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## IN BRIEF

And the winner is ...

Some friendly rivalry between the Westland Rotary and Wayne Rotary benefited the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army's Red Kettle campaign.

The service clubs compete each Christmas season to see which club can raise the most money bell ringing on a Saturday at Macy's at the Westland Shopping Center. The honors went to Westland this year, which raised \$632.01. The Wayne club brought in \$508.59.

Capt. Derek Rose, corps commander, made the announcement to cheers and applause at the Westland Rotary's Thursday, Dec. 16, meeting. He is a Westland Rotarian and his wife, Joanna, a fellow corps commander, is a Wayne Rotarian.

## Blood Drive

You might be in vacation, but the need for blood doesn't take time off for the holidays. That's why the William P. Faust Public Library is hosting at American Red Cross Blood Drive 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27, in meeting rooms A and B. Anyone who is in good health, at least 17 years old, and weighing at least 110 pound can donate blood. Stop by the circulation desk to make a blood donation appointment or just stop in. Walk-ins are welcome.

The library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road. For more information, call the library at (734) 326-6123.

## Christmas spirit

A group of retired Wayne-Westland School District secretaries, known as the Mushers, decided to forgo exchanging Christmas gifts this year in order to make the holidays nicer for two families with children attending Hamilton Elementary School.

The Mushers started to meet monthly for breakfast in the early 1980s. Their restaurant of choice served a fried mush, which several of the ladies enjoyed and they all decided to name themselves after this breakfast dish.

This Christmas, the Mushers chose to collect money in lieu of buying gifts for each other. With an additional donation from the Palace Supermarket in Norwayne, two gift certificates were purchased and donated to Hamilton School.

## AMVETS Party

AMVETS Post 171 in Westland is hosting a New Year Eve Extravaganza beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31. The cost is \$50 per couple for current members, \$70 per couple for non-members and \$65 per couple for new joiners. Included is a dinner buffet featuring chicken cordon bleu and roast beef rolls, disc jockey, party favors, balloon drop, champagne toast and pizza at midnight. There will be 50/50 drawings and raffles throughout the night. A \$10 unlimited drink band will be offered.

The public is welcome but tickets are limited. Contact Sheryl Lamarand at (734) 629-4774 to get tickets.

## Hearing postponed for trio charged in teen's death

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The lobby at Westland's 18th District Court was packed Tuesday as dozens of people waited to go through security so they could attend a preliminary examination for three people charged in the murder of a Westland teenager.

There were family and friends of the victims and the defendants, along with a crowd of media from Detroit television and radio stations.

The wait was longer than the hearing and most of the people who turned up didn't make it into the courtroom.

Westland 18th District Court Judge Sandra Cicirelli granted a rare prosecution request for an adjournment of the preliminary examinations of Justin Lee Yoshikawa, 19, of Westland and Nicholas Jay Cottrell, 22, of Taylor, along with Cottrell's mother Tina Lowe, 49, of Belleville.

Yoshikawa and Cottrell are charged with first-degree murder in the death of Carlee Jade Morse, 16, who disappeared Aug. 20 from a Westland apartment complex. Lowe is charged with being an accessory after the fact and interfering with a police investigation.

Cicirelli ordered that Yoshikawa

and Cottrell continue to be held without bond and refused to reduce the \$300,000 cash bond set for Lowe, but did agree to seek an expedited pretrial services review.

Defense attorneys objected to the delay. Prosecutors are required to hold a preliminary examination within 14 days of arraignment, although it's not uncommon for the defense to seek a delay in the hearing that determines whether there is probable cause a crime was committed and that the defendants committed the crime.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Lisa Screen of the homicide unit requested a short adjournment in

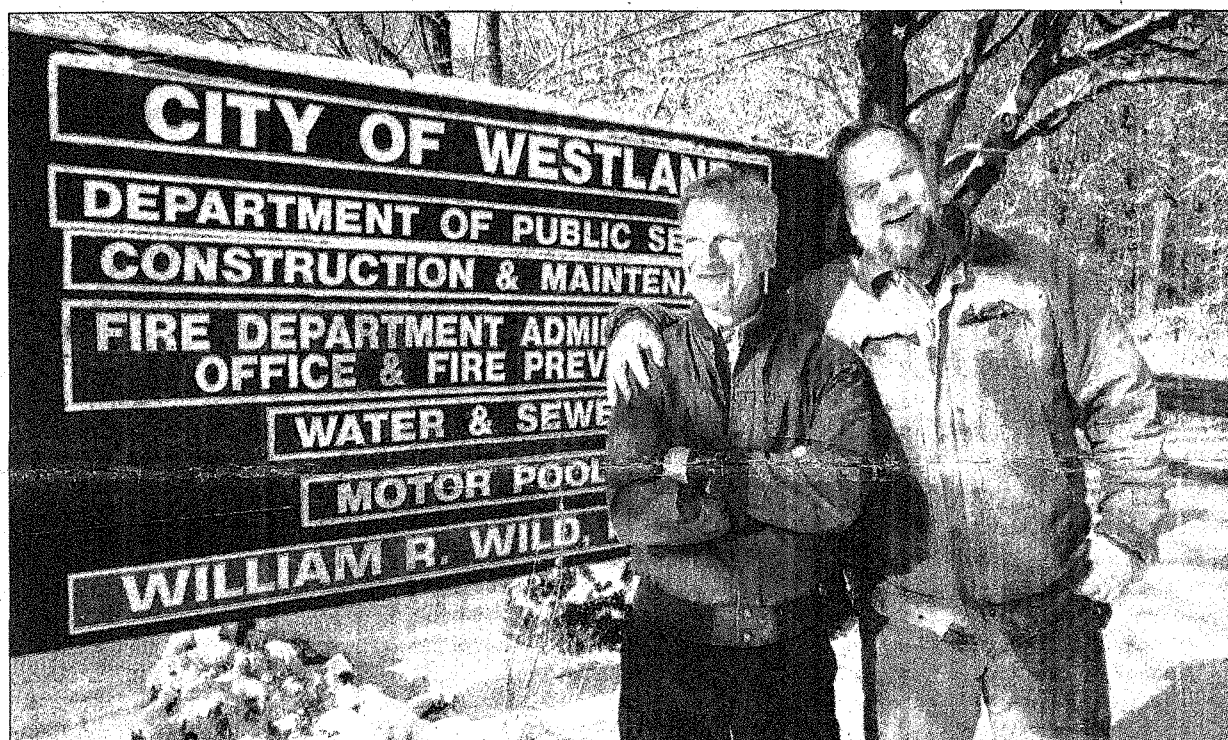
each case because telephone records for which subpoenas had been issued and Michigan State Police laboratory reports hadn't yet been received.

Defense attorneys objected to a delay, noting the prosecution had two weeks to obtain the records and reports.

"It's not her fault that she hasn't been able to obtain the records. There was no delay on Ms. Screen's part," said Cicirelli, who had met with the attorneys in her chambers before the hearing. "The prosecution promptly and diligently pursued the informa-

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## Holiday giving



City employees Mitch Weimer and Ian Smith and members of AFSCME Local 1602 are making the holidays merry by adopting three Westland families.

### City employees make Christmas merry for Westland families

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For at least a decade and maybe longer, a group of Westland city workers has joined forces to help some local families have a happier Christmas.

Members of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 1602 are adopting three families this year, providing food, toiletries and assorted gifts requested by the family.

"They are usually single-parent families," said Steve Misiak, a Department of Public Services senior equipment operator. "Usually we get referrals from the Dorsey Center; some years a fellow union member will refer someone."

Unlike some programs, Misiak said the families receiving assistance from Local 1602 members are contacted to find out what they need for the holiday so the donation can be personalized. Norman's Market has donated

turkeys for the families and some years hams are also included.

"We talked to one family and the mother said they don't eat ham, so we'll provide something else," said Misiak, who joins co-worker Mitch Weimer in delivering the food and gifts, usually Dec. 23 or Christmas Eve. "That way the family doesn't have to worry about hiding the gifts from the kids. It's not really a holiday basket, it's a household basket."

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## Westland woman facing trial for embezzlement

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland woman charged with stealing more than \$350,000 from her elderly mother didn't get her holiday wish for a reduced bond Wednesday.

Carol Brazeika, 49, waived her preliminary examination in 18th District Court and was ordered bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court for trial on 14 felony charges, including three counts of embezzlement over \$100,000, a 20-year felony; five counts of identity theft, a five-year felony; and five counts of larceny by false pretenses.

Defense attorney Kim Michon asked Judge Mark McConnell to reduce the bond for Brazeika, who has been held in lieu of \$350,000 cash/surety bond.

"I understand these are very serious charges and my client could face prison time. She works for a funeral company and has a job to return to," said Michon. "Restitution will be a key. I would ask that she be released on personal bond with a GPS (electronic tether) and a no contact order."

Prior to her arrest, Brazeika had been working for Vermeulen Funeral Home. Michon noted all money made by Brazeika would go toward restitution.

"So, you're saying your client wouldn't be moving to Texas and live in a mansion?" said McConnell, adding he wondered why the funeral home wanted Brazeika to return to work.

Having talked to family members, Wayne County Prosecutor Robert Spada said they didn't want Brazeika released on bond at this time.

"This needs to be investigated to see what money there is and where all the money has gone," he said.

It is alleged that over a five-year period, beginning in 2004, Brazeika misappropriated funds in excess of \$350,000 belonging to her 76-year-old mother. The funds allegedly were siphoned from accounts owned by her mother which contained retirement, pension and Social Security funds.

It is also alleged that Brazeika, using her mother's identity, opened credit card accounts and obtained loans in her mother's name during that same time period.

McConnell agreed to refer Brazeika for pretrial bond screening and her circuit court arraignment was set for Dec. 29.

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## Mail call: Santa gets letters from good boys, girls

For boys and girls of all ages, tomorrow night, Christmas Eve, is their night. That's when Santa Claus comes to town. He leaves the North Pole with his list of naughty and nice and heads out in his sleigh to deliver presents to one and all.

A busy man this time of year, Santa asked the *Observer* to help with the letters he receives. As a Christmas treat — and with Santa's permission — we're publishing some of them to help our readers get ready for their visit from Santa Claus. The letters are published as written with translations provided, when possible, and where necessary.

Dear Santa,

I helped Mommy with the baby a lot. I put her pacifier in just to be nice. I help feed her. I'm a good girl. I gave my hair away to the kids that have cancer. I love you so much, Santa.

I want a camping Barbie, a Tinkerbell movie and a Tangled Castle. I will leave you a treat on the table for you and the reindeer.

Thank you!

Love,  
Kylie Smyth

Dear Santa,

I want a real deer, a real sleigh, bowling balls, and a firefighter truck.

Adam Said

Dear Santa,

I want a doctors set, a teapot, and a puzzle.

Arianne McFall

My Christmas list:

Purple or baby blue MP3 player  
Zu-zu Pets  
Barbie Plane  
Barbie Camper  
Barbie Winter Collection Doll  
a Speak Now CD.

Abby Said

Hi Santa!

I want a robot that moves and jumps over water. Robot lives in a robot castle. I want a choo-choo train.

Bye Santa!  
Conner Smyth

Dear Santa,

I wot Pitharka (Pictureka) pels and a gotr (guitar).

Love,

Mackenzie Wrobbel

Dear Santa,

I don't won't much for christmas. I just won't a lego starwas set for christmas it looks like a ship that is big and gray.

Sincerely,  
Brenden Booth

Dear Santa,

I want the training camp for Wii and a microfone.

Love,

Cole Owattlander



Kylie Smyth



Arianne McFall



Abby Said



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## TRIO

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tion. The court finds there is good cause to adjourn the hearing."

Cottrell's defense attorney Corbett O'Meara offered to stipulate to what was in the phone records and DNA obtained from a vehicle.

"They (the defendants and Morse) were friends. The DNA and the phone records don't prove anything," O'Meara said. "My client's continued detention is unconstitutional."

The hearing for all three defendants was adjourned until 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13.

Morse had been missing since the early hours of Aug. 20, when she went to make a phone call outside the Venoy Pines Apartments near Venoy and Warren roads where she lived with her mother, who reported her missing.

The teen had been considered a missing person until earlier this month, when a witness gave police information leading them to Yoshikawa and Cottrell, who both knew Morse.

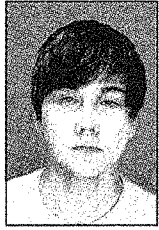
So far, police have only said that the men had a dispute

with Morse and, based on statements they made, she was strangled shortly after she disappeared. Police are continuing to work on locating her body, which has yet to be found.

Lowe is charged with talking to the witness and attempting



Cottrell



Yoshikawa



Lowe

to convince her not to go to police with information she had learned about the murder.

Cicirelli rejected defense arguments that bond be reconsidered for Lowe, who has no prior criminal record and is in danger of losing a job she has held for more than 15 years.

"This involves a horrific crime that allegedly happened in August. We are four months later," Cicirelli said. "Your client is alleged not to have come forward with information, but also that she threatened a witness to stop them from coming forward. We won't tolerate that."

Unlike Lowe, her son has several prior convictions dating back to 2005, including home invasion, delivery/manufacture of marijuana and methamphetamines. As a result, he has an additional charge of being a fourth-degree habitual offender.

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# City attorney challenges citizens' comments

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
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During most Westland council meetings, City Attorney James Fausone says very little unless asked for an opinion.

At Monday's meeting, Fausone had plenty to say in response to allegations being made by some residents regarding the William P. Faust Library and money spent for cleaning up after homes were flooded in June.

Resident Mark Rodriguez repeated comments he'd made at the library board — that the city charging the library rent would be a misappropriation of the dedicated millage, a

felony. He went on to comment that council approving that rent would make the members guilty of conspiracy.

The city owns the land on which the library sits and the building itself, according to the deed, Fausone said. In addition, state law specifically allows the library millage to be used to lease or purchase property for the library use, he said.

"To suggest that the city can't discuss rent with the library board or that it is a felony or a conspiracy is misguided on the facts and the law," Fausone said.

Charging the library rent, which came up during budget discussions earlier this year, was recommended by city

auditors Plante Moran, Mayor William Wild said.

"I'm taken aback by the comments that a city official would do something felonious. To have a resident go to the library and this meeting with those comments is wrong," Wild said. "Especially in light of the indictments in Detroit. People already don't trust their local government."

Resident Burke Rock repeated his allegations that Wild had violated the city charter by authorizing the \$2.2 million emergency cleanup following the June flooding. He cited a section of the charter that requires council approval of expenditures exceeding \$5,000.

"I always get concerned

when someone quotes the Bible or the Koran one verse at a time. A single page of the city charter was passed out," Fausone said. "We need to realize that the larger charter needs to be looked at and the context applied."

Specifically, Fausone noted other provisions of the charter which give the mayor the emergency authority to procure services needed for the health and safety of residents.

Wild didn't respond to Rock — at an earlier meeting the mayor said that after a year of being lambasted by Rock he would no longer respond to his comments.

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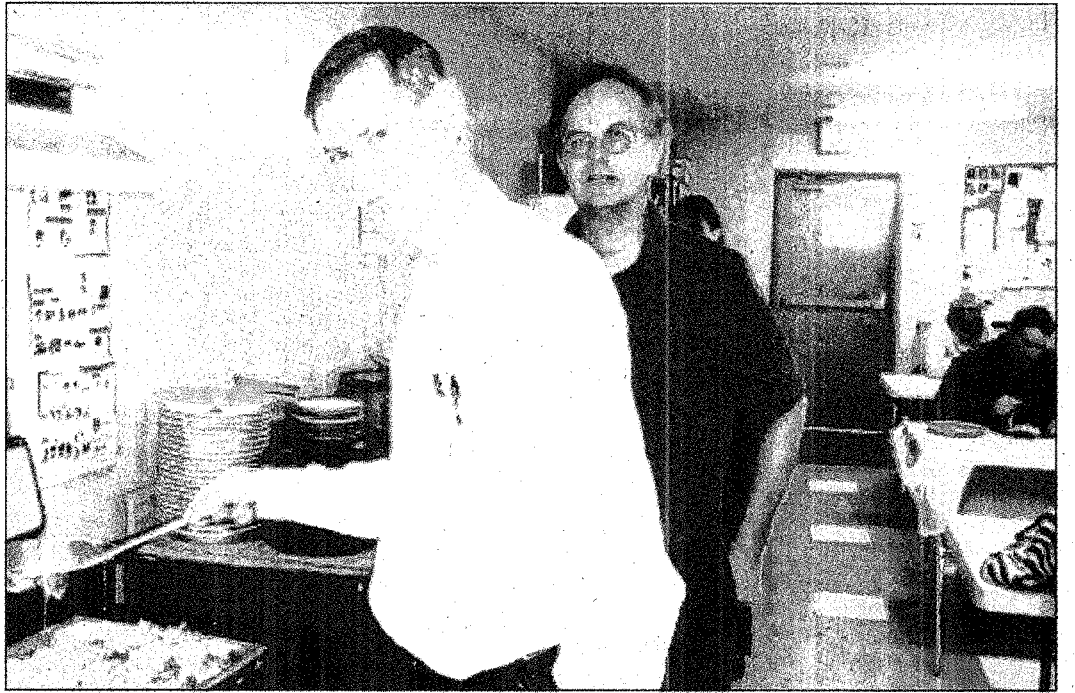
## Toastmasters help soup kitchen keep cooking

Members of the Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters helped serve a Thanksgiving dinner to the homeless and is making a donation to help making cooking easier at the soup kitchen.

The Toastmasters members went to the Lighthouse Home Mission soup kitchen on Palmer in Westland to help serve the Thanksgiving dinner. After everyone was fed, the Toastmasters were given the grand tour of the facility. Those participating included President Mike Wysner along with members William Tremper and Rick Insko.

"Those people who work at and run the place do so much for the needy with so little to work with, it's incredible," said Tremper. "They feed as many as 50 people each day with one four burner stove and one oven with which to cook all the food, and they also provide showers and a change of clothes to those who need them."

Before club members headed home for their own holiday dinners, Insko promised to buy a new stove for them so that the shelter will have eight



Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters William Tremper (front) and Rick Insko helped prepare Thanksgiving Dinner at the Full Gospel Church Lighthouse Mission.

burners and two ovens. Insko made good on his promise, purchasing a new stove which should be delivered on or by Dec. 23 to the soup kitchen.

"This was quite an experience for us and we three as

well as other members plan to get involved in helping them with the many chores that need doing throughout the year," said Tremper. "Those needy people need to eat all year long, not just on

Thanksgiving."

"This is not a usual nor official function of Toastmasters, but our members are doing this on their own, out of compassion for our fellow human beings," he said.

## HOLIDAY

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There might be detergent, soap and canned goods."

Money for the adopt-a-family program is raised through 50/50 raffles held at each of the city buildings. Additionally, canned food and other donations are collected at city buildings.

"The donations amount varies — we lost 30 people in our building with the early retirements. Usually it's \$400-\$500 plus donated items," Misiak said, adding the criteria is that the adopted families be Westland residents or be referred by the Dorsey Center. "And as a rule, we spend the money at

Westland businesses."

Misiak has worked on the adopt-a-family program for about a decade and this year is supervising the effort due to the retirement of Al Campbell, the long-time head of the program.

Since he is so involved in the program, Misiak said his wife Betty, along with daughters Diana and Stephanie, have pitched in to help out by wrapping the gifts.

"You really feel good knowing it's needed and appreciated. People will send us thank you notes," Misiak said. "They all appreciate it in their own way — that's what counts. Lots of people contribute."

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## City office hours change due to holidays

The holiday season is in full swing and it's having an effect on local city services.

For people needing to tend to business at the Westland City Hall, Economic Development, Dorsey Community Center and 18th District Court, get it done during the beginning of the week. Those offices will be closed

today-Friday, Dec. 23-24, and Thursday-Friday, Dec. 30-31.

Also closed now through Sunday, Jan. 2, is the Senior Friendship Center, while the Bailey Recreation Center will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today, Dec. 23, and closed Friday-Saturday, Dec. 24-25, and Saturday, Jan. 1. The center will be open 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday,

Dec. 26-29, and 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31.

The Mike Modano Arena at 6210 Wildwood will be holding Holiday Open Skating 12:30-1:50 p.m. Monday, Dec. 20 and 27, and Thursday, Dec. 23 and 30. The cost is \$3 for children and \$4 for adults, nonresidents add 50 cents. Skate rental is \$3.

The William P. Faust Public Library at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road, will be closed Friday-Sunday,

Dec. 24-26 and Dec. 31 to Jan. 2.

Police and fire services will not be affected nor will weekly trash collection which will be picked up as usual Monday through Friday.

As for getting something in the mail, the post office in Westland will be open until 3 p.m.

Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. The last collection will be at noon. The automated postage centers will be available 24 hours. Mail delivery will not be affected.

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Volunteer Lloyd Brown, a Westland resident, prepares new plastic bags for the food distribution.

# Open Door policy

## Spike in demand keeps ministry serving the needy

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Open Door Ministry, a Canton-based food pantry that has fed the area's hungry for a decade, saw a 30-percent spike in pleas for help this year compared to 2009, as economic recovery proved elusive for tens of thousands of people.

"I don't see recovery in the number of people needing food," Open Door Director Steven Darr said, sitting inside the food pantry warehouse on Lilley south of Michigan Avenue.

Open Door volunteers this year fed 65,000 people from communities such as Canton, Westland, Plymouth, Garden City, Livonia, Redford, Wayne, Belleville and Ypsilanti. The pantry used 1.5 million pounds of food it mostly received from Gleaners Community Food Bank and Forgotten Harvest, which got its supplies from places like Walmart, Sam's Club, Kroger and Target.

Some 60 volunteers spend Thursday evenings loading food into vehicles driven by recipient families to Open Door headquarters, a former factory that made corrugated boxes. Lloyd Brown, a U.S. Navy and Air Force retiree, is among those who bring smiles by delivering items such as frozen meat, fresh vegetables, canned goods and desserts.

"We're feeding the hungry, and there's a lot of hungry people in the world today," Brown said. "Some of them can still pay their bills but they don't have anything

### FEEDING THE NEEDY

**What:** Open Door Ministry, a Canton-based food pantry

**Who:** Open Door serves people from communities such as Canton, Plymouth, Westland, Garden City, Livonia, Redford, Wayne, Belleville and Ypsilanti.

**How much:** The ministry fed 65,000 people this year, a 30-percent hike from 2009

**How to help:** People who want to volunteer or who need more information about Open Door Ministry may go to [www.opendoorfoodministry.org](http://www.opendoorfoodministry.org) or call Connection Church at (734) 397-1777, Ext. 201.

left over for food. One of the things the Lord said was to feed the hungry."

Open Door Ministry, an offshoot of Canton-based Connection Church, has seen demand for help steadily increase over the last decade, but Darr said the biggest one-year increase in pleas for help occurred this year. A typical Thursday evening brings 450 families to the pantry, but Darr said the number swelled to 527 prior to Thanksgiving.

Darr, a retired Ford Motor Co. engineer who oversees Open Door Ministry with wife Jackie, said volunteers don't receive money for their efforts.

"We're a hundred percent volunteer," he said. "Nobody gets paid."

Open Door stores its perishable food in an array of freezers, including a large one donated by the Canton

Community Foundation and Jim and Linda Demmer. The new Walmart on Michigan Avenue gave \$5,000 to the pantry, and volunteers come from organizations such as the YMCA, the National Honor Society and the township's youth B.L.O.C.K. group, which stands for Building Leaders Out of Canton's Kids.

Containers of food placed in recipients' vehicles often contain biblical passages, which Darr said are meant to inspire and offer hope to those in need. Open Door also offers job counseling, skills training and referrals to other care groups for additional help.

Outside the warehouse, Darr pointed to a makeshift radio station that actually broadcasts spiritual programs Thursday evenings from a step van in the Open Door parking lot. Families who line up for food can tune in to 1630 AM or 105.7 FM on their car radios and actually receive the signal. "It only reaches across the parking lot," Darr said with a smile.

Volunteers pack some 200 pounds of food each minute into cars. As economic troubles worsened in Michigan, Darr said he noticed many families receiving help for the first time, including many middle-class people who lost their jobs amid the economic recession.

"Our biggest number (of recipients) comes from Westland, and Canton is No. 2," he said. "There are a lot of people hurting right here in Canton."

