq said. "So that's when we decided to bring them to visit him in the ICU."

Leclercq and her brother walked the dogs into the hospital and stood in the waiting room, waiting for someone to scold them. No one did. People instead came up and petted the dogs, so they started walking through the hospital, just waiting to be stopped. When they finally got there, Leclercq

### BOWLING FUNDRAISER

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, March 4

**Location:** Garden Lanes, 29145 W. Warren Road, east of Middlebelt, Garden City

**Details:** The fundraiser for Kevin Haddow is in partnership with Garden City Firefighters Union Local 1911. The cost is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children under age 14. Included is three games, shoes and pizza. Proceeds will be used to pay for costs related to treatment and co-pays. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. Donations also are being accepted. Checks should be made payable to Garden City Firefighters Union/Kevin Haddow.

**Contact:** Brenda Leclercq at (313) 670-6816 or Cindy Whismand at (734) 0986.

remembers asking her brother, "Now what do we do?"

"He said, 'We'll just walk in,'" she said.

Concerned that they were so close but so far from her sick brother, Leclercq picked up the phone and told the staff that they were there to see Haddow and that she had a dog. When the automated doors opened, they quietly went to Haddow's room, where Leclercq held up his head so he could see them and they held the dogs up so he could touch them.

"Kevin spoke, we took pictures of the dogs with Kevin in

his room," she said. "The doctors came by and talked to us, never saying a word. Somehow they knew that this might be the only chance to get Kevin to start the healing process."

While there was a high risk of infection, the family took the chance and the next day Haddow started to improve. After six weeks in ICU, Haddow is now home, "fighting with all his heart to get better and beat the odds." Cody and Marley are by his side. He faces 11 months of chemotherapy, at least once a month, if not more often.

His diagnosis is stage 4B, meaning bone marrow involvement. It has gone to his brain and he now has ports in the top of his head and one in his chest wall to receive his chemotherapy treatments.

Doctors are optimistic and feel he can go into remission with the proper treatment. If the treatment doesn't work or if the lymphoma comes back, he will possibly need a bone marrow transplant.

"Kevin has a long way to go, but he will make it," Leclercq said. "I believe that Cody and Marley saved Kevin. They brought him back. Miracles do happen, and Kevin is one."

"He truly is a hero to us," she added. "His fighting spirit amazes us. He knows that he has some mountains to climb, but faces them as a challenge. He will continue to fight with dignity and pride."

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## Naturalists demonstrate maple sugaring

It may not be spring, but the sap is flowing up the maple trees.

So bundle up and join the naturalists at Wayne County's Cass Benton Park on Saturday, March 19, for a maple sugaring program.

There are three different time slots to choose from

— 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon — and the program lasts approximately 1 1/2 hours.

Learn how Native Americans were the first to discover that sap was a tasty treat, and taught early settlers how to collect and boil it.

A short hike in the woods

for a hands-on demonstration of tree tapping, sap collection and boiling is part of the program. Information for backyard hobbyists also will be presented. All ages welcome for the program, but trail is not stroller friendly.

The cost is \$5 per person,

and advanced registration and pre-payment are required.

Cass Benton Park is located in Northville, off Northville Road between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads.

For more information, call (734) 261-1990 or visit www.waynecountyparks.org.



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Steve Wagel, daughter Lily, 7 years old, and son Owen, 4 years old, make a really fast run down the sledding hill at Plymouth Township Park.

# Mother Nature dishes out another snow day

**M**other Nature is sort of like the movie, *Jaws*. Just when you thought it was safe to put away the winter stuff, she dumps another foot of snow on you.

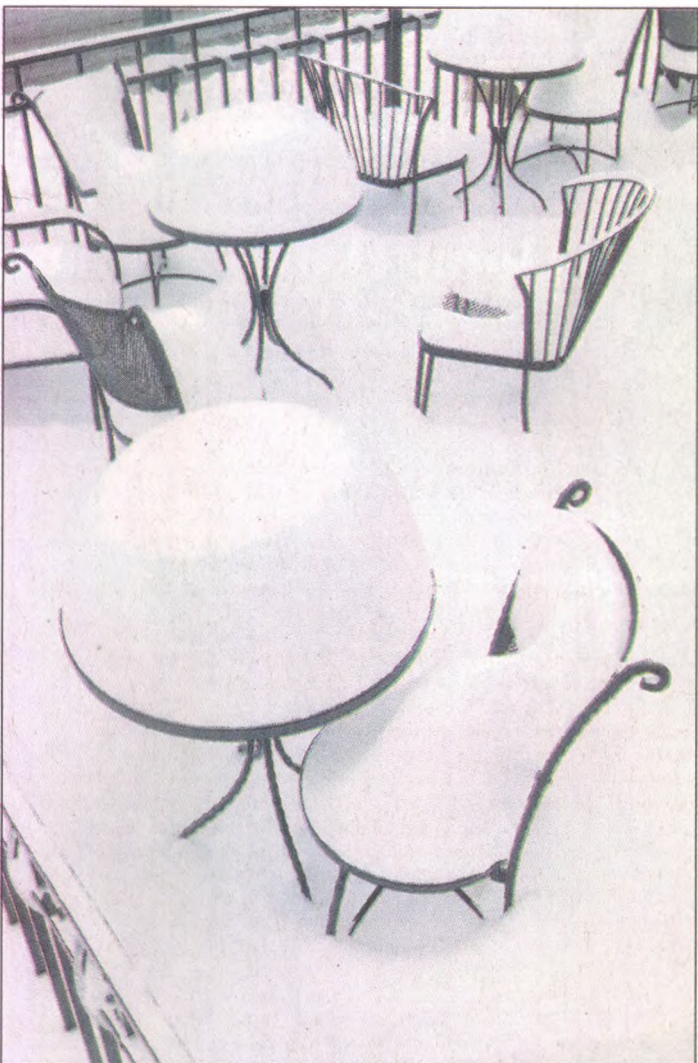
The latest winter storm came Sunday night, clogging streets and causing a few traffic scares but not causing any lasting damage, as far as officials could report.

The storm, which caused snow emergencies in communities all over western Wayne County, had no effect on schools in Plymouth-Canton, which were out for mid-winter break anyway.

The one thing the storm did offer residents, who woke up to green grass Sunday morning only to find the white-out by Sunday night, was a chance to play.



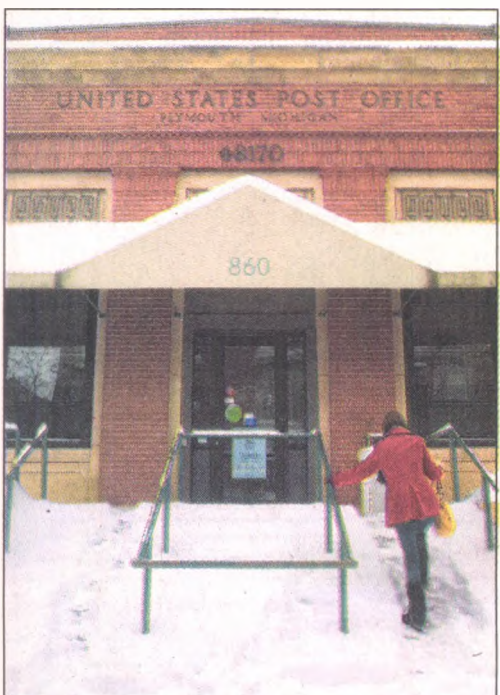
Rachel Rearick and Laura Demsky make a successful run down the Plymouth Township Park sledding hill. They are from Plymouth Township.



It will be a long time before patrons of the Plymouth Coffee Bean can enjoy the patio overlooking Penniman Avenue.



Jim Meadows scatters just a little more salt on a Penniman Avenue sidewalk.



A customer carefully climbs the stairs to the Post Office, only to discover that it is closed for the Presidents Day holiday.



# Agency's Walk for Warmth assists families in need

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Walking is a good way to generate some heat and money to help Wayne County families stay warm in their homes.

The Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency is holding its 15th annual Walk for Warmth 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. For the first time, the fundraiser will be held at Westland Shopping Center.

"We held this for 14 years at Southland Mall in Taylor. We decided to move it.

We're trying to expand in western Wayne," said Erin Evans, Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency communications manager. "The mall has been great."

Each year, the walk draws 400-500 people who collect pledges to help families in need heat their homes. One hundred percent of the money raised, about \$40,000 in recent years, goes directly to families. Last year, Wayne Metro helped more than 1,000 with utility assistance payments but still couldn't

meet the demand for services.

"We get 2,000 calls a week just for emergency utility assistance. The program is for people who have received a utility shut off notice or are at risk of shut off," said Evans. "We usually raise \$40,000 with the economy. Our goal is to raise \$50,000."

People can get involved by forming a team and collecting pledges — more information is available at [www.wayne-metro.org](http://www.wayne-metro.org) or by calling (734) 246-2280, Ext. 123. Evans said people can sign up right up to the time of the walk.

"People just collect pledges — we don't make them walk a certain amount. There will be entertainment at the same time. If they can't walk, they participate and watch the entertainment," said Evans.

Along with raising money, Evans said the Walk for Warmth is also a great way to make people aware of Wayne Metro, which recently opened an office at Westland's Dorsey Community Center located in the Norwayne community of Westland.

"This is really a great way

to get us out there in the community," said Evans. "The walkers are from all over Wayne County and Oakland County."

Awards will be given to the youth and adult teams with the highest amount of pledges, biggest team of walkers, best team name and most team spirit. The individual that raises the most money over \$1,000 will win the Grand Prize Boyne Highlands Lodging and Lift or Golf Package. The grand prize package includes one night's hotel lodging for two in the main lodge at Boyne Highlands Resort and one-day unlimited lift tickets for two or one round of golf for two on choice of four Boyne Highlands golf courses.

The first 300 participants to pledge \$15 or more will receive an official 2011 Walk for Warmth T-shirt. The walk is a fun event for the entire family and includes a disc jockey, entertainment, face painting, door prizes and great shopping.

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# Markets can mirror Michigan weather

Investors have felt very good as of late because all the major indexes closed at two-year highs.

However, just like we all know this is Michigan and Mother Nature can remind us it is still wintertime at any point — markets can change at the same pace.



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

No doubt when you look over the last two years, the markets have shown incredible strength. However, during that time it hasn't always been blue skies. During the last two-year period there have been numerous times when the markets sold off. In fact, that's the way markets operate. They never go straight down or straight up, they're always zigging and zagging in one direction or the other.

What's also inevitable about markets is this: Every so often there is a correction. I'm not saying the market today is ready for a

correction but I just want to remind investors to use your head. We all want this to be the end of winter; however, we all know Mother Nature will most likely have some surprises. Therefore, before you jump back in the market thinking you can make some fast money, think again.

I want to remind everyone about the opportunity to make IRA contributions, both Roth and Traditional, for 2010. You have until April 15 to make a 2010 IRA contribution. For most people, I recommend Roth IRAs over traditional IRAs, because they allow money to grow tax-free versus tax-deferred. In addition, with a Roth IRA you're not subject to required minimum distributions at the age of 70½.

The downside of a Roth IRA is that the money you are contributing is post-tax money. In a Traditional IRA you get a substantial tax savings up front because you can deduct your contribution. However, when money is withdrawn from the Traditional IRA it is all subject to income tax. I love having money grow

tax-free and the ability to let it grow tax-free for as long as I choose. That is why I am always in favor of Roth IRAs.

While it is not too late to make a 2010 Roth IRA contribution, it's also not too early to make IRA contributions for 2011. The sooner you make the contribution the longer the money grows.

Don't forget that when it comes to investing, it's not picking the best performing investment that will make you successful. What will make you successful is picking the investment that best coordinates with your other investments in your overall investment strategy.

Before you buy anything know exactly what it costs to buy, hold and sell. Successful investors have learned that a key ingredient to higher returns is low-cost investing.

Good luck!

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## CITY OF PLYMOUTH 2011 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Plymouth Board of Review will be conducting the 2011 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Commission Conference Room, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday, March 8, 2011 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 3:00 pm
- Wednesday, March 9, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, March 10, 2011 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 15, 2011 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Monday, March 21, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointments only. COMPLETED 2011 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY, and must be submitted to the Front Office located on the First Floor of City Hall, prior to your appointment. The "Deadline" for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Monday, March 21, 2011.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner. Written petitions must be received by Monday, March 21, 2011 by 3:00 p.m. Postmarks are not accepted.

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

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

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

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC  
City Clerk

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## CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE #2011-01

### AN AMENDMENT TO DIVISION #3, SECTION 34-86 OF THE NOISE ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

That the Code of Ordinances, Division #3, Sections 34-86, 34-87, 34-88, 34-89, 34-90, 34-91, 34-92 and 34-93 of the City of Plymouth, Michigan is hereby amended as follows:

#### DIVISION 3. NOISE ORDINANCE

##### Sec. 34-86. Scope.

Excessive sound and vibration are serious hazards to the public health, welfare safety and quality of life. A substantial body of science and technology exists by which excessive sound and vibration may be substantially abated. The people of Plymouth have a right to and should be ensured an environment free from excessive sound and vibration that may jeopardize their health, welfare or safety or degrade their quality of life. It is the policy of the City of Plymouth to prevent excessive stationary sound and vibration which may jeopardize the health, welfare or safety of its residents or degrade the quality of life. This division shall apply to the control of all stationary sound and vibration originating in the City of Plymouth. This division is not designed to impede any person's First Amendment rights of freedom of speech. This division is not designed to impede the growth or economic health of the commercial or industrial sectors of the City of Plymouth. This division is designed to prohibit excessive sound and vibrations that are hazards to the public health, welfare, safety and quality of life only. (Ord. No. 98-1, B 1, 5-4-98)

##### Sec. 34-87. Applicability.

The provisions of this division apply to all sources of sound except:  
(1) Aircraft in flight or in operation at an airport;  
(2) Railroad equipment in operation on railroad rights-of-way. (Ord. No. 98-1, B 1, 5-4-98)

##### Sec. 34-88. Purpose.

It shall be unlawful for any person to create, assist in creating, permit, continue, or permit the continuance of any excessive, unnecessary, or unusually loud noise, or any noise which annoys or disturbs a reasonable person of normal sensitivities, or which injures, or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace, or safety of others within the City of Plymouth.

