

## 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 presidents — Dr. Eric Brander, Dr. C. Nelson Grote, Dr. Richard McDowell 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

## Dairy donation

The owners of Dairy King are doing their part to help former employee Abby Stonerook, who is getting her head shaved for the St. Baldrick's Foundation for children's cancer research.

Dairy King hosts a fundraiser 5-10 p.m. Saturday, April 28, during which all wages, tips and 10 percent of all sales during those hours will be donated toward Stonerook's goal of raising \$10,000 before the head-shaving event Sunday.

During the fundraiser, Dairy King will be staffed by former employees who will be volunteering their time to help Stonerook reach her goal.

Dairy King is located at 232 S. Main in Plymouth.

## Hospice honors

The Rev. Teodor Petrutiu and the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland hosted a beautiful dinner Monday, April 16, for a crowd of 170 people to honor top volunteers to Angela Hospice.

Plymouth residents honored included Mary Bagnasco for five years of service; Marie Beaghan for 5,000 service hours; Donna Beamish for 10 years and 3,000 hours of service; Sandy Canzoneri for 1,000 hours; Roy Chapman for 10 years; Carolyn Duncan for 4,000 service hours; Pete Havstad for five years and 1,500 hours; Jim Leventis for 15 years; Chris McCaffrey for five years; Georgia Scappaticci for 4,000 hours; and Susan Stoel for five years.

At the dinner, volunteers received a heartfelt "thank you" from the hospice staff.



Donna Beamish of Plymouth was honored for volunteering 10 years and 3,000 hours of service to Angela Hospice. She is pictured with Angela Hospice President/CEO Sister Mary Giovanni.

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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 schools.

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 Mardigian. "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

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Ethan Rose attracted the attention of Major League Baseball with 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 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 himself 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 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 fifth-grad-

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# Heise backs 'smart meter' restrictions

By Matt Jachman  
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The Plymouth area's representative in the Michigan Legislature is backing a bill that would restrict the use of advanced electric meters and give utility customers the right to opt out of using the meters without penalty.

State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, is one of eight cosponsors of Rep. Tom McMillin's House Bill 5411, which was introduced in February and is in the House committee on energy and technology.

"We wanted to weigh in on this and at least show the utilities that we're watching them," Heise said Tuesday.

The debate over advanced meters, also called smart meters, reached the township last week when the Board of Trustees voted down a symbolic resolution that asked the Michigan Public Service Commission for a close study of the health, safety and privacy concerns surrounding the meters. The vote was 6-1, with Clerk Joe Bridgman casting the only vote in favor.

The MPSC has been looking into issues related to advanced meters and is scheduled to release its opinion in June.

### Opt-out provision

HB 5411 would mandate an opt-out provision, force utilities to take out already-installed advanced meters at customers' requests, restrict the use of information gathered by advanced meters to utility purposes only and prohibit utilities

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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 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 portable cart.

### 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 stu-

dents 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," Horvath 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. Margdian, 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 instruction."

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# Township incumbents join race as deadline nears

By Matt Jachman  
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With just over two weeks until the filing deadline, two incumbents have joined the partisan race for the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees.

Township Clerk Joe Bridgman and Trustee Mike Kelly recently filed paperwork to seek re-election as Republicans to their respective posts, and their petitions have been certified with the minimum number of voter signatures, said Eric Baczynski, the deputy clerk, Wednesday morning.

Kelly and Bridgman, both first-termers, join Supervisor Richard Reaume and challenger John Werth, also Republicans, on the ballot. Reaume is seeking a third term as supervisor and Werth,

the public safety director in Northville Township, is challenging him for the GOP nomination.

The four-year terms of all seven board members — full-timers Reaume, Bridgman and Treasurer Ron Edwards, plus part-time Trustees Kelly, Kay Arnold, Steve Mann and Bob Doroshewitz — expire on Tuesday, Nov. 20, two weeks after the general election.

Edwards has said he intends to seek a fifth term as treasurer, and Doroshewitz has said he is likely to seek a second term.

Mann, a former township supervisor, police officer and a two-term



Bridgman



Kelly

trustee, and Arnold, first elected in 1992, have both indicated they are undecided

about seeking re-election.

Tuesday, May 15, is the deadline for hopefuls to file for candidacy in the partisan process. Would-be candidates need to turn in to Bridgman's office petition signatures from a minimum of 50, and a maximum of 100, people registered to vote in the township.

Candidates must also file an affidavit of identity. They can file petitions for multiple offices, but must leave all but one race by the withdrawal deadline or all their township candidacies will be

considered invalid. The deadline for people to drop out of the race without having their names appear on the ballot is 4 p.m. Friday, May 18.

The partisan primary is Tuesday, Aug. 7.

Office-seekers can also skip the party primary process and run for township office as independents. Like party candidates, independents can get petitions at Bridgman's office, and must collect petition signatures from at least 150, and no more than 300, registered township voters.

The filing deadline for independents to get on the November ballot is Thursday, July 19, and the withdrawal deadline is Monday, July 27.

The general election is Tuesday, Nov. 6.

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## Take-back event helps safely dispose of old prescriptions

Cleaning out the medicine cabinet and don't quite know what to do with unwanted or out-of-date prescription medicine? The Plymouth Township Police Department can help.

The department is partnering with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration for Saturday's fourth annual National Take-Back Initiative, an opportunity to safely dispose of

unwanted drug products.

Medicines can be dropped off at the department, 9955 Haggerty, just north of Ann Arbor Road next to township hall, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday.

According to the DEA, Americans turned in 377,080 pounds — 188.5 tons — of prescription drugs at over 5,300 sites operated by the DEA and nearly 4,000 state and

local law enforcement partners in October.

