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## Busy Black Friday fuels high retail hopes

By Matt Jachman, Darrell Clem and Julie Brown  
Staff Writers

Stores in Canton Township and downtown Plymouth were busy Black Friday as shoppers kicked off the holiday retail season.

Big box and department stores in Canton were expecting a large turnout, but smaller stores were bustling, too, and some Plymouth retailers said the afternoon was busier for them, perhaps because of shoppers who were taking a break from – or skipping – the big box rush.

“It’s been a pretty good day,” said Elle Dare, co-owner, with husband Charles, of Gen-

uine Toy Co. in Plymouth. “It seems busier than past years.”

“It’s going great,” said Lindsey Burns, who owns Plymouth’s Bohemian Home, which sells vintage housewares and furniture. “I’m really impressed with the number of people downtown.” Shoppers were in good spirits, Burns said.

Both Burns and Dare noted they heard people talking about wanting to keep their spending local.

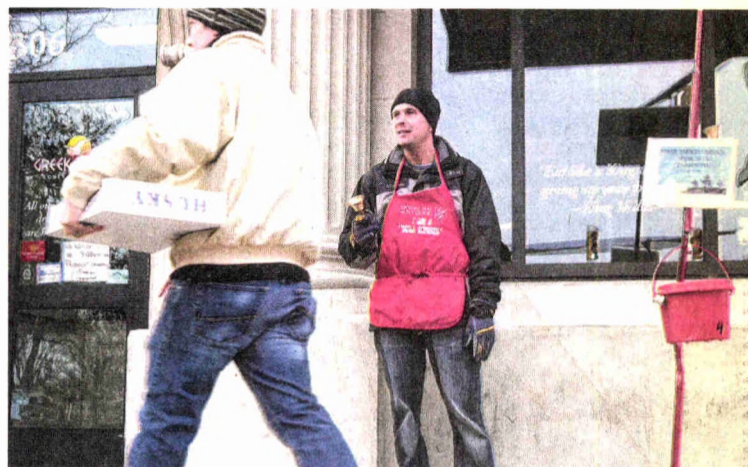
People crave the downtown shopping experience, Dare said, especially if they have relatives who were visiting for Thanksgiving. “It’s more of a family outing to come to downtown Plymouth,” she said.

### Early lines

At Showroom of Elegance, a jewelry store in Canton, the doors swung open at 8 a.m. Friday and owner Linda Robin and her staff were ready.

“We had about nine people in line when we opened the door,” Robin said. Some customers had pre-shopped for items, especially with discounts at the store of 50 percent between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., she said.

Robin’s store was closed Thanksgiving, giving her staff a chance to rest and relax before the busy season got into full swing. “It’s important for



Bill Bresler | Staff Photographer  
Nathan Ponder, a volunteer Salvation Army bell-ringer from First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, keeps at it though the 2 p.m. Black Friday crowd is sparse.

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Santa gives the reindeer a break and arrives via fire truck.

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## PLYMOUTH KICKS OFF CHRISTMAS

Cheering kids and their parents greet Santa Claus as he arrives at Kellogg Park

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

The North Pole’s most famous resident paid a visit Friday evening to downtown Plymouth.

Santa Claus rode into town on a fire truck, to the cheers of children and parents who had been waiting in chilly temperatures and a light snowfall, and began hearing Christmas wishes from young visitors at his small house in Kellogg Park.

“Helloooo, Plymouth!” he said onstage after being introduced by City Commissioner Colleen Pobur. “How’s everyone?” The crowd responded enthusiastically.

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Bill Bresler | Staff Photographer  
City Commissioner Colleen Pobur greets Santa and Mrs. Claus, along with Kayla Cal and Trevor Johnson.

## Drive seeks volunteers; fundraising pace down

The Salvation Army’s Plymouth Corps is introducing two new volunteer bell-ringing competitions, as well as featuring a bell-ringer of the day and a bell-ringer of the week, for the 2014 Red Kettle campaign.

The first competition is for individual bell-ringers, to determine who completes the most two-hour shifts during the campaign. The second competition is to see which bell-ringer can recruit the most new bell-ringers.

The Plymouth Corps has a prize for the winner in each category, plus an invitation to its awards luncheon in May.

The bell-ringer of the day will be featured on register.org, while the bell-ringer of the week will be featured on the Plymouth Corps’ Facebook site.

The Christmas fundraising campaign for the Belleville, Canton, Northville and Plymouth service area had as of Nov. 22 collected \$21,244 or just over 12 percent of its Red Kettle goal for the year. The pace of fundraising is running behind last year’s pace.

Through the support of the community, approximately 250 area families were provided with the fixings to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving meal Thursday.

Those who would like to volunteer as bell-ringers can sign up online at either ringbell.org or contact Sandy Kollinger, the Plymouth Corps’ volunteer and special events coordinator, or Katie Wenzel, the Christmas Kettle coordinator, by calling 734-453-5464, ext. 24.

## Sleep Out raises money for homeless youth

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

The idea of getting a bunch of car dealers to go homeless for one November night came up at a Detroit Auto Dealers Association meeting in August.

Not the kind of agenda item normally discussed at professional association meetings, it had been raised by Sam Slaughter, the owner of a string of area dealerships and the DADA vice president (and soon to be president).

“We looked at him like he was totally crazy,” said Scott LaRiche, vice president and executive manager at Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth Township and a DADA board member.

Then Slaughter told them about Covenant House Michigan, a Detroit-based organization that provides shelter, food, education and life skills to homeless young people. The Sleep Out, held in Detroit and



Scott LaRiche  
Participants in the first Covenant House Michigan Sleep Out in Detroit included (from left) Scott LaRiche, Cheryl Wasilewski, Tavi Fulkerson, Sam Slaughter (behind Fulkerson), Bob Weller, Rod Alberts and Katie Bowman-Coleman.

14 other cities in North America that have Covenant House facilities, was designed to raise money for the organization.

“After we heard that, it was a no-brainer,” LaRiche said.

“Everybody signed up and we started raising funds.”

Slaughter, LaRiche and around 10 other DADA mem-

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## Plymouth residents win Skate at the Joe contest

Plymouth resident, Jon Wilson and his family recently received the opportunity of a lifetime when they were among the randomly selected winners and guests in the Skate at The Joe sweepstakes sponsored by Flagstar Bank.

Wilson, his wife, and three children were treated to a two-hour open skate at Joe Louis Arena, along with a pizza party.

Wilson said it was exciting to have the opportunity to skate at The Joe. And 8-year-old Kasey added, "It was fun and the food was good!"

Flagstar Bank is an official partner of the Detroit Red Wings.

## SANTA

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Santa's arrival capped off a brief Christmas celebration that, along with a busy retail day on the day after Thanksgiving, launched Plymouth's holiday season.

"We are always so happy whenever you come to see us," Pobur told the Jolly Old Elf, who then got to throw a switch to light up dozens of evergreen trees around the park.

Entertainer Joel Tacey had warmed up the crowd (metaphorically, anyway) with a magic act, while the Festival Singers - students from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park high schools - led the renditions of *Jingle Bells* and *Santa Claus is Coming to Town*.

There was a line outside Santa's hut even before his 6 p.m. arrival and children cheered and waved as he made his way to the house.

"We love this city," said Nicole Lazar of Ply-



Santa, Trevor Johnson and Kayla Cal light the Kellogg Park lights.

mouth Township, who was waiting to see Santa with daughters Alexis, 6, Sophia, 5, and Ava, 22 months. They usually see Santa at a mall, she said, but decided to visit Kellogg Park this year.

"It seemed like it'd be a real fun thing to do," said Ronan Kennedy, who was holding daughter Evelyn while in line. Kennedy and his family were in town from Raleigh, N.C., visiting relatives and friends, and decided to see Santa in the park.

Evelyn was ready with her Christmas list for Santa Claus, she said. "Four necklaces and a puppy," she said. "A real

puppy."

Santa was to keep some Plymouth hours Saturday and will return again Saturday, Dec. 6, to receive visitors between noon and 4 p.m. His other hours will be: noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13; 6-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19; noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20; noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21; and 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23.

Santa's visits are sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

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## Auto dealer's good deed shows respect for military

When Scott LaRiche gave up his first-class airplane seat to a U.S. Marine earlier this month, he didn't seek any recognition for it, he says.

But news travels fast in the age of Twitter and, before LaRiche knew it, his good deed was widely known in the Detroit area, even mentioned on Frank Beckmann's radio show on WJR-AM (760).

LaRiche, vice president and executive general manager of Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth Township, had spotted the Marine, carrying an urn with the ashes of a comrade that he was accompanying home, boarding the plane in Los Angeles early Nov. 21. LaRiche was returning to the Detroit area from the Los Angeles Auto Show.

After consulting a stewardess, LaRiche learned the Marine was seated at the back of the plane. He walked back and insisted the service-

man take his seat in first class.

The Marine, hesitant at first, took the seat, LaRiche said. He was very dignified in the way he carried himself and the urn and a folded flag; LaRiche said he didn't learn how the Marine's comrade had died or even if his final destination was in Michigan.

"It was really an emotional thing," he said.

LaRiche said he wanted to duck publicity about the event, but once word got out, decided to use the publicity as a platform to urge people to show appreciation for those in the military and for military veterans.

"The next time you see a serviceman or woman or you see a veteran, just say thank you," he said. "Show your gratitude for what they go through on a daily basis."

- By Matt Jachman

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bers joined about other 30 professionals Nov. 20 for the Sleep Out on the grounds of Covenant House Michigan, on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard near I-96. They bedded down around 11 p.m. and got up between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m.

"It was a real eye-opener for me," said LaRiche, who estimated he got maybe 90 minutes of sleep.

LaRiche was bundled up and in a sleeping bag, lying in a cardboard box, but that was no match for temperatures that, with the wind chill, dipped to around zero. There were also interruptions by Covenant House staffers, asking participants if



SCOTT LARICHE  
Scott LaRiche took this selfie Nov. 21 upon getting up from a night spent outside to raise money for Covenant House Michigan. "I cannot imagine having to do that two, three, four, five nights in a row, a month in a row," he said.

they wanted to go to the warming center, as they do when they see the real homeless. (LaRiche did not take them up on it.)

LaRiche left his box at around 5:30 a.m., exhausted.

"I cannot imagine having to do that two, three, four, five nights in a row, a month in a row,"

he said.

And LaRiche acknowledges he and fellow Sleep Out participants had it comparatively easy: They were secure on the Covenant House grounds, knew where their breakfast was coming from and had the chance to take a hot shower and maybe a nap before heading to work.

"Going through what I went through for one night is hardly anything compared to what they (homeless youths) have to do on a daily basis," he said.

The experience was especially meaningful in light of the coming Thanksgiving, he said the day before the holiday.

"Every single year we talk about, 'What are you thankful for?'" LaRiche said. "I'm going to be able to think of a lot of things I'm thankful for."

DADA members raised about \$78,000 in

pledges through their participation, including some \$6,875 from LaRiche. In total, the first Detroit Sleep Out raised more than \$210,000, easily surpassing the goal of \$150,000.

LaRiche and other Sleep Out participants also got to look around Covenant House Michigan, attend a candlelight vigil, talk to staff members and meet two of the young people being helped by the program.

On any given night, according to Covenant House Michigan, there are more than 5,000 homeless youths in the state.

Donations to Covenant House Michigan can be made via the website [www.covenanthousemi.org/donation/form](http://www.covenanthousemi.org/donation/form). Mail can be sent to: Covenant House Michigan, 2959 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard., Detroit, MI 48208.

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## Cold weather no match for Plymouth girls

By Linda Rose  
Correspondent

It was cold Sunday, Nov. 16, at Kensington Park. Really cold – and windy ... not to mention, a little wet.

But you wouldn't know it by talking to Lani or Gabi or Elliana or any of the members of the Plymouth-area Girls on the Run teams. Donned with hats, scarves, mittens and great big smiles, they weren't letting a little bit of nasty weather keep them from enjoying the 5K run which celebrates the completion of the 10-week YMCA Girls on the Run program.

Girls on the Run is a physical activity-based positive youth development program for girls in grades 3-8. It teaches life skills through interactive lessons and running games. The program culminates with the girls being physically and emotionally prepared to complete in a 5K running event. This fall, the YMCA program took place at five sites in Plymouth, while the Plymouth YMCA sponsored additional programs in the surrounding communities of Canton, Northville, Novi and Belleville for a total of 25 teams and more than 300 area participants.

"We are so proud of all the girls who participated in the Girls of the Run program," said Sage Hegdal, executive director of the Plymouth YMCA. "The goal of the program is to develop confidence and positive attitudes in the girls, while establishing a lifetime appreciation of health and fitness."

Melanie Bowling knows the value of the Girls on the Run program firsthand.

"I started coaching a team when my daughter was in fourth grade and she wanted to get involved," Bowling said. "At the time, they didn't



The Girls on the Run Team from Bird Elementary School couldn't be more excited about participating in a 5K race — regardless of the weather.

have a coach, so I agreed to get involved. My daughter is now a sophomore in high school and is one of my co-coaches. I do this because it is the most empowering program for girls that I have ever seen."

Bowling, who coaches at Bird Elementary School in Plymouth, points out that although the girls are preparing to run a 5K, it is the life lessons that are the most vital part of the program, especially as the girls enter middle school.

"I've been coaching for 12 seasons, in the fall and spring," Bowling said. "Each session, I watch the girls become a team and begin to inspire each other in terms of thought and action. There is never a day that I don't feel honored to be their coach. I love this program. Every girl should have the opportunity to participate."

Bowling, who plans to "retire" after this spring session, has clearly left a positive mark on the girls.

"We love coach Bowling," said team-member Erin Bak-

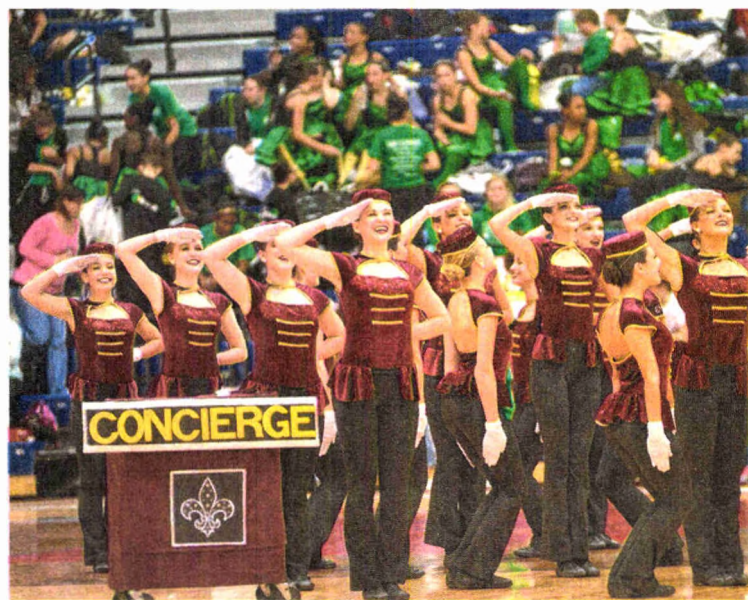
er, a fifth-grader at Bird. "I started on her team last year when I was in fourth grade and I have learned so many lessons that I can use in my life. We also use our journals and do service projects to help the community."

Ten-year-old Emily Munderof echoed this sentiment.

"We have learned how to handle peer pressure and how important it is to choose friends who share your positive attitude," she said. "I would tell any of the younger girls that they will be making a good choice if they join Girls on the Run."

Not to be out-done by their "older" team members, third-graders participating in the program at Bird Elementary added: "It's fun to be with your friends ... you don't even know you are exercising ... I didn't even know I liked to run ... I always try my best ... I love the healthy snacks like cheese sticks and oranges!"

For more information about Girls on the Run programs, go to <http://www.gotr-detroit.org> or call the Plymouth YMCA at 734-453-2904.



The Canton varsity pom team competes at the 24th annual Hip Hop And High Kick Championship.

## Canton scores well at pom competition

For the 24th year, Mid American Pompon held its Hip Hop and High Kick Championship at Saginaw Valley State University. The recent competition featured more than 60 middle school, high school and collegiate pom pon teams from Michigan and, for the first time, Atlanta, Ga.

Taking first place in the high school varsity high kick and hip hop divisions were Garden City, Canton and South Lyon East, respectively; Atomic Pom won the collegiate level high kick portion. Atlanta's pom pon team, Forest Park Varsity, placed second in hip hop portion of the event.

The Hip Hop and High Kick Championship is an annual pom pon competition that allows pom pon, dance and drill teams to compete for top honors. The day-long event combines freestyle and precision choreography with dance and high kick formations, giving teams a chance to showcase their skills and compete before an audience of thousands.

Teams range from elementary through the collegiate level and compete in eight divisions based on size and school level. Original dance choreography, precision kicklines and spectacular floor formations are the hallmarks of each team's routine. Winning teams are chosen by a panel of expert judges based on the average number points each team accrues in seven categories.

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them to have time with their families, to recharge their batteries, so to speak," she said.

She estimated Showroom of Elegance does one-third of its annual sales in the fourth quarter. "I think we're going to have a good Christmas," she said of herself and other area merchants.

In Plymouth, Stella Delap, owner of Basket Kreations, opened to a crowd Friday, too.

"It's very good, very good. It's been really good," Delap said. "We had several people lined up. I figured they would be all at the big box stores. It was a nice surprise."

**Local shopping**

She agreed Plymouth's unique items bring in customers during the holidays and all year.

"They love being able to walk into the different stores," Delap said, and, indeed, downtown Plymouth was bustling Friday morning.

Delap, Dare, Burns and other local merchants were also participating in Nov. 29's Small Business Saturday, an American Express-sponsored campaign to get people to patronize local businesses.

"And looking forward to it. I have a lot of people who will be in," Delap said, noting some of her customers had pre-shopped for Small Business Saturday merchandise.

**High hopes**

Owners of other smaller Canton businesses looked to cash in on hopes Black Friday also would launch a successful shopping season for them.

Once Upon a Child, in the New Towne Plaza Shopping Center, has been seeing an uptick in holiday shoppers starting



Black Friday shoppers leave Kohl's, located at Ford Road and Sheldon, in Canton.

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Downtown Plymouth had few Black Friday shoppers on the streets at 2 p.m., but things were busier a couple of hours later.

**Black Friday**

"Last year it was bigger than normal," store manager Cindy Begarowicz said. "I'm hoping this year will be even bigger."

Begarowicz said Black Friday appears to have improved since the store changed locations and is now sandwiched between a Kohl's store and DSW, a shoe shop. Once Upon a Child sells gently used children's clothing, toys and equipment such as strollers

and swings.

"Our toys are brimming. We've got lots of toys," Begarowicz said. "I'm hoping we will see an increase in business for the holidays."

Another Canton business, Big Frog Custom T-Shirts & More, braced for its first Black Friday and inaugural holiday season after opening its doors in August.

Customers could bring in their own T-shirt designs or sit down with a graphic designer and help to develop one. "We can come up with something while they're here," said Pete Lapshenko, a graphic designer.