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### AROUND WESTLAND

#### Blood Drive

The William P. Faust Public Library at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road, will be holding an American Red Cross Blood Drive 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27, in meeting rooms A and B. Stop by the circulation desk to make a blood donation appointment or just stop in. Walk-ins are welcome.

#### Taste Testing

Chef Jesse Gales will offer a taste-testing opportunity at the Westland Weight Watchers center Saturday, Jan. 22.

These meetings are open and free to the public so anyone who is interested in learning more about Weight Watchers, without having to pay a meeting fee, can attend.

The Westland Weight Watchers Center is at 36585 W. Warren Road. Meetings will begin at 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

#### Vacation Auction

The Oakwood Foundation is offering the use of a condo in Kissimmee or Puerto Vallarta as part of a vacation auction Benefitting First Step.

Available in the auction is a stay at the Tropical Hills of Puerto Vallarta Adventure March 19-26, 2011. Tropical Hills. The condo sleeps nine adults. Park Royal Los Tules is nestled among the tropical hills of Puerto Vallarta, the ideal place for its spacious gardens, eight pools, five tennis courts, snack bar, jogging track, half-mile of beautiful beach, facilities and equipment for water sports, bicycle and motorbike rentals and picturesque traditional Mexican-style villas equipped with kitchen.

The Kissimmee Florida Getaway is June 5-12, 2011. Stay at Highpoint Resort. Condo sleeps six adults and is just one mile from Walt Disney World Vacation Kingdom.

Submit one blind bid for each item, with a minimum bid of \$500 (airfare not included) to the Oakwood Foundation, attention John O'Rourke at [orourkej@oakwood.org](mailto:orourkej@oakwood.org).

Top blind bid submitted by 5 p.m. Jan. 10, will be determined to be the winner. In case of a tie, a random drawing of the top bidders will determine the winner. Proceeds benefit the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Partnership with First Step.

#### Seniors' card party

Seniors are invited to spend the afternoon with Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, D-Livonia, playing cards and enjoying an early dinner on New Year's Eve, Friday, Dec. 31.

Gebhardt is hosting the card party at the Livonia Senior Center, beginning at 1 p.m. The cost is \$5 for seniors who live in Gebhardt's 12th Commission District communities of Inkster, Westland and the southern portion of Livonia. Also a Schoolcraft College trustee, Gebhardt also is inviting seniors living in the school districts of Livonia, Plymouth-Canton, Clarenceville, Northville and Garden City, which are part of the college district.

The card games slated to be played are pinochle and euchre. Registration starts at 12:45 p.m. and the games will begin promptly at 1 p.m. Dinner will be served at 3:30 p.m.

The Livonia Senior Center is at 15218 Farmington Road, just south of Plymouth Road. For ticket information, call (313) 224-0907. There is a waiting list for those who live outside the aforementioned school districts.

#### Lions Club

The Westland Lions Club meets at 11:45 a.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month at Logan's Roadhouse on Ford Road in Canton. For more information, call Debbie Dayton at (734) 721-4216.

#### Keep walking

In the mood to walk, but don't like the weather? Westland Shopping Center has the answer - mall walking.

Westland Shopping Center opens its doors before usual operating hours for people

who want to walk for exercise. Walking begins at 7 a.m. Monday through Saturday. Enter through Arcade 2 by Olga's Kitchen on the northeast end of the mall. All other doors are locked until approximately 8.30 a.m. On Sunday all doors are opened at 10 a.m.

Westland Walkers also hold a meeting at 9.30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Community Room on the lower level. Call (734) 425-5001 to check when a meeting has been scheduled.

It's easy to become a member of Westland Walkers. Just fill out a registration card available at the Customer Service booth in East Court. Return it to the Customer Service Associate or put it in the Walkers Box located on the side counter.

Westland Shopping Center is at Wayne and Warren roads in Westland.

For information about either class or other Bailey Center activities, call (734) 686-9882.

#### CFL bulb recycling

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#### Office hours

Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, D-Livonia, will not hold regular offices hours in the 12th District in December. When the sessions return in January, she will not be meeting at Starbucks Coffee in Westland.

Gebhardt, who represents south Livonia, Inkster and Westland, will be at:

- The McDonald's restaurant (27125 Cherry Hill Road, Inkster, at noon the first Monday of the month.

- The William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, 6-8 p.m., both on the second Monday of the month.

- Biggby Coffee, 33328 Plymouth Road, Livonia, at 10 a.m. the fourth of the Monday of the month.

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## Woman finds unwanted guest sleeping on couch

### Unlawful entry

A Westland couple discovered an uninvited guest sleeping on their couch Dec. 19. The residents of a home in the 5700 block of Herbert told police that about 2 a.m. the wife got up to use the restroom and noticed the man on the living room couch. She awoke her husband, who called police.

The officer arrived and found the man sleeping. The officer said he tapped the man on the arm and asked him to wake up but the man responded by looking at him, then extending his right middle finger.

The officer said he grabbed the man's right arm and asked him to sit up but the man tried to pull away and began to clinch his fists. The man was told he was under arrest and continued to resist, the officer said, until a second officer came to assist.

Nothing appeared to be missing from the home. Officers recovered a small bag of marijuana from the man's pocket. The homeowners told police they had left the side door unlocked since they expected their son to arrive home shortly.

As the man was being taken to a patrol car, the officer noticed the man's car was parked in the driveway next door. An officer contacted the woman who lives there and she told police she knows the suspect, who was supposed to be spending the night at her home. She added she had no idea how he ended up next door.

The suspect, a 23-year-old Westland man, later told police that he had gone outside to smoke a cigarette and afterwards, must have gone inside the wrong house.

### Retail fraud

A 16-year-old Redford girl was arrested Dec. 19 for shoplifting \$71 worth of assorted women's undergarments from Kohl's at the Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road.

Store security told police they saw the girl take the items into a change room, then come out with a shopping bag. Checking the changing room, the staff said no merchandise was found. She was stopped leaving the store and detained for police. She was eventually released to her mother.

### Break-in

Police were called to an apartment at the Landings, 6836 Lakeview, about 5:30 p.m. Dec. 17 when a resident reported someone had broken in. The resident said he had fallen asleep on the living room couch about 45 minutes earlier. When he awoke, the resident said he noticed the door wall was slightly open.

When he closed the door, the resident said he noticed pry mark. Checking the apartment, the resident said he realized \$400 in cash was missing from the desk drawer which is located near the living room couch.

The officer questioned how the man could sleep through the incident, especially with someone rummaging the nearby desk. The man told police that he receives a disability check - the officer noticed a Special Olympics medal and the man said he had been a participant.

The officer looked around the apartment and pointed out the front door jam was damaged, something the man said he hadn't noticed.

By LeAnne Rogers

## Woman suspects ex-boyfriend of using debit card

### Larceny

A Garden City woman believes a former boyfriend may be the one using a debit card to make withdrawals at three ATMs in Westland.

The woman told police on Dec. 16 that she had recently contacted Friend of the Court about not receiving her child support payments and was told that she was sent an FOC debit card and would no longer receive checks. The card had been sent to a home in the 600 block of Belton in mid-October and had been activated.

The woman said she had been living with her the boyfriend at the home and suspects he found the card in the mail and took it. She also said she had her personal belongings at the home which would have made it easy to find her Social Security number, needed to activate the card.

### Larceny from auto

A baby seat and clothing, clothing, a purse, backpack, college medical books, a GPS system and a 12-pack of pop were among items stolen from a car parked in front of a home in the 29000 block of Barton Dec. 17.

The car's owner told police that she had parked the vehicle at 2:30 a.m. and when she returned about an hour later, the items were missing.

Police found tire tracks in the snow beside the vehicle and that entry was gained through the back passenger window on the driver's side. According to the woman, the motor for the electric window didn't work and the window could easily be pushed up and down.

### Vandalism

The driver's door window of a car parked in the street in the 200 block of Arcola was shot out with a BB or pellet gun sometime between 6:30 p.m. Dec. 16 and 7:30 a.m. Dec. 17.

### Retail fraud

A black male was able to elude police after he tried to return items he had taken from the shelves in the Aldi Supermarket Dec. 17.

The manager told police the man entered the store and took two items from the toy shelves and attempted to get a refund of \$61.45. The suspect provided a receipt for the items and received the refund. When the manager asked for the receipt he was told he had given to the clerk. The manager told him she would have to check the video to verify the

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transaction. While she was gone, he left the store with the money.

### Larceny

A resident reported to police that someone took his snow blower from in front of his home in the 31000 block of Cherry Hill sometime between 2:45 and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 16. The homeowner told police the snow blower had been left sitting in the driveway in front of the garage.

### Fraud

A resident in the 28000 block of Barton told police she was doing her bills online Dec. 18 when she discovered six unauthorized transactions. Four of transactions were made at Wal-Mart and the other two were automatic transfers because the account was overdrawn.

The woman told police she shares the account with her father, but he does not drive and does not have access to Wal-Mart. She also said she has both cards for the account.

### Stolen vehicle

A car was reported stolen from the driveway of a home in the 28000 block of Warren Road Dec. 18 was recovered in Dearborn Heights on Dec. 19. The man told police that his 18-year-old daughter had left the car unlocked and running at about 7:40 p.m. It was found missing about 10 minutes later.

However, Inkster Police recovered the car after it crashed into a snow bank at the intersection of Kingswood and Amboy in Dearborn Heights. The car was being chased by officers from Inkster and Dearborn Heights at 12:20 a.m.

The two suspects fled from the car after the crash and were caught.

### License suspended

A 21-year-old Dearborn Heights man was arrested for driving with a suspended license after being stopped by police at Ford and Merriman.

Officers had made the stop after receiving a complaint that the driver had almost caused an accident with a car driven by a Westland woman. The man's license had been suspended in November 2008 and he also had three prior convictions for driving on a suspended license.

### Drug arrest

A 35-year-old Garden City woman charged with driving with a suspended license and operating a vehicle while under the influence of narcotics following an accident at Ford and Moeller Dec. 19.

The woman was driving a car that had been reported as taken without permission by her mother. A witness told police the woman was driving at a high rate of speed on Moeller and failed to stop at a stop sign at Ford where she hit a car, containing three women.

The Garden City woman's vehicle rolled onto the driver's side and Garden City firefighters used power tools to extract her. She was taken to Garden City Hospital where she was treated and then taken into custody.

When questioned by police at the scene the woman admitted that she may have taken drugs but refused to say what.

She had two prior alcohol violations as well as three prior suspensions. Her license was expired and she had seven current denied and revoked suspensions by the Secretary of State and one indefinite suspension.

### Vandalism

Windows of two vehicles parked at the Brentwood Apartments at 31245 Krauter had windows broken out between Dec. 18 and Dec. 20.

In the first incident the owner told police his mother had discovered the damage and told him to call police. The window was broken around 9 a.m. The owner refused to go outside and check to see if anything was missing.

In the second incident, the driver's side window of a Mercury Villager was broken out between noon Dec. 19 and 4 p.m. Dec. 20. Nothing was reported missing, according to the owner's daughter-in-law.

### Fraud

A resident of the 6400 block of Lathers discovered four unexplained charges on his TCF Bank checking account after he tried to use his bank card to buy gas.

The four charges totaled \$1,400. They were made at 3:42 a.m. Dec. 20 to PayPal. The man said he believes his child's mother, who he had recently ended a relationship with, was responsible for the charges. He said the woman knows all of the passwords to his accounts.

The woman who denied knowledge of the passwords or using the account information.

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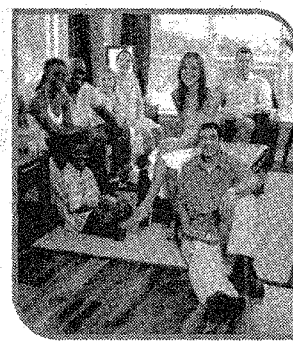
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# Thrift stores a boon as economic woes continue

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As economic woes continue to strain consumer budgets, metro Detroit shoppers are increasingly finding bargains at thrift stores and resale shops they might once have snubbed during more prosperous times when stretching their dollars seemed less critical.

As bargain-hunting and gently used merchandise have become more popular, area thrift stores are broadening their customer base and luring shoppers from Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, Westland, Garden City, Redford, Farmington and other communities.

And, more shoppers have meant more revenues for charity organizations — The Salvation Army, Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the Disabled American Veterans and others — that use their income to provide food, clothing, children's programs, shelter and jobs for a growing number of recession-weary residents.

Rather than pay exorbitant prices for designer clothing, a name-brand espresso machine or a new sofa, shoppers are finding slashed prices for quality merchandise, store officials say, and consumers who need a new suit for a job search can find a deal without plunking down their charge cards.

## CUSTOMER BASE EXPANDS

"We've noticed a larger increase in our customer base, because we've found that people have realized some of the fantastic values that are in a thrift store or second-hand retail shop," said Michael Saine, manager of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul store near the northwest corner of Wayne and Hunter in Westland. "And you can use the cash in your hands to get what you need instead of charging it."

St. Vincent de Paul, which marked its fifth year in Westland last August, uses its revenues for purposes such as food banks, children's camps and churches in need. Across town, the Disabled American Veterans thrift store at Middlebelt and Ann Arbor Trail raises money to support programs helping veterans.

In Livonia, The Salvation Army Family Thrift Store on Plymouth west of Farmington has remained a community fixture since 1996, said Maj. John Aren, who also oversees stores in Canton, Garden City, Dearborn Heights, Wayne, Lincoln Park and Romulus.

"The Livonia store has been a unique place over the years because it has been able to capture the pristine donations of an upper-class community but it is within reach of everyone to benefit from that," he said.

Aren oversaw the Nov. 5 opening of a new Salvation Army store on the southeast corner of Joy and Morton Taylor roads in Canton — a store that brought in a startling \$250,000 in gross revenues less than a month after it welcomed its first shoppers.

"The economy has had a drastic impact on our business, not only from those who are adversely affected and have limited incomes, but also from those who have an entrepreneurial approach to searching out products and flipping them on the Internet for a profit," Aren said. "And there are those who shop with us for sport — they love to find vintage merchandise (at low cost)."

A new survey conducted by the National Retail Foundation found that 61.7 percent of shoppers this holiday season had said their concerns about the economy would affect their spend-



Salvation Army Maj. John Aren talks about the layout and design of the newest Family Thrift Store that opened last month in Canton.



Michael Saine of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has seen an increase in the customer base because people have "realized some of the fantastic values that are in a thrift store or second-hand retail shop."

ing. Yet, according to the National Association of Resale Professionals, resale stores have reported consistent growth rates for the last five years, despite an otherwise-struggling retail environment.

"The NRF survey shows that the recession is not over for the consumer," said Steve Murphy, president of franchising for Winmark Corp., a Minneapolis-based company that specializes in leasing and developing

retail stores that buy, sell and trade new and used merchandise. "While we have begun to see some encouraging (economic) improvements, consumers remain cautious about spending."

## QUALITY GOODS

Even as the economy improves, some officials say consumers — many with reduced incomes — will continue to seek quality merchandise at thrift stores and resale shops, and charity organizations are tapping into the trend. On Dec. 11, Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit, which uses its revenues for job-creating programs, returned to the retail market after a decade-long absence by opening a store on Ford Road west of Haggerty in Canton.

The store hopes to generate \$1 million in revenue during the first year to support its job-creation and training programs, said Jeff Ukraine, director of donated goods. Moreover, Goodwill plans to have retail stores in five south-east Michigan counties within the next 10 years.

Though the Goodwill shop's opening came just two months after The Salvation Army store opened about three miles away, Ukraine said he believes the two locations will benefit one another rather than detract from each other.

"A typical resale shopper," he said, "will go from one place to the other."

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# Pastor pens book on Jesus' little-known sayings

BY KAREN SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Most people know the story of the first Christmas — Jesus being born to Mary in a stable as shepherds watched their flocks at night.

But they don't have a real understanding of what Jesus taught and why it should matter to them.

That's why the Rev. Edward H. Einem, 82, of Livonia wrote his first-ever book, *Did Jesus REALLY say THAT? The Unpopular or Little Known Sayings of Jesus*.

"The Bible's a big book," Einem said, and daily demands and distractions prevent people from studying it in-depth.

## SHORT-CUT TO BIBLE

Einem's 57-page paperback, based on questions Jesus asked of others as recorded in the Bible, is a short-cut to understanding who Jesus really was.

Einem said a lot of people — even church-going Christians — are surprised to learn that Jesus calls all people sinners, using the word "evil" to describe even his own disciples. (Luke 11:1-13)

"We don't like to focus on that," he said, adding it's natural for people to think of themselves as good.

But people's sinfulness is the whole reason Jesus came to earth and died on the cross, Einem said. "He's the (sacrificial) lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."

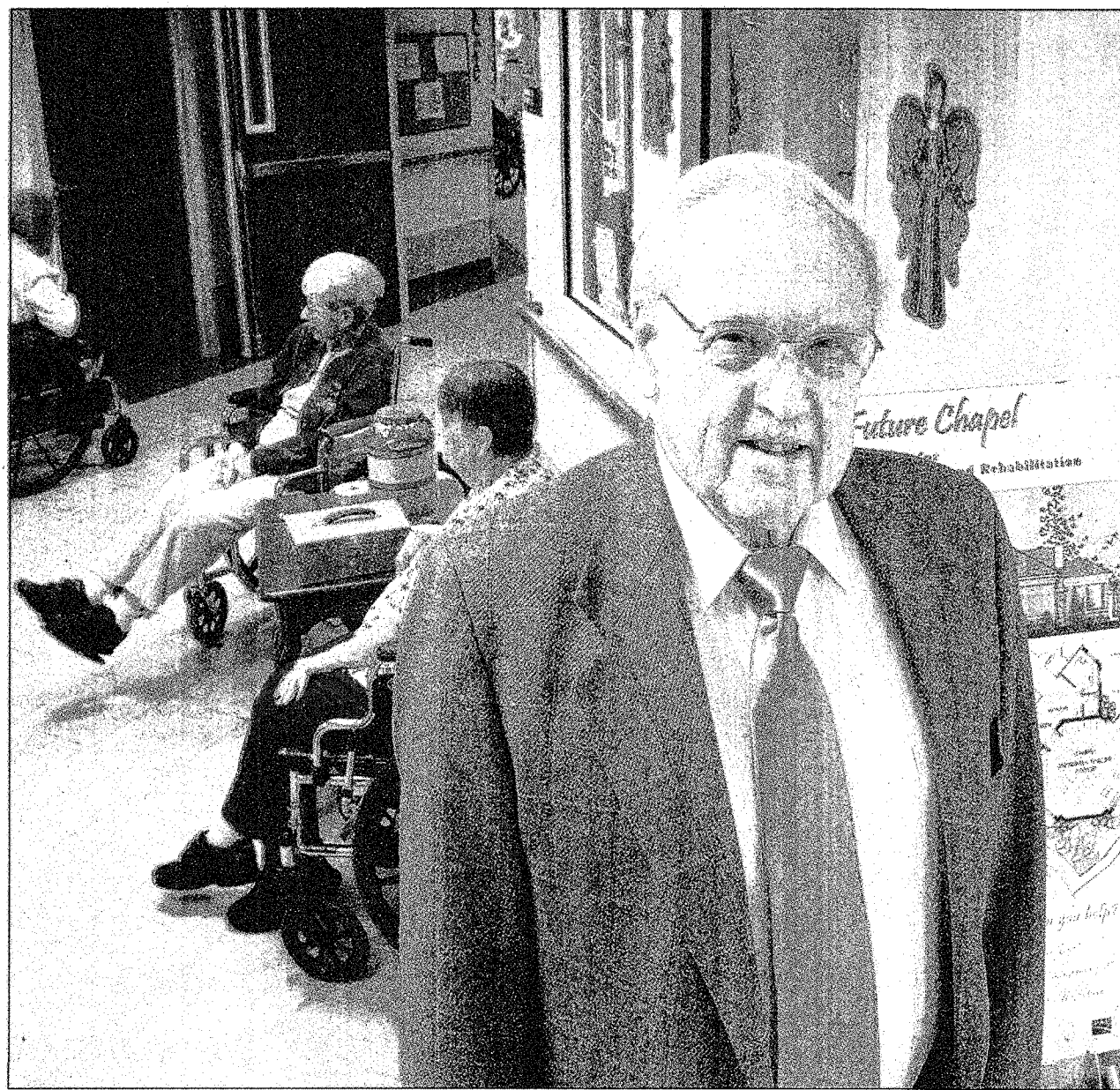
People think their goodness will get them into Heaven, Einem said. "They're not understanding the difference between a holy God and sinful humanity and that the two can't be together."

The Christmas story is really "the beautiful love story of God coming into this world for us to take on that servant role of saving us from our sins, of being a suffering servant," he said.

Even the hymns playing in the malls amid all the commercialism proclaim the true meaning of Christmas. "The message is there of that great love of a God who wants to be with us for eternity, who's reaching out to us," Einem said. The name Emmanuel, as in the hymn *Oh Come Oh Come Emmanuel*, means "God with us."

## THE GOOD NEWS

Einem was founder and executive director of Detroit-based Project



The Rev. Edward Einem of Livonia is author of 'Did Jesus REALLY Say THAT?' He is on the board at Livonia Woods Nursing and Rehabilitation, which is raising money for a new chapel.

Compassion Ministries, which works to improve the quality of life of nursing home residents, before retiring in 2002. Through that ministry and as a former chaplain for Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn, Einem had bedside chats with many people, including nonbelievers and Christians of various denominations, who lacked a real understanding of Jesus' teachings.

But when he communicated to them how much Jesus loves them, that their sins are forgiven because of what He did, and that they will live with God eternally, he said they

felt such relief and peace.

"As people are facing their demise, I think the Good News is truly that," he said.

Unfortunately, for some nursing home residents, it was too late because they no longer had the mental capacity to understand.

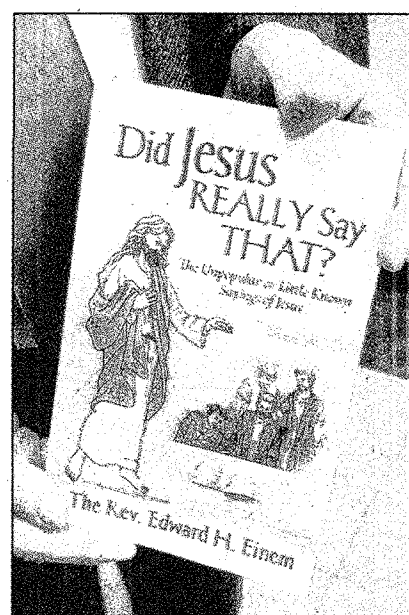
Einem's book is meant for people who want to experience that peace and joy now — before it's too late.

"I'm trying to reach people who may not know the love of Jesus and how much He is really reaching out to them, those we would call the unbeliever," he said. Secondly, he

wants to help Christians come into a better understanding of Jesus' teachings.

## STUDYING SCRIPTURE

The Rev. Eric Stenson, interim minister at Timothy Lutheran Church in Livonia and a chaplain at Livonia Woods Nursing & Rehabilitation, where Einem is on the board, said Einem is a lifelong student of scripture whose professional and personal experiences make him an ideal candidate to comment on the sayings of Jesus Christ.



The Rev. Edward Einem's book is a short-cut to the Bible.

"On today's spiritual landscape, the church community all too often focuses its attention on the popular teachings of Jesus at the expense of those lesser known," he said. "Thankfully, Rev. Einem has the spiritual prowess to challenge his readers (and the church) by bringing to light these often neglected teachings."

Einem, who lost his wife of 57 years, Marion, two years ago, is battling prostate cancer, which has metastasized. The couple raised three children, two sons who are pastors — one at Christ Church of Redford — and a daughter who is a Christian school teacher. They have five grandchildren.

God-willing, he hopes to write a sequel based on the little-known parables Jesus told.

Einem said he has seen "wonderful evidences" of God's presence and love throughout his illness. "In it all and through it all, I know God is with me," he said.

"I have a confidence that when I do die I will be with the Lord," he said. "I look forward to the new life He has prepared."

*Did Jesus REALLY say THAT? The Unpopular or Little Known Sayings of Jesus* (ISBN: 978-1-60976-335-0), available for \$10, can be ordered through the publisher's website: [www.strategicpublishinggroup.com/title/DidJesusREALLYsayTHAT.html](http://www.strategicpublishinggroup.com/title/DidJesusREALLYsayTHAT.html) or at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) or [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com).

