

Happy 50th, Schoolcraft

In the 50 years since voters from the school districts of Livonia, Plymouth-Canton, Garden City, Clarenceville and later Northville established Schoolcraft College, the school continues to grow, change and invigorate the greater western Wayne and west Oakland landscape



Inside today's edition is a special supplement produced by the "Observer & Eccentric Newspapers," in collaboration with the college. The section highlights the programs, people and philosophy that remain at the heart of this community jewel

Schoolcraft has had only four Former editor lived presidents - Dr. Eric Brander, Dr. C. college history, Nelson Grote, Dr. Richard McDowell see page A13 and currently Dr. Conway Jeffress. Each has had the vision and tenacity to lead the college through a particular period of growth and

transformation A history and timeline of the college's early days can be found at http://www.schoolcraft.edu/archives/timeline.asp. It's an interesting, local snapshot of how the college has changed and prospered in the last 50 years.

Today's section, however, seeks to give readers a flavor of the energy and enthusiasm that surrounds the college, its leaders, staff and students today. It looks at the special programs that the college has been known for and/or has fostered

throughout the last half-century.

Be sure to read about the Schoolcraft College Difference Makers (in print and online) —those individuals who have made a significant impact in their community professionally or

personally over the last 50 years. Schoolcraft has transformed the lives (and hearts) of many over the last 50 years. We are confident it will continue to do so for the next 50 years and beyond. The future is bright for Schoolcraft College

> Susan Rosiek publisher/executive editor

Invention finalist

Robert Keller of Canton, a fifth-grader at Smith Elementary School, is among 12 final-



ists selected from nearly 400 entries for the fourth annual Rubber Band Contest for Young Inventors. The competition challenged students in grades five-eight to create inventions using rubber bands.

Keller's invention is a "Piano Page Turner." The contest features two

divisions: Arts and Leisure and Science and Engineering. A winner and runner-up from each division will be chosen and announced on May 25. The division winner and runnerup will receive savings bonds of \$5,000 and \$1,000, respectively. The remaining finalists each will receive a \$50 gift card.

Diaper drive

Throughout the month of May, the Summit on the Park will be hosting a diaper drive in an effort to help support the Detroit Area Diaper Bank, an area nonprofit group dedicated to meeting the unmet need for diapers in the community's most vulnerable populations - babies from low-income households, the elderly and people with disabilities.

"With the high expense of diapers, more and more parents are having to make the choice between buying groceries and buying diapers," said recreation specialist Jennifer Provenzano. "These struggling families may have to cut back on other expenses or leave their child in a diaper for longer periods of time which often can lead to rashes and infections."

Visitors to the Summit are asked to drop off packages of new, unopened disposable diapers throughout the month of May in the pack-and-play in the Summit lobby, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. These packages will be distributed to families in need throughout Metro Detroit.

For additional information about this Diaper Drive, call (734) 394-5460 or visit Canton-

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Board OKs smallest boundary changes

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

The only Plymouth-Canton students who will have to move out of their schools next year will be the ones attending the closing Fiegel Elementary School after the district's Board of Education rejected an administration plan to redistrict the remaining 15 elementary

Board members voted 4-3 Tuesday for the so-called Option 4, which moves the

fewest students from their home schools, but also leaves overcrowding situations at Bird and Smith elementaries.

The board then voted 6-1 to spread students from Fiegel Elementary, which the board voted last month to close, to three different elementaries. Under the approved plan, originally suggested last week by trustee Mike Maloney, 24 Fiegel students will move to Allen Elementary, 92 to Eriksson Elementary and

162 to Hulsing.

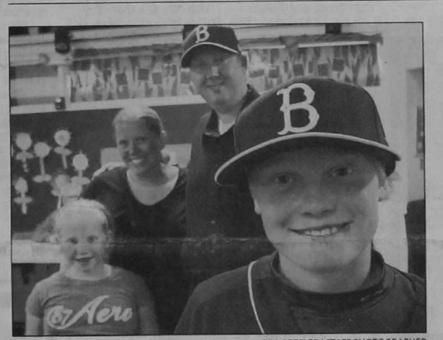
"These are very difficult decisions ... no matter what we're not going to make everybody happy," said board Secretary Judy Mar-digian. "I want to disrupt the fewest number of students possible. I think the district is going to look very different next year."

Third time

It took the board three votes to come to the final decision. The first motion, which came from Trustee Barry Simescu, was to adopt the plan recommended by administrators. That option would have made changes to the boundaries for every school except Field, Bentley, Hoben, Dodson, Workman, Miller and Farrand elementaries.

But over the last several weeks, Bird parents have complained about being moved out of their school, pointing out the increase in charter schools, which

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ethan Rose attracted the attention of Major League Baseball for his essay. His parents, Dan and Amy Rose, and sister Libby are pretty proud of Ethan.

Essay helps writer meet baseball royalty

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

Ethan Rose couldn't find words to express his excitement about meeting Sharon Robinson, the daughter of baseball legend Jackie Robinson.

Finding words usually isn't a problem for 10-year-old Ethan, which is why he got to meet Robinson in the first place.

She was at Field Elementary School on Wednesday to present a laptop



Essay winner Ethan Rose meets Sharon Robinson, the Please see ESSAY, A2 daughter of baseball legend Jackie Robinson.

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Canton OKs 'super drunk' ordinance

By Darrell Clem

Canton motorists arrested under the state's so-called Super Drunk Law face tougher penalties after township officials Tuesday gave final approval to an ordinance allowing local authorities to prosecute such cases.

The measure takes effect May 3 and closes a loophole that formerly allowed only state authorities to prosecute offenders for driving when their blood-alcohol content reaches 0.17 percent - more than twice the legal limit.

In a sweeping decision Tuesday, the Canton Township Board of Trustees adopted the new ordinance made possible by state legislation proposed by state Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, to aid municipalities in battling drunken driving.

"It really was to correct what we saw as an oversight in the original Super Drunk legislation," Heise said Wednesday morning. "Local law enforcement couldn't prosecute under the higher (blood-alcohol) threshold ... and that ran afoul to the intent of the law, because we are trying to target these super-drunk drivers. We want them to get the full penalty if they're entitled to it.

In the wake of Tuesday's township board vote, Canton police officers can ticket drivers under the Super Drunk Law and assist in prosecuting the cases in 35th District Court - a move Canton Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek said strengthens local efforts to make roads safer.

The new measure also means Canton and other communities adopting the new ordinance will benefit by receiving the bulk of fines that otherwise would go to state coffers - though officials say that wasn't the overriding concern.

"It's not so much a money issue," Heise said. "Our intent had everything to do

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Canton goes 'green' with energy-savings plan

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

Canton is expected to slash its energy costs by over \$350,000 a year after hiring Chevron Energy Solutions Co. to spearhead an effort to retool township-owned properties and reduce usage of electricity, water and natural gas.

"This is a no-brainer," Brad Sharp, Canton's park and facility maintenance manager, said. "This is a great benefit for the community, and at the same time it's good for the environment as well.'

In a sweeping decision

Tuesday evening, the Canton Township Board of Trustees approved a nearly \$4.4 million contract allowing Chevron to oversee numerous projects such as installing energy-efficient lighting, replacing aging water-using equipment, switching out old heating and cooling systems and buying new furnaces for Sheldon School and The B.L.O.C.K., a youth teen center on Michigan Avenue.

Kenneth Hedrick, Chevron's Troy-based senior business development manager, said the work could begin by late May or early June. It is expected to take just over a year to com-

An earlier audit by Chevron indicated Canton could save an estimated \$354,673 a year by retooling its buildings. The township will use the money to pay off the contract within 15 years, though energy savings are projected to continue long afterward.

"The savings will pay for the program," Hedrick said. Canton's contract with Chevron comes with guaranteed savings. Township officials in coming weeks are expected to approve a funding mechanism for the project, likely by issu-

ing low-interest bonds.

Chevron's audit examined all energy-using aspects of township buildings.

"We get to replace aging mechanical systems," Sharp

The report also suggests installing two underground wells for Summit on the Park's splash pad and taking the site off Canton's water bill

Canton's projected annual savings of \$354,673 would come from electric, gas and water costs that, according to Canton Leisure Services Director Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz, amounted to nearly \$2.2 million for 2010. The township

also is expected to see operational savings of \$8,500, and it could qualify for one-time utility-improvement incentives of \$84,000.

Hedrick has said Chevron's energy-savings projections are accurate "97.2 percent of the

time." Sharp said Canton not only can reduce its energy costs and make buildings more efficient, but also move toward becom-

ing a "greener" community. "It's good for the environment," he said, "so it lets us do the right thing."

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ESSAY

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computer, along with some other gifts, to Ethan, a fourth-grader who was one of four winners in a national essay contest, Breaking Barriers Essay Contest, sponsored by Scholastic magazine and Major League Baseball.

Ethan, the son of Dan and Amy Rose of Canton, won the contest for the essay he wrote about his efforts to get football reinstated as a recess sport. Field Principal Denise Lilly had stopped the sport after several students were injured. Ethan, an avid football player, took it upon him-



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Ethan Rose's classmates are excited, too.

self to circulate petitions, form committees and get Lilly to allow the games to resume.

His essay detailed the

struggle, using the nine principles important to Robinson: courage, determination, teamwork, persistence, integrity, citizenship, commitment, excellence and justice.

"I read it and said, 'This is a really cool essay," Robinson said Wednesday before speaking to an assembly at Field. "The whole point is to help kids understand obstacles and barriers are part of life, and how my father's values can help overcome that. We saw that very clearly in Ethan's essay."

The essay detailed Ethan's approach to Lilly, who laid out a path to



iPad to keep him busy until the laptop arrives.

Ethan Rose will receive a new laptop

time for the event.

Sharon Robinson

and Major League

Baseball decided

to throw in an

as a prize, but it had not arrived in

resuming play for the kids to follow. Ethan and two friends, Nathan Rock and Jacob Matthews, circulated petitions. At Lilly's insistence, Ethan also came up with a panel of third-, fourth- and fifthgraders to come up with rules. Anyone wishing to play had to sign a contract to obey the rules.

"I love playing football at school," said Ethan, a quarterback.

Lilly said students suffered "several injuries" leading up to her decision to cancel the sport. But she wasn't surprised by Ethan's approach. She said he organized "a lot of meetings," to make sure the resumption of play was structured to minimize injuries.

"We wanted a process in place so no one got hurt," Lilly said. "The 40 players who signed up have

lived up to what they said they would do."

Ethan's mom said her son needed yet another value - patience - as the process unfolded.

"He thought football would be back the next day," she said, smiling. "It took a couple of weeks. He had to be patient."

In addition to the laptop, Robinson brought Tshirts and autographed books about her father for the rest of the students in Rose's class. Best of all, Ethan got to accompany Robinson to the Tigers-Mariners game Wednesday night.

"There aren't any words to describe my excitement," Ethan said, before giving it more thought. "I guess those are words to describe my excitement."

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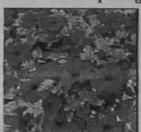
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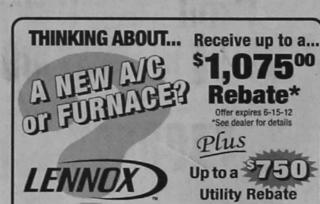
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PUBLIC SAFETY

Woman dies after setting self on fire

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

Canton police have declined to issue any statements indicating why a 53-year-old woman poured gasoline on herself last Friday afternoon and set herself on fire, causing injuries that proved fatal.

Rather, authorities have chosen to respect the family's privacy other than to confirm that the woman acted on her own.

"Based on our initial investigation from talking with witnesses, we're pretty confident it was self-inflicted and that she did this on her own," Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said. "She did make statements to officers at the scene that she had done this to herself.'

The victim, whose name hasn't been released, is believed to have set herself on fire on her deck while she was home alone, Schreiner said. The incident happened while her husband was briefly away from home.

Authorities found a gasoline can at the scene, not far from the deck area where the woman apparently burned herself.

"It does appear as though she poured what we believe was gasoline on herself," Schreiner said. The incident happened about 3:15 p.m. Fri-

day in a usually quiet neighborhood in the 1100 block of Celina Court, southeast of Saltz and Canton Center roads.

Police and firefighters rushed to the scene after receiving reports from neighbors of a woman who was severely burned.

The fire was discovered by a neighbor who found the victim and assisted her until emergency personnel arrived on the scene. A family member of the neighbor doused a small fire on the deck, according to a police statement.

After the victim was approached by neighbors, she ran back inside the house and was in the kitchen when police and firefighters arrived. She was taken to the University of Michigan Hospital's burn unit, where she lat-

The investigation was continuing early this week, and no information had been released on why the woman harmed herself.

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Peeping tom

Canton police were investigating reports from a girl who said a male walked into her apartment residence and asked to see her naked after her mother left for work. She said the incident happened last Friday morning at Stoneybrooke Apartments, southwest of I-275 and Joy Road.

The girl told police that on another occasion she had noticed someone looking in her window. She said last Friday morning she heard the apartment door open after her mother left for work. She said a male peeked inside her bedroom, but she said he left when she told him that she was going to call police.

The girl gave a description of a male in his 30s with strawberry blond hair. Anyone who may know the suspect is asked to call the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400.

Door kicked in

A 22-year-old woman who lives Lin the 41000 block of Old Michigan, southeast of Michigan Avenue and Haggerty, notified police after she found the front door of her mobile home had been kicked in sometime between 6 p.m. Friday and 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

The woman told police she was missing an Xbox game console and a Playstation 3. She said the incident happened while she was away for the weekend.

Intruder alert

A 31-year-old Canton man told police an unknown intruder entered a shed in his fenced-in back yard in the 41400 block of Ayrshire Drive, northwest of Palmer and Haggerty, sometime prior to 5:30 p.m. last Thursday.

He said missing items included a weed trimmer, bicycle, lawn mower and tools.

The man told police the shed had been locked. He said he noticed the missing items when he started to mow his lawn and noticed the lock had been

Garage break-in

4A man who lives in the Cinnamon Pointe apartment complex northwest of Cherry Hill and Lotz told police someone broke into his garage and stole several items. He reported the incident Monday, though it had hap-

CRIME WATCH



pened earlier.

The 27-year-old victim told police he was missing a microwave oven, two end tables, a coffee table, a baby stroller, an air compressor, a lawn edger, stereo equipment, rims and tires.

He told police the incident happened while he was at work. He said he came home and noticed the garage door open. He said it appears someone took the lock off.

Walmart rip-off

Police took a 29-year-old man into Ocustody amid allegations he stole diapers, towels and bed sets from the Walmart store on Ford east of Lotz shortly before noon Saturday.

A store employee told police he saw the suspect select the items, put them in a shopping cart and exit the store. He said he stopped the suspect and detained him until police arrived to take him into custody.

The suspect was cited for seconddegree retail fraud.

Retail fraud

6A 15-year-old male was cited for third-degree retail fraud following accusations he tried to stealing clothing from the Kohl's store in the 44400

block of Ford Road, west of Sheldon, just before 7:30 p.m. April 17.

A store employee said the suspect got a package of Jockev underwear and took it along with three shirts into a fitting room. However, the worker said the male left the fitting room with only

A police report indicated the male surrendered underwear and a shirt he had placed in a backpack. He apologized to the store employee and to his father but was cited for third-degree retail fraud.