##### Sec. 34-89. Definitions.

The following acts, among others are declared to be loud, disturbing, injurious, and unnecessary and unlawful noises in violation of this section, but this enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive. Each such act which either continues or is repeated more than one half hour beyond its inception shall be considered to be and may be prosecuted as multiple separate violations of this ordinance:

1. **Excessive or Unreasonable Noise.** Any sound that is plainly audible for a distance of more than 75 feet from the source. If the sound source under investigation is a sound amplification or reproduction device, the enforcement officer need not determine the title of a song, specific words, or the artist performing the song. The detection of the rhythmic bass component of the music may be sufficient to constitute excessive or unreasonable noise.
2. **Plainly Audible.** Any sound that can be detected by a person using his or her unaided hearing faculties. As an example, if the sound source under investigation is a portable or personal vehicular sound amplification or reproduction device, the detection of the rhythmic bass component of the music is sufficient to verify plainly audible sound. The noise enforcement officer need not determine the title, specific words, or the artist performing the song.
3. **Horns and Signal Devices.** The sounding of any horn or signal device on any automobile, motorcycle, bus, street car or other vehicle while not in motion, except as a danger signal if another vehicle is approaching apparently out of control or to give warning of intent to get under motion, or if in motion, only as a danger signal after or as brakes are being applied and deceleration of the vehicle is intended; the creation by means of any such signal device of any unreasonably loud or harsh sound; and the sounding of such device for an unnecessary and unreasonable period of time.
4. **Radio, Electronic Sound Producing Devices and Musical Instruments.** The playing of any radio, television, compact disk player, tape player, MP3 player, musical instrument, or amplified music or sounds in such a manner or with such volume, at any time or place, so as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of persons in any office, dwelling, hotel or other type of residence, or of any person in the vicinity. The operation of any such musical instruments or electronic sound producing device in such a manner as to be plainly audible for a distance of more than 75 feet from the source shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section.
5. **Loud Vehicles.** The operation of any automobile, truck, motorcycle or other vehicle so out of repair or so loaded or constructed as to cause loud and unnecessary grating, grinding, rattling or other unreasonable noise, including the noise resulting from exhaust, which plainly audible at a distance of 50 feet from the vehicle and unreasonably disturbing to the quiet, comfort or repose of other persons. The modification or elimination of any noise abatement device on any motor vehicle or engine or the failure to maintain the same so that the noise emitted by such vehicle or engine is increased above that emitted by such vehicle as originally manufactured.

6. **Hawking.** The hawking of goods, merchandise or newspapers in a loud and boisterous manner.
7. **Whistle or Siren.** The blowing of any whistle or siren, except to give notice of the time to begin or stop work or as a warning of fire or danger.
8. **Engine Exhaust.** The discharge into the open air of the exhaust of any steam engine, or stationary internal combustion engine or motor vehicle, except through a muffler or other device which effectively prevents loud or explosive noises.
9. **Construction Noises.** The erection (including excavating), demolition, alteration or repair of any building, or the excavation of streets and highways, other than between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., unless a permit therefore is first obtained from the Building Department.
10. **Devices to Attract Attention.** The use of any drum, loud speaker, amplifier, or other instrument or device for the purpose of attracting attention for any purpose.
11. **Places of Public Entertainment.** Except as otherwise permitted by the City Commission as hereinafter, prescribed, the use, operation or permitting the use or operation of any radio or receiving set, musical instrument, phonograph, CD player, MP3 player, amplifier or other machine or device designed for the production or reproduction of sound in such a manner as to disturb the peace, quiet and comfort of others in the vicinity, or with a volume louder than is necessary for convenient hearing for the person or persons who are in the room, vehicle or chamber in which the device is operated and who are voluntary listeners. The operation of any of the above-named devices between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m., or in such a manner that the noise is plainly audible at a distance of 75 feet from the source of the noise will be prima facie evidence of a violation of this subsection. The operation of any of the above named devices between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. is prohibited and a violation of this subsection.

##### Sec. 34-90. Exceptions.

None of the prohibitions herein shall apply to or be enforced against:

1. **Emergency Vehicles.** Any authorized police, fire or emergency medical vehicle while engaged in emergency activities.
2. **Highway and Utility Maintenance and Construction.** Necessary excavations or repairs of bridges, streets or highways by or any public utility installation by or on behalf of the City, County, County Road Commission, or any public utility or agency of the State, during the night or on Sunday, when the public safety, welfare and convenience necessitates the performance of the work at such time.
3. **Public Address.** The reasonable use of stationary amplifiers or loud speakers for public addresses which are non-commercial in character or for business or commercial purposes so long as they do not unreasonably disturb persons on adjacent noncommercial property.
4. **City Approved Activities.** City approved or sponsored events, parades, festivals or fairs.
5. **Athletic, musical, or cultural activities or events (including practices and rehearsals)** conducted by or under the auspices of public or private schools.

##### Sec. 34-91. Liability of owner, lessee, or occupant.

If the person responsible for an activity which violates this division cannot be determined, the owner, lessee or occupant of the property on which the activity is located shall be deemed responsible for the violation. A person found responsible under this division shall be guilty of a civil infraction punishable by a fine of \$50.00 to \$500.00 plus costs. For a second offense within a two-year period, the fine shall be \$100.00 to \$500.00 plus costs. For third and subsequent offenses within a two-year period, the fine shall be \$200.00 to \$500.00 plus costs. (Ord. No. 98-1, B 1, 5-4-98)

##### Sec. 34-92. Electronically amplified sound systems in vehicles

No person operating or in control of a parked or moving vehicle, including motorcycles and mopeds, shall operate or permit the operation of an electronically amplified sound system in or on the vehicle so as to produce sound that is *plainly audible* more than 50 feet from the vehicle, except when a specific permit is first granted by the city commission. The term *plainly audible* shall mean any sound that can be detected by a person using his or her unaided hearing faculties.

##### Sec. 34-93. Violations and fine Schedule.

Any person who shall violate subsection 34-92, except when a specific permit is first granted by the City Commission or when one of the exceptions enumerated in subsection 34-90 shall be found to apply, shall be guilty of a civil infraction. The fine schedule for violations of section 34-92 occurring within one calendar year will be as follows:

- First Offense.....\$70.00
- Second Offense...\$100.00
- Third Offense.....\$200.00
- Fourth Offense and subsequent violations...\$500.00

(Ord. No. 2000-03, 7-17-00)

This Ordinance shall become effective twenty-one (21) days after final adoption.

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Adopted: 1/17/2011

Effective: 2/06/2011

DANIEL DWYER LINDA LANGMESSER, CMC  
MAYOR CITY CLERK

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## PLYMOUTH CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PLYMOUTH, MI 48170

### SECTION 00010 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID EXTENSION

Sealed bids for the Alternative Energy Solutions Projects for Plymouth Canton Community Schools' Bid Package #4 consisting of:

#### Canton High School ERU & Chiller Replacement

will be received until **10:00 A.M., local time on Tuesday, March 8, 2011** at which time they will be opened and read publicly at Plymouth Canton Community School, E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170. Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened.

Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

This Bid Package will consist of a separate sealed bid for the following Bid Division(s):

#### Bid Division Description

#### BD 115 Metal Studs & Plaster (Project A only)

Bidding documents prepared by **TMP Associates, Inc.** will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith Inc.**, 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335; FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; Daily; Builders Exchange, Lansing and Reed Construction Data, Novi, MI.

Bidders may obtain one (1) set of bidding documents by contacting the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith Inc.**, at (248) 427-8400. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith Inc.** The bid division being bid is to be identified on the outside of the envelope.

All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00300) and the Proposal Execution Form (Section 00400). **The Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted.**

**There will not be a pre-bid meeting as this is a bid extension**

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

The Board of Education for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

**Project A is being funded thru the District's Qualified School Construction Bond and labor rates will be in accordance with Federal Davis Bacon Wage Rates.**

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## OUR VIEWS

# Donate blood

## Supplies low, need great

After Chrysler's Super Bowl ad featuring Eminem, the world has been reminded of what we do best in metro-Detroit: Manufacture.

However, there is one thing nobody can manufacture. Blood.

And supplies took a major hit with the recent winter storms, which led to the cancellation of over 300 blood drives and a shortfall of more than 14,000 pints of blood since the year began.

Worse yet, the American Red Cross' supply of type O-negative (the universal type of which only 7 percent of the population has) is at critical levels.

And just in case you're sitting on the fence about donating, take note of these facts:

**Don't think that you need a special reason to give blood — you just need your own reason. Some people give because they're asked to by a friend.**

- Adults have about 10 pints of blood in their body; one pint is given during donation.
- One pint of blood can save up to three lives.
- Some 5 million patients in the U.S. need blood every year.
- Donors can give blood every 56 days.
- One out of 10 people admitted to the hospital needs blood.
- Every two seconds someone in our country needs blood.

"Fifteen years ago, when I started for the American Red Cross, 70 percent of the population was eligible to donate," said Diane Risko, who works out of the Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region on Mack Avenue in Detroit. "Today, only 38 percent are eligible to donate due to donor criteria. Of that 38 percent, less than 5 percent donate blood.

"Ten percent of our population is over 69 years old, yet this group uses about 50 percent of all whole blood and red blood cells transfused."

Don't think that you need a special reason to give blood — you just need your own reason. Some people give because they're asked to by a friend. Or maybe you know a family member or friend who might need blood some day. Others just believe it's the right thing to do.

It doesn't matter why. What does matter is that the need is constant and contributions are necessary for a healthy, reliable supply of blood.

And it doesn't hurt knowing you'll feel good helping change lives. But there are other benefits, too. As a donor, you'll get a mini-physical to check your pulse, blood pressure, body temperature and hemoglobin.

So now that we've convinced why you should donate, here's some things to do prior:

- Drink plenty of fluids the day of your donation.
- Wear sleeves that can be rolled up above the elbow.
- Include iron-rich foods in your diet a few weeks before donating.
- Bring a list of any medications you take.
- Bring your donor card (if you have one), driver's license or two other forms of identification.

Donating is simple, too. The entire process takes about an hour, although the actual donation averages just 10 minutes. After registering, your health history will be reviewed and you'll get a mini-physical. Then you're ready to donate. After a pint of blood has been taken, you can relax with a snack and drink and be on your way in about 15 minutes. You should continue to hydrate yourself and avoid heavy lifting or exercise for the rest of the day.

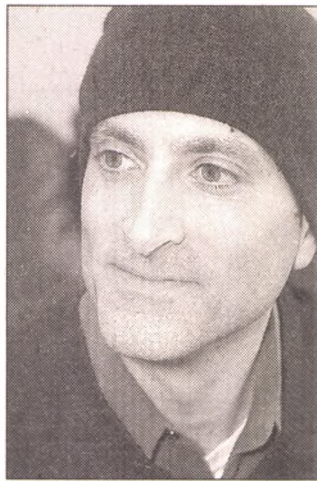
If you're not sure you're eligible to donate, call (866) 236-3276. And now 16-year-olds can donate blood with a signed parental consent form. Call Risko to obtain a form and to schedule an appointment at (313) 549-7052. Walk-ins will be taken when possible.

Pretty simple, don't you think?

## COMMUNITY VOICE

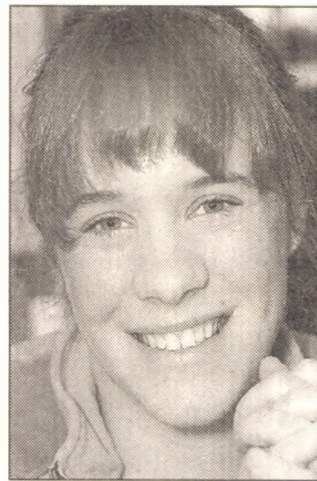
### What was your first thought when you saw all the snow on the ground this morning?

We asked this question Monday at the Plymouth Coffee Bean Co. in downtown Plymouth.



**"Awesome. I just like snow. ... Prefer not to shovel."**

John Chick  
Plymouth



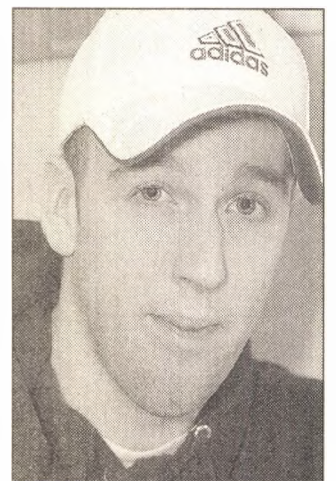
**"It's gonna take me forever to get my car out. And, 'Is my midterm canceled?' Which it was."**

Megan Seiler  
Plymouth Township



**"Excitement. I love snow and I like making money by out everybody's driveways."**

Chase Roland  
Plymouth



**"It's going to take a long time to get my car out."**

Jeff Holloway  
Plymouth

## LETTERS

### Fire deal concerns

After reading the recent articles regarding the cuts the Plymouth Community Fire Department is facing, I must say I am very concerned and rather frustrated that poor management may have such a negative impact on the system.

My primary concern is regarding one of the options that seems to be getting stronger attention than others: relying on and compensating surrounding communities for emergency services. Common sense alone shows that this will greatly lengthen response time, and this would be putting an even greater burden on the communities that already so graciously help the PCFD around our community on occasion with the current understaffed department.

Perhaps it's time elected officials listen to what has been offered by the fire department. According to recent articles in the Observer, an estimated \$400,000+ could be made by transporting patients on medical runs. Additionally, I'm a bit concerned the concessions offered were referred to as "too little too late," when drastic restructuring or even eliminations chosen by elected officials remains an alternative.

I understand the economy means tough choices must be made, but with the township already contributing three-fourths of the budget for the current PCFD as well as the projected income from medical runs plus the concessions agreed to by the PCFD, I'm failing to see why the changes need to include eliminating so many positions in the department.

Matt Ankrapp  
Plymouth

### Museum success

The Plymouth Historical Museum's first-ever Museumania! benefit was a great success!

On behalf of the Plymouth Historical Society's Board of Directors, I would like to thank the generous Plymouth community for all of its support in making this a memorable and profitable event. The business community was incredibly generous with donations of auction and raffle items, as were a number of friends of the museum.

For the first time in many years, we took our biggest fundraiser outside of the Museum and held it at The Inn at St. John's, where ambiance is abundant. The staff at St. John's was fantastic, as was the food! Special thanks go to all of the hard-working volunteers and employees of the Plymouth Historical Museum for making this a grand event!

We now look forward to an even bigger and better benefit next year!

Elizabeth K. Kerstens  
executive director  
Plymouth Historical Museum

### Something's not right

Regarding the story in the Plymouth Observer on Feb. 10 of the water rate increase of 40 percent to Plymouth Township:

The residents of Plymouth Township have been asked to reduce our water usage during peak hours to avoid rate hikes. It seems that every year when the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department sets its water rates, Plymouth Township gets hit with the highest rate increase, this year it's 40.1 percent. I don't understand the logic behind these increase Acting water department director Darryl

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats.

