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Field fundraiser

Panera Bread recently opened a drive-through window at its Canton cafe, located at 41950 Ford Road.

To celebrate, Panera is asking the community to "drive through for a cause" to help raise funds for Field Elementary School in Canton on Monday, May 2.

Panera will donate 20 percent of drive-through proceeds from customers who present a promotional flier or mention the school with their **purchase**

'We wanted to offer more convenience to the high volume of customers who visit our Canton bakery cafe, so we thought a drive-through would provide the perfect opportunity," said Gary Kimlick, general manager for the Canton Panera Bread bakery-cafe. "We hope everyone will come out to celebrate the grand opening and help support Field Elementary School."

For more information about Field Elementary, call (734) 397-6330.

Earthy open house

Every day is Earth Day at Mechanical Energy Systems of Canton, which hosts its Earth Day Open House 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Staffers will provide tours of the company's working solar showroom featuring a solar hot water system, natural daylighting Solatubes, solar

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District hands out 269 pink slips

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BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

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The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education approved Tuesday the layoffs of 269 teachers as the district continues to deal with an \$18 million deficit in its 2011-12 budget.

The move, among recommendations made by the district's budget committee, had been expected for some time.

Ray Bihun, the district's executive director of human resources, said he expects only about 80 of the layoffs to take effect, meaning some 180 teachers are likely to be brought back. The

layoffs go into effect when each teacher's contract expires. The district's contract with its teachers union requires 60-day notice of potential layoffs, in a procedure done every year.

'We had to take this step to give us the flexibility we need," Bihun said. "No plans have been finalized in terms of closing Fiegel (Elementary) or what courses will be offered. We expect to lay off about 80 teachers, and the rest will be brought back depending on their certification.'

Teacher layoffs and the closing of Fiegel Elementary are the two biggest pieces of the budget plan. Seven of the 80 teacher positions to be lost

will come from Fiegel, if the board decides to go through with the closing.

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Other teachers will be brought back based on the class-size levels and courses the board ultimately decides to offer, Bihun said. That means, he pointed out, that some teachers with lower seniority could be kept because of their qualifications, while more senior teachers could wind up losing their jobs.

"We need to make sure when you start to bring back staff, they can fill the open positions," Supt. Dr. Craig Fiegel said. "We have to do that to play forward."

The board has until June 30 to pass a budget, and discussion is expected at Tuesday's board meeting. Board Trustee Steven Sneideman, a former board president, said he hopes the administration brings back as many teachers as possible.

"This is an incredible number of teachers we have to give notice to today," Sneideman said. "Some (teachers) I know personally are fantastic teachers, and some I don't know personally, but I know are fantastic teachers. I hope we work hard to bring every one of them back.'

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Bite out of crime

Canton K9 to lead dog's life in retirement

BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Lefty, a retiring Canton police dog, seemed a little nervous, almost reluctant, to enter a room where other K9s and their two-legged partners waited to give him a spirited send-off.

It was easy for his friends



Long-awaited fix to Sheldon Center is all ready to go

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Barring an 11th-hour snag, a long-awaited project is expected to begin in mere weeks to reconstruct pothole-riddled Sheldon Center and widen it from two lanes to five from Canton Center to Joy Road.

"It's going to start within the next couple of weeks," Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas predicted Tuesday.

His remarks came as the Canton



Donna Napolitano and Mechanical **Energy Systems in** Canton celebrate the firm's Earth Day open house Saturday.

> participants and show them how they can save money, increase energy efficiency and help save 'Mother Earth.' all at the same time," owner Donna Napolitano said.

For more information, contact Napolitano or Valerie Jenner at (734)453-6746. Mechanical Energy Systems is located at 8130 Canton Center in Canton.

Volunteers needed

Organizers of the annual Christmas in Action event are looking for volunteers.

The Christmas in Action work day is scheduled for Saturday, April 30. Sign-in for volunteers starts at 7:30 a.m. at Canton Township Hall, located at 1150 Canton Center Road in Canton.

The group needs skilled (roofers, carpenters, etc.) and unskilled (yard work, painting, etc.) volunteers.

The work day is likely to run 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and lunch will be served to all volunteers.

For more information, call Jim Cisek, (734) 453-3258.

panting, tail-wagging well-wishers - to seem celebratory. They hadn't yet been forced to retire after working nearly eight years. They hadn't faced that career-crushing, agediscriminating cutoff that pushed Lefty from a thrilling, crime-fighting career into a play-at-home pooch treated like some common dog

"He hates it. He's still ready to go to work," Lefty's partner, Canton Police Officer Daniel Traylor, said. "He gets very high strung. He likes to work.

With his courage intact Tuesday evening, Lefty, a German shepherd, bravely let Traylor lead him into a Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting room where he became the center of attention as K9s and officers from Canton, Westland, Van Buren Township, Melvindale, Brownstown Township, Taylor and St. Joseph Mercy

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Canton Police Officer Daniel Traylor and K9 Lefty receive honors Tuesday for Lefty's retirement after eight years on the job. Township Clerk Terry Bennett, right, read a resolution honoring Lefty. Traylor holds a framed collage of badges and photos given by another officer, Bryan Szostak.

Hospital watched.

Maybe this wasn't so bad, after all, being a star. Could his own reality TV be far behind? He seemed suddenly ready for his close-up.

And doggone it, he got it. "We're here to show support for Dan and Lefty mostly for Lefty," said Westland Police Officer Grant Allen, accompanied by K9 Ty and another Westland pair, Officer Joe Bobby and sidekick Friday. Barb Caruso, executive assistant to Canton Public Safety Director Patrick

Nemecek, brought a boneshaped cake, made with dog-friendly ingredients by Three Dog Bakery of Plymouth, for Lefty and his friends.

Before the cake was cut, township Clerk Terry Bennett read from a framed resolution local officials gave to Lefty for his years of helping Traylor investigate drug cases, robberies, home invasions, assaults and other crimes.

Lefty also has found

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He's had a good run at police work, but now Lefty gets to

Township Board of Trustees agreed to issue and sell \$1.1 million in general-obligation, capital-improvement bonds to pay for the local community's share of the \$5.2 million project spearheaded by Wayne County.

The township intends to sell bonds to generate money it will repay, likely over a 15-year period. Wayne County already has approved its share of funding.

Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara has repeatedly said complaints about the badly deteriorated Sheldon Center area on Canton's north side rank among the top concerns voiced to him by his local constituents.

"I get complaints about that road all the time," McNamara has said.

Residents, business people and Plymouth-Canton school officials have long waited for the project to get started along the one-mile stretch of Sheldon Center/Sheldon Road that curves off from Canton Center and stretches north to Joy.

Within two weeks, Shelby Township-based Florence Cement is expected to move on site to begin

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Cops: Incident a child safety reminder

BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Canton police arrested a 43-year-old man who is facing criminal charges today (Thursday) following allegations he inappropriately touched a 13-year-old girl who had stopped by a pond near a wooded area while riding her bicvcle near Morton Taylor and Ford roads, Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said. The incident prompted Schreiner to issue a warn-

ing to children to beware of strangers, report suspicious activity and, when possible, be accompanied outdoors by friends or family, especially when spending more time outside during warmer months.

"There's strength in numbers," he said.

The girl was riding her bike and had stopped by a pond Saturday afternoon when she was approached by a stranger who later told police he was homeless and passing through Canton.

"The stranger engaged her in conversation," Schreiner said. "He appeared to be friendly, but he inappropriately touched the girl to the point that she eventually broke away, went home and reported the incident to her parents."

The family contacted Canton police, who quickly scoured the area and located a man who matched the

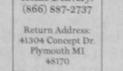
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enjoy his retirement.

LOCAL NEWS

AROUND CANTON

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

Lions Club donations

Date/Time: Friday-Saturday, April 29-30

Location: Kroger on Ford Road and Holiday Market

Details: Canton Lions Club members and Friends of the Lions will be soliciting donations as part of the National White Cane Sale Campaign. Since the Canton Lions Club is an all-volunteer organization, 100 percent of donations go directly to benefit people in the community who are sight- or hearingimpaired.

Contact: For more information or to volunteer, contact Linda Obrec at Obrec@wowway.com or (734) 945-6685.

Chiefette tryouts

Date/Time: May 4-5, 6:30-9 p.m.; May 6, 6-9 p.m.; May 7, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Location: Canton High School Gym Details: The Canton Chiefettes pom pon squad is holding tryouts for its 2011-2012 squad. Potential Chiefettes must have physical dated after April 15, 2011.

Contact: Any questions contact Coach Jen at CoachJenny@cantonchiefettes. com

Slavens coffee

Date/Time: Monday, May 2, 5:30-6:30 p.m.



Farm fundraiser

Real Life of Farm hosts "Children's Day on the Farm" noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, with all proceeds going to Special Days Camps, to benefit cancer patients and their siblings. Activities will include horseback rides, games, raffles, hay rides, food, a petting farm and a bake sale. Tickets are available at Real Life Nursery School; checks should be made out to "Special Days Camps." Children under 2 admitted free. Real Life Farm is located at 48700 Geddes in Canton. For more information, call (734) 495-0833.

Location: Canton Big Boy, 45250 Ford Road in Canton.

Details: State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, invites residents to join her for a cup of coffee and conversation. Slavens hosts regular coffee hours and town hall meetings throughout Canton Township, Belleville and Van Buren Township. Contact: Businesses or organizations interested in hosting an event with Slavens, please call her office toll-free at (888) 347-8021 or e-mail her at DianSlavens@house.mi.gov. Residents also can sign up for Slavens' e-newsletter and take her brief community survey by visiting her website at www.house.mi.gov/

dslavens.

Kindergarten meeting

Date/Time: 5 p.m. Monday, May 2 Location: Canton Charter Academy, 49100 Ford Road in Canton. Details: Canton Charter Academy has scheduled a kindergarten information meeting for prospective parents. Principal Cathy Henkenberns, teachers and staff members will be on hand to present information about the school. The meeting will include an informal question and answer period. Tours of the school will be available. Contact: To RSVP for the meeting, call (734) 453-9517.

Rehab center adapts to women-only facility

The program's social

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each resident to achieve

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Interactive journals, already

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The Salvation Army operates four Adult Rehabilitation Centers in the State of Michigan. Currently, the Grand Rapids Center is the only center to address the specific needs of women in rehabilitation.

But that is about to change. In partnership with the Southeast Michigan ARC in Detroit, the Women's **Rehabilitation Program** in Romulus will become a gender specific, spiritually motivated, work therapy and supportive services program, dedicated to the rehabilitation of women impacted by chemical dependence, and women with identifiable primary and secondary handicaps that have led to disaffiliation from their families and community, Salvation Army officials announced this week.

Deadline looms to honor mom with special meal

The Matt Prentice Restaurant Group wants to honor metro Detroit's greatest Mom with a special Mother's Day Breakfast in Bed, prepared and served by Prentice and his staff.

To enter, explain in 100 words or less why your mom is a personal hero, unique inspiration and why she deserves the star treatment this Mother's Day. Deadline for nominations is May 1.

Entry form and information for the Breakfast in Bed for Mom competition can be found at: http:// mattprenticerg.com/momsday2011.html. Contestants must include a 100-word essay on why they have the are not eligible for the program. The WRP will make every effort to link pregnant women with appropriate resources that meet their specific needs.

"Substance abuse doesn't discriminate when it comes to gender," said Major Julie Aren, currently the Administrator for Programming at the Center. "The need to help women who suffer with substance abuse is greater than ever and we will meet that need right here and right now!"

The residential program typically lasts six months. The program will commence in July of this year. The men presently residing in the program will be transferred to one of the other Michigan centers to continue the program of Rehabilitation and Restoration.

metro area's most deserving mother. The winner must live within a 50-mile radius of zip code 48207 (Detroit). To mail entry, print out the information from the link above and send it with the essay to: Matt Prentice Restaurant Group, Special Mom, 1380 E. Jefferson, Detroit, MI 48207.

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Why a Senior Citizen should <u>NEVER</u> go to a Chiropractor!

Dear Friend,

Mrs. Jones was suffering from years of pain in her back, neck and across the shoulders. Through her youth to adult years, Mrs. Jones was always active. She spent most of her life as an elementary teacher. She even played soft ball and loved to bowl.

In the beginning, her back would ache here and there. Nothing she couldn't handle, but over the years she started to have more and more problems with her back pain. Initially it began in the low back, but it would travel to her shoulders creating carpal tunnel syndrome like symptoms of numbness "After a few adjustments at Dr. Tina's office, I felt relief and I could actually turn my head without using my whole body to move!" - Bob H.

So Mrs. Jones decided to give the chiropractor a try and much to her amazement, she felt better. A whole lot better! The only regret she had was...why the heck did she wait so long?

> Good question. Why would YOU wait so long to try something that may actually help you feel better? The truth is, a senior citizen should *never* go to a chiropractor...unless they want to feel better.

> You should know that the chiropractor is me,



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and tingling, eventually working its way up to her neck giving her the worse headaches she ever had.

Through the years she was told everything from... "just take these pain pills", "don't do certain activities", "try working out", "you're no spring chicken" and the best one was "maybe you're just going through the change of life."

long lasting.

chiropractor?

had to say:

that was it."

Yep, that's right Mrs. Jones heard it all.

She even endured a battery of tests; x-rays, MRI, EMG, L-M-N-O-P, you get the idea.

She did all the recommended therapies and sometimes the result was great, just not

So as fate would have it, she met yet

another doctor. This time she was referred by one of the women, on her bowling

league ... I told you she loved to bowl! This

This doctor was the kind of doctor she was told to "NEVER" go to. Since Mrs. Jones was now a senior, she was told that

Did I mention this doctor is a

Luckily for Mrs. Jones, her bowling

friend told her about the gentle, state-of-the art techniques this chiropractor uses. Her

friend also mentioned that this doctor sees

many other senior patients and is getting great results herself.

Here's what some of the other patients

"I can't believe I suffered so long

"I was told I would just have to live

- Bonnie G.

- Sue F.

with neck and low back pain, when

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help was just up the street."

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patient is if we cannot help you we will not accept you as a patient. I am very realistic in my recommendations and have been in this community long enough to have built a solid reputation. I have seen thousands of patients...yes I look young, but I've been in practice eleven plus years and have had the pleasure of treating many "young" and "vibrant" elderly patients.

Let's be honest, when you feel good, you look good! These ARE and SHOULD be the golden years. Life is short and now is the time to enjoy it!

My assistant is Linda and she is a really great person. Our office is both friendly and warm and we try our best to make you feel at home. We offer a wonderful service. Our office is called **Lakepointe Family Chiropractic** and it is at 42875 Five Mile Rd. (next to the BP gas station). Our phone number is **734-420-1004.** Call Linda or me today for an appointment. We can help you. Thank You!

- Tina Maruszewski, D.C.

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Board set to question SHELDON FROM PAGE AT interim candidates

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

A former deputy superintendent of the State Board of Education is among four candidates - including three internal hopefuls - to become the interim superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Dr. Jeremy Hughes, who also served as the superintendent for Haslett Public Schools (1979-1989) and Dearborn Public Schools (1989-2002). Hughes is one of two candidates produced by Michigan Association of School Boards consultant Dick Dunham, hired by the board to assist with finding an interim superintendent.

Hughes is the only one of the two external candidates Dunham produced to get an interview. The other candidate withdrew from consideration.

The three internal candidates are Kurt Tszkiewicz, who recently moved up to be director of student services after serving as the principal at Tonda Elementary School; James Larson-Shidler, the assistant superintendent for business services; and Phil Freeman, the principal at Pioneer Middle School.

"My sense is we have four good candidates, and we should interview everybody," said Board of Education Treasurer Judy Mardigian. "I

W-W uses sinking fund for libraries, kitchen makeover

BY SUE MASON OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An improving economy played a part in the number of bids and amounts the Wayne-Westland Community Schools received for sinking fund projects at four elementary schools this a year.

The school board has approved 49 bid contracts totaling \$2.4 million for work that will be done at Elliott, Hamilton, Roosevelt-McGrath and Wildwood Elementary Schools this construction season. "I'm comfortable we got good bids with the contractors, many of them have done work with the school district before," said Doug Underwood of McCarthy and Smith Inc, the district's construction manager. "We had 197 bids for the projects which is very good." New libraries will be constructed at Wildwood, Elliott and Hamilton. The work will begin before school is out in June at Elliott and be finished by October, while construction at Wildwood and Hamilton will start after school is out and completed in November. Roosevelt-McGrath will have its kitchen remodeled over the summer, with the food service fund paying for some of the equipment. Underwood added that the cost of the Wildwood construction was up more than expected and that there will be "hurdles" because the work will be done right outside the front door. "We will have to establish and entrance so the kids and the staff have safe access to the school," he said. He added that the district built its first library in 2008, three more in 2009 and now three more. The cost per square foot has gone up. "Some of the increase is in fuel costs, some of the manufacturers are seeing a little rebound and the cost has gone up to cover some of their losses," he said. "The Detroit Public Schools also had seven-eightnine buildings out for bid and that affected some of the bids."

think we should move ahead quickly."