Customers can bring their own shirts or buy one there, but Big Frog's work isn't limited to T-shirts.

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This lighthearted, family comedy will make audiences laugh watching Bunny and her team try to outwit EM-



Bunny Watson and the "Girls" (from left) Valerie Haas, Anne Morgan, Jenna Hinton and Jennifer Beitzel.

MERAC. Who will be the winner? The cast includes Jenna Hinton (Farmington), Valerie Haas (Redford), Jennifer Beitzel (Plymouth), Jonathon Wennstrom (Canton) as Richard Sumner, Anne Morgan (Livonia) as Bunny Watson, Michael Ludlam (Northville), Jerry Carney (Canton), Jane and Mike Cuba (Livonia), Pat Lillis and Kiersten Manifold (Ypsilanti). The play is directed by artistic director Craig A. Hane.

*The Desk Set* was

made into the Hollywood classic film in 1958, starring Katherine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy.

*The Desk Set* opens at 8 p.m. Dec. 5. Additional performances are 8 p.m. Dec. 6, 12-13 and 2 p.m. Dec. 7 and 14. All seats are \$15 and can be reserved by calling the box office at 734-560-1493 or going online to [www.justgobarefoot.com](http://www.justgobarefoot.com). The intimate 99-seat Barefoot Productions Theatre is located at 240 N. Main in Plymouth.

## Know your obligation before co-signing for student loan

**Q: Dear Rick: I read an article about a father who co-signed a student loan for his daughter. When his daughter unfortunately passed away, he was held liable for the student loan. I was surprised the bank held him liable despite his loss. I have twin nephews who have asked me to co-sign their student loans. I want to help them, but I don't want to be held liable if they don't pay their loan back or if they should pass away before they've finished paying off the loan. Is there anything I can state in the loan documents or otherwise to protect me if I co-sign?**

**A:** If your nephews are unable to make payment, the bank is going to seek payment from you. After all, that is why the bank



**Rick Bloom**  
MONEY MATTERS

wants you as a co-signer – to protect it from default. In some situations, you may have some sort of collateral that would protect you, but in this case it doesn't appear that there would be any. As a co-signer, that is the risk that you accept.

With regard to the untimely death of one of your nephews, if they die and still have an obligation on the loan, you would be responsible. However, there is something that you can do to protect yourself. Buy a life insurance policy on your nephews with you as the beneficiary. Then if one of the boys dies with an outstanding obligation, you could use the insurance to pay back the loan.

I recommend purchasing term insurance. It is

the least expensive, particularly at the ages of your nephews. One issue to consider with the insurance is the length of time you should have the coverage. I recommend at least a 20-year term, but you may find that at your nephews' ages, the cost for a 30-year policy is not much more expensive.

I always caution people about being a co-signer or a guarantor. Life insurance will protect you if the borrower passes away with the outstanding obligation. However, short of having some collateral, which in most cases is not realistic, if there is a default, you will be held responsible.

Good luck.

*Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com). If you would like him to respond to your questions, please email [rick@bloomassetmanagement.com](mailto:rick@bloomassetmanagement.com).*

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## Plymouth museum hosts bazaar, open house

The Plymouth Historical Museum will hold its annual juried Craft Bazaar and Open House from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6.

All artisans have been specially selected for their unique gifts and ideas. Crafts range from jewelry and ceramic art to knit and recycled creations, making it easy to find something for everyone on your Christmas list this year.

As in past years, the museum will also hold a bake sale filled with a wide varieties of tasty snacks and refreshments to enjoy while shopping. Santa will be visiting all day; you can take your

own photos of your child with the jolly old man.

When the weather outside gets frightful, come on into the museum to shop and explore its special exhibit, "Twas the Night Before Christmas," featuring several popular Christmas stories and movies from the past two centuries.

All activities are free and open to the public. The museum is located at 155 S. Main Street, one block north of downtown Plymouth.

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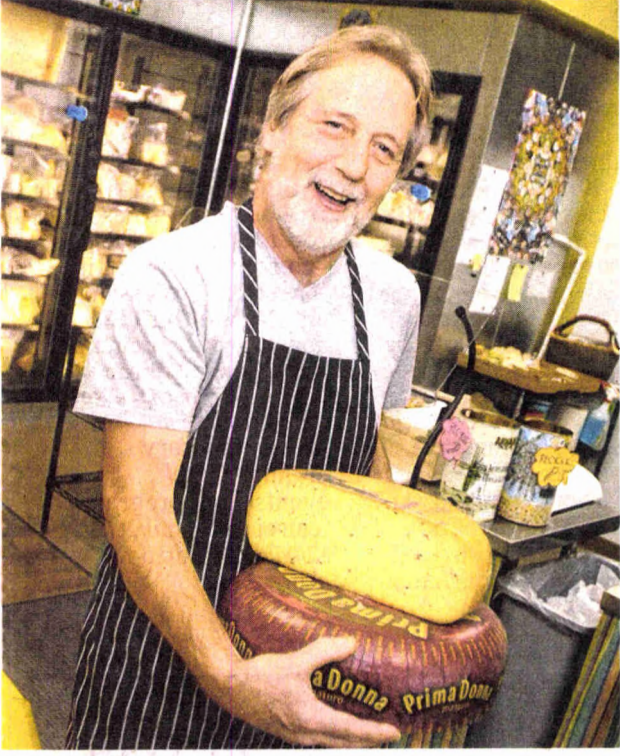


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# The Cheese Lady comes to downtown Farmington



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
The Cheese Lady owner Joe Mantey opened the specialty grocer Nov. 13.

By Aileen Wingblad  
Staff Writer

A new downtown Farmington shop has 80-plus reasons for you to “say cheese” — with more on the way.

Visit The Cheese Lady on Grove Street — next to TJ Maxx — to find a massive assortment of artisan cheeses and complimentary products to pair them with, including craft beers, wines, crisps, preserves and more.

Not sure what “goes with” what or unfamiliar with any of the names posted on the wall, listing the dozens and dozens of cheeses that fill the store’s coolers?

No worries. That’s what the “cheesemongers” are for, ready to share what they know and offer samples of their choosing or yours. “We talk cheese, we sell cheese, we teach



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Cheesemonger Kyle Tackett offers samples and plenty of cheese advice to customers.

people about cheese,” said Kyle Tackett, degreed in culinary arts, and proud wearer of his cheesemonger title.

“The thing about cheese is people often think of it as one-dimensional,” Tackett said, “but it’s so versatile. It can be part of so many different things — desserts, entrees, appetizers. There are so many uses and different varieties ... you can see why everyone loves cheese.”

The Farmington store, owned by Joe and Kendra Mantey, is the fifth Cheese Lady, a Michigan-based company founded by the original “cheese lady” Kathleen Riegler about 10 years ago. She and her husband John run their first store in Muskegon and take an active role in helping launch the franchises — as evidenced by John’s recent visit to the Mantey’s store.

“Some people just haven’t had any good cheese,” Riegler said, explaining that the vacuum-sealed products typical of most supermarkets are what so many are used to, but are sorely lacking in flavor.

Rather, cheeses have to be packaged properly and not sliced in advance, he said, to keep customers hungering for more.

Tackett agreed. “We buy a better product, we handle it better, we take care of it better,” he said. “You have to respect your cheese, treat it nicely.”

Joe Mantey said he and his wife became fans of The Cheese Lady’s Grand Rapids store about a year ago, after friends recommended they stop there on the way to visit Mantey’s dad, who lives on the western side of the state. After one visit, they were hooked.

“Then every time we visited my dad, we had to stop,” he said, grinning.

Last February, he approached Riegler and got his franchise plan in motion. And downtown Farmington had to be the spot. As a Farmington Hills planning commissioner and “one of the active Main Street people,” Mantey said whatever helps revitalize the downtown benefits the entire Farmington-Farmington Hills community.

“On the planning commission, I tell people

what they can and can’t do with their developments. Now, I’m learning about the other perspective,” he said. “Now, I’m putting my money where my mouth is.”

Eventually, Mantey expects to offer 150 varieties of cheese, but for now is easing into the business with a little more than half that amount, such as blended cheddar, goat and sheep’s milk cheeses, smoked, blues, soft cheeses and more. Some are seasonal, like Cranberry Le Roule, which will be offered through the holidays only. About 70 percent are European, with the rest from Michigan, Vermont, Wisconsin, Iowa and California.

“Just come in and taste,” Mantey said. “Let the cheese speak for itself. It will remind you that it is one of the good things in life.”

The Cheese Lady is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Phone 248-957-9581.

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**UPCOMING DATES:**

<b>Monday, December 8th 2014</b> 1:00 pm-3:00 pm Livonia Civic Center Library 32777 5 Mile Rd., Livonia, MI 48154	<b>Saturday, January 10th 2015</b> 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Milford Public Library 330 Family Dr., Milford, MI 48381
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The Reindeer Band – (front, from left) Camryn Mastny, Alison Bradley, Riley Walker and Natalie Parkinson and (back, from left) Madison McCann, Rachel Carallavah, Kyle Mitchell, Mariah Gallagher and Zaven Rutman – gets ready as Spotlight on Youth presents “Rock ‘n’ Roll Santa” at the Biltmore Studio at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton, Dec. 4-7. Show times are 7 p.m. Dec. 4-6, with 2 p.m. matinee performances Dec. 6-7. Tickets are \$12 each and are available by calling the box office at 734-394-5300 or 734-394-5460 or online at [www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater](http://www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater) or in person at The Summit on the Park or at the door. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

PEARL HARBOR CEREMONY

**Date/Time:** Sunday, Dec. 7, 1 p.m.  
**Location:** Plymouth Veterans Memorial Park, in front of Central Middle School, downtown Plymouth  
**Details:** At about 7 a.m. – 1 p.m. Plymouth time – Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, was attacked. This ceremony will “Remember Pearl Harbor.” Pearl Harbor Day is a day that should be a quiet memory of those military men and women who never asked questions, but followed orders – and died. The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6695, Plymouth Passage-Gayde American Legion Post No. 391 and the Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter No. 528 invite you and your family to attend.

FARRAND FAIR

**Date/Time:** Thursday, Dec. 4, 4-8 p.m.  
**Location:** Farrand Elementary School, 41400 Greenbriar Lane, Plymouth Township  
**Details:** Farrand Elementary School hosts its annual Vendor/Craft Fair, featuring more than 25 vendors and crafters. The event also features jewelry, purses, health and beauty items and more. Admission is free.

BAREFOOT AUDITIONS

**Date/Time:** Dec. 8-9, 7 p.m.  
**Location:** Barefoot Productions theater, Main near the railroad tracks in Plymouth  
**Details:** Barefoot Productions announces auditions for *Disfranchised*, a dark comedy by Lisa Loomer. The play deals with A.D.D. and its treatments. Roles for three men and six women. Actors should bring a resume and head shot, if available.  
**Contact:** For more information, call Chris at 734-673-4244 or go to [www.justgobarefoot.com](http://www.justgobarefoot.com).

COLLEGE WORKSHOP

**Date/Time:** Thursday, Dec. 4, 7-8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center, Canton  
**Details:** A free workshop on funding a student's college education features Robert Hoger, certified college planning specialist with Michigan College Funding LLC. He will be discussing such topics as how to send kids to the school of their dreams without going broke; how to increase eligibility for aid; how to find scholarships and grants. Admission is free, but seating is limited by the size of the room.  
**Contact:** Call 248-662-1300 to reserve a seat and for more information.

NEW SCHOOL MEETING

**Date/Time:** Monday, Dec. 1, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Plymouth Township offices, 9955 N. Haggerty  
**Details:** New School High, a community-based, teacher-led, self-managed, tuition-free public school academy opening in Plymouth in fall 2015, is hosting informational meetings. Interested families may also visit the website at [newschoolhigh.org](http://newschoolhigh.org) or the New School High Facebook page.  
**Contact:** School leader Cyndi Burnstein at [cburnstein@newschoolhigh.org](mailto:cburnstein@newschoolhigh.org).

ANNUAL WCGH REUNION

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, Dec. 9, 5:30-8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Hibachi Grill Supreme Buffet, 6539 N. Wayne Road, Westland  
**Details:** The 30th annual Wayne County General Hospital employees holiday reunion will be held in the party room of the Hibachi Grill Supreme. There is a large choice of food selections and a senior discount. All retirees and former employees are invited to attend. No reservations are needed. You can pay at the door.  
**Contact:** For questions, call the restaurant at 734-729-5688.

Library plans business events

The Plymouth District Library has two business events scheduled for Thursday that are designed to strengthen its ties with local business owners, employees and entrepreneurs.

“We are continuing to expand our services to area businesses and playing our part in the economic development of the Plymouth community,” library director Carol Souchock said in a press release. “We hope to get to know the business community better ... with these two valuable events.”

One is an open house, 5-7 p.m., during which library will introduce

an expanded Business Resource Center on the second level. The public is invited to drop in and learn about the library's resources and meet representatives from local economic development organizations.

Karen Bitterle, director of the Small Business Development Center at Schoolcraft College, will be on hand to share information about resources at the SBDC, which has been working with the library to create an effective business resource center.

Steve Feinman, the district director of SCORE, has provided guidance through the

library to local businesses and entrepreneurs. Feinman will be back at 7 p.m. Thursday to talk about the capabilities of SCORE, a nonprofit working to help small businesses get started.

SCORE provides free private business consultations and also volunteer opportunities for retired professionals. Register for the appearance by Feinman by calling the library at 734-453-0750, ext. 4, or online at <http://plymouthlibrary.org/index.php/events/adult-programs/icalrepeat.detail/2014/12/04/6073/-intro-to-score>.

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# Three generations of family join same sorority

By Karen Smith  
Staff Writer

Three generations of the same Livonia family are now members of the same sorority.

"Believe it or not, my daughter and my granddaughter are my 'sisters,'" said Marguerite Pilon Erpelding, 75, who became a member of Zeta Tau Alpha at Michigan State University in 1958. "It sounds goofy, but it's the truth."

Erpelding attended the initiation ceremony Nov. 15 for her granddaughter Sinead Cox, 18, into Zeta Tau Alpha at University of Michigan, along with her daughter and Sinead's mother, Laura Cox, 50. She joined Zeta Tau Alpha while studying criminal justice at MSU in 1984.

Erpelding and Laura Cox were invited to participate in the ceremony

since Sinead is what's called a "double legacy," having a grandmother and mother who both were members.

"It was pretty cool to take part in that," said Laura Cox, who was elected earlier this month to represent Livonia's 19th District in the state House of Representatives.

Erpelding said she decided to join Zeta Tau Alpha 56 years ago because she had a lot in common with the girls who were already members. But she didn't push her daughter or granddaughter to join. "Each house has girls in it; all have different personalities," she said. "It all depends on who you click with."

But, she said, she's thrilled: "My granddaughter is wearing the same badge I wore that I gave to my daughter."



Marguerite Pilon Erpelding, Sinead Cox and Laura Cox celebrating three generations of Zetas.

The badge is the pin Erpelding was given at her initiation.

Laura Cox said she rushed a number of sororities when she was a student studying criminal justice at MSU, but decided on Zeta in part because it was "a little special to be considered a legacy."

And while she was

secretly hoping Sinead would also become a Zeta, she wanted her to pick the sorority that was the best fit for her.

Sinead followed in the footsteps of her father, former Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox, in attending the

University of Michigan so the sorority house she will live in next year is different from the one her mother and grandmother lived in at Michigan State University.

Sinead, a freshman who's considering a major in international relations and business, rushed and ended up picking three sororities, with Zeta being her favorite. "In the end, she landed where she needed to be," Laura Cox said.

Sinead said she picked Zeta because she "fell in love with the girls there and the philanthropy (breast cancer awareness and education) because it affects everyone."

The Ladywood High School graduate also liked that the sorority places a special emphasis on traditions and legacies. If she has a daughter one day, she said, she hopes she can pass along the "family heirloom" - grandma's Zeta Tau Alpha pin.

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Notice is hereby given that a public hearing concerning the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Meeting Room of the Plymouth Township Hall located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road on Tuesday, December 9, 2014.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to afford the public the opportunity to place before the board any proposed use of the 2015 CDBG funds.

Preliminary indications from the Wayne County Community Development Block Grant program are that the estimated 2015 funding allocation for the Township will be approximately \$91,391. Wayne County requires that our request for public service projects not exceed 15 % of the total allocation. Based on that special requirement the projects are proposed as follows:

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Senior Alliance	\$2,224
Senior Transportation	\$7,283
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$9,139</b>
<b>BRICK &amp; MORTAR</b>	<b>\$67,687</b>
ADA Township Park Improvements	\$67,687
<b>TOTAL ALLOCATION</b>	<b>\$91,391</b>

Any written comments regarding the proposed use of the 2015 funds should be directed to Susan Vignoe, Solid Waste and Public Service Coordinator, Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI and must be received by Friday, December 5, 2014.

Nancy Conzelman  
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT 12 TO ORDINANCE NO. 1016 ADOPTION OF 2012 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ADOPTING AND INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE 2012 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE WITH APPENDICES; PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF THE SAFEGUARDING OF LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS ARISING FROM THE STORAGE, HANDLING AND USE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES, MATERIALS, AND DEVICES, AND FROM CONDITIONS HAZARDOUS TO LIFE OR PROPERTY IN THE OCCUPANCY OF BUILDINGS AND PREMISES IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND HAZARDOUS USES OR OPERATIONS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION HEREOF; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL AND SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

#### THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

##### SECTION 1. CODE ADOPTED.

**Section 24.010. Code Adopted.** This section provides that the 2012 Edition of the *International Fire Code with Appendices* is adopted by reference as the Fire Code of the Charter Township of Plymouth.

**Section 24.020. Changes in the Code.** This section provides that certain sections and subsections of the 2012 Edition of the *International Fire Code* are hereby amended as to the title, penalties and stop work orders.

**Section 24.030. Notice: opportunity to correct.** This section provides that if a violation of this Chapter is noted, a Code Enforcement Officer may notify the owner of record and/or the occupant of the property of the violation.

##### SECTION 2. REPEAL.

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

##### SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of this Ordinance.

##### SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecution for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

##### SECTION 5. PUBLICATION.

This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

##### SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, Michigan, 48170, during regular business hours.

Nancy C. Conzelman  
Plymouth Township Clerk

Publish: November 30, 2014

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# Celebrate Kwanzaa with the community

By Joanne Maliszewski  
Staff Writer

The planners of this year's annual Kwanzaa celebration believe the world would be a much better place if people embraced and lived according to the holiday's seven principles.

"We live by these principles throughout our entire lives," Wayne Smith said. "They are an inspiration."

Kwanzaa's seven principles are the heart of the celebration 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, in the upstairs auditorium at the Farmington Hills branch of the library, 32737 12 Mile.

"You have to have faith in something or someone," Ouley Saulsberry said.

Smith and Saulsberry are among the event's planners, who also include Douglas Saulsberry, Donna Smith, Roy and Sonia Anderson and Dirk and Jessica Beamer.