Truck taken

7A 54-year-old man reported his Ford F-150 super-cab pickup truck was stolen from the driveway of his home in the 44100 block of Umberland Circle, southeast of Sheldon and Warren, between 9:30 p.m. Sunday and 6 a.m.

The man told police he noticed the truck was missing when he came home from bowling. He said he believes he left the keys inside the truck. He said his key chain also contained keys to his residence and two other vehicles.

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Contact: RSVP by April 24 to Joan Barrett at joan@newmorningschool.com or call (734) 420-3331.

STROLLING BRIDAL SHOW

Date/Time: Saturday, April 28, 1-4



More members

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, here practicing at Ford Field, is looking for new members to join their ranks of marchers, color guard and percussionists for the upcoming season. Current PCMB members and staff will be hosting informational meetings in the upcoming months for students and parents interested in finding out more about the band program. The band meetings will take place on May 15 and June 5 at 7 p.m. in the Plymouth High School band room.

Location: Showroom of Elegance,

6018 Canton Center, Canton Details: As wedding season approaches, Showroom of Elegance has decided to host a "Mix and

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in bridal gowns and bridesmaid's dresses will be strolling through the crowd, provided by Diane's Dream Brides of Livonia. Admission is free for everyone. Vendors include You're The Bride event planner, Shea Sounds, Vintner's Canton Winery and more.

Contact: RSVPs recommended (though not required) at (734) 207-1906

OPEN HOUSE

Date/Time: Saturday, May 5, 2-5

Location: The Village Doctor at Cherry Hill, 50439 Independence in Canton.

Details: The Village Doctor at Cherry Hill hosts an open house. There is also a ribbon-cutting ceremony 4 p.m. Thursday, May 3.

Contact: (734) 879-1068

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GRIEF SUPPORT Date/Time: Third Saturday of the

month, 10-11:30 a.m.

Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Canton

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice announces a new grief support group, "Compassionate Words,"

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draw students out of the district, could relieve the overcrowding issue, and even going so far as to point out Bird parents could actually choose the charter option themselves.

That motion failed 5-2, with only Simescu and Trustee Sheila Paton supporting it.

The second motion was for Option 3, which displaced fewer students than Option 2, but still relieved overcrowding at Smith and Isbister. The option also leaves Bird Elementary using a couple of portable classrooms and running its art program from a porta-

Fewer moving

Simescu said he could have supported the third option, and in fact was in the minority of a 4-3 vote that defeated the motion.

"There are fewer students moving out of Bird than in Option 2," Simescu said. "It moves fewer students than (Option 2).

But Trustees Mark Horvath and Mike Maloney, who both said they believed the district should have closed a second elementary school, said they couldn't support anything except Option 4 because they believe officials will be making these same sorts of decisions next year.

"I've said from the beginning I strongly believe ... we're going to be doing this again in six or eight months," Hor-

vath said. "I'm not comfortable sitting across from a parent explaining we we're moving their child again."

The fourth, and least intrusive option, passed on a similar 4-3 vote. Mardigian, Horvath, Maloney and Vice President Adrienne Davis voted in favor of it; Simescu, President John Barrett and Paton voted against it.

'To do Option 4 is irresponsible, because it offers no change for next year," Barrett said. "The numbers are solid that we need to make room for students. Option 3 minimizes changes, but still offers the opportunity for improving instruc-

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DRUNK

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with honoring the intent of the Super Drunk statute in allowing local law enforcement and prosecutors to expedite these cases and get them through at the local lev-

Heise's bill was among a series of state bills adopted early this year to strengthen the state's Super Drunk Law by giving townships, cities and villages more

authority to enforce it. According to a state website, a first offense for a typical operating while impaired incident carries fines of \$100 to \$500, up to 93 days in jail, as much as 360 hours of community service and a driver's license suspension for 30 days, following by license restrictions for 150 days, among

other penalties. With a blood-alcohol content of 0.17 or higher, the fines are \$200 to \$700, up to 180 days in jail, the same amount of community service and

a driver's license suspension for one year. The potential for a restricted license comes after 45 days if an ignition interlock device is installed to force a driver to blow air into an alcohol-sensor unit.

Penalties are stiffened for subsequent offens-

Canton's vote Tuesday came as other communities such as Livonia also are moving to adopt new Super Drunk ordinances.

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providing emotional support to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one. The group will focus on the various stages of grief, and incorporate basic journal writing as a way to express feelings. The program is free of charge. Contact: To register, contact

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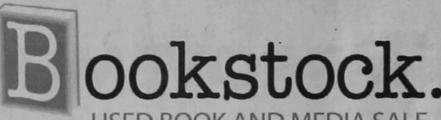
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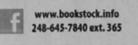
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Troupe takes on 'Charlie Brown'

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

Normally, the acting troupes at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park rehearse six to eight weeks when they're putting on a musical.

But veteran actor Brandon Waldenmayer, a senior at Salem High School, felt strongly enough about reaching out to younger students that he pushed to have Thespian Troupe #354's production of "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown," hit the stage in half that time.

That's why the group opens Friday night at the Canton DuBois Little Theater after only three weeks of rehearsal. And that's why he pushed director Paul Bird to do "Charlie Brown."

"Everyone knows Charlie Brown, everyone loves Charlie Brown, and it's a family friendly show," said Waldenmayer, a mem-ber of the Park Players his entire high school career. "A lot of the productions high school groups do are not for



Charlie Brown (Salem senior Brandon Waldenmayer) gets some love from Linus (Canton junior Alex Myslinski) and Lucy (Plymouth senior Holly Platis).

all ages. Doing a family friendly show every once in awhile brings in a new crowd."

The show is also intended to reach out to the younger generation, which is why the troupe will do a performance for some 300 third-graders from around the Plymouth-Canton district on Thursday.

The idea, according to Waldenmayer, is to attract younger actors who will be ready to step in when they get to high school.

"I wanted to reach out to the younger kids because they're our next generation of actors and actresses," Waldenmayer said. "We wanted to get that love started early. It'll get them more experience when they get to the park."

Waldenmayer approached Bird about doing "Charlie Brown," and Bird agreed despite the time constraints.



Snoopy (Plymouth High School senior Kelsey Anderson) relaxes on his dog house during a scene from "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown."

The small cast (six characters) and minimal scenery needs made it a little easier. "Normally we take 6-8 weeks for a musical; we only had three for this so it's been pretty intensive," Bird said.

The director also had a hard time saying no to the persuasive Waldenmayer when he talked about reaching out to younger kids.

"It's such a good thing to reach out to them at such a young age," Bird said. "For a lot of them,

(acting) is the one place they feel comfortable and accepted. A lot of our kids, once they get to their senior year, are upset they didn't get started much earlier."

Since it was Waldenmayer's baby, Bird let him run with it. Consequently, the Salem senior, who also plays the lead, has helped produce and direct, and worked with musical director Jennifer Kopp and drama teacher Kristen Quesada, who helped with choreography.

A GOOD MAN

What: "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" When: Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.

Where: DuBois Little Theater, Canton High

Cast: Salem High School senior Brandon Waldenmayer as Charlie Brown, Plymouth senior Holly Platis as Lucy, Plymouth senior Kelsey Anderson as Snoopy, Canton junior Alex Myslinski as Linus, Canton junior Matt Whitehead as Schroeder and Salem senior Rebecca Levergood as Peppermint Patty. Tickets: All seats \$10

"It was a lot of fun and something I've never done before," Waldenmayer said. "I got to work on every aspect of the show. It gives you a new perspective for all they do. It's so much work, and so much goes into it that nobody ever sees.'

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'Hidden treasure'

Nature lovers find pleasure along Rouge trail

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

Westland retiree Jim Paling paused to reflect after finishing his one-hour walk along Canton's tree-shrouded Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail on a brisk, blustery Monday morning.

"It's a hidden treasure," Paling, a former Wood-haven High School physical education teacher, said. "It's like an oasis in the middle of a bustling place with a million cars."

Paling represents a gradually growing number of nature lovers who are fond of the 3.5-mile trail, connected since last summer by a series of wooden, pedestrian bridges from Canton Center, near Heritage Park, to the I-275 Metro Trail, just north of Michigan Avenue.

"I think it's definitely getting more use," Brad Sharp, Canton's park and facility maintenance manager, said, "but it's still a good-kept secret."

It's impossible to gauge the number of users who access the 10-foot-wide main trail — covered by compacted, crushed stone — or a series of smaller offshoots carved out by the Michigan Mountain Bike Association.

Exploration station

Yet, on any given day, people like Paling, often accompanied by wife Karen, a former Wayne Memorial High dance and physical education teacher, can be found exploring the winding trail that beckons as a reprieve from the bustling, traffic-clogged world outside.

Paling parked his vehicle at a trail head parking lot where Morton Taylor dead-ends north of Michigan Avenue, and he trekked Monday to the Haggerty Road area and back. Other users access the path at other points.

"We used to run our dog (Sammy, a German shepherd) out here three or four times a week before we had to put him down last summer," Paling

said.

The couple has continued to visit the trail, and they intend to return with a new dog they haven't yet gotten. They've explored the trail as far west as Sheldon and east to the I-275 Metro Trail, a paved pathway used by bicyclists, roller-skaters, joggers and leisurely

walkers alike.
After Paling had finished his walk along the Lower Rouge trail, a younger couple could be seen headed toward the path with their dog, a black Labrador retriever.

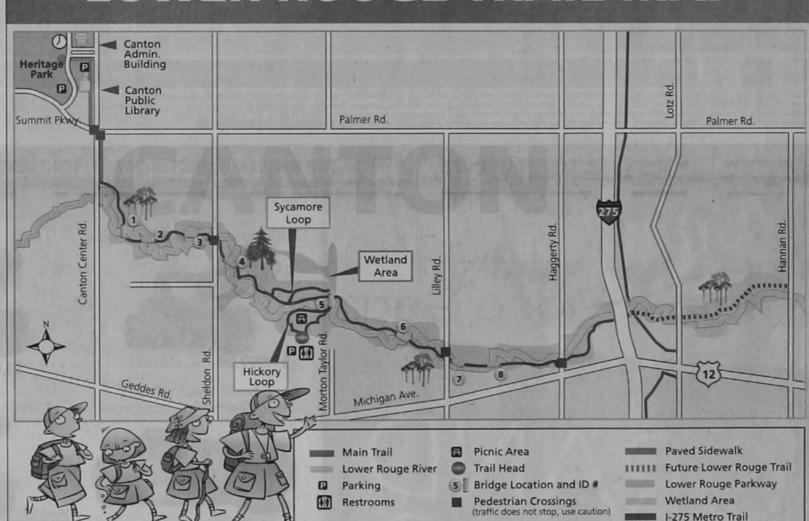
"It's a fantastic trail,"
Paling said. "It's away
from all the noise, down
in a river basin. Even
when it's hot in the summer, there's shade along
the trail. They've done
a real nice iob with the



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Jim Paling, of Westland, frequently walks the Rouge trail, often with his wife Karen. Users call the 3.5-mile trail, connected since last summer by a series of wooden, pedestrian bridges from Canton Center, near Heritage Park, to the I-275 Metro Trail, just north of Michigan Avenue, a "hidden treasure."

LOWER ROUGE TRAIL MAP



bridges."

Pristine nature

Sharp credited the Canton Public Works Department, led by Manager
Bob Belair, with spearheading plans for the trail more than a decade ago. Local officials tapped into grant dollars and help from sources such as the Michigan Natural Resources
Trust Fund, Wayne County's National Wet Weath-

er Demonstration Project and the Michigan Depart-

ment of Transportation.

Trail users have learned to bring their mosquito repellent certain times of the day, yet it's a small price to pay for a slice of pristine nature not far from bustling thoroughfares like Ford Road, known as one of Michigan's most trafficclogged places.

Sharp, Belair and others have tried to spread



A Red Admiral butterfly sits on a flower next to the hiking trail.

the word about the trail to people who appreciate nature — and perhaps who need a little break from hurried lifestyles.

Canton occasionally sponsors special events such as Sound Garden, bringing in musicians and artists who spread out along the trail to play saxophone or acoustic guitar, or to paint a Rouge River scene. One such gathering last October drew an estimated 300 visitors.

There's plenty of room along the trail to find solitude even during special events. Most days, though, the number of trail users is substantially smaller.

Either way, it's a place that keeps people like Jim Paling coming back. He smiled Monday as he took in his surroundings,



Common Teasel along the walking path.

which offered not a hint of Canton's 90,000-plus residents.

"It's like being in a dif-

ferent world," he said.

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The trails of the recreation area include a footpath that follows the river.

Hindu Temple, Interfaith group conclude health fairs

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

Amid spiraling healthcare costs and economic roadblocks to insurance coverage, Canton faithbased groups have concluded a series of free health fairs that brought medical attention to hundreds of area residents.

The Hindu Temple of Canton celebrated the second phase of its 10th annual health fair Sunday by drawing an estimated 400 people who followed up earlier blood screenings with consultations involving more than 65 health-care professionals such as physicians, pharmacists, nutritionists, dentists and physical therapists, said health fair committee Chairman Jatin Desai.

"The turnout was a record in the rich history of The Hindu Temple health fair," Desai said, commending township and state elected officials who attended to offer their support.

"The principal goal is to enhance awareness in the community about pre-

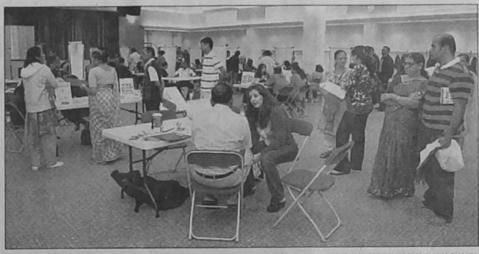


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Another crowd shows up for the second phase of a free health fair sponsored by The Hindu Temple of Canton.

ventive measures to fend off spiraling health-care costs and suffering by making meaningful lifestyle changes with help of a rich cross-section of willing professional consultants free of charge," he said.

Desai called the 10th annual event "an evolving community outreach effort" sponsored by The Hindu Temple of Canton, the Michigan Association of Physicians of Indian Origin, or MAPI, and Oakwood Annapolis Hospital.

Saying the health fair benefited "a diverse cross-section of the community," Desai said "we believe we are making significant inroads in attaining our principal goal" of helping area residents with health care.

Meanwhile, another local group called the Interfaith Community Outreach completed its first free health fair Saturday by helping dozens

of people during an event based at Geneva Presbyterian Church.

"The event serviced approximately 50 people of all cultures and religions," ICO member Anne Marie Graham-Hudak said.

Attendees of ICO's inaugural health fair benefited from free health screenings and informational sessions intended to teach people ways to adjust their lifestyles to become healthier.



group of nurses and volunteers are among those who helped out during the Interfaith Community Outreach's health fair.

"The most wonderful way to describe what happened at our event is that so many faiths worked side-by-side to serve the community together," Graham-Hudak said.

ICO's health fair involved representatives from the Canton Mosque (Muslim Community of Western Suburbs), the Hindu community, St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church, Geneva Presbyterian, the Plymouth Falls and Cantonbased Singh Sabha Sikh gurdwaras and Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

The Canton Community Foundation and Oakwood Hospital became involved in ICO's effort along with doctors, dieticians, nurses, physical therapists and yoga instructors from a variety of facilities including Oakwood Annapolis Hospital.