Interviews are scheduled to begin 5 p.m. Wednesday at the E.J. McClendon Education Center, 454 S. Harvey, in Plymouth. Each candidate is expected to be interviewed for some 50 minutes.

The board had previously decided to seek an interim superintendent, and hired the MASB to help in the process. The interim is expected to serve until sometime after July 1, when the board is expected to begin the search for a permanent replacement for Dr. Craig Fiegel.

Dunham found the two external candidates "through his professional experience," Board of Education president John Jackson told trustees at Tuesday's school board meeting. Board members asked Jackson to request the MASB repost the position in an effort to attract any other potential external candidates

"I'd be remiss if I didn't say I'm disappointed we only got one external candidate," trustee Steven Sneideman said. "I don't know of a reason why that would be, although I could think of a few.

Several board members have talked in recent weeks about the need to hire an interim superintendent as a means to facilitate a healing process for the board, which has been fractured on many issues over the last several months.

"I'm excited about the candidate pool ... we have a lot of talent in this district," board vice president Dianne Gonzalez said. "I'm excited about moving forward as a district and healing as a board."

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efforts such as clearing trees, Faas said.

"I would say by June 1 the project will be full-speed ahead," he said.

Road crews hope to keep a lane of traffic flowing in both directions as the project unfolds, Faas said. Project officials have indicated that the reconstructed and widened road could potentially be ready for traffic within eight months.

"They hope to have it open to traffic by the end of the year," Faas said.

If that happens, it would leave site restoration until the spring season.

Faas has described Sheldon Center as "definitely one of the worst roads in Canton."

Aside from the widening and reconstruction:

· The small east-west connector that runs between Sheldon Center and Sheldon Road will be widened from two lanes to three to accommodate a new traffic configuration.

• A small north-south stretch of Sheldon, just south of where Sheldon



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meets Sheldon Center, will be removed and turned into green space, and traffic on northbound Sheldon will be routed a little sooner over to Sheldon Center.

• A traffic light near Gallimore Elementary School will be relocated further south to Sheldon Center and the

east-west connector, providing what school officials have said is needed traffic relief near the school

 Businesses will remain open during the project, but some driveways could be altered.

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According to Deputy Superintendent Gary Martin, the bidding awards is the middle step in the process.

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Police to replace security system

BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Canton police will replace a deteriorating security system to enable video cameras - already installed - to better capture and record activity inside and around the township police station, a move officials say will heighten security and protect against false claims of improper treatment of prisoners.

The new system will allow jail employees to better monitor activity in jail cells, prisoner booking areas, interview rooms where police interview suspects and victims, hallways and parking lots, Deputy Chief Robert Kerr said.

The system also will provide crisper jail footage and give authorities the capacity to expand beyond the 50-plus video cameras already in use, Kerr said.

"It covers our liability when we get things on tape, and it documents incidents factually," he said.

Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek said the security system helps protect police against false accusations, much like video cameras installed in patrol cars. He said police agencies have found themselves targeted by an increasing number of legal claims

"It's just become more and more and more," Nemecek said Tuesday, on the same evening the Canton Township Board of Trustees agreed to upgrade the video security system.

The department's current, decade-old system has become dclem@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-2238

problematic, officials say, and two of three digital video servers have rapidly deteriorated.

"It's outdated and limited in capacity for what we can add to it," Kerr said.

The new system comes after the Canton Police Department last year finished a cell-block expansion project that had become necessary as the number of arrests had increased. The new Windows-based

security system will increase the capacity for dispatchers to monitor activity, Kerr said. It also will allow officials to easily beef up video camera usage in other buildings and potentially in public places such as parks, Nemecek said.

Police officials plan to install new software and hardware to support existing video cameras following a vote of support Tuesday night by the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

The new system, ExacqVision NVR, will be bought for \$19,755 from Shelby Township-based Interstate Security, Inc., after the township received six bids and chose the company that officials said offered the kind of equipment the Canton Police Department needed.

Township officials already had budgeted \$10,000 for the purchase, though the cost rose to \$19,755 as officials realized a larger-scale upgrade was needed.

The remaining \$9,755 will come from drug forfeiture funds - money and property police seize during drug-related cases.

Armed robbery

A man told police he was robbed by a suspect who had a gun shortly after 2 p.m. April 19 on Honeytree, in the Crossings of Canton apartment complex southeast of Joy Road and I-275.

A man who was taking trash to a Dumpster was approached by another male he had spoken with a couple days earlier - and the male asked him to get in the car.

At that time, according to a police report, the driver pulled a silver handgun out of his hoody pocket, put it on his lap with the barrel facing the victim and asked him for money.

The victim told him that he didn't have money, but the suspect insisted, prompting the victim to hand over \$400 and his cell phone.

The suspect then ordered the victim out of the car. The suspect was described as a light-skinned black male in his early 20s with a mustache and short hair. He was described as thin, 5-foot-11 and 170 pounds.

The victim said the suspect a couple days earlier had talked with him and asked him "if he was a gang-banger," according to police reports. The victim also said the suspect asked him if he needed drugs, and he said he told him he didn't.

House party

A Canton man who told his two children not to have a house party while he was out of town meant it prompting him to contact local police when he learned they hadn't obeyed him.

The father, accompanied by a daughter, went to the front desk of the police department to report that the house party had occurred overnight and into the early morning hours of Friday in the 7500 block of Corbett, northeast of Warren and Morton Taylor.

He returned home to find \$40 in cash missing, 300 returnable cans gone that he had collected for a fundraiser, a set of broken window blinds, damaged bathroom tile and alcohol missing from the basement, where a shelf also had been broken.

CRIME WATCH

The man told police he didn't want to prosecute, but he had gotten a list of those who attended the house party and asked authorities to notify their parents of what had happened.

Glock magazine

Police went to the IKEA store at Ford after an employee reported that a black, .40-caliber "Glock" handgun magazine had been found in the restaurant area of the store shortly after 4 p.m. Friday.

The magazine had nine bullets. No one had claimed it or reported losing a gun, the employee told police. Police confiscated the weapon.

Brass knuckles

Police arrested a man for having brass knuckles after they responded to reports of a suspicious situation in the 8600 area of Brookepark, near an apartment building southwest of Joy Road and I-275.

Officers had received a call about a suspicious vehicle with occupants parked near the Dumpsters. The caller had seen the situation repeated and wondered if it might involve illegal activity, possibly drug sales.

Police didn't find drugs. However, one male among the occupants was arrested after police found a pair of brass knuckles in the middle console of the vehicle. The suspect told police he was driving his father's vehicle but the weapon belonged to his brother.

He told police his brother had asked him to take the brass knuckles home for him. He was taken into custody for possession of a dangerous weapon and ultimately given a ticket and a court date.

Gas guzzled

An employee of the BP gas station on the southeast corner of Cherry Hill and Canton Center notified police after a driver in an SUV, possibly a GMC, drove off without paying for \$87.27 in gasoline.

The employee said a white male suspect came in, told him he wanted to fill up and asked him to turn the pump on, which he did. The suspect said he

was returning to the store to buy some items.

The employee said the store got busy and he looked up to see the suspect driving off. He described him as a white male wearing jeans, a dark jacket and sandals. The suspect had dark hair and a goatee.

Focus filched

A woman who lives in the 1400 block of Hampshire, northwest of Haggerty and Palmer, notified police after she said someone stole her 2010 Ford Focus while it was parked in a driveway of the location. She said she has the keys to the car and she wasn't late on payments.

Rim robbery

A woman who lives at The Crossings, an apartment complex southeast of Joy Road and I-275, told police someone put her 2008 Ford Fusion on landscaping blocks and stole the wheels and rims.

The woman said the theft occurred between 7:30 p.m. last Thursday and 8 a.m. Friday.

Police arrived and found the vehicle resting on four light brown landscaping blocks. The woman told police she was leasing the vehicle.

License lockup

Canton police took a man into custody for several driver's license suspensions during a routine traffic stop about 2:10 a.m. Monday along Ford near Sheldon.

Police saw a gold Buick leave the Meijer and meander slowly along Ford Road with its hazard lights on, a police report said. The driver pulled into the Hidden Glen condominiums and the male driver got out, along with a female passenger.

They told police the car was giving them problems, and police learned that the driver's license had been suspended repeatedly for unpaid tickets. He was taken into custody and was facing court proceedings.

Compiled by Staff Writer Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.







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Store helps students understand significance of money, budget

BY SUE MASON **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Chin Ho had to admit it was "getting scary."

A male model, Ho was watching his \$1,300 per month salary and \$500 in savings evaporate before his eyes as the reality of making ends meet set in. By the time he had factored in food, clothing, utilities, health care and unexpected expenses, Ho was \$651 in the red, but "I've got \$88 in savings."

"I've learned your money can go down fast and you can't make it up," said the Garden City Middle School eighthgrader who participated in Reality Store put on by the Canton Women's Connection.

Held early this month, the program has students select a career and family dynamic and armed with a checkbook ledger and an assigned monthly salary, they work their way through various stations to get "a dose of reality."

Ho had an idea that he wouldn't fare well. As he checked in with Sue White of Canton, she let him know: "It's very difficult to make money as a model, so you have a small salary. You're going to be way in the negative. I don't want you to be discouraged."

For more than four years, the women's club, formerly the Canton BPW, has brought the



Garden City Middle School eighth-grader Diane Wylie learns what it takes to be able to afford housing with the help of volunteer Debbie Meyer at the Canton Women's Connection Reality Store.

Reality Store to the Garden City Middle School. According to White, the connection was made through Schoolcraft College.

Garden City Middle School is one of five stops the store will make this year. Getting a dose of reality will be students as Discovery and East and West Middle Schools in the Plymouth-Canton school district and Clarenceville High School

"A lot of students chose to be doctors and lawyers," said White. "The kids are a hoot, but they do get into it. When they're done, they compare notes."

MAKING CHOICES

Ho's stats included being married. He chose a onebedroom apartment (\$600 per month) with \$30 for

insurance, a cell phone (\$30), cable/Internet (\$25) and a used car (\$150 per month plus \$70 in insurance). He opted to buy store brand food (\$300 a month), buy his clothing at Target and Kmart (\$100 per month) and spend a combined \$90 on personal care for he and his wife. Medical insurance came in at \$360 a month plus an additional \$16 a month for life insurance.

He was \$601 in the hole when he faced his first reality check - a \$422 bill for treatment and hospital stay due to a diabetic reaction to insulin. Without insurance, the bill would have been \$4,223. Ho covered the expense by transferring money from his savings account.

"I'm surprised you're not more in debt than you are," said retired Garden City teacher

Karen Kossach. "I used to teach life management, hopefully they learn from this.'

LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Collin Payne chose to be an attorney, but even with a monthly income of more than \$2,000, he ended up \$255 in the hole although he still had the \$500 in savings.

"I didn't like the fact that I couldn't purchase clothes for myself at Abercrombie & Fitch for myself and Kmart. and Target for my kid," Payne said. "I'm not going to spend that kind of money on clothes they're going to grow out of."

Club members and volunteers help man the stations. One volunteer was Jessica Pezzopane, a Garden City graduate who thinks it's very informative.

"I want to go through it, I think it would be a shock," she said. "I still live at home with my parents. I see this and it surprises me. I don't know what the cost of insurance is. I can see it coming up on me.'

And while the eighth-graders visited the Reality Store, the seventh-graders had the opportunity to hear from four of the 14 professionals during their second- and third-period classes. Among the professions represented are a meteorologist, veterinarian, U.S. Border Patrol agent and hospital administrator.



missing people, helped Traylor rescue a suicidal woman, investigated a drive-by shooting in Washtenaw County, searched buildings for suspicious activity and gone on more than 25 S.W.A.T. missions involving barricaded gunmen and other bad guys.

Lefty also has helped Traylor control crowds at events such as Liberty Fest, and he has

been a longtime member of the Western Wayne Special Operations Team. "They work as a team," Bennett said. "They work

together as one." Bennett presented Lefty with a police badge on a chain, the framed resolution honoring his work, a framed photo, his first retirement-era dog license, a membership to a Canton dog park that opens May 20 in the Cherry Hill Village area and — what!? — a cushioned doggie bed. When Bennett placed the

cushion on the floor, Lefty clumsily moved around it before he decided to lie down - resigned once again to his forced retirement.

Canton's other K9-owning officer, Bryan Szostak, gave Lefty and Traylor a framed collage of photos and badges. Finally, it was time for Traylor to get some attention, as Szostak commended him for serving as a trainer at the K9 Academy training facility in Wayne, teaching officers to work with their dogs.

With Lefty's retirement,

Traylor will return to regular police work, replaced by Officer Ken Robinson and new K9 Thor. Yet, as is custom, Lefty will continue to live with Traylor and his family, as he has done since the two became crime-fighting partners.

"He's my dog," Traylor said, outside Tuesday's meeting room. "He's not going to be anybody else's dog.' With that, Lefty looked up

at him. Maybe retirement

won't be so bad, after all. dclem@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-2238 CANTON PUBLIC SAFETY

K9 Lefty and Officer Daniel Traylor receive honors Tuesday as Lefty enters his retirement. Township Clerk Terry Bennett, right, said the two have been a real team during Lefty's eight-year tenure.

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Detroit Tigers pitch Miracle SAFETY FROM PAGE AT League grant challenge teenager.

BY MATT JACHMAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

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It's the equivalent of a gamewinning grand slam in the bottom of the ninth.

The Miracle League of Plymouth, which is planning to break ground later this month for a \$500,000 baseball field designed for use by players with special needs, announced Wednesday a challenge grant from the Detroit Tigers organization, which will donate \$40,000 if an identical amount can be raised by December.

"We really scored big in teaming up with the Detroit Tigers," said Bob Bilkie, cochair of the Miracle League of Plymouth.

The Tigers' name adds further credibility to the Miracle League's drive, and the money would take the campaign closer to its goal of \$1.1 million, which includes construction of a field behind Central Middle School and an endowment fund for future maintenance of the facility.

"Their partnership going forward will provide the necessary attention that will help us raise money" and help more children, Bilkie said in an interview.

With about \$810,000 already raised, and money still coming in, the Miracle League should have no trouble meeting the Tigers' challenge - especially after a \$25,000 pledge from Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth Township. Other, smaller pledges toward the Tigers' challenge have also been made



An architect's concept on what could be built at the Miracle League of Plymouth's ballfield for special-needs children. The Miracle League is scheduled to break ground on the \$500,000 field Friday.

"This is a really big deal for special-needs children, their families and our community We are happy to be a part of it," said Scott LaRiche, the dealership's vice president.

Jordan Field, director of the Tigers Foundation, said the ballclub was also happy to help

"The Detroit Tigers Foundation stands arm-inarm with the Miracle League of Plymouth," Field wrote in a press release. "We support the organization's desire to improve its community, particularly with baseball as the central ingredient."

Deb Madonna, who shares Miracle League co-chair duties with Bilkie, said that while she was confident the group could raise the money needed, it's happening faster than expected. The campaign was announced about a year ago

"We never thought we'd be here," Madonna said. "That was always later. We were just fortunate."

The Miracle League has brought together a wide variety of community organizations and individuals for its fundraising campaign, and has moved many people to volunteer as "buddies" to help specialneeds players once the field is built, Madonna said. The Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., Madonna said, signed on early and gave the drive legitimacy with other organizations.

Bilkie, who said he was motivated to volunteer because of a passion for baseball and a desire to throw himself into a service project, likens the drive to a group of kids heading to the playground, picking up other players as they near the field, for an informal game.

description provided by the

"It's terrible that a kid is preyed upon and that this happens," Schreiner said, "but the police officers were thankfully out there doing their jobs and found this guy."

The suspect is facing three counts of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct, a high misdemeanor that carries a two-year prison term. He also is facing charges as a fourthdegree habitual offender, meaning any penalties could be enhanced.

Police learned that the man was a parole absconder who was wanted by the Michigan Department of Corrections. Along with facing new charges, the suspect could be returned to prison for violating his parole for a robbery incident.

The girl provided a detailed account of what allegedly happened and gave police a description that helped lead to the suspect's arrest. He hadn't been arraigned as of late Wednesday afternoon.

Schreiner said parents or guardians should consider having a conversation with their children to warn them of potential dangers when they are away from home, especially when approached by a suspicious stranger.

He commended the girl for fleeing the scene and reporting the incident.

"She did the right thing," she said.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS



Big Apple Bagels in Canton will be participating in a national 65 Roses campaign with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation through May 31.

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Relay fundraiser

RepairClinic.com Outreach is hosting a "Bowling for a Cure" fundraiser for Relay for Life of Canton.

It will be held on Saturday, May 7, from 6-9 p.m. at Vision Lanes in Westland. For a generous donation of \$20 each, one will receive three games of bowling, shoe rental, and pizza and pop. There will be lots of door prizes, raffles, and a 50/50 drawing.