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# Merry and bright

## Spirit of the holidays fills W-W's Dyer Center

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

You could say Phil LaChance is a jack of all trades when it comes to celebrating Christmas at the Wayne-Westland Community Schools' Dyer Senior Center. The Canton resident was on the wrong side of the buffet line, serving Jell-O salad to his fellow seniors, and looking "graceful" doing his best pirouette as the nine ladies dancing in an audience participation version of the *Twelve Days of Christmas*.

"The best thing is this is the best place to go for people who don't have family in the area," said LaChance who sat at the "head table" with center Director Mary Browe. "I play euchre, pinocle, go to all the meetings. They keep you busy."

The center is fueled by volunteerism. Seniors work the front desk, answer the phones and do whatever is needed by Browe. Fifty-five seniors came in "on a snow day" to decorate the Christmas trees found in almost every corner and help set up for the annual Christmas dinner.

"It's all of you who make this center what it is," said Browe in welcoming the 210 who attended the event. "We have 500 members who are volunteers and I know if I call anyone to do something, they will do it."

And even at the dinner, seniors were busy. A standard for center parties, Browe called off table numbers, sending guests to the buffet table to get their food. The first two tables ate first because their job was to serve dessert. LaChance and Maria Galan of Garden City were among the eight people who ate last. They stood between the two buffet tables, filling the seniors' plates.

For the seniors, the dinner was a chance to wear their Christmas regalia. Roger Barrette of Westland sported a hat from the North Pole University, while Beverly Konkright wore a bright red cowboy hat covered with holiday trimmings.

"I bought the hat and accessorized it," said the Westland resident. "I'm having a great time."

Cheers mingled with chatter as Browe called off table numbers. At Konkright's table, there were cheers when the number was called "because we're always last," explained Charlotte Kirkpatrick of Westland.

"This is the first time I sat with them and I kept telling them they always say my table number last," said Konkright. "I guess I brought them luck."

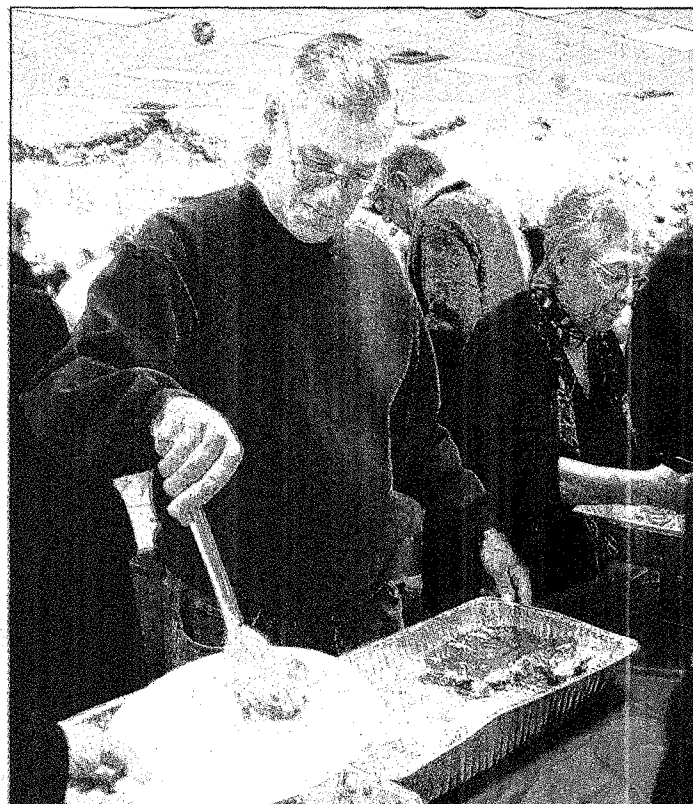
To the one, seniors say it is the camaraderie that keeps them coming to the center. According to Barrette, "it's like family."

"It's the camaraderie, there's no pouting here," said Elaine Shaffer of Canton. "I just enjoy getting together with the people."

"I haven't met a crabby person yet," said Barbara Betty Martin of Westland. "If they come in crabby, they don't leave crabby."

A longtime member at the center, Ed Turner likes the opportunity to "mingle and meet new people."

"I do think it's the camaraderie," said Turner, a former Wayne-Westland school board member. "I always do this when this group is here. Anyone who has a birthday gets a cupcake and carnation." "If I'm down, I know I can come here and find someone laughing," Deputy



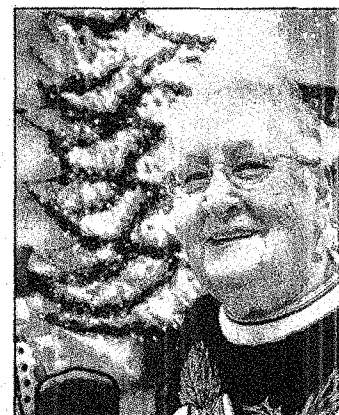
Phil LaChance of Canton and Maria Galan of Garden City help serve food at the Dyer Center Christmas dinner.

Superintendent Charlotte Sherman told the seniors. "Usually, it's Mary. I have a family and I have a Wayne-

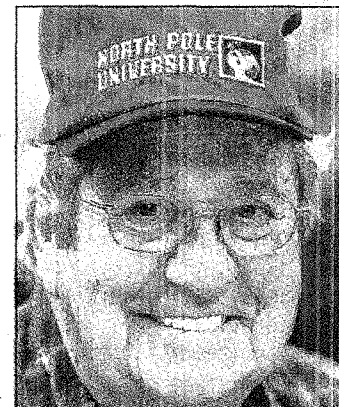
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Mary Freckman of Westland has a big holiday smile for her fellow party goers.



Roger Barrette of Westland shows his school colors - the red and green of North Pole University.

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**Dear Santa,**  
How was Mrs. Claus? Hi my name is Terrick and gest to let you know is when you get to my house your going to find a couple of cookies on the kitchen table with some milk and the cookies are going to chocolate chips in them remember to take some for Mrs. Clause and some carret's for the rain deer crew and I'll love it if you put my present in the front and tell all the elv's I said merry christmas and mrs. Clause that to please and can I have a pillow pet and can you make it a penguin I love penguins and I heard they were fuzzy and fluffy and can you give me a motor cycle because I really like motor cycle's and my mom and dad and them mostly my whole family said I will get heart and we were watching AFV (America's Funniest Videos) and they saw people doing dumb stuff with it but I wouldn't do nothing bad with the motor cycle and can I have a motor cycle helmet.  
**Love,**  
**Terrick A. Thomas**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Jeanette. I am 9 years old. Christmas is very special to me because it's about family. Well, my mom has been ill this year and my sister just hopes she gets better. I only want six things for Christmas this year because I know you are very busy this month. But my special gifts I would really like to make my Christmas special is a snow cone maker, a Dairy Queen Blizzard maker, a DSixl game system, board games, pajamas and shoes. My sister would like good health. That's all we want for Christmas Santa. I hope this wasn't to much trouble for you. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.  
**Sincerely,**  
**Jeanette Mercer**

**Dear Santa,**  
How is Mrs. Claws and how is your reaindeer do you like rumballs? hears what I want for Crismas a bike because my sister a bike know how to ride and I don't know how. I forgot tell how I want it. I want ti to be blue and pink and red.  
**Thank you, Santa Claws, Merry Chrismas,**  
**Veronica MetCalf**

**Dear Santa,**  
I wot a new coloring book.  
**Love,**  
**Bryant Buhro**

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
I want every Pokemon game.  
**Sincerely,**  
**Curtis Bell**

**Dear Santa,**  
I wish I had a PSP and Black ops for PS3.  
**Love,**  
**Daniel Wright**

**Dear Santa,**  
I want a Girler pillow pet (unicorn). I ma 4th grade ps it cool outsaid.  
**Dalice Nunley**

**Dear Santa,**  
I wont a Ben Ten woch (watch).  
**Love,**  
**Domonic Lemon**

**Dear Santa,**  
What I want for Christmas is aqua marine earrings. I always wanted them. I also want a little thing a picture of comit. You can leave it under the cookies or in my stock-ing. Thanks a lot. Love you. See you soon.  
**Love,**  
**Taylor Dunn**  
**P.S. I acutally want to see you cuse Ill be sleeping. Ha Ha.**

**Dear Santa,**  
I like a DS.  
**Love,**  
**Ziaire Verdell**

**Dear "Santa"**  
What I want for Christmas is a art kit. the Reason I want it is Because whn I grow up I want to a artist. Can you tell Vixen and doner that I said Merry Christmas and how is Mrs. Claus doing to. wate is your favorite color and cookie. my favorite color is blue and white and my favorite cookie is ginger snap. the best part OF Christmas is opening pres-ents and getting wate you want.  
**Gabby Seman**

**Dear Santa,**  
I wnt a drt bik gam.  
**Love,**  
**Dustin Gates**

**Dear Santa**  
my name is Gabby D. it is two gabby's in my class. gabby S. and gabby D. but I' am gabby D. how is rotoff the red nose rain deer doing. But Santa I whant for Chrismas is a cotton candy michine. And can I get for my dad is a pillow pet. Happy Holiday.  
**Love XXXXXX**  
**Gabirelle Dobbins**

**Dear Santa Clause,**  
What I want for Christmas both a bey-blade costume top and a beyblade battle arena and battle all my friends. The costume beyblade is segatario and the arena is a flat circle with walls around  
**From Jacob Flesher**

**Dear Santa:**  
for Chrismas What I wont is A NEW house that is big for me my mom and her boyfriendplus my dog and faref and a Xbox 360. I forgot call of duty Black Opps too and another dog. the dog I wasnt is a german shapard or a great colley and new frunercher.  
**Love,**  
**Jacob Coffey**  
**Happy Holidays**

**Mary Crissmiss Santa**  
I dont want a lot for crissmiss becus I just want a motoercize scoter and the color red and green and with speckls. have a vere Mearry crissmiss Santa Clus and the elfs and Mrs. Clous and the randers.  
**Your friend,**  
**Jonathon Weaver**

**Dear My Favorite Santa**  
I went a pillow pet in red and black and please can you Begon my mom a ring and Bgon my Dad a suit. Please because you are my favorite Santa and how Mrs Santa and my sister a Bady because she like it. So Santa what are you doing because I am think that I will give you some of you favorite cookies because you are the best Santa and Mrs. Santa and I love Santa Because Santa is the Best and awesome because you give us some toys because you are the best Santa and Mrs. Santa.  
**From Laniya Davis**

**Dear Santa,**  
for Chrismis I whont my mom to have a new boy-friend. I wish I can get spoiled and my brother. I help them to get married. How is Mrs. Calls. Hoe old is you. Did you give Mrs. Colls a ring.  
**Taji Brooks**

**Dear Santa,**  
I want Pokémon cards. They come in packs that are blue. And Santa I need the key to your house because my house uses the same key and I also want a new house because mine is a mess. Last thing I want the brand new Pokémon game, Pokémon black and white version.  
**Sincerely,**  
**Eric Mullen**

**Dear Santa,**  
I want to get a Hollo (Halo) Wars. It's a Lego and it's in a square box. It's a mega blocks. Inside the box, there is a book that tell how to build it. It also has stickers. I like to have it because it's cool and I like to play wars game. I also like to build thines.  
**Thank you Santa**  
**From Ricky Sanchez**

**Dear greatest santa**  
I love you! I do not want anything at all. all I want to is to know what is your favorite cookie so I can set it out for you!  
**P.S. I want a picture of roudlph that is it.**  
**Love, hope, peace**  
**Sadie Sindone**

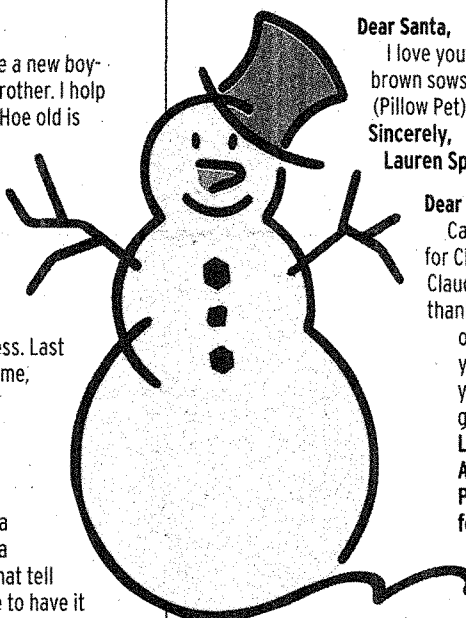
**Dear Santa Claus,**  
The one thing I want for Christmas is a Call of Duty Black Ops for Xbox 360. That would be asome because I never had that game before. So Mr. Claus how is the weather up at the north pole. I hope you have a great Christmas and LOL. What is the reindeer eat, carriote food to eat. What do you all do after Christmas is over and I want another thing for christmas is the Harry Potter movie, the Deathly Hollows that would be wonderful because that is my favorite movie.  
**Chris Charron**

**Dear Santa,**  
I don't wont that much for Chrissmas. All I wont is my uncles and my grandad and word peace. Thats all I wont for Crismas.  
**Kyrone Jordan**

**Dear Santa,**  
I want an Xbox Kinect and an Xbox 360 for Christmas and a Game boy to. I also want a electr-hing guitar. What weather is it at the north pole and what kind of cookies do you like. What reindeer food they like and I want a bey-blade. I want two of them Saggaitarin and Aries to. Happy holidays.  
**Kalib Linder**

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
One of the things I want for Christmas is a good and a happy Christmas. I want a telescope that can see the constalations at night. I also want to know how you are doing and your reindeers and what you want for Chrstmas. And I want you to have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.  
**Sincerely,**  
**Makenna Gauthier**

**Dear Santa Calus,**  
What I would like for Christmas is a big, spotted stuffed dog that has speakers so that way I can plug my little blue mp3 into. It should be a bit similar to the other one I have but bigger and it should work better.  
So, all in all that is my only big wish so far other than books.  
Questions: How has the weather been? Or how are you and Mrs. Claus?  
**Sincerely,**  
**Devyn Arbour**



**Dear Santa,**  
For Christmas the one thing I want is a very small juggle a brown one. What ring did you give Mrs. Claus?  
**Sincerely,**  
**Kalee Love**

**Dear Santa,**  
I would like you to bring my mom and dad a million dollars and ... and my dog a chew toy and I would also like it if you brong something for my brother. And how is roudoff doing? What kind of cokies do you like? How do you get in my house? I dont have a chimy. How many toys can your bag carry? How is Miss Claus? How does your slay work?  
Wishing you a marry Christmas,  
**Cody Bell**

**Dear Santa,**  
I have so many questions but I'll jst ask you 3. Can you get me a WWE super star? His name is Eghe. And I want a DVD player and I know that last thing. Its a best Christmas ever. But how is Mrs. Claus and the reindeer. Please respond.  
**Sincerely,**  
**Terence Keith Gamble**  
**P.S. You are very cool and you also rock.**

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
I wuld love to see your reindeer in prsin and I wuld to see you to. I wuld wont to go to the North Pole and I wont to know if Rudolph is rell. Christmas is my fafrif yore because you come and give me prasis.  
**Your friend,**  
**McKenzie Lucy**

**Dear Santa,**  
Hiy Santa! I wot a wii. How are the reindeers?  
**Sincerely,**  
**Ray Aneed**

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
All I want is the best Christmas ever. All I want from you is a baby dog. All I want from you is a best Christmas for my grandma and grandpa. How is Mrs. Claus doing. What are some of your elves names. What are your faverot cookies? Are they chocolate chip?  
**From your friend,**  
**Analyce Rates**

**Dear Santa,**  
I love you. My mom wonts now brown sowsh (shoes). I want a pilopat (Pillow Pet).  
**Sincerely,**  
**Lauren Space**

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
Can I please get Claudine for Christmas. If you do get me Claudine Wolf tell your elf's thank you. Can I also see you on Christmas too. Can I see your raindeer too. I miss you and Mrs. Claus. Have a good Christmas.  
**Love,**  
**Alana Goolsby**  
**P.S. Do not steep on my fort.**

**Dear Santa,**  
I miss you. I love you. I want a Ds.  
**Sincerely,**  
**Natalie Lynn**

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
All I want for Christmas is a Ipod tuch. I wunder how Mrs. Claus doing and the reindeer and Rudolph and the elfs most of all how are you doing. I hope you go to my howse that wuld be graet I love Christmas I love spending time with my family so how are things at the North Pole do you spend a lot of time with your family?  
**Your friend,**  
**Veronica Wittenberg**

**Dear Santa,**  
I hope you have a good day at the North Pole with the elfs and I wunder if the randers are oky and I hope you have a grate Chrstmas.  
**Love,**  
**Domonik Gurgelaitis**

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
I hope you and Mis. Clause and the reaindeer are doing good in the North Pole. That I hope my sister and brother get what they want for Christmas and I hope I do to. This Christmas we go north because it will be my dog's first Christmas up north.  
**Love,**  
**Morgan DeHart**

**Dear Santa,**  
Santa I hop you grtdd candy can I wat a ds.  
**Sincerely,**  
**Abby Firth**

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
All I want for Christmas is a rabbit and can I have a cage to go with it. I have allwas wanted a rabbit. Mys siter has a rabbit his name is Charley. He likes carrots. He is fuzzy and thats why I want a rabbit.  
**Love,**  
**Daniel Elliott**

**Dear Santa,**  
Wil uoy beg DSI.  
**Marc Leahu**

**Dear Santa,**  
I hope you're having a great time at the north pole. All I want for Christmas is Orbee, Sqinkies and mom and dad to kiss under the mistletoe. My sister thinks you don't exist. But my little sister and I believe in you. I hope you and Mrs. Clause are doing okay.  
**Love,**  
**Kaylen Fricks**

**Dear Santa,**  
We are good Santa we are good. I wot for crimis a camra.  
**Sincerely,**  
**Helania Kestler**

**Dear Santa,**  
All I want for Christmas is to see Rudolph, and just for you to come and leave great presents! I hope I am on the Nice List! I want an Ipod touch really, really bad!! I also want a guitar and Wii and especially a Michael Jackson The Experience dance game. Thank you so much!!! XOXO  
**Sincerely,**  
**Corrine Kenworthy**

**Dear Santa,**  
I hope you are happy at the North Pole. I want something also for Christmas. I want to see Rudolph and I want a Pogo stick, a Barbie video girls, a Barbie glitter girls, a Scooby Doo game and have a happy Christmas.  
**Love,**  
**Angelina Barbee**

**Dear Santa,**  
I'm so excited! I love presnz. how are the rander? I wott a brbe plan (Barbie plane).  
**Sincerely,**  
**Kaitlyn Hale**

**Dear Santa,**  
I want a lot of stuff for Christmas but the main thing I want is to know that your real. Please send me a photo or something to tell me that your real.  
**Sincerely,**  
**Tenaya Bell**  
**P.S. Tell Mrs. Claus and Rudoolph I said. Hi.**

**Dear Santa,**  
Please come to MY house. wii and DSIXL  
**Sincerely,**  
**Emma Jean Welden**

**Dear Santa,**  
I want bey blades for Christmas. I want to talk to Kaylen's parent and I want to have a play day with Jesse.  
**Love,**  
**Tyler Kane**

**Dear Santa,**  
Santa stop here DSI and toths  
**Sincerely**  
**Brayden Jarvis-Echols**

**Dear Santa,**  
I want bakugan and Dreganoid clossuss so I can battle my friends and use regular Bakugan too battle in the stadium's and use Dreganoid clossuss. It is going to be awesome. It is going to be super altra mega awesome.  
**Love,**  
**Dalton Breen**

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you doing? are yur reindeers? Can you beg a jet.  
**Sincerely,**  
**Shaelyn Nutt**

**Dear Santa,**  
The one thing I want for christmas is a lot so huggin bear from toy story 3. The second thing I want is a year supply of choclote. I want all diffrent kinds of choclote. I also want all the monster highthings. I hope you come to my house. I hope you enjoy your christmas cookies to.  
**Love,**  
**Sarah Lopez**

**Dear Santa,**  
I am fin and I hop urf. DSI  
**Melissa Dotson**

**Dear Santa,**  
I hope you are doing well in the north pole. The one I wish I would like is to have I could have all the Bey Blades and combined ones. I want a XBOX360.  
**Sincerely,**  
**Austin Alman**

**Dear Santa,**  
I have a lot of cookis for you and hop you can come to my house. I have been good. I wout you to bring a new m33 player and a dsi.  
**Sincerely,**  
**Autumn Jennings**

**Dear Santa,**  
I want a snake for christmas. Also a cage and some food for it. Also my dad will be very very very very scared.  
**Sincerely,**  
**Jesse Jennings**

**To Santa Claus,**  
Is rudolph at the north pole? There is one present that I want. It is Bey Blades for Christmas and I want a rabbit for Christmas.  
**From Drew Hines**

**Dear Santa,**  
I hope you are having a good time at the North Pole. I want a radio and Legos for Christmas. By the way tell Rudolph I said hi and the other reindeer.  
**Your friend,**  
**Madeline Beebe**

**Dear Santa,**  
I hope you bring me a gogo my walking pup and ham-ster, a real one. I want a bey blades and antlers. I want a DS Mario cart and and Xbox 360.  
**Love,**  
**Stephanie Hassa**

**Dear Santa,**  
I hope you are doing good. I wonder what it is like at the north pole. All I want for Christmas is legos. I wish you a merry Christmas. I want to see Rudolph this year.  
**Loved,**  
**Vinny Burton**

**Dear Santa**  
I had been a good girl. Dr. Selix think I been so good I could get all the prents from santa.  
**From Lauren Marshall**

**Dear Santa,**  
Merry Christmast! I hope you visit my house. And if you do may I have a hippo pillow pet, a barbie glam vacation jet, a moxie girl snow cabin, and a zho zho pet. I have been a very good girl. I am taking good care of my hamster that you gave me. I like to help my mom out. But maybe I could clean my hamster's cage more often. I also help with my puppy bruno.  
**Love,**  
**Carly Soper**



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## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

# Reindeer has a nose for the job, head for the business

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

**Rudolph:** I lead sleighs. Most of the time, I have an exclusive client, an older gentleman in a red suit with a bushy white beard who delivers toys to all the good little girls and boys. Occasionally, he lets me moonlight for high school graduations, proms and other events. The kids think it's cool.

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

**Rudolph:** I first got into the leading-a-sleigh business when the reindeer around here wouldn't let me join in any reindeer games. My dad used this huge hunk of black stuff to cover up my shiny nose. When it came off, I was shunned. I decided not to let it get me down, and to use it for good. When Santa realized what an advantage it gives him in the night sky, especially when the weather's bad, he and I hooked up.

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

**Rudolph:** Well ... umm ... how

Rudolph specializes in leading sleighs through inclement weather, using his shiny red nose to guide the way.

many other shiny-nosed, flying reindeer do you know? It takes some special qualities to be able to lead a huge sleigh and command the respect of eight grown-ups who've been doing it a lot longer. I hear there's a penguin at the South Pole everybody likes with kind of a shiny bald

spot, but he can't fly.

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

**Rudolph:** When I first started, the elves made the toys individually by hand, then loaded them manually into Santa's sleigh. Technology has made both of those processes much easier. There's a lot more computer-aided design that goes into it now. The sleigh itself is much more

aerodynamic and it's a lot easier to pull, although to be honest I make the other eight reindeer do most of the work.