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Blog: You may also let your opinions be heard with your own blog at www.hometownlife.com.

Latimer stated in the Detroit Free Press on Feb. 2 that declining water usage across the region was the primary driver for the rate increases. Recently Plymouth Township added a second water tower in order to purchase water at the off-peak lower rate and use it during peak hours to avoid rate hikes. Did Plymouth Township conserve so much water that it was responsible for this increase? But then if our water usage goes up, we are told it's because we used too much water during peak periods.

Is it possible that Plymouth Township is using that much more water than our neighboring communities? Canton Township has three times the population of Plymouth Township, yet Canton's increase is only 10.3 percent. Is it possible that Plymouth Township is taking more showers, flushing more toilets and watering more lawns than Canton Township?

Treasurer Ron Edwards stated that he was concerned that this increase would affect the economic growth of this community. Mr. Edwards also stated that he fears Absopure Water Corp., which purifies water and sells it under several different labels, would leave the township if the price of water gets too high. Is it possible that Absopure's high water consumption to conduct their operations may be part of the cause for these higher than average rate increases?

I don't know what the answer is but something's not right.

Fred Portelli  
Plymouth Township

### Conservative 'compassion'

I can't help but notice that the only time conservatives seem to care about African Americans is when they can exploit them for political causes.

How interesting that the scenarios created by Live Action feature black people as pimps and prostitutes. Could featuring a white, female minor not convey the same point? I won't even touch upon the underhanded tactics, questionable funding and selective editing of Live Action "footage." Alice Jo Rainville mentions the Live Action videos in her Feb. 17 letter and goes on to suggest that Planned Parenthood is a modern eugenics organization.

Margaret Sanger was certainly off her rocker, but suggesting that the sentiment behind her actions is what motivates Planned Parenthood today is a bold-faced lie. Perhaps Ms. Rainville is unaware that the

Hyde Amendment of 1976 blocked all federal funds for abortion — yes, your "taxpayer" dollars only funded abortion from 1973 to 1976. Perhaps she is also unaware that HR. 217 is a sweeping act that cuts funding for "any entity that performs abortions, and for other purposes." "For other purposes" happens to include breast cancer screenings, STI and HIV testing, pregnancy education and counseling and cervical cancer screenings. Some "culture of life" that is.

I am tired of hearing about the compassion of conservatives when they have so little interest in helping marginalized populations. I am currently a second-year medical student in Detroit. Almost every free clinic in the city will be affected by this legislation — whether or not they perform abortion. Pregnant teenagers will go without prenatal care and homeless folks may never receive treatment for curable STIs.

When I graduate from medical school I hope that the government has no role in the physician-patient decision-making process. I never want to look my patient in the eye and tell her I cannot help her — especially if the only issue is lack of access. All choices a woman makes with regard to her reproductive health should be between her, her physician and her God.

Em Ketterer  
Plymouth

### Special treat

I love sharing information about the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities with people in our community.

However, being asked to introduce the "African American History Through Artist Eyes" field trip to all fifth-grade students in the entire PCCS district at the Village Theater was a very special treat.

It was a great feeling knowing that we made learning fun with a performance that combined the arts with history. Not to mention the event was free for these students, because of generous grant funding from Comerica Bank, DTE Energy and Target through the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, as well as the State of Michigan - Michigan Council for the Arts.

We are making a difference! Visit us at: www.partnershipforarts.org.

Jill Engel  
executive director  
Partnership for the Arts and Humanities

### Working class hurt

I read with great interest Gov. Rick Snyder's budget overhaul. It does not take a genius to see that again the business party (Republicans) have put together a budget that hurts the working class, poor and elderly.

As for "no tax increases," how is that being disguised when there is new taxes on pensioners and all those who use an IRA in retirement? Those new taxes will come from people who are on fixed incomes, who see costs of medicine, food, and gas rising almost daily. It was not surprising that the Chamber of Commerce gleefully endorses this budget.

When will people see this for what it is. Republicans, if you genuinely believe in no new tax increases, then you will not support this pension tax.

Les Weiguin  
Southfield

## ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS



The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues, In Your Voices. Find more comments or join the discussion on the Web at hometownlife.com.

### • In response to "Colbeck bill would create 'Freedom Week,'"

"Get the recall petitions ready. Will he violate his no tax pledge? Will he vote to tax seniors pensions both public and private? Will he vote to repeal the EITC and raise taxes on the working poor? He will vote to repeal the MBT but then will he vote to replace it with a 6% corporate tax? How do you think the public employees will come out when he takes the axe to their benefits and salary? Public school teachers already know how to teach their classes, although it appears he slept through these classes when he was in school and only rediscovered our founding documents a couple of years ago. Will he support cutting over \$400 per student for education while rewriting teachers' lesson plans? Nice he got a picture with his minister on the senate floor though. Write him, call him and e-mail him with your opinions on these questions. Silence is consent. Don't worry about him too much though, cause 'where God guides, he provides.'"

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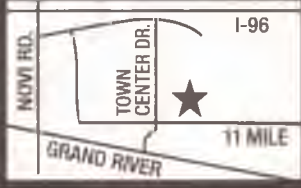
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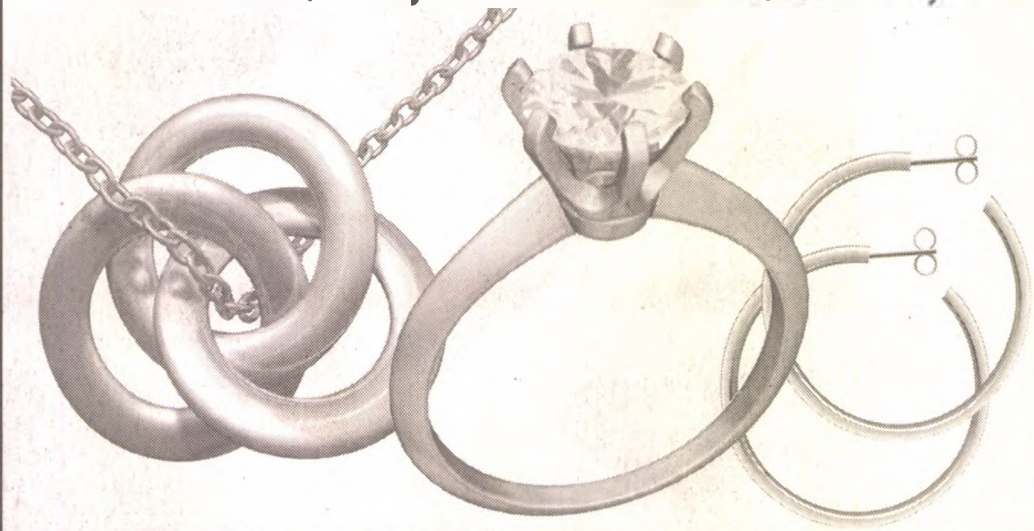
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\$5.00 1834 to 1838.....up to.....	\$1,000.....	\$10,000
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# Canton downs Rockets to win conference title

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For three quarters Tuesday, Westland John Glenn gave Canton all it could handle in the KLA A girls basketball tournament semifinal.

But then the state-ranked Chiefs went to work.

Canton turned a 36-35 lead after three frames into a 54-36 victory — not allowing the visiting Rockets to muster a single point in the fourth.

With the win, the Chiefs (17-2, 11-0 in the KLA A) will host 17-2 Grand Blanc in the KLA A tourney championship game. That game will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday.

John Glenn dropped to 16-3 overall, with all losses at the hands of the Chiefs.

"We're at the point of the year, that's a great game to have," said Canton head coach Brian Samulski, about the 32-minute physical battle that just took place. "You're going to have games like this all the time (in the playoffs) and you want to play the best people."

"It was good to play them (Rockets), they're a great team."

John Glenn head coach Mark Anderson said his team stayed with the Chiefs until the telltale fourth. The physical play of Joslyn Massey (10 points, 12 rebounds) was a key to the Rockets' success to that point.

"We really wanted to match Canton's toughness," Anderson said. "They are a mentally and physically tough, tough team. And we just wanted to come out and match that."

"Maybe early in the fourth quarter we kind of lost our intensity, we weren't matching

their physical play."

Power forward Andrea Gordon-McClain fouled out in the fourth and guard Erica Covile played much of the second half with four fouls, but Anderson said that didn't cause the Rockets' late slump.

"They (Chiefs) were in foul trouble, too," said Anderson, referring to senior guard Melanie Pickert, on the bench much of the game due to foul trouble.

Canton senior forward Kayla Bridges, who scored nine points, reentered the game to open the final stanza and soon thereafter senior forward Kari Schmitt (eight points, five rebounds) canned a short hook shot to put the Chiefs ahead to stay at 37-36.

## CHANGING THE PACE

But she laughed when asked if she was Canton's secret weapon in the 19-0 final frame.

"I think we were very patient in the fourth quarter," Bridges said. "We made them play defense for a long time and that's what Brian kept telling us to do. Wait for the perfect opening, don't take quick shots."

"And that's what we did. We waited, got really good shots and wore them down."

Junior guard Robyn Mack (seven points, three steals) scored back-to-back buckets about two minutes into the quarter to make it a 42-36 advantage.

And with the Rockets trying to employ a half-court press, the Chiefs managed to circumvent that by throwing long passes to wide-open senior

Please see **BASKETBALL, B2**



This physical battle between Canton's Kayla Bridges (No. 33) and Westland John Glenn's Joslyn Massey (No. 21) was one of many during Tuesday's KLA A girls basketball semifinal.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# Plymouth falls in OT

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Having dug themselves too deep of a hole Monday night, Plymouth's bid for a KLA A tournament championship came a bit short.

The top seed in the KLA A South, turnovers and missed free throws plagued host Plymouth in a 76-71 overtime loss to KLA A Central leading Novi in a conference semifinal boys basketball game.

"We played really well,"

Plymouth head coach

Mike Soukup said. "But we turned it over late a couple times, uncharacteristically."

Soukup's Wildcats trailed 49-35 at halftime, but sparked by hot shooting from seniors Mike Nadratowski (27 points), Brennen Beyer (20 points) and Pat Salo (17 points) helped close the gap to 62-57 in the fourth.

Plymouth then forced OT with a 7-2 run in the final minutes of regulation.

But the visiting Wildcats came out storming in overtime, scoring the first six points. Plymouth simply could not recover from that and dropped to 13-5 on the season.

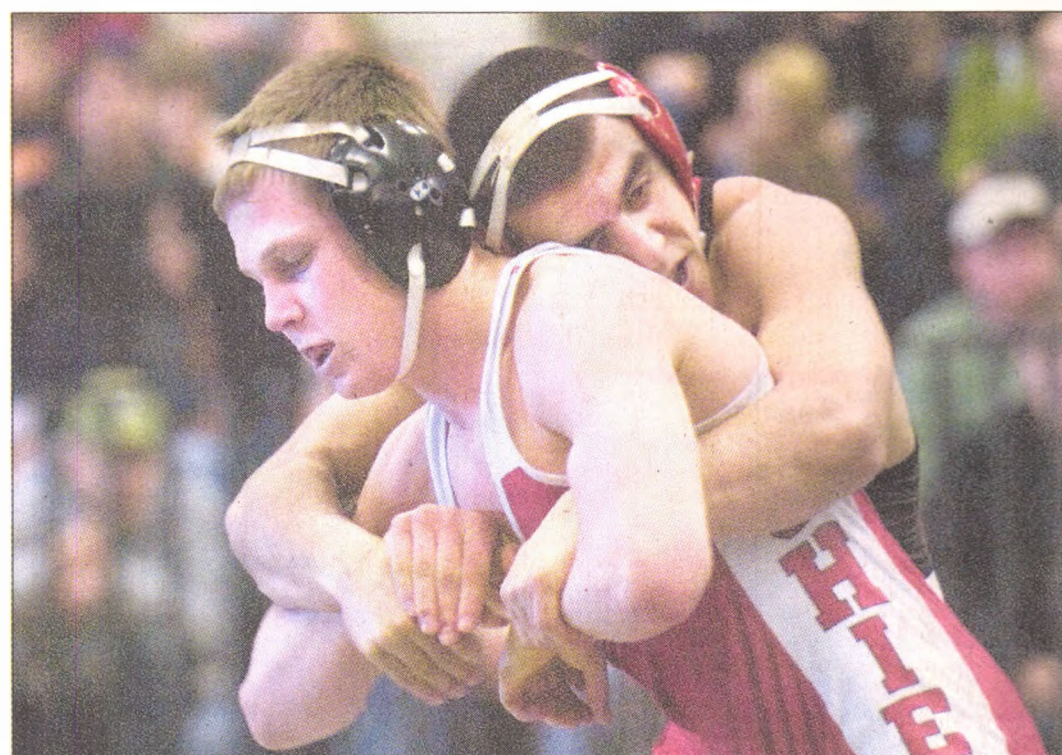
Novi's Samer Ozeir paced his team to victory with 22 points and 16 rebounds, while Brady Sheldon chipped in with 19 points.

According to Soukup, his team was hampered by an 11-for-23 performance at the free-throw line.

"We didn't shoot the ball well from the line," Soukup said. "That's too many points on the board we didn't get."

Novi (15-3) will await the winner of Wednesday night's matchup between Salem and Livonia Stevenson, a game moved twice due to the aftermath of Sunday's snowstorm. The conference championship game will take place Friday.

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Canton's Zach Marsh (left) and Livonia Churchill's Jonny Bannoura battle it out in a second-round bout during Saturday's Division 1 individual regionals at Plymouth.

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# Chiefs send five to Palace

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

## INDIVIDUAL REGIONALS

Novi-Detroit Catholic Central continues to be the cream of the crop at team and individual wrestling tournaments.

But Canton's Chiefs are starting to close the gap on the Shamrocks.

At Saturday's Division 1 state individual wrestling regionals at Plymouth High School, Catholic Central led the field with seven individual champions.

But Canton wasn't far behind, with five out of six who wrestled qualifying for the March 3-5 individual state finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills. The Chiefs racked up three individual champions.

Both Plymouth and Salem will have two wrestlers competing at the finals.

"I'm definitely happy but at the same time sad because I wanted to get all six out," Chiefs head coach Cory

Mancuso said. "But five out of six is pretty good, we'll take it."

The top four finishers in each weight won medals along with making the cut for the DI finals.

## NO SURPRISES

In one of the day's highly anticipated matchups, Canton senior Anthony Abro remained undefeated with his 5-3 victory over CC's Miles Trealout in the 189-pound bout. Both athletes had to sweat out a grueling six minutes.

Please see **WRESTLING, B3**

# Whalers rebound from tough loss

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Whalers got right back on the bike.