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But what exactly are those

They've been appearing in magazines, marketing cam-

paigns and - if you own a

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QR codes - short for quick response codes — and these codes are certainly catching on quickly. They've been around for years, but didn't start to make waves until Blackberry started integrating them into its Blackberry Messenger system.

Blackberry Messenger is a chat application used like text messages, but it has fewer restrictions. Users can send longer messages, embed pictures, video and voice data, create profiles and add friends to groups. Of course, the system is only available on the

wants to get the contact information of, say, a new client, they can pull up the messenger system and scan another Blackberry user's bar code. Instantly, all of the new client's information will be input into the other person's Blackberry. It eliminates the need to type in a name, workplace, multiple numbers and e-mail addresses. It even, in some aspects,



can replace the business card. QR codes aren't unique to the Blackberry. All

smartphones

site and scan my flight's QR code to track my flight's progress and see if it was on time. For the return trip, I was able to do the same to avoid waiting too long at Metro Airport for a delayed flight.

able to go to my airline's web-

I've also spotted QR codes on business cards, in magazine ads and even on a dinner menu because they are so easy to read using a smartphone device.

Better yet, QR codes are easy to generate, so if you wanted to create one to post on your website as a digital business card, or to put on your blog, or just on your wall to look hip and trendy, you can do so.

If you want to create a QR code, http://qrcode.kaywa. com/ is an easy site to use. I built my QR code in less than two minutes - but it only took that long because I didn't know what information to add. In the end, I decided to create a QR code containing the tag line that is usually at the end of my columns. So if I did a good enough job teaching about QR codes, you can scan my code below to see my tag line and contact information.





Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

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Understanding those funky bar codes

code reader applications. And they have more widespread benefits than quickly

gathering someone's contact information. They are quickly becoming

a go-to feature for advertisers and companies to spread information to their readers and customers. Of course to benefit from the wealth of information QR codes possess, you first need to download a code reader application.

Blackberry users can try one of the many free code reader apps available at Blackberryappworld.com or within the Blackberry App World app. Check the reviews to make sure you are downloading a worthwhile product, as some of the apps don't always work so well.

iPhone and Droid users can visit their app stores and simply search the database for QR code readers; however, I hear Optiscan and Mark Reader are among the best.

Once you have downloaded and installed the QR code reader on your phone, you are now ready to scan any code anywhere - and believe me, they will be everywhere.

Earlier this month I took a trip to Las Vegas and I was

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The phrase "65 Roses" was adopted by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation because it is what "Cystic Fibrosis" sounds like to a small child and has historically been used by children of all ages to describe their disease. Fundraising efforts in select Big Apple Bagels and My Favorite Muffin restaurants will include sales of \$1 pin-ups and 65 Roses-themed coffee travel mugs.

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Big Apple Bagels will be participating in a

Fibrosis Foundation. The campaign launched

on April 8 and will continue through May 31. As "proud members of the Canton communi-

"At Big Apple Bagels in Canton, we want

embraced our business, by helping the search

brave and we are happy to help in any way that

for a cure to this terrible disease," they said. "The children who battle cystic fibrosis are so

to give back to our community which has

ty," Big Apple Bagels owners Dennis Griffin and Glenn Nenninger said they're "proud to help

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One hundred percent of the proceeds from the pin-up sales and \$1 per travel mug sold will be donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A Howe Auto building 'Body' of work

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

Howe: Collision repair of vehicle to factory condition, complete auto detail, customer satisfaction guaranteed for life

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

Howe: Mark opened Howe Collision on Wayne Road in Westland, in 1981, which is now owned by siblings. Observer: Why did you choose Plymouth?

Howe: He started and opened Howe Auto Body in Plymouth, because of his love of the work and goals to continue to be successful. Knowing that the demand and availability for a top of the line collision repair facility, was needed in this area. Observer: What makes your business unique?

Howe: We treat each customer individually and carefully, to make the repair of his or her vehicle an easy experience. Observer: How has it changed

since it opened?

Howe: The changes that we have made over the year are mainly expansion. We started out rented a space in part of our building, and expanded into the entire building. We also rent an additional building behind



Howe Auto Body started out renting a space in part of our building, then expanded into the entire building. The shop also rents an additional building behind our lot to house two more body technicians.

DETAILS

Business name: Howe Auto Body **Business address:** 920 N.Holbrook, Plymouth Business opened: June 1992 Number of employees: 13 Your business specialty: Complete guarantee of impeccable collision repair Hours: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday Business phone | Website: (734) 451-2808 | www.howeautobody. com

our lot to house two more body technicians and have renovated and office on the north side of our lot to accommodate not only the office personnel, but provide a comfortable waiting area for our customers. Observer: Do you have a tidbit to

share with other business owners? Howe: We are asked occasionally if we are related to Gordie Howe! Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Howe: The economy has slowed business in the last two years for a lot of people, but we have remained constant in our sales, due to a good reputations, direct repair referrals from insurance companies and work referred from Saturn and Victory Honda of Plymouth Observer: Do you have any advice for other small-business owners?

Howe: Word of mouth and customer satisfaction mean everything to a business.

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DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH Businesses feel settling in Old Village 'meant to be' Ann Arbor Rd

BY HELEN NIEMIEC CORRESPONDENT

It's a feeling of kismet that the universe was speaking to them as owners sought locations for their businesses or an opportunity opened and it happened to be within the confines of the quaint and eclectic Plymouth Old Village

There's no envy for not being in the bustling downtown or even in another community. The proprietors say there is no place else on Earth they would want to be. Businesses are doing well and they are well-supported by the homeowners nearby.

It's no surprise the Old Village Association positions itself as a unique enclave. Banners identify the business district and proprietors support the association, with its board of both business owners and homeowners, to come up with marketing ideas as well as work on special events that draw people into the region and also serve as fundraisers for improvement plans.

Norman Rockwell could have painted in Old Village. There's the barbershop with a flag pole on one side of the door and a barber's pole on the other. The pets of owners nap in the corners of the shops during the workday. Bars and restaurants are a part of the community, with homeowners coming in and asking for "the usual" and the servers always knowing what that is.

LOYAL CUSTOMERS

Shaun Seabolt, who owns the Old Village Market with her dad Patrick Stempien, has one of those businesses with a loyal customer base. They bought the business three years ago.

"Originally I wanted to open a coffee shop," Seabolt said. "My dad saw an ad for this business being up for sale and I said, 'No way.' Then I came in and saw it — and I wanted it.

Old Village Market has the original flooring and the original tin ceiling.

She works days, her father works nights and they alternate weekends at the store. There also is some wiggle room in the hours. If an emergency comes up at one of the schools her two children attend, she puts a sign on the door that she'll be back in an hour. Then people stop in to ask if everything is OK.

"I love it here," she said. "If I could, I would move here, but there's nothing available."

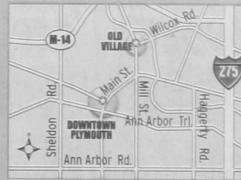
Plymouth Jewelry & Gifts opened on Starkweather 24 years ago, expanding along the way. Owner Kevin Felts bought the building and has a large showroom plus a visible work area for master jewelry designer Cass Maiorani, storage, plus plenty of windows.

His brother, Patrick, has worked there since the beginning.

"Our customer base has grown through word of mouth," Patrick Felts said. "People liked our work and liked our custom items. They tell us we're the most trusted custom jeweler. If you



Old Village prides itself on its guaint feel, complete with vintage architecture.



OLD VILLAGE EVENTS

Here are some upcoming special events for which Old Village is becoming known:

 Yard Sale & Trunk Show – Yard sale throughout the district; trunk show at Station 885, Saturday, May 7

 Bumpers, Bikes and Bands – Car show, motorcycle show and blues bands, Sunday, July 17 BarkToberfest – Dog walk and other activities, Sunday, Oct. 1

· Halloween - Family holiday event, trick-or-treating, Sunday, Oct. 30

For more information on events, visit the Plymouth Old Village website at www.oldvillageplymouth.com.

Most of her time in the studio is spent editing photos she's taken or ordering books or more equipment, since her clients come by appointment. Her two Chihuahuas accompany her to work and she finds it relaxing.

"I'm just starting out, but I want to expand," she said. While she isn't very active with the OVA because she works on weekends, she does like to photograph some of the events. She shot the Halloween event last year and has her photos on the association website.

HOME AND WORK

In the same Victorian house, the section facing Mill, is Patrick Kelleher and his new business, headfirstConcepts, an advertising and marketing service. Working in Dearborn, Kelleher and his wife moved to Old Village in 2005. When he decided to start his own company, he knew the only site he'd choose would be office space in Old Village.

"When we moved into our place, we met all our neighbors before we even unloaded our moving van," Kelleher said. "That was quite a feeling, so there wasn't a question of where the business would go."

The bright yellow house on the corner of Mill and Liberty houses Amici Italian Bistro, purchased by Jeff and Jay Lindsey nearly two years ago. The house itself is 160 years old and has ties to the Underground Railroad, Jeff Lindsey noted.

"The house has an interesting history," he said. He and his brother had been in and out of the restaurant business all their lives. He had kept his eye on the building in Old Village and when the previous restaurant in it closed, he saw his

opportunity and they purchased it. "I love this area," Jeff Lindsey said. "We're definitely a neighborhood bistro. This is such a walkable area.

He, too, awaits an improvement in the economy so he can expand services a bit. With the support of local diners and positive word-ofmouth, the bistro is holding its own

buy it here, chances are you don't see anything like it anywhere else."

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

Kevin Felts said he entertained the idea of moving when he rented the space, but when, the building went up for sale, he jumped at the opportunity to be his own landlord and grow his business in Old Village.

The harsh economy slowed business, but Felts said they never worried about shutting the doors. Owning the building plus having a good inventory helped them ride out the tide.

"If you're a destination business, you don't have to be in a downtown. People get comfortable with us and they tell other people. A high percentage of our business is referrals," Kevin

Felts said.

He said having Maiorani is a definite plus. Maiorani started working at the jewelry store when he was 16. Now in his 40s, he had earned degrees in graphic design and sculpture, both used as he creates the wax molds that become rings and other pieces. He's won multiple awards for his work.

The shop also does jewelry repairs and appraisals.

J. Karen Kelchak, owner of Old Village Bookshop, loves books and loves Old Village. The bookstore originally was located a few blocks away for more than 20 years and Kelchak worked there when she left her paralegal position.

"It happened serendipitously," she said. "My goal was to get a part-time job in a bookstore and write the great American novel. People make plans and God laughs.'

When the owner wanted to sell the store, Kelchak bought it and then moved it to its current Starkweather location. "It just fell into place because it was meant to be," she said.

BETTER SUITED

She acknowledges her popular shop is more suited to Old Village than a downtown, because she sells used books but has a devoted following. The bad economy slowed her business, but she said her steady customers still came in, though they may have purchased fewer books than they had in the past.

"Buying the store was great fun and a real creative experience," Kelchak said.

Her working "associates" are her cats, Fran and Zooey, named after the title of a J.D. Salinger novel.

Several business owners pointed out that, more than 10 years ago, there were many antique shops in the association. Now they are gone and have been replaced by salons and art galleries. Many are located on North Mill Street, where turn-of-the-century wooden homes now serve as space for those services, as



A door at The Funky Monkey Boutique.

well as for attorneys, accountants and psychologists.

Pam Free, of Freestyle Salon on North Mill, is one of the salons that opened in a former antique store. Her opening didn't go off as planned, since her first day in business was Sept. 11, 2001. Despite the auspiciousness of the day, the business got off to a good start.

"I was self-employed and looking to open my own shop," Free said. "I drove by and this building was available. It was just meant to be.

With a capacity for six chairs and a little boutique, Free slowly expanded her offerings to full hair and nail service.

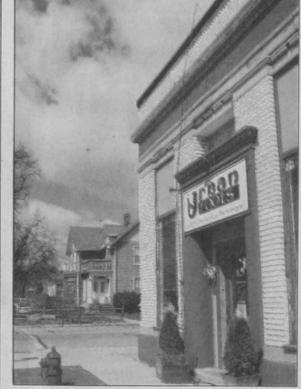
"I love Old Village. I like being here. It's quaint and it's a destination," she said. "I have no intention of leaving Plymouth.'

She knows there are a number of salons in Plymouth, but said that doesn't hurt any individual personal service business. "There are a lot of people in Plymouth so there's enough for everybody," Free said.

LIBERTY STREET

Liberty Street is another street of interest, with a variety of business, including Liberty Brewing Co., where imbibers can watch their brews being made, and Hermann's Old Town Grill. Also on that street is Yer Grampa's Mustash, owned by Greg Huddas. His is another tale of serendipity.

He attended Henry Ford Community College



Urban Roots Salon and Funky Boutique is on Liberty Street, Old Village's downtown.

and worked at the General Motors Archives when he was drafted. After two tours in Vietnam, he came back to Michigan and found the winter too cold after his time in Asia. He and several Army buddies took their motorcycles to Florida and then to California, where he spent five years doing "a little of everything."

When Huddas returned to Michigan, he saw that Curly Gray was selling the barbershop that he opened in 1927. What he thought would be a short visit here to see his family turned out to be the start of a 38-year career.

"There's a lot of history in this shop," he said. Though he knows he won't stay in the business too much longer, he does enjoy his customers and the new businesses developing in Old Village.

"Old Village is changing a lot. There's good traffic. With the new types of businesses, it's still bringing people in," he said.

He said the changes have been to the good: "It's cool to have a brewery in town."

Across the street from him are two "newcomers" to the Village. Tamara Ward just opened her Silver Thumb photography office in September. Growing up, she lived in Belleville and Canton, but her grandmother lived in Plymouth. As a wedding photographer, her usual territory spans from Detroit to Ann Arbor, with Plymouth right in the middle.

"I live three blocks from my office. It's just great. I love Old Village," Ward said.

The neighbors definitely have made an impact on Lindsey. He said he's had such nice gestures from neighbors welcoming them to the area, but from customers as well.

"In more than 10 years, I've never had this happen anywhere else," he said. "Not once, but twice, customers have had their meals, paid the bills and then come back later because they thought we made an error and didn't charge them enough. Where else would that happen?"

IDEAL LOCATION

The customers said they didn't want to short the business because they wanted to make sure they stayed in the city, mainly because of the fresh sauces, soups and dressings plus homemade desserts that come from the Amici kitchen.

Robert Costanza, part of the family that has owned Station 885 for 26 years this August, says its location is ideal for a family friendly restaurant. The windows allow patrons to view passing trains only yards away and a toy train glides along the track just below the ceiling.

"It's been tough the last few years, but we're working through it," he said. "We offer good food at reasonable prices, plus our customers have come here for years. It's a symbiotic relationship we have with the neighborhood. We're part of them; they're part of us.'

Station 885 was up for sale those years ago and his father, Jerry, had worked for Elias Brothers, owning six franchises, but Costanza wanted to have something a little different and had never owned an establishment with a liquor license, so he wanted to give it a try.

"All the pieces just fell into place," he said. "He wanted to do it. My brother (also named Jerry) and I were young so we could work the long hours to make a new business work. As soon as we opened, we got involved with the chamber of commerce. We just love Plymouth."

His long-time customers often ask if he can whip up a dish that used to be on the menu but isn't anymore. "We never say no. If we have the ingredients, we can make it. Our customers know what they like about our restaurant and we're here to please them," Costanza said.

With the economy slowly improving, he said that he's hoping to see increases in his catering and banquet services, but is satisfied with the continued business he has in the dining room.

"It's been a great run. When you treat our guests the way you would someone having dinner in your own dining room, that's the secret of success," Costanza said.

Being in the Old Village helped because of the feeling of community and the support shown to local businesses.

"There's a mystique to the Old Village. It's a great community. It's unique and we're proud of it. Our restaurant fits here because we're a neighborhood business," Costanza said.

LOCAL NEWS

Bookstock, Metro Detroit's largest used book and media sale, will be held May 15-22 at Laurel Park Place mall in Livonia.

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Bookstock has tens of thousands of donated used books, DVDs, CDs, books on tape, magazines and records available for sale at bargain basement prices. All proceeds benefit literacy and education projects in metropolitan Detroit,

Now in its ninth year, Bookstock has raised more than \$536,000 for a host of community education and literacy projects, deploying more than 700 volunteers annually to organize and run the eight-day book sale. It has been held for the past several years at Laurel Park Place.

Bookstock's Pre-Sale will kick off at 8:15 a.m. Sunday, May 15, with a performance by The Larry Callahan and Selected of God Choir, which performed in the nowfamous Chrysler Super Bowl '11 commercial. There is a \$10 admission charge for the pre-sale only, which runs through 11 a.m.



Pam Slezak finds a book she's interested in at last year's Bookstock, southeast Michigan's largest used book and media sale. The sale is returning to Laurel Park Place mall May 15-22 of this year.

The sale will continue through Sunday, May 22, running noon to 6 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Books will be sold for half price on Sunday, May 22, the last day of the sale.