ICO's event came after the organization earlier marked the 10th anniversary of 9/11 by assembling diverse religious groups last September at the Canton Mosque.

"We look forward to having more of these events to serve the surrounding communities and those in need," Graham-Hudak said.

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Move over, e-readers, people still love to buy books

People still like to buy and read old-fashioned hardcover and paperback books.

That was the assessment of Janet Berman of Farmington Hills, cochair of Bookstock, Metro Detroit's largest used book and media sale going on through Sunday at Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

Despite the growing popularity of e-book readers and online bookstores, Bookstock attendance this year may be up over last year, Berman said.

Attendance is impossi-

ble to gauge, she said, but "it seems as if our numbers are up. It's been doing very well. I'm very

"Obviously, people are readers who still like books to hold in their hands," she said.

Bookstock has more than 100,000 donated used books, DVDs, CDs, books on tape, magazines and records available for sale. All proceeds benefit literacy and education projects in metropolitan Detroit.

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700 volunteers, the weeklong sale has raised more than \$655,000 for literacy and education programs throughout Oakland County and Detroit over the Mervyn.

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past nine years.

Berman said even old media like VCR tapes, priced at four for \$1, are selling well.

"I think people just

enjoy something like this," she said. "It seems like a lot of the bookstores have gone by the wayside. It's kind of fun to be able to come to a book sale. This is the mother of all book sales."

Bookstock continues today with its second of two special deals including a chance to win a baseball autographed by Tigers Hall of Famer Al Kaline.

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CANTON CHAMBER CHAT

May luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its May networking luncheon May 2 at 11:30 a.m. at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. The cost for lunch is \$25 (advance member registration) or \$30 (non-member) and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open to

May's Luncheon will feature guest speaker, Howard (Howdy) Homes, Chelsea Milling Company (Jiffy). Homes won championships, was "Rookie of the Year" at the Indy 500 in 1979. He competed in six Indy 500 events. When he retired in 1988, he held the best average finishing record of anyone who started more than four events.

"We are thrilled to have Howard speak at our chamber luncheon," said Dianne Cojei, President, Canton Chamber of Commerce.

May's luncheon is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by Curves and the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce. Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make a reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

First Friday

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its 1st Friday Club meeting 8:30 a.m. Friday, May 4, at the chamber office, located at 45525 Hanford Road in Canton.

It's an opportunity for one-on-one networking in a small group setting. This networking event is limited to 10 separate businesses plus a sponsor. Participants should bring business cards, flyers, etc., to share with the group. Participation in this networking event is limited to once per quarter.

To make a reservation, call (734) 453-4040 or e-mail admin@cantonchamber.com. The event is sponsored by Showroom of Elegance.

Ribbon cutting

The Village Doctor at Cherry Hill hosts a ribbon-cutting ceremony 4 p.m. Thursday, May 3.

The Village Doctor is located at 50439 Independence in Canton. Chamber of Commerce officials call the ceremony a "great way to welcome The Village Doctor at Cherry Hill to the community."

The office has also scheduled an open house 2-5 p.m. Saturday, May 5.

Membership to the MAX

Membership to the Max takes place 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 9, at the chamber office, 45525 Han-

It's designed to help members use their Canton Chamber of Commerce membership to its full capacity. Chamber officials said their goal is to "help our members redeem all of the advantages that accompanies their membership.'

Reservations are required and can be made by calling the chamber office, (734) 453-4040 or e-mailing admin@cantonchamber.com

Sponsors of the event are Bovitz, CPA, P.C., Molly Maid and Showroom of Elegance.

Scholarship help

On behalf of contributing members from the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and the Canton Chamber of Commerce, chamber officials would like to reward up to five Plymouth/Canton students with Student Citizenship Award Scholarships (SCAS), and are looking for membership help.

Call (734) 453-4040 for details.

Connection group

The Connection Group is a business networking/referral group made up of 15-20 Chamber members with only one industry being represented per group. Applications are now being accepted and are available on the chamber's website, Connection Group Application.

CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS



Drs. Nader and Rima Bazzi and Dr. Julie Atoui and their staff at Contemporary Dentistry host a 'Dental Care From The Heart' event Saturday, June 23.

Dental give-back

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Free services for the day include cleaning, filling, extraction, X-rays and diagnostic services. More involved services such as crowns, bridges, root canals and dentures are not included, due to time constraints. Services are limited to patients over the age of 3 years old, and an adult must accompany anyone under 18.

No phone calls or appointments will be taken; patients will be helped on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call (734) 455-0095.

Tastefully Simple

Katie Koveleski of Canton has become an independent consultant with Tastefully Simple Inc., a national direct sales company featuring more than 60 easy-toprepare foods.

Koveleski can be reached at kkoveleski18@gmail.

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Eastern Market makes meaty move

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

Eastern Market: We also make our own sausage, with many different flavors. We have a fullservice deli with more than 20 fresh house-made salads. We also have a full line of lunch meats, featuring Boar's Head brand. We have a full line of produce, dairy, frozen and groceries. We have all these things in our store, but what makes us different is the customer service we provide. Without our customers, there is no us.

Observer: How did you

decide to open your business? Eastern Market: I have always loved the meat and deli business and I have owned and operated little markets all my life. So when this opportunity arose I jumped on it. I like what I do and that makes a big difference. When you buy a business you either give it 100 percent or nothing, just like I tell my sons: "Love what you do." The biggest happiness for me in my business is when a customer tells me how good her Sunday meal with her family was. Quality and customer service is our main thing.

Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

Eastern Market: I have owned a business in Canton for more than six years. I love the community and have built a lot of relationships over the years. The township sup-



Eastern Market of Canton owner Marvin Jarbo and deli manager Leslie David are ready to serve customers now that the market is back in business following a February fire.

ports small businesses very well.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Eastern Market: We are unique in the sense that there are no more good butcher shops and delis that have the quality, that take the time to make salads, pack their own storemade sausage, that go to the produce terminal to get fresh fruits and vegetables in the morning. We need more people to believe in the small, independents that built this country, not the big box stores. We are Michigan, so we need to support Michigan.

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Eastern Market: Every customer who comes into my stores gets a big yell, Welcome to Eastern Market." Do you know how good it feels to be greeted at the door when you recognize someone. We know 90 percent of our customers by their

first names. It's a good feeling that people appre-

Observer: Do you have a story to share with readers about your experience as a small business owner?

Eastern Market: This past Valentine's Day, a couple that comes in all the time asked me to get them the best piece of meat for their dinner. Naturally, I got them two nice pieces of tenderloin. The next day they came in and told me how good dinner was and showed me the engagement ring that she got. I guess the tenderloin sealed the deal

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Eastern Market: The prices of meat going up doesn't help and with jobs being so uncertain, it hurts us. But we offer our meat bundles to help those families on a fixed budget. You get "X" amount of meat for a reasonable price.

EASTERN MARKET OF CANTON

Business name and address: Eastern Market of Canton, 39493 Joy

Road, Canton Your name: Marvin Jarbo, owner

Your hometown: Farmington Hills

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Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

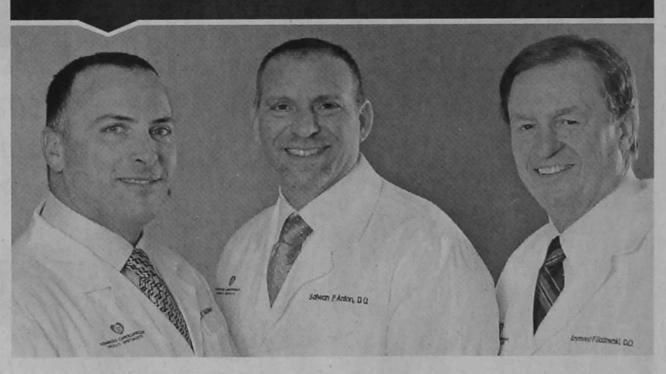
Eastern Market: Make your customer want to keep coming back with quality customer service and a friendly smile and good prices.

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

Eastern Market: Hopefully to expand and make it bigger, but truthfully, I like it just the way it is. Great people and doing what I love.

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Senior couple to receive Wayne State degrees

By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer

Harold and Dorothy Dunne view life as an educational journey and a lengthy course in selfimprovement.

And they are reallife proof that pursuing dreams and passions never takes a back seat to time.

On May 7, Dorothy, 78, and Harold, 82, will take another step on that road of lifelong learning when they receive bachelor of arts degrees from Wayne State University.

Dorothy will receive her bachelor of arts degree in theater with a minor in Spanish, while her husband Harold, 82, will receive his bachelor of arts in Spanish.

Harold's degree is his third. He earned a bachelor of arts in sociology from WSU in 1979 and a juris doctor from the Wayne State University School of Law in 1983. Dorothy will be getting her first baccalaureate degree.

The couple married 61 years ago and moved to their Livonia home near



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Dorothy and Harold Dunne will graduate from Wayne State University in May.

Seven Mile and Wayne roads in 1981. They met and married in California, moved to Redford, moved back to California, then returned to Michigan, moving to Farmington for a short period and then Livonia.

'A little polishing'

Dorothy credits a trip to Greece in 2000 where she performed with a theater group in drawing her to theater and acting. She went with a group from the University of Detroit Mercy Theater Department to perform in Medea. Dorothy was a member of a Greek cho-

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Dorothy decided to attend school in 2000 to learn more about the acting craft and theater.

"It was kind of a joke on my part," Dorothy said. "I acted in community theater. My husband said, 'You are darned good at what you do, but you need a little polishing."

"I thought it was a joke, so I said, 'I'll just go to Wayne State.' I didn't think they'd accept me, but they did."

Harold returned to school after a trip to Cuba in 2002 for a conference with attorneys on international law. Harold was interested in the social problems of countries. One of the speakers at the conference was Fidel Castro, Harold said.

Harold wants to return to Cuba on another Department of State-approved trip. "We enjoyed it, so I thought I'd better learn Spanish and go back to school," Harold said. The couple has also traveled to Mexica.

While Dorothy attended school, she managed to pick up jobs in a few commercials for Health Alliance Plan and DMC, getting work "anytime

they needed a mature woman," Dorothy said with a smile.

Sharpening skills

Both believe their continued studies and education keep their minds sharp and slow aging.

"The older you get, the more active you have to be," Harold said. "It keeps my mind active and keeps my writing active.

"We really don't associate with people our own age. We would rather mingle with people in their 20s, 30s, and 40s. I've enjoyed the time at Wayne State with the students. They are appreciative of seeing an older

person in their classes."
When asked what they would say to someone who says they are too old

to go to college, Harold

replies: "Nonsense."
Dorothy added, "You are never too old to learn. If we weren't doing this, I don't know what we would do. We get up, get dressed, go to school and we are able to exchange ideas."

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(Code 1982, 9.62; Ord. No. 86-3, 2,3-17-86; Ord. No. 2006-2, 2, 7-17-06)

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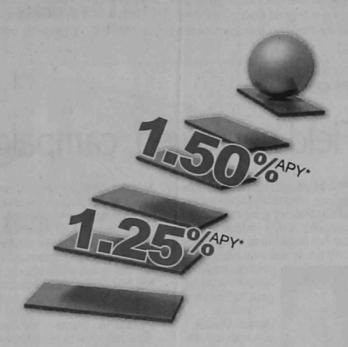
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OUR VIEWS

Coming home

Chamber gets it right with newest leader

When Dianne Cojei announced her retirement as the longtime president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce 18 months ago, the chamber's Board of Directors

hired Tracey Rettig, a Berkley resident.



Paden

Rettig resigned less than a year later, leaving the board tasked again with finding a new chief. Cojei returned on an interim basis and then last month the board named Thomas Paden as president of the 539-member chamber. Paden, who worked as the

chamber's member relations staffer from 2009 to 2011, is a good fit for the Canton job. He has had ties beyond the chamber including Canton Township's economic development team and Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. His connection goes back more than a decade, when then chamber president Dianne Cojei brought him in for a co-op student internship from the William D. Ford Career Technical Center in the Wayne-Westland school district.

Cojei called Paden a "wonderful choice." We agree that Paden's connection to the community and his obvious love for it, will help the chamber move forward. Paden gets his comingout party Saturday, when the chamber hosts its annual dinner-auction (its major fundraiser) at Burton Manor in

As Paden takes the reins, everyone is looking for ways to move the chamber forward. We agree he is the right choice to help the local chamber as it continues to promote a favorable local business climate and economic opportunities throughout the township.

Culture Week chance for community to put best foot forward

Canton Township has an increasingly diverse population, and does an excellent job of celebrating that diversity.

That celebration will be on display again beginning Friday, when the second annual Canton Acts of Culture Week begins. In fact, it has become so big, it has mushroomed into a 10-day festival.

The Michigan Philharmonic anchors this year's Canton Acts of Culture Week festivities by performing Asian music during "From Canton To Canton: The Music of China" - acknowledging how this community took its name from the China province, said Nan Washburn, music director and conductor.

The concert also features the children's dance troupe of the Chinese American Cultural Center, student violinists from the Canton Chinese School. It's another aspect of the great job done by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage: Including children into the celebration.

The youngsters are also heavily involved in another highlight - the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' fourth annual K-12 Art Show, which showcases more than 2,000 pieces of student artwork from 25 schools. That show has been expanded for the first time to two days, thanks to a generous donation from Republic Services.

There's been a transition in leadership at the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage, with local artist Sharon Dillenbeck replacing ReGina Shamberger, but the change hasn't seemed to affect the development of the event.

Canton Township - officials and residents alike - work hard to celebrate the diversity in the township. Canton Acts of Culture is a well-organized and entertaining way to show it.



Brad Kadrich, Community Editor Susan Rosiek, **Executive Editor**

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COMMUNITY VOICE

If you could ask the presidential candidates one question, what would it be?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I'd like to see some figures for their spending and ask them where the money is going." **Elaine Burgess**



"Probably for Mitt, how does he see my children's future. I would ask Obama what have you done for me in the last four years?"

Nancy Rovik



"I'd probably ask how in the world are they going to fix the economy. So many people are suffering everywhere."

Patricia Scagnetti



"How can we improve our educational sys-

Loretta Washington

LETTERS

Besting a fool

I had intended to write a scathing rebuttal to the written attack on our school district by George Belvitch (Letters to the Editor,

However, I had second thoughts when I remembered something my dear old pappy used to say: "There is no honor in besting a

Therefore, I'll just say that he is wrong, wrong, wrong

James Huddleston Canton

Shocking hypocrisy

The recent flap over the "Buffett" bill again revealed the abject hypocrisy of the Republican Party. The Repubs whined that the bill, a step toward fairness in the tax code, would not eliminate the deficit although no one ever said that it would.

Point is, estimates are that the rule, affecting slightly more than 200,000 taxpayers and a minuscule number of small businesses, would generate some \$4.7 billion annually, an amount categorized as a pittance by Republican politicians and pundits alike.

Does anyone recall the so-called Solyndra "nontroversy" where the staggering sum of \$500 million was lost when the solar panel producer went bankrupt after obtaining a federal loan guarantee and the howling that commenced

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in its wake?

Republicans thought this to be such a travesty that a congressional commission was convened to investigate. According to my math, the added revenue from the Buffett bill, had it been passed, would have been nine times greater than the amount lost with Solyndra in year one. Problem is, 10 years down the road, the bill for Solyndra will still be half a billion and the benefit accrued from the Buffett bill would have totaled \$47 billion.