The public is invited to learn about the seven principles that are based on African tradition and do not involve politics or religion. The principles are: self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith.

The seven principles and the celebration have Laurie Scott, children's librarian, excited. While the event has been celebrated in the library, this year marks the library's first year as co-sponsor.



The planners of the 2014 Kwanzaa celebration include: Donna and Wayne Smith, Laurie Scott, Farmington Community Library children's librarian, Douglas and Ouley Saulsberry and Roy and Sonia Anderson. Also on the planning committee are Jessica and Dirk Beamer.

## KWANZAA PRINCIPLES

Despite its African roots in history and culture, Kwanzaa is an American holiday, started by a college professor in 1966 following the Watts riots in Los Angeles. Kwanzaa is based on seven principles (with their official names in Swahili):

- » Umoja (Unity): To strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation and race.
- » Kujichagulia (Self-determination): To define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves and speak for ourselves.
- » Ujima (Collective work and responsibility): To build and maintain our community together and make our brother's and sister's problems our problems and to solve them together.
- » Ujamaa (Cooperative economics): To build and maintain our own stores, shops and other businesses and to profit from them together.
- » Nia (Purpose): To make our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness.
- » Kuumba (Creativity): To do always as much as we can, in the way we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.
- » Imani (Faith): To believe with all our heart in our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.

"I jumped on the bandwagon," Scott said. "We are providing the space and the general library publicity. I value this as a cultural awareness event."

The principles, Scott said, are about community and each other. "Community togetherness, knowing your community and yourself. This is a celebration of all that."

In the years the planners have organized the event, increasingly more people attend, particularly with children. "By bringing in the library, it puts out the word of the diversity we have in this community," Douglas Saulsberry said.

The celebration will include music, dance, storytelling and family presentations of the Kwanzaa principles.

Again this year, popular storyteller Rosie Chapman will be on hand. And, for the first time, the Harrison High School Dance Troupe, led by teacher Tumijah Banks, will perform. Return African dancer Andrea Hetheru also will perform.

"The principles cross ethnic, religious and economic lines," Roy Anderson said. "It is about unity and all of us coming together."

In reaching that goal, Ouley Saulsberry said,

everyone must find purpose in life and help each other and the community. Sonia Anderson agreed. Before she really knew about the Kwanzaa holiday, she was raised in its traditions of family and community: "The whole Kwanzaa idea is just that."

While presentations will be made – including from Farmington Public Schools officials, who

were in on the beginning of the annual celebration almost 10 years ago – visitors can look forward to refreshments, food and a chance to gather.

The Kwanzaa planning committee has quite a few sponsors that help create a successful celebration. Papa John's pizza and Johnny Pomodoro's have helped since day one, while others are Beans & Cornbread res-

taurant, Busch's Fresh Market, Heartland Market, Whole Foods Market, Farmington Community Library and Chicken King.

"This has grown and evolved since it was started," Roy Anderson said. "It's a joy to see so many faces."

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### NOTICE OF ORDINANCE SUBMITTAL

**TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following proposed Ordinance was introduced for first reading by the Plymouth Charter Township Board at its November 18, 2014 meeting:**

**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF WAYNE  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH  
AMENDMENT 13 to ORDINANCE NO. 1016  
CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY  
GAS FRANCHISE ORDINANCE**

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways, and other public places, and to do a local gas business in the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

**SECTION 1. TERM.** The CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, hereby grants to the Consumers Energy Company, a Michigan corporation, its successors and assigns, hereinafter called the "Grantee," the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways, and other public places, and to do a local gas business in the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

**SECTION 2. CONSIDERATION.** In consideration of the rights, power and authority hereby granted, said Grantee shall faithfully perform all things required by the terms hereof.

**SECTION 3. CONDITIONS.** No highway, street, alley, bridge, waterway or other public place used by said Grantee shall be obstructed longer than necessary during the work of construction or repair, and shall be restored to the same order and condition as when said work was commenced. All of Grantee's pipes and mains shall be so placed in the highways and other public places as not to unnecessarily interfere with the use thereof for highway purposes.

**SECTION 4. HOLD HARMLESS.** Said Grantee shall at all times keep and save the Charter Township free and harmless from all loss, costs and expense to which it may be subject by reason of the negligent construction and maintenance of the structures and equipment hereby authorized. In case any action is commenced against the Charter Township on account of the permission herein given, said Grantee shall, upon notice, defend the Charter Township and save it free and harmless from all loss, cost and damage arising out of such negligent construction and maintenance.

**SECTION 5. EXTENSIONS.** Said Grantee shall construct and extend its gas distribution system within said Charter Township and shall furnish gas to applicants residing therein in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.

**SECTION 6. FRANCHISE NOT EXCLUSIVE.** The rights, power and authority herein granted, are not exclusive. Either manufactured or natural gas may be furnished hereunder.

**SECTION 7. RATES.** Said Grantee shall be entitled to charge the inhabitants of said Charter Township for gas furnished therein, the rates as approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission, to which Commission or its successors authority and jurisdiction to fix and regulate gas rates and rules regulating such service in said Charter Township, are hereby granted for the term of this franchise. Such rates and rules shall be subject to review and change at any time upon petition therefor being made by either said Charter Township, acting by its Charter Township Board, or by said Grantee.

**SECTION 8. REVOCATION.** The franchise granted by this ordinance is subject to revocation upon sixty (60) days written notice by the party desiring such revocation.

**SECTION 9. MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JURISDICTION.** Said Grantee shall, as to all other conditions and elements of service not herein fixed, be and remain subject to the rules and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission or its successors, applicable to gas service in said Charter Township. Nothing herein shall be construed as limiting the legal right of Grantee to challenge, contest or appeal any order, rule or regulation of the Michigan Public Service Commission.

**SECTION 10. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS.** Grantee shall comply with all applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations regarding the installation, maintenance or operation of its gas system, whether federal, state or local, now in force or which hereafter may be promulgated; however, nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver by Grantee of any of its existing or future rights under state or Federal law.

**SECTION 11. REPEALER.** This ordinance, when accepted by grantee and published as herein provided, shall repeal and supersede the provisions of a gas ordinance adopted by the Charter Township Board on December 14, 1971 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, and other public places, and to do a local gas business in the TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

and amendments, if any, to such ordinance whereby a gas franchise was granted to Consumers Energy Company.

**SECTION 12. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall take effect upon the day after the date of publication thereof; provided, however, it shall cease and be of no effect after thirty days from its adoption unless within said period the Grantee shall accept the same in writing filed with the Charter Township Clerk. Upon acceptance and publication hereof, this ordinance shall constitute a contract between said Charter Township and said Grantee.

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### NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN WINTER TAXES - 2014

Winter taxes are due December 1, 2014 and payable through February 28, 2015 without penalty. Additional information appears on the reverse side of your tax statement.

**MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CITY OF PLYMOUTH.** Payments can be mailed, or paid at City Hall during regular working hours, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Treasurer's office. Information on credit card payments is on our web page—[www.ci.plymouth.mi.us](http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us). After hours, payments can be placed in the drop box located in the City Hall lobby (Church Street entrance) or in the payment drop box next to the book returns behind the Library.

**CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED** Wednesday, December 24, 2014 and Thursday, December 25, 2014 also Wednesday, December 31, 2014 and Thursday, January 1, 2015. During this holiday season, the Treasurer's office will be OPEN on Monday, December 22, 2014, Tuesday, December 23, 2014 Friday December 26, 2014 and Monday, December 29, 2014 and Tuesday, December 30, 2014 for our taxpayers' convenience.

Teresa Cischke, MiCPT CPFA  
City Treasurer

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December 4, 2014

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### STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH FIREWORKS ORDINANCE

#### SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT 9 TO ORDINANCE NO. 1016

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH REGULATING FIREWORKS; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR PERMIT OR REGISTRATION; PROVIDING FOR DISCHARGE OF NOVELTIES; PROVIDING FOR PYROTECHNIC DISPLAYS; PROVIDING FOR PERMIT FOR DISCHARGE OF CONSUMER FIREWORKS; PROVIDING FOR TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:**

Ordinance No. 1016, the Fireworks Ordinance is hereby adopted to read as follows:

#### SECTION I. TITLE.

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Fireworks Ordinance."

#### SECTION II. ORDINANCE.

**Sec. A. Definitions.** This section provides for the definition of words used in this ordinance.

**Sec. B. Exemptions.** This section provides that a permit is not required for the possession, ignition or discharge of novelties or low-impact fireworks.

**Sec. C. Permit or registration required.** This section provides that in order to sell fireworks a consumer fireworks certificate must be obtained from the township in accordance with the requirements of Act 256, as amended.

**Sec. D. Discharge or novelties, low-impact fireworks and consumer fireworks.** This section provides for the requirements and prohibitions for the discharge of novelties, low-impact fireworks and consumer fireworks.

**Sec. E. Permit for pyrotechnic displays or other use.** This section provides for the requirements to obtain a permit from the township for pyrotechnic displays or other uses.

**Sec. F. Permit for discharge of consumer fireworks.** This section provides for the requirements to obtain a permit from the township for the discharge of consumer fireworks.

**Sec. G. Transportation and storage.** This section provides that the transportation and storage of fireworks shall be in accordance with the requirements set forth in Act 256.

#### SECTION III. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

This section provides that any person who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance is responsible for a civil infraction punishable by a civil fine not to exceed \$500.00.

#### SECTION IV. REPEAL.

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

#### SECTION V. SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

#### SECTION VI. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings or prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

#### SECTION VII. PUBLICATION.

This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

#### SECTION VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, during regular business hours.

Nancy Conzelman, Clerk  
Charter Township of Plymouth

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**Shuree Neely of Plymouth looks on as friend Jeff Williams of Fenton is ready to head for the doors after helping carry packages from shopping Thanksgiving night.**



**Garden City resident Rachel Zarb, along with parents Suzanne and Bruce, gets early shopping in at Westland Shopping Center.**

# Shoppers gobble up deals Thanksgiving evening at Westland Shopping Center

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

The cha-ching of cash registers replaced the sounds of silver bells as Black Friday aficionados kicked off the holiday shopping season with gusto Thanksgiving evening.

The parking lot at the Canton Walmart on Ford Road was packed with shoppers on the hunt for the best holiday deals, while at Westland Shopping Center, the line stretched from the exterior doors at JC Penney to the Verizon store as people waited for its 5 p.m. opening.

"We got here about 5:30," said Catherine Osborne of Plymouth. "This took about a month of preparation. We've been to JC Penney, Kohl's, Sears, Claire's, Children's Place and Toys R Us. I have most of my shopping done, but I cannot go out on Black Friday. I usually go out with a friend, but this is the first time she couldn't come.

"Even when I'm fully done, I keep shopping until time runs out," she added.

Helping her was son Aaron, 12, who was the designated "executive director." He got to make the final decision — yes, no, maybe — according to his mother and helped carry packages.

"It depends on how much I like," he said.

### Stocking up

Bruce Zarb of Garden City had a spot staked out by Bath & Body Works, waiting for his wife Suzanne and daughter Ra-

chel.

"I just want to go home," said Zarb, who was surprised by the number of people at the mall. "I feel bad for the people who have to work."

"I bought stuff (Rachel) wanted and I put off buying until now," Suzanne said. "I had coupons and then they gave us more coupons to come back in a few weeks."

Their shopping bag included a tote filled with more than \$100 in products.

In the mall's central court, former Westland resident Kim Eddy and daughters Mya, Jessica and Kristen Johnson were loaded down with packages from Aeropostale.

"Everything was 60 percent off," Eddy said. "We came out right after I cleaned up after dinner."

This was their first time doing the Black Friday shopping at Westland mall.

"It's a lot easier shopping here, there's less people," Jessica Johnson said. "Last year, we went to Twelve Oaks and it was crazy and the year before we went to Great Lakes Crossing and it was elbow to elbow."

The women stocked up on sweaters, skirts, scarves, sweat pants, pajama pants, tank tops and shorts. Some of the items were for Christmas presents.

After about two hours of shopping, Eddy said they might be out another hour or so.

"I've been up since 7 a.m. cooking," she said.



**Thanksgiving night is a fun shopping experience for Mya Jonnson, mom Kim Eddy and sisters Jessica and Kristen at Westland Shopping Center.**

### Well-planned

Also surrounded by packages were Shuree Neely of Plymouth and Jeff Williams, formerly of Plymouth. They had gotten to the mall at 9 p.m. and by 9:45 p.m. were ready to leave, although Ashlee Neely wanted to go to Twelve Oaks.

"We knew what we were going for," Neely said. "Most of this is Christmas stuff, but a couple of the things from Bath & Body Works are for me. I'd do more shopping if I didn't have to carry all this stuff around."

Williams didn't have the Christmas spirit.

"Most of the stores they're going into, I'm the only guy," he said.

"It's store after store for women, but I don't see any tool store for me."

Among the younger shoppers was Ben Christopher of Livonia. A student at Franklin High School, he was there with Connor Gawne of Westland looking for a pair of Vans shoes.

"This is my first time doing this; we've only been in two stores," he said. "I asked my brother for a pair of Vans for Christmas and he wanted to pick them up."

Gawne was indifferent about the idea of shopping Thanksgiving.

"I'm used to seeing a lot of people; I went out last year," he said.

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**HEAT IN THE COLD**

With winter coming, now is the appropriate time to discuss joint care in cold weather. Of great importance is keeping the hands warm. Doing so is a major undertaking for a person with Raynaud's Disease. In this condition, blood vessels to the digits spasm and close off; no blood supply gets to the fingers. The effect is to cause the finger, or fingers, involved to become numb and white. This change lasts until the spasm ends and circulation can once again establish itself.

The spasm may last for moments to more than a half hour. The episodes of Raynauds may come only once or twice during the winter, or come on every day. The more episodes of Raynaud's that occur, the greater the chance fingertips may ulcerate with accompanying pain and infection. Therefore, physicians spend time discussing with patients having Raynaud's the importance of keeping hands warm.

The first point physicians make is that the hands need to be warm at all times. Just opening the front door and taking a few steps to pick up the paper requires wearing gloves, the same holds for a short walk from a market's parking lot into the entrance. If a building is cool, keep gloves on. It may be best to wear gloves at night if the bedroom is in the rear of the house, away from the furnace and likely to be one or two degrees cooler than the rest of the house.

Close attention to using gloves in winter applies to people with osteoarthritis or rheumatoid arthritis. Warm hands are more flexible than cold hands, warm hands fit better into gloves and grip canes, railings and car door handles better than cold hands.

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# Vigilance important to avoid 'Trouble in Toyland'

Report details some dangerous toys

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

It's a scene Donna Bucciarelli has seen far too often in the emergency room.

A kid comes in after swallowing something he shouldn't have or, worse, he swallowed something that completely blocks the airway.

It is often a panic situation at the time, but the key, said Bucciarelli, who serves as the trauma prevention coordinator for Beaumont Health System, is being vigilant, because many of these situations can be prevented.

"Supervision and common sense are the most important things," she said. "And it's not just with the new toys, but keeping track of old ones as well."

Prevention is especially important as the holiday shopping season approaches and toys fly off the shelves. And Beaumont is once again at the forefront of the education process by sponsoring the release of the Public Interest Research Group in Michigan's annual Trouble in Toyland report.

The report, which is slated to be released early next week, provides safety guidelines for consumers buying toys, as well as examples of toys currently on the shelves that pose potential safety risks.

The most common hazards found on store shelves include ones that



Ryan Roush (left) and Sachin Ploucha check out the toys during a program announcing the upcoming release of the Trouble in Toyland report.

JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

are choking hazards, contain toxic substances, are magnetic and ones that make a lot of noise.

Bucciarelli said these hazards are found in toys from numerous companies and various price ranges.

"We have seen it

across the board," she said. "It's companies you don't recognize and ones you do."

PIRG's report found numerous toys this year that fail the toilet paper roll test — meaning if it fits inside a toilet paper roll, it is probably un-

safe for children under 3 years old.

Five toys were reportedly found with concentrations of toxins exceeding federal standards.

But while many of these toys remain on the shelves, Bucciarelli said

a lot has been done over the years to cut back on those posing severe safety concerns.

"Without the constant policing and vigilance and knowing people are watching, I think the standards would go backward," she said.

U.S. PIRG Consumer Program Director Ed Mierzwinski said they "commend the emergency medicine and pediatric experts at Beaumont and other hospitals around the nation for helping educate parents about potential toy hazards."

For more information about the report and to get toy safety tips, go to [www.toysafetytips.org](http://www.toysafetytips.org).

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# Marine Corps' Toys for Tots relies heavily on volunteers

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Each Christmas season, volunteers locally and throughout the U.S. work with members of the United States Marine Corps on Toys for Tots, which began in 1947. Residents are encouraged to donate new, unwrapped toys for children at area drop boxes.

Rebecca Perelli Yarbrough of Novi is a volunteer regional area coordinator for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots. She is available at 248-331-7433 or T4TRbecca@aol.com.

Shawn King

Yarbrough is in her 28th year of Toys for Tots volunteering. "Because children are our most important asset," she said of her work, with all Toys for Tots efforts volunteer.

She told her dad about her son, now 21, who has worked on Toys for Tots all these years, too. Yarbrough couldn't give up volunteering when she saw the look on her son's face as he opened Christmas presents.

"Look at that face. I put that on 100,000 kids. Everything you do good in life comes back to you," she said. "Rewarding is a small word compared to what it is."

Yarbrough's communities are: South Lyon, Novi, Northville, Plymouth, Canton, Salem, Farmington, Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield, Milford, Highland, East Highland, Commerce, White Lake, Keego Harbor, Walled Lake, Wixom, Orchard Lake, Wolverine Lake, Union Lake, Clarkston, Seven Harbors, Andersonville, Davisburg, Springfield, Thomas, Oakwood, Walters, Perry Lake Heights, Oxford, Ortonville, Brandon Gardens, and Holly.

A wealth of information can be found on the [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org) website. Organizers note that if you do not see your community listed, you should visit [www.detroit-mi.toysfortots.org](http://www.detroit-mi.toysfortots.org) or [www.trenton-mi.toysfortots.org](http://www.trenton-mi.toysfortots.org).

If you are unable to contact a local area point of contact, contact coordinator Marine Staff Sgt. Scott Bare at 586-549-9238 or [Scott.Bare.T4T@gmail.com](mailto:Scott.Bare.T4T@gmail.com). Checks payable to the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation are welcome at: Toys for Tots Marine Coordinator, (ATTN) Marine Coordinator, 1st Bn 24th Marines, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, 27601 C St, Mt. Clemens, MI 48045.

In early November, Yarbrough was putting in eight-nine hours a day on Toys for Tots four days a week. That steps up to 15-hour days by mid-November when the volunteers get into their warehouse.

Those interested in volunteering can email Yarbrough, with sorting opportunities heavy in December after the warehouse gets set up in November.

"We've got some wonderful events coming up," Yarbrough said. Scouts assist with toy drives each year, there are pancake breakfasts, and many businesses sponsor Toys for Tots events.