Bookstock is sponsored by the Oakland Literacy Council, Detroit Jewish News, Hour Detroit Magazine, Schostak Brothers and Company, the

Jewish Community Relations Council, and a consortium of Jewish communal nonprofit organizations that support education and literacy projects throughout metro Detroit. For more information about Bookstock, call the Bookstock hotline (248) 645-7840, ext. 365, or visit www. bookstock.info.

Laurel Park Place is at Six Mile and Haggerty roads.

Attorney General Schuette to speak in Livonia May 25

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette will speak at a luncheon May 25 at the Italian American Banquet & Conference Center in Livonia. At 7 p.m. that evening at the Livonia Civic Center Library, his office will present a program on protecting children from Internet predators.

The luncheon, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., is being presented by the Livonia Chamber of Commerce. Tickets are \$25 for chamber members, \$35 for non members and \$200 for a table of eight.

The evening program, which is free to attend, is sponsored



Schuette has extensive experience in federal and state government and has served Michigan in all three branches of government

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the past 30 years. He was the youngest Congressmen in America at age 31, Gov. John Engler's director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and on the Michigan Court of Appeals. A native of Midland,

Schuette has been a member of various boards and organizations in his community and throughout Michigan. Currently, he serves as vice president of the Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation and is a trustee of the Elsa U. Pardee Foundation. Also, Schuette is a Fellow of the Michigan State Bar Foundation.

The Italian American Banquet & Conference Center is at 39200 Five Mile Road; the Livonia Civic Center Library is at 32777 Five Mile Road.

To register for the luncheon, call (734) 427-2122 or email sweeney@livonia.org.

Registration on for TriMathlon

Mathnasium will host its first National TriMathlon Day Saturday, May 14, at more than 200 participating centers across the United States (www. mathnasium.com/TriMathlon).

Mathnasium of Plymouth-Canton will host the math competition at its learning center location, 5712 N. Canton Center Road, Canton. Registration for Mathnasium's TriMathlon began on National Pi Day, March 14, and runs until April 30, 2011. The competition is free and open to all students in third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades attending public, private, or home school. The event is intended to create excitement among area students and schools.

The TriMathlon consists of three challenges: The Counting Game (tests student's ability to

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news story last week state that Standard & Poor's, the rating service, said it is possible that within two years the United States could have its debt rating lowered from current triple-A rating.

U.S. debt is the gold standard of debt in that it is the safest debt instrument one can purchase. Therefore, when a rating service such

Money Matters as Standard & Poor's makes **Rick Bloom** a pronounce-

ment that the credit worthiness of the U.S. debt may be lowered, it should

cause investors to take notice Wall Street took notice and as soon as the announcement was made public the markets retreated. Who knows if our

debt rating will actually be lowered or not. However, I can assure you that our debt will not be lowered into junk bond status like some European countries.

That being said, I cannot stress how important it is that before you buy a fixed-income instrument look at its credit worthiness.

In today's world we all know that interest rates are low. Therefore, a number of investors are focusing on the income paid by a fixed-income count from any number, to any number, by any number), Magic Squares (students are awarded points for creativity in developing their own math problems), and Mental Math Workout (evaluates student's Number Sense by asking them to solve given problems the 'smart' way without pencil and paper). Questions become progressively more difficult for students in higher grade levels.

Students will first compete locally at Mathnasium of Plymouth-Canton. Along with medals for first, second, and third place winners, each participant will receive a certificate of achievement for their involvement. National TriMathlon winners will be selected from the top three scorers in each grade level from

locations. The 12 national winners will receive honors and more than \$10,000 in cash prizes.

"Mathnasium's National TriMathlon Day is an ideal opportunity for us to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of math students in these grade levels," said Kimberly Smith and Rashonda Arnold, the owners of Mathnasium of Plymouth-Canton. "Each challenge tests a different facet of students' analytical and computational abilities. We hope this event will generate excitement about math education among students and schools in Canton and surrounding areas."

Learn more and register online at www.mathnasium. com/TriMathlon. For more information, call (734) 459-6284

equation. The reason why When investors purchase people buy junk bonds is the a fixed-income investment, many only look at what the return is greater than what investment is paying. They use they will receive on an investthat as their gauge whether ment grade bond. Investors to buy. Unfortunately, there's must resist the temptation to chase yields without paying another part of the equation attention to risk. Investors that is just as important as who chase yield are taking on more risk then they should and assumed. Getting 6 percent from a U.S. treasury, for examthat will lead to problems. For those who invested ple, is not the same as getting 6 percent from a junk bond

in U.S. treasuries and are concerned about the recent announcement from Standard & Poor's, my advice is don't worry. First, they are talking two years down the road before any change in the United States debt rating. In addition, the U.S. debt will not go from the highest level of quality to junk bond status over night. In the unlikely event that the United States debt ratings are lower, they will still be investment grade and I doubt that any debt security would be rated higher than a U.S. treasury. The bottom line is if you're thinking about buying U.S. treasuries for your portfolio, you should have no problem doing so. You should know that even with all the childish antics that come out of Washington from both parties, the U.S. government is not going to default on its obligations. Good luck!

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Kids go racing by, looking for their share of eggs.

The horn sounds and the hunt is on.

Good hare day!

Mother Nature worked in concert the Easter Bunny, giving parents a with the Easter Bunny Saturday, allowing hundreds of Plymoutharea children to grab their share of goodies at the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Plymouth Township Park

Sponsored by the Plymouth Lions Club, the hunt featured not only the traditional race for the prizes, but also featured a visit by chance to capture the moment for posterity.

There was plenty to go around as the Lions split the kids into four different age groups. In addition to the egg hunt, the Plymouth Lions Club collected hearing aids, eyeglasses and cell

phones for charity.



Lion Harv Barkley does his best to hold back the crowds.

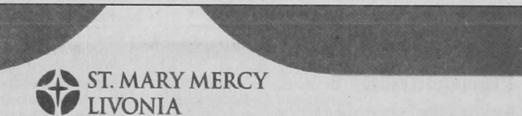


Five-yearold Kaitlyn McDermott filled her basket.





Reagan Devlin, 4, finds a treat in an egg.



Rian Spencer, 6, and Lillian Wilson, 7, pose for a photo with the Easter Bunny.

Antonia Awad, 4, is a little shy around the Easter Bunny. Maria Antal encourages Antonia, making sure she doesn't have a bad hare day.



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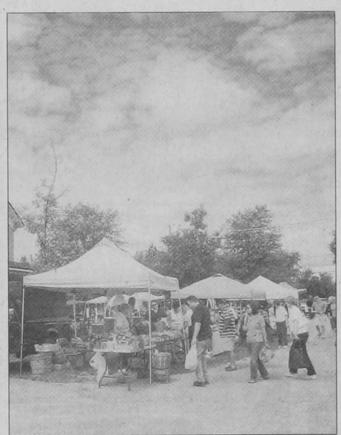
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OUR VIEWS



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Canton's Farmers Market returns to Preservation Park Sunday, May 15.

Fresh returns Farmers Market a popular community event

We all know the rhyme, "April showers bring May flowers," and that's literally what will happen when the popular Canton Farmer's Market returns to the downtown area Sunday, May 15.

The Canton Farmers Market has evolved from a place where you can buy fresh fruits and vegetables to a community happening, offering amenities for adults

It takes place in and around Preservation Park and the historic Cady-Boyer Barn, off Ridge Road north of Cherry Hill.

and children alike. It has become the place to go on Sundays from May through the end of October. Before the mass trans-

Before the mass transportation of food from all

COMMUNITY VOICE

What are your thoughts on how the state can cuts its budget, or what shouldn't be cut?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I believe that (Gov.) Rick Snyder is on the right track. I would be glad to have a tax on pension if they leave my health care alone."

> Loretta Olson Plymouth



"They are discussing a wide range of topics. I think everybody has got to give a little bit." Jim Sholar "I'm not going to like it if

they tax my pension." Jerome Black Canton



"If they tax the retirees, we're probably going to move to South Carolina." Gary Wofford Canton

LETTERS

Brace for changes

In response to certain school situations, I now realize that many PCCS employees have special privileges, power and protection that is not granted to most taxpayers.

Some of those privileges are "Cadillac" health insurance, healthy retirement packages and use of school facilities. Examples of PCCS's power is clearly visible in our children, community and who wins elections. Many employed and unemployed Michigan residents would appreciate the outstanding yet often illogical protection PCCS employees receive from some of the largest unions in our state and nation.

I hope that every PCCS employee will realize the amazing benefits that are granted to them through taxpayers. And I hope that we all brace ourselves for the inevitable changes that will challenge our future in this part of Michigan.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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

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Deadline: Letters must be received by 10 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

Blog: You may also let your opinions be heard with your own blog at www.hometownlife.com. Instead of welcoming Colbeck's SB 119, one Canton Public Schools educator criticizes Colbeck as "one more legislator who has no clue about education trying to tell educators how to teach."

Well, think again. We-the-People can tell educators via our representatives what to teach. We pay their salaries. They work for us. Educators need to justify to our representatives what they teach, not vice versa.

The foundation of our Constitution is: An individual owns the product of his labor, not the government. This is what property rights are all about. Without property rights, an individual does not have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness – the foundation of our Constitution and Declaration of Independence.

Yet, we hear politicians calling for the 'sharing of wealth," redistribution of income, or equalizing outcomes instead of equalizing opportunities. What are they really saying? The government, not you, owns the product of your labor. They are calling for government to enforce Karl Marx's Communist principle: "From each according to his ability, to each according to his need." They want to rob Peter to pay Paul. Remember, a slave does not own the product of his labor. We also hear politicians say the Constitution is flawed, it does not allow the government to initiate action on the people's behalf. So, we don't know what's best for us, but the governing elite do. They can force laws we don't want on us, like Obama Care, but exempt themselves (Congress). About 20 states, including Michigan, are opposing the Obama Care provision compelling an individual to purchase health care insurance or be fined. If this stands, there is no limit to what the government can force us to do. Power does not belong to the ruling elite, it belongs to us, Wethe-People, as stated in the Declaration of Independence. It is precisely this kind of governmentinitiated action that the U.S. Constitution was designed to prevent. The Founders feared government. History shows it has been the greatest enemy of mankind. So, the Constitution was designed to severely limit the government's power to protecting the individual's right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. There is good reason to fear government: It has a monopoly over the use of force. It can fine you, seize your property, throw you in jail, take your life, etc. Yes, more instruction is needed on the "intent, meaning, and importance of the U.S. Constitution and the Declaration of Independence" - as evidenced by the statements of politicians who treat us like serfs. I fear our children are losing their freedom because they do not understand the enduring truths in these documents. I would think educators would embrace SB 119 and demonstrate their leadership in protecting our children's liberty. Why would any educator oppose that?

regions of the country and the world for that matter, families ate what they grew or what their neighbors grew. If they didn't have a garden, people shopped at their local grocery store or visited a farm to get what they needed. Today's farmers market

lets us enjoy with food that hasn't been shipped from

thousands of miles away. The market puts fresh produce at our fingertips, it helps the local economy and the environment. What was the norm decades ago is now an environmentally friendly green experience.

We'd like to offer up a few reasons why we believe you should visit the Canton Farmers Market this season. First and foremost is seasonal plants that are fresh and produce that's full of flavor because it is allowed to ripen naturally and then picked and brought directly to market. But there's more.

Another reason? Food in this country typically travels 1,500 miles before reaching your dinner table, which uses large amounts of natural resources, particularly fossil fuels that contribute to green house gases in the environment. Locally grown food is transported only a short distance and is usually grown using methods that minimize the impact on the earth.

These days, farmers are a vanishing breed. By selling directly to consumers at farmers markets, local farmers are able to cut out the middle man and get a fair price for their produce. You, in turn, are helping them remain on the farm. They also bring a variety of fruits and vegetables to market and provide the opportunity to try something new. And farmers are never shy about sharing ideas on how to prepare and serve their produce.

Not only does the Canton Farmers Market offer residents fresh produce, it serves to attract residents and nonresidents to the downtown area. It's become a community gathering place where parents can bring their children, meet friends and stroll among the vendors. It's a place where shopping becomes a pleasure rather than a chore.

It takes place in and around Preservation Park and the historic Cady-Boyer Barn, off Ridge Road north of Cherry Hill. In addition to the plants and produce, shoppers can get honey, baked goods, popcorn, cherry products, salsa and barbecue sauces, olive oils and balsamic vinegars, fresh roasted coffee beans, vegetable plants for the garden, flowering plants, fresh herbs, fresh flowers and dried flowers. There will also be a great variety of handmade items including organic herbal salves/balms, aromatherapy candles, soaps, woodcrafts, paintings, jewelry, garden & holiday décor and lots more.

We urge residents to stop by the Canton Farmers Market this season. It runs 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays (except July 3).

As we see it, it's a community activity that keeps getting better and better each year. **Clare Barwick**

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Disturbed by support

I was disturbed to read that over 1,000 people chose to "like" the Facebook page "Free Schepansky."

This man, for reasons we will never know, took a 9mm weapon with extra ammunition to our high school. He obviously had intentions to use it. Whether or not you believe him a great teacher or not, something happened. Something snapped in his head and he took a weapon to school with plans to do something with it.

I'm glad that he was a loved teacher and his students support him, but the man had intentions to use that weapon or it would not have been in his car.

It's disturbing to me that he is getting this support. I wonder how many "likes" Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold would have got if they had a Facebook page.

This tragic event supports my desire to put my child into private schools. Who knows what would have happened if he wasn't stopped by our police. I'm so saddened that anyone could be supporting this man who obviously had mass destruction on his mind. It sickens and saddens me. Thank God Canton police were on top of the issue.

> Bob Hammons Canton

AAUW prom dress thanks

The Plymouth/Canton Branch of AAUW would like to thank the many generous residents and friends who donated to our prom/party dress project.

We had an excellent selection of dresses and the girls were very excited over the variety and quality. Many parents stated how glad they were that people donated and how much this event helped them stay within their budget.

Thanks also to the Observer for their article on this event and publishing our request for donations. We could not have accomplished our goal without community support.

> Esther Nelson, Membership chair Plymouth/Canton AAUW

It's his church

This is a response to the article written about NorthRidge Church and Easter ("Church: Easter is all about winning," April 17).

The church established by Christ is true. As believers we know it, we can count on it, we can trace it back to Him. We can believe in it because it is historical, it has written down accounts of Christ's life and the establishment of his church. The church has been revealed and created for Christ's people by Christ himself.

It is not my church, or your church, their church or our church; it is HIS church. It is his creation, his plan, his work, his truth, and most of all HIS desire for all of us.

And just as Christ is perfect, so is his plan for church. All of our plans, our people, our ways, and even our truths are imperfect. But it does not mean that Christ's plan does not exist, is not true, or is not perfect.

Oneness is a sign of his perfect plan for church. The challenge of Easter is not to win or lose something ... it is not gaining, or lacking ... it is a perfect challenge. His challenge for Easter is oneness ... the perfect church.

All of us, united in love to Christ. We must face that challenge by going to God's Word, to look at his way, to seek the Perfect Plan of church that he created. And if we truly seek his truth, not ours; and if we open our hearts to him in prayer and allow his Spirit to inform, form and transform our lives, then we will discover, just as the early followers of Christ did ... that Christ's true church is for all of us just as he promised. It is not living in the past, it is being alive now, seeking His True Plan.

Seeking, searching, recognizing and sharing the love Christ has for each of us, uniting us as one people. His one church.

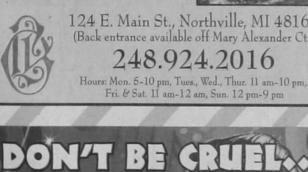
Carol Pisarski Canton

Colbeck is right

Sen. Patrick Colbeck ("Colbeck bill would create Freedom Week," Observer, Feb. 20) is absolutely right: "Provide more instruction about the intent, meaning and importance of the U.S. Constitution and Declaration of Independence."

William Kostin Plymouth Township





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First gear

Kavulich revs it up as Salem freshman

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Kayla Kavulich loves to run, so much so that she even hit the treadmill every day while on a cruise during spring break.

So what did the Salem freshman do Tuesday in the team's dual meet against Novi at Plymouth-Canton **Educational Park?**

Kavulich set a new Salem school record in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 5 minutes, 15.8 seconds. If she duplicated that mark at the Division 1 regionals, it would qualify her for the state meet.

"I was just coming back from vacation and everyone was worried," Kavulich said. "But I just went out there and I kind of just ran."

There was a broad smile and no hint of any stress, and that has a lot to do with her passion for running. She also is an outstanding cross country runner, as she showed during the fall 2010 season for the Rocks.

"I love the feel when you're done," Kayla said. "It's relaxing, like 'I just did that and I accomplished that. I made it the whole way through."

"If I just keep up that mindset, then I feel like I can do anything.

GETTING AFTER IT

Kavulich's coach isn't surprised about how quickly the young distance runner has made such a big impact on the program.

"She's the best we've seen here, the best we've had here in a long time," Dale Maskill said. "As freshmen, or any runners period.'