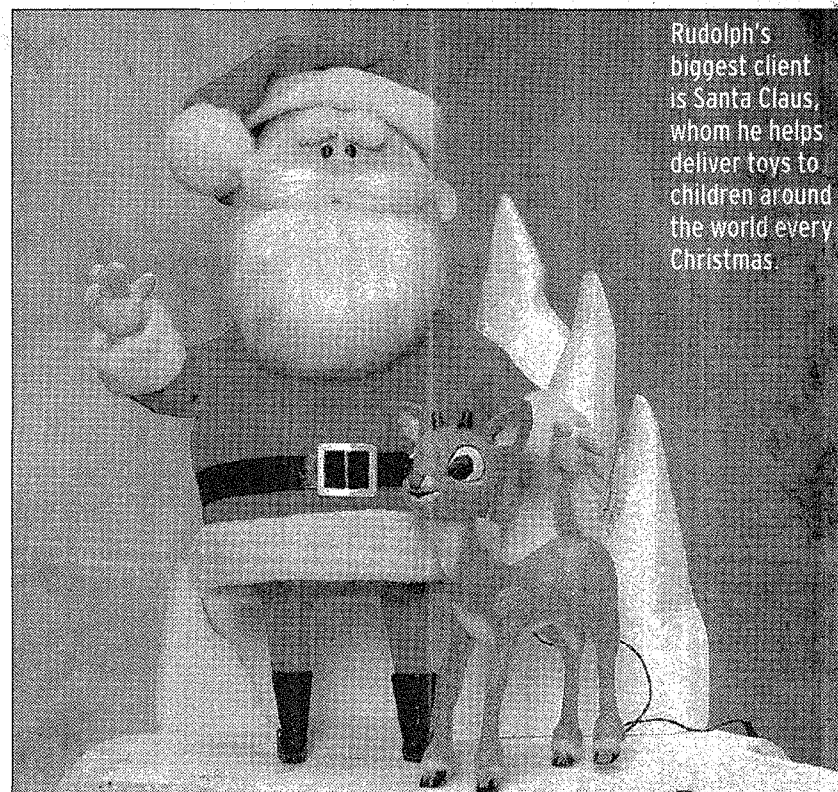
**Observer:** Do you have an amusing anecdote to relate to our readers?

**Rudolph:** Well, there was this time Comet asked if he could lead the sleigh into Greece, because there was this girl there he wanted to impress. So I said, "OK, no shine off my nose."

But the weather got bad and Comet was too stubborn to let me back up front, and he overshot the target and we ended up in Turkey.

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

**Rudolph:** It hasn't had too much of an effect. After all, the economy isn't in the same sad shape all over the world. There was a time when Santa thought he was going to lay off a reindeer or two, but we don't have a union, and he couldn't decide between Prancer and Vixen. Santa doesn't care about economics anyway. Santa cares about children being bad or good, so he just wants them to be good, for goodness



Rudolph's biggest client is Santa Claus, whom he helps deliver toys to children around the world every Christmas.

### SLEIGH MASTER

**Business name:** Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

**Your hometown:** North Pole

**Hours of operation:** 24 hours, Dec. 24-25

**Your business specialty:** Leading sleighs through inclement weather

**Website:** www.rudolphrules.com

as many aspects of their business as possible. Look at me, for example. Where would I be if the only thing I knew how to lead was a sleigh? Truthfully, there isn't all that much calling for that. So I learned other forms of transportation, too. On my down time from the North Pole, I drive a mean cab in New York City.

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

**Rudolph:** Well, as technology continues to improve, I think radar and computers will become more of a standard in the sleigh-leading industry. Right now, we sort of go by my nose. I think in the future, it'll be much more efficient. We could use another sleigh, but there'd be no one to drive it anyway, so we make do with what we've got.

sakes. If they do that, they get toys, no matter what their economic standing is.

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

**Rudolph:** Yes, they should diversify, know

## Managing debt key lesson of financial crisis of recent years

It's hard to believe how fast time goes. Looking back at 2010, I think everyone would agree that it certainly was an interesting year. Whether it was the rebirth of General Motors and Chrysler, the change in Washington, D.C. due to the outcome of



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the mid-term election, or the financial crisis in Europe, this certainly has been a notable year.

The issue is what you and I should have learned from the events that shaped 2010.

Throughout the year there were numerous stories about the debt crisis in Europe. Whether it was the recent economic bailout of Ireland or the problems in Greece last summer, we saw what happens when debts eventually become due. Unlike governments that can print money and have other mechanisms for a bailout, we are not so fortunate. When our bills become due, we must pay them.

I believe the lesson to learn from the European debt crisis is the importance of managing debt. One of the key lessons of 2010 is to be mindful of the amount of debt we take on. Before incurring any debt, have a game plan as to

how to pay the debt off.

Another lesson investors should learn from this past year is that there is a difference between the U.S. economy and the stock market. It used to be that if the stock market was doing well one generally assumed that the U.S. economy was also doing well. This year that wasn't the case. The stock market did well, but the U.S. economy continued to struggle.

In the not-so-distant past, the great majority of publicly held U.S. corporations depended upon the U.S. economy for the great majority of their revenues. That is no longer the case. Over the last few years foreign markets have opened to U.S. businesses.

Corporations such as McDonald's and Coca-Cola do the great majority of their business abroad. Ford has more employees outside the United States than inside the United States and General Motors sells more cars abroad. The bottom line is that U.S. corporations are multi-national and no longer depend upon the United States economy as they did in the past. As investors, we may not like this; however, we have to accept it.

Accepting this information makes it easier to understand why the stock market has had a good year while at the same time the U.S. economy continues to struggle.

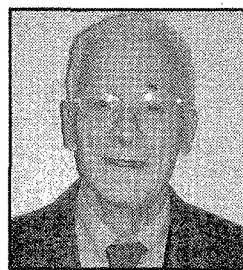
There is no doubt that we are going through an incredible change in our economy and as investors there is no other choice but to accept and embrace these changes. If you put your head in the sand and ignore what is happening, eventually it will catch up to you. I am sure there are many other lessons to learn from the last year, however, debt management and accepting the new economic reality are key issues.

As a side note, I've read articles and listened to commentators discuss their belief that we are witnessing the decline of America as the predominant world power. I do not subscribe to this thinking. Despite everything, our economy is still the largest and the most robust economy in the world. We are going through a difficult time; however, I believe when you look into the future you will still see the American economy as the predominant economy, and the envy of the world.

I wish you and yours a very happy, healthy holiday season. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to help you with your personal financial affairs. Good luck!

**Rick Bloom** is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at [money matters@hometownlife.com](mailto:money matters@hometownlife.com). For more information, visit Rick's Web site at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com).

## BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS



Dr. Weiss

### Botsford staffer

Joseph Weiss, M.D., has joined the medical staff at Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills. Board-certified in internal medicine and rheumatology, Weiss is a fellow of the American College

of Physicians. He is the editor and chief of the Detroit Medical News and chairman of the Michigan Rheumatism Society's Educational Committee.

Weiss has a practice at 18829 Farmington

Road, Livonia.

He received his medical education from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He completed his training including a rheumatology fellowship at Wayne County Hospital in Westland.

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### OUR VIEWS

## Holiday season brings out the best in Observer communities

As we sit with our families and friends and celebrate another Christmas and holiday season, most of us can be thankful for the ability to enjoy the trappings of the season — the food, the presents, the family.

It is our nature to want our families gathered around us, like a warm blanket of love, especially at the holidays. However, not everyone has that luxury. Whether for medical reasons or through economic strife, many don't have families with whom to spend the holidays.

That's what makes people willing to share what they can — be it their money, their toys, their belongings, their homes, their businesses — to help others have

a happy holiday season. There are many examples of which we know, including civic groups of all kinds, bell ringers at Salvation Army kettles, churches, volunteers who work the shelters and food lines, local Jewish and Muslim organizations uniting to relieve their Christian brethren on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Countless stories crop up every year of these good-deed doers.

And there are countless more about whom stories do not crop up, folks who help simply because they want to, and can. They host the homeless, donate anonymously to charities, help charitable groups pack food packages.

Those of us left to gather will do so with love and gratitude, as

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befits the season. Sure, there will be plenty of food and presents, as the commercialization of the season comes to a close, but that's not really the reason we get together. We do so in the spirit of love and togetherness.

It won't be that way for everyone, of course. Local charities again report a decline, for the most part, in giving, but an

increase in requests for assistance. Everyone gives what they can, but with an economy still struggling to show signs of recovering, that hasn't been easy.

Each year, we rouse ourselves during the holiday season to listen to the better angels of our nature. We reach out to others during this special time and promise to carry our concern forward into the new year.

Sometimes we do and sometimes we get too caught up in the frenzy of our own too-busy lives to make good on the promise. We do the best we can and then, when the season rolls around again, we make the promise one more time.

The commercial aspect is omnipresent, but once we get past that,

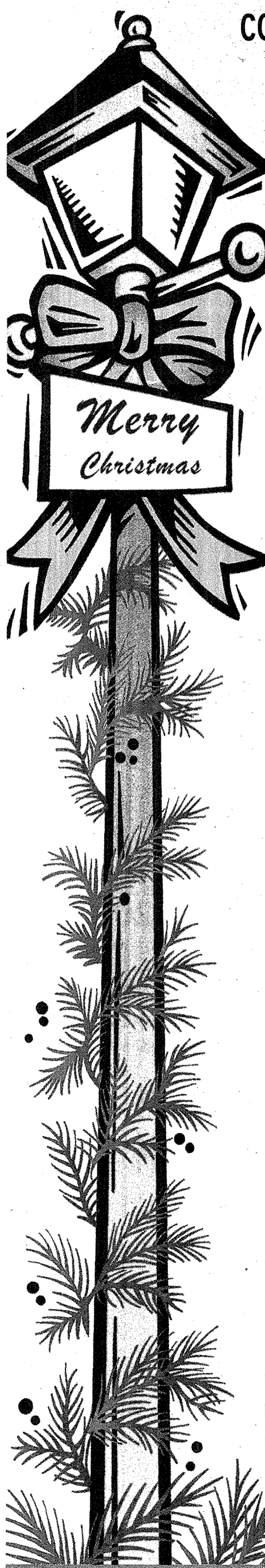
Christmas and the holiday season (including Hanukkah and Kwanzaa) are for most of us about home and hope, about family and love. We all long to be together, but in today's fast-paced, too-busy-to-take-the-time world, the fates don't always allow that.

Separations come, an assertion all too clear especially to the families of our servicemen and women serving in wars on two fronts — Afghanistan and Iraq — this holiday season. Until we can have that perfect Christmas, we will all simply have to muddle through, somehow.

Sometimes merry little Christmases can be the best kind. We hope your holiday season fulfills your every hope and dream.

### COMMUNITY VOICE

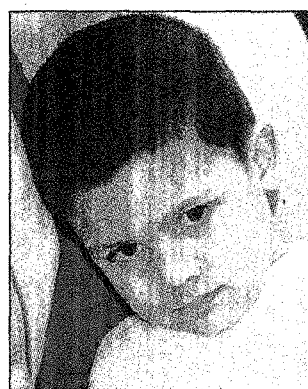
## What is the best gift you ever received?



"A bow and arrow. I like it because I can use it with my dad when we go hunting."  
**Josh DeLuca**  
sixth-grader at St. Edith



"My own laptop."  
**Raven Tatum, 11**  
Farmington Hills



"A Batman Cave."  
**Luke Mato, 4**  
Farmington Hills



"A DSI. It's a game system where you can take pictures, download games and go onto the Internet."  
**Ally Coumoudouros, 11**  
Farmington Hills



"A Wii, last year."  
**Madison Holcomb**  
Farmington Hills



"My grandma (Gali Khalil) sent me a really pretty necklace. It had a heart on the bottom."  
**Ranya Krayen**  
fifth-grader at Riley School in Livonia



"A pretty dress and a black jacket with flowers from my grandma."  
**Layla Krayen**  
Livonia



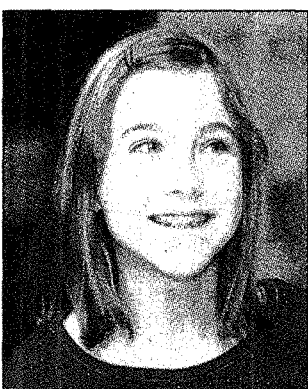
"A dress and a purse from my grandma. The purse had jewels, and the dress was really pretty with spaghetti strings."  
**Jeneen Krayen**  
third-grader at Buchanan in Livonia



"(The Play-Doh) Martian Matter, but if you don't take care of it, it dries out."  
**Jacob Quattro**  
Westland



"It was Hungry, Hungry Hippos."  
**Ashley Whaley**  
Westland



"My iPod. I really wanted one because it can hold all my music and I love it."  
**Emily Proctor**  
Garden City



"Probably a new TV. It was a 19-inch."  
**Brett Orum**  
Garden City



"I would like to get an American Girl Doll."  
**Anna Damuth**  
second-grader from St. Valentine School in Redford



"I hope I get a DSI."  
**Tony Buscemi**  
third-grader from St. Valentine in Redford



"It was last year. My dad gave me an Xbox 360. I'd wanted it for many years, ever since it came out."  
**Michael Walendowski**  
Garden City



"Probably a skateboard. I got it last Christmas."  
**Kyle Hubbard**  
Garden City



"A Play Station Portable. It can play movies and games, and I really wanted it for a long time."  
**Chloe Morgan, 10**  
Isbister Elementary School



"I got a Wii last Christmas. I play it a lot."  
**Leah Medley, 9**  
Isbister Elementary student



"My doll. I named her Lily. My cousin got the same doll, so we play with them together."  
**Ravenna Gill, 9**  
Plymouth



"An Xbox 360. I've really wanted one for a long time."  
**Nathan Rearick, 9**  
Plymouth



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## Knowledge, Experience, Dedication

The Observer Team has more than 100 years of experience covering youth, prep and local college sports teams. Our team is dedicated to providing what local readers expect - information about outstanding student athletes who compete in our hometowns and aim to be the best they can be in the classroom, on the field, on the court or in the pool.

### Name: Dan O'Meara Sports Editor

**Beat:** Farmington/Farmington Hills youth/prep sports

**Experience:** Has covered sports in the Farmington community for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers for more than 23 years and, for seven years, worked the same beat in Plymouth-Canton. Before joining the Observer, Dan worked for three daily newspapers - the Big Rapids Pioneer, The Daily News in Greenville and the Ypsilanti Press - from 1979 until early 1987.

**Education:** Graduate East Detroit High School; B.A. Journalism (minored in history and English) Central Michigan University in 1978.

**Awards:** Honored for sports writing, sport column writing and best sports sections by the Michigan Press Association and Suburban Newspapers of America

**Personal:** Lives in Westland. Attends annual homecoming reunions with former 'Shamrocks' from EDHS and enjoys covering the gridiron sport.

**In his own words:**  
"I enjoy reporting and making the Observer the go-to source for sports information, especially when covering big games and events of heightened interest in the community.

It's always been my objective to make the Observer the paper of record for Farmington sports and the place where readers go for more than game coverage."

### Name: Brad Emons Sports Editor

**Beat:** Livonia, Westland youth/prep sports, Madonna University, Schoolcraft College.

**Experience:** Joined the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers in December 1977 and has covered the Livonia, Westland, Redford, Canton, Plymouth and Garden City sports beat for nearly three decades.

**Education:** Livonia Franklin High School grad where he played high school basketball on the Patriots' first district championship team B.A. Journalism, Franklin College, Franklin, Ind.

**Awards:** Catholic League Hall of Fame (1996) Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan Hall of Honor (2008) O&E Journalist of the Year (1996) College Tennis MVP, Franklin College 1977 Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association Finish Line Award (2003) Honored for sports column writing by the Michigan Press Association

**Personal:** Lives in Plymouth and is an active distance runner with two local clubs (Northville and Downriver). He averages 30-35 miles per week.

**In his own words:**  
"Covering community sports is rewarding because it's remains the last bastion of amateur sports. The athletes and schools remain appreciative of the coverage."

### Name: Jim Toth Sports Editor

**Beat:** Garden City and Redford youth/prep beat

**Experience:** Has covered prep, youth and community sports at the O&E for 24 years in Troy, Rochester, Southfield, Royal Oak, Ferndale and Berkley. Before joining the O&E, Jim worked for the Dearborn Press & Guide from 1982-86.

**Personal:** Lives in Dearborn. An avid golfer, who enjoys covering football and basketball equally but knows the importance of reporting on all levels of athletic competition and the notoriety it brings to the community as a whole.

**Education:** Graduate of Dearborn Fordson High School, B.A. Journalism Michigan State University,

**Awards:** Many state and national writing awards throughout his career from the Michigan Press Association and Suburban Newspapers of America. In 2010 he received MPA awards for sports writing and sports feature writing.

**In his own words:**  
"I enjoy covering the prep and youth sports scenes because of the excitement it generates, the life-long lessons learned, and the character it builds in facing life's ups and downs. In conversations with athletes, you find the passion within to reach the pinnacle and lay the foundation for success after athletics."

### Name: Tim Smith Sports Editor

**Beat:** Plymouth and Canton youth/prep and Plymouth Whalers of the OHL.

**Experience:** Joined the O&E in 1986, as a news reporter for the Southfield Eccentric. He also covered news beats in West Bloomfield/Lakes (1991-97) and Farmington (1997-2001).

Joined the sports staff in 2001, covering the Redford-Garden City communities, Madonna University and Schoolcraft College.

**Education:** Graduate of Livonia Clarenceville High School, B.A. Mass Communication Wayne State University.

**Personal:** Lives in Livonia with wife Donna and 16-year-old daughter Elizabeth. He is the author of "Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies -- Little Thumbs Up!" (1999). Is a longtime recreational ice hockey goalie.

**Awards:** Finalist for Society of Professional Journalist's (Detroit Chapter) Journalist of the Year Award in 1996, O&E Journalist of the Year 1998. Writing, reporting awards from the Michigan Press Association and Suburban Newspapers of America.

**In his own words:**  
"I cover teams from year-to-year, all season long. You almost feel part of the teams yourself and can't help silently cheering when an athlete or team does something incredible. Another plus: When moms and dads thank us for what we do, chronicling the efforts of their sons and daughters in a way they can't get anywhere else. "

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## Icy hot

Spartans nip CC for 8th straight

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There's no hockey team hotter going into the Christmas break than Livonia Stevenson.

The Spartans, who lost their season opener to Farmington, have now won eight straight following a 4-3 triumph Saturday night at Edgar Arena over defending Division 1 state champion Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

The Humitz connection for the Spartans factored heavily in the win as sophomore goaltender Connor stopped 30-of-33 CC shots, while cousin Michael tallied the game-winning goal on a backhand shot at 2:12 of the final period.

**'It's always great beating CC, whether they're my alma mater or not. They're a storied program and it's a huge win for us.'**

GERRY VENTO, Stevenson coach and a CC graduate

Stevenson first-year coach Gerry Vento, a CC graduate, also notched his first win against the Shamrocks. It was the Spartans' first victory over a Catholic Central squad since the 2008 season.

"It's nice, but for us it's a win, and we move on to the next game," said Vento, whose team doesn't return to action until Jan. 5. "It's always great beating CC, whether they're my alma mater or not. They're a storied program and it's a huge win for us."

It was 2-2 after one period with Stevenson getting on the board first at 3:57 when Andrew Palushaj banged home a rebound off assists from Ryan Urso and Nick Barr.

CC's Ryan Keller made it 1-1 on a backhand from Nolan Gluchowski at 5:45 and the Shamrocks scored again to go up 2-1 just 42 seconds later on a quick wrist shot by Charlie Green after a pinpoint pass from Carson Gatt. (Sean Gaffney also drew an assist).

At the 10:44 mark of the same period, Stevenson scored on a four-and-four when Josh Pettersson scored his fourth of the year from Brendan Hay.

Stevenson then enjoyed a five-on-three advantage early in the second period when CC took back-to-back penalties during an 11-second span.

The power play, however, backfired when a

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Falcons' senior Matt Allemang put the puck past Flyers' goalie Keith Ladouceur for a 5-1 score early in the second period.

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## Falcons crank up power

BY DAN O'MEARA  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Farmington's power play was ... well, not very powerful at the start of the hockey season. It was weak in fact. But that has changed in a month's time.

The revitalized Falcons scored four power-plays goals Saturday night in their 7-3 rout of intra-city rival Farmington Hills Unified.

"We've been working on our power play," coach Mark Vellucci said. "Our power play was awful the first four or five games. Then, we started to get it working. We knew we were capable of doing that."

Farmington also reached the end of the 2010 portion of its schedule without a loss in nine games. The Falcons also are 3-0-1 in the Oakland Activities Association's top division.

"I'm as happy as can be that we're 9-0," Vellucci said. "Did I expect it? No. But am I surprised? Not really, either."

The rematch with the Flyers — Farmington rallied from two goals down for a 5-4 win in late November — was all but over in the first period as the Falcons scored on two late power plays to take a 4-1 lead.

Nick Elliott, who had a goal and two assists to raise his team-

high point total to 19, broke a 1-1 tie at 8:17.

The Falcons took command of the scoreboard when Danny Prokes and Alex Schmitt, who had his second-straight, two-goal game, netted power-play goals with 5:51 and 2:59 remaining.

Flyers coach Ken Anderson said his young team (3-5, 0-2) didn't compete well in the first period and played as if it was in awe.

"They brought it to us pretty good," he said. "We had too many mental breakdowns like we've been having so far this year."

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Canton's Bryan Tolinski handles the anchor leg of the 200 yard backstroke relay during Friday's Wildcat Holiday Relays at Salem.

## Teams make splash at Wildcat Relays

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The annual Wildcat Holiday Relays combined cheers of the season with cheers for the swimmers, as nine high schools put on a splendid showing.

Capturing first place at the Plymouth-hosted event, actually held at Salem High School, was Monroe with 352 points. Howell trailed with 338, followed by Walled Lake Northern (296) and Park teams Canton and Plymouth.

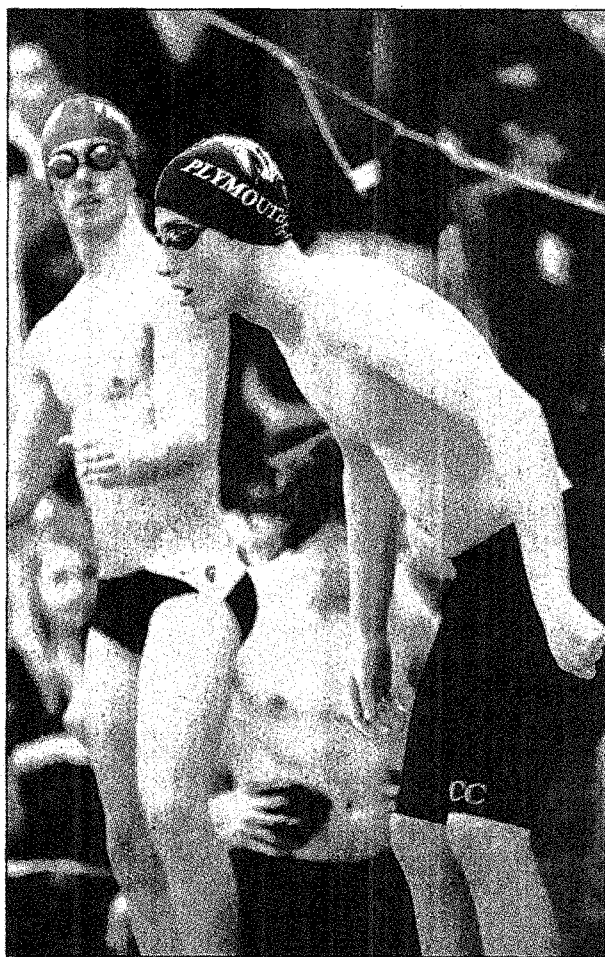
The Chiefs took fourth with 293 points, while the Wildcats and Dearborn Edsel Ford rounded out the standings with 253 points each. Rounding out the standings were Tecumseh (seventh, 239), Woodhaven (eighth, 232) and Redford Union (ninth, 114).

"It was a good meet for us," Wildcats head coach Doug Schade said. "It was a nice start to see where we stand right now. The highlight of the meet for us was our 200 butterfly relay that took first place."

That relay team finished with a time of 1:45.22 and included seniors Alex Jouney, Ethan Christensen, Zach Koch and sophomore Cameron Earls.

Meanwhile, Canton won several of the 10 events, including the 400 free relay (juniors Victor Zhang, Adrian Simon, Jay Jin and sophomore Mike Carlson, 3:21.75); 400 medley relay (Jin, Zhang, senior Christopher Krebs and junior Adrian Simon, 3:57.19); and 200 medley relay (Jin, Zhang, Carlson and senior Jacob Dillon, 1:45.38).

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PHOTOS BY JOHN KEMSKI

Sophomore Cameron Earls of the Plymouth Wildcats is ready to swim one of the events he competed in during Friday's Wildcat Holiday Relays.