"Oakland County is a stellar contributor to the program," she said. "They have always come through. It is just fantastic. Every year it overwhelms me."

Toys for Toys donation canisters are around town, too, and donations are also welcome online. Yarbrough said local community needs are first met, with additional donated toys then shifted to nearby needy areas.

"The goal is to put the toys out in the kids' hands," she said, adding some volunteers work

year-round on drives to guarantee sufficient toys.

The general cutoff age is 13, but volunteers try to accommodate teens who have younger siblings receiving toys, and ask about that on the application.

"Personally in my own heart they are the ones we need to connect with," Yarbrough said of the teens. "They get lost in the shuffle."

She's also requesting limited stuffed animals due to their harboring germs. Yarbrough noted that to request help you should visit the [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org) website home page and click on the "Request Toys" tab.

She's seeking additional help with vehicles, such as a truck or cargo van. Dick Scott is donating a minivan, one of many business sup-

porters the organizers appreciate.

Toys for Tots is a 67-year-old national charitable program run by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, and provides happiness and hope to disadvantaged children during each Christmas holiday season.

The toys, books and other gifts collected and distributed by the Marines offer these children recognition, confi-

dence and a positive memory for a lifetime.

It is such experiences that help children become responsible citizens and caring members of their community, according to the Marine Corps website. Last year, the Marine Corps fulfilled the holiday hopes and dreams of 6.8 million less fortunate children in 762 communities nationwide. Since 1947, over 223 million

children have been assisted.

"I think they're vital to the program," Yarbrough said of Marines, who staff some Toys for Tots events when not handling military duties. She added some families celebrate holidays other than Christmas.

"Our communities are very diverse culturally and socially," she said, with the goal to reach all kids in need.



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# Tips to enjoy a safe family holiday season

## Ways to prevent fires at home

It's no surprise that as the holiday season approaches, family and friends gather to celebrate. With more cooking, decorating and rituals that include candles and open flames, the risk of house fires and pediatric burn injuries increase drastically during the month of December.

These holiday traditions can all lead to a devastating house fire when there are young children in the home. The U.S. Fire Administration reports there are approximately 128,700 fires during this festive month that account for 415 deaths and 1,650 injuries.

## Holiday fire safety tips

According to Dr. David Herndon, M.D., with

Shriners Hospitals for Children in Galveston, Texas, there are three types of pediatric burns that are common during the holidays. They include scalds from steam or hot liquids, contact with heat or flames and electrical burns. Understanding these common injuries and how to avoid them can help your family to stay safe this season.

Look out for loved ones and prepare for the holiday ahead with these simple fire safety tips from Shriners Hospitals for Children:

### Holiday decorations

» Make sure your tree is at least three feet away from heat sources such as fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents.

» If you have a live tree in your home, keep it well watered and re-

move it after the holiday or when it becomes dry.

### Holiday lighting

» Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots and excessive kinking or wear before use.

» Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet.

### Candle care

» Consider using battery-operated, flameless candles.

» Never leave lit candles unattended. When using lit candles, make sure they are in stable holders and placed where they cannot be knocked down easily.

### Holiday cooking

» Cooking is the primary cause of home fires and fire injuries, so keep an eye on what you fry.

» Stand by your pan



Be safe in the kitchen this holiday season.

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and turn pot handles toward the back of the stove so children cannot reach them.

» Wear short sleeves or roll up long sleeves when cooking.

» Keep a pan lid or cookie sheet nearby to cover the pan if it catches on fire.

### Be prepared

To protect your loved ones, make sure your home is equipped with working smoke alarms and fire extinguishers. The holiday season is a great time to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and to check fire extinguishers.

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### The gift of prevention

The holiday season is a great time to spread safety awareness to all of your family and friends. Here are some gift ideas to present to loved ones, stuff stockings or to tuck under the tree:

» **Escape ladder:** The National Fire Protection Association recommends homeowners keep one escape ladder in each room located above the ground floor. Many models are built to stow easily under the bed or in the closet.

» **Smoke detector:** Some new smoke detectors offer advanced technologies, including a text message alert when a risk is detected or batteries are running low.

» **Flameless candles:** While a candle is always a classic gift, a flameless candle is a safer way to add ambiance to a room.

» **Fire extinguisher:** This safety equipment makes a great addition for the kitchen, garage or wood shop.

» **Batteries:** Fill those stockings with plenty of batteries to ensure smoke detectors are in working order for many months to come.

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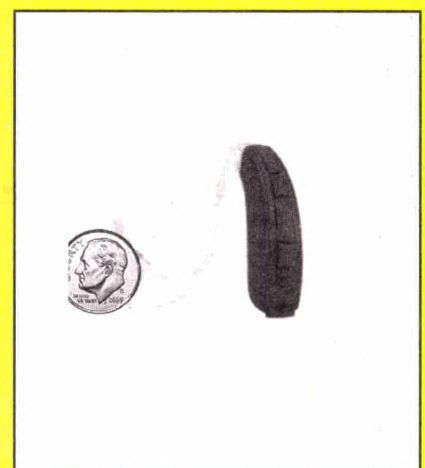
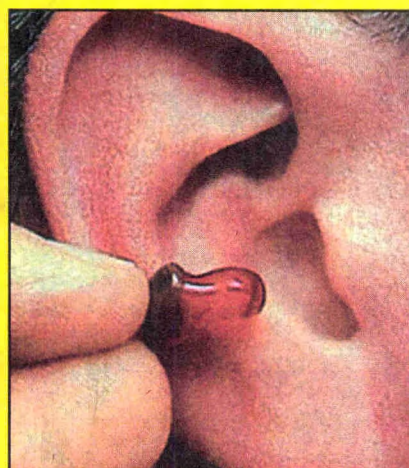
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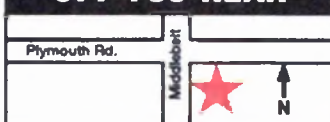
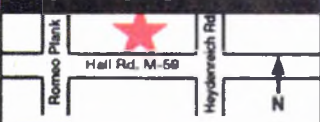
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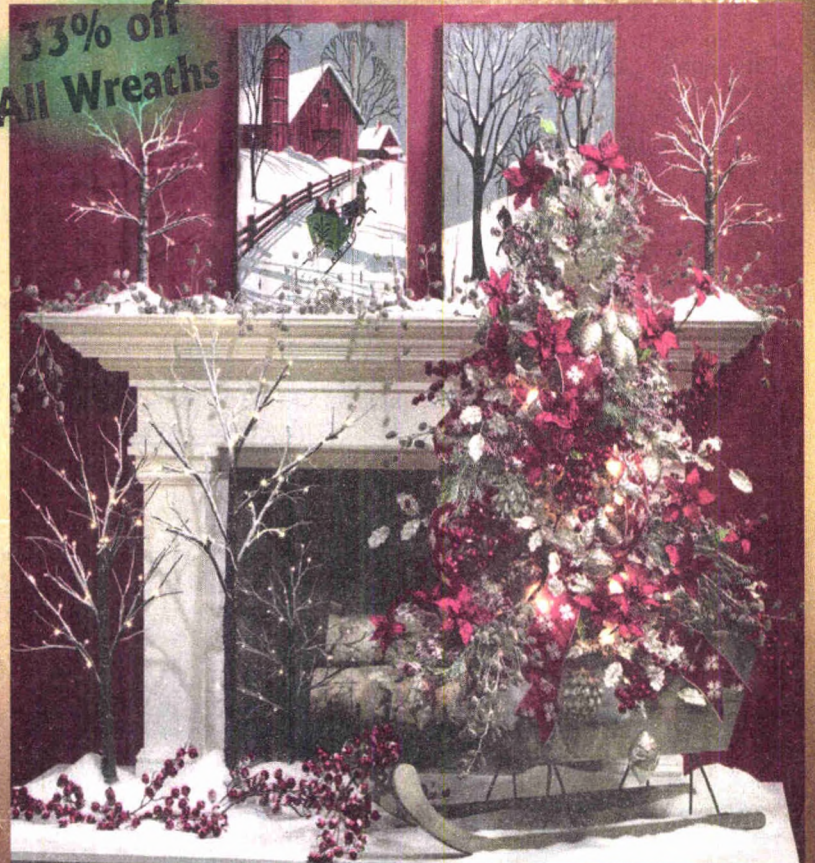
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PREP BOYS HOCKEY

## Stevenson cooks up 7-1 rout

Spartans carve up  
Chargers in  
Thanksgiving Eve game

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Blue Wednesday preceded Black Friday by about 48 hours at Eddie Edgar Arena. Decked out in its midnight-blue road uniforms, Livonia Stevenson carved up Livonia Churchill 7-1 Wednesday night in an arena-shaking Thanksgiving Eve hockey rivalry showdown played before enthusiastic student cheering sections from both schools. The Spartans (2-1) deliv-

ered the first blow 2:22 into the contest when Shane Leonard's perfect centering feed was deposited into the net's top shelf by senior captain Mick Sinclair, who had positioned himself comfortably on the door-step of the goal crease.

Just over six minutes later, however, it was a staggering two-goals-in-13-seconds combination by Stevenson's Alex DeFlorio and Vince Glenn that gave the "guests" a 3-0 advantage that Churchill (1-1-1) was never able to recover from.

"Whenever we score a goal, we tell ourselves that we need to go out even harder the very next shift, and that's what we

did," said DeFlorio, when asked about his team's bang-bang net-finders. "We did a good job of getting the puck out of our zone tonight and moving it around. We did the little things we needed to do."

Although the back-to-backers were significant, they weren't the equivalent of a knock-out punch, Stevenson head coach David Mitchell emphasized.

"Those two goals definitely helped give us momentum and they helped settle our guys down a little bit, but it was still way too early — especially against a rival like Churchill — to say they knocked them out,"



Livonia Churchill goalie Andrew Broyles (No. 1) contends with offensive pressure from Livonia Stevenson forwards Justin Alton (No. 22) and Randy Maples (No. 12).

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PREP BOYS HOCKEY



North Farmington-Harrison senior goalie Brendan Dilloway focuses on the puck as Austin Bottrell (19) and a teammate try to slow down the Farmington skater.

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PREP BOYS HOCKEY

## One's all it takes

Plymouth's Bump scores only goal in hard-fought win over Canton

By Evan Paputa  
Correspondent

In life, lessons normally come in moments of defeat. Wednesday night, the Plymouth varsity boys hockey team proved that the same cannot be said for hockey games — the Wildcats' youthful unit shut out Canton 1-0 and learned how to handle the atmosphere of a cross-campus rivalry as well.

"It was a growing moment for a lot of our guys that were in their first time in this environment," Wildcats head coach Gerry Vento said. "A lot of prep (Plymouth junior varsity) players stepped up that were sophomores last year and I thought grew up in this game tonight."

Beating Canton goaltender Nick Borg proved to be a daunting task for the Wildcats all night. Borg stopped 28 of 29 shots faced on the night. Plymouth finally snuck one by him with 7:29 remaining in the second period of the KLAA South Division matchup.

In the midst of a six-player scrum in the corner behind and to the left of Borg, Plymouth's James Baldwin dug the puck out and shoveled a pass towards the right slot. The man on the spot was Alex Bump who wristed it past Borg.

"I was hanging out in the high slot, just sitting and waiting," Bump said. "Our main goal was putting the puck on net. As soon as the puck comes out of the scrum, you just have to be ready to put the puck in the net."

As marvelous of a shot that Bump's was, the play would not have been possible without Baldwin coming out of the pile with the puck and firing a picture-perfect pass.

"We cycled it down low and tried to get it to the net as fast as possible. That's what we do, we battle," Baldwin said.

Vento said the goal "is kind of the way we're going to be this year. We're not a high-flying team that's going to score a lot of goals in transi-

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# IN FLIGHT

Flyers skate to  
4-2 win over  
rival Falcons in  
hockey match-up

By Dan O'Meara  
Staff Writer

The North Farmington-Harrison hockey players and coaches were counting their blessings on the day before Thanksgiving, too. All four of them!

The Flyers jumped to a big lead early and overcame a Farmington comeback effort for a 4-2 victory over their crosstown rivals Wednesday night.

"I'm happy with the way we battled," North-Harrison coach Ken Anderson said. "There's a lot of adversity and a lot of things going on in a rivalry game. We stuck to it and worked our tails off and got rewarded for it."

The Flyers were on the scoreboard just over a minute into the game (15:54) when Danny Arnold stole the puck near center ice for a break-



Flyers senior defenseman Frank Zak (5) protects the puck from Farmington sophomore forward Collin Finn.

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away and beat Falcons goalie Hunter Firestone with a nice move in front of the net.

North-Harrison (2-1) got its second goal a mere four seconds into a power play late in the first period (3:55).

The puck floated across the crease as Firestone tried to cover it, but Jack Cikra was unmarked on the other

side and had an easy shot into the open half of the net.

The Flyers made it a three straight early in the second period (15:56) when Joey Lajcaj ripped a long slap shot that made it through a maze of players to the back of the net on a power play.

"It was nice for our young guys to get into the game a

little more, playing with a lead," Anderson said. "Every time we play the Falcons, it's never safe. They battled, battled and got back in it in a hurry."

### Falcons rally

Farmington (1-3) scored both of its goal within a 1:02 span late in the second period to make a game of it and put some suspense into the competition.

Jordan Hoke scored the first on a bang-bang sequence on a power play with 3:34 remaining. Drake Cole took a centering pass from Richard Lantz and made the initial shot; Hoke scored off the rebound.

Just over a minute later (2:32), Jason Petras pulled the Falcons within one when he scored from Cole and Hoke.

The sudden scoring outburst and one-goal difference conjured thoughts of a 2010 game in which Farmington rallied from a 4-2 deficit to win 5-4.

"A lot of things go through your mind," Anderson said. "I warned our guys: 'The Fal-

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WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

# Green to swim at Florida Atlantic

Division I university signs versatile Canton senior all-stater

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Canton senior swimmer Claire Green is riding a wave of personal success.

Last weekend, Green earned Division 1 all-state honors in the 500 freestyle, finishing seventh at Eastern Michigan University with a time of 5:06.89. She also competed in the 100 breaststroke and came in 16th (1:08.80).

Green also announced she had an early signing

to swim at Florida Atlantic University, a Division I college located in Boca Raton.

Her signing took place Nov. 17 at the Canton High School pool, with coaches Ed Weber (Canton Chiefs), Josh and Alexandra "Coach Z" Morgan (Plymouth-Canton Cruisers) and former Olympian Chris Thompson (also with the PC Cruisers) on hand to celebrate with her.

Also at the ceremony was Weber's young daughter, Maddy, the

high school squad's favorite on-deck cheerleader and helper.

"I can't wait to be swimming outside and be able to walk to class with wet hair if I want," said Green about the chance to attend school in the warm-weather state.

Green's parents, Patty and Todd Green of Canton, said she "is excited for the opportunity to swim at a Division 1 school with new positive, energetic coaches determined to grow and improve their team."

In an email to the *Observer*, they continued to note that FAU's coach-



COURTESY GREEN FAMILY

Canton Chiefs senior all-state swimmer Claire Green (seated), recently signed to swim at Division I's Florida Atlantic University. Standing (from left) are Plymouth-Canton Cruisers coaches Alexandra "Coach Z" and Josh Morgan, former Olympian Chris Thompson and Chiefs head coach Ed Weber. Standing next to Claire is Maddy Weber, who helps her dad with the high school team.

ing staff is headed by former Olympian Lara Preacco, assistant coaches Manny Naguchi (formerly of Michigan State University) and Kyle

Berg (former Kenyon College D3 champion coach).

Swimming for the Owls will be only part of the plan for Green at

FAU. She will study for a degree in physical therapy.

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## PLYMOUTH

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tion. It was a grind-it-out goal and a lot of our goals are going to be like that;

either in the crease or two, three feet from it."

### Taking the lead

Bump is making a name for himself as a junior in his second season on varsity. Vento is

impressed with his team mentality and work ethic.

"He's intense, brings it every shift. He's turned into a leader for us already," Vento said.

Early on this season the Wildcats have taken on the identity of being gritty but not pretty, like the successful Detroit Red Wings teams of the late 1990s.

"Definitely we pride ourselves on that. This year's team is a lot like last year's team: we're not going to win games 7-1, 7-2," Vento said.

Although there were many Plymouth players playing in just their third varsity game, it didn't show.

"Baldwin and (Jake) Silvester played outstanding. (Parker) Lazorka was great. Top to bottom, everyone stepped up."

The jump from prep level hockey to varsity is a huge one with an overall faster pace, according to Vento.

"The pace of play and the physical play. It's

fast, bodies are bigger, just less time, less space," Vento said.

For the night before Thanksgiving, students from Plymouth, Canton, and even Salem packed the stands at the Arctic Edge. The energetic environment brought out the best in the players' competitive spirits.

"I was a little nervous at the beginning, but once I got a couple of shifts in I was good to go," Baldwin said.

"It's always big against Canton and Salem. You can't let the environment grab you, you have to tone out the crowd," Bump said.

The victory over Canton is a big momentum builder for Plymouth and a big step in the right direction for the long season ahead.

"I have to say what a fantastic game that Canton played. I know they may have struggled in years past, but Brad has put together a nice team," Vento said. "It's great that all three Park teams are playing well.

All those cross-campus games are going to be just like this, nail-biters."

### Optimistic outlook

Canton is coming off of a 3-21 season last year that included two losses to Plymouth by a combined 7-1 margin. The Chiefs played with pride all night long, but couldn't sneak one past Plymouth netminder Erik VandenBosch, who stopped all 13 Canton shots.

"Plymouth was the better team tonight. They came out and skated hard for the whole game," Canton head coach Brad Barath said. "We didn't really skate until the last few minutes."

Borg played phenomenally on the night despite the Bump goal. He constantly was stretching out across his goal and turned away several Plymouth opportunities.

"He was outstanding. Plymouth actually took it to us all game and Borg played outstanding for us," Barath said.

Defensively Canton was able to sustain and minimize four Plymouth power plays including a five-minute major called just 1:39 into the second period. The Chiefs defensive unit, led by Borg, helped keep them in the game until the very end.

"We hung in there because of Borg. They had their opportunities and he was there to stop the puck," Barath said. "He's just a workhorse, he absolutely works. He's not the most fundamental goalie in the world, but he's a Dominik Hašek — all over the place and making saves he needs to make."

In the end Canton may not have been able to leave with a victory, but they still have remaining rivalry games left against Salem and Plymouth.

"We play Plymouth the day before Thanksgiving every year, it's tradition," Barath said. "It's nice to see where you're at in the beginning of the year."

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ALL-AREA GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

# Area's elite runners earn all-Observer honors

**FIRST TEAM**

**Maddy Trevisan, Farmington:** She had the fastest time of any area runner at the Division 1 state meet, with 18:12.1. It was her peak performance of the season and a personal record time. She finished in 12th place and earned all-state recognition.

In only her second season in the sport, Trevisan won the regional race at Willow Metropark with a time of 18:41.5. She also was first in all three OAA White Division jamborees, the Catholic Central Invitational and the city meet.