Maskill added that there is no worry about Kavulich peaking from a self-motivation standpoint because of accomplishing so much so fast.

"She's really self-motivated," he said. "I don't know if there's much I'm going to have to do there to keep her interested in track."

THE KAVULICH FILE

Who: Kayla Kavulich, Salem freshman distance runner on the varsity girls track and field team.

What: She set a new school record Tuesday for the 1,600-meter run, with a time of 5:15.8.

Other: Kayulich is a contender for the Division 1 state meet both in the 1,600 and as part of the 3,200-meter relay team. A time of 5:15.8 at the D1 regionals in the former would qualify her for the state meet.

Miscellany: Her parents are Julie and Mike Kavulich of Plymouth. Kayla carries a 4.0 grade-point average and is on Salem's varsity girls cross country and girls basketball teams.

Case in point: Kavulich's training regimen while on a cruise last week.

'If I'm on a cruise, I'm not on the treadmill," Maskill said, chuckling. "But she was."

Of course, Kavulich pushes herself to be the best even when running during the off-season with Salem teammates.

TASTE FOR SUCCESS

The hunger to be an elite runner started back in seventh grade, when Kavulich ran on the track and field team at West Middle School

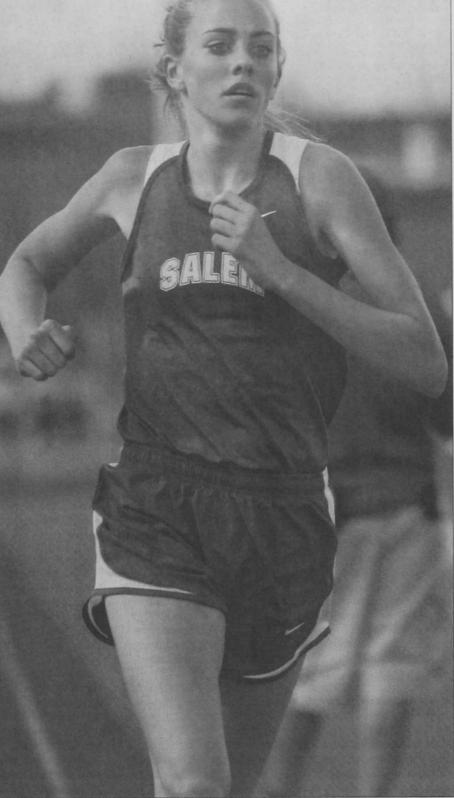
That season, she captured plenty of races. It was a winning feeling she wanted to carry over to Salem.

"I figured if I tried to keep going and keep that up in high school, then it might work," Kayla said.

Another reason Kavulich keeps pushing the envelope as a distance runner is her cross country experience

"It helps me a lot ... when you're

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BILL BRESLER | STAFE PHOTOGRAPHER

Running with the poise of a senior on Tuesday is Salem freshman Kayla Kavulich, on her way to setting a school record in the 1,600-meter run.

SIDELINES

MU's Wright stuff The Wolverine-Hoosier

Athletic Conference office announced Tuesday that Madonna University sophomore Erik Wright (Canton) has been selected as the league's Pitcher of the Week (ending

> April 24). The



Saginaw Valley State transfer went 1-0 with a 1.29 earned-run average

in his lone

Wright

appearance of the week in a 5-1 win against Concordia.

Against the Cards, the lefthander struck out a careerhigh nine batters and allowed just four hits in seven innings of work

Wright is 2-2 with a 3.52 ERA in 23 innings this season for the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season champs.

MU golfers second

The Madonna University women's golf team placed runner-up to host Indiana Tech in Saturday's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Championship held at Whispering Creek Golf Club in New Haven, Ind.

Indiana Tech, led by medalist Kalie Sanders, won the tourney with a two-day total of 340-328-668, nine stroke ahead of MU's 350-341-691.

Sanders shot a 12-over 79-79-158, followed by MU's Michelle Hall, second, 79-84-163, and Chelsea Bathurst (Livonia Stevenson), tied for third, 83-81-164.

Hall advances to the 2011 NAIA National Championships, May 17-20, at the Link Hills Country Club in Greeneville, Tenn., by virtue of her individual conference title that she claimed last fall Other MU finishers included Mariel Meyers (Livonia Franklin), tied for 11th (92-88-180); Kaitlyn Brasher, tied for 18th (97-88-185); and Caitlin Steele, 26th (100-101-201).

Salem girls will look to roll into tournament time

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Tuesday's KLAA Central Division matchup between host Salem and Novi brought two teams together which had won both previous dual meets.

But for Rocks head coach Dale Maskill, being competitive now is merely a nice precursor to what he hopes will be success during state tournament time.

Maskill ticked off the names of several athletes who could make an impact at the Division 1 regionals -

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and, hopefully, beyond. Some of those names included freshman distance runner Kayla Kavulich, who set a new school record in the mile run Tuesday with a time of 5 minutes, 15.08 seconds; pole vaulter and hurdler Megan Paruta; junior mid-distance runner Breanne Frye; and the 3,200-meter relay team of Kavulich, Victoria Tripp, Adrianna Beltran, Kathryn Binsfeld and alternate Alejandro Beltran.

"The 4-by-8 team did 10:01.7 at Oxford and were only beaten by

Waterford Mott," Maskill said. "We're looking to hopefully place that in the state meet. I think we have a good shot."

Maskill, meanwhile, said a real plus Tuesday was the return of sophomore sprinter Khylie Ray. She is finally healthy after an injury sidelined her since the season started.

"Having her back really strengthens our sprints and makes us more competitive," Maskill said about Ray.

She will compete in the 100- and 200-meter dashes as well as the sprint relays.

Of course, Salem features many more solid performers.

In the hurdles, Paruta, Sarah Martin and Rachel Falzon are among top contributors.

Other sprinters and mid-distance runners who should score points include Falzon, Nancy Krutty, Morgan Tilley, Chineze Mbanugo and Camri Cook.

In field events, the Rocks have Paruta ready for throwing events and the pole vault.

Slated for the high jump are Ashley Kretschmer and Tilley, with Kristina Klusek and Tripp in the mix for the long jump.

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Salem netters breeze to win over Spartans

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Windy conditions' didn't wreak havoc on Salem's varsity girls tennis team Tuesday as the Rocks prevailed 7-2 over visiting Livonia Stevenson.

But senior Kerry MacDonald, who won her flight at No. 4 singles 6-1, 6-4 over Melissa Martinez, shook her head and smiled when asked about playing through such wild spring weather.

'You just try to guide it over the net" instead of trying to pinpoint a spot on the other side, MacDonald said. "You can't use your usual stroke."

Concurring was Salem head coach Lin Ware, who said MacDonald and everybody else "just have to stay in the point and try to get it over" and forget about style points.

"You can forget it in this wind, it's tough," Ware said. "Obviously, they can try. But it's very difficult to control and to make a good shot.'

Tuesday was a good day for the Rocks, who are looking to cement third place in the KLAA Central behind perennial powerhouses Novi and Northville (the team that so far defeated Salem).

That would enable the Rocks to face third-place squads from other divisions in next week's conference crossovers.

DEALING WITH ELEMENTS

But Ware still said the trifecta of cold, rain and wind have made this the "worst



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem No. 1 singles player Anna Norman returns the ball during Tuesday's varsity girls tennis match against Livonia Stevenson.

(weather) season since 2003, since I've been coaching. We've had the cold, and all the rain. We haven't been able to practice."

However, Ware nodded her head knowing that the elements have been there for other teams, too: "Everybody's going through it, it's the great equalizer.

Salem persevered Tuesday behind the

team's strong singles lineup, sparked by No. 1 Anna Norman, who defeated Aimee Moccia in three sets.

"Anna's having a great season," Ware said. "She's in a tough spot, the number one position. You know, everyone's number one is pretty good. But she's a fighter and she just stays in every single point."

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Canton boys stay on track

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

A lengthy break from KLAA competition did not hamper Canton's varsity boys track and field team Tuesday against Westland John Glenn.

The Chiefs rolled to a 90-47 triumph in the KLAA South Division dual meet, the team's first in nearly two weeks.

"The young men were ready today despite not-perfect conditions," Canton head coach Bob Richardson said. "It was so windy."

Sprinters, hurdlers and pole vaulters all had to deal with the stiff wind, but the Chiefs managed to dominate across the board.

One of the big guns for Canton (5-0 overall, 3-0 in the KLAA South) was junior distance runner Jeff Molchan. He placed first in the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs with times of 5 minutes, 3.2 seconds and 10:58.0, respectively.

"It's his first year (on varsity) and he's doing a wonderful job," Richardson said about Molchan.

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YMCA, Wings team up

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and Detroit Red Wings Foundation have teamed up to offer the kids of Hockeytown a new iceless (floor) hockey program that instills the values of fair play and teamwork while developing the fundamental skills of hockey.

Y Iceless Hockey leagues are now forming at the Plymouth YMCA. Skill development, team practices and games will focus on the YMCA's four core values of caring, respect, responsibility and honesty - preparing players for success on and off the "ice."

Each branch will be home to eight teams; four teams for players ages 6-7 and four teams for players ages 8-9. Each team will have one practice and one game each week. The Detroit Red Wings Foundation donated all necessary equipment through a community grant to make this program possible.

The cost of the program is \$40 for YMCA members and \$55 for community members and includes all required equipment. Thanks to the support of the Detroit Red Wings Foundation and the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign, scholarships are available for those in need. The program runs from April 25 to June 18.

Parents can register their children online at www.ymcadetroit.org or in-person at a participating YMCA branch. For more information, please call (248) 553-4020.

All-Observer girls bowlers shine under tourney spotlight

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Stephani O'Harris, Sr., Wayne: The senior earned a Division 1 regional singles title and helped the Zebras capture regional and KLAA Central Division team titles.

O'Harris averaged 196 with a high game of 268 to go along with a best two-game set of 484 en route to second-team all-state honor

She also captured the **Clarenceville** Doubles Tournament and earned academic all-state honors.

"Stephani was first in match point wins and has been a member of the varsity bowling team three years," Wayne coach Diane St. Louis said. "Her other sports are golf, soccer and volleyball. She also participates on the executive board as the recording secretary for the student senate.

"She'll attending the University of Texas-Austin to study pharmacy."

Samantha Maxwell, Sr., Farm.-Harrison: The Farmington High School senior and three-year varsity bowler was a Division 1 regional tournament champion. Maxwell is the first Farmington-Harrison bowler (boy or girl) to qualify for state three consecutive years, and she is the girls career leader in every statistical category

Since her freshmen season, Maxwell has raised her average 61 pins. She finished the 2011 season with a 192 average, and she led the OAA with a 195 average. She had a high game of 255 and high series of 446 this year.

"Samantha is a tremendous bowler but an even better teammate and leader," coach Dennis Hermani said. "She was voted by her teammates as the unanimous team MVP for the past two seasons

"She is the greatest bowler to come through our program, holding all the girls career records, but you would never know that because she is so humble and gracious to her teammates and competitors. We will miss having her in our program. Sam has all the skills to be a collegiate bowler."

Bridget Moricz, Jr., Liv. Clarenceville: The junior captain and team MVP reached the MHSAA Division 3 state singles finals before being eliminated by of the varsity bowling team for

2010-11 ALL-OBSERVER **GIRLS BOWLING** FIRST TEAM

Stephani O'Harris, Sr., Wayne Memorial Samantha Maxwell, Sr., Farm.-Harrison Bridget Moricz, Jr., Liv. Clarenceville Tiffany Markham, Soph., Wayne Memorial Kristin Larkins, Soph., Salem Caitlyn Webb, Fr., Plymouth

SECOND TEAM Charlotte Zimmer, Soph., Canton Mackenzie Carlson, Sr., Plymouth Ashley Kretschmer, Sr., Salem Rachel Miller, Sr., Westland Glenn Chelsea Morneau, Sr., Wayne Memorial Bridget Maul, Soph., Salem

THIRD TEAM Jasmine Wehr, Jr., Farm. Hills Mercy Khiry Sparks, Sr., Westland Glenn Sabine Hutter, Fr., Liv. Ladywood Julianne Ayers, Sr., Westland Glenn Ashley Cade, Sr., Canton Rae'ven Turner, Fr., North Farmington

COACH OF YEAR Diane St. Louis, Wayne Memorial HONORABLE MENTION

Canton: Cheryl Cosby, Jackie Polaski, Plymouth: Tiffani Patterson, Emily Fraser; Salem: Meaghan Eldridge, Emily Simmons, Anna Haugstrup; Clarenceville: Kaycee Chappell, Natalie Kay-Flaherty; Mercy: Brittany Jones, Maria Walawender, Kathleen Abenes; Ladywood: Taylor Buckley, Kerry LaValley, Courtny Delonis; Emma McClory, Brigitte Hutter; John Glenn: Megan Redmond: Wayne: Brianne Everett: North Farmington: Jenny Ramsey, Emily Mesner: Farmington-Harrison: Hannah Cook, Caylin Doran.

eventual champion Olivia Wirtz of Battle Creek Pennfield.

Moricz placed fourth in the qualifying block at the state finals with a high game of 243 after placing fifth at the regional

Moricz carried a 190 average with a two-game high series of 450. She also took sixth individually at the Oakland County Tournament with a three-game set

"Bridget has shown her dedication to the sport," Clarenceville coach Jason DeBandt said. "Her consistent application and persistence of technique has served her well and will continue to do so in the future. She will definitely be one to watch next season."

Tiffany Markham, Soph., Wayne: The sophomore carried an average of 182 with a high game of 242 to go along with a best twogame set of 453 as Wayne captured the Division 1 regional and KLAA Central Division titles.

O'Harris to win the Clarenceville Doubles Tournament. "Tiffany has been a member



Stephani O'Harris Wayne



Farmington-Harrison



Tiffany Markham

two years and also plays soccer and softball," St. Louis said. "She volunteers building homes with her dad. Her career plans are to become a teacher or a nurse.

Wayne

"With two years left to compete and already averaging 182, she'll be one to watch in the future.'

Kristin Larkins, Soph., Salem: The sophomore enjoyed a season of growth, with improving consistency her hallmark, said Salem coach Kathie Hahn.

Larkins finished the season Markham also teamed up with with a KLAA average of 181, garnering all-conference honors. She also rolled games of 237 and 245, giving reason for her to look forward to even more success in

Kristin Larkins Salem the years to come. She qualified for the states

with a fifth-place showing of 1,122 at Region 5 in Westland. Then at the Division 1 state individual finals in Battle Creek, she placed 26th with a 1,032 score

"Salem's varsity bowling team is lucky to have Kristin for the next two years," Hahn said. "She is such a strong leader and someone the other girls can come to

and look up to. "She is a very dedicated and hard-working bowler. The best is vet to come."

Caitlyn Webb, Fr. Plymouth: The ninth-grader offered a glimpse of what she can bring to the



Bridget Moricz Clarenceville



Caitlyn Webb Plymouth

Wildcats' varsity girls bowling team over the next few seasons.

Webb finished 31st at the Division 1 state individual finals with a score of 1,019, including a 215 game

She qualified for states with a second-place series of 1,122 at the Region 5 tournament in Westland.

"She comes from a big bowling family," Plymouth coach Tammy Thompson said. "She's very calm, she doesn't get too upset if she's not doing good. She just takes it one frame at a time, which is kind of nice."

During the regular season, Webb averaged a team-best 175 and threw seven 200 games,

including her season high of 230.

Thompson said Webb likely will be the team's anchor in 2011-12

"I'm really looking forward to the next three years," Thompson added. "I think she'll do really well.

COACH OF THE YEAR

Diane St. Louis, Wayne: The first-year coach guided the Zebras to a Division 1 regional title and 13th place finish at the state team finals in Battle Creek.

Wayne also captured the KLAA Central title with a 9-3 record and finished with an 11-4 dual match mark.

St. Louis is a longtime bowler who competed in the Cecil Ward Traveling League as a youth and began competing in the women's all-star leagues at age 18.

She has served as president of several leagues and has been involved on many local and national tournaments.

St. Louis just celebrated her 30th year competing in the Women's Michigan State Tournament.

"My mother Ethel (St. Louis) was my biggest influence having worked at a bowling center for more than 25 years," Diane St. Louis said. "Her involvement in the sport as a coach, mentor, league secretary or president set the standards for which I became involved in the sport myself as a coach and mentor."

St. Louis just celebrated her 30th year competing in the Women's Michigan State

Tournament. "I've had many of my own coaches and mentors over the years who have brought me to where I am now, and in a



place where I can instill my love for the game," she added, "and hopefully my years of knowledge to

the kids I coach. "I'd like to thank the families, moms, dads and grandparents for their support and encouragement through a very busy year.'

Another baseball title for Crusaders

- featuring a 202 game.

Sparked by a sterling effort. from its ace, the Madonna University baseball team is the king of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference for the sixth time in the past seven years.