After giving up four third-period goals Friday night to lose 7-5 at Windsor, the Whalers bounced back in Saturday's rematch at Compuware Arena with a 4-3 victory.

With the win, before a sellout crowd of 3,923, the Whalers climbed to where they were before Friday's game — one point behind Windsor for fourth in the OHL Western Conference.

The Whalers improved to 31-21-1-3, good for 66 points entering Sunday's game at Saginaw. (After a 3-2 shootout loss to the Spirit, Plymouth caught Windsor in the points column with 67.)

"(The key) was just getting off to a good start and we got the first goal, which was huge," Plymouth assistant coach Don Elland said. "But even before the first goal we carried the play a lot."

"I think everybody knew that we had to have a good effort tonight after the way we played last night."

Plymouth forward Tyler Brown, who scored his 23rd goal and assisted on two others, concurred with Elland about Saturday's game being an important gut check of sorts.

"All the captains talked about it before the game," Brown said. "We've been losing games going in the third when we have a lead."

"We talked about it and knew we had to play good with the lead and play a good defensive game in the third."

## HAMMER TIME

Brown and his teammates got after it from the opening face-off, outshooting Windsor 17-7 in the first period and going up 1-0 on winger RJ Mahalak's marker (from Brown and forward Robbie Czarnik).

"We just hammered their D all night, that's their weakness," Brown said. "We know their D don't want to get pucks so we wanted to chip pucks in, hammer their D and it worked



Following the play are Plymouth's Tyler Brown (No. 12) and Windsor's Taylor Carnevale (No. 77).

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out well for us."

Hard work paid off with Mahalak's goal. Czarnik centered the puck from behind the net and Mahalak backhanded the puck inside the left post with 4:05 left in the frame.

Windsor (31-20-2-3, 67 points) came out skating in the second, however, and the Spitfires evened things up at 1-1 at the 8:28 mark.

Defenseman Ryan Ellis threaded a pass from the left boards in front of Plymouth netminder Scott Wedgewood. Both Kenny Ryan and Derek Lanoue crashed the net and Lanoue was credited with the goal.

But forward James Livingston, like Brown one of Plymouth's assistant captains in on the pregame confab, scored at 15:11 to give the Whalers a 2-1 lead.

Livingston rushed down the right wing and

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Canton senior guard Melanie Pickert (No. 15) gets up to a loose ball before John Glenn players Kiara Barnes (No. 11) and Joslyn Massey (No. 21) can.

# Wildcats make best of shorthanded situation

BY TIM SMITH  
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Plymouth hockey coach Paul Fassbender juggled his suspension-depleted lineup and adjusted on the fly Saturday afternoon against Lakeland in a KLAAs crossover at Canton Arctic Edge.

After the Eagles scored on the game's first shift, the Wildcats got back on track and earned a 4-3 victory to improve to 7-8-8 overall and 5-3-4 in the KLAAs.

"They made it look real easy and got us focused real fast," said Fassbender, about Lakeland scoring off the opening face-off.

With six players suspended due to the Feb. 15 postgame fight with Canton, Fassbender's squad was gassed after the first period.

But they didn't quit. Sophomore forward Mitch Claggert got Plymouth on the board, from senior forward

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Sean Smiatacz and senior defenseman Tyler Lazorka. Smiatacz then lit the lamp, finishing a play started by freshman defenseman Kyle Bauer and senior blueliner Justin Bauer.

Scoring the Wildcats final two goals was senior defenseman Kevin Matusiak. Earning single assists were Justin Bauer and junior defenseman Nate Stemberger, while sophomore defenseman Cameron Nadell assisted on both of Matusiak's markers.

Plymouth obviously caught a second wind following the first period and wound up outshooting Lakeland 32-11.

Fassbender said it was a challenging game to coach, because he had to move three defensemen to forward to create a third line while rotating players back to defense to maintain fresh legs in the final stanza.

"We played really well," Fassbender said. "These last two games are going to be very difficult, but we need to use them to figure out how to play with a short bench come play-off time."

"... Games are sometimes the best learning experience." **CANTON 4, PINCKNEY 2:** The Chiefs — minus six suspended players — also came out on the winning side in a KLAAs crossover game Saturday at Arctic Edge.

Seniors Matt Rodgers (one goal, one assist) and AJ Rosales (two assists) keyed the Canton attack.

Other goal scorers were senior Josh Dickson, senior Matti Prasdorf (an unassisted goal) and junior Matt Schlieger, from senior Jordan Smith and junior Taylor Baker.

Stopping 25 shots in goal was junior netminder Spencer Craig.

**SALEM 5, HARTLAND 3:** Also at Arctic Edge Saturday, junior

forward Mark McGee scored four goals to spark the Rocks to victory.

Salem broke out to a 5-1 lead after two periods and completely dominated the middle stanza, outshooting the Indians 18-2.

Starting the scoring for Salem was sophomore forward Alek Zultowski, with senior forward Ryan Quigley collecting one of his two assists.

Then it was all McGee, scoring four straight goals including a natural hat trick. Two of the goals came on the power play.

"Mark has a very heavy shot, and when he gets the opportunity to shoot, we know good things are going to happen," said Salem head coach Ryan Ossennmacher, whose team improved to 16-5-2 overall.

Senior forward Connor Berlin assisted on two of McGee's goals.

Zultowski tallied one helper, as did senior defenseman Garrett Berg.

## BASKETBALL

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forward CarolAnn Sexauer (10 points) at the other basket.

She easily deposited four layups over a two-minute span to blow the game wide open.

The Schmitt twins kept Canton close in the early going, each scoring six points in the first (which ended 13-12 John Glenn).

Senior forward Sara Schmitt, who led all scorers with 20 points, also played strong down low in the second quarter. Her eight points in the quarter sparked Canton's 17-10 margin, giving the Chiefs a 29-23 halftime lead.

But John Glenn owned the third quarter, as the game's pace quickened to Samulski's chagrin.

"For the most part, I thought we defended well and played well," Samulski said. "The third quarter I thought we

started playing a little fast and turned it over too much."

With about 5:33 left in the third, John Glenn guard Kiara Barnes (nine points) converted a three-point play to cut the deficit to 31-26.

Erica Covile (10 points, four boards) scored a couple buckets and Shakeya Graves' spinning jumper in the paint put the Rockets back on top, 36-35 in the final seconds.

However, Samulski must have flipped the switch before the fourth began, because momentum swung back to Canton in a big way.

"I just think they are a well-coached team, a well-disciplined team and I mean, we got after them," Anderson said. "I knew three things were going to happen today.

"Either we were going to win or we were going to lose, but I definitely knew win or lose we were going to get better. I know we got better today."

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ripped a shot high into the twine, beating Windsor goalie Jack Campbell on the stick side.

### BACK ON HIS GAME

Windsor fired 18 shots at Wedgewood in the second, and he helped Plymouth maintain that 2-1 edge going into the third.

Wedgewood, victimized Friday, came back with a solid, 34-save performance.

"I thought he (Wedgewood) was outstanding," Elland said. "I thought he played really well.

"It was tough for him in the first period because they didn't have many chances. But when they did get chances he held us in there."

Brown provided a 3-1 cushion, scoring his 23rd of the season at 5:22 of the third stanza.



WALT DMOCH

Whalers goalie Scott Wedgewood (No. 29) and defenseman Nick Malysa (No. 4) try to stymie Windsor's Kenny Ryan during Saturday's OHL game.

He beat Campbell (42 saves) with a low shot from the bottom rim of the right circle. Defenseman Curtis Crombeen collected one of his two assists on the play and

forward Stefan Noesen also tallied a helper.

But the Spitfires did not go quietly. Ellis scored at 16:16 on a snap shot from inside the blue line that caromed

off a Plymouth player past Wedgewood.

With Plymouth nursing that 3-2 lead and Windsor pressing for a tie and all-important point, Czarnik scored an empty netter with 25 seconds left to ice the victory.

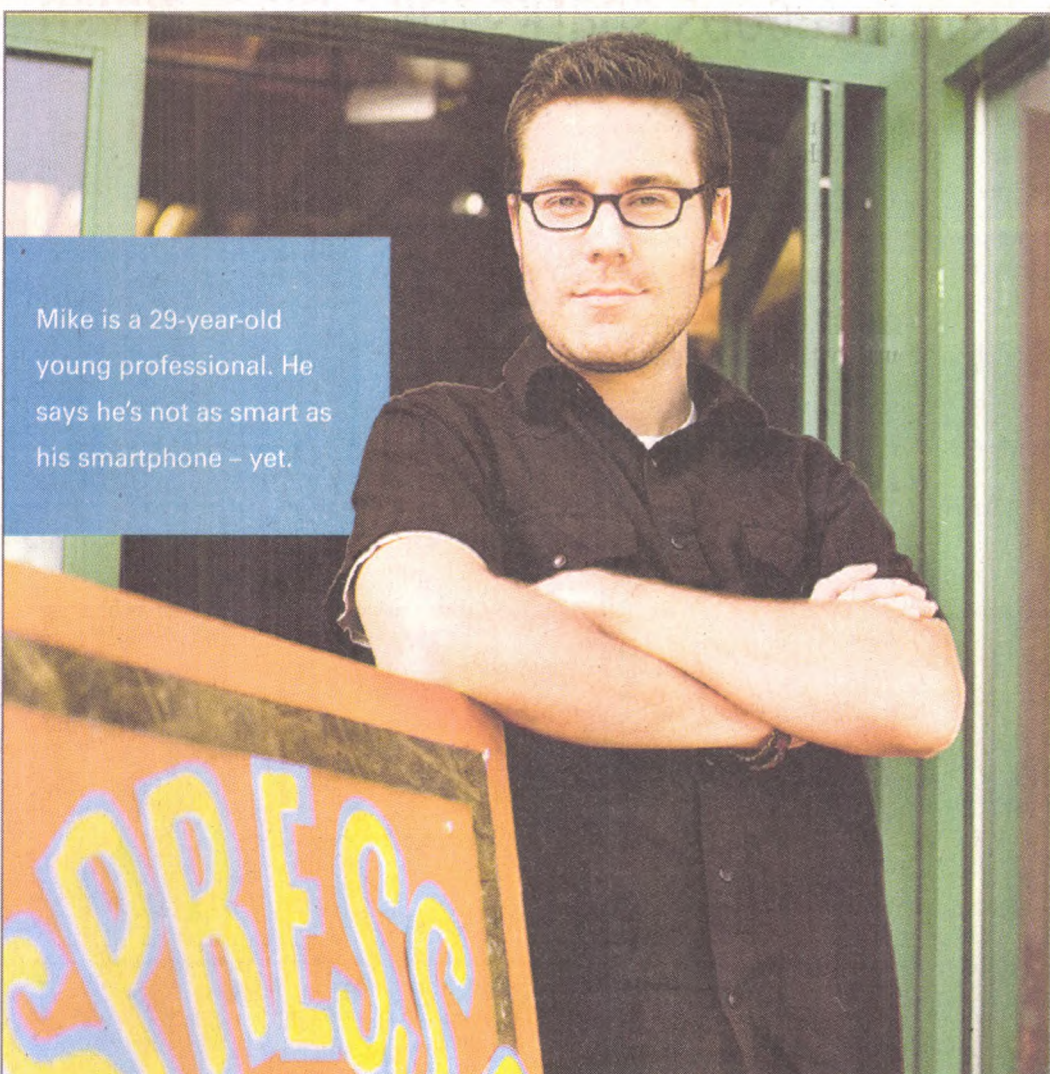
Brown dove at his blueline to clear the puck. Czarnik gathered it in the neutral zone, skated around a defenseman and flicked the puck home.

Windsor's final goal, with 9.3 seconds left, was scored by Jeff Brown. He tapped in a cross-crease pass from Zack Kassian.

### Thanking the billets

Plymouth's dedicated billets, local families who share their homes with Whaler players throughout the season, will be recognized prior to Saturday's 7 p.m. game against London at Computware Arena. One of those host families will be featured in Sunday's Observer.

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# Swimmers strong in division meets

BY TIM SMITH  
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Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity boys swim teams finished at or near the top of their respective division meets Feb. 18-19.

Canton won the KLAAs South meet, at Westland John Glenn, with 519 points. The Chiefs were followed by Westland John Glenn (492) and third-place Plymouth, with 482 points.

It was a record-breaking showing for the Chiefs.

The quartet of Jay Jin, Jacob Dillon, Victor Zhang and Evan Champine set a meet record in the 200-yard medley relay, finishing in 1:43.82 seconds.

Jin (200 IM, 500 freestyle) and Zhang (200 free, 100 breaststroke) also set meet records in two individual events each.

Another winner for Canton was the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Mike Carlson, Jin, Christopher Krebs and Adrian Simion.

Plymouth's Ethan Christensen (100 butterfly) and Alex Jouney (100 free) were victorious in one event each.

The Wildcats registered four second-place finishes.

Meanwhile Salem was runner-up to Northville in the KLAAs Central meet, hosted by South Lyon. The Rocks tallied 455 points.

Sparking the Rocks was the trio of Adam Seroka, Matt Collingwood and Jason Zhang, who each tallied firsts in one individual race and one relay.

Seroka, Collingwood, Zhang and Max Mills won the 400-free relay with a time of 3:18.09.

Individual wins were scored by Seroka (200 free, 1:45.42); Collingwood (50 free, 22.02) and Zhang (500 free, 5:02.49).

Veteran Salem head coach Chuck Olson said the Rocks had a strong showing "with everyone on the team participating (and) still able to swim personal bests in (almost) every swim."

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## BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING RESULTS

### KLAAs SOUTH DIVISION BOYS SWIM MEET

Feb. 18-19 at Westland John Glenn  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Canton, 519 points; 2. Westland John Glenn, 492; 3. Plymouth, 482; 4. Livonia Churchill, 335; 5. Wayne Memorial, 217; 6. Livonia Franklin, 203.

### FINAL EVENT RESULTS

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Canton (Jay Jin, Jacob Dillon, Victor Zhang, Evan Champine), 1:43.82 (meet record); 2. Plymouth (Cameron Earls, Alex Jouney, Ethan Christensen, Adam Liakos), 1:44.06; 3. John Glenn (Joey Wakeford, Nick Stevens, Paul Gutu, Ryan Boes), 1:48.69; 4. Wayne, 1:49.41; 5. Churchill, 1:51.02; 6. Franklin, 1:53.98.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Zhang (Canton), 1:45.94 (meet record); 2. Josh Wakeford (WJG), 1:54.01; 3. James Scott (LF), 1:54.23; 4. Adrian Simion (Canton), 1:54.56; 5. Zach Koch (P), 1:54.98; 6. Jake Ferguson (WJG), 1:57.67.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Jin (Canton), 2:05.69 (meet record); 2. David Vincentini (LC), 2:08.78; 3. Christensen (P), 2:12.46; 4. Brandon Larkins (LF), 2:12.57; 5. Nick Weber (P), 2:13.86; 6. Christopher Krebs (Canton), 2:17.95.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Gutu (WJG), 22.96; 2. Liakos (P), 23.01; 3. Zachary Williamson (WM), 23.19; 4. Mike Carlson (Canton), 23.21; 5. Kyle Mikols (LF), 23.34; 6. Evan Champine (Canton), 23.54.