**Maddy Trevisan**  
Farmington

In addition to those achievements, Trevisan was 10th in the Spartan Invite at Michigan State University and third in the Oakland County championship race at Kensington Metropark.

"Maddy had one of the finest cross country seasons in Farmington High School history," coach Charles Bridges said. "Her time at the MHSAA finals is likely the fastest time in FHS girls cross country history."

"More importantly, Maddy enjoys running, competing and being part of our team. Maddy has a knack for bringing out the best in herself, as well as those around her."

**Lauren Arquette, Salem:** The fourth-year varsity runner had an incredible season, epitomized by her selection as the team's Most Valuable Runner as well as being an individual state qualifier.

The senior also was team co-captain and a KLAA scholar-athlete.

Arquette registered a personal best of 18:43 for the third fastest time in school history. She tallied 91.25 points this season (second most for a Salem senior) and 279 career varsity points, the program's fourth best ever.

Other highlights included being champion at the Ramblin' Rock and DeWitt invitationals, earning second place at the Wayne County Meet (first team all-county) and fourth place at the Division 1 team regional.

"Lauren is a tremendous competitor and really came into full maturity as a distance runner this season," coach Dave Gerlach said. "Lauren's strength and ability to run all 5,000 meters at a fast pace were great attributes."

"The success she had again this season was due to the hours and years of dedication and hard work that she has put in."

**Anya Cho, Salem:** Another key reason for the Rocks' march to the state finals was Cho, who was named the team's Most Valuable Senior.

Also a co-captain and KLAA scholar-athlete recipient, she enjoyed successes such as finishing fourth at the Wayne County Meet (first team all-county) and ninth at the D1 team regional.

She qualified for the state

meet as an individual (Salem also qualified as a team) and scored 80 varsity points to bring her four-year total to 275.25 (fifth most in program history).

Her personal best was 19:16.4, seventh fastest time in school history.

"Anya has battled and shown perseverance this season which has got her back on first team," Gerlach said. "Her leadership, work ethic and passion for this sport have helped make this team successful once again."

**Addison Mussen, Churchill:** She piled up a mountain of impressive credentials as a freshman, including top 10 finishes at the Livonia City Meet (fifth), Monroe Jefferson Invitational (seventh), Running Fit Coaching Legends Meet (10th), Wayne County Championships (eighth) and KLAA Conference Meet (fifth with a personal best 19:17).

An accomplished soccer player as well, Mussen capped her season with an 11th-place showing at the Division 1 regional meet (19:45) and a 126th-place finish at the D1 state meet (20:00).

"Addison is the whole package when it comes to running," coach Sue Tatro said. "She is talented, hard-working, competitive and smart. I knew she would have an immediate impact on our program from day one."

"She is extremely motivated and has a great amount of desire when it comes to workouts and meets. She has a great future and I am looking forward to seeing what she will accomplish during the next three seasons."

**Allysen Eads, Mercy:** She had a good conclusion to her high school career in cross country, finishing fourth among area runners and 82nd overall in the Division 1 state meet with a time of 19:22.6. She was ranked 114th going into the meet and improved her standing considerably.

The four-year runner and three-time team MVP was eighth at the regional with a time of 19:37.6.

Eads is the Catholic League champion, winning all three jamborees and the championship meet on the Possum Hollow course at Kensington Metropark.

"It was a good way to cap off her final year of cross country, making all-area again," coach Gary Servais said. "She comes to work every day and is a leader at practice, in the school and the community."

"Allysen is our scholar-athlete award nominee in the Catholic League for cross country. She's really looking forward to a good track season based on what she did in cross country."



**Anya Cho**  
Salem



**Addison Mussen**  
Churchill



**Allysen Eads**  
Mercy

**Annie Bonds, Plymouth:** One of the best stories of the fall was the emergence of Bonds, a sophomore who showed the poise and competitive drive of a senior.

She posted a personal best of 19:24 at the Wayne County Meet (third overall, named to all-county first team).

At the D1 regional, she came in 15th with a time of 20:05 and then registered a time of 19:30 at the state finals.

"Annie worked hard for the success she achieved this season," assistant coach Alice Ahearn said. "She was a bright surprise as a freshman last year, ran track in the spring and then put in a lot of off-season mileage over the summer."

"She was determined to be healthy, strong and fast for her sophomore year. The real secret to her success is her mental toughness; she doesn't give up — ever."

**Madalyn Simko, Salem:** Named Salem's Most Valuable Freshman, she tallied 69.75 varsity points — the third most for a freshman in school history.

Her best time of 19:28.6 is the second fastest ever posted by a Salem freshman.

Other accolades included finishing 10th at the D1 regional (19:43) and qualifying for the state meet as an individual.

"A well-rounded athlete who burst on the cross country scene this year with confidence and competitiveness," Gerlach said. "Madalyn ran like a seasoned veteran, even as a freshman."

"A great combination of athleticism and raw talent helped Madalyn become one of the most successful freshman in Salem history."

**Kathleen George, Churchill:** Only a sophomore, she kicked off the season with a bang by winning the Livonia City Meet in 20:41. She followed that up with strong showings at the Ramblin' Rock Invitational (sixth in 20:01), MSU Invitational (20th in 19:43), Monroe Jefferson Invitational (fourth in 20:02), Wayne County Championship (15th in 20:10) and KLAA Conference Meet (sixth in a personal best 19:29).

A KLAA scholar-athlete, George closed her campaign with a 191st-place showing at the D1 state meet.

"Kathleen is a lot of fun to coach because she has a true passion for running and a great desire to compete," Tatro said. "Not only is she talented, but she also has a phenomenal work ethic."

"With each season, she gains more and more confidence. I believe that she is on the verge of taking her running to the next level and I look forward to the watching her continue to

excel."  
**Shekinah Johnson, Salem:** A veteran standout on the track and field team, she came out for cross country as a senior and chalked up a season to remember.

She was the team's Rookie of the Year and tallied 67.5 varsity points, registering a personal best of 19:36.7 (14th fastest time for a senior in program history).

Johnson also finished seventh at the D1 regional with a time of 19:37 and qualified for the state meet as an individual.

"A true running machine," said Gerlach, also her track coach. "Strength, speed and determination is what makes Shekinah an unbelievable athlete."

"Her foot speed and turnover combined with true grit made Shekinah a very successful attribute to our team."

**Jenna Wisner, Lutheran Westland:** She won the Division 4 regional with a time of 20:43 and ran 19:40.6 to finish 10th at the state meet. The junior standout had a best time of 19:30 at the Divine Child Falcon Invite.

**Korey Szymaniak, Garden City:** She finished 13th in the Division 1 regional with a time of 19:54 and placed 151st at the state meet, where she ran 20:14.7. The junior had a best time of 19:34 at the Divine Child Falcon Invite.

**CO-COACHES OF YEAR**  
**Dave Gerlach, Salem:** The Rocks did not miss a beat after losing brilliant runners such as Kayla Kavulich (MSU) to graduation.

The team returned several standout veterans and welcomed talented newcomers such as senior Johnson (a rookie in cross country) and freshman Simko to form a juggernaut that ultimately qualified as a team for the Division 1 state finals (after finishing second at the regional).

Along the way, Gerlach presided over a group that won the Franklin Invitational, Holly Invite, DeWitt Invite and Wayne County Championship and came in second at the Ramblin' Rock Invitational.

The Rocks were runners-up in the KLAA Central Division and Kensington Conference and finished 11th as a team at the state finals at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

Gerlach pointed with pride to the fact there were 32 varsity letter winners (14 for the first time), 31 athletes eclipsing the 24-minute mark (six finishing under 20 minutes) and 15 of 29 returnees running faster for 5,000 meters than ever before.

"This is an honor to be recognized by the *Observer* in 2014," Gerlach said. "This year was a mystery going in as to what Salem was going to be and through these young ladies work ethic and passion it was extremely successful."

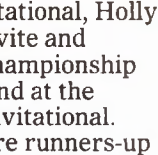
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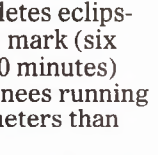
**Shekinah Johnson**  
Salem



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Annie Bonds, sophomore, Plymouth  
Madalyn Simko, freshman, Salem  
Kathleen George, soph., Churchill  
Shekinah Johnson, senior, Salem  
Jenna Wisner, junior, Lutheran W.  
Korey Szymaniak, junior, Garden City

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Natalie Douglas, junior, Franklin  
Caroline George, soph., Churchill  
Lauren Bernhardt, senior, Churchill  
Elly Marano, senior, Franklin  
Elizabeth Tripp, senior, Salem  
Amanda Pokrykyk, senior, Franklin  
Sierra Bowden, junior, Salem  
Kayla Hughes, junior, Salem  
Shelby Abbott, senior, N. Farmington  
Hannah Jeffress, freshman, Salem

**CO-COACHES OF YEAR**

Dave Gerlach, Salem  
Sue Tatro, Livonia Churchill  
**HONORABLE MENTIONS**

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sion for the sport and team as possible. We try to stress hard work, goal-setting, competitiveness, fun, friendship, teamwork and leadership to get us to where we expect to be.

"As the head coach, it is my job to keep this team disciplined, focused, motivated and on the right track. ... But I am only one person who can only do so much. ... I need all of us, this family, to continue to help in making this organization a positive experience and program for all of these young ladies along with providing memories that last a lifetime."

**Sue Tatro, Churchill:** She guided the young (just one senior) Chargers to a KLAA South Division championship and a berth in the Division 1 state meet.

The team followed a perfect course throughout the season, starting modestly at the outset before gaining steam and building momentum during the all-important final weeks of October and into November.

"I knew back in July this was a special group of young ladies," Tatro said. "They worked extremely hard and embraced the team concept from June to November."

"The culmination of their diligence and dedication paid off at the end of the season when it really counted. They accomplished a lot despite the adversity that they faced throughout the season with injuries and illnesses."

"I am very proud of the girls and thoroughly enjoyed coaching them. I will really miss Lauren Bernhardt and her senior leadership next season, but I am thrilled that the rest of the crew will be returning!"



**Sue Tatro**  
Churchill coach

PREP SWIMMING

# Marian survives thrilling battle to win D-2 swim title

By Marty Budner  
Staff Writer

Marian coach Bill Thompson said it was the most exciting swim meet he's ever witnessed.

Five teams were in contention for the Division 2 girls swimming crown Nov. 22 at the Holland Aquatic Center going into the final event — the 400-yard freestyle relay. A number of different scenarios were possible depending upon the outcome but, simply put, the winning 400 free team would take the meet.

As it turned out, Birmingham Marian edged Ann Arbor Skyline by the slimmest of margins — 0.06 seconds — to capture the state championship. The Mustangs 400 free relay quartet thrilled the loud and boisterous crowd by touching first in 3:27.64, while Skyline was right behind in 3:27.70.

Marian finished the highly-competitive meet with 231.5 points. Skyline was runner-up with 220 points, closely fol-



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Senior Hannah Richard scored important points in the 100 fly to help Birmingham Marian clinch the Division 2 state title.

lowed by Portage Central at 219.5, Dexter with 217 and Birmingham Seaholm at 211. The top five teams were separated by a mere 20.5 points.

"I think this one was the most exciting for me because it was with every team. There were basically five teams whose final relays were based on that (last) relay," said Thompson, a 1973 Groves graduate. "We had to win (the relay) to win (the meet) or we would

lose by a half a point. All the contending teams were in that least heat of that last relay. It was basically however you finished would determine where you would finish."

"The excitement was there. The fans were there. The kids were going absolutely nuts. I have a tendency to step back and watch things. Just look at everything that was going on. It was everything you want a sporting event to be — for the

kids, for the fans, the parents going nuts and the coaches jumping up and down. Everyone was just letting it go. It was a wonderful environment."

"That last relay was incredible. That's the way sports were meant to be. This one was fun," he added. "When you're in a meet like this and the way everyone swam, it was like no one lost. Teams just beat each other. All the teams swam so well."

**Pulte paces team effort**

The Mustangs had a small — but mighty — contingent of 11 state qualifiers. Eight of them accounted for Marian's 231.5 points.

Marian was led by Florida-bound and 15-time all-state swimmer Mollie Pulte, who was a double individual winner and a member of both winning freestyle relay teams. Pulte won the 200 free in 1:48.28 and the 100 free in 50.21.

Pulte anchored the meet-deciding 400 free relay team,

rallying from behind in her leg to help Marian land the top prize. Junior Christina Schott, sophomore Sophia Schott and sophomore Kailynn Swantek swam the first three legs.

"Mollie has always been good, but the biggest thing about Mollie this year was that she became a leader and someone who cared about her team and her teammates in everything she did," Thompson said. "At the state meet, she took the lead and it was coming from a teammate and not the coach. Her biggest asset, to me, was leadership."

"In that deciding relay, (Pulte) came from behind on the last leg to win it and you could just see her determination when she reeled (her opponent) in on the first length and came off that last turn and just held on for dear life and basically stuck that finger on the wall to finish first," he added. "It was for all the marbles and she did a real good job."

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE



Carrying the puck up the ice Wednesday night against Windsor is Plymouth Whalers forward Sonny Milano (right).

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PREP HOCKEY

# Franklin icers steamroll Lakeland

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

From the opening face-off Wednesday night at Eddie Edgar Arena, Livonia Franklin's hockey team got stronger and stronger.

Fueled by first-period goals from Brendan Whitney (short-handed) and Chase Wallis, the Patriots stuffed White Lake-Lakeland, 5-0, to improve their record to 2-1. The Eagles slipped to 0-3.

Senior goal-tender Matt Monendo was brilliant between the pipes as he earned the first shut-out of his four-year varsity career by stopping all 27 shots the Eagles fired at him.

Whitney, a junior captain, got things rolling for the hosts when he deposited a short-handed goal 2:34 into the contest. Whitney was assisted by Trevor Lassaline. Wallis kept the momentum going with a power-play net-finder at the 12:48 mark thanks to helpers from Whitney and Justin Makowski.

Franklin's Brendan Nutting made it 3-0 in the final minute of the second period by netting his first goal of the season off an assist from Makowski.

Zack Nelson tacked on his first goal of the year on a power play with 15:37 left in the game. He was assisted by Bailey DiClemente and Jack Engel. Wallis closed out the scoring a minute later with a goal assisted by Quinn Shine and Whitney.

Lakeland's Brandon Pomerleau (32 saves) played well in a losing cause.

"What a great win for our program ... I'm so happy for our guys, especially Monendo," said Franklin head coach Dennis Gagnon. "It was great to see Nelly and Nutting bag their first goals of the season. Kolby Dewhirst and Makowski were rock solid anchoring our defense."

"We're definitely having a lot of fun right now, but you're only as good as your last game. We'll enjoy this win over the long holiday weekend and get back at it Monday."

Franklin will face Livonia Churchill at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Eddie Edgar.

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Franklin's Brendan Whitney in front of the Lakeland crease Wednesday.

ED WRIGHT

# Whalers win 'ugly' on beautiful goal

Milano finds mark for decisive tally against pesky Spitfires

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Sonny Milano skated around and around in the left circle, hanging onto the puck for what seemed like a minute.

Unable to find a teammate to pass to, the Plymouth Whalers forward reluctantly shot it — and it was good that he did, because it sizzled over the glove of screened Windsor goalie Brandon Johnston for a power-play goal.

Milano's fourth goal of the season gave Plymouth a 4-2 lead with 3:42 left in the second period Wednesday night and it turned out to be the winner as the Whalers hung on for a 4-3 Ontario Hockey League victory at Compuware Arena.

Only 1,637 fans were on hand for the Thanksgiving Eve contest, played on an evening when Compuware also hosted a Novi Detroit Catholic Central game on the adjacent Olympic-sized ice sheet.

The Spitfires nearly tied the game with seconds to play after pulling Johnston. But a slap shot by Trevor Murphy clanged off the crossbar behind Plymouth goalie Alex Nedeljkovic (the game's No. 3 star with 44 saves).

"Coach (Don Elland) has been stressing a lot lately to shoot the puck, so I think we've been working on it in practice," said Milano, a first-round draft choice in 2014 of the Columbus Blue Jackets. "Lately I've been shooting the puck more and luckily that one went in."

"I was just looking for the right play. There was no other play but to shoot."

Let it fly

Elland emphasized that Milano has a sniper's touch, but that the first-year Whaler looks first to set up teammates — something he did twice during the opening period, when Plymouth built a 3-1 lead despite being outshot 16-13.

"We got to get him to shoot the puck more," Elland said. "He's got a good shot, but he does like to make plays."

Plymouth (10-12-1) got off to a fast



Plymouth Whalers forward Sonny Milano's shot hits the top-right corner during Wednesday's 4-3 win over Windsor at Compuware Arena.

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start against the Spitfires, who fell to 7-15-1-0 and are in the basement of the OHL West Division.

It took 25 seconds for the Whalers to get on the board. Defenseman Mathieu Henderson rushed down the right wing and fired a crisp pass to Connor Sills for the one-timer from the left circle.

Windsor responded just 50 seconds later. Slater Doggett slammed a shot that caromed in off the goal post.

Milano displayed his playmaking skills before the period ended and the Whalers built a 3-1 lead as a result. He assisted on two goals just 1:05 apart, both with the Spitfires shorthanded.

With Plymouth on a five-on-three power play, Milano sent a pass to center Mathew Campagna and he made no mistake ripping it past Johnston (21 saves).

Drawing the second assist was forward Connor Chatham (two helpers), who later left the game with an undisclosed lower-body injury.

At 17:23, Milano threaded the puck from the left side of the Windsor cage to forward Matt Misteale for the tap-in at the right post.

Getting chippy

Despite the two-goal edge, the Whalers needed strong goalkeeping from Nedeljkovic to keep the Spitfires at bay.

The goalie needed to contend with plenty of traffic around the crease, beginning during a contentious second period when Windsor sent 17 shots on goal and constantly bumped the Carolina

Hurricanes prospect after whistles.

With about 17:30 to play in the second, Nedeljkovic had his goalie mask knocked off during a scrum that led to a tussle between Plymouth's Mitch Jones and Windsor's Markus Soberg.

There were after-the-whistle encounters later in the game, too.

"The past three years playing Windsor, it's always a physical game," Nedeljkovic said. "I expected nothing less. ... You know it's going to come sooner or later and you try not to worry about it, you try not to let it bother you."

"You just worry about playing the game and know that if they do come after you like that then they're going to face some consequences."

Soberg did close the gap to 3-2 with 9:05 remaining in the second, when he flipped a shot from the right side of the Plymouth goal that somehow got behind Nedeljkovic.

But the Whalers regained their two-goal lead when Milano scored his top-shelf beauty at 16:18. Los Angeles Kings prospect Misteale and Campagna assisted.

It's still two points

With Nedeljkovic solid between the pipes, the Spitfires could not break through for a third goal until 14:53 of the final period. Murphy walked into the high slot and buried a shot over Nedeljkovic's trapper.

Plymouth persevered in the final minutes, with Nedeljkovic and his defense scrambling to deny the Spitfires from forcing overtime.

It didn't hurt that Murphy's would-be tying goal hit iron instead of twine.