Seems as if those really concerned with cutting the deficit rather than helping the 1 percent or scoring political points would be a little more selective in their rage, but we are talking Republican here.

Mitch Smith Canton

Appreciate teachers

As we embark on Teacher Appreciation Week (May 7-11), an encouraging new poll conducted by Everest Institute indicates that young adult Michiganders do, in fact, hold educators in very high esteem. A majority of the 500 Michigan students and young adults polled — 55 percent - said at least one of their teachers made a significant difference or contribution to their success.

Few other professionals touch as many people as teachers do, and when young people can say a teacher has been a major, positive influence in their lives, it dramatically reinforces why educators should not only be appreciated for their efforts this week — but all year long.

To my fellow educators, thank you for all that you do to educate and inspire today's students. Your contribution to our community is invaluable. Keep up the great

Liana Lusson

president, Everest Institute-Southfield

STAFF COLUMN

Field narrowed, campaign will d-r-a-g on

o Michigan native Mitt Romney, a venture capitalist and the former governor of Massachusetts, has outlasted and outspent his Republican rivals and pretty much sewn up his party's



presidential nomination. Is anyone really surprised? President Barack Obama, who appears not to have any Democratic challengers (he actually has five, but you won't

see much about them in the mainstream media), has long had a lock on his party's nod, and he's been in general-election mode for months.

Now, after a campaign that seemingly began the moment Obama was inaugurated more than three years ago, we can look forward to six more months of even more intense electioneering and all the attendant bloviation, exaggerated controversy, manufactured outrage, horse-race-calling and other silliness that passes for election coverage. We may even hear about some issues.

Wake me up if they visit Plymouth.

Doubtless there will be speeches big and small, pundits who dissect every word and repeat themselves on the next network, countless photo ops, polls that change with the hour, controversial Twitter feeds, the occasional candidate gaffe and maybe even a campaign scandal or two, with loval staffers ready to fall on their swords.

Campaign ads will be called "over the top" and "below the belt," Sarah Palin, Joe the Plumber and the guy from whatshisname's last campaign will weigh in, there will be endless speculation about Romney's running mate, and I'd like to have a dime for every time I'll hear the words "pivot," as in: "Romney's got to pivot toward independent voters," or "on message," as in: "Obama's got to stay on message.

Saturday Night Live and comedians like Stephen Colbert and Jon Stewart will have plenty of fodder, their satire perhaps touching nearer the truth of the spectacle than the so-called serious coverage.

And just wait until we get to the party conventions.

Our presidential election season is entirely too long and wasteful, sapping time, money and other resources that could be put to better use. Sound bites are repeated again and again, the candidates perform breathtaking verbal contortions as they try to appeal to every possible group and interest, and the wheels of federal legislation, already slow, grind nearly to a halt as re-election-seekers from the president down devote much of their time to glad-handing and fundraising, and work studiously to avoid any whiff of controversy.

No wonder people are dissatisfied and turned off by the process. Can anyone paying the barest bit of attention still be undecided?

At the same time, there is a market for overdoing it: The cable television desk-pounders on both sides of the spectrum have devoted followings, the candidates' advertising budgets are gold mines, and there is no shortage of ranters on the Web jabbering about everything from Obama's birth certificate to Romney's religion to both candidates' dog stories (Obama has one now,

too). In many countries, an election of comparable magnitude will wrap up in six or eight weeks, and the government, the media and the populace will move on. Here, the campaign cycles seem to lengthen with every presidential term, and although people complain about it, there aren't any signs that it's going to change.

I understand the candidates' need to seek supporters in every city and hamlet, frame their messages (ad nauseum), tout their accomplishments, broaden their base and raise tons of cash. And while common sense suggests the campaign that has been doing these things the longest and most consistently would also be doing them the best, doesn't a restless, cynical electorate indicate we've passed a point of diminishing returns?

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From its beginning, Schoolcraft has stood out

Guest Columnist

t's amazing that Schoolcraft College ever built a campus and opened its doors at all 50 years ago.

Most community colleges had a definite geographic base. Some, like Highland Park, Dearborn and Benton Harbor, were spawned by a K-12 school district. Others, like Oakland and Kalamazoo Valley, were countywide inventions.

Schoolcraft was unusual a cooperative venture of five school districts forming a team. There were six at first - Livonia, Plymouth, Clarenceville, Garden City, Redford Union and South Redford. The publisher of the Redford Township News killed the "scheme," as he called it, gunning down RU's and SR's participation. The other four districts formed the college under an amended law signed in 1960 by Gov. G. Mennen Williams, a Democrat. A fifth district, Northville, saw a good thing and joined. It was the first multi-district community college in the

Instead of the bland name assigned by the state - Northwest Wayne County Community College - the founders elected to name the district after one of the state's unsung pioneers: Henry Rowe Schoolcraft (1793-1864), state geologist and ethnologist of Native American tribes, who gained the admiration of poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, who in turn used Schoolcraft's writings as the basis for The Song of Hiawatha.

In their second try at the ballot, the organizing committee had open support from Gov. John B. Swainson in a letter to the public. Voters said yes Oct. 24, 1961.

There were long arguments about where to build the campus. Only Livonia and Plymouth had the needed 150-acre tracts available. Livonia Mayor Harvey Moelke iced it for the city by offering to put in water and sewers. He also persuaded the owners of the farmland at Seven Mile and Haggerty roads to deal

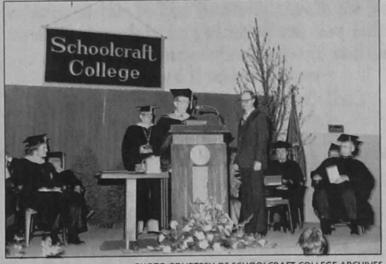


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Former O&E editor and reporter Tim Richard (right) was awarded an honorary degree from Schoolcraft in 1980. Trustee Harry Greenleaf (member of the board of trustees from 1977 to 1995) is at the podium. Schoolcraft's second president, Dr. C. Nelson Grote, is standing behind Greenleaf.

gently with the college.

'Colleges are made, not born," guipped Sam Hudson, a historian, one of the organizers, a trustee and the author of Reaching Out: A History of Schoolcraft College (1984).

But what should a two-year college be like? Early students often admitted to being "draft dodgers" from the Vietnam war. New to the beat, this reporter asked first President Eric Bradner if it would grow into a fouryear university. He straightened me out. That was never in the scheme of things.

Transfer programs for students who wished to go on to a four-year university, that was for certain. Terminal programs for those not going on. This included those seeking technical skills for industrial jobs, as well as nursing, health assistant programs and especially culinary arts for top jobs in the hospitality industry. In short, any company that needed skilled teachers to teach employees job skills could look to Schoolcraft for help.

Schoolcraft always has been a bargain in tuition. An early champion was the late R.T. (Tommy) Thompson, this paper's executive editor at the time. He

covered the beat lustily. Tommy had put in a year at Ohio State, but had to drop out when he was maneuvered out of a dishwashing job at a sorority. I think Tommy was pitching for all the kids of limited means.

One other service came to mind: the arts. Wayne Dunlap, hired away from the University of Michigan to set up the arts program, noted a wide, empty valley between Ann Arbor and Detroit. Dunlap and his successor, Richard Saunders, saw the need for a 2,000-seat auditorium catering to (especially) chamber

I was with them. "We're getting only part of the value of a college - classroom instruction - and short-changing ourselves in the arts," I said editorially, in a comment that Sam Hudson included in his book. But the majority of voters rule: Yes to a culinary arts addition, no to the fine arts. So it was.

There were other views on what should be taught. Trustee Mark McQuesten, the first exstudent elected to the board, blistered the thought of a Garden City center and vo-tech courses. McQuesten saw a sophisticated liberal arts program attract-



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The Bell Tower is a landmark on the Livonia campus. It is 90 feet tall. The Carillon Bells were purchased by Floyd Kehrl for \$6,500. The five small bells are from schools in the five local K-12 districts which comprise the College District - Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-Canton, Garden City and Clarenceville. The small bells do not ring.

ing scholars of many ethnic and national groups, not the career programs that President Nelson Grote was serving. The board, the business community and the public, however, were all for job preparation.

The faculty union caused a few fusses. They disliked the hiring of part-time instructors to teach specialized programs, preferring full-timers who earned benefits and paid union dues. The faculty wanted a non-voting "advisory" seat on the board — a lobbyist and a terrible conflict of interest at bargaining time. Despite my political differences, I made many friends on the faculty.

Dr. Grote, the second president, had more than his share of headaches with the faculty, but was well-enough regarded outside the community to be under consideration for state superintendent of public instruction. He was finally hired by a Washington community college, which was impressed with his handling of a multi-campus system.

Despite all the local battles over the college's existence, bond issues, purpose and unionization, one thing has been constant over more than 50 years: the support of the governors.

I've already mentioned Williams and Swainson from the early 1960s. A big thanks goes to William G. Milliken, whose 14 years at the governor's desk were preceded by a term at his hometown community college in Traverse City and by his advocacy of expanding community colleges in the early 1960s as a rebellious moderate Republican in the Legislature.

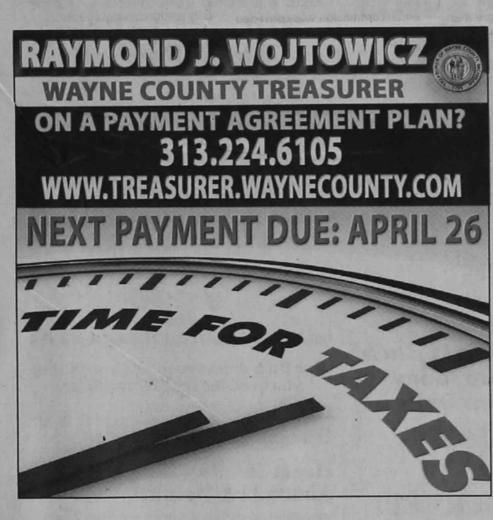
Democrat Jim Blanchard and Republican John Engler had soft spots in their fiscal hearts for community colleges, as did Democrat Jennifer Granholm. Current Gov. Rick (the Tough Nerd) Snyder says he earned three degrees in six years (BGS, MBA, JD) from the University of Michigan, but he'll also tell you that as a high school student he piled up 25 or so advance credits with dual enrollments at his Battle Creek Community College. He's trying to be good to the likes of Schoolcraft.

Charles A. Murray, author of the new shocker Losing Ground, opines that "too many people are going to college," meaning four-year universities, and many would be better off learning

career skills. Myself, I had 20 or so years of (paid) fun covering the college, took a night Spanish course prior to our journey to Iberia and South America, learned about Mozart in the outdoor chamber concerts and enjoyed watching my Norwegian elkhound track a fox who had a den in a rock pile behind the gym. I wonder if foxes still inhabit the area.

There was always a lot to love at Schoolcraft College.

Tim Richard was awarded an honorary degree at Schoolcraft in 1980 and in 1998 was elected to the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame. He is retired in the northern hamlet of Bear Lake, where his most strenuous activity is fishing for maskinoge (the northern pike).







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Robb-ed: 'Cats blank Chiefs

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth's Kylie Robb knows she has the green light to scramble out of her goal simply because her defenders have her

Such was the case once again Tuesday as Robb with a little help from her friends — blanked Canton 2-0 in a KLAA South Division girls soccer tilt.

"I completely trust my defenders," said Robb following the contest.

With under 15 minutes remaining and the Wild-cats leading 1-0 thanks to a second-half goal by junior forward Madi Lewis, the Chiefs started amping it up to try and net the equalizer.

Canton senior forward Ally Krause sailed a 20yard shot high over the crossbar with about 14 minutes to go, with Robb down and out after missing on her bid to reach a 50/50 ball.

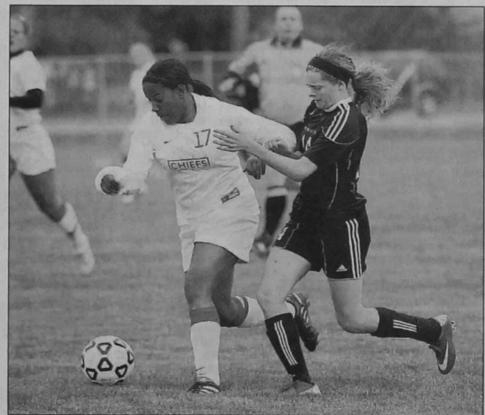
"We really practice on getting back on defense and covering," Robb said. "And I'm glad that my defenders, when I came out and missed the ball, they were ready to come back and save me."

Then with about 12 minutes left, Krause got on the end of sophomore forward Rachel Winter's corner kick and sent a low shot ticketed for inside the right post.

But even though Robb wasn't there, Plymouth sophomore midfielder Alyssa Dillon was. The ball hit Dillon's leg and caromed away, and the Wildcats maintained their lead.

A few minutes later, Canton senior midfielder Robyn Mack drilled a hard shot from the left side of the box that Robb deflected with her hands. Plymouth (5-1-2, 3-0-0)

Please see SOCCER, B2



JOHN KEMSKI

Canton's Robyn Mack (No. 17) tries to stay a step ahead of Plymouth's Madi Lewis (No. 14) during Tuesday night's contest.

Close game gets away from Rocks

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

Monday's KLAA baseball matchup between Livonia Franklin and host Salem turned into a 14-6 blowout on a play that had nothing to do with the swirling winds.

Salem rallied to tie the game 4-4 in the bottom of the fifth on a two-run double by Austin Silletti and subsequent run-scoring single by Justin Sydlowski.

But the Patriots took advantage of a catcher's interference call in the top of the sixth. With the bases loaded and Franklin back in front 5-4, Kevin Nisun's comebacker to relief pitcher Corey Jose looked like an inningending 1-2-3 double play.

But the interference call negated the out and allowed another Franklin run to score. Before Jose could finally retire the side, it was 13-4 and all over but the shouting.

"We took advantage of an opportunity that was given to us," Franklin head coach Matt Fournier said. "I feel bad for their catcher, because that play would have ended the inning. Instead, we ended up sending eight or nine more guys to the plate."

Fournier added that the Patriots (6-3) finally caught a break, a nice change from recent games when not everything went Franklin's way.

Picking up the victory was Franklin starting pitcher Joe Barczuk, who went the first five innings and started the sixthinning rally with a walk.

Salem's top performers were outfielder Sydlowski (3-for-4, RBI), Jack Driscoll (2-for-4, two runs) and first baseman Silletti, who doubled twice, scored a run and knocked in two.

Outfielder Demetrius Dunlap doubled home two runs in the bottom of the sixth for the



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Rounding third base en route to scoring a run Monday is Salem's Zak Widlak (No. 29).

Rocks' final runs of the after-

Finishing up the final two innings for the Pats was junior Josh Gorman, whose big day at

the plate proved to be a real pain in Salem's side. Gorman went 4for-5, scored two runs and drove

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THE OLIND

Who: Johannes Olind. What: The 21-year-old graduate of Salem High School ran the Boston Marathon on April 16 as part of the West Point Marathon Team.