**1-meter diving:** 1. Alan Robinson (LC), 342.05 (meet record); 2. Ryan Kilgore (Canton), 312.90; 3. Connor McManus (P), 278.30; 4. Chris Sharp (LC), 271.60; 5. Connor Monroe (WJG), 258.45; 6. Ainsworth Orr (WJG), 248.20.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Christensen (P), 56.17; 2. Earls (P), 58.21; 3. Gutu (WJG), 1:01.07; 4.

Jonathan Marceau (Canton), 1:04.5; 5. Kenny Denstead (LC), 1:04.93; 6. Nick Williams (WM), 1:05.05.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Jouney (P), 51.01; 2. Liakos (P), 51.18; 3. Joey Wakeford (WJG), 51.74; 4. Carlson (Canton), 51.79; 5. Champine (Canton), 53.42; 6. Franklin Oiu (LC), 53.66.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Jin (Canton), 4:58.29 (meet record); 2. Ferguson (WJG), 5:09.29; 3. Koch (P), 5:10.19; 4. James (LF), 5:10.41; 5. Josh Wakeford (WJG), 5:12.79; 6. Derik Atzinger (LC), 5:27.37.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. John Glenn (Gutu, Dave Vader, Josh Wakeford, Joey Wakeford), 1:32.0 (meet record); 2. Canton (Carlson, Dillon, Champine, Zhang), 1:32.08; 3. Plymouth (Earls, Jouney, Christensen, Liakos), 1:34.06; 4. Franklin, 1:37.35; 4. Churchill, 1:40.08; 6. Wayne, 1:42.18.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Joey Wakeford (WJG), 56.39; 2. Simion (Canton), 58.85; 3. Earls (P), 59.53; 4. Williamson (WM), 1:00.64; 5. Krebs (Canton), 1:02.54; 6. Brad Johns (LC), 1:03.88.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Zhang (Canton), 1:01.5 (meet record); 2. Vincentini (LC), 1:04.24; 2. Corey Robbins (WM), 1:05.1; 4. Larkins (LF), 1:06.02; 5. Jouney (P), 1:06.24; 6. Dillon (Canton), 1:09.07.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Canton (Carlson, Jin, Krebs, Simion), 3:30.16; 2. John Glenn (Vader, Ferguson, Stevens, Josh Wakeford), 3:36.42; 3. Plymouth (Koch, Austin Ryan, Kyle Strobel, Weber), 3:45.41; 4. Churchill, 3:45.8; 5. Wayne, 3:46.59; 6. John Glenn, 3:48.04.

### KLAAs CENTRAL DIVISION BOYS SWIM MEET

Feb. 18-19 at Northville  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Northville, 643 points; 2. Salem, 455; 3. Novi, 439; 4. Livonia

Stevenson, 376; 5. South Lyon, 286.

### FINAL EVENT RESULTS

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Stevenson (John Ferrara, Jake McNamara, Kellen Schoff, Adam Ferrara), 1:41.24; 4. Salem (Jeremy Wellman, Turner Solterman, Eric Li, Matt Collingwood), 1:44.83; 6. Salem (Jason Zhang, Smaran Bhaktawara, Jerry Bai, Kyle Stoklitz), 1:46.88.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Adam Seroka (S), 1:45.42; 4. Max Mills (S), 1:50.35.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Joon Chung (Novi), 1:57.64; 4. J. Zhang (S), 2:05.13.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Collingwood (S), 22.02; 5. Brandon Bielicki (LS), 23.11.

**1-meter diving:** 1. Kevin Bain (Northville), 473.85 points; 6. Nick Griwicki (S), 330.05; 7. Charlie Dillon (S), 327.75.

**100 butterfly:** 1. William Greenlee (Northville), 53.94; 2. Seroka (S), 54.27; 5. Li (S), 56.64; 6. Bai (S), 56.68; 7. Mills (S), 56.99.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Schoff (LS), 48.44; 2. Collingwood (S), 48.93; 6. Bielicki (LS), 50.54.

**500 freestyle:** 1. J. Zhang (S), 5:02.49; 4. Grant McNamara (LS), 5:06.68.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Stevenson (Bielicki, J. McNamara, Adam Ferrara, Schoff), 1:30.46; 4. Salemi (Aaron Micek, Bai, Mills, Seroka), 1:33.56.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Schoff (LS), 53.77; 2. Ferrara (LS), 55.59; 3. Li (S), 56.94; 4. Wellman (S), 59.34.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Jong Min Kim (Novi), 1:02.85; 2. J. McNamara (LS), 1:03.09; 4. G. McNamara (LS), 1:05.58; 7. Solterman (S), 1:06.96.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Salem (Collingwood, J. Zhang, Mills, Seroka), 3:18.09; 5. Stevenson (Bielicki, Evan Shatter, Brendan Stanisz, J. Ferrara), 3:28.95.

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# WRESTLING

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Abro improved to 56-0 this season with his win, the second over Trealout in a week — the Canton wrestler also won the matchup at the Feb. 5 KLAA individual tournament. He now owns 196 career victories.

"I beat him (Trealout) eight times last year, I just beat him last weekend, and they start catching on to what you do," said Abro, about how his latest win over Trealout was more of a grind than the previous week's.

According to CC head coach Miles Hancock, "Abro's a very good wrestler, he gives us fits. Miles (a senior) is getting closer and we're continuing to work in the room and hopefully we'll come out on top when it counts."

That was a reference to next week's individual finals.

"But Anthony Abro is an exceptional wrestler, he's an exceptional person," Hancock said. "You know what? He's earned everything he's done."

Also winning championships for the Chiefs were senior Ben Poirier (50-3 overall) and freshman Ben Griffin (54-1), in the 285- and 103-pound bouts, respectively.

Griffin also bested a Shamrock in the championship bout, earning a 7-5 decision over Evan Toth.

Meanwhile, Poirier — who usually wrestles at 215 — beat Grosse Pointe South heavyweight Reggie Lewis by a 5-3 tally.

## BACK TO WORK

"They wanted to come here and win it and that's what they did," said Mancuso about his three first-place finishers. "So now we get back to the room and start working and get ready for states."

Senior 171-pounder Braden Price (20-7) lost a 1-0 decision to Catholic Central's Kevin Beazley while junior Zach Marsh (42-7) finished third at 140.

"It's the second week in a row I lost to Beazley, so it kind of sucks but he's a real tough kid," Price said. "Last week, I lost 7-4 and this weekend's it's just a one-point match."

"I'm just trying to make improvements and keeping it close to the No. 2-ranked kid in the state is a good improvement."

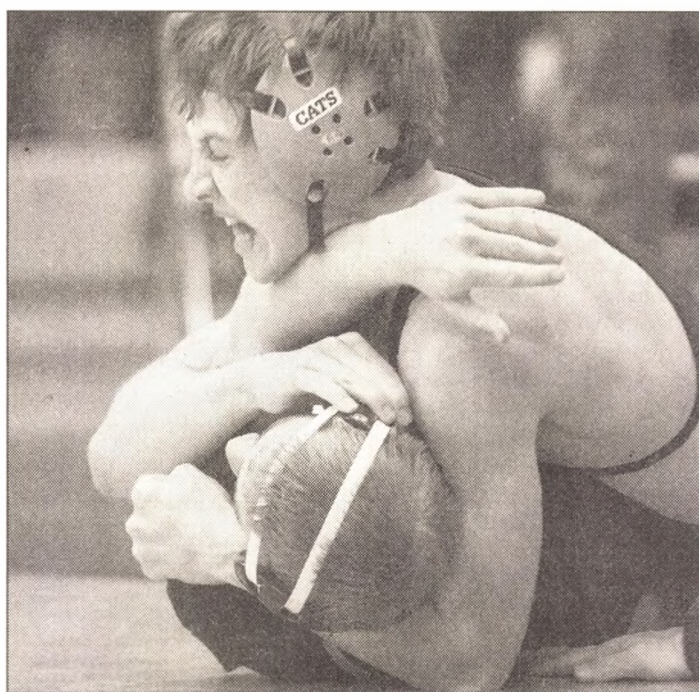
The lone Canton wrestler who did not qualify for the finals was 112-pound freshman Alec Panteleo (49-4) who lost in the second round.

The Catholic Central champions included Beazley, Ken Bade (125), Logan Marcicki (130), Alec Mooradian (135), Mike Babicz (140), Nick Mason (145) and Andrew Garcia (152).

Hancock said the regional medals are nice, but not the ultimate prize.

"We don't count regional championships," he said. "We count state championships. So if we have seven state champs I'll be pretty pleased."

Two of the CC championship wins were at the expense of Plymouth wrestlers. Bade pinned Plymouth junior Said



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Alec Breckenridge of Plymouth (top) has Livonia Franklin's Steve Tuyo in a headlock during their matchup at 130. Breckenridge won the bout and would later lose in the finals of the Division 1 individual regionals.

Youssef (46-11) in 4:17; Marcicki pinned sophomore Alex Breckenridge (34-11) in 1:15.

Plymouth head coach Quinn Guernsey, however, noted that both of his wrestlers aren't done for the season just yet.

"Even though our team's season ended a couple weeks ago," Guernsey said. "... these guys get to keep going on and keep working. And they're wrestling some of the best matches they've wrestled all year right now, which is nice to see."

## SWEET PAYBACK

Salem sophomore Alex Arble (24-20) did not medal at 103, having lost in first-round bout to Matt Cusumano of Warren DeLaSalle.

But the Rocks will send sophomore 119-pounder Cody Korpus (21-10) to the finals. He lost a 12-0 major decision to Livonia Franklin's Gabe Martinez (54-8) in the championship bout.

Korpus reached that matchup thanks to a 15-4 major decision over his Farmington nemesis, senior Kevin Kennerly. Salem head coach Pete Israel said Korpus avenged an overtime loss to Kennerly in the districts.

"He was hungry to beat him," Israel said. "It was a close match last week in districts (Kennerly), he lost in overtime but he came back and had a real good win against him."

"With another week and a half of practice, Cody should do some good things at the Palace at states."

Israel said Salem has sent someone to the state finals all but three seasons in school history. "So we're keeping the tradition alive in my first year (as head coach), I'm pretty happy about that."

The other Observerland school with individual championships was Franklin. In addition to sophomore Martinez at 119, the Patriots will send senior Matt Roos (49-4) at 160.

Roos won a 9-0 major decision over Catholic Central's Andrew Erickson.

Franklin head coach Dave Chiola said Roos will be mak-

ing his second straight trip to the finals.

"He went to states last year but didn't place," Chiola said. "So we're hoping for better results this year."

Chiola said the key matchup for Martinez was Livonia Churchill senior Jake Meadows (45-4) in the second round. Martinez won a 10-5 decision.

"We knew the winner of that match had a great shot at being regional champ," Chiola said. "So once we won that we were pretty focused and pretty confident."

Despite the loss, Meadows will go to states for the Chargers by way of a third-place finish.

Two other Patriots will compete at the finals following fourth-place showings. Those are sophomore 112-pounder Danny Martinez (51-12) and senior 130-pounder Steve Tuyo (53-6).

Franklin junior heavyweight Omar Haymour (28-14) and sophomore 160-pounder Allen Steele (28-16) were eliminated in the earlier rounds.

## OTHER QUALIFIERS

Kennerly (25-13) will have some Farmington teammates joining him at the Palace. Senior Nick Tomski (45-5) won a second-place medal at 145, while senior Falcon Justin Roe (39-10) took third at 215.

Sophomore Mannie Govantes (25-14) was the fourth-place finisher at 125, although he left the regionals due to an injury.

Farmington junior Kienuwa Davis (19-11) and sophomore Ryan Southerland (27-20) finished out of the running for the finals at 130 and 171, respectively.

Livonia Churchill senior Jonny Bannoura (37-8) qualified with a second-place finish at 140. He ultimately lost 8-3 in the finals to CC's Babicz.

Not qualifying were Churchill sophomore Jon Locklear (28-15) at 103 and Livonia Stevenson junior Jake Range (44-8) at 285.

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# Canton gymnasts best of KLAA

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Canton's girls gymnastics team Saturday repeated as Kensington Lakes Activities Association champions with a 143.425-to-141.385 edge over runner-up Brighton.

"This was a terrific team effort with everyone contributing to the championship," Canton head coach John Cunningham said. "They (Chiefs) took captain Kali Pierce's advice and relaxed and did their best."

Taking third was Salem (139.225) while Plymouth placed seventh with 134.8 points.

Canton's conference championship comes on the heels of a co-division title (8-2 dual meet record).

One reason for Pierce to talk to her teammates was to get it together following a couple recent dual meet losses. Another was that top gymnast Robyn Piwowar was in France on a school trip.

"As much as I worried about how the team would react to two losses in duals leading up to this meet," Cunningham said, "they were relaxed and came through like the champions I knew they could be." Cunningham added that next in sight is to win back-to-back state championships on March 11.

## MANY CONTRIBUTORS

The Chiefs had two champions at the meet, both in Division 2. Ayana Lewis registered a 9.35 on uneven bars for the top spot (she was second on vault with a 9.2) while Brooke Granowicz also won on balance beam with a 9.4 score.

Granowicz tallied an 8.825 for ninth on floor and tallied 34.325 in all-around points.

Alex Fideler and Melissa Green had strong meets in DI competition.

Fideler came through with top-10 rankings in all events. She placed fourth on floor (9.45), fifth on beam (9.15), sixth in all-around (35.6), sev-



JOHN KEMSKI

Canton's Brooke Granowicz focuses on the task at hand, doing her routine on balance beam at the KLAA Championship Meet.

enth on bars (8.6) and eighth on vault (8.4).

Green chipped in with fifths in two events (bars, 8.7; floor, 9.375) and added sixth-place showings on beam (8.95) and vault (8.65). Her tally of 35.675 earned fifth place in all-around rankings.

Pierce backed up her pre-meet words with a solid performance of her own. She took eighth on floor with an 8.9 score and tallied 8.9125 on beam.

Helping the cause was Nicole Lasecki. She finished with an all-around score of 33.525 and also tallied a 9.025 on beam and 8.35 on vault.