The Crusaders clinched the crown on Saturday when they split a double-header with Concordia University. Madonna captured game one, 4-2, behind No. 1 starter

Jeremy Gooding's completegame gem. The Cardinals used an 11-hit attack and four Crusader errors to take the nightcap, 9-5. Gooding improved to 8-0 by

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scattering four hits and two walks while striking out eight in seven innings of work.

The Crusaders, who are now 29-12 overall and 17-3 in the WHAC, earned the right to host the WHAC Baseball Championship Tournament, which is set for Ilitch Ballpark May 4-5.

Madonna never trailed in game one after scoring a single run in the opening frame when Jeff Bultinck led off with a double and came around to score on Steve Pelletier's (Farmington Harrison) ground out.

Bultinck padded the Crusaders' lead to 3-0 in the fifth with an opposite-field home run.

Concordia closed its gap to 3-2 in the sixth, but senior Tarik Khasawneh (Canton) ripped a two-out single to plate Alex Charles with an important insurance run.

Madonna made efficient use of its five hits off Concordia starting pitcher Matthew St. Kitts, who walked four and struck out four.

The Crusaders appeared to be well on the way to a sweep when it pushed across four first-inning runs against Concordia starting pitcher Nate McHugh, but the Cardinals overcame a 5-2 deficit by scoring four times in the fourth, one in the fifth and two more in the seventh.

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bles were victorious.

Other pluses from Tuesday

doubles by the tandem of Sushmi

included a nice win at No. 4

Dariviam and Megan Barry.

And with usual No. 3

doubles player Lynne Krutty

juggle her lineup by moving

sidelined, Ware had to further

No. 5 player Monica Topolovec

Both No. 3 and No. 4 dou-

"We had to move our lineup

Weather permitting, Salem

And Saturday, beginning at

8:30 a.m., will be the Salem

Quad ahead of the May 3

crossover against a KLAA

around a little bit," Ware said.

will host South Lyon East at 4

Tom Hansen suffered the mound loss in game two, yielding six runs (three earned) in three innings. Andy Omilian worked 3.1 innings in relief, giving up three runs (one earned) while striking out two and walking one.

Spencer Sarel paced the Crusaders' offense, going 2for-5 with two RBI and a run scored. Dan Harder added a pair of hits and an RBI. Drew Adamiec contributed a tworun single while Alex Charles went 2-for-4 with a walk.

Ryan Neu (Canton) helped spearhead the Cardinals' 11-hit attack by contributing two hits and two runs from the lead-off spot in the batting order.

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The picture of intensity Tuesday is Salem's Ashley Walker, who won at No. 2 against her Livonia Stevenson opponent.

North opponent.

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No. 1 singles: Anna Norman (Salem) defeated Aimee Moccia, 6-7 (5-7), 6-3, 6-1; No. 2: Ashley Walker (Salem) def, Laura Gumpper, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Morgan Spencer (Salem) def. Ashley Benvenuti, 6-2, 6-4; No. 4: Kerry MacDonald (Salem) def. Melissa Martinez, 6-1, 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: Mallory Rojo-Sarah Bellaire (Salem) def. Kathryn Malkowski-Lexie Ranski, 2-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4; No. 2: Taylor Tinham-Maiko Ruettiman (LS) def. Emily Simmons-Emily Borkowicz, 2-6, 6-2, 6-0; No. 3: Narges Pourmandi-Monica Topolovec (Salem) def. Kelsey Futrell-Lauren Arsenault 6-4, 6-4; No. 4: Sushmi Dariviam-Megan Berry (Salem) def. Melina Canzano-Laura Shureb, 6-3, 6-3; No. 5: Caroline Hay-Jenny Carmi (LS) def. Julia Meireles-Kalaya Thomas, 6-2, 6-2.

Dual meet records: Salem, 4-2 overall, 2-2 KLAA Central Division; Stevenson, 2-5 overall, 1-3 KLAA Central.

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'Cats lose lead, hang on for 1-1 draw TRACK

BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Down 1-0 at halftime and playing against a formidable wind during the second half, the Livonia Churchill girls soccer team was able to earn a 1-1 tie Tuesday at home against last year's Division 1 state runner-up Plymouth.

Kelsey Rothermel's penalty kick in the 66th minute evened the count. She scored on Plymouth goalkeeper Marissa Williams when teammate Rachel Zukowski was pulled down in the box after taking a pass from Sarah Bauman.

Churchill is now 2-3-1 overall and 1-1-1 in the KLAA's South Division.

Alyssa Dillon's goal with 3:52 left in the first half staked the Wildcats (1-2-3, 0-1-2) to a 1-0 advantage.

"It was a (defensive) breakdown for us, they got a wide space and we didn't close it down," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "She (Dillon) turned in the box and beat our goalkeeper (Kaylie Secord) to the near post.

"It was a even first half. We had the wind at our back the first half and didn't take advantage.'

The Chargers, however, came out and pressured Plymouth during the second half leading to Rothermel's PK.

"It was a concerted effort, everybody played well," Hebestreit said. "We dominated the first 26 minutes. We moved Zukowski into an advanced position just prior to the goal.



Plymouth's Stephanie Dillon (No. 22) works on moving the ball out of her team's end of the soccer field Tuesday against Livonia Churchill.

She was the best player on the field for us as a center-back and center-midfielder.'

The Chargers also got sterling play from Secord, who made "three big-time saves," according to Hebestreit, along junior midfielder Sam Beier.

"She (Beier) was just excellent off the bench," the Churchill coach added. "She won the 50-50 balls with tackles and played the ball into her teammates. LADYWOOD 3, A.A. RICHARD

0: Paige Brennan tallied pair of goals and added one assist Tuesday as Livonia Ladywood (8-1-1, 3-1-1) downed host Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (0-6-1, 0-5-1) in a Catholic League encounter.

Brennan scored in the 29th minutes from Domenique Sarnecky and assisted on Kelly Capoccia's goal in the 49th minute.

Brennan completed the scoring in the 65th minute with Morgan Chops assisting.

Ladywood goalkeeper Maddie Reed had to make just one save to post her sixth shutout.

Jessica Jenkins made five saves for the Fighting Irish.

"It was another game where we had to battle the wind for a half," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "Once we got going, we scored some of the best goals I have seen at Ladywood. I thought Paige Brennan played her best game of the season."

Klusek, Krause spark Rocks' rout of South Lyon

The spring break didn't hurt Salem too much, at least not in Monday's 5-0 victory over South Lyon.

Salem (2-3-2 overall, 1-1-1 in the KLAA Central) had everything working in the varsity girls soccer match, with a three-goal performance by Kristina Klusek

and shutout goalkeeping by Ali Eggenberger and Jamie Hunley.

Klusek scored the first two goals of the night, both longdistance strikes assisted by Megan McCormack and Lily Burnstein, respectively. Also sparking the offense was Katelynn Krause, who

scored two goals. Her first came on a header off a corner kick by Madeleine Vala and she later finished up a play started by Emma Tardiff.

Klusek's third marker was assisted by Hunley, who Rocks coach Joe Nora said made a great pass.

goal," Nora said. "Kristina and Katelynn completed some nice plays with quality fin-

"I thought we played a very smart game in the back, limiting their chances and knock-

others ran: "Coach (Paul) Bedford always has the distance runners ready." As evidence, Molchan,

Bradon Conley (11:15.5) and Zach Cox (11:26.5) went 1-2-3 in the 3,200, while Molchan's win in the 1,600 was followed by teammate Keegan Sullivan's second-place time of 5:03.5 seconds.

Richardson also sent an

assist to one of his staff mem-

bers for the way Molchan and

Canton had other top performers, however. Versatile senior Nick Alaniva captured firsts in the pole vault (10 feet, 6 inches) and long jump (19-5.5), while sharing first place in the 800-meter relay with Ryan Jones, Josh Nolen and Kevin Buford.

Another senior, Ben Spreitzer, earned victories in more than one event. He won the high jump (6-2) and 300 hurdles (42.4) and was on the

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Johnson (WJG), 5-10.

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18-6.5

(WJG), 19.71

Schacht (C), NTA.

(WJG), 5:07.06.

Canton, 9:09.17.

inches; 2. Ben Poirier (C), 38-6.75; 3. Brandon

Discus: 1. Poirier (C), 120-0; 2. Ainsworth

Orr (WJG), 119-6.5; 3. Marty Brudzinski (C),

High jump: 1. Ben Spreitzer (C), 6-2;

Long jump: 1. Nick Alaniva (C), 19-5.5; 2.

Pole vault: 1. Alaniva (C), 10-6; 2. Ryan

Johnson (WJG), 18-8.5; 3. Jamal Dixon (C),

Kilgore (C), 9-6; 3. Mitch Nickert (C), 9-0.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Maxwell (WJG),

300 hurdles: 1. Spreitzer (C), 42.35; 2.

Maxwell (WJG), 43.89; 3. C. Orr (WJG), 45.99.

Layne (WJG), 11.67; 3. Kevin Buford (C), 11.84.

23.99; 3. Rico Cole (WJG), 24.49.

Steslick (C), no time available; 3. Matt

100 dash: 1. Ryan Jones (C), 11.6; 2. Mark

200: 1. Buford (C), 23.51; 2. Layne (WJG),

400: 1. Dane Foster (WJG), 55.1; 2. Charlie

800: 1. Austin Golles (C), 2:19.6; 2. Jewell

1,600: 1. Jeff Molchan (C), 5:03.12; 2.

Conley (C), 11;15.4; 3. Zach Cox (C), 11:26.5.

400 relay: 1. John Glenn (Cole, Layne,

Marcus Beeman, Stefon Anthony), 45.09; 2.

Canton, 45.51; 800 relay: 1. Canton (Jones, Alaniva, Josh Nolen, Buford), 1:33.34; 2.

John Glenn, 1:33.52; 1,600 relay: 1. Canton

Spreitzer), 3:37.8; 2. John Glenn, 3:48.62;

3,200 relay: 1. John Glenn (Ruben Maya,

Suarez, Maleik Hull, Jones), 9:08.6; 2.

(Steslick, Sapan Patel, Tony Daniels,

3,200: 1. Molchan (C), 10:58.32; 2. Bradon

15.91; 2. Spreitzer (C), 18.2; 3. Cameron Orr

2. Kelly Maxwell (WJG), 5-10; 3. Anthony

winning 1,600-meter relay team with Charlie Steslick, Sapan Patel and Tony Daniels (3:39.6).

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Canton actually won all five of the field events, helping get off to a good start on the scoreboard. Alex Marsh (shot put, 40-7) and Ben Poirier (discus, 120-0) did well in the throwing department.

"Our throwers came through big today," said Richardson, who also received a second-place showing in the shot put by Poirier (38-6.75) and third-place points in the discus by Marty Brudzinski. (104-2).

Other Canton wins included Jones (100 dash, 11.6), Buford (200 dash, 23.6) and Austin Golles (800 run, 2:19.6).

Canton will next host Wayne Memorial on Tuesday, May 3, before participating Saturday, May 7, at the annual **Observerland** Invitational (hosted by Salem at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park).

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PREP TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

(W), 12.0; 3. Josh Dennard (P), 12.5. 200: 1. Rogers (P), 25.0; 2. Davis (W), 25.7; 3. Bell (W), 26.1.

400: 1. Lucas Bunting (P), 55.4; 2. Phillips (W), 1:01.1; 3. Granados (P), 1:03.5.

800: 1. Nick Eiben (P), 2:10.9; 2. Evan Johnson (P), 2:12.0; 3. Stephen Balaze (P), 2:16.7

1,600: 1. Derek Gielarowski (P), 4:55.8; 2. Brandon Dalton (P), 4:58.5; 3. Malcolm (W), 5:04.9.

3,200: 1. Jeff Porcari (P), 10:38.2; 2. Malcolm (W), 11:21.9; 3. Liam Cardenas (P), 11:26.8

400 relay: 1. Plymouth (Rogers, Dennard, Stefan Turrentine, Jeff Pattison), 48.0; 2. Wayne, 48.5; 800 relay: 1. Wayne, 1:40.0; 2. Plymouth, DO: 1,600 relay: 1. Plymouth (Deykes, Roberts, Bunting, Eiben), 3:53.8; 2. Wayne, 4:00.0; 3,200 relay: 1. Plymouth (Gielarowski, Johnson, Balaze, Dalton), 9:12.0; 2. Wayne, 20:20.2.

Dual meet records: Plymouth, 1-2, KLAA South Division; Wayne, 0-3 KLAA South.

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD **DUAL MEET RESULTS**

PLYMOUTH 115 WAYNE MEMORIAL 22

April 26 at Wayne Memorial Shot put: 1. Tione Johnson (P), 31-3; 2 Chyna Williams (P), 30-10; 3. Hart (W), 28-1. Discus: 1. Williams (P), 90-4; 2. Johnson (P), 82-10; 3. Jess Bihn (P), 79-8.

High jump: 1. Taylor Rieckhoff (P), 4-6; 2. Jada Woody (P), 4-6; 3. O'Connell (W), 4-3. Long jump: 1. Becka Knox (P), 16-8; 2.

Reagan Engstrom (P), 14-7.5; 3. Long (W), 14-4. Pole vault: 1. Engstrom (P), 9-feet, 0inches; 2. Jane McCurry (P), 8-6; 3. Rieckhoff

(P), 8-6 100 hurdles: 1. Natalie Puckett (P), 18.53; 2. Lewis (W), 18.62; 3. Shannon Shaver (P), 18.81

300 hurdles: 1. Jenna Hamed (P), 54.5; 2. Carissa Buttermore (P), 54.6; 3. Boejte (W). 59.1.

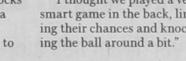
100 dash: 1. Madi Lewis (P), 13.12; 2. Steen (W), 13.84: 3. Williams (W), 13.93.

200 dash: 1. Long (W), 28.69; 2. Knox (P),

Irwin sets strikeout mark for Madonna

"It was important for us to

Jess Irwin's record-breaking strikeout performance highlighted Madonna



ishes. Jones (WJG), 2:21.3; 3. Andrew Stephens (C), 2:23.8 Keegan Sullivan (C), 5:03.49; 3. Jason Suarez

set the pace of play and take advantage of our chances on

sity's sweep Saturday of host University of Michigan-Dearborn in a sweep of a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference doubleheader.

Irwin notched her 1,285th career punchout as MU took the opener, 6-0. She pitched a one-hitter while striking out 12 and walking only two.

Irwin, 16-5 so far this season, was also selected WHAC Player of the Week.

Right fielder Tara LaMilza paced MU's 10-hit attack going 2-for-3 with three RBI.

Shortstop Jackie Barley went 2-for-4 with an RBI and catcher Ashley Shay contributed two hits in the win.

Danielle May had the lone hit for the Wolves, a windblown single in the first inning.

In the second game, MU improved to 31-8 overall and 12-4 in the WHAC with a 6-3 victory.

Winning pitcher Hallie Minch (Garden City) ran her record to 15-3 with a complete game. She gave up one earned run on five hits and struck out six without allowing a walk.

MU scored four times in the third inning to build a 5-0 lead.

Designated player Caitlyn



Madonna University senior pitcher Jess Irwin recorded her record-breaking strikeout on this pitch during Saturday's double-header against the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Keuvelaar went 2-for-3 with two RBI to pace MU's 10-hit attack

Erin Mayes and Barley each added two hits and an RBI, while Amber Rafko and Rachel Walker also drove in runs.

UM-Dearborn falls to 10-19 overall and 5-11 in the WHAC.

Dual meet records: Canton, 5-0 overal 3-0 KLAA South Division; John Glenn, 1-2 overall, 1-2 KLAA South

PLYMOUTH 93 WAYNE MEMORIAL 44 April 26 at Wayne Memorial Shot put: 1. Banks (W), 41-6; 2. Hansen (W), 35-10; 3. Joshua Smith (P), 31-9. Discus: 1. Banks (W), 101-4: 2. William Harrington (P), 84-10; 3, Smith (P), 79-2 High jump: 1. Billy Roberts (P), 5-3; 2. Williams (W), 5-0; 3. Klein (W), 5-0. Long jump: 1. Andy Bihn (P), 18-6; 2. Bell (W), 17-8.25; 3. Phillips (W), 17-7.25. Pole vault: 1. Bihn (P), 12-0; 2. Brenton Zuzo (P), 11-6; 3. Teasdale (P), n/a.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Doug Deykes (P), 17.5; 2. Daniel Edgerton (P), 17.6; 3. Newborn (W), 18.4

300 hurdles: 1. Deykes (P), 43.7; 2. Newborn (W), 46.4; 3. Edgerton (P), 47.7. 100 dash: 1. Alex Rogers (P), 11.9; 2. Bell

racing against other girls, you know the competition a little better," Kavulich said. "And you're able to just know what those girls can do.

As for already being a top performer at the varsity level, she emphasized that she has

S(W), 29 400 dash: 1. Lewis (P), 1:03.4; 2. Knox (P), 1:05.39; 3. Woody (P), 1:05.41.

800 run: 1. Rachael Hille (P), 2:36.98; 2. Kyra Neumann (P), 2:45.67; 3. Lydia Plencner (P), 2:50.97.