### ROUNDBALL CLASSIC

## Glenn 'rockets' past Willow Run

Westland John Glenn concluded play in the Glenn Roundball Classic in sterling fashion Tuesday night as the Rockets blasted visiting Ypsilanti Willow Run, 69-48.

Senior Marcus Mecks led three Rocket players in double figures with 16 points. Junior Abeon Simmons followed with 13 points and senior Christian Cobble added 11. Senior Chris Jones chipped in with eight points.

For Willow Run (2-4), Aaron Richmond topped the scoring chart with 14 points and teammate Dequantis Henderson twined 10.

Glenn burst out to a 17-9 lead after one quarter, moved the margin to 36-19 at halftime and coasted to its second win in three tries this season by outscoring the Flyers 33-29 over the final two frames.

**NORTH FARMINGTON 52, CLARENCEVILLE 37:** North Farmington improved to 3-1 on the season by racing past Livonia Clarenceville Tuesday night in play at the Glenn Roundball Classic.

Urbane Bingham tossed in a game-high 18 points and Caleb Hogans netted 11 as the Raiders took control in the first two frames by outscoring their foes 25-14.

Sam Brown bagged 15 to pace Clarenceville (2-2).

**PLYMOUTH 65, FERNDALE 57:** Also at the Glenn Roundball Classic, Plymouth senior guard Mike Nadratowski poured in 28 points and pulled down 12 rebounds as the Wildcats knocked off Ferndale. Other big contributors for Plymouth (2-3) included senior forwards Pat Salo (12 points, seven rebounds) and Brennen Beyer (10 points, eight rebounds).

According to Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup, a key factor to the win was the way the team warded off Ferndale's defensive pressure.

"Our team did a good job of handling that pressure and not succumbing to it," Soukup said. "And we were able to make them pay in most cases."

**FARMINGTON 54, FRANKLIN 40:** Farmington evened its record at 1-1 on the year with this lopsided victory Tuesday night over Livonia Franklin.

Senior Anthony Rutledge tossed in 11 points, classmate Tyler Johnson twined 10 and junior Chris Hare bagged nine to pace a balanced Farmington attack.

Max Shamus scored 13 and Mike Sharp added 11 to lead Franklin (0-3).

The Falcons broke open a tight game in the second half by outscoring the Patriots 35-23.

## SIDELINES

### Canton stings 'Stangs

In the final game before the holiday break, the visiting Canton Chiefs blanked Northville 3-0 Friday in a varsity boys hockey matchup.

For Canton (6-1-1), seniors Jimmy LaFontaine, Garrett Bryden and AJ Rosales scored goals while junior netminder Spencer Craig stopped all 26 Mustang shots. The loss dropped Northville to 3-5-1 overall.

### County mat champ

James Roberts of Farmington Hills Harrison won the Oakland County Championship at 140 pounds on Saturday. He becomes the third Hawk in history to win the prestigious title and the first since Pat Palajac took home the title in 1979. The other Hawk champion was Damien Crudele in 1976.

In the finals, Roberts entered the second period down 2-1 against Division 1 No. 4-ranked Riley Hanson of Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

As Hanson stood up to escape, the cradlemeister clamped down to lock in the cradle again to notch his fifth pin of the tournament and the title of Oakland County Champion.

Roberts pinned his way to the championship. He started out with a second period pin over James Huang of North Farmington, then caught Sam Hier of South Lyon in a cradle for this second win.

He defeated Mitchell Sable of West Bloomfield in the first period. Next up was Division 1 No. 9-ranked Diego Camp of Rochester and Roberts was awarded a controversial pin.

### Alumni hoops

The Garden City High School girls basketball program will be holding its annual alumni game on Thursday, Dec. 30, inside the school gymnasium, 6500 Middlebelt.

All former Garden City girls basketball players are welcome and encouraged to attend. The junior varsity team will play the alumni from 6-7 p.m. and the varsity from 7-8:30 p.m.

If you have any further questions, contact Barry Patterson at (734) 635-2388 or Michele Tyree at (734) 306-8763.

### Rankin pins down title

Redford Union sophomore Colin Rankin reigned supreme in the 171-pound weight class Saturday at the Franklin Invitational held in Livonia.

The Panther grappler was pretty dominant in defeating his foes in the early rounds and concluded his march toward capturing the crown with a 5-2 decision over Alex O'Conner of the host Patriots.

"It was a tightly contested match," RU head coach Rob Rankin said. "There wasn't a whole lot of room for mistakes."

In addition to Rankin's heroics, the Panthers received strong performances from senior Josh Hall at 135 and classmate Christian Colon at heavyweight. Hall settled for second after dropping a heart-breaking one-point defeat to his Franklin opponent in the final, while Colon took third after pinning his Garden City foe.

"All three have been rock solid all year," Rankin said. "I was very pleased and the effort was there from everyone."

### Pratt sparks MU

Playing the first time following a nine-day layoff for final exams, the Madonna University women's basketball team showed little rust with a 65-60 nonconference victory Monday

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PHOTO BY DANIEL MICHAEL

Franklin players celebrate after back-to-back mercy rule wins during last weekend's Taylor SportsPlex Holiday Tournament conquest.

# Barnes MVP as Pats roll in holiday tourney

Tournament MVP Travis Barnes scored four times Saturday night as Livonia Franklin rolled past host Taylor Unified, 8-0, to capture the Taylor SportsPlex Holiday boys hockey title.

The Patriots, who improved to 4-6 overall, led 3-0 after one period as Barnes, a sophomore, notched a natural hat trick.

Mike Diaz drew two of the assists on Barnes' three goals, while Tyler Satkowiak, Adam Stadler and Zach Wiacek each added one.

Franklin scored four more times in the second period including power play goals by Adam Michael and Aaron Hoffmeyer.

Kevin Webb (unassisted) and Barnes

also scored during the period with assists going to Tyler Dewhirst, Danny Donahue, Josh Leonard, Stadler and Andrew Pearson.

Wiacek's shorthanded goal just 4:22 in final period ended the game in a eight-goal mercy.

Franklin, which beat Taylor Unified for the second time this season, outshot the hosts 33-14.

"The team is finally coming together and playing with confidence and control," Franklin coach Scott Wirgau said.

**FRANKLIN 10, LINCOLN PARK 1:** Sophomores Adam Stadler and Mike Diaz each scored twice as Livonia Franklin (3-6) snapped a six-game losing skid Friday in a victory over the Railsplitters in

the Taylor SportsPlex Holiday Tourney.

The Patriots, outshot Lincoln Park 38-8, led 8-1 after one period and invoked a running clock 7:53 into the second period.

Other Franklin goal scorers included Adam Michael, Tyler Dewhirst, Richie Wiecezorek, Travis Barnes, Kevin Webb and Aaron Hoffmeyer.

Chipping in with two assists apiece were Josh Leonard, Danny Donahue, Webb, Wiecezorek and Michael.

Adding one assist each were Tyler Satkowiak, Jerome Schlaff, Zach Wiacek, Dewhirst and Stadler.

Franklin used two goaltenders - Matt Slinder, who played the first period, and Travis Ferrier.

Tyler Stireman had the lone Lincoln Park goal from Adam Bussell to make it 1-1 at 2:25 of the first period.

## STEVENSON

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Stevenson defenseman fall down at the blue line while trying to keep the puck in and Green took advantage an unassisted goal at 5:14 to make it 3-2.

Stevenson then found itself short a man after taking a penalty at the 7:15 mark.

But the Spartans returned the favor a shorthanded goal of their own when Palushaj notched his 11th of the season on a nifty passing play from Urso and John Mandryk.

That set the stage for Michael Humitz, who beat CC netminder Connor Pankow with 14:48 left for what proved to be the deciding goal off assists from Pettersson and Cam Humitz (Michael's brother and Connor's cousin).

"That was a back breaker,

it's not something you want to do," Vento said of giving up a goal on a five-on-three man advantage. "But our guys kind of sucked it up and found a way and came back with a big shorthanded goal of our own, so credit to them."

### PROTECTING THE LEAD

Connor Humitz then kept the Shamrocks off the board, including a furious last 1:35 when CC pulled its goalie for the sixth attacker.

"I think we got some great goaltending when we needed it," Vento said. "The guys just sacrificed. When they pulled that goalie at the end, our guys were getting in front of shots and doing whatever they had to do to clear that puck out of our zone."

"We got a little undisciplined early, but they settled down and played a pretty

good hockey game."

Connor Humitz seemed to get stronger and gain confidence as the game wore on.

"He did have a shaky start," Vento said. "But you know what, he's a sophomore playing against a powerhouse like CC, and he had two that he probably wanted back, but I tell you what, he came up with some monster saves for us and was a big part of this win."

The loss dropped CC to an uncharacteristic 4-3 overall.

"It was kind of a crazy start to the second period with all those penalties back-and-forth," Catholic Central coach Todd Johnson said. "It went to the third period tied and they (Stevenson) made the play to win the game."

"We've got a young team and they have 15 seniors, so it was a good experience for us

to play on the road in a tough environment - we'll be fine. Stevenson's got a great team."

CC had the advantage in shots (33-21), but took seven penalties including three in the final period. (Stevenson also had a total of seven.)

"We were a little undisciplined and I didn't like that at all," Johnson said. "I'll take a look at some of those penalties on tape and see what's going on. But outside of that of being undisciplined, I thought we played hard. I thought we had a lot of good chances. Their goalie (Humitz) played fantastic tonight. Obviously they were diving and blocking a few shots. It's one of those things. It's a good rivalry, so we'll take a lot of positives out of the game."

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## FALCONS

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"We're still relatively young on defense. As we go along, we'll get more confident, stronger on the puck and be okay."

Farmington made it 5-1 early in the second period with Matt Allemang's goal, but the Falcons were busy killing penalties the rest of the time. Unified's Ryan Murray scored the only other goal of the period at 11:01.

"We got a little undisciplined," Vellucci said. "We took some undisciplined penalties. The bottom line is they were stupid penalties, and we didn't do it in the first (period). They took the penalties in the first and we capitalized."

"Killing that five-minute penalty was probably the game right there. If they score, it's a two-goal lead (5-3), and the worst lead in hockey is a two-goal lead."

The Falcons sandwiched a pair of power-play goals around a third for Unified in the last period.

Schmitt scored his second at 10:39, and Kyle Gandy got the seventh goal with 25 seconds left.

Farmington's Kyle Rea opened the scoring at 13:01 of the first period. Scott Newel and Kyle Wood scored for Unified in the first (12:20) and third (8:05) periods, respectively.

"We were right in all the



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Senior goalie Tim Rogers stopped 25 shots for the Falcons, who continue to roll early in the 2010-11 season.

games except for this one," Anderson said. "With the playoff system in the league now, as long as we're playing well in February, there isn't much to worry about now."

"Our leaders are trying, but we haven't had any good continuity yet from shift to shift. Until that happens, we're going to have inconsistent games like this."

Farmington's Ethan Baker,

Zac Massa and Prokes and Wood also had two assists each. Winning goalie Tim Rogers faced 28 shots, Keith Ladouceur of the Flyers 34.

"We have great senior leadership, great captains," Vellucci said. "All 21 guys are focused on competing and winning. Honestly, the only thing that's going hurt us is ourselves."

"Taking those penalties in

the second period and being undisciplined, that's going to hurt us down the road, because we're going to get tired out from killing penalties over and over."

"But we have a lot of depth up front and with the D. We can put a lot of combinations out there for the penalty-kill. I think our depth has really shown in the first nine games."

| RECREATION BASKETBALL      |   |   |   |
|----------------------------|---|---|---|
| REDFORD TOWNSHIP STANDINGS |   |   |   |
| Men's Basketball           |   |   |   |
| Team                       | W | L | P |
| Team USA                   | 4 | 1 | 8 |
| MC Ballers                 | 3 | 2 | 6 |
| Cheli's Chili              | 3 | 2 | 6 |
| RT-Runner                  | 3 | 2 | 6 |
| Arsenal                    | 3 | 2 | 6 |
| Dirty Dozen                | 3 | 2 | 6 |
| Old School                 | 3 | 2 | 6 |
| Run N' Gun                 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| Heavyweights               | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| All Sport                  | 1 | 4 | 2 |

**Results**

**Old School 90, Arsenal 70:** Chris Shepard bagged a game-high 28 points and Dewey Rambin netted 19 as Old School raced out to a 43-32 halftime lead and coasted to this decisive victory over Arsenal. Anthony Rutledge chipped in with 17 as Old School moved above the .500 mark to 3-2. Mike Robinson paced Arsenal with 20 points and Dede Smith tossed in 15.

**Dirty Dozen 79, Run N' Gun 78:** Andre Johnson poured in 21 points as Dirty Dozen outlasted Run N' Gun to win for the third time in five tries. TC Martez and Dion Sherrell both scored 17 points in the winning effort. Run N' Gun got 21 points from Drew Bradford and 18 more from Lance Wesson.

**Team USA 96, All Sport 60:** Team USA remained ahead of the pack as Terrence Whitehead and D. Williams each scored 19 points. All Sport got a game-high 34-point performance from Mike Beatty and 16 from Ed Browder.

**RT-Runner 73, McBallers 66:** Jason Allen netted a team-leading 24 points and Gerald Binford chipped in 13 as RT-Runner built a 10-point halftime lead and rolled to its third win of the season.

**Cheli's Chili 64, Heavyweights 62 (OT):** A furious second-half rally saw Heavyweights overcome a 21-point halftime deficit to force this game into overtime. Unfortunately for Heavyweights, the extra session was not as kind as Cheli's Chili regrouped to pull out the thrilling victory. Mike Bright tossed in 21 points and Tre Parker netted 15 to pace the winning effort. Heavyweights' top sluggers included Wes Hicks with 20 points and Leroy Blyden with 18.

| Scoring Leaders    |               |      |
|--------------------|---------------|------|
| Name               | Team          | PPG  |
| Mike Beatty        | All Sport     | 31.6 |
| Chris Shepard      | Old School    | 25.2 |
| Wes Hicks          | Heavyweights  | 23.5 |
| Brandon Daniels    | MC Ballers    | 22   |
| Andre Johnson      | Dirty Dozen   | 21.5 |
| Mike Robinson      | Arsenal       | 20   |
| Lance Wesson       | Run N' Gun    | 19   |
| Kevin Davis        | Arsenal       | 18.6 |
| Darien Bynum       | Dirty Dozen   | 18.5 |
| Dan Kurtanitis     | Cheli's Chili | 18.2 |
| Mike Bright        | Cheli's Chili | 17.6 |
| Leroy Blyden       | Heavyweights  | 16.2 |
| Gerald Binford     | RT-Runner     | 16.2 |
| Dion Sherrell      | Dirty Dozen   | 16   |
| BJ Jones           | MC Ballers    | 15.6 |
| Anthony Rutledge   | Old School    | 15   |
| Terrence Coker     | Dirty Dozen   | 14.6 |
| Drew Bradford      | Run N' Gun    | 14.2 |
| Jason Allen        | RT-Runner     | 14   |
| Terrence Whitehead | Team USA      | 14   |
| TC Martez          | Dirty Dozen   | 14   |
| Corey Terrant      | Heavyweights  | 12.5 |
| Jay Scagg          | Dirty Dozen   | 12.5 |
| Donald Tinsley     | Arsenal       | 11.5 |
| Linzee Bennett     | Run N' Gun    | 11.5 |
| Dede Smith         | Arsenal       | 11.5 |
| Ed Browder         | All Sport     | 11.5 |
| David Klein        | MC Ballers    | 11.2 |
| Tyrone Temple      | MC Ballers    | 11.2 |
| TC                 | Dirty Dozen   | 11   |
| Tommy Clark        | Team USA      | 10.8 |
| Khari Reid         | Run N' Gun    | 10.6 |
| Dewey Rambin       | Old School    | 10.6 |
| Antione Hatcher    | Heavyweights  | 10.5 |
| Tre Parker         | Cheli's Chili | 10.2 |

## Chiefs, 'Cats on a roll

Super Bowl in Canton hosted a high school bowling matchup worthy of the facility's name.

Last Thursday, the Canton and Salem squads got together and turned in some close and exciting games, with the Chiefs prevailing in the varsity boys and varsity girls contests.

The Canton varsity boys came from behind to win 19-11, while the girls matchup was a nailbiter - won 17-13 by the Chiefs.

Salem's boys got off to a fast start, however, winning 213-209 in the first Baker game, although the Chiefs won 201-183 in the second Baker game. In the opening match game, the Rocks similarly started strong and won behind David Nikkila (257), Kevin Williams (248) and Ryan Clark (199).

Canton's Alex Champagne rolled a 269 while Kurt Kowalski and Ryan Washburn had strong games of 235 and 199, respectively, but to no avail.

In Game 2, the Chiefs came out firing and erased a 28-pin deficit to ultimately win going away. Top bowlers for Canton were Ross Terrasi (245) and Josh Pozan (217).

Pacing Salem were Clark (242) and Tyler Foley (204).

The girls match came down to the final two bowlers, with Canton's late comeback doing the trick for the Chiefs.

Ashley Cade and Charlotte Zimmer tallied scores of 171 and 157 in the clincher, while Salem shooters included Kristen Larkin's excellent 194 game and Bridge

Maul's 158.

In the opening match game, Cade tallied a 187 while Ashley Kretschmer (190) and Larkin (158) also had solid showings.

Baker games were divided, with Canton falling 152-153 to Salem in the opener before turning the tables (142-127) in the second game.

Canton's JV teams also were victorious. The boys won 20-10 (top scorers: Canton, Gary Barnett, 213; Salem, Brandon Allison, 203) and the girls won 21.5-8.5 (top scorers: Canton, Beth Stark, 146; Salem, Ashley Mikolaiczik, 141).

**Sweep for Wildcats**

Plymouth's bowling squads all came away victorious last Thursday against Northville, with the matches also at Super Bowl.

The varsity boys won 29-1, led by Kyle Webb (247-198-445), Justin Thompson (227-185-412), Brandon Congdon (202-207-409) and Eric Thompson (205-194-399).

It was much closer in the varsity girls contest, although the Wildcats earned a 16-14 win. Top Plymouth rollers included MacKenzie Carlson (186-288-474), Caitlyn Webb (202-160-362), Tiffany Patterson (128-189-317) and Jessica Cullen (132-102-234).

In the JV boys matchup, Plymouth won 28-2. Eric Combee bowled a 210 in the second match game for the Wildcats.

**SPORTS ROUNDUP**

**Franklin baseball camp**

The fifth annual Franklin Future Stars spring baseball camp for boys and girls in grades 3-6 will be Saturday, Feb. 12 at the high school fieldhouse, located at 31000 Joy Road, Livonia.

Session 1, consisting of hitting, base running skills and infield work, will be from 9-11:30 a.m.

Session 2, consisting of pitching, catching, outfield and defensive

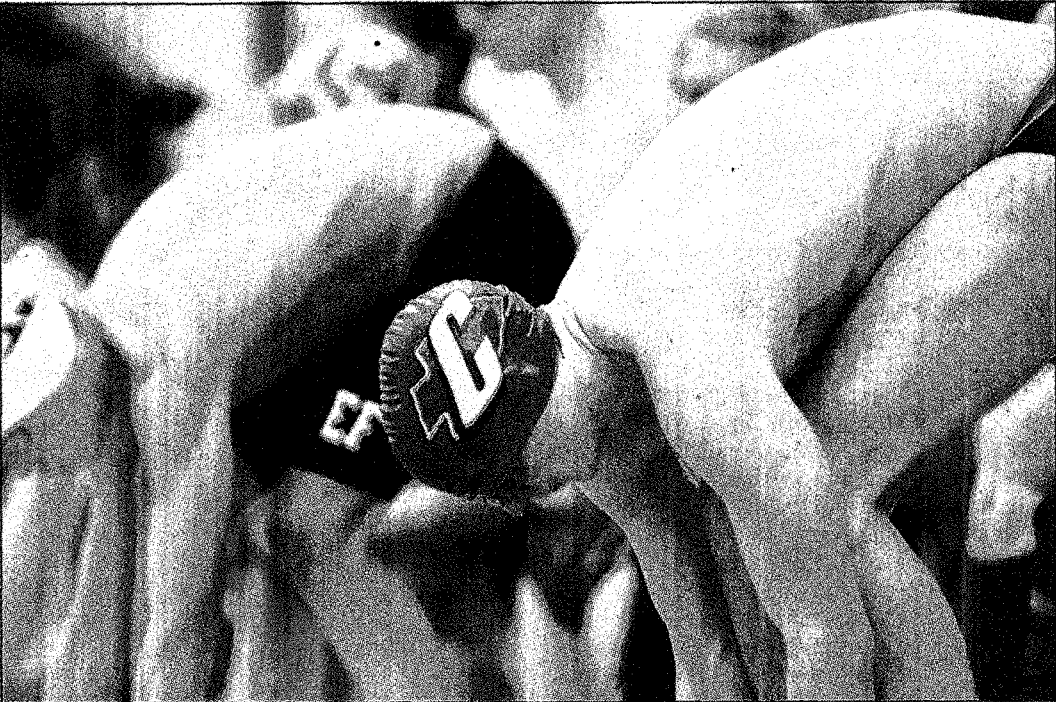
kills, will be from 12:15-2:45 p.m.

Lunch will be from 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Each camper will bring his or her sack lunch. Campers and instructors will eat a supervised sack lunch together in the bleachers of the fieldhouse.

The cost for each session is \$25, or \$45 for both sessions.

E-mail Franklin varsity baseball coach Matt Fournier at mfournie2@livoniapublicschools.org; or call (734) 968-0499.





Canton's Evan Champine gets set to jump into the water during Friday's Wildcat Holiday Relays.

## RELAYS

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### LOCAL RESULTS

Results from Observer-area teams are as follows:

**400 yard freestyle relay:** 1. Canton (Victor Zhang, Mike Carlson, Adrian Simon, Jay Jin), 3:21.75; 3. Plymouth (Ethan Christensen, Alex Jouney, Cameron Earls, Adam Liakos), 3:35.57; 9. Redford Union (names not available), 5:14.15.

**400 medley:** 6. Canton (Jonathan Marceau, Jacob Dillon, Christopher Krebs, Evan Champine), 4:20.83; 8. Plymouth (Nick Weber, Todd

Maslyk, DeLeon Morris, Kyle Strobel), 4:39.19; 9. Redford Union (n/a), 4:58.55.

**200 butterfly:** 1. Plymouth (Journey, Christensen, Earls, Zach Koch), 1:45.22; 8. Canton (Champine, Michael Fluegemann, Kyle Bindas, Souvik Roy), 2:12.11.

**1-meter diving:** 3. Connor McManus (Plymouth), 173.80; 7. Ryan Kilgore (Canton), 130.90; 10. Alex Sogge (Canton), 87.75.

**400 medley:** 1. Canton (Jin, Krebs, Simon, Zhang), 3:57.19; 6. Plymouth (Strobel, Maslyk, Weber, Liakos), 4:27.77.

**200 breaststroke:** 4. Canton (Fluegemann, Nick Lacich, Michael Wilyard, Jay Akolkar), 2:13.28; 8. Redford Union (n/a), 2:21.80; 9. Plymouth

(Morris, Weber, Maslyk, Strobel), 2:25.70.

**200 backstroke:** 2. Plymouth (Earls, Journey, Liakos, Christensen), 1:54.11; 6. Canton (Nathan Benjamin, Bindas, Saul Park, Bryan Tolinski), 2:22.57.

**500 freestyle:** 7. Canton (Drew Wade, Marceau, Carlson, Krebs), 4:57.31; 8. Redford Union (n/a), 5:18.45; 9. Plymouth (Zoch, Gunnar Savalo, Strobel, Mike Pool), 5:32.92.

**200 medley:** 1. Canton (Jin, Dillon, Zhang, Carlson), 1:45.38; 8. Redford Union (n/a), 1:59.60; 9. Plymouth (Weber, Maslyk, Zoch, Morris), 2:02.17.

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# Canton girls stumble, 35-29

BY TIM SMITH  
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Canton might yet be a prime-time player in the KLAA and state playoffs before all is said and done.

But the Chiefs' varsity girls basketball team won't go undefeated in 2010-11, thanks to Tuesday night's 35-29 loss to visiting Inkster.

Canton (3-1) managed just six points in the first and third quarters, never quite getting untracked against the now 2-0 Vikings — who were led by Crystal Bradford's 16-point performance.