Meanwhile, Shelby Roberts tallied an 8.025 on floor,

Marina Milad scored 7.95 on vault and Madelyn Albers registered 7.85, also on vault.

Canton also pocketed plenty of medals to go along with the championship trophy.

The KLAA awards a division medal to the gymnast in each event with the highest regular season average and Canton girls won all of them.

Those medalists were Erica Lucas (vault, 9.175); Fideler (bars, 8.85; beam, 8.99) and Green (floor, 9.02).

"The difficulty of this award is that you have to have high scores and not miss any of the 10 league meets," Cunningham said.

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# Salem's Jacobs sparks third-place finish

Salem gymnast Nicole Jacobs won one event and finished second in another at Saturday's KLAA Championships at Walled Lake Central.

Jacobs finished first on floor exercise with a mark of 9.4 (teammate Morgan Soper checked in at fourth with a 9.15) and took second in all-

around with 35.8.

Soper's 35.2 tally nailed down the fourth spot in all-around.

Also placing for Salem was Ade Jepperson, with a third-place score of 8.95 on uneven bars.

The Rocks grabbed third place at the championships, with 139.225 points. They trailed Canton (143.425) and

Brighton (141.3875).

Meanwhile, the Plymouth Wildcats came in seventh among the 13 teams, with 134.8 points.

Plymouth's Reagan Engstrom placed in three events. She took fifth place on balance beam (9.1), ninth on vault (8.85) and ninth on all-around (34.75).

# Crusaders off to good start on diamond

The Madonna University baseball team opened its 2011 season with a pair of wins Friday in the Tennessee Valley Invitational.

The No. 11-ranked Crusaders defeated Asbury University (Ky.) in the first game, 11-0, in five innings, as sophomore right-hander Jeremy Gooding (Livonia/Dearborn Divine Child) threw a one-hitter and senior Matt Kay (Canton) belted a solo homer.

Gooding went all five innings, striking out nine and walking only one.

Steve Pelletier (Farmington) also went 3-for-3 with two RBI.

Kay and Jeff Bultinck each

added two hits and Alex Charles knocked in two runs.

The loss dropped Asbury to 1-1 overall.

In the nightcap, Kay cracked a two-run blast as part of a five-run fourth inning as MU downed Indiana Wesleyan, 6-3.

Third baseman Spencer Sarel went 3-for-3, while Kay also collected two hits.

Freshman pitcher Logan Ryan earned his first collegiate win in relief as he scattered three hits in four innings of work.

Austin Delmotte went the first three innings, allowing four hits and one unearned run.

Indiana Wesleyan dropped to 0-2.

## PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

**MHSAA INDIVIDUAL REGIONAL WRESTLING RESULTS DIVISION 1**  
Feb. 19 at PLYMOUTH  
(Top four in each weight qualify for state meet)  
**152 pounds:** 1st. Andrew Garcia (CC) decisioned Shon Powell (BR), 7-3; 3rd. John Montgomery (N) won by major decision over Dan Wagner (SO), 15-4; 160: 1st. Matt Roos (LF) maj. dec. Andrew Erickson (CC), 9-0; 3rd. Brennan Kelly (DLS) pinned Josh Reznay (FR), 4-49; 171: 1st. Kevin Beazley (CC) dec. Braden Price (CNT), 1-0; n. 4-2; 3rd. Trevor Maresch (N) won by default over Shawn Miller (GPN); 189: 1st. Anthony Abro (CNT) dec. Miles Trealout (CC), 5-3; 215: 1st.

Chris Nash (RO) p. Lucas Luchonok (EF), 1:15; 3rd. Justin Roe (F) dec. Jadon Cook (GPN), 10-7; 285: 1st. Ben Poirier (CNT) dec. Reggie Lewis (GPS), 5-3; 103: 1st. Ben Griffin (CNT) dec. Evan Toth (CC), 7-5; 3rd. Garrett Strube (WM) dec. Matt Cusumano (DLS), 8-4; 112: 1st. Doug Zundel (RO) dec. TJ Fagan (CC), 5-3; 3rd. Malik Amine (CC) maj. dec. Danny Martinez (LF), 13-2; 119: 1st. Gabe Martinez (LF) maj. Dec. Cody Korpus (S), 12-0; 3rd. Jake Meadows (LC) dec. Kevin Kennerly (F), 3-2; 125: 1st. Ken Bade (CC) p. Said Youssef (P), 4:17; 3rd. Ian Stirtion (N) won by def. over Mannie Govantes (F); 130: 1st. Logan Marcicki (CC) p. Alec Breckenridge (P), 1:15; 3rd. Kirk Wawrzyniak (RO) dec. Steve Tuyo

(LF), 6-2; 135: Alec Mooradian (CC) maj. dec. Nolan Solomon (SH), 13-0; Riley Hanson (CC) dec. Matt Pfeiffer (FR), 4-0; 140: 1st. Mike Babicz (CC) dec. Jonny Bannoura (LC), 5-1; 3rd. Zach Marsh (CNT) won by def. over Jake Vincent (UDJ); 145: 1st. Nick Mason (CC) won by def. over Nick Tomski (F); 3rd. Brandon Mattinen (DLS) dec. Chris Caverly (NV), 2-1; KEY: Canton (CNT); Catholic Central (CC); Brother Rice (BR); Northville (N); Southfield (SO); Livonia Franklin (LF); Warren DeLaSalle (DLS); Fraser (FR); Grosse Pointe North (GPN); Roseville (RO); Dearborn Edsel Ford (EF); Farmington (F); Grosse Pointe South (GPS); Warren Mott (WM); Salem (S); Plymouth (P); Sterling Heights (SH); U-D Jesuit (UDJ); Novi (NV).

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**Tuesday, March 29, 2011**  
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Wayne County Airport Authority is in the final stages of conducting a FAR Part 150 Aircraft Noise and Land Use Compatibility Study for Willow Run Airport. The Study represents the combined efforts of community and airport stakeholders who have an interest in activity at the Airport.

This Study Advisory Committee jointly participated in developing specific proposals for noise abatement following a detailed review of noise impacts generated from the current Airport configuration. The public is invited to attend a Public Hearing concerning the Study, forecasts, the existing and future Noise Exposure Maps and the Recommendations of the Study. The Consultants preparing the Study and Airport Authority staff will be available to answer questions in an Open House format, and both verbal and written comments will be accepted by a court reporter. A formal presentation will be made at 6:15 p.m. with an opportunity for public comment. Written comments will also be accepted for ten days following the Hearing, until April 8, 2011. Written comments can be sent to the Noise Program Manager at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport, LC Smith Building— Mezzanine level, Detroit, MI 48242. A copy of the Recommendations Chapter is available for public review at the Willow Run Airport Administrative Offices, 801 Willow Run Airport, Ypsilanti, MI, and at the Airport website at www.willowrunairport.com. Pre-arranged appointments can be made by calling (734) 942-1503.

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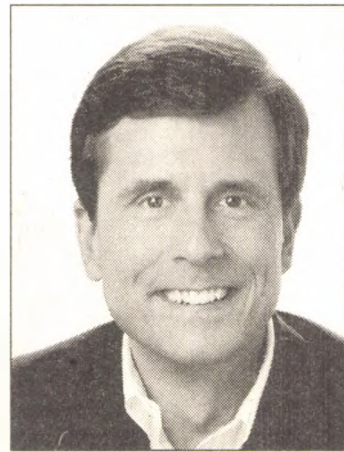
**SUZANNE PITLUK**

Santa Paula, CA - A Michigan resident for most of her life, passed away on Wednesday, February 9th at UCLA Medical Center in Santa Monica, CA. Suzanne was an active and proud North Farmington High School band, theater, and football mother. She served as the NFHS Marching Band camp nurse for 10 years, hemmed many costumes for the productions, and cheered on the Raiders to numerous victories. Born in 1953 in Detroit, Michigan, Suzanne received a Nursing Certificate from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. A believer in continuing education and constant learning, she was taking classes at the University of Detroit Mercy, from which she was looking to obtain her Bachelors of Science Degree in Oncology Nursing. Suzanne practiced nursing in the Metro Detroit area since 1976 and worked at various hospitals throughout Southeast Michigan. Her last job in Michigan was as an Oncology Certified Nurse with the University of Michigan Cancer Center. There as a Staff Infusion Nurse, she helped those afflicted with similar diseases as her. Besides calling on science and medicine, she drew from her own personal experiences with cancer to help her patients cope with their difficult times. Before her passing Suzanne had applied for her California Nursing License so she could continue helping others. Suzanne loved her family and they were always put before her own well being. She enjoyed socializing, meeting new people, traveling, and living life to the fullest. Although she dabbled in an array of hobbies, she was an artist and crafts extraordinaire, a talented seamstress and gardener, and was picking up rose gardening after moving to Santa Paula with her husband Jack in May of last year. Her wonderful smile and presence always kept a room cheerful. Her laugh was loud and contagious and her energy and views about life were infectious. One of her many passions included breast cancer awareness and telling her story to help others. An advocate of fighting breast cancer and finding a cure, she participated in numerous walks including the Susan G. Komen 3 Day and the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. Not only a walker, she was usually called upon to be a speaker or participate in the opening/closing ceremonies. She is survived by her husband, Jack, her two children, Gretchen and Nathan; her parents, Vic and Esther Schroeder of Interlochen, MI, her remaining sisters, Johanna DeMeyer and Heidi Good of Royal Oak, MI and South Lyon, MI and many nieces, nephews, and other family and friends, to whom she brought great joy and caring. She is predeceased by her youngest sister Gretchen Little, 2007. Memorial gifts may be made in Suzie's name to one of three organizations:

- The University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center funding Suzie's world class Michigan doctor, Dr. Daniel Hayes ([www.cancer.med.umich.edu](http://www.cancer.med.umich.edu)).
- SU2C - Stand Up to Cancer ([www.standup2cancer.org](http://www.standup2cancer.org)) whose Breast Cancer team was led by Sue's California doctors, Dennis Slamon and Sara Hurvitz.
- The American Cancer Society ([www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)), where Sue was a spokesperson and active participant. A service will be held in Michigan Saturday February, 26 at 11am at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2225 East 14 Mile Road in Birmingham. Sue will be interred in Mount Hope Cemetery in Interlochen, MI this Spring. A memorial service was held on Sunday, February, 20 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oxnard, CA.

## Learn to weather life's storms at annual event

Chuck Gaidica, WDIV-TV's weather anchor and meteorology director, will speak at the 37th Annual Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast Thursday, May 12, at St. Mary's Cultural Center. 18100 Merriman, Livonia.



Meteorologist and motivational speaker Chuck Gaidica will speak at the Livonia Prayer Breakfast in May.

He'll talk about "Weathering the Storms of Life." Gaidica, a motivational speaker and author, recently wrote two children's books. *Tommy Starts Something Big*, is about a boy whose one moment of pain leads him to start a movement that gives back to others and *Cuddling is Like Chocolate* deals with the health and wellness of touch. His goal is to encourage people of all ages to connect at a deeper level.

His website, [CuddleAlert.com](http://CuddleAlert.com), offers information about his books, cuddling, and his speaker presentations. A portion of the proceeds from his company buy Cuddle Bears that firefighters and first responders use to comfort children during times of tragedy and crisis.

Gaidica, a Northville resident, also helped launch the Tipping Point Theatre, a professional theater in downtown Northville.

Tickets for the prayer breakfast are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students, K-12. They're available by sending a check

payable to Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast, Inc., to Community Prayer Breakfast, Inc., Attention: Sally Butler, 33300 Five Mile Road, Suite 105, Livonia, MI 48154. Tickets will be mailed upon receipt of payment.

For more information call (248) 476-9427 or visit [livonia-prayerbreakfast.org](http://livonia-prayerbreakfast.org).

The Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast Inc. is recognized by the IRS as a Section 501(c)3 charitable and religious organization. A charitable tax deduction may be recognized in excess of the \$9 value of the breakfast. Sponsors will be formally recognized in the printed program.

### RELIGION CALENDAR

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### FEB. 25-MARCH 2

#### Mass for widowed

**Time/Date:** 2:30 p.m. Feb. 27  
**Location:** St. Columban Church, 1775 Melton, between Woodward and Coolidge, north of 14 Mile, Birmingham

**Details:** Presented by Widowed Friends, a peer group in the Archdiocese of Detroit. The widowed celebrate Mass together and meet and mingle in a safe setting afterward. Refreshments served during the fellowship.

**Contact:** Gerry at (586) 795-0477 or visit [www.widowedfriends.org](http://www.widowedfriends.org)

#### Reconciliation workshop

**Time/Date:** 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 26  
**Location:** Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Bishop Augustin Ahimana of Rwanda will share his experiences during and after Rwandan genocide. He will show the necessity of forgiving and being forgiven. Participants will learn the importance of forgiveness in their lives. Lunch will be served. A free will offering will be accepted. No charge for the workshop

**Contact:** (734) 367-0422

#### Tax preparation

**Time/Date:** 1:30-5:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 27

**Location:** Faith Bible Church, 34541 5 Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Free tax preparation service directed by Jeff Conolly, an accounting services professional

**Contact:** (734) 464-7990

### MARCH 3-9

#### Alzheimer support

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-noon, March 4

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

**Details:** James P. Lampertius, a specialist in elder law and the principal of the law firm Lampertius & Associates will speak to the St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's patients. Lampertius will cover the legal and financial facts that need to be faced when one has to place a loved one in a nursing home

**Contact:** (734) 453-0190

#### Concert

**Time/Date:** 9:30-10:45 a.m. Sunday, March 6

**Location:** Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt Road, near Eight Mile, Livonia

**Details:** The Royalheirs, a southern gospel quartet, will sing at morning worship

**Contact:** (248) 474-3444 or e-mail the church at: [clarencevilleumc@att.net](mailto:clarencevilleumc@att.net)

#### TERRY LEE HEWER

February 21, 2011, age 57. Eternal soul mate of Lori. Loving Dad to Terry E. (Kasey) Hewer, Steven (Breanne) Hewer and Alicia (Billy) Groulx. Also leaves 16 grandchildren. Dear brother of Michael (Joann) Hewer and Richard (Denise) Hewer. Dear son of the late Phyllis Hewer, Robert Hewer and Bud and Barbara Boje. Visitation Thursday from 1pm until 9pm and Friday from 12:30pm until time of funeral service at 1:30pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth.