1,600 run: 1. Nicole Traitses (P), 5:41.16; 2. Brianna Lax (P), 5:54.98; 3. Marina DiBiasi (P), 6:12.11

3,200 run: 1. DiBiasi (P), 13:24.90; 2. Sophie Roberts (P), 13:44.84; 3. Shaver (P), 14:49 11

400 relay: 1. Wayne, 54.07; 2. Plymouth, 55.8; 800 relay: 1. Plymouth (Madi Lewis, Rachel Burnard, Knox, Lindsey Russell), 1:49.98; 2. Wayne, 1:52.9; 1,600 relay: 1. Plymouth (Woody, Puckett, Katie Warbel, Meredith Whitaker), 4:52.11; 3,200 relay: 1. Plymouth (Traitses, Neumann, Lax, Hille), 10:25.6; 2. Wayne, 12:11.38.

Dual meet records: Plymouth, 3-0 overall, 3-0 in KLAA South Division

no intention of slowing down between now and her senior year in 2014.

"Being able to accomplish (so much) so fast in high school just makes me think of ... how I can keep progressing throughout my whole high school career and not just stop as a freshman," Kavulich said. "But I am proud of myself for doing this."

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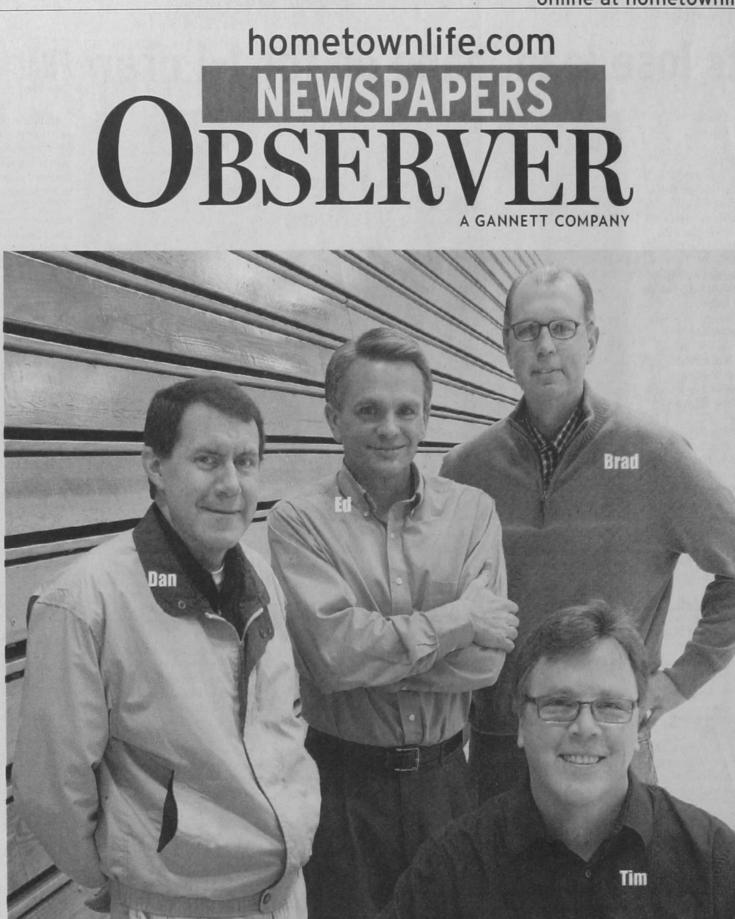
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Knowledge, Experience, Dedication

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 students 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.



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, sports 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."

Ed Wright Sports Editor

Beat: Redford, Garden City youth/prep/recreation sports

Experience: Worked as the sports editor for the Marshall (Mich.) Chronicle and Dearborn Heights Leader before accepting position as a publications manager for Midwest Publishing, Inc. Worked at Midwest Publishing, Inc. for 16 years before getting laid off in 2004 due to economy-based down-sizing.

Worked as free-lance writer for Observer from 1999-2002; worked as sports editor of Plymouth and Canton Observers from 2004-09. Developed and operated PlymouthCantonSports.com from August 2009 to February 2011.

Education: B.A. in journalism from Central Michigan University.

Awards: Many state and national writing awards for sports coverage, sports writing, column writing and sports features from the Michigan Press Association and the Suburban Newspapers of America.

Personal: Married to Laura (25th wedding anniversary in August 2011); three kids: Erik, 21; Brandon, 17; Ben, 10. Erik is a redshirt sophomore pitcher for Madonna baseball team, majoring in marketing and sport management; Brandon is a student at Cooke School in Northville; Ben is a fourth-grader at Tonda Elementary in Canton. The Wright family lives in Canton.

In his own words:

"Here is why I love covering high school sports: There are no lockouts, no holdouts, no taking plays off, no guaranteed contracts and no practice boycotts. It's refreshing being able to write about athletes who play for their school, their teammates, their coaches and their love for the games."

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 patriot's 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."

Tim Smith Sports Editor

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

Experience: Joined the 0&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.

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.

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.

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 or daughters in a way they can't get anywhere else."

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Program calls lapsed Catholics home

When St. Michael the Archangel Church introduced its new program, Catholics Returning Home, in January, a 40-something engineer from Livonia was vaguely "interested" in it.

Raised Roman Catholic, the man had stopped attending Mass shortly after his confirmation around age 13 and never practiced his faith after that, although he and his wife married in the Church.

We all know that in any broken relationship, someone has to acknowledge that break and open a dialogue to fix it, and in this case, St. Michael's took the initiative," he said

Now a member of St. Michaels, the new parishioner is one of Catholics Returning Home's success stories. The program is designed to encourage former Catholics to begin a dialogue with the Church that will lead to potential new understanding and reconciliation. The goal is for the participant to consider "coming home" to their former faith.

Former lapsed Catholics lead the program meetings and encourage participants to ask questions, talk about their faith issues and even vent a little. The atmosphere is open, relaxed and never "preachy."

St. Michael's pastor, the Rev. Bill Tindall, and his pastoral associate, Sharon Williams, also attend some sessions.

St. Michael's will offer another six-week course of Catholics Returning Home, beginning Tuesday, May 3. Meetings will be held from 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays through June 7 at the church, 11441 Hubbard, immediately south of Plymouth Road, between Farmington and Merriman, in Livonia. For more details and information, call the parish office at (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207, or visit www. livoniastmichael.org.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send calendar items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@ hometownlife.com. Feel free to include relevant photos as attached jpgs. Or mail items to Dargay, Observer, 615 Lafayette, level 2, Detroit, MI 48226.

APRIL 28-MAY 4 Book Collection

Time/Date: Through May 4 Location: Livonia Church of Christ, 15431

Merriman, Livonia

Details: The church is collecting items for God's Helping Hands, an organization in Rochester that will trade the donations to Tithingbooks. com for food for needy families. Donations may include trade paperbacks, hardcover fiction and non-fiction, movie DVDs, books on CD and music CDs (must contain artwork and case), gently used children's books, textbooks (copyright 1998 or newer), and mass market paperbacks (copyright 2004 or newer) and rare and collectible books. The church can't accept books that are dirty, moldy, water-damaged, with highlighting, pages missing, excessive damage to covers, or encyclopedias or magazines. Place donations under church awning.

Faith in fiction

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 4 Location: Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Award-winning Michigan Christ author, Gail Martin, will discuss faith in fiction. She is the author of 48 novels, including "The Christmas Kite," set on Mackinac Island. Refreshments will be served. Free of charge, but registration is required. Contact: Beth Hare at (734) 421-7249





BURTON, CYNTHIA MARIE

Age 56. Cindy passed away peacefully on March 22, 2011 after a courageous battle with cancer. Words cannot express how much Cindy will be missed by her family and friends. She is survived by her mother Marge Burton of Check, VA, brother Steve Burton (Kelly) of Miami, FL, brother Terry Burton (partner Diane Belli) of Livonia, MI, sister Ann Harmon (Dave) of Hamburg, MI, sister Peggy Streetman (James) of Fountain Hills, AZ, and brother Michael Burton of Check, VA. Also survived by numer-ous nieces and nephews. Cindy was preceded in death by her father, Leo R. Burton. Cindy happily lived her entire life in Westland, MI, dedicating her life's work to the restaurant business. She proudly began working at an early age at the family-owned restaurant known as the Windjammer Lounge in Livonia. Later, she continued her career at Sandy's By The Beach in Redford. She was very dedicated to her career, loved working with people, and always had a smile and a kind word for everyone. Cindy also loved animals, especially her two four-legged friends Freddie and rescue dog Max. She gave freely to the Humane Society and had compassion for all animals in need. With respect to her wishes an anatomical donation for medical research has taken place. Close friends and family will gather together to celebrate her life. A "Celebration of Cindy" memorial will be held at "Slingers" (formerly the Windjammer Lounge) located at 11791 Farmington Rd. on Saturday, April 30, 2011 between 1:00 and 4:00 pm. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Michigan Humane Society in loving memory of Cindy Burton.



MAYE, MARCINDA MAE 37 year old spirit. Til death did we

part. Survived by husband, James Maye; daughter, Shanidiin; and son Seamus. Viewing at Harris Funeral Home, 5 Mile and Farmington, Thursday, April 28th, 2pm-7pm. Service to follow. Burial to take place on Navajo Nation Reservation, Sacred Family Ancestral Grounds, in Arizona. Our love was "for reals"



PARKS, ELIZABETH M.

Age 82, of Stanwood, formerly of Plymouth, April 23, 2011. Beloved wife of James. Loving mother of James (Terri), Sheila (Mitchell) Holly, Thomas, Maureen (Keith) Carmickle, John (Mary Patricia) and the late Michael. Also survived by eight grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and sister, Audrey (Nathan) Burkwich. Visitation Thursday 2-9 PM at Spaulding & Curtin Funeral Directors, 500 W. Nine Mile Rd., Ferndale (11/2 blks west of Woodward). In State Friday 9:30 AM until Funeral Mass 10 AM at St. James Catholic Church, Ferndale. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Memorial contributions to The Congregation of St. Joseph Nazareth, MI. www.spauldingcurtin.com

SOLVICK, STANLEY D.

Beloved husband of Andrea Eason and the late Shirley Solvick. Dear brother of the late Larry Solvick Brother-in-law of Sandra Solvick. Loving uncle of Scott Solvick, Steven Solvick and Stacy Goforth. Also survived by numerous cousins, col-leagues, and friends. A MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE HELD ON SUN DAY, MAY 1 AT 12:00 PM AT THE DORFMAN CHAPEL, FARMING-TON HILLS (248) 406-6000. INTER-MENT WAS HELD IN FLORIDA or visit www.thedorfmanchapel.com



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Thursday, May 5th ... in the Hometown Weekly Newspapers Sunday, May 8th ... in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers

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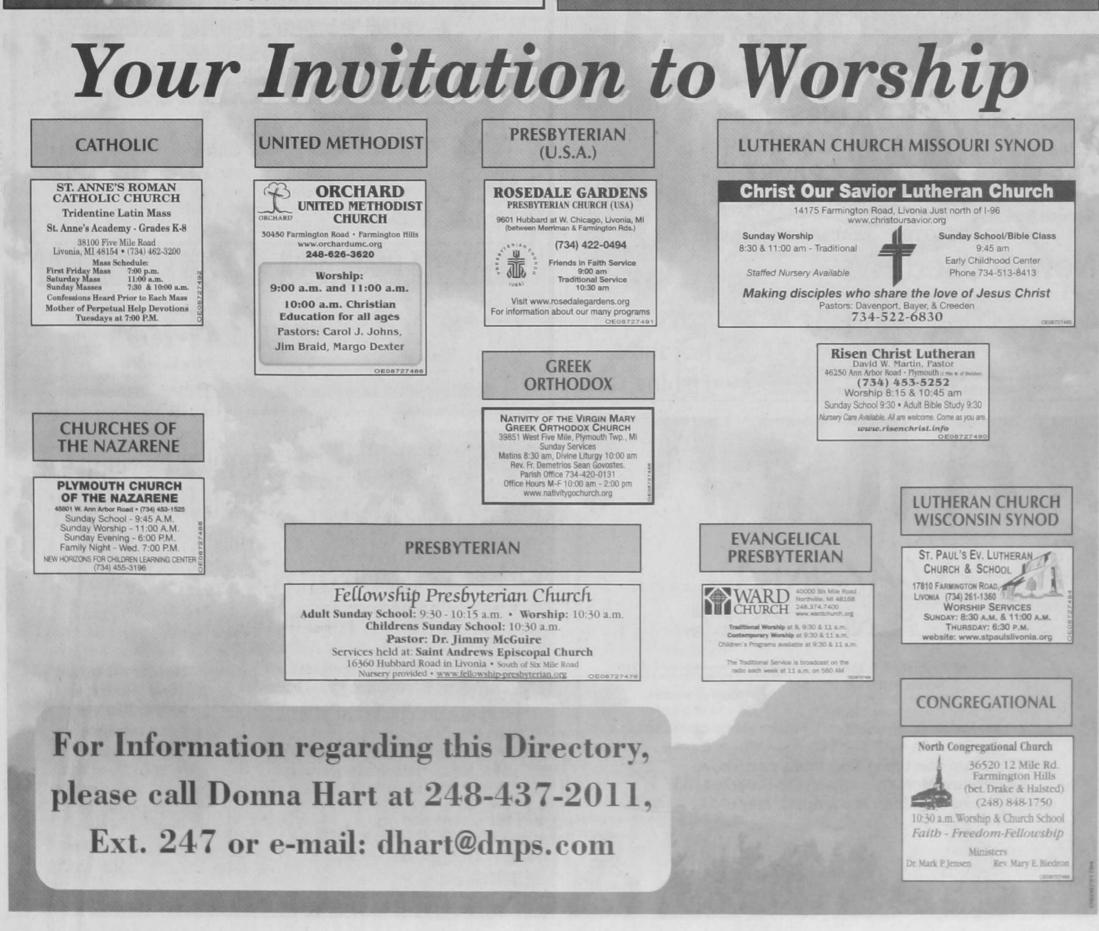
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Japanese language skills are a must in this local glee club

BY SHARON DARGAY O&E STAFF WRITER

The last time White Pine Glee Club stood on the stage at Carnegie Hall, it sang in the company of a 200-voice chorus.

There won't be any musical safety net on May 20 when the group performs at the Japan-US Chorus Charity Concert for Sendai, featuring the HAGI Choir.

"The scary thing is the White Pine Glee Club is considered the source of strength because we won't be singing with a big choir," said Steve Myers of Novi, one of five bass singers. "If I make a mistake, it will hang out there.'

But Myers is confident the group will pull it off. Its 34 members, mostly Japanese natives on temporary assignment in the Detroit area, will sing a love anthology by Japanese composer Takehiko Tada, along with the Men's Glee Club of Tokyo & Kansai and the Men's Glee Club of New York.

The White Pine Glee Club will offer a taste of the Carnegie Hall concert Sunday, May 1, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. The 45-minute program will start at 2 p.m. and will include four of the five Japanese songs they'll perform in New York, as well as Amazing Grace, Battle Hymn of the Republic and Sailing Sailing, all sung in English.

Myers, an attorney and a board member of the Hinoki International School, a charter school in Livonia, is the only singer without Japanese roots. But he does speak fluent Japanese, which he studied after teaching at the American school in Japan some 32 years ago. His wife, Izumi, a Japanese native, and their two grown children, also speak the language. They all plan to attend the Carnegie Hall concert where Myers jokes they'll watch his mouth through



binoculars to see if he's singing correctly.

Japanese is a must for membership in the White Pine Glee Club, where casual conversation, musical instructions and most songs are in the Club's native tongue.

MAKING FRIENDS

'I get people's attention saying I'm in Japan every Friday at 8 p.m.," Myers said, with a laugh. Weekly Friday rehearsals include practice, a potluck and lots of camaraderie. "When the Japanese do potluck it's a gourmet potluck. If there's any special occasion, we'll talk and sing until 12-12:30 a.m. I thought singing by guys when I was in high school was for sissies. I was so wrong."

The White Pine Glee Club formed 12 years ago as an off-shoot of Trillium, a women's glee club consisting mostly of women married to Japanese businessmen. Myers said auto executives make up about 80 percent of the men's club.

"It's completely egalitarian. You may be the CEO in the board room but in glee club it's your voice that

counts," he said. "You don't have issues of protocol. "I can think of two seniors (employees) who recruited a junior and there's one junior who recruited a senior to sing."

Membership turnover may be higher in White Pine Glee Club than in other established men's choruses because many of its members live in the area for three to five years. Myers says the quality remains high because the group is dedicated to "practice and perfection."

"I think what happens with newcomers is they take the standards and ratchet them up a notch," Myers said.

Wives and other family members cheer the group on, helping with "cooking, arranging, remembering" and even teaching the men how to choreograph a song or two.

"We have a frog song. It's a crowd pleaser. We sing it at Christmas and upon request," he said, adding that the audience enjoys watching "grown men jumping around as frogs.