"Early on in the game I thought we let Inkster get to the rim too

often in transition and we gave them too many second chances," lamented Chiefs' head coach Brian Samulski. "That is my fault for not getting us ready."

Samulski added that the team would have to learn quickly from the loss. "We play (Detroit) Country Day tomorrow (Wednesday) and they are just as good."

Poor shooting early in the contest put the Chiefs in an 11-6 hole after the first frame, but things didn't improve much the rest of the way. It was 22-15 Inkster at halftime and 27-21 Vikes after three.

Canton finished making just

seven of 42 field-goal attempts and connected on 15 of 25 free throw tries.

There were some bright spots, however.

Kari Schmitt had another all-around game, with nine points, 11 rebounds and four steals.

Chipping in with eight points and eight boards were Kayla Bridges, while other contributors included Sara Schmitt (eight rebounds) and Robyn Mack (five points, three steals).

Jasmine Bracey and Kelsey Mitchell each scored six points for Inkster.

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# Blazers 5-0 after drubbing Crusaders

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

Two key reserves missed the game because of injuries including sophomore guard Shelby Walsh (ankle) and senior center Katy Rooney (wisdom teeth pulled).

"All of our kids battled and competed, everyone contributed" said Ladywood first-year coach Anthony Coratti, whose team led 33-17 at halftime.

Center Jazmine Brown led L'Anse Creuse North (1-3) with

12 points.

Ladywood made 12-of-15 free throw, while the Crusaders hit only 1-of-7.

**CLARENCEVILLE 55, HAZEL PARK 43:** Senior guard Jenna Burgess poured in a game-high 23 points Monday as host Livonia Clarenceville (2-3) turned back the Vikings (0-4).

Brittany Tallman and Jodi Ankiel added eight and six, respectively, for the victorious Trojans, who led 24-11 at halftime and 43-23 after three quarters.

Courtney Coombs led Hazel Park with 14 points.

Clarenceville was 17-of-32 from the foul line, while Hazel Park made 13-of-24.

# Not quite enough

## Spring Arbor staves off MU in Crusader Classic

BY BRAD EMONS  
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It seems to be a rhetorical theme. The Madonna University men's basketball hit another rough second-half patch Saturday and it proved costly — this time in the finals of the Crusader Classic.

Spring Arbor rallied from a five-point halftime deficit to go up by 11 and later held off a last-ditch MU comeback for a 67-62 win and the tournament title.

D.J. Baisden came off the bench to lead the Cougars with 16 points, while tournament MVP Willie Pickvet added 13, including three consecutive three-pointers to spark the second-half surge.

The Cougars, who improved to 9-7 overall, made 8-of-16 shots from beyond the arc.

"The second half we were slower on our (defensive) rotations," said MU coach Noel Emehiser, whose team slipped to 4-10. "The first half we did a great job of stopping the dribble penetration and pushing them further from the rim, which gave us time to close back out on shooters. The second half we let them get deeper. And then it was a lot longer to run from the help side, and get to the shooter. But give them credit, they hit some tough shots, albeit too many were wide open."

## MENS BASKETBALL

MU led 29-24 at halftime, but Spring Arbor went on a 10-2 surge to take a 34-31 lead at the 17:37 mark.

The Crusaders then tied it at 41-all, but Spring Arbor opened up a 55-44 advantage on a 14-3 run with 8:24 remaining in the game.

Another key statistic revealed that Spring Arbor capitalized on 20 points off turnovers.

"I feel we've improved defensively," Emehiser said. "I know we've held teams under 70 points seven straight games now, maybe eight. We just haven't done it throughout the course of the game, and we let teams go on runs too much. We fuel their runs with turnovers." Madonna, however, continued to fight and got within four, 58-54 with 4:30 to go on a three-pointer by freshman guard Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson).

With Spring Arbor clinging to a 65-62 lead with just under 36 seconds left, both Bryant Slaughter (Westland) and Kevin Henry missed three-point opportunities to tie it for the Crusaders.

"The understanding on how to win — we've put ourselves in position in each of the last five games, and unfortunately lost two of them," Emehiser said. "But it's all been

what I say on simple mistakes that lead to really big things. The turnovers in the second half that led to easy buckets for them were huge. Little plays that Spring Arbor made, we're still not making on a day-to-day basis is really the difference."

Naubert, named to the All-Tournament squad, finished with a team-high 15 points.

Senior center Ryan Waidmann (Canton) and Slaughter each added 12. Waidmann also grabbed a team-best eight rebounds.

Freshman guard Rob Hogans (North Farmington) and sophomore guard Chris Bellamy (Novi) contributed 13 and 12 points, respectively, for the Cougars.

Also named to the All-Tourney team were Baisden, Marygrove College's Brandon Carlson and East-West (Ill.) International's Derrick Reeves.

MU doesn't return to action until Wednesday, Dec. 29 when they face Malone (Ohio) in the opening round of the Hope College Russ DeVette Classic.

And Emehiser is looking for just one thing when his team returns to practice on Dec. 26.

"I want to see that they're really hungry to improve, to learn and get better at the game," he said.

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# Pats hold serve in mat invite

The Patriots found their home mats to their liking Saturday as they captured a highly competitive 12-team Livonia Franklin Invitational wrestling tournament.

Franklin, boasting six individual weight class winners, scored a team-high 286 points, edging out Allen Park (247.5), Northville (239) and Dearborn Heights Crestwood (229) for the team title.

Individual winners for the Patriots included Gabe Martinez (125 pounds), Jordan Atienza (130), Steve Tuyo (135), Jordan McGuire (140), Matt Roos (189) and Omar Haymour (285).

Josh Hatfield (145) and Alex O'Connor (171) added a runner-up finishes for Franklin, while teammates Dan Martinez (119) and Allen Steele (160) each took thirds.

"We had a great final round that won it for us," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "It was a good tournament with some great final matches."

Redford Union's Collin Rankin emerged the winner at 171 pounds with a 5-2 decision over O'Connor.

Other individual winners included Brandon Washington (103) and Jake Sanders (152),

Carlson; Joey Golani (112) and Danny Muzyla (145), Crestwood; Ian Stirton (119) and John Montgomery (160), Northville; and Lucas Luchonok (215), Dearborn Edsel Ford.

## PATRIOT INVITATIONAL

**Dec. 18 at Livonia Franklin H.S.**  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Livonia Franklin, 286 points; 2. Allen Park, 247.5; 3. Northville, 239; 4. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 229; 5. Gibraltar Carlson, 185.5; 6. Garden City, 113.5; 7. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 107; 8. Dearborn, 92; 9. Redford Union, 82.5; 10. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 78; 11. Lutheran High Westland, 59; 12. Livonia Clarenceville, 22.

## CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

**103 pounds:** Brandon Washington (Carlson) d. Mike Farkas (AP), 6-3; **3rd place:** Sejad Al-Hussien (DHC) p. Galab Aljahmi (DEF), 3-18; **5th place:** Jack Nawa (LF) dec. Spencer Compo (N'ville), 7-5; **7th place:** Eric Dutton (AAP) won by injury default over Billy Cobb-Gulley (AAP).

**112:** Joey Golani (DHC) p. Jake Polenciewicz (AP), 1-42; **3rd:** Zachary Francis (LW) dec. Rob Doane (Garden City), 11-2; **5th:** Keegan Pape (AAP) p. Dakota Clark (Garden City), 2-34; **7th:** Joey Walker (C'ville) p. Skyler Sam Vilhili (RU), 2-09.

**125:** Gabe Martinez (LF) p. Mul Polocoser (DHC), 15-9; **3rd:** Sam Tacconelli (N'ville) dec. Nick Doane (Garden City), 11-8; **5th:** Jake Peck (AAP) dec. Johnny Caronaro (AP), 6-1; **7th:** Shane Martin (C'ville) won by injury default over Issa Fawaz (Dbn.).

**130:** Jordan Atienza (LF) won by technical fall over Dillan Wheeler (AP), 17-2; **3rd:** Alex Hoffman (N'ville) p. Dakota Adams (Carlson), 2-06; **5th:** Jafer Mokalled (Dbn.) p. Stewart Tarp (LW), 2-48; **7th:** Billy Kryssa (AAP) dec. Steven Spens (C'ville), 5-2.

**135:** Steve Tuyo (LF) dec. Josh Hall (RU), 7-6; **3rd:** Brad Burgerson (AP) won by tech. fall over Brian Spehar (Garden City), 2-17; **5th:** Ryan Murphy (AAP) p. Alec Clevenger (N'ville), 3-58; **7th:** Tyler Solnikowski (LF) p. Tarek Bazzi (DHC), 1-26.

**140:** Jordan McGuire (LF) dec. Ali Saad (Dbn.), 7-4; **3rd:** Travis Compo (N'ville) p. Jake Mydoski (Carlson), 2-49; **5th:** Calib Riley (AP) p. Josh Plonka (DEF), 0-47; **7th:** Jacob Boettcher (C'ville) dec. Jacob Richter (LW), 4-2.

**145:** Danny Muzyla (DHC) p. Josh Hatfield (LF), 2-45; **3rd:** Nick Perttunen (N'ville) dec. Robert Leon (Dbn.), 9-7; **5th:** Cody Blasengym (AP) p. Jake Scheffler (Carlson), 0-56; **7th:** Justin Street (Garden City) won by tech. fall over Ali Makki (DEF), 2-27.

**152:** Jake Sanders (Carlson) p. Ahmed Al-Hussien (DHC), 1-32; **3rd:** Alex Coe (N'ville) p. Tony Dunlap (AP), 2-34; **5th:** Eric Blankenship (Dbn.) dec. Matt Sankey (LW), 1-12; **7th:** Frank Plonka (DEF) p. Ethan Atzman (AAP), 2-46.

**160:** John Montgomery (N'ville) dec. Nate Labonte (Carlson), 9-5; **3rd:** Allen Steele (LF) dec. Robbie Brown (AP), 7-2; **5th:** Sumer Abboud (DHC) p. Matt Wisniewski (Garden City), 2-15; **7th:** Markeyce Drewery (AAP) p. Roderick Howard (RU), 2-14.

**171:** Collin Rankin (RU) dec. Alex O'Connor (LF), 5-2; **3rd:** Raed Murad (DHC) dec. Zack Kephart (Carlson), 4-3; **5th:** Martin Kemp (LW) p. Tyler Paravano (AP), 2-29; **7th:** Frank Diaz-Pezua (AAP), 2-25.

**189:** Matt Roos (LF) dec. Trevor Marsh (N'ville), 1-0; **3rd:** Alex Kinch (AAP) p. Aaron Tenney (Carlson), 3-42; **5th:** Zac Cooper (Garden City) p. Bobby Garza (AP), 2-32; **7th:** Nader Bazzi (DHC) de. Ahmad Fawaz (Dbn.), 4-1.

**215:** Lucas Luchonok (DEF) won by major dec. over Youssef El-Sayed (DHC), 15-7; **3rd:** Jahi Hillard (AAP) p. Andy Boyd (N'ville), 1-42; **5th:** Andrew Ingold (LF) won by injury default over Ryan Simmons (LF); **7th:** Dante Tyson (AP) won by injury default over Jacob Bartos (LW).

**285:** Omar Haymour (LF) p. Rubert Miller (AP), 4-47; **3rd:** Chris Colon (RU) p. John Mendelka (Garden City), 5-00; **5th:** Jonny Wines (N'ville) p. Tyler Caughey (Carlson), 1-47; **7th:** Steven Keeler (AAP) p. Nick Luchonok (DEF), 0-40.

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DEC. 23-29

**Christmas Eve**  
**Time/Date:** Friday, Dec. 24  
**Location:** Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. family services; 10 p.m. traditional candlelight service  
**Contact:** (248) 626-3620

**Christmas Eve**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. Dec. 24  
**Location:** Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran Church, 9300 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Worship service  
**Contact:** (734) 421-0749

**Christmas Eve/Day**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Dec. 24 and 10 a.m. Dec. 25  
**Location:** Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford  
**Details:** Worship services  
**Contact:** (313) 532-8655 or (734) 986-3523

**Christmas Eve/Day**  
**Time/Date:** 5 p.m. family worship with candlelight and 7:30 p.m. traditional candlelight with communion, Dec. 24; 10 a.m. bell ringing with worship and communion, Dec. 25; 10 a.m. worship, Dec. 26  
**Location:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Holiday worship services  
**Contact:** [www.poplclms.org](http://www.poplclms.org)

**Christmas play, worship**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Dec. 21  
**Location:** Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford  
**Details:** Worship service includes "Shopping Cart Christmas" play  
**Other services:** Noon, Dec. 21; 5:30 p.m. family worship with the Christmas story told by children and youth, and 8 p.m. carols, candlelight and communion, Dec. 24; and 10 a.m. Dec. 26  
**Contact:** (313) 937-3170

DEC. 30-JAN. 15, 2011

**Concert**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Jan. 15, 2011  
**Location:** St. John Armenian Church, 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield  
**Details:** Oakland Choral Society presents "Rachmaninoff's 'Vespers'" in Church Slavonic. Carols and an original composition will be included in the program; tickets are \$15 and \$25, available in advance or at the door  
**Contact:** (248) 391-0184

**Lecture**  
**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2011  
**Location:** Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 West Maple, West Bloomfield  
**Details:** Howard N. Lupovitch launches a new three-part lecture series about the Talmudic sage, Hillel. The series will continue Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011 and Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2011. Both begin at 7:30 p.m. and will include a question-and-answer session with Lupovitch. Each lecture will be self-contained and can be attended independently. Students are encouraged to read the book "Hillel's World" by Joseph Telushkin. The series is based on the book. Tuition for the series is \$40 or \$15 per lecture. Advance registration is encouraged but not required. Students may pay at the door  
**Coming up:** An "Extended Afternoon Edition" of Shabbat Limud, featuring singing, learning, prayer and camaraderie will start with a light Kiddush lunch at noon and end with havdalah to mark the end of Shabbat, just before 6 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011. There is no charge, but donations for the program will be accepted. No reservations are required. Participants can also feel free to skip lunch and come just for the learning and other after-lunch activities. Drop-ins are welcome throughout the afternoon. Sessions for teens and adults will be taught by Beth Ahm member Jeff Silver, a law professor at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, and Howard N. Lupovitch, who holds the Waks Family Chair in Jewish History at the University of Western Ontario. Sessions include "The Nature of Judicial Decision-Making in Jewish and American Law" and "Should Israel Have a Constitution?"  
**Contact:** (248) 851-6880

**New Year's worship**  
**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m., Dec. 31  
**Location:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Worship with communion  
**Contact:** [www.poplclms.org](http://www.poplclms.org)

ONGOING

**AWANA**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays  
**Location:** Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** AWANA program for children from kindergarten-fifth grade  
**Contact:** (248) 426-0096

**Classes/study**  
**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month  
**Location:** 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia  
**Details:** Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.  
**Contact:** Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to [jcook59@att.net](mailto:jcook59@att.net).  
**Livonia Unity**  
**Time/Date:** Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.;

Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** 28660 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine – rid the body of toxic pathogens and painful emotions  
**Contact:** (810) 813-4073 or [gary@energeticarts.org](mailto:gary@energeticarts.org).  
**Men's Bible study**  
**Time/Date:** Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.  
**Location:** Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township  
**Contact:** John Shulenberg at (734) 464-9491  
**New Life Community Church**  
**Time/Date:** Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays  
**Location:** 42200 Tyler, Belleville  
**Contact:** (734) 846-4615 for information  
**Nicole's Revival**  
**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday  
**Location:** YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford  
**Details:** KJV Scripture Reading, Communion and Prayer  
**Contact:** (313) 531-1234  
**Our Lady of Loretto**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday  
**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford  
**Details:** Scripture study  
**Contact:** (313) 534-9000  
**Ward Presbyterian**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Mondays  
**Location:** Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville  
**Details:** Learner's Bible study is held  
**Contact:** (248) 374-5920

**Clothing bank**  
**Canton Christian Fellowship**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday  
**Location:** 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty  
**Details:** Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need  
**Contact:** (734) 404-2480, visit [www.CantonCF.org](http://www.CantonCF.org) or send e-mail to [info@cantoncf.org](mailto:info@cantoncf.org)

**Fellowship dinner**  
**St. James Presbyterian**  
**Time/Date:** 6 p.m., the first Thursday of the month  
**Location:** 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford  
**Details:** Cost is \$8 and includes dinner, beverage and dessert. The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, provides the meals  
**Contact:** (313) 268-7780. The church phone number is (313) 534-7730

**Food Bank**  
**New Hope Church**  
**Time/Date:** 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only  
**Location:** is 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton  
**Contact:** Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.

**Moms**  
**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday, MOPS; 7-8:30 p.m., first and third Thursday, MOPNext. Both programs run through May  
**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners; MOPNext supports mothers of school-aged children. The theme will be "Momology – The Art & Science of Mothering" for MOPS and "Boundaries" for MOPNext  
**Contact:** Rebekah Creeden at (734) 524-0283 for MOPS and Susan Magner at (248) 478-3643 for MOPS  
**Dunning Park Bible Chapel**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays  
**Location:** 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford  
**Details:** MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope  
**Contact:** Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

**Pet-friendly service**  
**Time/Date:** 1 p.m., Sunday  
**Location:** Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** All Creatures ULC sponsors the service which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service. All Creatures ULC describes the gathering as non-denominational and Christian. Water is available for dogs  
**Contact:** (313) 563-0162

**Prayer**  
**Nardin Park United Methodist Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday  
**Location:** 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests  
**Contact:** (248) 476-8860  
**St. Edith Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back of the church  
**Details:** Music, singing, prayer  
**Contact:** Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906  
**St. Michael's Church of Livonia**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. third Wednesday  
**Location:** Corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia  
**Details:** Parish prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. Benediction service follows. (734) 261-1455

**Senior citizens**  
**Riverside Park Church of God**  
**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m., third Thursdays  
**Location:** 11771 Newburgh, Livonia  
**Details:** Senior adults, age 50 and over, enjoy social interaction and food  
**Contact:** (734) 464-0990  
**Singles**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Time/Date:** Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program  
**Location:** 200 E. Main St., Northville  
**Details:** Single Place Ministry meets; cost is \$5  
**Contact:** (248) 349-0911 or visit [www.singleplace.org](http://www.singleplace.org)

Explore questions about liturgy at Exodus lecture on Jan. 23

Is the celebration of liturgy an effort of entertainment and the experience of an emotional high? Or, is liturgy a response to an invitation first extended by God?

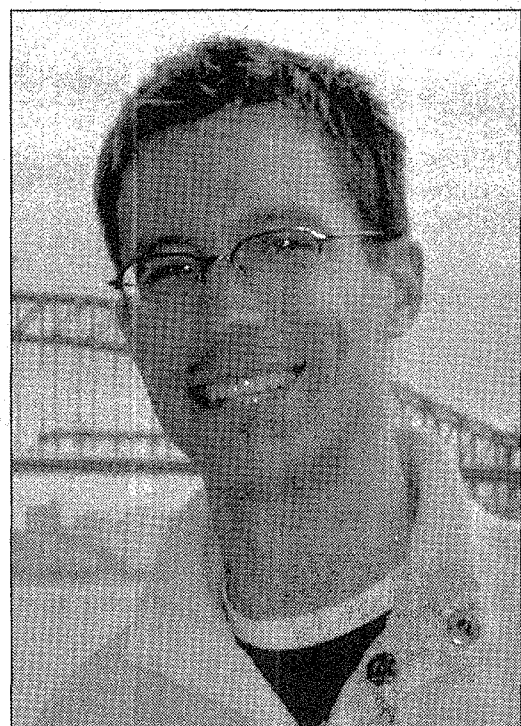
David J. Conrad, an adjunct professor at Sacred Heart Major Seminary will consider those questions and more at 5 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 23, 2011, at St. Aidan, Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington, in Livonia.

His presentation will look at the liturgy and the Biblical Exodus story.

The program will include reflection offered within the context of evening prayer with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. A potluck dinner will be held after the lecture. The parish will provide the main course. Participants can drop off their potluck contributions in Bixman Hall before 5 p.m. Those with last names starting with the letters a-f, may bring an appetizer; g-m should bring salads; n-t provide vegetables and u-z, the desserts.

Conrad holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of St. Thomas and a Master of Arts degree in theology from Sacred Heart Seminary.

RSVP to David J. Conrad at (734) 425-5950, Ext. 203. The parish wants to know how many individuals will participate in order to get an accurate supply of the dinner's main course.



David J. Conrad will lecture on the biblical story of Exodus at St. Aidan in Livonia.

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JOHN A. BARTLETT DDS, FACC

Jack was born in Ypsilanti, Michigan, May 11, 1928. He is survived by Betty Mae, his wife of 61 years and their three children; Nancy Hollingsworth (Joe Gregory) of Bethesda, Maryland and their sons Gregory, Grant and daughter Brooke, Avery Bartlett II of Sarasota and Susan Noel (John Payne III) of The Woodlands, Texas and their four sons Christopher, Ryan, Quinton and Andrew. As an Eagle Scout he was devoted to the Boy Scouts of America. He attended Kenyon College where he was a Delta Tau Delta, President of his Class and Captain of the undefeated swimming team. He graduated from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry, with honors, and was President of Psi Omega Dental Fraternity. Dr Bartlett served as a Captain in the U.S. Air Force Dental Corps as the Crown and Bridge Officer at NATO's largest Air Base in Châteauroux, France. Dr. Bartlett's Dental Practice was located in Detroit and later in Birmingham, Michigan. He enjoyed practicing 25 of his 35 years with his father Avery Bartlett, with whom he also shared the podium at several lectures at major dental meetings including being the featured speakers at the founding meeting of the Veddar Society of Crown and Bridge Prosthetics at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. A Fellow in the American College of Dentists and a member of The American Academy of Restorative Dentistry, he lectured throughout the U.S. and in Europe. He wrote extensively for various dental journals and was a contributing author of the text, Advanced Restorative Dentistry. He served as Visiting Lecturer at the University of Texas, University of Virginia, University of Mexico and the Royal Dental College, London. He and his father were successive members of the oldest dental practice in the State of Michigan, founded in 1896, that is ongoing today. A lifelong sailor, he was Men's Champion of the Michigan Inland Yachting Association and National Champion of the Rebel Class. He served on the Board of Directors of the United States Yacht Racing Union where he was also Chairman of the Junior Sailing Committee and the U.S. Junior Championships. As such he was an advisor to the U.S. Olympic Team. He was Commodore of the Huron-Portage Yacht Club as well as The Michigan Inland Yachting Association, member of Lakeland Country Club, the Detroit Athletic Club and a founding member of Bent Tree Country Club of Sarasota. Jack served as President of Bent Tree Village II for two terms, was President of the Bloomfield Hills, MI Rotary Club where he was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow. Jack was Secretary of the University of Michigan Club of Sarasota and President of the Kenyon Alumni Association of Michigan. Services will be held after the holidays.

JOSEPH G. CHICKVARA

Age 79, Sarasota, died Dec. 15, 2010. He was born on May 2, 1931. A Memorial Mass will be Tuesday, 11:00 AM at St. Mary Star of the Sea. He was a Meyer Dairy Milkman after graduating from East Technical High School, Cleveland, Ohio, May 1949. Miami University, Oxford Ohio graduate, B.A. Business Administration 1954. Two years Korean War Veteran. Salesman, Libby Glass Co., Division of Owens-Illinois 1957-60. Minneapolis, St. Paul Branch Manager 1960-63. Midwestern Sales Manager 1963-67. Detroit National Sales Manager 1967-68. Toledo, Ohio. Joined Novi American, Inc., Novi, Michigan as Partner Owner, Building Material Products to construction trades, factory housing and D-I-Y retailers, 1969 – 90. President of Novi Canadian, Mississauga Ontario Canada 1981-90. Survived by his wife Mary Downey of Toledo, OH, two daughters, two sons and eight grandchildren.