Finish: Olind placed 633rd overall with a time of 3:02.31 despite broiling heat. That put him in the top 2.9 percent of the 21,554 who finished the legendary race. He was the fastest runner on the West Point Marathon Team and finished 467th in the 18-39 male division

Preps: He earned seven varsity letters at Salem, three in wrestling, two in track and field and two in football.

College: Olind is a junior at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, majoring in environmental engineering.

Family: His parents are Tim Olind and Mechthild Heerde-Olind of Canton. His brother, Markus, is a senior at Salem who was part of the Rocks' KLAA championship boys basketball team.

Running down a dream

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

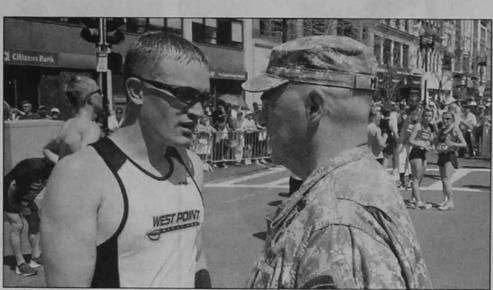
Oppressive heat could not stop Johannes Olind last week as he completed the most important 26-plus miles in his life — the famous Boston Marathon.

With temps hovering around 90 degrees on April 16, the 2009 Salem High School graduate once again demonstrated his penchant for setting goals and running right through them, no matter any possible speed bumps or pot holes.

And if he ever thought about stopping, the positive energy from thousands of fans along the race route provided the adrenaline jolt he needed.

"Running Boston was awesome, despite the fact that it was blazing hot," recalled Olind in an e-mail to the Observer. "The fans were incredible and they lined the streets all 26.2 miles from Hopkinton to Copley Square. "Every time I thought my legs would give out on me or my body would succumb to heat exhaustion the fans gave me a mental boost that pushed me through the inferno."

The 21-year-old Olind, who was a three-sport varsity athlete at Salem, fin-



Johannes Olind (left) of the West Point Marathon Team is congratulated for completing the



Salem grad Johannes Olind celebrates after completing the Boston Marathon.

ished in 3:02.31, good for 633rd overall and 467th

in the 18-39 year-old male division.

Olind came up short of his personal best (2:50.45 at Richmond in 2011). But he had plenty of company because excessive heat added time to the top finishers, too.

"The blazing heat destroyed anyone's hopes for a personal best (April 16)," he continued. "And even the pros ran much slower than usual."

For example, the top pro finished in 2:12, nine minutes off of last year's winning time of 2:03.

"However, relative to the rest of the field I had

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Golf outing

The fifth annual Canton Boys and Girls Basketball Golf Outing is slated for Sunday, June 3, at Fellows Creek Golf Club. A shotgun start will be at 1 p.m.

Included in the \$100 registration fee are 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch at the turn, dinner and a prizes raffle. Go to: www. facebook.com/canton-chiefsbasketball to get registration forms or contact Jimmy Reddy at reddyj@slcs.us.

Grid camp

The Plymouth High School Football Program will be holding its annual football camp June 25-27 at the PCEP varsity turf field.

Youngsters entering grades five-nine will participate from 5-7 p.m. each of the three days; those entering grades 10-12 will take part from 7-9 p.m..

The cost of the camp is \$40. Go to www. plymouthwildcats.com, click on sports and go to football for a camp brochure. Any questions, contact coach Mike Sawchuk at (734) 765-1766.

Football info meeting

Speaking of Plymouth High School football, a mandatory informational meeting for any studentathletes interested in playing in 2012 will be Tuesday, May 22, in the high school cafeteria.

Incoming freshmen will meet from 6-7:30 p.m. with upperclassmen meeting from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

On the agenda will be program expectations with distribution of necessary paperwork. Wildcat merchandise will be on sale at the meeting. Contact coach Mike Sawchuk at (734) 765-1766 for further information.

Michigan Senior Olympics approaching

The Michigan Senior Olympics (MSO) will be hosting the 2012 summer games June 9–17 and a golf tournament May 23–25.

Softball and track and field will be held from July 27–29.

Participants aged 50 and up will be competing for medals and the chance to go to the National Senior Games in 2013. There are more than 20 sports available to compete in. The deadline to register for the summer games is May 4.

Michigan Senior Olympics is a nonprofit organization that promotes living healthy, competition, and wellness programs. Volunteers are needed to help run the games and there are many positions that need to be filled. There are also sponsorship opportunities that can be customized to best suit your needs. Contact the MSO Office to find out more about sponsoring the summer games.

Visit www.michiganseniorolympics.org or call (248) 608-0250 to learn more about the organization, to register or volunteer for the upcoming games.

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in five as he paced Franklin's 10-hit attack against Salem starter Zack Bird, Jose and Andrew Miller.

Gorman smoked a tworun homer to right-center in the third to give Franklin a 2-1 lead. He later had three run-scoring singles, all of the hard-hit variety.

The whipping winds may or may not have made a difference on the home run, a liner that cleared the fence in rightcenter

"I think for both teams it (wind) was a factor," Fournier said. "The ball gets up, it's going to carry.

"On Josh's home run, he hit the ball hard, but on an other day it might just be to the wall. And they had a couple that got over our center fielder's



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Salem's Demetrius Dunlap (No. 11) hits a two-run double in Monday's sixth inning.

head."

The loss dropped Salem's record to 3-7 PCA SWEEPS PAIR: On Saturday, Plymouth Christian Academy defeated Lutheran South 4-3 and 12-0 (five innings). Daniel Jipping had a big day all around for the Eagles (5-0, 4-0 in the MIAC Red). In Game 1, he pitched six strong in-

nings for the win and had two run-scoring hits. It was more of the same in the second contest as Jipping came up a triple short of hit-

ting for the cycle. Daniel Slater went 3-for-4 and pitched the first four in-nings for the victory. Johnny Lauch singled and doubled

al other dangerous chanc-

es during the game, but

Schendel - who played

battled and kept the

"She played an amaz-

bronchitis," Reddy said.

"My other goalie (Kaitlyn

Jatczak) is hurt. Danielle

really saved us a lot in the

According to Neschich,

the Wildcats "had quite a

few people that were dan-

gerous at different points

out there, but Madi does

create a lot for other peo-

ple with her speed, she's

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Plymouth visits Livonia

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fever and bronchitis

Chiefs close.

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Chargers finish sweep of 'Cats

Senior right-hander Tyler Keeter pitched a complete game sevenhitter Tuesday as Livonia Churchill completed its sweep of a suspended baseball double-header Tuesday at Plymouth, 7-2

The Chargers, who improved to 6-1 overall and 4-0 in the KLAA's South Division, broke the game open with a 3-run fourth inning after the two teams were tied at 2all after three innings on

Matt Janke, in relief of starter Austin Ebeling,

took the loss for the Wildcats (7-4, 1-2).

Jamarl Eiland went 3for-3 and scored a run to pace Plymouth's offense. PLYMOUTH 6, NOVI 5: A three-run top of the seventh enabled visiting Plymouth to rally to victory in this KLAA crossover baseball game

Monday. Trailing 5-3, Tyler Goble's RBI single closed the gap to a run. A passed ball evened the score and Jamarl Eiland singled in

Brandon Waack picked up the save (for James Willey, who pitched a scoreless sixth and earned the win), with a double play ending the

Earlier in the game, Rich Guglielmi homered and Waack

singled home Eiland (who doubled).

"I'm very proud of these guys," Plymouth coach Bryan Boyd said. "For them to battle back the way they did shows a

lot of character.

PLYMOUTH 5-13, PINCKNEY 1-4: On Saturday, the Wildcats took both ends of a non-conference doubleheader. In the opener pitcher Nick Sandberg went 6 2/3 innings for the victory with Rich Guglielmi, Brian Schmid and

Jamarl Eiland each registering two hits. Andrew Page pitched four innings in the nightcap and was the recipient of a big offensive

surge by the 'Cats. Tyler Goble singled, homered and drove in four runs. Austin Ebeling smacked a double and

Plymouth wins big, 11-1

Plymouth's bats were booming in Monday's 11-1 romp over host Novi.

Brittney Miller (3-for-4) doubled twice off the fence and drove in four runs to pace the 11-hit attack. Also collecting two hits each were starting pitcher Elaine Gerou and Mikavela Marciniak.

The Wildcats improved to 7-1 overall with the six-inning victory.

Meanwhile, Plymouth went 3-1 at Saturday's Mercy Tournament to finish in third place.

Only a 6-0 loss to Northville put a blemish on the team's showing. Plymouth bested

Romeo (5-2), Pinconning (6-1) and Richmond (5-3). Miller went 2-for-3 against Romeo, while Bri Giordano drove in two

runs with a double. Against Pinconning, Brooke Senkbeil (2-for-2, two RBI) led the attack. FRANKLIN 8, SALEM 0: Li-vonia Franklin pitcher Tiffany Lamble twirled a four-hit shutout as the Patriots Monday rolled to a Kensington Conference crossover softball victory over host Salem. Lamble struck out six and

did not allow a walk in seven



Plymouth first baseman Karen Rebain (No. 3) catches a throw in time to retire a Novi baserunner during Monday's softball contest.

innings to stymie the Rocks' hitting attack

Salem starter Emily Marcero gave up 13 hits, walked two and struck out two. She also went 2-for-3 at the plate. The Rocks (0-4, 0-4) committed three errors to Franklin's

CANTON 10, NOVI 0: In Canton's home opener on April 18, pitcher Hannah Warren struck out 11 Novi batters and went 3-for-3 to help her cause. Going 2-for-3 with two RBI each were Delaney O'Donnell and Jessica Web-

ster. Paige Aresco collected two hits and two RBI. **CANTON 10-18, JOHN** GLENN 0-0: The Chiefs were relentless in Friday's doubleheader at Westland John

Pitcher Alyssa Boucher threw a no-hitter in the opener, striking out eight and allowing just one walk. Jesse Larner's solo home run keyed the offense, with Catherine Porter, Paige Aresco and Jessica Webster each going 2-for-4.

In Game 2 it was more of the same, with Kaitlyn Keys (2-for-3, homer, two RBI), Larner (2-for-3), Warren (2for-3, two RBI) and Megan Grant (2-for-3, three RBI) all getting in on the multiplehit act

Also hitting a homer for Canton was Webster.

then added an insurance

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goal with 3:15 to play. Lewis took a hard shot that Canton senior goalie Danielle Schendel got most of. But the ball trickled away and Plymouth senior midfielder Stephanie Dillon chipped it into the empty cage.

"I thought they (defenders) were solid, especially with the speed and talent Canton has up top,' Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich said. "We did a good job and late during the game when Canton pushed three up we even stepped up to that challenge, too.

"I thought it was a solid defensive effort in front of Kylie, and she was solid on any balls thrown into the box tonight.'

Canton head coach

Jeannine Reddy called the timely block by Dillon a "game changer."

"Overall I think we played good, we just didn't have the intensity I was looking for," said Reddy, whose team dropped to 2-1-3 overall and 2-1-0 in the KLAA South. "Second half was much better, it was 1-0 and Ally got that chance up there.

'If she would have scored there it's a 1-1 game, a different game."

On a cool, windy night, the game remained scoreless until the 10th minute of the second half.

Lewis collected a perfect feed from junior midfielder Zoe Foster and ripped a low, 15-yard shot inside the far left corner past Schendel.

"Plymouth is fast, they're good, Madi's great," Reddy said. "We just need to figure out how to defend her.'

The Wildcats had sever-

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Balanced attack paces Canton

After falling behind early Friday night against campus rival Salem, the Canton girls lacrosse team persevered and went on to

earn an 11-5 victory. Scoring two goals each for the Chiefs were seniors Kaitlyn Allard, Julia Beard, juniors Cassidy Tucker and Annelise Niermann.

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added a goal and assist with other markers by sophomore Sara Davenport and junior Amanda Nowicki (first of the season).

The Rocks led 3-1 just eight minutes into the game on a cold, rainy night. But by halftime, Canton had built an 8-4 lead and never looked back

"We had six differ-

ent goal scorers, which was nice," Canton coach David Bower said, "especially since we were without our leading scorer, Stephanie Bower."

The senior captain is out with a sore knee and is doubtful for the rest of the season.

Stopping 10 of 15 shots was sophomore goalie Melissa Neal.

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Midwest Tae Kwon Do black belt athletes Kellie Fairbanks (left) and Gabe McDowell (right) are headed to the U.S. National team trials. Here they pose with their instructor, Master Russell Gale (center).

Fighting chance

Plymouth-based taekwondo athletes vying for U.S. Nationals

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

They've already pretty much conquered downtown Plymouth — earning black belts at Midwest Tae Kwon Do.

But this weekend, Kellie Fairbanks and Gabe McDowell want to begin conquering the world.

Both have dreams of kicking it in the 2016 Olympics. For them, that quest launches Friday and Saturday at U.S. taekwondo team trials held at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado.

"This is the first step," said U.S. National assistant coach Sherman Nelson, who visited Midwest last Thursday night to work with Fairbanks and McDowell. "If they have aspirations of making the 2016 team, they have to start making the national team now."

team now."

Nelson said 19-yearold Fairbanks and 17year-old McDowell will
need to prevail in their
respective weight classes (female middleweight,
adult male fin weight).

"They have to fight everybody in the division, the people with the two best records will fight again," Nelson explained. "The winner of that will be our national team members from that weight division. ...Whoever wins most fights is your representative."

Excited to go

After training tirelessly at Midwest the past two-to-three years, Fairbanks and McDowell can't wait to reach Colorado Springs and find out where they stack up with their spinning kicks and power punches.

"It's something I wanted to do for a long time," Fairbanks said. "So I finally get to do it, go and compete at the Olympic Training Center, I'm really excited about it.

"... The next step in where I want to head to, the World University Games in May, and someday I'd like to go the 2016 Olympics."

Fairbanks won a bronze medal at the recent national championships, enabling her to qualify for team trials. She also qualified for the 2012 Collegiate World Games later this spring in Korea. McDowell, who lives in



Getting in some sparring are Kellie Fairbanks (left) and Gabe McDowell. Watching them are Midwest instructor Russell Gale and (far right) U.S. National assistant coach Sherman Nelson.

Howell, captured a silver medal at nationals.

"I just love the sport, so I want to win," McDowell said. "I want to be on the Olympic team and national team. That's why I'm working hard, just to get to the top."

Both had the same answer when asked why they are so dedicated to the martial arts.

"You get to kick people," said McDowell, with a laugh. "I just like fighting."

Both Nelson and Midwest Master Russell Gale (a Plymouth resident) are confident the teenagers have the talent, desire and passion they'll need to advance.

There will be about 70 athletes taking part, in a total of eight male and eight female divisions.

"You heard them both say they like fighting," Nelson said. "And at the end of the day, the strategy, the training, it all comes down to I put my stuff on and I have to beat you.

"That desire to fight, that will to fight, is what separates people from being good or being great. And I think they both have the potential to be great."

Wolfpack family

Gale, a sixth-degree black belt, said both Fairbanks and McDowell have put in countless hours hitting the weight room, running sprints and sparring with Wolfpack team members at Midwest TKD. There are 10 team members, between ages 12-23.

The rest of the roster

includes black belts Steven Thompson (Westland), Marshall Gaines, Sam Gaines, Bernard Trespese, Genna Liu, Tracy Chase; red belts Kaylyn Thompson and Nick

The studio on Ann Arbor Trail is co-owned by Gale and Master Tanya Panizzo.