For more information about the free concert on Sunday, May 1, call the Livonia Library at (734) 466-2490.





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Time/Date: 2-6 p.m. Thursday, 1-7 p.m. Friday, 3-7 p.m. Saturday, through April 30 Location: 15095 Northville Road, between eastbound and westbound Five Mile intersections, Plymouth

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Northville Art House

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Time/Date: May 6-14; artist reception 6-9 p.m. May 6; gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville Details: Annual Northville High School Senior Class Art Exhibition Contact: (248) 344-0497 or www. northvillearts.org

VAAL

Time/Date: May 2 through May 27; awards presentation and reception 7-8 p.m. Thursday, May 5 Location: Livonia City Hall, 33000 **Civic Center Drive**

Details: Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL) presents its spring art exhibit, "Artistic Expressions." The exhibit will feature the art work of VAAL members in watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel, mixed media and more. Show juror is Leslie Masters of the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.

Contact: (734) 838-1204 or vaalart.com

COMEDY

Go Comedy!

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

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

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.



Erin Lightner (left) and Michelle Matusinski, both of Farmington Hills, along with David Grisa and Mitchell Griffith, both of Livonia, will perform in the Farmington Hills Youth Theatre production of "Beauty and the Beast Jr.," April 28-May 1.

Baseline Folk Society

Time/Date: Third Saturday of the month

Location: The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth Details: Eight "open-mic" performances plus a featured group. Sign up for open mic from 6:15-6:45 p.m.; show starts at 7 p.m. Open mic performers may sing two songs. If more than eight performers sign up, a lottery will be held for the eight spots. Individual membership is \$25 and includes monthly concerts from September through May. Otherwise, admission to each concert is \$5 at the door. Family memberships are \$50 and include monthly concerts. Contact: (248) 719-3464 or mjmmullen@yahoo.com

Farmington Community Chorus Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 6-7

Location: Mercy High School, 29300 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills Details: The singers, under the direction of Steven SeGraves, present "Rodger That! The Music of Richard Rodgers." Tickets are \$12 in advance at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills or by phone; or for \$15 at the door Contact: (248) 682-6562 for tickets; (248) 250-1447 for Chorus information

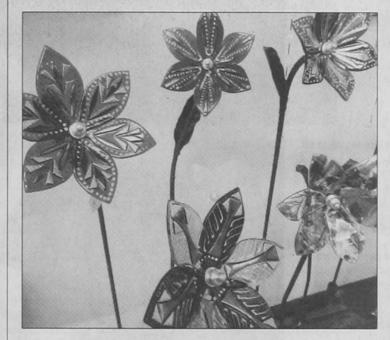
Gaelic League

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, April 29 Location: 2068 Michigan Ave., west of old Tiger Stadium, Detroit Details: NicGaviskey, a guartet that includes former Redford resident, Sean Gavin, on flute and pipes, will play Irish music. Admission is \$15 Contact: (313) 537-3489 or (313) 964-8700



BILL BRESLER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Soprano Karen Bell rehearses her solo for the Plymouth Oratorio Society's 25th anniversary season concert, at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 1, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth, The Society will present "Elijah," by Felix Mendelssohn, under the direction of Richard Ingram. Chris Grapentine, baritone soloist, will sing the key role of Elijah. Other soloists are Monica Swartout-Bebow, mezzo soprano; Robert Cassidy, tenor; Karin Chapin, soprano; and Chloe Biermann, youth. The group is accompanied by the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra and Mary Ann Balduf, organist. John Stewart, who helped create the Plymouth Oratorio Society 25 years ago, will be on hand to talk about the group during intermission. When the Society performed part 1 of "Elijah" 23 years ago. Stewart sang the title role that year. www.plymouthoratoriosociety.org.



Garden party

Jennifer and Joe Rutherford of Plymouth create these flower stakes by layering and fusing colorful glass. Their work will be among the garden art on display and for sale at the Yellow Door Art Market Garden Party, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 30. Festivities include free handmade posy magnets with purchases over \$30 and Michigan-made drinks and snacks served throughout the day. In addition to garden art, the store features the work of more than 70 other Michigan artists. Yellow Door is located at 3141 W. 12 Mile, Berkley. www.yellowdoormarket.com.



Party at Derby Day

Bid on a Luke Song-designed hat or watch the races live on one of 10 big-screen television screens at the City of Farmington Hills' Kentucky Derby Day party, "Derby in the Hills" on Saturday, May 7.

The event will take place from 3-7 p.m. at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills.

In addition to viewing the races, guests can enter raffles, shot a mini-boutique and enjoy a strolling dinner. Two real guest horses will make an appearance for photographs at the "Winner's Circle." Tickets for Derby in the Hills are \$45 each.

Food, provided by several area restaurants, as well as the Oakland Community College Culinary Studies Institute, will include hors d'oeuvres and four courses, with a selection of area specialties and traditional Derby food. Mint juleps made from the authentic Kentucky Derby mix will be available in official Derby keepsake glasses.

Patrons will be able to bid on Song's hats in a silent auction. His creations will be on exhibit in the Costick Center Lobby. Song is the honorary host of the event.

Parents won't need a sitter for the day. Children are welcome at the "Derby Kids Clubhouse," where they will be involved in supervised games, take pony rides, make crafts, and play in a bouncer. Lunch and munchies also will be available. Tickets for Derby Kids are \$12. The Clubhouse is open only to children whose parents or guardians attend the Derby party.

Tickets are available at https://recreg.fhgov.com, at the Costick Center, or by calling (248) 473 - 1848.

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

NicGaviskey, with former Redford

resident Sean Gavin (second from

left), performs April 29 in Detroit.

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road,

Details: Claude Stewart, April 27-

30; Mike Green, May 4-7; Rob Little,

Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kick-

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Time/Date: Don Friesen, April 28-

30; Kathleen Madigan, May 5-7; John

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.

Time/Date: Colin Hay & Chris

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Quick, authentic recipes for Cinco de Mayo



A ather friends and family around the table to celebrate Cinco de Mayo with these specially selected recipes. They're fast and easy to prepare, so you can relax and share a festive meal with those you love.

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CHIPOTLE CHICKEN TACO CONES

- Prep Time: 10 minutes Start to Finish: 20 minutes Makes 8 cones 1 tablespoon olive oil 1 onion, diced 1 pound ground chicken ¼ cup water 1 packet (1.25 ounces) Ortega Chipotle Taco Seasoning Mix 1 can (16 ounces) Ortega Refried Beans
- 8 8-inch Ortega Flour Soft Tortillas
- 1 cup shredded lettuce
- 1 cup diced tomatoes
- 1 cup (4 ounces) finely shredded or grated Cheddar cheese

Heat olive oil in medium skillet over medium heat. Add onion; cook and stir 3 minutes or until translucent. Add ground chicken; cook and stir 5 minutes or until browned. Stir in water and seasoning mix. Remove from heat.

Warm refried beans in saucepan or in microwave

Wrap tortillas in lightly moistened paper towels. Microwave on HIGH (100% power) 20 to 30 seconds, or until pliable.

Fold tortilla in half; spread with refried beans. Form tortilla into cone shape;*press to adhere outside corner with refried beans.

Fill cones with chicken mixture, lettuce, tomatoes and Cheddar cheese.

*To form cone, lay tortilla on work surface. Holding one pointed end down, grasp other end and bring point to round edge, twisting point under slightly. Curl opposite end around outside of cone and press to adhere with refried beans.



Beef Taco Salad with Guacamole Dressing



Chocolate and Cinnamon Tortilla Pudding



MINI CRAB AND CREAM CHEESE FLAUTAS

Prep Time: 5 minutes

Start to Finish: 15 minutes

Makes 24 miniflautas

2 cups vegetable oil

1 package (8 ounces) pasteurized crab meat, drained

1 can (4 ounces) Ortega Fired-Roasted Diced Green Chiles, drained

4 ounces cream cheese, softened

6 8-inch Ortega Flour Soft Tortillas

1 cup sour cream

½ cup Ortega Salsa Verde

Heat oil in medium saucepan over medium-high heat to 375°F. Line platter with paper towels.

Combine crab meat, chiles and cream cheese in medium bowl

Spread about 1/2 cup mixture down middle of tortilla and firmly roll like a cigar. Keep tortilla roll closed with 4 toothpicks. Cut between toothpicks into four equal pieces; set aside. Repeat with remaining filling and tortillas.

Place pieces carefully into hot oil. Cook 1 minute or until golden brown, turning once.

Remove with slotted spoon. Drain on paper towels. Combine sour cream and salsa verde in small bowl: mix well. Serve with flautas as dip.

Tip: Serve some Ortega Guacamole Style Dip too, and encourage double dipping.

BEEF TACO SALAD WITH GUACAMOLE DRESSING

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Start to Finish: 15 minutes Makes 6 servings

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 cup chopped onion

1 pound lean ground beef

1/4 cup water

1 Ortega Whole Grain Corn Taco Kit - includes 10 taco shells, 1 packet (1.25 ounces) taco seasoning mix and 1 packet (3 ounces) taco sauce

1 head iceberg lettuce, diced

2 cups halved cherry tomatoes

2 cups (8 ounces) shredded Cheddar cheese

½ cup Ortega Guacamole Style Dip

¼ cup mayonnaise

Heat olive oil in medium skillet over medium heat. Add onion; cook and stir 4 minutes or until translucent. Add beef; cook and stir 5 minutes or until no longer pink. Drain and discard fat. Stir in water; add seasoning mix and taco sauce from aco kit; mix well. Cook and stir 5 to 6 minutes or until thickened.

Break taco shells from taco kit into bite sized pieces in large salad bowl. Add lettuce, tomatoes and cheese; toss to combine. Add meat mixture; toss to combine.

Combine guacamole dip and mayonnaise in small bowl; pour over salad. Toss lightly. Serve warm salad immediately.

Tip: For more color and nutrition, add other fresh vegetables to the salad, including shredded carrots, sliced radishes, sliced cucumbers or broccoli florets.

CHOCOLATE AND CINNAMON TORTILLA PUDDING

Prep Time: 40 minutes Start to Finish: 1 hour 40 minutes

Makes 8 servings

³/₄ cup granulated sugar

¼ cup water

10 8-inch Ortega Whole Wheat Soft Tortillas, divided

1 cup diced fresh pineapple or canned pineapple, drained

% cup mini chocolate chips, divided

3 eggs

2 cups milk

2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

Whipped cream

Combine sugar and water in small saucepan over medium-high heat. Cook, stirring occasionally, until sugar melts and begins to bubble. Pour into 9-inch square glass baking dish; tilt pan to evenly coat bottom and sides with sugar.

Tear 5 tortillas into bite-size pieces. Place evenly in baking dish. Sprinkle pineapple and 1/2 cup chocolate chips evenly over top. Tear remaining 5 tortillas; place evenly in baking dish. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup chocolate chips.

Whisk eggs, milk and cinnamon in medium bowl. Pour over layered tortillas in baking dish. Cover surface with plastic wrap, and press down lightly to distribute egg mixture over assembled tortillas. Set aside 30 minutes to allow egg mixture to soak into tortillas.

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Bake 53 to 55 minutes or until pudding is firm. Cool 10 to 15 minutes. Serve warm with whipped cream.

Tip: For a Dulce de Leche version of this pudding, replace the chocolate chips with butterscotch chips.

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Buyer beware: Building Industry Association warns against unlicensed contractors

There are a few things you can count on when spring arrives: daylight-saving time, warmer temperatures, rain and the urge to spruce up your home or begin looking for a new home.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) reminds you that under Michigan law, all contractors offering to do work which totals \$600 or more in labor and materials must be licensed by the Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth (DELEG). A Residential Builder's license allows a contractor to build a complete structure and do maintenance or alteration (remodeling) work. A Maintenance & Alteration license indicates that the holder has met requirements for one or more of 14 different trades.

The trades in which a contractor is qualified to practice are listed on the license.

"Consumers should be wary of builders or remodelers who offer an unreasonably low price or claim they have materials left over from another job they can use on their project," said Michael Stoskopf, CEO of BIA. "Legitimate builders and remodelers do not over-buy materials for a job. Consumers are also warned to be cautious about any builder who asks to be paid in cash or requires total payment up front.'

Hiring unlicensed contractors exposes the consumer to potential liability issues that could be very costly.

Consumers that contract with an unlicensed contractor can be held liable for on-the-job injuries sustained by that unlicensed person and their employees. This exposes the consumer to liability, including having to pay medical bills and lost wages. Licensed contractors must carry workers compensation insurance to cover injuries to their employees and generally carry an appropriate amount of liability insurance, as well.

Unlicensed contractors do not. Licensed contractors offer consumers several benefits, including:

· The contractor knows his/her trade and has been tested and approved, including a credit check by

the state of Michigan; · They are required to show continuing competency in their profession to keep their license. They know and



build to the Michigan Residential Code;

· Liability for on-the-job injuries will rest with the licensed contractor, not with the consumer.

All licensed contractors carry a pocket license card, which consumers should ask to see. If they cannot show their license, consumers should call the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth's (DELEG) Builder's Unit at (517) 241- 9254 or visit the DELEG website at www. michigan.gov/builders, to confirm that an individual or company has a license.

Consumers are encouraged to file

only assist in legal crackdowns, but also will help friends and neighbors from being ripped off. Complaints against unlicensed contractors must be in writing and signed. Necessary forms may be obtained at http://www. michigan.gov/documents/dleg/builders_complaint_forms_320691_7.pdf, or a consumer may request a form and information by telephone at (517) 241-9202. Consumers filing complaints are urged not include any information such as your Social Security number, that you do not want to be released to the respondent.

For a list of licensed Builders and Remodelers in Southeastern bership_directory_and_buyers_guide. pdf.

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, **Building Industry Association** of Southeastern Michigan and Apartment Association of Michigan are trade associations representing nearly 600 builders, remodelers, multifamily property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multifamily residential construction industry. BIA is affiliated with the Michigan Association of Home Builders in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C. Membership nationwide includes more than 175,000 indi-

Security issue for pool camera

BY ROBERT MEISNER **GUEST COLUMNIST**

Q: We are thinking about Installing a surveillance camera around our pool, but we are concerned about whether in fact it creates any additional exposure on the association. Do you have any comments?

A: It always depends upon the facts of each situation, but in a recent Ohio



association's Robert Meisner

installation of surveillance

Appeals

Court, it

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cameras did not constitute an assumption of duty to protect residents from the dangers using the condominium's swimming pool. This is important because the issue in a condominium, as it relates to security, is whether or not there is a foreseeable danger and/or whether the association has assumed additional responsibilities because of the fact that it has some sort of gate house or other surveillance type equipment. You are best advised, however, to get a written legal opinion from your community association attorney.

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Q: I am a board member in a condominium which is suing a developer for construction defects and we are close to settlement but the attorney for the developer asked our attorney to put in a confidentiality clause in the settlement agreement and our attorney is seriously considering it. Isn't there a problem with that?

A: There certainly is based upon my extensive experience in negotiating settlements in construction defect litigation. The coowners under the condominium statute. the nonprofit corporation act and your bylaws no doubt have the right to review the books, records and contracts of the association and I do not see how a developer can impose confidentially on an association and consequently its members from knowing and/or disseminating the terms and conditions of any settlement. The developer is obviously interested in covering up its deficiencies but should be held accountable for them in a public forum. You may wish to get a second opinion from another attorney.

Robert M. Meisner is a

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

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 17-21, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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1580 Peninsula Ct	\$171

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Seminar on Tuesdays

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Schannal Spring Senior Expo

Tuesday, May 17, 2011 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Schoolcraft College Livonia Campus in the VisTaTech Center Haggerty Road between 6 and 7 Mile Roads

- Prizes
- Free Admission
- Morning Refreshments
- Free Parking
- Trolley Service

Workshops & Demonstrations!

Workshops

- Low Vision 10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m. Help for those who have been told there is no hope
- Combating the Diabetes Epidemic 12:00 p.m. 12:50 p.m. Take Action Now
- Ways to Manage Neck and Back Pain 12:00 p.m. 12:50 p.m.

BABY BOOMERS TURNING 65? COME HEAR MORE ABOUT MEDICARE!

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- How to Choose a Skilled Nursing Facility 11:00 a.m. 11:50 a.m.
- 911 Act in Time When to go to the ER 11:00 a.m. 11:50 a.m.
- The ABC Planning Process: A Non-Wall Street Approach to Investment and Retirement Planning- 11:00 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.
- What You Should Know about Long Term Care 12:00 p.m. 12:50 p.m.
- Senior Moving Made Easy 9:00 a.m. 9:50 a.m.
- Identify Theft Protection 9:00 a.m. 9:50 a.m.
- Making Sense of Medicare Understanding Medicare Basics 12:00 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.
- Social Security Updates 10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m.
- The Truth About Estate Planning 10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m.

Fitness Demonstrations

- Zumba Gold 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
- Strength Training for Seniors and Fit as a Fiddle - 10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
- Line Dance 11:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m.

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