GARY J. DODDE

Age 53 of Plymouth, December 19, 2010. Beloved son of Helen. Dear brother of Gayle Dodde and Paul (Nancy) Dodde. Dear uncle of Christopher, Kimberly, Allison and Nicholas. He will be deeply missed by K. C. Mueller and all his special friends. Private cremation services have been arranged by Vermeulen Funeral Home-Plymouth. A "celebration of his life" will be held during the spring golf season. To share a memory with his family please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.co](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.co)

NANCY (DAVIS) HURD

Of Livonia, MI. Age 78, died Thursday, December 16, 2010 at St. Mary's Mercy Hospital in Livonia of complications from Parkinson's Disease. Nancy was born June 20, 1932 in Ann Arbor, Michigan the daughter of Harold and Louise A. (Pielemeier) Davis. A brilliant artist, Nancy attended the University of Michigan, graduating with a Bachelor's in Fine Art. Working in a wide variety of media, she created an extraordinary body of fine artwork, which was widely exhibited and won numerous awards. She was active in the Farmington Artists Club, the Artifacts Art Club of Livonia, and also shared her talents as a continuing education instructor, even as she battled the ravages of her disease. Nancy loved classical music: she played cello and was an avid concert-goer. She also loved nature: walking in the woods was a favorite pastime. A devoted mother, she is survived by four children, Shannon (Mark Nesbit) Hurd of Columbus, OH, Cliff (Katerina) Hurd of Madison, WI, Aaron Hurd of Farmington Hills, Leslie Oetzman of Livonia; five granddaughters, Olivia and Eva Nesbit, Rachel Oetzman, Raphaella and Emerson Hurd. She was preceded in death by her brother, John Davis. Nancy's generous heart, curious mind and creative genius touched and inspired so many. Her spirit lives on in our hearts. A graveside service will be held Sunday, December 26, at 1 pm at Oak Grove Cemetery, Chelsea, with LeAnn Soto officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

COLLEEN DELIAN LUNDSTEN (NEE GOFF)

Age 50, December 19, 2010. Loving wife of Geoff. Beloved mother of Amber and Ryan (Erin). Dearest Nani of Tyler. Visitation Sunday 1-9 pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Instate Monday at Forest Park Baptist Church, 26805 Farmington, Farmington Hills from 11 am until her funeral at 12 pm. [www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com](http://www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com)

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# U-M study: Imams may improve Muslim health at hospitals

A new study by the University of Michigan Health system finds that doctors may be able to improve American Muslims' health by building and strengthening partnerships with Muslim religious leaders.

Previous studies show health systems have established partnerships with priests and rabbis to improve Christian and Jewish health, and included these religious leaders in

hospital chaplaincy programs.

But few imams, the Muslim religious leaders who hold various roles within the community, are included in these initiatives, says Aasim I. Padela, M.D., an emergency physician, instructor in the U-M Department of Emergency Medicine and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholar at the U-M Health System.

"Imams play key roles in American

Muslim community health and partnerships with them may be a means to improve community health and deliver culturally sensitive, high quality care to American Muslims," Padela stated.

Padela and his colleagues interviewed 12 Muslim community leaders in southeast Michigan, including two imams, to see how each perceives the imam's role in community health.

Participants identified four central roles:

- Encouraging healthy behaviors through scripture-based messages in sermons
- Performing religious rituals around life events and illnesses
- Advocating for Muslim patients and delivering cultural sensitivity training in hospitals
- Assisting Muslims in health care decisions

But researchers say several barriers, such as hospitals' required chaplaincy credentials and imams' lack of availability, could prevent partnerships between imams and health care systems.

Padela said future research should focus on gaining views from multiple communities and a larger cross-section of individuals to gauge the depth and generalization of the study's findings.

## In Loving Memory...at the Holidays

Light a candle for those no longer here, And hold their memories so very dear.  
Light a candle for those who have gone, for in our hearts they will always belong.

**Brian Hinzman,**  
We think of you and miss you every single day. This is especially true during the holiday season. 'Til we meet again.  
With love,  
Your family

IN MEMORY OF  
**MELISSA (Williams) LAMBAREN**  
7-7-1974 to 12-3-2007  
Like a song that remains in the heart when the music is playing no more, like a fragrance that stays in the air where a flower has blossomed before, like a star that continues to glow long after the breaking of dawn, the ones we have loved remain with us still, and the beautiful memories go on. Love you and miss you so much! Dad, Mom, Chris, Jenny, Sue, Jess and Marty

**Tracey Marie Mirti**  
It's lonely here without you! We miss you more each day, especially during the holidays!  
You are in our hearts & in our memories!  
With love, Mom (Clara), Dad (Bob), Kelly, Bobby, Jesse, Jacob, and McKenzie

**Jean Rose Pietryka**  
1/19/19-9/14/10  
Our hearts were broken the day God called you home. But now our hearts are aglow with precious memories of you. Deeply loved and missed by: Sons Richard (Patti), Raymond (Lynda), Ronald (Betty) and all of your family.

**SAL D'AGNILLO**  
You're forever remembered. Nothing is the same without you, we are lost in you.  
The D'Agnillos

**KIM RENZI**  
April 3, 1970 - April 4, 2009  
Forever in Our Hearts  
Love,  
Todd,  
Marina  
and  
Adeline.

**Eleanor Miller Zoumaris**  
Thank you, God. You blessed us with this lovely lady, Sweetest mom, grandma, aunt and loving friend. She blessed us with gentle patience, Kind understanding and love. Until we meet again, Amen

**In Loving Memory Of**  
**Charles J. McPhee**  
October 3, 1940~October 3, 2010  
Dearest Chuck,  
You were both my loving husband and my loyal best friend. I will forever love and miss you. You will always have a place within and a part of my heart that no one else can ever have.  
I will love and miss you always.  
Mary

**In Loving Memory of Dorothy May & Clyde William Love**  
Dec. 1, 2010 ~ Dec. 22, 2009  
Good parents give their children roots and wings. Roots to know where home is, wings to fly away and exercise what's been taught them. Thank you, Mom and Dad for giving us both. Love Children, Grandchildren and Great Great Grandchildren

**In Loving Memory**  
**Arturo "POPS" Posa**  
May 6, 1942 - January 16, 2008  
Forever In Our Hearts  
We Miss You  
Love Always,  
Jeff, Andi, Chris, Meg, & Matt

**ALBERT LEONARD**  
October 12, 1925 ~ August 4, 2010  
You will always be in our hearts! Each day we think of you, remember the lessons you taught us, how you would be so patient with each of us and the big smile you would get when we accomplished each task. You will never be forgotten. Love always! Your wife, sister, brother, brother-in-law, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

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**Fellowship Presbyterian Church**  
Adult Sunday School: 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. • Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Childrens Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor: Dr. Jimmy McGuire  
Services held at: Saint Andrews Episcopal Church  
16360 Hubbard Road in Livonia • South of Six Mile Road  
Nursery provided • www.fellowship-presbyterian.org

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Farmington Hills (bet. Drake & Halsted)  
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# Local places to celebrate New Year's Eve

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
CORRESPONDENT

If you haven't already planned something for New Year's Eve there is plenty to do close to home. Many area bars, restaurants, banquet halls and even recreation and community centers have something to offer for this special night.

Here's a sampling of what's happening on New Year's Eve in the area.

**Laurel Manor**  
39000 Schoolcraft Road  
Livonia  
(734) 462-0770

Livonia's Laurel Manor has been hosting a New Year's Eve party for 24 years. Cost is \$85 per person, which includes a premium bar, wine at the tables with dinner served. Dinner includes filet mignon, appetizers, a dessert afterglow, pizza after midnight, a champagne toast and party favors. Mass Transit will supply the music. Guests are also invited to watch the ball drop in Time Square. Laurel Manor has also teamed up with Marriott Hotels providing a shuttle to the banquet hall and breakfast Jan. 1. The hotel package is an additional \$89 per person.

Tickets can be purchased online or by going to [www.laurelmanor.com](http://www.laurelmanor.com).

**Italian American Banquet Hall**  
39200 Five Mile Road  
Livonia  
(734) 953-9724

"New Year's Eve Gala Celebration, Starry, Starry Night" is the theme of this

party Dec. 31.

Party guests do not have to be a member to attend. Fantasia will provide entertainment. Cost is \$85 a person and will include antipasto at 7 p.m., dinner featuring filet mignon, a chicken entree, salad, vegetable, potatoes and dessert, a deluxe bar, red wine at each table, a coffee bar with espresso and cappuccino and a champagne toast at midnight. Reservations will be taken through Dec. 29.

**1 Under Banquet & Catering**  
35780 Five Mile  
Livonia  
(734) 464-5555

Ring in the New Year with "The Ultimate New Year's Experience," 7 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday, Dec. 31. The buffet menu includes carved prime rib, turkey, pork loin, chicken piccata, vegetable medley, mashed sweet potatoes, twice-baked potatoes, Basmati rice, cold bar with shrimp cocktail, smoked salmon and oysters, assorted salads, fruits, vegetables and cheeses and assorted desserts. Cost is \$45.95 per person, plus tax and gratuity. It includes two complimentary drink tickets, a champagne toast, party favors, live DJ, pizza and sliders at 12:30 a.m., open seating for small groups and reserved seating for groups of eight or more.

**Sean O'Callaghan's**  
821 Penniman Avenue  
Plymouth  
(734) 459-6666  
A New Year's Eve dinner with a limited menu



will include rosemary bacon wrapped shrimp, seared sesame crusted Mahi tuna and other entrees along with the daily menu. Music will be provided by Johnny Schreffler, playing contemporary rock to classic rock. Cover charge is \$10 after 9 p.m., which

includes party favors and a champagne toast at midnight. Reservations are suggested.

**Station 885 Restaurant**  
885 Starkweather  
Plymouth's Old Village  
(734) 459-0885

Station 885, a family-owned

business in Plymouth for 25 years, will start seating at 4 p.m. New Year's Eve. Wally Gibson and Friends will provide live music. There is no set price for dinner, however, there is a limited menu of about 10 items ranging from \$20 to \$40. With the 10 p.m.

seating there is a complimentary champagne toast, free party favors and "plenty of good cheer to go around," according to Robert Costanza, owner.

"We are accepting reservations now," he said. "We will probably sell out, so make reservations early."

**O'Tooles**  
32350 West Eight Mile,  
Farmington Hills  
(248) 426-6454

A New Year's Eve bash will include a deejay, dancing and champagne at midnight, as well as food and drink specials.

Reservations aren't required for parties of under eight people. The party is hosted by owner Ron Sarcevic and bartender Shelly Reed.

**Malarkey's Irish Pub**  
35750 Warren Road  
Westland  
(734) 421-0746

There is no cover charge on New Year's Eve. A champagne toast will be provided at midnight. The dinner menu includes a 14-ounce New York strip steak dinner with two drinks for \$19.99. A deejay will provide dance music all night.

"We do a party every year and we usually get a great crowd," explained Anthony Crowley, manager.

Reservations aren't required, but they will be accepted.

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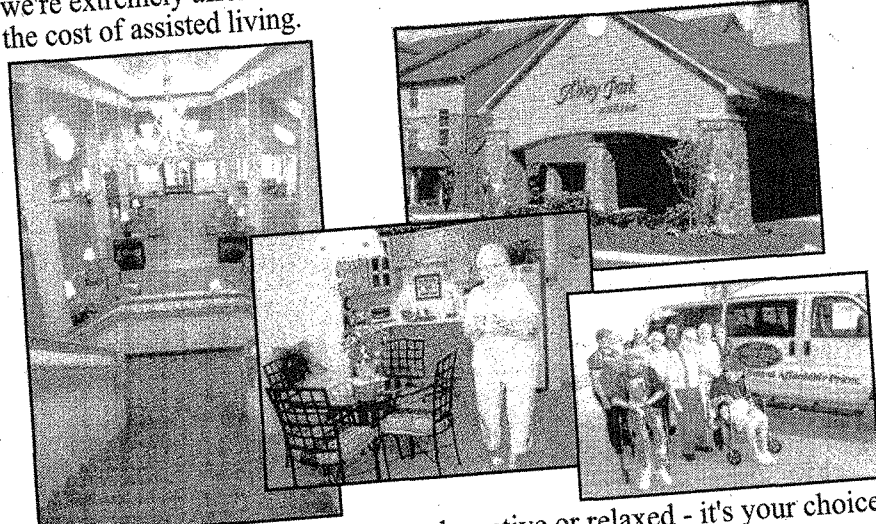
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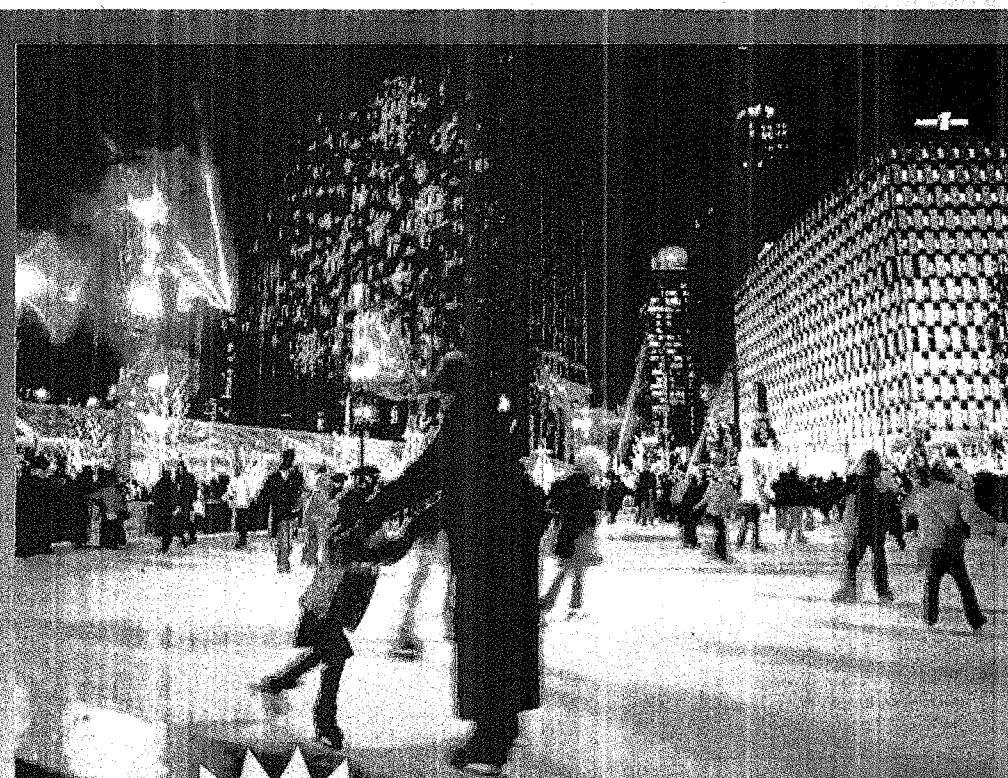
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**Canton Leisure Services**  
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(734) 394-5460

A New Year's Eve family event is planned at the Summit Community Center from 3-6 p.m. Dec. 31. The cost is \$5 per person and will include open swim, a carnival setup with games in the gym, a countdown and balloon drop at the end of the event.

**The Village Theater at Cherry Hill**  
50400 Cherry Hill (west of Beck Road)  
Canton  
(734) 394-5460

Kickers on Michigan in Canton is presenting comedians at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The event offers two packages, \$65 per person for dinner, show and after party and \$35 per person for just the show and after party.

Reservations are required.

**Livonia Community Recreation Center**  
15100 Hubbard  
Livonia  
(734) 466-2900

A New Year's Eve family party is planned 4-7 p.m. Dec. 31. Events include swimming, playing on a giant inflatable, climbing the rock, holiday crafts and face painting for kids. Dodge ball, music and a surprise entertainer will also be available. Children 1 and under are free; recreation center members will be charged \$6; Livonia residents \$7.25 and nonresidents \$8.50. Reservations are required and will be taken through Monday, Dec. 27.

**Roma Banquets**  
32550 Cherry Hill  
Garden City  
(734) 422-4550  
www.romabanquets.com

The cost is \$99 per couple which includes a prime rib buffet style dinner, open deluxe bar, wine and soft drinks. Entertainment will be provided by Channel Six, which plays top 40 music. Dressy attire is requested, according to Joyce Zimba, sales manager.

Tickets will be sold up to that night if they are available but last year's event sold out, added Zimba.

**Grand Celebrations**  
32305 Grand River  
Farmington  
(248) 426-7388

In an effort to keep costs down, management is providing dinner for \$25 per person; \$40 per couple. A deejay will play music and dancing will be available.

Dinner includes three entrees, appetizers, a champagne toast at midnight and party favors.

"Come have a great time at a low price," said Cliff Donovan, owner.

Reservations will be accepted, however, tickets will be available at the door until they are sold out.

**Farmington Hills Manor**  
23666 Orchard Lake Road  
Farmington Hills  
(248) 888-8000

The cost is \$100 per person, which includes appetizers and

dinner including filet mignon, chicken and other items. A premium bar will be available and dessert will be served. Breakfast food will be offered after 1 a.m.

Party favors and a champagne toast at midnight are also included. A live band featuring three singers, with American and Middle East music, will be provided.

Call for reservations.

**Bailey's**  
1777 N. Canton Center Road  
Canton  
(734) 844-1137

A disc jockey will play music from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. and a champagne toast will be served at midnight. There is no cover charge, however, groups of 10 or more should contact Mary Beth Grunow, event coordinator, for reservations.

Drink specials will be available. Staff also dresses in holiday outfits.

**Timberwolf Tavern**  
25641 Plymouth Road  
Redford  
(313) 937-1218  
www.timberwolftavern.com

There is no cover charge on New Year's Eve. Guests will receive party favors, pizza and free champagne at midnight. The band, KDs Alibi, will provide a variety of music.

"Last year was the first year I did New Year's Eve and it went really well," according to owner Ron Jean.

**Corsi's Restaurant and Pizzeria**  
27910 West Seven Mile Road  
Livonia  
(248) 777-4960

A special buffet will include minestrone and chicken soups, salad and dessert bar, three types of pasta, two types of meat, roasted potato, assorted vegetables, assorted pizza, homemade rolls and bread, coffee and pop from 4:30-8:30 p.m. A cash bar is available. The cost is \$10 per adult and children 5-10 \$6.50. Reservations are requested.

**Fiamma Grill**  
380 S. Main St.  
Plymouth  
(734) 416-9340  
Compassi's on the Park  
350 S. Main St.  
Plymouth  
(734) 416-0100

Both restaurants will provide regular dinner service and patrons still on the premises at midnight will be given party favors and a champagne toast. Reservations are recommended.

**Ironwood Grill**  
840 W. Ann Arbor Trail  
Plymouth  
(734) 667-5614

A full menu will be offered and a deejay will provide music from 10:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. A complimentary champagne toast and appetizers will be served at midnight. There is no cover, however, reservations are recommended.

**Plymouth Crossing**  
340 N. Main St.  
Plymouth  
(734) 455-3700

A party is planned. Free champagne will be provided at midnight.

Call in advance for reservations.

## See 3-D films for free at Detroit Zoo

The Detroit Zoological Society is wishing Detroit Zoo visitors a wild holiday season by offering free admission to the Wild Adventure 3-D/4-D Theater with paid admission to the Zoo. The 10-minute wildlife adventure film *Wild World Africa*, presented by Kroger, will be shown free every half-hour from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Dec. 20-31.

"The 3-D/4-D experience is visually stunning and wonderfully fun ... and it's a lot less costly than going to Kenya to experience it firsthand," stated Executive

Director Ron Kagan. "We're glad to be able to add some free fun over the holidays."

Located in the Ford Education Center, the Wild Adventure 3-D/4-D Theater delivers a high-definition viewing experience in 3-D with 7.1 digital audio surround sound, enhanced with full-sensory 4-D special effects such as wind, mist and scents. "Wild World Africa" contains a few graphic images and may not be suitable for children under 5 years old; parental discretion is advised.

The experience will cost \$4 with Zoo admission for visitors 2 years and older, beginning Jan. 2, 2011.

The Detroit Zoo is open daily 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will be closed Christmas and New Year's Day. Admission is \$11 for adults, 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens, 62 and older, and \$7 for children, ages 2 to 14. Children under 2 are admitted free.

The Zoo is located on the I-696 service drive at Woodward, in Royal Oak. Call (248) 541-5717 or visit www.detroitzoo.org for more information.

## Take an adventure with museum pass

After the gifts have been opened and the festivities are past, families still have time to spend together over winter break.

The Museum Adventure Pass (MAP) can help families take an adventure together at a local museum or cultural center at no cost.

Library patrons can pick up a pass that provides free admission for up to two or four people at dozens of cultural institutions in southeastern Michigan. Visitors can check the MAP Web site at www.detroitadventurepass.org to find out

which museums have passes available.

Over the past three years since its launch, more than 200,000 visitors have attended the participating museums. The passes are sponsored by Macy's, the Library of Michigan Foundation and Cultural Alliance of Southeastern Michigan.

New local participants include The Holocaust Memorial Center, Detroit Children's Museum and Michigan Youth Theater. Among the returning organizations are the Arab American National

Museum, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Cranbrook Institute of Science, Howell Nature Center, Pewabic Pottery, University of Michigan Exhibit Museum of Natural History and University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens.

The Cultural Alliance of Southeastern Michigan is a professional association comprised of more than 100 nonprofit arts and culture organizations. For more information visit www.culturalalliances-eml.org or phone (313) 831-1151.

### GET OUT!

### ART

#### Art & Ideas

**Time/Date:** Saturdays, 1-7 p.m., through Jan. 29, 2011

**Location:** 15095 Northville Road, Plymouth Township, between eastbound and westbound 5 Mile intersections

**Details:** "Time Tells All" holiday-season art exhibition, a multi-artist retrospective of 2010 exhibitions. Artwork on display through Jan. 29, 2011; free

**Contact:** (734) 420-0775 or visit www.artandideasgallery.com

#### Detroit Artist Market

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m.-6 p.m. today, Dec. 23

**Location:** 4719 Woodward Ave., Detroit

**Details:** Annual Art for the Holiday Show includes jewelry, glass, metal, ceramic, photography, accessories, paintings, drawings, sculpture, books, cards, framed prints and more for sale. Contact: (313) 832-8540

#### Northville Art House

**Time/Date:** Jan. 7-29, 2011; artist reception 6-9 p.m. Jan. 7

**Location:** 215 W. Cady in downtown Northville

**Details:** Erik Olson shows oil portraits of homes and structures in various stages of repair in a show called "An Outside View"

**Contact:** (248) 344-0497

#### The Gallery@VT

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Jan. 2, 2011

**Location:** 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton

**Details:** Photos, including black and white still life and flower images, by Jason Nichols

**Contact:** (734) 394-5300

### CONCERTS

#### The Ark

**Time/Date:** Fred Eaglesmith, Dec. 31; Michael Smith, Jan. 6, 2011; Mountain Heart, Jan. 7, 2011; Jill Jack Birthday Bash, Jan. 8, 2011; Mississippi Heat, Jan. 9, 2011; David Francey & Craig Werth & Amelia Curran, Jan. 12, 2011; The Red Sea Pedestrians, Jan. 13, 2011; The Yellow Room Gang, Jan. 14, 2011; The RFD Boys, Jan. 15, 2011; BeauSoleil Avec Michael Doucet, Jan. 16, 2011

**Location:** 316 South Main, Ann Arbor



Emerson String Quartet will perform works of Mozart, Debussy and Mendelssohn Jan. 8, 2011 at the Seligman Performing Arts Center, located on the campus of Detroit Country Day School, 22305 West 13 Mile, Beverly Hills.

**Contact:** (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

#### Seligman Performing Arts Center

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8

**Location:** On the campus of Detroit Country Day School, 22305 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills

**Details:** Chamber Music Society of Detroit presents The Emerson String Quartet. Tickets cost \$43-\$75; students pay \$25

**Contact:** (248) 855-6070 or visit www.ComeHearCMSD.org

#### Jazz @ The Elks

**Time/Date:** 7-10:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28

**Location:** Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

**Details:** Just Jazz Trio with Jerry McKenzie on drums, Matt Michaels on piano and Dan Jordan on bass; no cover, but donations accepted

**Contact:** (734) 453-1780 www.PlymouthElks1780.com

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# Happy holidays: Classic eggnog is back

Classic eggnog is pure and simple. Just three main ingredients – eggs, cream and sugar – magically create the quintessential holiday sip of thick creamy custard with puffs of softly beaten egg whites.