**EDWARD K. THORP**

Age 40, passed away peacefully Feb. 19, 2011 after a long battle with Leukemia and complications from a Stem Cell Transplant. Beloved husband of 13 years to Kelly (Fitzpatrick). Loving father to his young daughters Regan (10) and Ryan (2). Loving son to Peggy (Jerry Orlovski) Thorp and Don (Judith) Thorp; cherished son-in-law to Tim and Terri (Sullivan) Fitzpatrick. Brother to Kate Thorp; step-brother to Tricia (Joe) Gregatz and Damon Pitsier. Beloved grandson to Josephine (Thorp) Argylean. He is also survived by many extended family members and friends. He will be remembered by all for his love of family and friends, his selfless and caring spirit, his strength and determination, his gift as a talented musician and his love of life. Visitation Thursday and Friday 2-9pm with a Scripture Service Friday 7pm at Vermeulen Funeral Home at 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd, Plymouth. Funeral Mass Saturday 6pm at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation to the

Ed Thorp Memorial Fund

c/o Renee Kochanek, 49730 Pine Ridge Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Read about Ed's struggle for health or leave a comment at <http://thorpfamilychronicles.blogspot.com/>.

Please also see <http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com/a/obituaries.htm>

to leave a condolence message for the family.

#### GARY LEE PUCKETT

55 yrs of age, passed away on January 24, 2011. He was preceded in his death by his mother Gloria J Kopke. Gary is survived by his father James Puckett, two daughters, Freedom & Mary. Siblings Vicki Puckett, Debbie Daugherty, Tricha Parsons & Ty Kopke, several aunts, uncles, nieces & nephews.

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## Moms pray for children

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia has started a new women's prayer group. St. Monica's Prayer Group meets from 10-11 a.m. in the church rectory conference room, at the parish, 11441 Hubbard.

Participants gather to support each other in praying for their children, regardless of age. The group is open to all women. Prayer group members may attend sessions when they can. Weekly participation isn't required. For more information, call the parish office at (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or visit [www.livoniastmichael.org](http://www.livoniastmichael.org).

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## Find vinyl and CDs at annual radio station benefit

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

You can help bolster 88.1 FM The Escape's bottom line while shopping for favorite tunes Saturday, Feb. 26 at Salem High School in Canton.

The student radio station, WSDP, will hold its third annual record show in the school cafeteria from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Vendors will sell vinyl records, 45s, imported music releases, CDs, memorabilia, posters and other collectibles.

Folk musician Matt Watroba will sell much of his music collection, including Americana, bluegrass, blues, folk and country tunes.

"He used to teach here," said Bill Keith, WSDP station manager. "He has always remained a good friend of the radio station. His wife will be out to watch a couple tables of their CDs. I'm excited. He knows so many different artists. He has built a collection over the years."

Keith said the radio station raises about \$20,000 annually, although the Plymouth Canton school district pays the lion's share of its budget.

Its major fundraiser, an auction, will be held in May. The annual record show is a "mostly fun event" that generally brings in \$1,000 or more.

### INDEPENDENT ARTISTS

The student-run radio station, in operation since February 1972, airs music as well as news and sports programming 24 hours daily.

"We try to play new and up and coming artists," Keith said, adding that auditions are held for staff positions.

88.1 the Escape is among about approximately a dozen student high school radio stations operating in southeastern Michigan.

"There's a mystique about radio and music," Keith said, explaining the station's popularity among stu-



Shoppers peruse bins of albums and CDs at a previous 88.1 FM record show.

dents. "The vast majority may not go into it as a career, but it still has benefits for communication skills, learning team work and working in a business environment."

### DONATED RECORDS

Radio station staff members will sell donated CDs and music purged from the WSDP collection at the upcoming show.

"This year we have a lot of vinyl donated to us. A friend of the station donated two large crates of records," Keith said.

A teacher also donated several crates of records, including albums still sporting their sealed plastic covers.

"I was flipping through them and found four albums from the late 1960s by Rocky Barra, who's now pastor of one of the largest churches in Canton," Keith said, referring to the pastor of Connection Church. "I knew the name because my sister attends the church."

Keith e-mailed the church and discovered that the pastor had been in a band years ago.

"I had seen one of his records at a show once and did a double take. I regretted afterward that I had put it back," Keith said.

He said the four Barra albums that were donated to the radio station's fundraiser are all sealed.

"I haven't even cracked them open



Matt Watroba, a local folk singer, will sell a portion of his music collection at the 88.1 FM Record Show.

yet." Check out the radio station's website at [881theescape.com](http://881theescape.com)

## Shake off winter blues with classic comedy

Spotlight Players wraps up its run of the sweet comedy, *Harvey*, Friday-Sunday, Feb. 25-27 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Greg Bowman, the mid-day anchorman on WWJ radio AM 950, plays Elwood P. Dowd, the man who sees a 6-foot rabbit, Harvey, in this classic story that was made popular by the film that starred Jimmy Stewart.

"We're not trying to recreate the movie and, indeed, we can't. You won't see Jimmy Stewart, Josephine Hull, or Jesse White, but you will see Elwood P. Dowd, Vita Louise Simmons, Mr. Wilson - and Harvey," stated Mike Cuba, director.

In addition to Bowman of Ferndale, the cast includes Rebecca Winder of Canton as Myrtle Mae Simmons; Lisa Brawley of Livonia as Vita Louise Simmons; Linda Trygg of Westland as Mrs. Chaunvet; Lindsay Frischmuth of Plymouth as Nurse Kelly; Richard Holland of Livonia as Mr. Wilson; Steve Sedore of Plymouth as Dr. Sanderson; Gary Regal of Wyandotte as Dr. Chumley; Marian Busa of Canton as Mrs. Chumley; Pat McKane of Canton as Judge Gafney and Matt Houser of Waterford as the Cab Driver. Judy Cannizzaro of Canton is producing the play.

Curtain is at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25; at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$16 for seniors and students under 19. Tickets are available at the door or in advance by calling (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or by visiting [www.spotlightplayersmi.org](http://www.spotlightplayersmi.org). The theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

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Colleen Cannon looks over some of the many teapots sold at her store, TranquiliTea in downtown Plymouth. The store will celebrate its fifth anniversary with prizes, treats and tastings on Feb. 26.

## Spend a tea-riffic weekend in Plymouth

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Tea-lovers can party with the likes of Earl Grey and Jasmine Green Saturday Feb. 26 and then take in a little history with their favorite brew on Sunday, Feb. 27.

Two tea-related events are planned in downtown Plymouth this weekend.

The first celebrates the 5th anniversary of TranquiliTea and the second pairs crazy hats, a guest speaker and tea at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

The anniversary party runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the store, 904 W. Ann Arbor Trail, and will include door prizes, treats and tea tasting throughout the day. The store also will donate 10 percent of its gross sales to First Step, the local organization dedicated to reducing domestic violence and sexual abuse. Anyone who makes a cash donation to First Step will get an additional entry for the prize drawings. Door prizes will include tea packages from our various vend-

ers, polish pottery, tea cozies, and more.

Owners Colleen and Patrick Cannon sold 40 different teas then they first opened TranquiliTea in 2006 and now carry more than 150 varieties.

Cannon said he enjoys earthy, robust teas such as Black, Pu Erh and Royal Golden Yunan and the green tea, Lung Ching. His wife likes Japanese green teas and desert teas.

"One of the teas we very much agree upon is Genmaicha, a Japanese green tea that has roasted rice and popcorn in it — yes popcorn," he said.

"Currently we only blend one tea in the store. Blending tea takes a lot of space and you must do it in bulk. We leave that to those that have been doing it for years. However, we taste test every loose leaf tea that is on our shelves. We reject many more than we select."

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Their most expensive tea, Organic Silver Needles, is a white tea that retails for \$7.50

per ounce. Most of their teas average about \$2.50 per ounce.

TranquiliTea also supplies the Plymouth Historical Museum with its signature "Mary's Blend," a tea that honors Mary Todd Lincoln. It will be served at the museum's Mad Hatter Tea on Feb. 27.

"It's a Ceylon tea with cherry and almond flavoring," Cannon said. "We have been told that Mary Todd Lincoln's signature dessert was a cherry almond cake. We had a tea tasting with the Museum and it was decided that the tea was a nice fit."

Mad Hatter Tea will include a full Victorian-style tea with sandwiches, scones and other fare, followed by the presentation, "Hookers, Crooks and Kooks. Aunt Merle Didn't Run a Boarding House," by Jana Broglin. Guests may wear their craziest or favorite hats in keeping with the tea's theme. Tickets are \$25 for Plymouth Historical Society members and \$30 for nonmembers. Call (734) 455-8940 for tickets.

For more about TranquiliTea, call (734) 459-9686

## Festival in need of local performers

The Southeast Regional Committee is accepting registration for its annual VSA Michigan Festival — A Celebration of Arts-Ability, a two-day showcase of singing, dancing, drama and instrumental music by more than 200 children and adults with developmental and physical disabilities.

The festival is slated for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, June 3, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 4, at the Michigan State University Community School in Detroit. Throughout the year the children and adults participate in music and art therapy classes. The festival not only gives performers with mental and physical challenges the opportunity to show off their talents but also to participate in hands-on art activities. On Friday, they have the opportunity to eat lunch with their

friends. Performers will be given VSA art festival T-shirts. The VSA Michigan 2011 Emerging Artists Touring Exhibit also will be featured.

The Southeast Region Committee members Jody Conradi-Stark, Margaret Hull, Cindy Babcock, Connie Lott, Linda Ann Chomin, and Gayle Owens put on the festival. VSA enables children and adults with disabilities to experience and grow through the arts. The nonprofit was founded by Jean Kennedy Smith more than 25 years ago as Very Special Arts after her sister, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, started Special Olympics in 1968.

The VSA The event is open to the public and free of charge. For additional information, contact Conradi-Stark at (313) 273-7762 or e-mail catinc@earthlink.net.

The deadline to submit an application to perform in the showcase is April 1.

## ART

### Art & Ideas Gallery

**Time/Date:** 1-7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 24-26  
**Location:** 15095 Northville Road, Plymouth Township

**Details:** Free interactive art project allows all ages from the community to participate. "Collaging History" arranges historical photos and other images installed on the gallery walls, also using drawing to make unusual connections between past and current events  
**Contact:** (734) 420-0775 or www.artandideasgallery.com

### Dirty Show

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m.-2 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26

**Location:** Bert's Warehouse Theatre, 2739 Russell Street, Detroit  
**Details:** Erotic art, performance art; tickets \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door  
**Contact:** dirtydetroit.com or call (313) 393-3233

### Northville Art House

**Time/Date:** 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, preview and reception; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 and noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27 are general sales days

**Location:** 215 W. Cady in downtown Northville  
**Details:** Sale of gently-used art to benefit Northville Art House. Tickets for the preview are \$10.  
**Contact:** (248) 344-0497

## COMEDY

### Go Comedy!

**Time/Date:** Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays  
**Location:** 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale  
**Details:** Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays  
**Contact:** (248) 327-0575; www.gocomedy.net

### JD's House of Comedy

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

### Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays  
**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Shane Moss, Feb. 23-26; Steve McGrew, March 3-5; LA Hardy, March 9-12; Mo Mandel, March 16-19; Mark Sweeney, March 23-26; Chili Challis, March 30-April 2  
**Contact:** (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

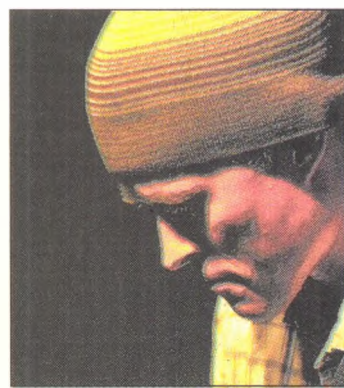
## GET OUT!



Youngsters enjoy "The Beach," a giant sandbox at the Cottage & Lakefront Living Show. It runs Feb. 24-27 in Novi.



See the film, "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" Feb. 26 in downtown Northville.



Josh Rose will perform, along with Andrew Calhoun, March 5 at Trinity House in Livonia.

### Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

**Time/Date:** Ian Bagg, Feb. 24-26; Tim Nutt, March 3-5; Sean Patton, March 10-12; Lowell Sanders, March 17-19; Erik Griffin, March 24-26; Lynne Koplitz, March 31-April 2  
**Location:** 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak  
**Contact:** (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

## CONCERTS

### The Ark

**Time/Date:** The Asylum Street Spankers, Feb. 24; BreakFest, Feb. 25; Susan Werner, Feb. 26; The Jeremy Kittel Band, Feb. 27; Studebaker John & the Hawks, Feb. 28  
**Location:** 316 South Main, Ann Arbor  
**Contact:** (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

### Barn Theatre

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. March 10-12  
**Location:** Farmington Hills Players' Barn Theatre, 32332 12 Mile in Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Blackthorn performs Celtic music; tickets are \$19 for adults and \$17 for seniors and students  
**Contact:** (248) 473-1848

### 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 mijmmullen@yahoo.com

### Dick O'Dow's

**Time/Date:** 9 p.m. March 5  
**Location:** 160 W. Maple, Birmingham  
**Details:** The Terry Murphy Band plays progressive folk music from the U.S., Canada, Ireland and the British Isles  
**Contact:** (248) 642-1135

### Hard Rock Cafe

**Time/Date:** 9 p.m. Feb. 24  
**Location:** 45 Monroe Street, Detroit  
**Details:** Christian rockers, Sweet Crystal and MediSin Wheel; \$5 cover  
**Contact:** (313) 964-7625

### Jazz @ The Elks

**Time/Date:** 7-10:30 p.m., every fourth Tuesday  
**Location:** Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth  
**Details:** Jazz musicians perform; no cover, but donations accepted. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres  
**Contact:** (734) 453-0700 www.PlymouthElks1780.com

### Schoolcraft College

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25  
**Location:** The Presentation Room at the VisTaTech Center on campus, located at 18600 Haggerty, Livonia  
**Details:** Yehonatan Berick on violin

and Pauline Martin on piano; \$20 general admission, \$10 for students. Get tickets online at www.scboxoffice.com; in person at the Schoolcraft College Bookstore, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday; and by calling (734) 462-4409

**Contact:** (734) 462-4403

### Trinity House Theatre

**Time/Date:** Drew Nelson, Feb. 18; Michael Smith, Feb. 19; Blue Water Ramblers, Feb. 26; The Waymores, March 4; Andrew Calhoun with Josh Rose, March 5  
**Location:** 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia  
**Contact:** (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org

## FAMILY

### Bakers Keyboard Lounge

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

### Detroit Institute of Arts

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

### Detroit Zoo

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

## FILM

### Movies at the Marquis

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m., Feb. 26  
**Location:** Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main, Northville  
**Details:** "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner," tickets \$3 and available at Sincerely Yours, 110 N. Center, Northville

**Coming up:** "West Side Story," March 5, with tickets at Starring the Gallery; 118 W. Main, Northville; "The Sting," March 12 with tickets at Urban Optiques, 105 Maincentre, Northville; and "American Graffiti," March 19, with tickets at Edward's Cafe & Caterers, 115 E. Main, Northville  
**Contact:** (248) 349-8110

### Penn Theater

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25; 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 26-27

**Location:** 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth  
**Details:** "Tangled," all seats \$3  
**Coming up:** "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1," 7 p.m. March 4; and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. March 5-6; "The King's Speech," 7 p.m. and 9:25 p.m. March 11-12; 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. March 13

**Classics:** "The Man Who Knew Too Much," March 3; "Vertigo," March 10; "Rear Window," March 17; "The Birds," March 24; and "Psycho," March 31. All shows start at 7 p.m. and cost \$3  
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Fired Samoas Shrimp

## Chefs turn Girl Scout Cookies into desserts

Tickets are on sale now for the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan annual Cookie Gala. Chefs from 220, Andiamo Detroit Riverfront, Atheneum Suite Hotel, Fifty-One-O-One, The Hills Seafood and Chop House, The Lark, Ocean Prime, Mosaic, Redwood Lodge, The Roostertail, St. Clair Inn and Sweet & Savory Bake Shop will create unique desserts using Girl Scout Cookies for the event, which will run from 6-8:30 p.m., March 30, in the Atheneum Suite Hotel, 1000 Brush Ave., in the heart of Greektown in Detroit.