Civitanova (Plymouth).

"We do a lot of kicking, because nothing prepares for kicking like kicking," Gale stressed. "So they have to be in good shape."

have to be in good shape."
But he emphasized that being in tip-top shape does not automatically mean success in the fight-

does not automatically mean success in the fighting arena.

"To compare to an NFL athlete, he can be in phenomenal shape for the

athlete, he can be in phenomenal shape for the weight room and being through his conditioning with his personal trainer," Gale explained. "But if he's been holding out for a better contract, the first game he gets in there, if he's not conditioned for the impact, if he takes a hit he's out.

hit he's out.

"These guys also do a lot of conditioning training where they're just sparring with each other, fighting and hitting each other so they're in that condition ready to go."

Although the spotlight now is on Fairbanks and McDowell, others at Midwest Tae Kwon Do are soaking it all in.

soaking it all in.
"These guys train as
a family and that's how
they feel about each other when they win," Gale
added. "They feel they
had a big part in it as
well"

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It's 'Tin Cup' time again

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

Here come the mulligan men — and women.

Yep, the annual "Mulligan Tour" kicks off with Saturday's Train with Tami Tin Cup golf tournament at Hickory Creek Golf Club just west of Canton.

Sponsoring the tourney is Hickory Creek PGA instructor Tami Bealert. She sets the tone for the low-key event, which attracts golfers of all ages and varying degrees of skill with the primary goal of scoring a hole-in-one in the fun department.

"The Mulligan Tour is a great way to play many different courses all over the greater metro area," said Tin Cup golfer Joe Heikkinen of Plymouth Township. "The men and women playing are all so friendly and fun is everyone's number one objective.

"It is an enjoyable way to play competitive golf in a very relaxed atmosphere."

Joe is a relative newcomer to the Mulligan Tour, a traveling tournament that gives golfers the opportunity to sample various courses in southeastern Michigan. This year marks the 13th Tin Cup at Hickory Creek. (Typically, the Tin Cup opens the Mulligan Tour schedule.)

According to Bealert, the Tin Cup is the perfect way for golfers to return



Here is the coveted Tin Cup Trophy, to be won Saturday at Hickory Creek Golf Club.

to the sport after months away from the course due to winter.

"Golfers are anxious after the winter months to get out and start swinging their clubs again," Bealert stressed. "I think this is a great traveling amateur tour in that, each tournament is unique in it's own way with a different theme that adds to the fun and promotes competition."

Check it out

Heikkinen said he joined the Mulligan Tour in 2010, after his weekday golfing partner (Arthur Wakeford) put in a good word about it.

"Arthur had played on the tour for a year or two and made it sound very interesting," Joe noted. "I thought I would give it a try."

Actually, the Mulligan

Tour wasn't Heikkinen's introduction to Bealert or Hickory Creek. "Interestingly I nevTIN CUP

What: Train with Tami Tin Cup, part of the Mulligan Tour.

When/where: Shotgun start 8 a.m. Saturday at Hickory Creek Golf Club, 3625 Napier Road in Superior Township (just west of Canton).

Tourney host: Sponsoring the tournament is Hickory Creek's PGA instructor, Tami Bealert.

Pre-tourney: Participants are invited to attend a pre-tournament party 6 p.m. Friday at Hickory Creek's Greenside Tavern.

Info: Go to www.the-mulligantour.com for more information.

er stepped foot on a real golf course until after my wife and I were married." Joe emphasized. "Lois (his wife) grew up in a golfing family, her mother, father, sister and brothers all played.

"Lois and some of the neighborhood ladies first started playing golf over at Tami's course soon after we moved to Plymouth about 15 years ago.

"After hearing her describe the course I wanted to give it a try. I was very impressed, it has become one of my local favorites. We usually play there several times a year."

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BOYS DUAL MEET RESULTS PLYMOUTH 85.5 WAYNE MEMORIAL 41.5

April 24 at Wayne Shot put: 1. Dimitrus Renfroe (WM), 41 feet, 10 inches; 2. William Harrington (WM), 39-3.5; discus: 1. Renfroe (WM), 107-9; 3. Harrington (P), 103-3; high jump: (tie) 1. Nathan Harris (P) and Dauwn Walker (WM), 5-6 each; long jump: 1. E. Bell (WM), 17-5.5; 2. Jeff Pattison (P), 17-5; 110-meter hurdles: 1. Daniel Edgerton (P), 16.0; 3. Mulligan (WM), 22.52; **300 hurdles:** 1. Caton Hacker (P), 45.6; **100 dash:** Alex Rogers (P), 10.88; 3.5 McNeary (P), 11.24; 200: 1. Roger (P), 23.3; 2. McNeary (P), 23.7; **400**: 1. Lucas Bunting (P), 53.03; 2. Max Rogowski (P), 53.35; **800**: 1. Derek Gielarowski (P), 2:03.0; 2. (tie) Jonny Dalton (P), 2:10; Evan Johnson (P), 2:10; 1,600: 1. Brandon Dalton (P), 4:50.0; 2. Nick Eiben (P), 4:54; 3. Liam Cardenas (P), 4:56; 3,200: 1. Zane Berlanger (P), 10:41.0; 2. Cardenas (P), 10:45; 3. N. Williamson (P), 10:46; 400 relay: 1. Wayne, 47.6; 800 relay: 1. Wayne, 1:38.0; 1,600 relay: 1. Plymouth (Gielarowski, J. Dalton, Bunting, Rogowski), 3:42.0; 2. Wayne, 4:01.0; 3,200 relay: 1. Plymouth (J. Dalton, B. Dalton, Johnson, Eiben), 9:06.0; 2. Wayne, 9:44.0. Dual meet records: Plymouth, 2-1 KLAA South Division; Wayne, 0-3 KLAA South.

CANTON 102 WESTLAND GLENN 35 April 24 at Canton Shot put: 1. Olaniyi Owagbemi (C), 40 feet, 9 inches; 2. Steve Schacht (C), 38-3.5; discus: 1. Ogden (WJG), 137-0; 2. Dev Sandhu (Q, 127-0; high jump: 1. Jamal Dixon (Q, 5-7; 2. Matt Schacht (Q, 5-7; 3. Akil Wade (Q, 5-7; long jump: 1. Thomas Carter (WJG), 18-8; 2. Dixon (C), 18-3; 3. Forrest Hall (C), 18-3; **pole vault**: 1. Mitch Nickert (C), 11-1; 2. Kyle Zander (C), 11-1; **110-meter hurdles**: 1. Pepper (C), 16.3; 3. James Hildreth (C), 18.1; 300 hurdles: 1. Peppe (C), 44.8; 2. Shean Krolicki (C), 45.0; 3. Kurt Kowalski (C), 45-0; **100** dash: 1. Ryan Jones (C), 11.0; 2. Colby Morris (C), 11.1; 200: 1. Ryan Darish (C), 24.0; 3. Anthony Tillman (C), 24.8; 400: 1. M. Schacht (C), 53.1: 2. Charles Steslick (C), 55.0; 3. Ogbonna (C), 56.2; 800: 1. Miles Felton (C), 2:08.2; 1,600: Felton (C), 4:46.8; 3. Tom Walkinshaw (C), 5:13.0; **3,200**: 1. Bradon Conley (C), 10:48.9; 3. Billy Toth (C), 11:06.7; **400 relay**: 1. John Glenn, Tillman, Jones), 46.05; 800 relay: 1. Canton (Morris, Tillman, Zach Smilo, Kenny Scott), 1:36.3; 1,600 relay: 1. Canton (Ogbonna, Pepper, Kowalski, Tyler Winningham), 3:44.0; **3,200 relay:** 1. Canton (Jackson Lytle, Zach Cox, Tyler Socha, Evan Dunklee), 9:25.4. Dual meet records: Canton, 3-0 KLAA South Division; John Glenn,

KLAA South Division; John Glenn 1-2 KLAA South. GIRLS DUAL MEET RESULTS PLYMOUTH 103 WAYNE MEMORIAL 25

April 24 at Wayne

Shot put: 1. Quay Nichols (WM), 33 feet, 3 inches; 2. Chyna Williams (P), 32-9.25; 3. Bailey Hart (WM), 31-1; discus: 1. Tionne Johnson (P), 99-0; 2. Williams (P), 95-10; 3. Jess Bihn (P), 81-8; **high jump:** 1. (tie) Kim Foster (WM), Taylor Rieckhoff (P), 4-6; 3. (tie) Emily Freiburger, Chloe Verkerke (P), 4-3; long jump: 1. Reagan Engstrom (P), 14-1; 2. Shannon Shaver (P), 13-11.75; 3. Hailey Foster (P), 13-5; 100-meter hurdles: 1. Natalie Puckett (P), 16.82; 2. Tania Lewis (WM), 17.42; 3. Shaver (P), 18.05; 300 hurdles: 1. Puckett (P), 52.52; 2. Lewis (WM), 57.2; 3. H. Foster (P), 58.36; 100 dash: 1. Azyia Tate (P), 12.88; 2. Honia Williams (WM), 13.32; 3. Bailey Marco (P), 13.54; 200: 1. H. Williams (WM), 27.6; 2. Hannah Dembny (P), 28.96; 3. M. Jones (WM), 29.12; **400:** 1. Marina DeBiasi (P), 1:07.45; 2. Aleah Rogal-ski (P), 1:08.16; 3. Gabby Alfera (P), 1:08.45; 800: 1. Shaver (P), 2:46; 2. Freiburger (P), 2:47; 3. Rachael Hille (P), 2:48; 1,600: 1. DeBiasi (P), 5:56; 2. Renae DeBrito (P), 6:12; 3. Kyra Neumann (P), 6:27; 3,200: 1. Nicole Traitses (P), 12:25; 2. Brianna Lax (P), 12:52; 3. Sophie Roberts (P), 14:09; 400 relay: 1. Plymouth (Tate, Dembny, Anna Lukens, Katie Salanga), 54.82; 2. Wayne, 57.82; 800 relay: 1. Plymouth (Lukens, Dembny, Bihn, Salanga) 1:56.76; 2. Wayne, 1:59.87; **1,600** relay: 1. Plymouth (Rogalski, Freiburger, Puckett, Holly Stark), 4:39.64; 3,200 relay: 1. Plymouth (DeBiasi, Lax, Traitses, Hille), 10:43.2; 2. Wayne, 12:37.3.

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one of the best performances of my life especially considering that Boston only admits the best runners in the world," he said.

Extra boost

Some of the best fans also show up, too.

Olind added that spectators were "screaming at the top of their lungs" as he rolled into the finishing stretch on Boylston Street.

That pushed him past 10 runners in the final 0.2 miles, but so did the motivation that — as a junior at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point — he could bypass Navy marathoners right in front of him.

"I also got an enormous emotional lift as I passed three Navy runners in the last three miles," Olind continued. "To me that was my chance to 'Beat Navy' this year."

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There was a betterlate-than-never feeling involved, too. His mom, Mechthild Heerde-Olind, said Johannes qualified in 2011 but the West Point

Marathon Team opted

against participating.

"They did something else in Phoenix," she said. "He was disappointed because the Boston Marathon is like the Super Bowl for the runner."

But for Johannes to finally get it done on the biggest stage for marathon runners gave her maximum happiness and pride.

"I'm really happy, I'm proud," Mechthild said.
"... It was so awesome to watch it online, seeing some of these elite athletes running there in this hot weather, with all the spectators. It was very exciting."

They encouraged him

According to Olind, his passion for running started in sixth grade, when he joined the Plymouth Christian Academy track team.

From there, time with Salem's varsity track and field team helped prepare him for the physical and mental grind needed to finish the world's oldest marathon.

"When I first started I thought the half mile was long and I thought I was going to die after running my first half mile race," Olind said. "But by the eighth grade I had set the

school record in the twomile. In high school I ran track for coaches Kyle Meteyer, Steve Aspinall, and Geoff Baker.

"Steve Aspinall was integral in developing me into the distance runner I am today as he taught me the importance of nailing a consistent pace."

Encouragement from

Encouragement from those coaches and teammates, including Matt Devey (currently a Wayne State University cross country runner), kept Olind on the competitive track.

But now, he wants to repay the favor and embolden others.

Both of his parents are runners and his mom wants to become a triathlete.

"I also support my parents in their running as my mom competes in triathlons and my dad runs in a few road races per year too," Olind noted. "I always love it when I can go on a run with one of them and although I have to slow down for them and cut my run a lot shorter I find nothing better than sharing a run with the people I treasure

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BROWN, LYNETTE RALYA

April 22, 2012, age 85, of Bloomfield Twp. She was born December 15, 1926 in Beloit, Wisconsin. Mrs. Brown was the daughter of the late Lynn and Ethel (nee Meeker) Rayla. She was a graduate of Michigan State University and Wayne State University, receiving two Master's degrees and an undergraduate degree. She was the president and a longtime member of the Oakland Branch of the American Association of University Women. She was also on the Board at the Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame. Lynette was also a member of Northbrook Presbyterian Church in Beverly Hills. She was the beloved wife of the late Donald A. Brown. Dear mother of Trip (Morag Christie), Alison Heimsath (Robert) and Julie Brown (Mark Rembacki). She is also survived by three grandchildren and five grandchildren. Predeceased by her two brothers. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile), Thursday, April 26th, 2:00-9:00pm. Funeral service Friday 11:00am at Northbrook Presbyterian Church, 22055 W. Fourteen Mile Rd., Beverly Hills. Visitation at church begins 10:00am. Memorial tributes to the Association University Women, the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame or the charity of donor's choice. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories

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BUCKNER. ISABEL SUE

Beloved wife of the late Noel Buchner. Dear mother of Noel (Robin Maisel) Buckner, Kevin (Melissa) Buckner, Elizabeth (the late Patrick Herbert) Buckner and Alexandra (Bruce Buckner. Dearest sister of Nancy Bauer. Also survived by six loving grandchildren and many other family members and friends. A MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2012 AT 11:30AM AT

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DEXTER, **REV. MARGO BYERS**

Peacefully passed with her family surrounding her on April 22, 2012 at the age of 55. Loving mother of Justin, Ashleigh (Matt) Schiffman, Charles Jr., and Brent. Beloved daughter of Thomas and the late Alice Byers. Dear sister of Jason (Patty) and Lori Byers. Memorial Service will be held on Thursday April 26, 2012, 11 am at Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48334,with a luncheon to follow. Memorial Visitation will be Wednesday April 25, 2012 1-4pm and 5-9pm also at the church. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Orchard UMC Rev. Margo Dexter Memorial.

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HERRICK, VERN D.

Age 88, April 22, 2012. Beloved husband of Jean. Dear father of Dick (Georgia), Bob (Muriel), Judy (Jeff) Jones and Don (Peggy). Loving Grandfather of . Beloved great grandfather of 7. Funeral services were held at the First United Methodist Church in Garden City. Memorials suggested to First United Methodist Church (Endowment Fund). Arrangements by Santeiu & Son. www.santeiufuneralhome.com

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

HOLET, JOHN A.