For those of us who have lamented the fact that we could no longer safely enjoy homemade eggnog prepared with raw eggs, there's good news. Call it a gift for this holiday season and beyond: pasteurized shell eggs. Safest Choice Pasteurized Shell Eggs enable us to once again partake of all of those favorites that call for raw or lightly cooked eggs, whether it's the yolks or the whites or both, without fear of food-borne illness. Think chocolate mousse, meringues, Caesar salad dressing, French silk pie, mayonnaise from scratch, sunny-side up eggs.

The eggs are pasteurized in the shell using a warm water bath. Only water – nothing else added – makes them safe to consume whether over easy, poached or in your favorite hollandaise recipe. A red circle "P" stamped on each egg lets you know they're safe.

So set out the punch bowl and bring back a tradition. This Classic Eggnog base can be prepared up to one day in advance and refrigerated, a great time-saver during this busy season. It's delicious with the addition of rum, brandy or bourbon, or just topped with a sprinkling of ground nutmeg. Flavored spirits such as vanilla-infused vodka, peppermint schnapps or clear crème de cacao can impart unexpected taste twists to this classic, and for a little whimsy, top each serving with a small scoop of vanilla ice cream or dollop of whipped cream.

To learn more about Safest Choice Pasteurized Shell Eggs, such as where to buy, or to find additional recipes and serving suggestions, visit [www.SafeEggs.com](http://www.SafeEggs.com).

### CLASSIC EGGNOG

Preparation time: 30 minutes

Chilling time: 4 hours or overnight

- 12 pasteurized shell eggs, separated
- 1½ cups granulated sugar
- 1 quart (4 cups) heavy cream
- 2 cups whole milk
- 2 to 3 cups dark rum, bourbon or brandy (optional)
- 2 tablespoons vanilla extract (optional)
- Ground nutmeg or cinnamon

1. Place egg yolks in large bowl. Beat with electric mixer until combined. Gradually add sugar, beating until mixture is thick and pale yellow. Stir in cream and milk, then rum and vanilla, if desired. Cover and refrigerate until chilled or as long as overnight.

2. Just before serving, beat room temperature egg whites with electric mixer until soft peaks form. Stir custard mixture. Gently fold in beaten egg whites. Pour eggnog into punch bowl. Sprinkle with nutmeg.

Makes 20 servings.

Nutrition information (1/20 of recipe): 279 calories\*; 21g total fat; 12 g saturated fat; 197 mg cholesterol; 68 mg sodium; 18 g total carbohydrates; 5 g protein.

\*With alcohol, calories increase to 330/serving; other nutrition information remains the same as above.



- Family Features

# Holiday entertaining made easy as A-B-C!

The holidays may be the most wonderful time of the year, but it can certainly become one of the most stressful times of the year. With holiday dinners and family gatherings, the thought of entertaining all your loved ones may be a bit overwhelming. Boar's Head style expert Jackie Rogers shares party tips that will impress your guests, while making hosting a get together as easy as A-B-C.

Rogers explains that when it comes to a successful holiday dinner or gathering, it's all about the A-B-Cs: ambiance, beverages and cuisine.

### A: Ambiance

The dinner table is usually the main gathering place. This makes it a great focal point to set the mood for your get-together. Start with an elegant tablecloth in a rich ivory, crimson red, silver or gold. Add depth and texture by using a coordinating table runner and napkins for a stylish touch. For centerpieces, flowers work for almost any occasion, but if you're feeling a little more inventive, play with candles, pinecones, greenery and ribbon for a centerpiece that really reflects the season.

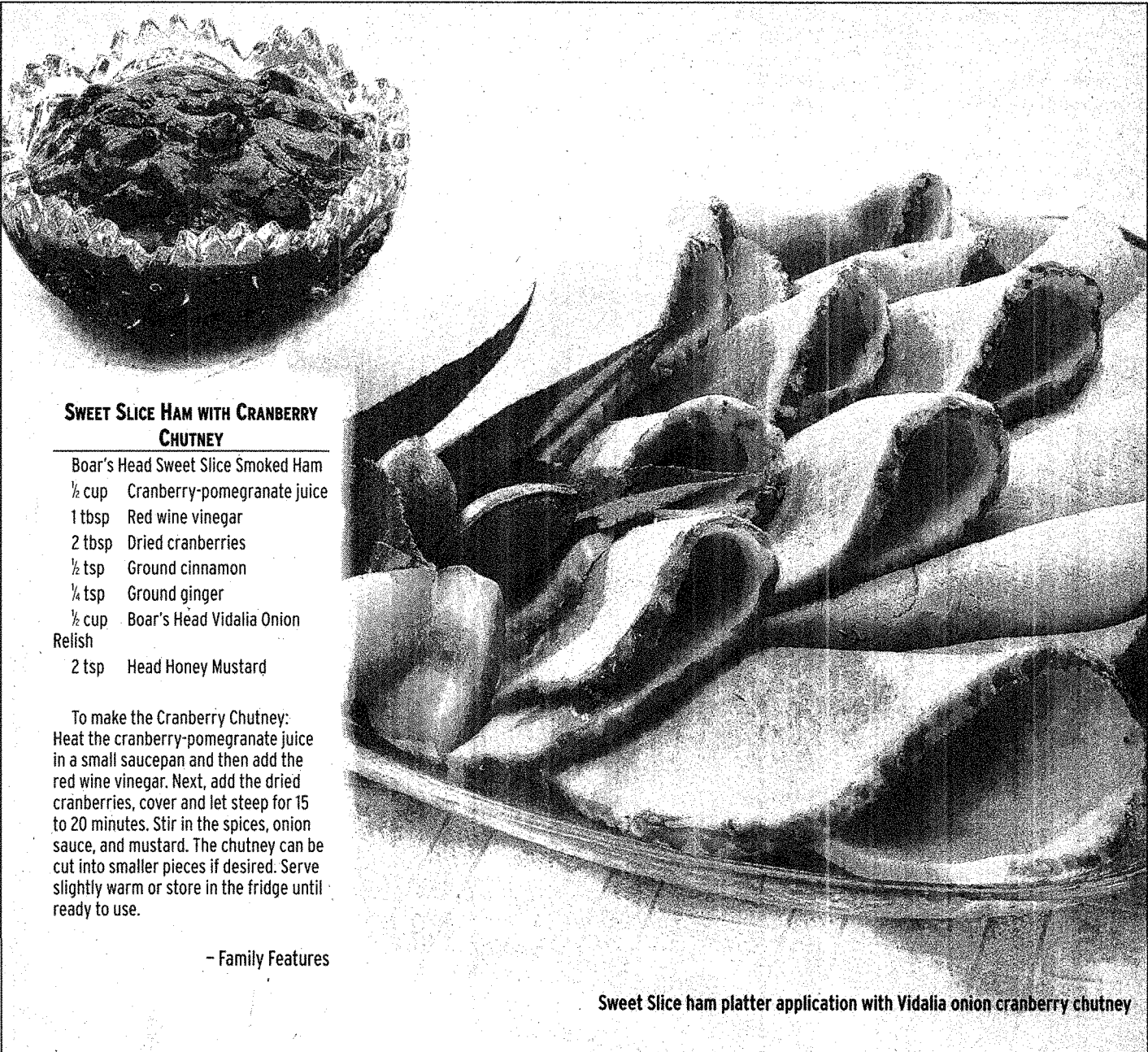
### B: Beverages

When it comes to drinks, keep it simple. Make one signature drink for your party. This will allow you to keep things fun and festive without having to spend the entire night taking drink orders. Create an even more memorable occasion by giving your signature drink a signature name – say Santa Sangria or Mistletoe Martini?

### C: Convenient cuisine

The holiday season is about mixing and mingling. Don't isolate yourself in the kitchen. Save hours of preparation time by taking advantage of the many dishes that come prepared. A fully cooked, ready to heat and serve ham or turkey like Boar's Head Sweet Slice Ham and Oven Roasted Turkey Breast is a great way to ensure a delicious dinner without any mishaps. Never overcooked and seasoned to perfection, these Boar's Head items are great options for a delicious dinner that's stress-free. And, instead of covering the table in sides, keep it simple with a starch and two vegetables. These steps will provide an impressive, hassle-free meal, while allowing you to spend more time with family and friends.

Here is a recipe to serve as an accompaniment for your holiday ham!



**SWEET SLICE HAM WITH CRANBERRY CHUTNEY**

|                                    |                             |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Boar's Head Sweet Slice Smoked Ham |                             |
| ½ cup                              | Cranberry-pomegranate juice |
| 1 tbsp                             | Red wine vinegar            |
| 2 tbsp                             | Dried cranberries           |
| ½ tsp                              | Ground cinnamon             |
| ¼ tsp                              | Ground ginger               |
| ½ cup                              | Boar's Head Vidalia Onion   |
| Relish                             |                             |
| 2 tsp                              | Head Honey Mustard          |

To make the Cranberry Chutney: Heat the cranberry-pomegranate juice in a small saucepan and then add the red wine vinegar. Next, add the dried cranberries, cover and let steep for 15 to 20 minutes. Stir in the spices, onion sauce, and mustard. The chutney can be cut into smaller pieces if desired. Serve slightly warm or store in the fridge until ready to use.

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Sweet Slice ham platter application with Vidalia onion cranberry chutney



# Guess who's coming to dinner?

## A little communication goes a long way when planning for special diets

BY SHARON DARGAY  
OGE STAFF WRITER

Cousin Sarah's a vegan who is sensitive to wheat.

Uncle Bob is allergic to nuts. Your daughter's new boyfriend's a vegetarian who can't stomach gluten.

And they're all invited to Christmas dinner.

What's a hostess to do?

"I've been at both ends of this, being the hostess and the guest," said Caroline Trapp, a Farmington Hills resident, nurse practitioner and diabetes educator. "It's such a caring question when someone says 'do you have any special diet concerns?' The funny thing is, when I'm asked it's usually by someone who doesn't know me at all, so I know they ask all their guests that. Most people who know me know how I eat."

Trapp and her husband both follow a vegan diet, which excludes meat and dairy products. As a dinner hostess, she asks guests about special diet needs while planning an event and offers a variety of foods on the big day.

As a guest, she mentions her diet restrictions when she responds to an invitation and offers to bring a dish to pass. She didn't always speak up, but learned the hard way at a dinner party.

"My husband and I were in an awkward situation," she said, recalling a four-course dinner the couple attended. "All of the courses contained meat or dairy. Our diet became the topic of conversation. You never want to talk about the reasons for not eating animals during someone's carefully-planned meal. The hostess had put so much work into it, it ended up almost wasting food. In retrospect it would have been much better to say something ahead of time."

### BRING A DISH

Val Wilson of Westland trained as a macrobiotic chef, teaches cooking classes and also follows a vegan diet. She says it's

up to the guest to mention their diet needs when they're invited to a dinner party. She always offers to bring a dish to pass.

"The hostess may not have a clue what to do for someone who is vegan. People who aren't vegan may only think about vegetables. You show up at a party and they say, oh I knew you were coming so I made this vegetable tray. Okay. That's a snack. There are grains and beans and all kinds of stuff we eat."

"I pretty much assume if I go to a get together there won't be anything I can eat. When I show up at a party and everyone seems to notice I'm not eating this or that or I've brought my own dish. People always ask questions."

Wilson doesn't use the dinner table as a soap box, but will share her views on healthful foods and cooking if the conversation turns toward her diet.

Jeanie Weaver, who offers an annual vegetarian sampling dinner at the Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church in Plymouth and Linda Main of Canton, a registered dietician at Garden City Hospital, both agree that guests with special dietary needs should offer to bring a dish to a dinner or party.

### ALLERGIES, DIABETES

"If I invited family over and knew someone had an allergy or was vegetarian, I would try to accommodate their preferences," Main said. "I'd at least prepare a dish they could eat and be considerate of their needs. I had some friends whose son had a peanut allergy and I wasn't aware of it. We invited them over for dessert. I think everything I made had peanuts. She had brought something for him but had I known, I would have taken the time to make something suitable for him."

Main said she'd "leave it up to the guest" when it comes to diabetic concerns. Simply cutting sugar out of the dessert or leaving the maple syrup out of the squash casserole doesn't guarantee that a diabetic guest



can eat everything on the menu. Diabetics also carefully regulate how many carbohydrates they consume.

Wilson suggests serving rice, squash or sweet potato — a hearty vegetable or grain — rather than a processed "fake meat" product to a vegan or vegetarian guest.

"Sometimes people go out and buy a fake turkey thing. I've never found any that have good flavor and you end up spending a lot of money when you could just buy sweet potato or squash," Wilson said. "Something that would be simple for them to include would be to take a sweet potato, put it in the oven whole and bake for an hour at 350. Don't put marshmallows on. Let people put whatever they want on. Sweet potatoes are so delicious if you just drizzle oil on it."

Trapp, who has a collection of some 75 vegan and vegetarian cookbooks, offers guests lots of options so they'll find at least one item they can eat.

"A pasta bar often works well with different sauces and different pastas," she said, adding that

variety allows guests to keep their special diet needs private. "For a formal sit-down meal I like to bring something that would work for everyone. I have a spinach lasagna that travels well." She's also considering a white bean and sweet potato stew for the holidays.

"We're invited to a holiday party every year and the hostess has definite ideas about what she wants on the table. I don't want to disrupt her plans for her table, but over the years we've worked it out. I bring a vegetable tray and bean dips and hearty snack crackers or bread, so those of us who don't want to eat meat have something that is filling."

For more about Wilson's cookbook and cooking classes, visit [www.macroval.com](http://www.macroval.com). For more about Weaver's Vegetarian Extravaganza visit [www.veggie-holiday.com](http://www.veggie-holiday.com). Trapp is a member of VegMichigan and Physicians Committee for Responsible

Medicine. She suggests visiting PCRM's 21-day program for a vegan diet at <http://21-day-kickstart.org>. VegMichigan has resources at <http://vegmichigan.org>

### WILD RICE PILAF

By Val Wilson

- 1 1/2 cups brown rice
- 1/2 cup wild rice
- 4 cups water
- 3 Tablespoon tamari
- 4 shiitake mushrooms (soaked)
- 1 onion (diced)
- 3 garlic cloves (minced)
- 2 celery stalks (diced)
- 2 carrots (diced)
- 1 teaspoon thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon rosemary
- 1/2 cup parsley (minced)

Cook the shiitake mushrooms for about 15 minutes in the soaking water. Then drain the water and use it as part of the 4 cups water to cook the rice. Cut mushrooms into thin slices. Pot boil the brown rice and wild rice with the tamari and 4 cups water for one hour. While rice is cooking, saute each of the vegetables in toasted sesame oil for about 5 minutes each. Saute the garlic for only one minute. Saute the mushroom as well. When rice has cooked and the vegetables are all sauteed, mix them together with the thyme, rosemary, and parsley. Bake, covered, at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

### GOLDEN FRUIT SOUP

From Natalie Weaver

- 1 large (46 ounce) can pineapple juice.
- 1/2 cup Minute tapioca
- 1/2 cup golden raisins
- 1 package Raspberry Danish Dessert
- 1 large (46 ounce) can sliced peaches
- 1 large can pineapple tidbits
- 1 (15 ounce) can apricot halves
- 1 (10 ounce) package frozen raspberries

1 small frozen orange juice concentrate

Cook pineapple juice with the tapioca until smooth, add raisins and Danish Dessert while stirring constantly for an additional 5 minutes. Remove from heat and add all fruits along with their juices and frozen orange juice concentrate and any additional sweetener according to taste. Other dried fruits may also be added if you so choose.

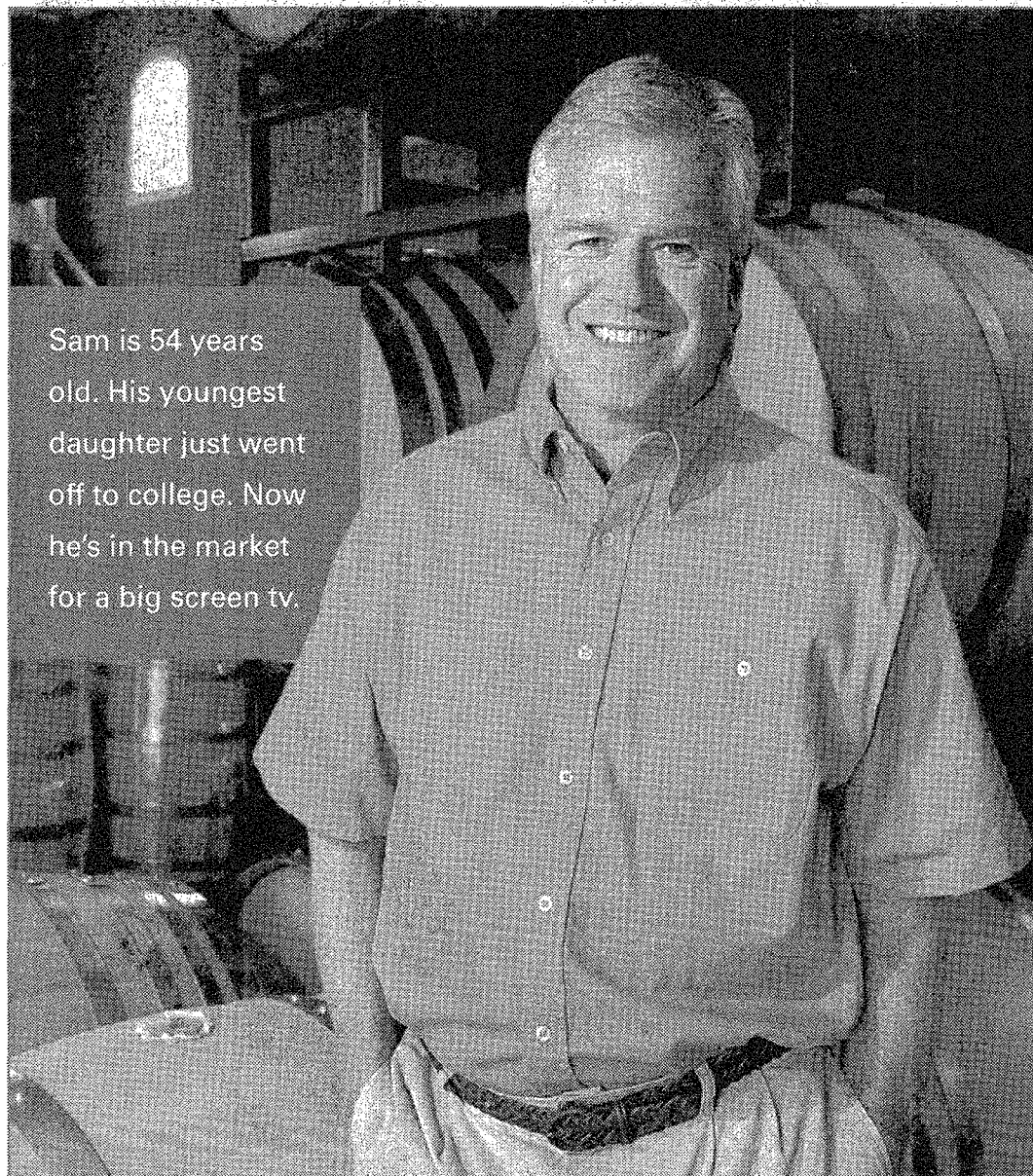
This fruit soup may be served either hot or cold over sliced bananas. May also be used as topping for pound cake or toast. May be topped with a dash of soy cream or whipped topping. Find the Danish Dessert in the pudding aisle of your grocery store.

### PORTOBELLO MUSHROOM STEAKS (VEGAN AND GLUTEN-FREE)

Submitted by Caroline Trapp

- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed garlic
- 4 medium Portobello mushrooms
- Olive oil, as needed
- Salt and pepper
- Minced fresh parsley, chives or scallions for garnish (optional)

Combine ketchup, vinegar, and garlic and set aside. Carefully remove mushroom stems, but leave caps whole. Rinse caps under water, gently rubbing the surface to remove any dirt. Place a thin layer of olive oil in a large skillet and heat over medium-high heat. If you do not have a skillet large enough to comfortably hold all four mushrooms at once, cook them in two batches or use two skillets. Place mushrooms in skillet, stem-side up. Cover and cook about 5 minutes. Turn over, reduce heat to medium, cover and continue to cook until fork-tender in the center, about 5 minutes longer. Season with salt and pepper. Spoon reserved sauce equally over each mushroom. Garnish with fresh herbs, if desired. Serve whole, or slice mushrooms on the bias (with the knife held at an angle).



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- 4 Coffee holder
- 7 Nave neighbor
- 11 Travel preference
- 12 Wheel buy (2 wds.)
- 13 Study late
- 14 High-rise feature
- 16 Part of LAPD
- 17 Colorful parrot
- 18 Freshwater catch
- 20 Keats opus
- 21 Caution
- 23 Folkloric being
- 26 Quite similar
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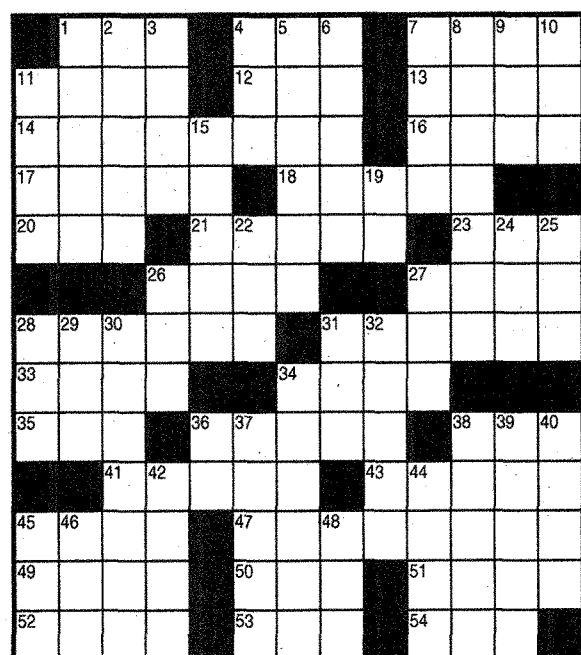
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- 41 Pentium producer
- 43 Blockbuster
- 45 Cone producer
- 47 Livestock danger
- 49 Citrus coolers
- 50 Joanne of "Red River"
- 51 Makes the wrong call
- 52 Light-bulb unit
- 53 Rock concert souvenir
- 54 Farm abode
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- 2 Gun, in a cop show
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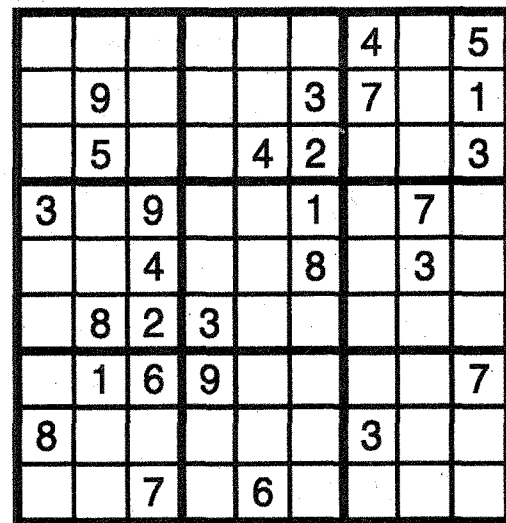
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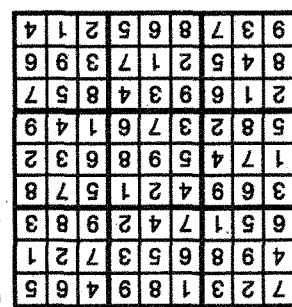
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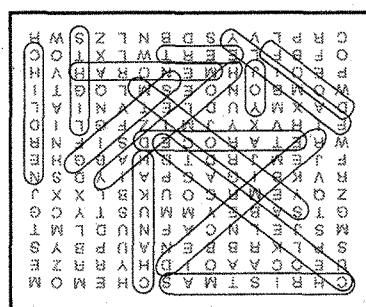
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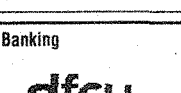


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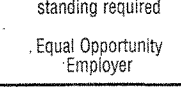
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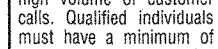
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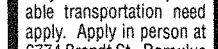
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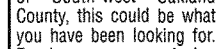


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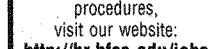


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