Visitors can taste their creations and cast votes for their favorites.

Tickets are \$75 each or \$130 for a pair, on or before March 23 and \$100 each, \$170 per pair, after March 23.

The event will include hors d'oeuvres and desserts, a cash bar, live and silent auction and the opportunity to mingle with business and community leaders.

Get tickets through the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan Web site at [www.gssem.org](http://www.gssem.org) and click on "for supporters" and then "cookie gala."

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, which includes troops in Plymouth and Canton, will hold five "Girl Scout Cookie Bake-Off Benefit" events this year. The first was held Tuesday, Feb. 22 in Lansing.

Other benefits are scheduled April 28 in Kalamazoo, May 3 in Jackson, Sept. 22 in Ann Arbor and Nov. 17 in Saginaw.

The events, held in each of the Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Council regions, support Girl Scout outreach to low income and at-risk girls.

As people mix, mingle and bid on silent auction items, local chefs compete to see who can create the best dessert made from Girl Scout Cookies.

Go to [www.girlscoutbakeoff.com](http://www.girlscoutbakeoff.com) for ticket information.

Here's a sampling of recipes from the 2010 event in Ann Arbor.

### APPLE OLIVE OIL CAKE

By Paesano Restaurant and Wine Bar, Chef Carla Hoopingartner

**Cake:**  
3 whole eggs  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 cup granulated sugar  
½ teaspoon baking soda  
1 cup light brown sugar  
½ teaspoon baking powder  
1½ cup extra virgin olive oil  
1 teaspoon kosher salt  
1½ cup whole milk  
4 ounces almonds, ground fine  
3 ounces store-bought apple butter  
Dulce de Leche Apple Filling:  
2 cups Dulce de Leche Girl Scout Cookies, crushed fine  
2 cups store-bought apple butter  
Cinnamon Mascarpone Frosting  
2 pounds mascarpone cheese, room temperature  
½ cup powdered sugar  
1½ tablespoon ground cinnamon

**Make the cake:**  
Grease and line three 9-inch cake pans with parchment paper. Set aside. Preheat oven to 350. In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs and sugars. Whisk in the oil, milk, and apple butter. Set aside. Combine flour, baking soda, baking powder, and salt. Sift into egg batter and whisk smooth. Whisk in almonds. Divide batter evenly among the prepared pans. Bake until golden, approximately 45 minutes to an hour.

**Make the filling:**  
Combine ingredients. Set aside until ready to assemble.

**Make the frosting:**  
Use a rubber spatula to fold together cheese and sugar. Add cinnamon.

**Assemble the Cake:**  
Place one layer of cooled cake on flat work surface or cake stand. If layers baked unevenly or 'puff' in center, trim so that each layer is flat and even. Top cake with half of the dulce de leche apple filling and spread evenly, leaving about ½ inch around edge to keep the filling from squeezing out. Spread about ½ cup of frosting over filling. Place second layer of cake on top of the frosting. Repeat step two. Place final layer on top. Use the remaining frosting to frost the top and sides of the cake. Garnish as desired.

More Chef recipes online at [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com)

## Mix cookies into cake, shrimp coating

At Girl Scout Cookies straight from the box. Freeze them for future snacking. Or mix them into a recipe. But buy them now. Most troops in southeastern Michigan sell cookies through mid-March. Some, including troops in Plymouth and Canton, conclude regular sales this week, but may schedule a few bonus cookie days in March.

To find local cookie booths, log onto the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan Web site, [www.gssem.org](http://www.gssem.org) or Heart of Michigan Girl Scouts, [www.gshom.org](http://www.gshom.org), and click on Cookie Locator. Thin Mints are the biggest selling Girl Scout Cookies nationally. Samoas, the second most popular, account for 19 percent of sales.

Samoas, vanilla cookies covered with caramel, rolled in toasted coconut and striped with a chocolate coating, mark their 35th birthday this year.

Here are a few recipes using Samoas from Little Brownie Bakers, maker of Girl Scout Cookies:



Samoas Dream Cake



### SAMOAS® SWEET ROLLS

Serves 4

Ingredients

**Crepes:**

(To save time you also can use pre-made crepes).

1 cup all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon double-action baking powder  
½ teaspoon salt  
3 tablespoons powdered sugar  
3 finely chopped Samoas® Girl Scout Cookies  
3 eggs  
¾ cup milk  
½ cup water  
½ teaspoon vanilla

**Filling & Garnish:**

1 8-ounce package cream cheese  
3 tablespoons powdered sugar  
½ teaspoon vanilla  
2 ounces chocolate syrup  
6 finely chopped Samoas® Girl Scout Cookies  
4 teaspoons cinnamon  
Berries (red raspberries, strawberries, blueberries, etc.)

**Crepes:**

Combine liquid ingredients in a mixing bowl and mix on low speed for one minute. Add all dry ingredients and mix on low speed for 30 seconds, then on medium speed for one minute. Cook crepes on medium heat in 8-inch skillet using non-stick spray until very light brown. Turn once. Set cooked crepes aside using wax paper to separate.

**Filling:**

Mix all filling ingredients, except finely chopped Samoas® Girl Scout Cookies, together in mixing bowl on low speed for 30 seconds, then at high speed for 2 minutes or until thoroughly combined. Fold in half (approximately 3 cookies) of finely chopped Samoas® Girl Scout Cookies.

Spread approximately 3 tablespoons of filling onto each crepe and roll up.

**Garnish:**

Place two Samoas® Sweet Rolls on four dessert plates and stripe chocolate syrup across then sprinkle remainder of finely chopped Samoas® Girl Scout Cookies (approximately 3 cookies), and dust lightly with cinnamon. Add other garnishes such as berries or fruit-flavored syrup if desired.



Samoas Crepe Roll

### FIRE SAMOAS SHRIMP

Yields 5 shrimp

Ingredients

5 extra-large shrimp, peeled and de-veined  
5 Samoas® Girl Scout Cookies, finely chopped  
2 cups seasoned bread crumbs  
2 cups flour  
1 cup coconut flakes  
4 egg whites  
1 pinch cayenne pepper  
1 lime for garnish  
Vegetable or peanut oil for frying

**Directions:**

1. Toss coconut flakes with bread crumbs, cayenne pepper and chopped Samoas® Girl Scout Cookies.

2. Dredge shrimp through flour, followed by egg whites and Samoas® Girl Scout Cookies mixture.

3. Fry shrimp in vegetable oil at 350 degrees until golden brown.

4. Garnish with coconut flakes and lime wedges.

**Serving Suggestions:**

- Serve warm.
- Arrange in a star pattern on a salad plate, or on a bamboo skewer with tropical fruits.

- Can be served as an appetizer, in a salad, or as an entree.

- If serving as an entree accompany with fried plantains and wild rice

### SAMOAS DREAM CAKE

Serves 8

Ingredients

**Cake:**  
1 box yellow cake mix  
1 can store bought caramel frosting  
**Coconut Caramel Filling:**  
1 cup heavy cream  
1 cup brown sugar  
1 egg yolk, slightly beaten  
1 stick of butter  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
2 cups sweetened coconut flakes  
1 box Samoas® Girl Scout Cookies

**Chocolate Ganache:**

1 cup heavy cream  
2 tablespoons butter  
2 tablespoons sugar  
10 ounces chocolate chips  
6 ½ tablespoons milk

**Bottom and Sides:**  
2 boxes of Samoas® Girl Scout Cookies

**Directions:**

1. Mix and bake yellow cake according to manufacturer's instructions using three 8-inch pans.

2. To prepare the coconut caramel, mix brown sugar, egg yolk, cream and vanilla. Melt butter in a sauce pan then add mixture. Cook mixture over medium heat until it boils for one minute — stirring often with a wire whisk. Remove from heat and stir in 2 cups sweetened coconut flakes. Chill mixture in refrigerator.

3. Line a 10" springform cake pan with parchment paper. Chop one box of Samoas® and press into bottom of the springform pan. Sprinkle 2 ounces of chocolate chips over chopped cookies, place in the oven until chocolate chips

melt. Using the back of a spoon, spread chocolate over cookie crumbs as evenly as possible.

4. Place first layer of cake on top of melted chocolate and crumbs. Spread half of coconut caramel filling over cake. Place second layer of cake in pan and top with remaining filling. Place third layer of cake in pan. Remove sides of pan and spread caramel icing over top and sides of cake. Chill cake while preparing chocolate ganache.

5. Prepare the chocolate ganache by melting butter and cream in the top of a double boiler until it is about the consistency of bottled creamy salad dressing — thin enough to pour, but thick enough to coat the top of the cake without running off.

6. Place cake on cooling rack with a cookie sheet (preferably with sides) underneath.

Pour chocolate ganache on to the middle of the cake. Encourage it to roll over the sides of the cake with a palette knife, spatula, or the back of a spoon. Cover the cake as evenly as possible while trying to minimize the strokes used — the fewer strokes you use the smoother the finish will be.

7. Chop the second box of cookies and press onto the sides of the cake. Chill cake and remaining ganache in refrigerator. If desired, slide cake off parchment paper and springform pan bottom using a long spatula.

8. Finish the cake with piped rosettes of ganache and cut cookies or other fanciful decorations such as butterflies, honeybees, birds, etc. using tinted icing. Dream big!











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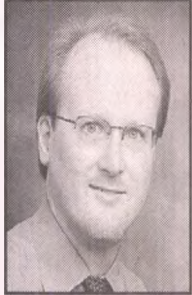
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Advertising Feature

## CAReport



By Dale Buss

Presidents' Day Weekend has become almost the unofficial start of the spring automotive selling season. And with that holiday already past, and spring less than a month away, auto brands have begun reasserting themselves in hopes of taking a bigger share of a steadily rising U.S. auto market.

Toyota, for example, has just come out swinging with a new advertising campaign to join with its aggressive program of sales incentives to attempt to take back some of the U.S. market share that it lost during its annus horribilis of 2010.

The campaign, "#1 for a Reason," focuses on many of the things that American consumers may have forgotten about how good Toyota is.

They include the fact that Camry remains the nation's No. 1-selling car, that the Corolla is the world's best-selling car of all time, and that Prius is the best-selling hybrid in the world. Toyota Tacoma is the market's best-selling small pickup truck. Toyota has the most fuel-efficient product lineup of any full-line American manufacturer. That sort of thing.

"It's a very celebratory campaign," Bob Carter, Toyota division general manager, told automotive journalists earlier this month.

Timing might just be right for Toyota to come out of its defensive crouch and

begin asserting its brand bona fides again. The federal government just last week proclaimed that only the original mechanical problems in Toyota vehicles were responsible for the worst of last year's safety recalls—and that there is no reason to suspect any, more insidious problem related to in-vehicle electronics and software. That validated the position Toyota executives had taken all along.

Plus, auto sales in general are picking up in the U.S. as the traditionally robust spring selling season approaches. Toyota retains the largest retail-market share of any automaker in America because it continues to spurn most fleet sales; fleets comprise a huge portion of sales to the traditional Big Three.

And even the emphasis of Toyota's campaign, promoting the brand overall instead of specific products, might be wise. Toyota continues to face a relatively sparse pipeline of new products this year, except for a larger version of Prius. So it may be more appropriate to focus on specific new Toyota models later, once they're actually launching.

In the meantime, the "#1" campaign could make for baby steps in the right direction for Toyota.

Meanwhile, General Motors has finally come up with a new answer to the dominance of Ford's Sync infotainment system.



Toyota's new advertising campaign boasts about Camry, still the nation's No. 1-selling car.

Chevrolet MyLink is meant to answer Ford Sync in the infotainment market.



GM announced its new Chevrolet MyLink system that will provide text messaging, e-mails, traffic advisories and other connected-car functions in the Chevy Volt and Equinox beginning this fall.

For the past few years, as they watched Ford introduce Sync and develop it quickly into a powerful brand advantage for Ford vehicles, GM executives have maintained that they could meet the competitive infotainment threat by building out their OnStar system and brand. Originally conceived as a safety-and-security system whose reliability is tied to the fact that it is "hard-wired" into GM vehicles, OnStar has been attempting to morph into a platform for Sync-like features such as hands-free texting as well.

But the transformation of OnStar into a Sync-beater perhaps was destined to fail. And for new CEO Dan Akerson, a veteran of the telco business, it simply was unacceptable for General Motors—a venerable technology leader in the industry—to play second fiddle in an area that has become as crucial as infotainment. Toyota, Kia and every other major brand are making big moves in this arena as well.

GM claims that MyLink carries some

advantages over Sync already. For one thing, MyLink's software will be continuously updated "over the air," whereas Sync owners must update the software themselves or, in some cases, bring their vehicles into dealerships for updates. GM also promises an unprecedented level of integration with Pandora internet radio as part of its system, a feature that Millennial consumers were clamoring for.

Let the scramble begin!

And Chrysler has begun clearing the way for the arrival of the new Fiat 500 on the shores of America.

Fiat wants to save buyers of its new 500 car from some of the less-than-desirable elements of the dealership experience when the Italian-made curiosity begins arriving here in volume within several weeks. North American Fiat chief Laura Soave has let it be known that the 130 Chrysler dealers who have qualified to sell the Fiat 500 will be encouraged to use "no-haggle" pricing.

Just about everything concerning Chrysler and its new owner is iconoclastic these days. No-haggle pricing would fit right in.

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