Moments later, the final horn sounded signifying Plymouth's second consecutive win — although Elland wasn't entirely happy with how the team performed.

"At this time of the year, with all our injuries, we just got to take 'em (wins) where we can get 'em," Elland said. "I know (it was) ugly, but a 'W' is a 'W.' At the end of the year, it's two points that we need."

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## STEVENSON

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said Mitchell. "We always know when we play a quality, well-coached team like Churchill it's going to take a complete, 51-minute effort."

DeFlorio has already netted five goals in three games, but he deflected any post-game notion that he was the Spartans' No. 1 scoring threat.

"Somebody different scores for us every night, so it's a team effort and it will be all season," the modest forward

offered.

Stevenson goal-tenders Andrew Rozenbaum (who played the first 40 minutes) and Cullen Barber were up to the Chargers' challenge the entire night, although they didn't face nearly the pressure that was applied to Churchill goalie Andrew Broyles, whose performance was much stronger than his seven-goals-allowed stat line would indicate.

The Spartans attacked the Chargers' zone in semi-automatic waves, keeping Broyles bouncing around like a Toys R Us shelf stocker on Black

Friday.

Leading 3-0, Stevenson kept the scoring blender three minutes into the second period when Ben Kowalske shoveled in a rebound shot in front to extend the Spartans' lead to 4-0. DeFlorio and Alec Allen garnered helpers on the goal.

DeFlorio nearly made it 5-zip, but Broyles stoned his break-away attempt with a quick-twitch stop at the 12:20 mark.

Rozenbaum's best stop of the night came moments later when he re-directed a dangerous rush by Josh Friend.

Kowalske's second goal of

the night with 8:10 remaining in the second period upped the Spartans' edge to 5-0. DeFlorio picked up the helper.

Despite their huge deficit, the Chargers kept the heat on and finally lit the lamp 2:21 before the second intermission when Parker Hodges lased in a shot from the right flank.

Sinclair (from DeFlorio) and Kowalske (from DeFlorio) capped the Spartans' scoring.

Kowalske joined DeFlorio as the two Spartans to notch hat-tricks this season.

Stevenson took Thanksgiving off before traveling to Bloomfield Hills on Friday for

a talent-laden tournament hosted by Cranbrook.

"This is a balanced group of kids who work extremely hard," Mitchell concluded.

"This was a very solid team effort tonight, but everyone on this team knows we have to compete and be consistent for 51 minutes of every game we play. Our schedule is very tough and the season is a grind, so we have to keep working, keep learning and keep developing each and every day if we want to be successful."

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## SWIM

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### Third state championship

Sophia Schott took top honors in the 50-yard freestyle, winning in 23.66. Also in that event, Christina Schott was sixth and Swantek tied for seventh as the Mustangs trio combined for 44.5 points. The Schotts also scored for Marian in the 100 free behind Pulte.

Senior Hannah Richard scored points in the 100 fly (10th place), freshman Lauren Biglin scored in the 500 free (12th), freshman Gabby Granata scored in the 100 back (13th) and sophomore Rebekah Irwin

scored in the 100 breast (12th).

The Schott sisters, Richard and Pulte comprised the winning 200 free relay team.

"For Sophia to win the 50 free was amazing," Thompson said. "She beat a top-notch swimmer on pure, basically guts. She went out there and did it and when she got her hand on the wall, that was incredible."

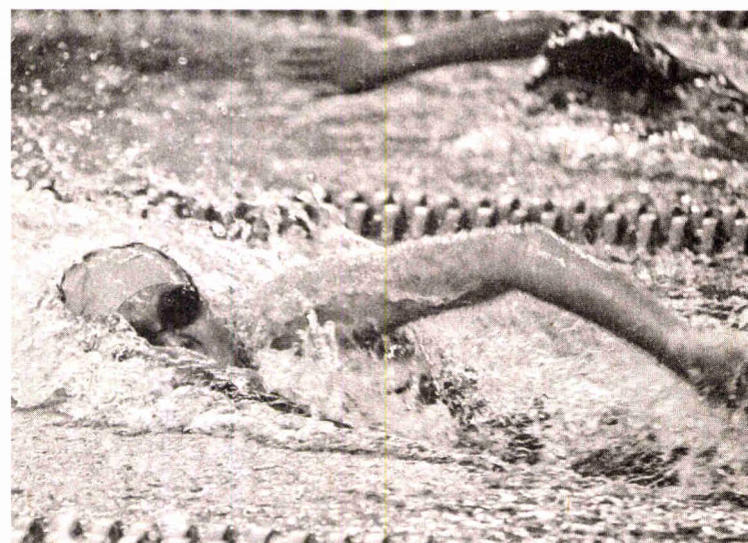
Marian finished with an 8-2 record this season, with its only losses to Catholic League rival Farmington Mercy and Grosse Pointe South. The Mustangs won the Holland Invitational, finished second in the Catholic League championship meet and third in the annual Oakland County meet.

The state title was Marian's third in program history, but

the first in Division 2. The Mustangs won consecutive Division 3 championships in 2007-08.

"What was great is that we knew we would have to be a team. They just gelled into a team and everybody played a part in it," Thompson said. "Even the kids who didn't make it back to the second day, they were cheering and were part of it. For me, that's the most important thing. That they have that experience and they learn from it."

"To have it finish the way it did, it was a fairy-tale ending to our season," he added. "This season went better than I probably ever would have thought. They basically made the decision they were going to do it and they did it."



All-state swimmer Mollie Pulte of Birmingham Marian races to first place in the 100-yard freestyle at the Division 2 state championship meet.

NANCY D. MURPHY

COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Crusaders stumble late in loss to Saints

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

It's still early in the season, but the Madonna University men's basketball team is still searching for an identity while undergoing growing pains.

That was evident again Tuesday night as visiting Aquinas College, holding a 51-50 lead with only 4:37 left, out-scored the Crusaders 9-2 down the stretch to earn a 61-52 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory.

The loss dropped MU to 3-6 overall and 1-3 in the WHAC, while Aquinas, paced by senior Anthony Williams' game-high 26 points, improved to 5-3 and

3-1. MU committed 21 turnovers, which led to 27 Aquinas points. And the Saints also made a living at the free-throw line going 22-of-30 (73.3 percent), while the Crusaders were a mere 1-of-7 (14.3 percent).

"I thought we did a lot of things well, but the things we didn't really hurt us," MU coach Noel Emehiser said. "Going 1-of-7 (free throws) and, on top of that, missing several front ends of one-and-ones was a difference during certain sections of the game where we were clinging to a tight lead."

The Crusaders clicked in

the early going, leading by as many as 10 with 6:20 left first half, but suddenly found themselves down 32-28 at intermission after Aquinas made a 12-2 run.

"If we had made free throws, we could have extended that lead a little bit and really changed the outlook of the game," Emehiser said. "Then just some decision-making and ball-handling errors really gave them opportunities which led to scores and easy buckets. When we made them play in the half court, I thought we did a pretty good job."

Williams, a 6-0 guard from East Chicago, Ill., made 7-of-11

shots from the floor, including 3-of-4 from 3-point range, to go along with 9-of-10 free throws. He did not commit a turnover and had three steals and two assists.

"He's a good player, kind of the heartbeat of their team right now, makes them go," Emehiser said. "And we knew that coming in, but he did enough, made enough plays, got open in the right spots. He really hit some daggers, a deep 'three' against our zone, then a few other plays, a jumper right there at the end for the game that really helped them to seal it up."

Senior forward Jeff Schmitz (South Lyon), who was saddled

with four fouls down the stretch, was the only Crusader player to score in double figures with 14 points.

Freshman Austin Johnson (Spring Lake) added eight points, while 6-8 senior center Donald Owens (Inkster), the only returning starter from a year ago, added six points and team-high eight rebounds.

"We got a lot of good players, but we haven't been able to develop that killer instinct just yet," Emehiser said.

The Crusaders return to WHAC action at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, at Concordia University in Ann Arbor.

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## FLYERS

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cons never give up; they're never out of it.' I explained, 'We've been here in the past, and we have to keep working, keep working.'"

"We always tell the kids, 'You have to handle the highs and lows,'" Farmington coach Bill Newton said. "I thought we handled the lows, getting down 3-0.

"We got back in it and just couldn't finish it off to get over the hump and get the lead. But give Ken's team credit; they played hard."

### Head-spinning finale

The third period was like one continuous power play as the officials called penalty after penalty. Each team took turns having the man advantage. There was a lot of 4-on-4 and 4-on-3; Farmington even had a 5-on-3.

But the Flyers weathered the storm and the adversity of which Anderson spoke (half of their 12 penalties in the final period).

Petras stole the puck inside the blue line early on and fired a shot, but senior defenseman Lucio D'Ascenzo raced to the net and knocked the puck away.

Shortly after that, Austin Bottrell, who assisted on the Cikra and Lajcaj goals, added an insurance goal with 8:29 to play and the teams at even strength for a rare time.

"That was huge because you're nail-biting; you're on the edge of your seat with a one-goal lead," Anderson said. "One shot ties it up. When you get that fourth goal, it brings us up and brings them down a little. That was huge."

### Solid netminding

Senior goalie Brendan Dilloway played exceptionally well for the Flyers, who were outshot by a small margin in the third period. The overall tally was pretty close.

"We really didn't know what we would get out of Brendan (this season), and he really stepped up big," Anderson said.

"He was awesome; he gave us exactly what we needed. He wants it really bad. The more confidence he gets, the more he can carry us through."

Farmington raised a championship banner at Farmington Hills Ice Arena before the game in celebration of the Division 3 state title it won in



North Farmington-Harrison senior Danny Arnold stole the puck and scored the first goal of the game on a first-period breakthrough.

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Farmington junior Cam Noseworthy (left) has the edge in a race for the puck with senior Danny Arnold.

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March.

"The Flyers played real hard and I'll give them credit," Newton said. "They took it to us the first period. I think we were still standing around, celebrating the banner and not focusing on what we needed to focus on.

"But we got back in it. We're not very deep; we had a lot of guys who played a lot of hockey. We just didn't finish. We had a lot of chances to score and we just didn't score.

"I really want to give their goalie credit, too. He played well. He was square to the puck; he made stops with his feet, and he made some good glove saves. But we have to

find a way to score goals, too."

### Need more offense

The Falcons need to be more effective on the power play and capitalize on the opportunities they had Wednesday, he added.

"We really have to focus on the power play next week and get it humming," Newton said. "It would be nice to get it over 20 percent; right now we're in the low single digits. That will be our biggest emphasis moving forward.

"We're going to give up goals. That's just the way it's going to be. When you lose three senior defensemen,

your whole team changes. Every time we get on the ice we get better; that's the good thing.

"But we have to score goals. We left a lot of goals on the table. When we get those Grade A scoring chances, we have to make sure more than 50 percent go in and we didn't tonight."

### Flyers leadership

While half the North-Harrison team is composed of new players, the nine varsity veterans are carrying the load. They include everyone who figured in the scoring, Dilloway and D'Ascenzo.

"They're all stepping up," Anderson said. "It was exactly what we needed and was nice to see. I think we're right where we need to be.

"I don't think we're playing really well at this point. It was a solid effort, and the guys played with a lot of heart. There are things we can do better, but I'm happy with where we are."

Newton said he's not disappointed with his team's record or where the Falcons are at this early stage.

"We have to get them better every day at practice," he said. "It's all about getting focused for (the state tournament). We have to keep getting better in November, December and January for February.

"Last year, when we had eight seniors, we could chew some butt in there. This team is different. We have to do a lot of teaching. That's the fun of being a coach, and it's a different challenge for us this year."

## COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Justice served: Dean lifts MU

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Madonna University junior guard Justice Dean is making up for lost time.

The red-shirt sophomore guard from Garden City, who played in only five games last season due to a stress fracture, continued her strong play Tuesday night with 23 points and a team-high 11 rebounds as the MU women's basketball team downed visiting Aquinas College, 87-75, in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game.

Freshman guard Lindsey Hernden (Romeo) paced MU, which improved to 4-2 overall and 3-1 in the WHAC, with a game-high 24 points, while Oakland University transfer Michele Hayes (Southfield-Lathrup) added 22.

The 5-foot-9 Dean, who also missed her junior year of high school with a torn ACL, went 8-for-9 from the floor, including 5-of-5 from 3-point range, to go along with a pair of free throws.

"This season is better than I expected coming off an injury," said Dean, who is averaging 17.1 points and nine rebounds so far this season. "I've got my teammates supporting me. It's been a good so far."

The Crusaders were good from the perimeter, nailing 13-of-28 shots from 3-point range as Hernden got hot by hitting 6-of-10.

And it was out of necessity, as starting forward Rachel Melcher (Birmingham Marian) and starting center Erin Menard (Livonia Churchill) both got into foul trouble. Melcher, who had five points, played only 14 minutes before fouling out.

"We played small, we play small often because if we board, we can run the ball quicker and can get out in transition," Dean said. "We gave up a lot of easy layups, though, which wasn't very good. We didn't want them to score on us that much. But we hit a lot of our shots. We were fortunate. We did well at the free throw line (18-of-23). We rebounded, we worked hard and it worked out."

Aquinas (3-7, 2-2), which dressed only nine players, got 23 points from Kelsey Spitzley and 16 points and 12 rebounds from Allison Heberlein.

Chelsea Matley also added 10 points as the Saints were unable to overcome a 39-32 halftime deficit.

Despite being outscored 44-26 in the paint, MU was able to fend off the Saints with solid perimeter play, often going to a five-guard set.

"We play physical, got to stay in front," Dean said. "And then it's better because they don't push the ball. And then their posts (players) are trying to guard us, but we have all the guards out there so it gives us an advantage on offense. It's run-and-gun, get the layups when you can and shoot the 'threes.' It's fun."

And it's also fun having Dean back healthy and in the starting lineup.

Madonna returns to WHAC play at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, at home against Concordia University.

## PREP SWIMMING & DIVING

# Hoag erases one of Vanker's longtime marks

By Marty Budner  
Staff Writer

Jenny Vanker is widely considered the top female to ever swim at Birmingham Seaholm High School.

An individual state champion through the mid-'90s, Vanker's legacy is displayed on the high-profile record board hanging on the north end pool wall. As of two weeks ago, Vanker held six individual and was part of two relay school records. A high school swim meet consists of 12 events.

Vanker's record list was reduced by one at the recent Division 2 state championship meet held Nov. 22 at the Holland Aquatic Center.

Although seeded fifth, senior Celia Hoag brilliantly swam to first place in the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:03.66. The time eclipsed Vanker's old mark of 1:04.46, set in 1994. Hoag's winning time also would have set Seaholm pool and OAA records.

In addition, Hoag was a member of Seaholm's winning

200-yard medley relay, which also established a school record of 1:45.22. That team included senior Mykala Arnold (backstroke), Hoag (breaststroke), freshman Linnea Anderson (butterfly) and Allie Russell (freestyle).

The old Seaholm record of 1:46.57 was set in 2011 by the quartet of Kelsey Garipey, Natalie Pierce, Mykala Arnold and Emily Parsons.

**Proud of state effort**  
Hoag proudly reflected Tuesday on her state meet accomplishments in the pool-side hallway at Seaholm.

"It's insane. She was an amazing swimmer," Hoag said of Vanker. "I never thought I'd be able to break one of (Vanker's) records when I first started swimming here. It's really exciting."  
"Last year was when I first started to think about it when

I went to 1:04. This year, I really went for it and wanted it really bad," she said. "It will be weird to see my name up there. I like it. I was hoping to get up on the board and be remembered. That was important to me and I'm really happy. It was a great way to end the season."

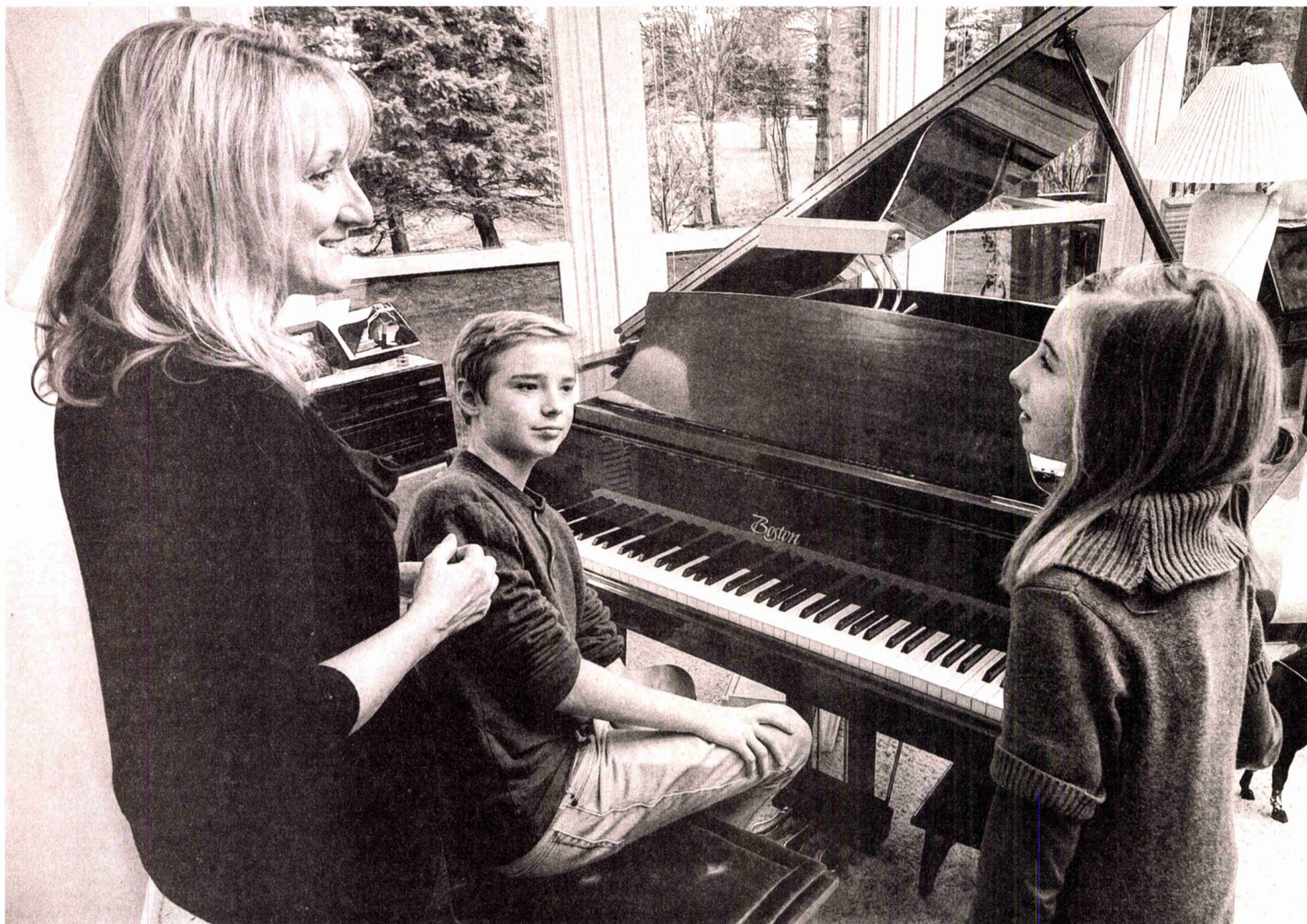
Hoag said it was the first big championship of any kind she's ever won.