Age 52, dear father of John and Son of Nancy Shana Holet. Guthrie and the late Hassan Holet. Brother of Marion Holet, Susan Otter, Greg Holet and Holly Dreher. Funeral services were held at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home in Garden City. Memorials suggested to the family. santeiufuneralhome.com

HOPP McKINLEY, DOROTHY MAE

Age 88, of South Lyon, formerly of Livonia. April 22, 2012 Dorothy was born February 12, 1924 in Detroit, to James and Alma (nee Evans) Brocklehurst. Beloved wife of the late Gerald H. Hopp I and Wm. B. McKinley. Loving mother of Gerald H. Hopp II (Susan), Jamie Hopp Gindele (Gary), Janette Hopp (Wayne Poe), Jean Hopp Jones (Gary) and Jane Hopp Rathbun (Bob). Loving grandmother of Patrick Jones, Brian Jones, Allison Gindele Ashcraft, Corey Hopp, Christopher Gindele, Alex Rathbun, Emily Rathbun, 17 additional grandchildren and 30 greatgrandchildren. Also survived by step-children Wm. M. McKinley, Pam McKinley Letzring (Kurt), T.C. McKinley (Kris), and Cheryl McKinley Drucktennis (John). Also mourning her loss are two brothers, a sister, three sisters-inlaw, several cousins, nieces, nephews and many, many friends. Visitation was held at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia. Funeral services were at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, Livonia. Interment Redford Cemetery. Charitable donations may be made to the Redford Cemetery Association or the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation-Cincinnati Chapter. Dorothy led a full and productive life for 88 years. She lived for with her family in Livonia and then in South Lyon. She was an active member at Rosedale Gardens Church where she served in a number of capacities, Livonia Arts & Letters and many other Civic and Women's Dorothy succumbed to complications from a heart condition. She believed the best things in life were her Family, Faith, Friends, and the Future. She was a friendly, caring neighbor who was always ready to share a batch of cookies, a wonderful pie or her special banana bread. Service to others was central to her life and she represented the best of each of the communities where she

resided for over 60 years. She

was loving and well loved and

will be greatly missed.

KELLEY, PHYLLIS F.

84 of DeKalb, IL; passed away on Sunday, April 22, 2012 at Pine Acres in DeKalb. She was born on Jan. 10, 1928 in Long Branch, NJ to William A. and May E. (Presley) Finlay. Phyllis married Walter A. Kelley on June 15, 1946 in Long Branch, NJ and he preceded her on Oct. 6, 2003. She had been a secretary for Ducks Unlimited in Long Grove, Memberships include Rochelle United Methodist Church, Orchid and African Violet Society. Phyllis was a Master Gardner in both Illinois and Arkansas and also helped build the Donald W. Reynolds Library in Mountain Home, AR. Survivors include son: William (Tanya) Kelley of Ashmore, IL; 3 daughters: Susan (William) Paulin of Rochelle, IL, Patricia (Robert) Brewer of Yorkville, IL and Elizabeth (Martin) Kerstens of Plymouth, MI; sister: Shirley May Finlay of Warsaw, IN; 14 grandchildren; and 21 great grandchildren. A memorial serv-ice will be held at Rochelle United Methodist Church in Rochelle on Wed. April 25, 2012 with Rev. Cindy Marino at 11:00 AM. Inurnment will be at Mount Hope Cemetery in Chicago, IL In lieu of flowers: Memorials to the Donald W. Reynolds Library in Mountain Home, AR or the Plymouth Historical Museum in Plymouth, MI. Online guest book at www.ungerhorner.com.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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April

CELEBRATING FAMILY

Time/Date: After all Masses, April 28-29

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

Details: View large LEGO displays and browse a Catholic bookstore display during this free event titled Celebrating Families: Building Blocks of Society

Contact: (734) 425-5950

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 28

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy Road, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton Details: Free clothing to

anyone in need Contact: (734) 404-2480 or (734) 927-6686

CLOTHING DRIVE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-noon, Monday-Tuesday, 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, April 30-May 16

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy Road between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton

Details: The clothing bank is the Western Wayne drop off center for the Everyone a Chance to Hear clothing drive. Donate "like new" clothing on hangers in these categories: men, women, boys, girls, infants. Shoes also are needed. The clothing will be given away at the Lovin the D Resource Fair May 19 near Wayne State University

Contact: (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28

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

Details: A choral celebration of love and springtime featuring motets, madrigals, sacred choral classics, and love songs. Donations accepted at the door

Contact: (248) 349-8175 CONCERT

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday,

Location: St. James Episco-

pal Church, 355 W. Maple, at Chester in Birmingham Details: The St. James

Choir, soloists and Michigan Sinfonietta present Part One of Bach's "Mass in B Minor." Freewill offering.

Contact: (248) 644-0820

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. April

30, May 7 and 9

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 N. Territorial,

Details: Deacon Bob Irvin, the Rev. John Riccardo, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization, will present "Grieving with Great Hope." Registration forms are online at www.goodmourningministry.net or call the church. The series began April 16

Contact: (734) 453-0326; olgcparish.net

PARENTING SERIES

Time/Date: Dinner, 5:30 p.m., followed by the series, 7 p.m., Wednesdays through May 23

Location: First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville

Details: "Have a New Kid by Friday!" is the new parenting series by Kevin Leman. Cost for dinner is \$5. The series began April 18 Contact: (248) 348-7600

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, April 27 and 9:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile between Newburgh and Haggerty, in Livonia Details: \$2 bag sale on Saturday

Contact: (734) 464.0211

RUMMAGE SALE Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Thursday-Friday, April 26-27 Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City **Details:** Gently-used items

at bargain prices Contact: (734) 427-3660

VIRTUAL DEMENTIA Time/Date: 10-11:30 a.m.

and 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28

Location: Riverside Park Church of God & Adult Day Ministry, 11771 Newburgh, at Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Audra Fyre, mar-keting director of Arden

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ENTERTAINMENT

Two toe-tapping folk concerts raise money for arts center

By Sharon Dargay **O&E Staff Writer**

The Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC) will pull out all the stops this weekend for its annual fundraiser.

"We only have one big weekend a year. It's not minor fundraisers here and there," said Jeff Bur-da of Livonia, the Council's executive director. "This year I wanted to focus on the collective arts and with art and music we have, it gives a 360 view of what we do here."

A printmaking demonstration, artist reception and unique art auction kick off the benefit Friday, April 27 at the Council, 774 N. Sheldon, in Plymouth. Two concerts, one on Friday and the other, Saturday, April 28, are ticketed events and will help bring the PCAC closer to its \$25,000 fund-

raising goal. Hors d'oeuvres, wine, cheese, sweets, alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks will be served both nights.

"P.F. Chang's is coming this year," Burda said. "And we have some hometown favorites for food coming in."

In the past, the PCAC has held silent auctions or teamed with local venues for its annual fundraiser.

"This is the same type of gathering, but this time you can experience a concert and you may get to go home with a piece of art."

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Singer-songwriter Kathy Nieman will perform at the Hootenanny Friday, April 28, at Plymouth Community Arts



Craig Porter will play traditional, folk and blues music at the Hootenanny.

Pairadocs Trio — Dr. Tom Ditkoff (left), an orthopaedic surgeon, Dr. Jeff London, a child psychiatrist, and artist and musician, Mike Mullen, founder and president of the Baseline Folk Society — will play Friday, April 27, at the Plymouth **Community Arts** Council fundraiser.

ety board members, such as Cathy Fitzpatrick, John Delle-Monache and Scott Ludwig, collectively known as The Folk Laureates. They'll perform at the Hootenanny on Saturday, along with Kathy

Nieman & Friends, Alex

and Maggie Zakem, and

Marty Kohn and Craig Porter.

Nieman, a Kentucky native, sings traditional folk tunes and also writes original songs. The Zakems play a mix of old and new songs from American and Irish traditional music, including bluegrass. Kohn, a retired Detroit Free Press reporter, and Porter, a photojournalist and photo editor, team up to play traditional, folk and blues

The Hootenanny will run from 7-10 p.m. Saturday, April 28. Tickets are

Visual art

Mullen and his fellow Pairadocs Trio members - Tom Ditkoff, an orthopaedic surgeon, and Jeff London, a child psychiatrist - will play from 8-10 p.m. Friday, April 27. Tickets are \$25.

Before the concert, Mullen will unveil the original linocut print he created - and printed on an antique letter press for the fundraiser. The PCAC has accepted sealed bids the past few weeks for the first five of the 100 signed and numbered prints. Burda said bids will be accepted for about 45 minutes after the piece is made public on Friday.

Prints purchased by the top five bidders will be framed. The other 95 unframed prints will be sold for \$100 each.

"The exciting part is you'll get a print strictly made for this event," Burda said. "No one has seen the work yet. It's a secret that only Mike and I know."

Concert tickets are available at the PCAC, 774 N. Sheldon. Or call (734) 416-4278.

Visit www.plymoutharts.com to view the PCAC's many programs, including summer art camps for children and adults, drop-in art classes. music instruction, youth theater, monthly exhibits and more.

Burda expects 500 children will participate in one of the PCAC's 46 camp selections this year. The organization has added several new camp titles, including vehicle design and jewelry-mak-

This is our biggest (camp) year to date," he said, adding that a recent spring break camp also drew a record number of participants. "It's a good time to be here."



Mike Mullen, president of the Baseline Folk Society, a group that presents monthly concerts at PCAC, suggested bringing music to this year's fundraiser, Burda said.

"When other groups found out, everyone wanted to join. You're

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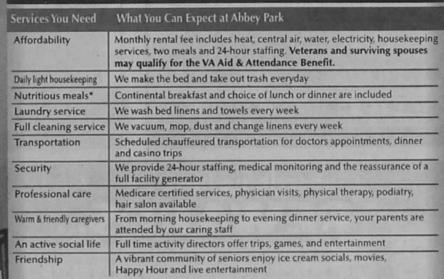
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Drink in the sounds of Sousa, Vivaldi at Livonia concert



David Ormai is soloist at the Livonia Symphony Orchestra's "Water Music" concert, Saturday, April 28, at Clarenceville High School.

By Sharon Dargay O&E Staff Writer

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra and its audience will be awash in great music Saturday, April 28.

From classical works about the Danube and Moldau rivers to songs about swans and frogs, the Symphony's upcoming concert is all about water. "We do five concerts

a year and we try to arrange it so that each has a theme. That's how this one came about," said Ron Laing, a Livonia Symphony board member who is active on its music selection committee. "They've got the Blue Danube Walz. They're doing Winter from The Four Seasons snow is a form of water. There's The Moldau and



Volodymyr Shesiuk will conduct the Livonia Symphony Orchestra Sunday, April 29, at Clarenceville High School in Livonia.

Hands Across the Sea. It all has something to do with water."

"Water Music' is set for 4 p.m. at the Louis Schmidt Auditorium in Clarenceville High

School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors, 60 and over, and \$5 for students of all ages.

Volodymyr Shesiuk, Livonia Symphony music director, will conduct the concert that will include a solo by David Ormai, violinist. The Livonia Civic Chorus will join the group for one song, Froggy.

"That was something that was composed by someone the conductor knew," said Laing, add-ing that the tune is similar to Froggy went a Courtin', an old folk song. "Other than the water connection, most of the music tends to be classical or semi-classical, except for the Sousa march and Froggy.'

The program also will include Fingal's Cave from The Hebrides by Mendelssohn and The Swan from Carnival of the Animals by Saint-Saens.

Tickets are available at the door or can be ordered through www.livoniasymphony.org. For more information call the Symphony's music hotline at (734) 421-1111. Groups of 10 or more get a \$5 discount off the adult price. Call (313) 538-2536.

Mark your calendar for the Symphony's annual Garden Party Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 19 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Tickets are \$30 per person and include the lunch and a garden themed silent auction. Reserve tickets at www. livoniasymphony.org.

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Time/Date: May 4-12, with a reception from 6-9 p.m. May 4; gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday

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Time/Date: Exhibit runs through April

Location: 118 W. Main, in Northville

Details: "Titanic: A Century To Remember" features photos by Philip Dattilo of Plymouth. The photographs depict scenes related to R.M.S. Titanic's inception, construction and the epilogue of its short life

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GAN Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday, through May 20

Location: University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 S. State, Ann Arbor

Details: "Fluxus and the Essential Questions of Life," includes more than 100 works by major artists, such as Yoko Ono, Nam June Paik and George Maciunas; admission

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Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Saints N' Sinners, April 18-21; Michael Kosta, April 25-28; Vince Morris, May 2-5, Kyle Grooms, May 16-19; Kevin Zeoli, May 23-26; Danny Browning, May 30-June 2 Contact: (734) 261-0555,

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Dance

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 5 and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 6

Location: Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit

Details: Complexions Contemporary Ballet dances to pop, jazz, gospel and blues music. Tickets are \$30, \$40, and \$50, available at the music hall box office or at www. ticketmaster.com

Contact: (313) 887-8500

CONTRA DANCE

Time/Date: Beginner instruction at 12:30 p.m.; dance starts at 1 p.m., Sunday, May 6

Location: American Legion Hall, 31775 Grand River Ave., Farmington

Details: Farmington Contra Dance; cost is \$10, \$5 for students, with all proceeds benefitting a charity. No partner is necessary. Dancers should bring clean, smooth-soled shoes for dancing — no street shoes. Glen Morningstar, Jr. is the caller, with music by Stout Hearted String Band Contact: American Legion at (248) 478-9174

FAIRLANE BALLROOM DANCE CLUB

Time/Date: 7:30-10:30 p.m. Thursday

Location: Lyskawa V.F.W. Hall, 6840 Waverly, east of Telegraph, south of Warren in Dearborn Heights

Details: Singles an couples dance to live bands on a hardwood dance floor. Admission is \$7 for members and \$8 for nonmembers. Free refresh-

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• Flemings Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar, 17400 Haggerty, Livonia: Brunch costs \$34.95 for adults and \$16.95 for children, 12 and under. Adults get a choice of appetizer, one of five entrees served with Potatoes O'Brien and sauteed green beans, and a choice of dessert. Entrees include prime rib, Filet Mignon Benedict and Steakhouse Filet Mignon Cobb, Fleming's Frittata, and New Orleans-Style French Toast. Children can choose Chicken Strips and Fries, Steak and Fries, Cheddar Cheese Omelet or Classic French Toast. They also receive a fruit salad and choice of dessert. Reserve online at flemingssteakhouse.com or call (734) 542-9463.

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A buffet also runs 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at The Golden Fox. Cost is \$34.95 for adults and \$12.95 for children, 3-12. Buffet stations are similar to those at the Fox Classic. The Golden Fox also offers oysters on a half shell and additional entrees. For reservations for either brunch, call (734) 453-7272 or visit online at www.foxhills.com.

• Hellenic Cultural Center, 23275 Joy Road, west of Wayne Road, Westland: The buffet runs noon-4 p.m. and costs \$17 for adults and \$9 for kids, 3-10. The buffet includes roast beef, ham, chicken, fish, Polish sausage, potatoes, pasta, salads, desserts, beverages, rolls and more. Breakfast bar is offered noon-2 p.m. Call (734) 525-3550 for reservations.

• Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia: Buffet brunch with seatings at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. costs \$32 for adults, \$27 for seniors, \$17 for kids, 4-12 and free for kids 3 and under. It will include appetizers, carving station, salads, hot breakfast items, entrees, pastries and desserts, and beverages. Specialty cocktails will be available for purchase. A photographer will be on hand for photos. Cost is \$10. Make brunch reservations at (734) 462-0770.