One of Hoag's motivating factors was the result of last year's state meet. She was seeded first in the 100 breast, but finished fourth — just 0.42 seconds behind winner Brooke Rowe of Battle Creek Lakeview.

"This was really exciting for me. I had never been a champion before," said Hoag, who also placed 12th in the 200 free. "This was one of the first races I had ever won because swimming is such a big sport down here and there's a lot of competition. I had never won anything before, so this was really cool to have this experience."



Hoag



Peggy Nielsen, program coordinator for SandCastles, a grief program for youngsters, talks with piano students Zach Waarala of Canton and Eva Naberhaus of Northville during a break between their piano lessons. Zach, Eva and 114 other piano students will perform a benefit for SandCastles Dec. 6 at Laurel Park Place in Livonia. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Piano students entertain, benefit charity cause at Laurel Park Place

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

If you plan to shop at Laurel Park Place on Saturday, Dec. 6, be sure to include a little relax-and-listen time at the mall.

One hundred sixteen piano students will entertain throughout the day — and it's all for a good cause.

"We are calling it Rockin' The Keys For Charity," said Maxine Berghoff, event chair and a member of the Livonia Area Piano Teachers Forum, an organization of approximately 100 piano teachers in southeastern Michigan. Berghoff suggested the idea to the organization after participating in a similar event while living in Florida.

"The performing experience motivates the kids to practice," she said. "It's a great opportunity for them to gain experience. It allows students to share their talent while supporting a worthy cause."

Students each collected at least \$25 in pledges to secure a performance time. The money they raise — nearly \$7,000 so far in pledges — will benefit SandCastles, a nonprofit or-

ganization, part of the Henry Ford Health System Hospice, that offers support groups for grieving children, teens and their families.

"I thought it was a good cause," said Zach Waarala, 15, a piano student from Canton. "I've lost people in my life, but I think it's cool they have a place to go to let anger out or talk about it."

Zach, a Canton High School sophomore, has taken private piano lessons for six years and performed in recitals and competitions. He says he's "more excited than nervous" about playing to a potentially large audience in the mall.

"I'm just thankful for the opportunity," Zach, who raised the most money in pledges, will play his own arrangement of *Silent Night*.

Eva Naberhaus, 9, of Northville trailed Zach in pledges by approximately \$10.

"I was able to collect \$150. I decided to do it because it's for charity," she said.

Eva's working on a rocking Christmas tune in rehearsals.

"I think I'm going to have to work hard," she said, reflect-

ing on the upcoming gig. "I will be a little nervous, but I think I'll be OK."

Berghoff said the youngsters will perform the pieces they know best. Focus is key in a mall setting where "there are lots of distractions" and the audience constantly changes.

### Free services

"I'm excited. I got to listen to them play," said Peggy Nielsen, SandCastles program manager, after hearing both Eva and Zach rehearse. "They were so good and practicing so hard. It was fantastic."

She said the event will give shoppers and opportunity to relax and "enjoy some great music."

Donation canisters will be set out to help raise even more money for the organization, which runs on charitable contributions.

"We fundraise our entire budget and we don't charge families for services," Nielsen said. "A lot of families that come to us have had one parent die and that cuts the family income in half."

SandCastles runs support groups in eight locations in

southeastern Michigan, including Livonia, with each serving between 15-30 families. Families attend sessions every other week and generally remain in the program for a year to 18 months. Some seek help immediately after a death in the family, but others may wait for several years before joining.

"I had one boy who joined four years after the death of his father. He did OK after the death initially, but four years later a grandparent died and everything started going wrong," Nielsen said. "Grades dropped. He got into trouble. The family joined the program and then the dad's death came up."

"The quirky thing about grief is you're going to do it at some point. You have to do the work to get through it. If you try and not do the work, it will come back at some other time."

### Dinner, support

SandCastles gives families a place to "process" their grief, find support and understanding from other families in grief and learn coping skills. Each

session starts with dinner for group facilitators, who are trained volunteers, and families. After dinner, family members meet in support groups for ages 3-6, 7-9, 10-12, teens, and parents.

"A lot of times kids just don't know someone else who has lost a mom or dad and they feel like they are the only one in the world. By coming into SandCastles you are surrounded by people going through something similar to what you're going through. It helps normalize the process."

Volunteers go through 26 hours of training before they facilitate a support group. Nielsen said prior counseling experience or work with children isn't required. The organization also needs program aides, speakers bureau and fundraising committee members, in addition to facilitators.

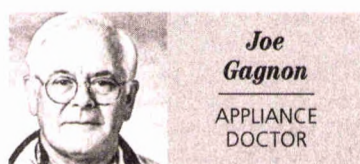
For more about SandCastles, visit [aboutsandcastles.org](http://aboutsandcastles.org) or call 313-874-6881. For more about the Livonia Area Piano Teachers Forum, visit [laptf.org](http://laptf.org).

## Skip candy-like soap packets if you have young kids

Several days ago, the media warned consumers about laundry soap in plastic pouches that you just throw into a clothes washer and they do the job.

I know they work because a while back I went to the grocery store and purchased a container of these for our use at the cottage. My darling Valorie loves the top load washer at the cottage and thinks these tablets are great. No measuring or mess with a cup, just throw it in and you save time. All very fitting for a busy person who does the laundry, you bet.

The consumer warning, which I believe was on all television networks across the land, and rightfully so, stated that thousands of children visited the emergency centers of hospitals every year. One of the reports showed children selecting a soap packet when placed beside candy. The packets are brightly-colored, some with two-tone stripes, similar to treats. Any child who has ever tasted a candy cane would



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certainly select this packet of detergent and no wonder it has become a national safety concern.

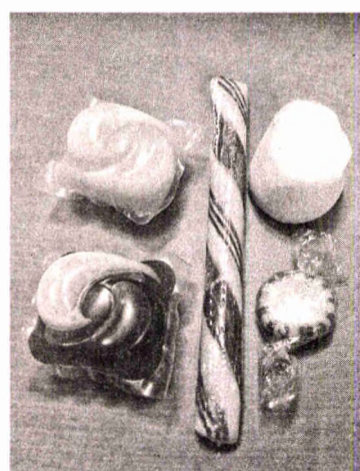
You know that the manufacturers are not going to pull this product off the market because it is a big money maker for them and it would just be too saintly for them to show this kind of concern. This packet, made of plastic decorated with candy cane stripes, dissolves in the washer after it begins to agitate. It is easy for a child to bite through this plastic and the liquid detergent to run down the throat of the unsuspecting toddler. I remind you, this is happening to thousands of children across this country. Manufacturers say they have made containers harder to open and yet a television report shows a 3-year-old child opening a container. You

know that a child will dedicate a lot of time to open something they can't and making it any harder will prevent some senior citizen from getting in there.

My father used to tell me that if I gave him a problem to always have an answer to solve it. I can't this time, Dad, except to say that soap companies should not be producing this product. It has caused death and just how stupid can they be? If you have children I suggest you do not buy these packets because you know it is bound to happen.

### Plastic problem

A few years ago, these packets of detergent hit the market and proved very successful. There was a problem with them in the beginning when the plastic wrap on them didn't dissolve during the wash cycle. My friend, Mike Miller, called me for service on his dishwasher because it stopped cleaning the dishes after he used dishwasher soap packets. I told him about this problem



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Single-use laundry detergent packets and candy may appear similar to young children.

and he called me back and told me, "I have the spray arm out of the dishwasher and I am pulling little strips of plastic out of the holes in the spray arm with a small pair of needle nose pliers." That did the trick for Mike and I added that he should turn up the temper-

ature on his hot water heater. I guess the manufacturer made the plastic a little thinner.

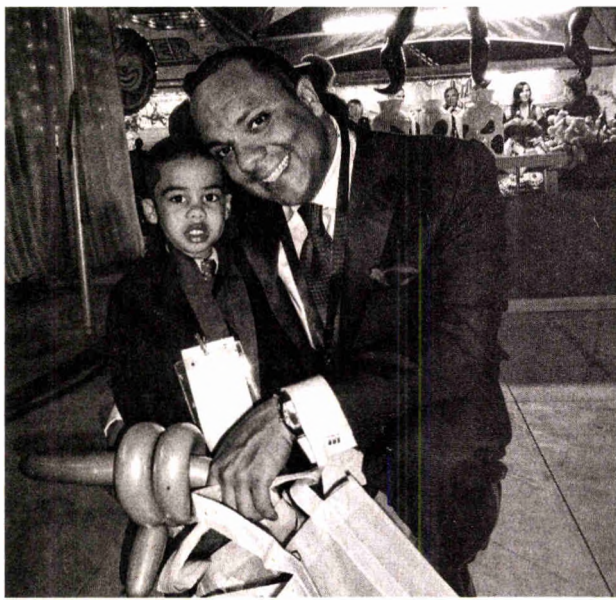
In closing, let me once again voice my concerns about the lack of publicity regarding appliance recalls. There are millions of appliances under recall that homeowners have no clue about. Most are prone to catch fire whether they are turned on or not. There is a good chance that you have one in your home and I suggest you search the website [Saferproducts.gov](http://Saferproducts.gov) and type in your model and serial number.

I commend the television networks for the fine coverage on these detergent packets and I think the whole intent came from the fact that children are involved. Maybe that's the secret to greater coverage on this subject of recalled appliances. An appliance fire can kill a child. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can email your problems and questions on appliances to [appldr@twmi.rr.com](mailto:appldr@twmi.rr.com).



# Olympic gold medalists party at Hob Nobble Gobble



Canton residents Shawn Wilson Jr. and Shawn Wilson II attend the Hob Nobble Gobble for their second year. Wilson is an employee with Presenting Sponsor Ford Motor Co.



Blue-haired Canton couple in the house: Brian Lawrence and Lisa Raiche



Belleville resident Kelly Springer, (left) Canton resident Melani Ivery, and Detroit resident Brianne Brown enjoy Hob Nobble Gobble. Note to self: "Don't wear high heels to the Hob Nobble Gobble when you're six months pregnant," Ivery advises.

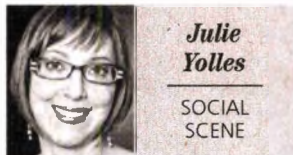


Wheelz, Smiggins and Gracie — have you driven a Ford lately? Wearing their clown costumes are Todd Delo (left) of Holt, Sherrie Chrysler of Redford and Cheryl Woodard of Holt.

**T**ouchdown at Ford Field on Friday, Nov. 21. The Hob Nobble Gobble celebrated its 25th anniversary with 2,000-plus party rockers in the house that night. The Michigan Thanksgiving Parade Foundation's premier fundraiser supports 88 years of bringing America's Thanksgiving Parade to Detroit and nationwide, airing on WDIV-Local 4.

Ford Field had pretty much everything during the Hob Nobble Gobble except a skating rink. That didn't deter Meryl Davis and Charlie White, Olympic gold medalists in ice dancing, from showing some slick moves on the dance floor to rapper Vanilla ICE and pop band MKTO. Davis and White, who train at the Arctic Edge in Canton, were named grand marshals of the 88th American Thanksgiving Parade.

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Julie Yolles  
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Corps (DCC), comprised of 165 business and community leaders, including Michigan Thanksgiving Parade Foundation Chair Eric Larson and his wife, Kathy, and daughters Paige and Makenzie of Bloomfield Hills.

"The Parade has had a long, great history with Detroit — 88 years — and we're in the best shape," said Eric Larson to the Hob Nobble Gobble partners.

Larson also congratulated the team at M-1 Rail, the Woodward Avenue Streetcar Project in Detroit, for working with the Parade Company to ensure a smooth Thanksgiving Parade route along the construction area.

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## 'A Wider World' on PBS raises awareness of disabilities

This month in Our Mental Health I'm proud to profile a wonderful, weekly, PBS television show called *A Wider World*.



Len McCulloch

The show airs locally at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday on WTVS. It is a half-hour magazine-format show, which is entering its 15th season.

*A Wider World* offers viewers hope and information about disabilities and features numerous resources for rehabilitation, entertainment, and education. Episodes give accounts of people dealing with disabilities. This inspires people who have special needs. It shows programs that help persons of all ages. It offers hope by diminishing the isolation and stigma about disabilities.

The information provided includes raising awareness of disabilities and resources, education about new technologies, and updates about new legislative actions furthering the cause of our citizens with special needs.

Did you know that the most recent edition of the American With Disabilities Act says that more than 54 million Americans are challenged with some sort of disability? These range from hearing and sight impairments, developmental disabilities, stroke, traumatic brain injury, Parkinson's disorder, orphan diseases and more.

During my 40-plus years of work as a psychotherapist I've had the fortune of working with individuals and groups that represent all of the above special needs categories. Some have congenital (from birth) disabilities. Some have acquired (from trauma) disabilities.

I have also had the pleasure of working with the like-minded staff of *A Wider World*. Jim Saliba is the program's executive producer. Elizabeth Kelly is the program's host. Jeremy Taylor is editor,

camera man, and narrator.

All three are "descendants" of Roger McCarville who had created the PBS TV show *Disabilities Today* many years ago. With Roger's passing, the show's name changed to *A Wider World* in 2008. You see, Roger was a friend of mine and encouraged our forming the Therapy Choirs of Michigan, www.therapychoirs.org. In no small way, Roger encouraged the cause of choir therapy, which began with only one singer and has developed, over 17 years, to special needs, therapeutic singing groups in three counties. With the help of Volunteer Voices from many communities, TCM has given hundreds of free performances, throughout Michigan, in its "Tour of Hope," as Roger called it. TCM is very grateful for the ongoing working relationship with the staff of *A Wider World* and delighted that they have featured our therapeutic choir in five separate episodes.

Through *A Wider World*, choir therapy and countless other recreation and therapeutic programs for people with disabilities have found an audience throughout the world. I encourage all readers of this column to tune into *A Wider World* each week. You will be glad you did! Dates, times and archived YouTube shows can be found via the Internet.

Len McCulloch is a Diplomat of the American Psychotherapy Association. He is credentialed in mental health, addictions, trauma, brain injury and social work. With his director of operations, Sherry Cantrell, he created and directs the Therapy Choirs of Michigan, www.therapychoirs.org.

## GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

Send material for the Garden & Nature Calendar to Sharon Dargay, sdargay@hometownlife.com.

### Heritage Park

The park is located on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Pre-register for programs online at [creg.fhgov.com](http://creg.fhgov.com) or at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile.

» Make a grapevine wreath using materials found in nature, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at the nature center. Crafts for children also will be available. \$8 per person or \$24 for a family of four.

» Make-and-Take Garden Gifts workshop runs 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16. Cost is \$5. An additional \$5 materials fee will be collected. Registration is required at least three days before the workshop.

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### Holiday Shopping Escape

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### Friends of Maybury

Take a night hike listen for owls, 6-8 p.m. Dec. 6. Meet at the concession building at the park, which is located on Eight Mile west of Beck in Northville. Register for Owl Prowl at [friendsofmaybury.org](http://friendsofmaybury.org). Call 248-349-8390 for more information.

### Matthaei Botanical Gardens

Letters & Leaves exhibit runs through Jan. 4, 2015, and explores the link between poetry and nature. Includes an installation of nature-inspired photography. Special events include Wonders of Winter kids program featuring stories, crafts and wreath making, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 6; poetry reading 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10; and a visit with Father Christmas, noon to 2 p.m. Saturday Dec. 20. Exhibit and program are free, except Wonders of Winter, which costs \$10 per child. Matthaei Botanical Gardens is located at 1800 N. Dixboro, Ann Arbor; 734-647-7600.

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### DAHN, ANNA MARIE

With family at her side, Anna Marie Dahn passed away from kidney cancer at her home in Holland early in the evening of November 23rd, 2014. Anna Marie Dahn was the beloved wife of Douglas for 50 years and cherished mother of Katherine Marie Hartgerink, Jennifer Anne Poudrier, and Douglas Robert Dahn. She was also the loving grandmother of Abby, John, and Matt Hartgerink, Hunter and Brody Poudrier, and Jonah and Micah Dahn. She was the dear sister of the late Judy Stade, and caring aunt to Julie Stade and Carla Shupp. She was sister-in-law to Richard Dahn, the late Barbara Dahn, and the late Chuck Stade, and guiding mother-in-law to Philip Hartgerink, Johanna Paas, and Tracy Poudrier. She was born on July 4th, 1939 in Detroit, MI to parents Robert Temple and Mary Temple. The family lived in Detroit throughout Anne's childhood. Some of Anne's favorite memories were boating on Lake St. Clair and taking overnight trips to Put-in-Bay. Anna Marie graduated from Dominican High School and the University of Detroit. She studied chemistry at U of D and was a member of the Kappa Beta Gamma sorority. Anna Marie met Douglas Dahn in 1960 while they were both still in college. They married in 1964 in Detroit, MI. After the wedding, Anne and Doug moved to Birmingham, where their three children Katie, Doug, and Jen were born. Anna Marie was a stay-at-home mom during the children's formative years. There was a family meal every week-day night and family was extremely important to her. She was an amazing cook who was always making slight adjustments to her well documented recipes. Anna Marie worked to raise money for Children's Hospital in Detroit in a couple of different ways. One was through an event called Tennis and Crumpets, and the second by way of the Festival of Trees. Anne was quick to jump in to help and enjoyed the social aspect of these two charitable events. Sports was a big part of Anna Marie's life as well. An avid University of Michigan fan, she had season tickets to the "Big House" for over 30 years. Tennis was a sport that she shared with her husband and kids, and from most accounts, became quite good. Anne also spent countless hours taking her kids from one sporting event to another. If it wasn't a gymnastics meet, then it was a tennis match or a soccer game. Gardening was another one of her passions. She was knowledgeable on every type of flower and choreographed the garden so that there was a different flower blooming at any given time during the growing season. With a smile that would light up a room, Anna Marie was someone who lived life from moment to moment. She said the first thing that came to her mind, which could just as easily be a compliment or a criticism. You always knew where Anna Marie stood on an issue, and this straight up approach, combined with her smile and social nature made her truly unique. It is these qualities that helped her establish so many good lasting friendships over her lifetime and made her such a wonderful wife and mom, and it is these qualities that we will all miss so much. The funeral service was held on Saturday, November 29th, 2014 at 2:00 pm at All Saints' Episcopal Church located at 252 Grand Street, Saugatuck, MI 49453. A celebration of Anna Marie's life began after the service at the The Mermaid Bar and Grill, 340 Water Street, Saugatuck, MI 49453. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Allegan County Hospice at [www.alleganhospice.com/donate.php](http://www.alleganhospice.com/donate.php). Special thanks to her two main care givers Patty and Joann who have become like family to us. Arrangements by Dykstra Funeral Home - Mulder Chapel. To sign an on-line registry or leave a memory please visit [www.dykstrafuneralhome.com](http://www.dykstrafuneralhome.com).