• Longacre House, 24705 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills: Buffet brunch starts at 1 p.m. and offers hot breakfast items, such as eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes; a carving station, chicken, fish, pastas, sides, salads, desserts, juices, coffee and a cash bar. \$30, adults; \$20, kids 12 and under; free for kids, 3 and under. Call (248) 477-8404 for reservations.

• 1 Under Bar & Grill, 35780 Five Mile, Livonia: Seatings are at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. The buffet includes prime rib, fried chicken, pork tenderloin, ham, vegetable risotto, penne pasta with meat sauce, cheesy potatoes, mashed sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, glazed carrots, salads, steamed mussels and oysters, omelet and waffle station, fresh fruit, desserts, pop, coffee and tea. Cost is \$21.99 for adults; \$15.99 for seniors; \$7.99 for kids, 10-7; and free for kids, 6 and under. Call (734) 464-5555 for reservations.

• Panache 447, 447 Forest, Plymouth: Plated brunch served 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. with entrees ranging from \$8 to \$13. Menu features such items as stuffed French toast, frittata, Crab Benedict and more. Walk-ins and reservations accepted. Call (734) 386-8447.

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• Sean O'Callaghan's, 821 Penniman, Plymouth: Brunch runs 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and features prime rib, salmon, Eggs Benedict, bacon, sausage, hash browns, salads, omelette and waffle station, chocolate fountain, desserts and more. Adults, \$18.99; kids, 12 and under, \$8.99. Call (734) 459-6666.

• Sweet Lorraine's, 17100 Laurel

• Sweet Lorraine's, 17100 Laurel Park Drive North, Livonia: Brunch runs 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and includes choice of soup; carving station with prime rib and ham; omelet station; waffle station; sides and salads such as Norwegian smoked salmon platter and Tropical Breeze fruit display; several entrees including Laurel Park London Broil, Chicken Milano and Farmhouse Quiche; and desserts. A mini buffet for children will include items such as corn dogs, chicken fingers, and mac & cheese. \$32.95, adults; \$9.95, children, 12 and under; free for kids, 5 and under. Call (734) 953-7480 for reservations.

Destination dining with mom

If you're looking for a Mother's Day meal with built-in entertainment — and you don't mind driving a few additional miles — consider taking Mom to one of these locations:

• The Detroit Zoo, located on Ten Mile (I-696 service drive) and Woodward Ave., in Royal Oak: Breakfast runs 8-10 a.m. in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery. Cost is \$30 for adults and \$25 for children, 14 and under. Youngsters will get a chance to make a special gift for mom and the brunch cost includes Zoo admission. The menu includes waffles with assorted fruit toppings and syrups, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, quiche, hashbrowns, mini desserts and more. For reservations call (248) 541-5717 and press 9.

• Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100
Lake Shore, Grosse Pointe Shores:
Brunch runs 10 a.m.-noon and includes turkey, beef tenderloin, sweet potatoes, bacon, sausage, French toast casserole, cheeses, fresh fruit, pastries, desserts and more. Cost is \$34 for adults and \$19 for children, 5-12. It includes a guided tour of the house. Brunch only cost is \$26 for adults and \$14 for children. Make reservations at (313) 884-4222.

The Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200
Woodward, Detroit: The DIA's monthly
Sunday "Brunch with Bach" will feature music by The Mack Sisters, a piano duo. Seatings begin at 10:30 a.m.
and 1 p.m. in Kresge Court. Concerts
are at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The earlier concert and a continental breakfast cost \$20. The afternoon concert includes a hot entrée, fresh fruit,
breakfast breads, coffee, tea, and
juice. Concert-only tickets are \$15.
All Brunch with Bach tickets include
admission to the art institute, excluding ticketed exhibitions.

— Compiled by Sharon Dargay

A virtual coffee university Website is a sweet place to learn

By Dan Dean Staff Columnist

t only takes one cup to become a believer. At least that is the way it was for me. The coffee was sweet, clean and as it cooled had a pronounced taste of lemon. It was fabulous. Pretty much from that day on, I have avoided coffee made anywhere but at home where I can purchase my own beans

and craft my own cup.

Maybe you are ready
to ditch the calorie laden, dairy filed, sugary
cup of daily caffeine
but just do not know the
next step to take.

Let me suggest the

blog of Tom Owen.
Actually the blog is just one educational aspect of online retailer Sweet Maria's, which contains one of the most

vast libraries of everything coffee you can find online. Tom Owen is the principal contributor/owner along with his wife and company namesake, Maria Troy.

Dan Dean

By today's website design standards, you might classify the site as basic, on the other hand by the sheer amount of information available you might think it is a huge corporate run operation with a ton of employees named Tom. But the simple truth is that it is quite, well simple. Simple — if the man running the operation really likes what he does and who seems to journal just about everything related to coffee and posts it in an easy to navigate and well organized manner.

Asked to describe her husband's fascination with coffee, Maria politely said Tom has "worked in coffee for about 25 years in different capacities." Nice, but that is not the whole story — no way. I would have loved to talk to Tom myself to find out what drives him, but he was too busy — cupping coffee.

According to one of Tom's online posts Sweet Maria's came about in 1997 after he went to purchase some green coffee to roast at home and ran into a not-so-helpful local roaster near the couples' home in Ohio. That led to the opening of a small shop and an eventual move to California in 2002. Today Sweet Maria's is run from a 7,500-square-foot ware-house with 15 employees in Oakland, Calif. just five blocks from the port of Oakland, which is the port for Speciality Coffee in the United States.

The retailer's main business is selling green coffee for the home coffee roaster. But whether you are a home roaster, a seasoned artisan master roaster, a talented barista or a coffee newbie just checking things out — Sweet Maria's has something of interest for you. And you literally can spend hours lost in an online sea of informative articles, tutorials, tips, videos and photographs all related to coffee.

From the site's main page you can, with a couple clicks, tackle such subjects as the science of coffee, roasting coffee, brewing coffee, tasting coffee, buying coffee and my favorite link titled "oddness" with such subjects as Coffee and Chickens, Oddball Coffee Sounds and Muzics and 32 other topics related to coffee that do not fit into the above men-

tioned categories.

Ever wonder how to plant a coffee tree? Yep, there is a post on Tom's blog, plus a video that is a home movie of sorts in which a single coffee tree growing in Tom and Maria's yard is processed with the help of a young, pajama-wearing coffee prodigy. And each Friday at noon Pacific time, Tom also hosts a live broadcast on USTREAM touching on a variety of coffee-related subjects.

Humor is a big part of what you will find keeping the information in perspective. For example, this post talks about pictures Tom has taken over the years of chickens on various coffee farms he has visited. "Each year we do our charity calendar 'Dogs of Coffee.' But while perusing all my dog photos, I realize there are significant numbers of chicken pics. What's with that? Here is a tribute to all the feathered kind I have encountered on coffee farms," writes Tom under an entry 2011 Chickens of Coffee.



The Sweet Maria's home page. Nothing fancy but chock full of information about coffee.

WWW.SWEETMARIAS.COM

"We are more than just another online shopping cart, we are a virtual coffee university. Simply put, we really like what we do ..." and that is evident by the volume of information available. Here is just a rough sampling of what you will find.

78 travelogues. From a trip to Guatemala in 2001 to Tom's latest trip that is a mere 202 verified 5 star images, paired down from the 1250 shot on the trip.
 31 videos. Everything from roasting

basics to a Direct Trade adventure to growing coffee in West Oakland, Calif.

• 65 green coffee selections each with a full review and one coffee in a category labeled "thumbs down" described as "a

textbook case of processing taint" selling

for \$2.80 lb.

• Coffee merchandise including four categories of home roasters plus accessories, 15 different grinders, seven categories of brewers, bags and a category for all the rest.

 271 entries - give or take under the heading Coffee Library. The library is broken up into eight categories plus the photo and video categories listed above.
 A small selection of roasted coffee.



SWEET MARIA'S

Sweet Maria's owner Tom Owen had his picture taken during a recent visit to Sumatra in this photo titled: Troll in the Onan Ganjang coffee tree.

And this post explaining an annual calendar produced by Sweet Maria's: "Instead of a calendar of cute dogs photos, this year we decided to do something very different. Out of an excess of spleen, we have created The 2012 Mondo Coffee Calendar, filled with oddness, sarcasm, inside jokes and some jabs at our own specialty coffee industry. Why? Because humor keeps us going, and IMO, we are hilarious!:)"

He noted that all proceeds from the calendar will go to the charity, Doctors without Borders.

But while the humor makes light reading, make no mistake, Sweet Maria's is serious about coffee. "For us, we think it is important to understand how coffee is grown and processed around the world. That helps explain why different coffees taste so different," stated Maria in a recent e-mail. "We try to connect with coffee producers in Central America, South America, Africa and Indonesia each year. Tom has a number of travelogues of his photos posted in our Coffee Library," she added.

And by connecting with coffee producers Sweet Maria's is also connecting with its customer base through what seems like a thousand employees named Tom.

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TOM OWEN | SWEET MARIA'S

Sweet Maria's owner Tom Owen writes this entry for one of 202 photos in a Travelogue from a trip to Sumatra in February: Typical tarp on the road, and of course typical cigarette in the mouth. Smoking and coffee just go together. This coffee has the skin pulped off it, and will dry a few hours before being sold to a collector. Moisture will be 40-50 percent when sold. This coffee is called "Gabah" at this stage. Aceh, Sumatra

Report: Smoking-related fire deaths drop sharply

According to a recent report released by the National Fire Protection Association, 610 civilian deaths in the United States were attributed to smoking material fires in 2010, a number at or near the alltime-low and well down from the 1980 levels. During 2010 there were an estimated 90,800 smoking material fires resulting in \$663 million in direct property damage.

Several factors, including a decline in smoking and stricter fire resistant standards on mattresses and upholstered furniture have been credited with the decrease in smoking material fire deaths over the last 30 years. The most recent drops in fatalities and injuries, though, owe much to the "fire-safe" cigarette legislation.

Local firefighters agree with the national report. "The advent of fire-safe cigarettes has done a great job in helping to bring down the number of fire deaths due to smokers," said Tom Kiurski of Livonia Fire & Rescue. "The cigarettes are designed to self-extinguish when not being inhaled regularly. This can bring down the incidents of cigarettes igniting furniture and beds when the smoker has fallen asleep or forgotten about the cigarette.

'Our greatest loss of life from fire is smoking materials, so any effort to reduce the ignition sequence and its effects has helped the fire service," Kiurski added in an email.

In 2003, U.S. states began requiring that all cigarettes sold must be "fire-safe," that is, have sharply reduced ignition strength (ability to start fires), as determined by ASTM Standards. By 2010, fire-safe cigarette legislation was in effect in 47 states. From 2003 to 2010, the number of civilian deaths in smoking-material fires fell by an average of 21 percent.

The year 2012 is the first year all 50 state laws are effective, and all inventories of pre-standard cigarettes should have sold out. A projection linking the percentage decline in tire deaths to the percentage of smokers covered suggests that when smoking material fire death numbers are analyzed for the year 2012, the reduction in civilian



deaths will reach roughly 30 percent.

According to Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Communications, "The adoption of fire-safe cigarette legislation is proving to be a giant step forward in reducing the leading cause of home fire deaths."

"NFPA is very encouraged by these numbers, which show the requirements are having the intended consequences,' said Carli. "It is clear that our efforts have already made an impact on public safety and will continue to provide further progress in the years to

Other key findings in this report show:

· Older adults are at the highest risk of death or injury from home smoking-material fires, even though they are less likely to smoke than younger adults.

One fatal victim in four (24 percent) of home smoking-material fires was not the smoker whose cigarette started the fire.

 Sleeping is the primary human factor contributing to ignition cited for one-third (32 percent) of home smokingmaterial fire deaths.

As with virtually all types of fires, there are many steps that people can take to prevent smoking-material fires. NFPA has developed the following safety tins focusing on safe storage and disposal of ciga-

Whenever you smoke, use

deep, wide, sturdy ashtrays. · Ashtrays should be set on something sturdy and hard to ignite, like an end table.

· Before you throw out butts and ashes, make sure they are out. Dowsing them in water or sand is the best way to do this.

· Check under furniture cushions and other places people smoke for cigarette butts that may have fallen out of sight.

NFPA is a worldwide leader in fire, electrical, building, and life safety. The mission of the international nonprofit organization founded in 1896 is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education.

Livonia Fire & Rescue contributed to this report.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 16-20, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

\$189,000 \$110,000

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1	973 Arcola St 28611 Beechwood St 29804 Bridge St	\$42,000 \$37,000 \$67,000
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	11327 Mayfield St 18472 Mayfield St 39270 Meeting House Ln	\$117,000 \$252,000
	31609 Middleboro St 32907 Middleboro St 35463 Northgate Dr	\$86,000 \$170,000 \$197,000

27473 Oakley St	\$160,0
19176 Rensellor St	\$60,0
9360 Stonehouse Ave	\$255,0
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15879 Augusta Ct	\$434,0
44499 Broadmoor Blvd	\$335,0
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40834 Coachwood Cir	\$300,0
16284 Country Knoll Dr	\$210,0
16827 Country Knoll Dr	\$210,0
16859 Dover Dr	\$102,0
16760 Lyonhurst Cir	\$240,0
15917 Morningside	\$118,0
19202 Northridge Dr	\$38,0
16145 Oakwood Ct	\$430,0
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13077 Andover Dr	\$285,0
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40,000	6072 N Carlson St	\$40,000
20,000	7395 N Hix Rd	\$65,000
34,000	800 N Linville St	\$22,000
75,000	723 Rahn St	\$59,000
20,000	1254 Selma St	\$113,000
45,000	1176 Shoemaker Dr	\$45,000
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15,000	7953 Whispering Willow	\$82,000

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 3-6, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
17117 Dunblaine Ave BINGHAM FARMS	\$205,000
32300 Bingham Rd BIRMINGHAM	\$390,000
1556 Emmons Ave	\$115,000
838 Hidden Ravines Dr	\$475,000
1043 N Old Woodward Ave	\$118,000
1596 Northlawn Blvd	\$426,000
381 W Brown St	\$265,000
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By Robert Meisner **Guest Columnist**

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Q: What common fair housing problems arise from community restrictions or rules?

A: In general, community restrictions or rules trigger fair housing problems in one of two ways, either the rules are enforced unfairly or the rules themselves are unfair. For example, a Condominium Association faces potential liability if members of a protected class are singled out for strict enforcement of the rules by enforcement against others is lax. An example is that it would be unlawful to come down hard on African American residents for breaking the rules while ignoring similar infractions by white residents.

The second relates

to the fairness of the rules. For example, communities have legitimate reasons to govern resident behavior in common areas, such as hallways, parking lots and outside spaces, but rules that unreasonably target children or limit their behavior in common areas could lead to a complaint of discrimination based on familial status. Of course, rules that have no reasonable relationship to the operation of the condominium would similarly be suspect. The Federal Housing Act bans discrimination in housing because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status or disability. Check with your attorney regarding the nature and extent of your rules.

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



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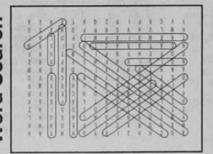
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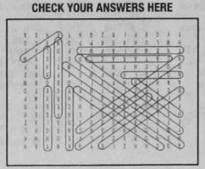
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