### MELLAS, DOROTHY ADELINE

Died November 25, 2014, at VNA Hospice House in Vero Beach. She was born in White Plains, Kentucky. She spent most of her life in Michigan before moving to Palm City, Florida in 1995. She only recently moved to Horizon Bay, Vero Beach. Before retiring, Dorothy worked at Michigan National Bank and then later, for several years, as Office Manager for Gene Harris Insurance Agency, Livonia, Michigan. She enjoyed her retirement in the Charter Club community where she was active in card groups, and volunteered for holiday decorating and women's luncheons. She enjoyed golf and won the "Most Improved Putter Award". She danced at the Kravis Center, West Palm Beach, and in New York City for the "Fabulous Footnotes". She also enjoyed her new life at Horizon Bay, Vero Beach, where she is remembered for her smile and her friendliness. Survivors include her husband of 67 years, Charles A. Mellas of Vero Beach; son, Charles M. Mellas and Jewel Burgess of Duluth, Georgia; daughter and son-in-law Cheryl and Paul Showerman of Vero Beach; son and daughter-in-law, Cheryl and James Mellas of Brighton, MI; sister, Tawana Williams of Blairsville, GA; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to VNA Hospice of Indian River County, 1110 35th Lane, Vero Beach, FL 32960; [www.vnatic.com](http://www.vnatic.com). SERVICES: A Memorial Service will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m., December 5 at South Florida National Cemetery, Lake Worth. Arrangements are by Cox-Gifford-Seawinds Funeral Home and Crematory, Vero Beach. An online guestbook may be signed at [www.coxgiffordseawinds.com](http://www.coxgiffordseawinds.com).



### Van Voorhis, Thomas C.

August 16, 1925 - November 16, 2014. Loving husband of Annemarie Lilly Van Voorhis joining her in heaven. Father of four children: Karen Bradley, Daniel Van Voorhis, Kristina Fayyad, Michael Van Voorhis. Opa to twelve grandchildren: Kristen, Daniel Jr., Richie, Robbie, Louisa, Bella, Ali, Zayd, Dima, Sami, Kaitlin and Lauren. Loving brother of the late Ann Van Voorhis Keller. Tom was a Varsity Athletic Marketing and Development executive at Oakland University for more than 10 years after retiring from General Motors Corporation. A 35-year veteran of General Motors, Tom was most recently a Marketing Executive within the AC Delco division. Tom earned both undergraduate and masters degrees at The University of Michigan. He was also a long-time supporter of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Tom served honorably in both World War II and earned 2nd Lt. US Army Reserve in the Korean Era. A public memorial service will be held in Spring 2015 at Ward Church, Northville, MI. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Ward Church, 4000 Six Mile Rd., Northville, MI, 48168. Serving the family is Lynch and Sons Funeral Home, Walled Lake. Condolences at: [www.LynchFamilyFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFamilyFuneralDirectors.com)

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### CALE, MARY BEATRICE

Of Issaquah, Washington, went home to be with the Lord on 21 November, 2014. She will be reunited with her parents, Frank and Kathleen Looney, and her husband, John J. Cale, Jr. Born in San Francisco, California on 30 July 1933, as an only child. Mary grew up in San Francisco area and attended the College of the Holy Names, Oakland, CA earning a B.A. and her Teaching Credentials. While visiting Hawaii she met a Marine Corps Lieutenant whom she married. Over the course her adult life Mary was actively engaged as a teacher. First as an elementary school teacher in California, then Hawaii and later in Bloomfield Hills, MI. After getting an advanced degree in Learning Disabilities from Marygrove College, she took on the role over the following years as a Learning Disabilities teacher in several Detroit area school districts establishing programs to help students identify and overcome their challenges. In 1996 John and Mary moved to Washington State, living first in Sammamish before residing in Issaquah. Growing up Mary was an avid fan of tennis, golf, and college football. She also loved animals, especially dogs which she had while growing up and while raising her children. Mary is survived by her three children: Judy Cale Brown, Kevin Cale, and Terry Cale Rossi; son-in-law Dino Rossi, and seven grandchildren. Funeral services will be held on 10 December at Saint Joseph's Catholic Church, 220 Mountain Park Blvd. SW, Issaquah, WA, with interment to follow at Tahoma National Cemetery, Kent, WA. Memorial contributions may be made in the memory of Mary Cale to the American Cancer Society.



### CAVIN, BETTY

Passed away on November 19, 2014 in Plymouth MI at the young age of 90. She was the loving and feisty wife to the late Raymond Cavin, mother to Michael (Doris) Cavin; wonderful grandmother to Tracey, Sarah, and Shaun Cavin; and great-grandmother, "G.G." to Xavier, Mami, and Harper Cavin. Betty was a social and active woman, who lived life to the fullest. She enjoyed traveling, gardening, reading, and most importantly spending time with her family and friends. She will always be remembered by those who knew and loved her as a vibrant, fun-loving, caring, and giving person. She will be deeply missed.

### HARRIS, TODD DAVID

Age 43 of Taylor, died suddenly Wednesday, November 26, 2014. Beloved husband of Dana. Loving step-father of Hayley, Dylan, Logan, Machayla, Katrina and Dalila. Dear brother of Thomas (Ellen) and Kenny. Preceded in death by his parents Kenneth Wayne and Linda Mae and a brother Timmy. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

May you find comfort in family & friends

## Canton girl heads an 'army of elves' at Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Emi Werschky ballet dances.

Her best move in gymnastics is a cartwheel.

And she recently portrayed a horse, mouse and towns person in the play *Cinderella*.

But there is something else the 7-year-old Canton Charter Academy second-grader wants you to know about her personal achievements. She has done it all between heat packs and weekly shots.

"I have arthritis," she explained, during a recent lunchtime interview at her school, where fellow students are fundraising for the Arthritis Foundation's Detroit Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis. "It feels good to teach all these people who don't know that kids have arthritis, that they do."

Emi is getting plenty of chances to educate others about her illness, an autoimmune disease that typically causes joint inflammation, but that can involve eyes, skin and gastrointestinal tract. She's this year's youth honoree for the Jingle Bell Run/Walk and has her own team, Emi's Army of Elves, that will participate in the fundraiser on Dec. 6 in Detroit. Her story and her photo is printed on event publicity posters distributed, not only at her school, but throughout Southeastern Michigan.

### Supporting the Foundation

She and her family, including parents Lisa and Tony, have been active in Arthritis Foundation events since Emi was diagnosed with the disease at age 2½. They've walked in the Foundation's annual spring event at the Detroit Zoo and attended galas. Tony and Lisa also earned silver (Tony) and

bronze (Lisa) medals in the Forge through Hell, an extreme 5K for the cause.

The entire family, including Emi's three siblings, attended Arthritis Foundation family camp earlier this year in Lapeer and got a chance to meet other children with arthritis.

"It was a nice experience. We met some families we've seen since at other events. You feel close because it's hard for other people to understand just what you experience. When we started putting up posters with Emi's picture and her story, people would come up to me and say, 'Oh my gosh, I didn't know this is what you've gone through.' Well, we don't usually walk around telling everyone what we've gone through," Lisa said. "We just do it. It's the way it goes and we're OK with that. We've accepted our journey and our path and we're thankful it's not any worse. But we still pray for healing and that it's not our path forever."

It's been an on-again, off-again journey as Emi has been in remission, out of remission and in again over nearly five years.

### Ups and downs

"Even in remission she will get injections of Enbrel for the next three to four years. Right now she's on Enbrel, a biologic drug, and methotrexate, a low-dose cancer drug. One of the biggest hurdles we face is that when her arthritis flares we can up the medication to fight the arthritis, but in doing so, we usually add other problems. So, you're kind of in a race to try to get the arthritis under control so you can get off those medications so she can get back to feeling good and having that sense of humor and that smile and being the normal little adorable 7-year-old we love so much. But it comes and goes."



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Emi Werschky of Canton is youth honoree for the Arthritis Foundation's 2014 Detroit Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis. She's ready to dress as an elf to head up her team, Emi's Army of Elves.

When her arthritis flares when her immune system "kicks into overdrive" and attacks the her joints, Lisa said. Both drugs she takes, administered in a shot each week, can lower her immune system, making her more susceptible to illness.

"She can get the flu and her arthritis could flare. She could get a cut and her arthritis could flare. The more illness you have, the more likely your arthritis will flare. We did the happy dance all the way out of the rheumatologist office the first time we were in remission. And it only lasted about a

month."

### Diagnosis

Lisa discovered her daughter's illness when Emi, then an active and independent toddler, began asking to be carried everywhere. She noticed her knee was swollen and her daughter was limping, but was told it was a symptom of a virus. A follow-up visit to the doctor's office confirmed the arthritis. She received steroid injections in her sore joints almost immediately and started on a series of medications that have increased in strength over the years. Lisa estimates

that her daughter has tried "well over a dozen" medications since she was diagnosed. Her arthritis has affected mostly knees, ankles, wrists and occasionally elbows and shoulders.

"When we started this we heard a lot of people say kids outgrow this. We've noticed they've stopped saying that to us. We try to take it one day at a time and we celebrate days she feels well and we do what we can to get through the days she doesn't."

Emi is looking forward to the Jingle Bell Run/Walk, where she'll dress as "head elf" for her team and ride through the event in a "sleigh" pulled by her mom, who will be in reindeer costume. Her dad will run the race. One sibling will pass out candy canes along the route and two others will ride with her.

The event starts with registration from 7:30-8:30 a.m., followed by the quarter-mile "Snowman Shuffle" fun run for children at 8:50 a.m. and the 5K run/walk and 10K run at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 at Compuware, 1 Campus Martius, Detroit. A soup and chili party follows the event. Medals will be awarded for top three finishers in 13 age groups, along with prizes for largest team, best costume and top fundraiser. Fees are \$35 for the 10K, \$30 for the 5K and \$12 for the Snowman Shuffle. Visit [jinglebellrundetroit.kintera.org](http://jinglebellrundetroit.kintera.org) for more information.

"People think that their donation doesn't count, or doesn't make a difference," Lisa said. "The biologic drug that Emi is on is a direct result of research done by the Arthritis Foundation and without supporting the Arthritis Foundation and providing funds and research, she wouldn't be in remission."

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## How to approach a small-town job search

By Justin Thompson

A lot of career advice targets workers in moderately sized cities who have more access to job opportunities. Rural communities have a limited number of companies and a population competing for fewer jobs. How can a worker from a smaller town make an impression on a company without being a pest?

Job seekers should adapt their job-search strategy depending on the local workforce climate. From there, it comes down to adjusting how you apply for jobs. In some instances, you can take a more out-of-the-box approach to job searching when in a smaller town.

### Be unique

"In rural communities, it's sometimes easier to just go directly to the company and apply face to face," says staffing manager Joshua Johnston. "It can create a lasting impression and can help hiring managers attach that impression to the résumé." If that's not an option, you can still stand out, Johnston says. Anything that grabs a hiring manager's attention or makes a lasting impression may get you ahead of the competition.

"One candidate called a pizza delivery service and had them deliver not only a fresh, hot pizza, but a laminated copy of the résumé around 11:15 a.m.," Johnston says. "Ultimately, they really wanted to work for that specific company and wanted to think outside of the box." As unusual as this example is, the tactic is helpful for those who find themselves repeatedly applying to the same company for multiple positions.

### Use your networks

Johnston suggests that you reach out to friends, relatives, teachers, former co-workers, acquaintances and even your doctor or dentist to ask if they



are aware of any local job vacancies. Telling everyone you know or meet that you're looking for a job can help you with job leads.

In addition, use social networking websites such as LinkedIn to connect with hiring managers at local companies. However, don't use a generic introduction. Personalize your invitation. Be creative and be specific about why you're reaching out -- whether it's to make a connection or follow up after submitting an application.

### Find your focus

Résumés that aren't tailored to the specific position and lack language from the job requirements usually won't get a second

look. Know how to position your résumé to show proof of your experience, instead of including a laundry list of daily duties.

When there are fewer job opportunities in your community, narrow your focus and stop applying for every opening at every company. Be honest about your education, work experience and any supplemental experiences, such as volunteering, and choose the career path in which you'll have the most success.

### Look beyond your ZIP code

You can also broaden your job search to include companies across the U.S. that hire telecommuters or allow employees to work offsite. Finding a company not based in your area doesn't necessarily mean that you have to move, so if you do

the research, you may be able to find companies that are willing to hire an out-of-town worker.

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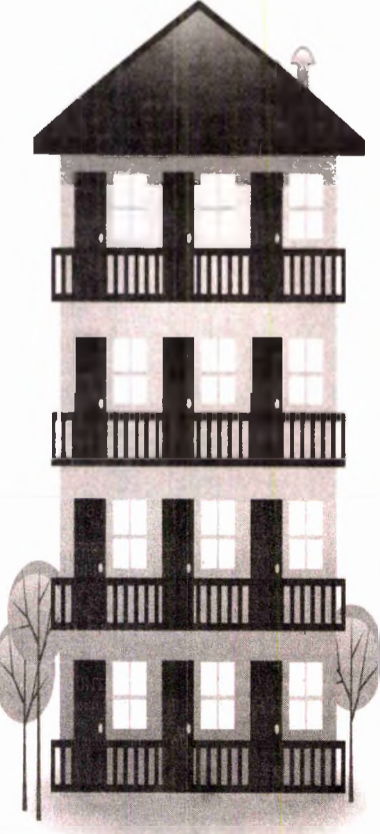
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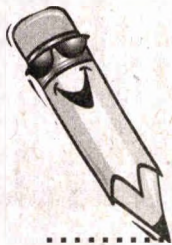
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Rushed off
  - 4 Blubber and suet
  - 8 Marble block
  - 12 Distinct period
  - 13 Former science magazine
  - 14 About 2.2 pounds
  - 15 Engine part
  - 16 Certified
  - 18 Waited in line
  - 20 Everest or K2
  - 21 Claw badly
  - 24 Take delight in
  - 28 Furniture movers
  - 31 Festive quaff
  - 33 Oh my gosh!
  - 34 Feel grateful
  - 35 Prefix for dent
  - 36 Axiom
  - 37 Test-tube sites
  - 39 Royal symbol
  - 40 Pipe fittings
  - 41 Where Damascus is
- DOWN**
- 1 NBA officials
  - 2 I smell —!
  - 3 Billionth, in combos
  - 4 Jane or Henry of films
  - 5 I love (Lat.)
  - 6 Cable channel
  - 7 Where Anna met a king
  - 8 Thin

Answer to Previous Puzzle

H	B	O	A	C	M	O	N	D	R	A	B
O	A	T	A	E	R	O	R	E	N	O	
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H	A	S	P	Y	E	N	S	A	T	T	

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- 9 Designer — Claiborne
- 10 Malt beverage
- 11 Stangy physique
- 17 USPS circuit
- 19 Mantra chants
- 22 Golden Rule word
- 23 Truck, in London
- 25 Hill-climber of rhyme
- 26 Iridescent gem
- 27 Somber evergreens
- 28 Tennessee gridders
- 29 On vacation
- 30 Corn Belt st.
- 32 Taunting remark
- 38 Weighed, as evidence
- 40 Horror-flick street
- 42 Assist
- 44 Preferences
- 46 Talk big
- 48 Flash of lightning
- 49 Sci-fi landers
- 50 Dexterity
- 51 Plea at sea
- 52 Unlatch, to a bard
- 53 "Bah!" kin
- 54 Floe or berg
- 55 Canucks org.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
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6		9	4					8	
5									3
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4	2		5						8
		8	7	3			6	1	
							5	9	
3		4		2					
			7	3				6	

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## OKTOBERFEST WORD SEARCH

WORDS

T	Z	Y	L	E	V	I	L	G	S	W	M	F	B	Y	N	T	S	H	B	
N	S	M	O	G	A	T	Z	F	H	N	T	R	N	Y	R	Z	E	L	R	
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C	C	A	K	S	N	E	H	S	A	R	T	A	L	E	M	S	M	S	E	
S	D	A	T	L	B	E	L	C	E	E	B	L	V	E	N	O	S	T	S	
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V	O	L	E	I	W	S	R	I	S	B	Z	E	I	A	S	E	A	A	U	
I	S	R	N	T	S	B	E	D	D	S	M	A	L	E	R	O	I	U	D	
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F	I	K	O	C	O	H	D	A	N	O	I	T	A	R	B	E	L	E	C	

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

Sudoku

8	9	1	7	3	5	4	6	2	
3	5	4	9	2	6	8	7	1	
7	6	2	8	1	4	3	5	9	
9	8	7	3	4	2	6	1	5	
1	3	5	6	9	8	7	9	2	4
4	2	6	5	9	1	7	3	8	
2	4	3	1	7	8	5	9	6	
5	7	8	2	6	9	1	4	3	
6	1	9	4	5	3	2	8	7	

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Word Search

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S	D	A	T	L	B	E	L	C	E	E	B	L	V	E	N	O	S	T	S	
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# Test drive 2015 Ford F-150 during special event at Bill Brown Ford in Livonia

By Greg Mullin  
Staff Writer

Take a sneak preview of the 2015 Ford F-150 during the Ride and Drive Event at Bill Brown Ford in Livonia from 5-9 p.m. Monday, Dec 8.

Customers can test drive the soon-to-be-released 2015 F-150 alongside a Ford product expert while enjoying appetizers and soft drinks. Also, WYCD 99.5-FM and radio personality Linda Lee will be on-site to meet and greet visitors, and there will be giveaways and prizes to win.

To register for the test drive event, visit [www.f150drive.com/billbrownford](http://www.f150drive.com/billbrownford).

Anticipation is building for the revamped F-150. The vehicles are expected to be on the lot in late December or early January — but Bill Brown Ford is taking pre-orders now.

“Customers are really enthusiastic,” says Andrea Calvanese, Marketing Director for Bill Brown Ford. “Most of all, they’re excited about seeing the new body style.”

Thanks to an all-new aluminum body construction, the 2015 Ford F-150 is lighter than previous models.

“By getting rid of 700 pounds, the 2015 F-150 has increased its towing capacity while also improving fuel economy — a win-win,” Calvanese says.

Other highlights include:

- » The availability of the all-new 2.7-liter EcoBoost model
- » A 360-degree camera view to assist with parking and maneuvering

- » Active park assist
  - » Remote tailgate release
  - » 8-inch productivity screen in the instrument cluster
  - » Quad-beam LED headlamps
- Available engines include:
- » 325-horsepower, 2.7-liter V-6
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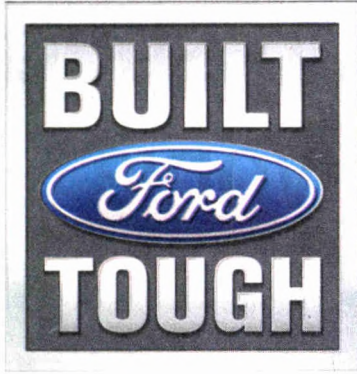
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