In its three previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners took in almost a million pounds — nearly 500 tons — of pills.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are

now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines — flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash — both pose potential safety and health hazards.

Four days after the first event, Congress passed the Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010, which amends the Controlled Substances Act to allow an "ultimate user" of controlled substance medications to dispose of them by delivering them to entities authorized by the Attorney General to accept them. The Act also allows the Attorney General to authorize long term care facilities to dispose of their residents' controlled substances in certain instances.

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from shutting off electricity based on customers' consumption or whether customers use advanced meters or not.

Opponents have characterized advanced meters have surveillance devices, and Heise said that concern shows a lack of trust in utilities, government and business.

"I'm worried about big government saying, 'Heise's used his electricity too much this week. We're going to cut him back more,'" Heise said.

The bill would also prohibit utilities from imposing disincentives for declining advanced meters. Another measure, HB 5439, would impose more detailed restrictions.

Advanced meters send radio signals that allow utilities to read them remotely, eliminating the need for meter-readers, and can provide real-time tracking of power usage. Utility officials tout several advantages, including a greater usage awareness that can lead customers to increase energy efficiency, but detractors say they fear the radiation emitted from the meters can have negative health consequences for some people, and that the meters are an invasion of privacy.

## DTE: 'Serious concerns'

DTE Energy has installed about 750,000 advanced meters in markets around the state.

Heise said that, if passed into law, HB 5411 would supersede any regulations the MPSC might issue.

"We're not trying to override the public ser-

vice commission, but there's nothing preventing us," he said. "The public service commission, I'm sure, will beat us to a decision."

DTE spokesman Scott Simons said the company has "serious concerns" about the bill. Although he declined to discuss many specifics, the ban on so-called disincentives for customers who opt out of advanced meters is one such concern, he said.

"There will be costs involved in customers who opt out of the program, and we expect to be able to recover those," he said. "We're absolutely convinced in the safety, security and benefits provided by advanced meters and we're looking forward to our customers being able to reap the benefits."

Township resident Bruce Hartdegen, who brought his concerns about the meters to the township board last month, said he's in favor of the legislation, but added entire communities, not just individual customers, should have the ability to opt out of advanced meters. For customers with health concerns, Hartdegen suggested, opting out of advanced meter usage might not be enough if surrounding neighbors have the meters on their homes.

Bob Sitkauskas, manager of DTE's advanced meter program, told the township board last week that DTE is developing an opt-out program. Sitkauskas said he wasn't sure when the utility would begin installing the meters in the township, but that DTE would contact local officials 90 days ahead of that in order to give public notice.

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## Old Village sales event is Saturday



The parking lot at Station 885 in Plymouth's Old Village will be packed once again Saturday during the neighborhood's annual yard and trunk sale. Residents set up sale tables in their yards, and sellers from around the area rent parking spaces to market their wares. The event is a fundraiser for the Old Village Association.

Bargain hunters and flea market fans will head to Plymouth's Old Village on Saturday for the neighborhood's annual yard sale and trunk sale event.

The hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

More than 25 households and businesses in the area will be participating in the yard sale, including the Funky Monkey Boutique resale shop and the Presbyterian Thrift store. Sellers set up tables outside to display their offerings.

For the trunk sale, sell-

ers rent parking spaces at the Station 885 restaurant — at \$10 per space — to sell household goods, collectibles, antiques, furniture and more. The trunk sale is a fundraiser for the Old Village Association; sellers can reserve a spot by e-mailing event chairman Mark Oppat at moppat@comcast.net.

Maps of the neighborhood will be available at most sale locations and Station 885, on Starkweather north of Farmer, will be selling coffee and doughnuts.

## AROUND PLYMOUTH

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

## STEAK FRY

**Date/Time:** Saturday, April 28, 5 p.m.

**Location:** VFW 6695, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth

**Details:** The VFW 6695 Steak Fry will run until the steaks are gone. All proceeds will go to benefit veterans. The event will also feature an electronic waste collection, for no charge.

**Contact:** Gary Kubik, (734) 459-6700

## LIONS EUCHE

**Date/Time:** Saturday, May 5, 6 p.m.

**Location:** Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

**Details:** The Canton Lions Club is calling all euchre players in to play in the second annual Canton Lions Club Euchre Tournament. Awards will be given to the top 4 players with the highest scores. There will also be an optional raffle for more great prizes. Food is included. To guarantee a spot, players can preregister by May 3, 2012 for a \$20 ante-

fee payable at the door.

**Contact:** E-mail patnancywilliams@yahoo.com or calling (734) 358-4280. For more info, go to www.cantonlions.org.

## ROAD RALLY

**Date/Time:** Saturday, April 28; check in at 4:30 p.m., rally starts at 5 p.m.

**Location:** Participants must solve an advance clue, provided upon registration, to find out

**Details:** The Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors host their annual Road Rally, with competing teams racing across town solving puzzles, participating in fun activities and enjoying an evening on the town. The Rally ends at a final dinner party destination. Early bird discounted cost is \$20 per person before March 30, \$22 per person after that. Entries must be received by April 14 to ensure a spot in the Rally.

**Contact:** Melissa at president@plymouthnewcomers.com.

## SCIENCE FAIR

**Date/Time:** Friday, April 27, 5:30-7 p.m.

**Location:** New Morning School, Haggerty just north of Schoolcraft

**Details:** Looking for something fun to do on a Friday night? New Morning School in Plymouth is having a Spring

Science Fair. Admission is free.

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

## BOOK SIGNING

**Date/Time:** Saturday, April 28, noon to 2 p.m.

**Location:** Caribou Coffee, 44601 Five Mile, Plymouth

**Details:** Livonia resident Victoria Zande, an independent artist/author, will be doing a book signing for her writing/poetry preview collection handwritten version. All copies will sell for \$5.

**Contact:** For more information visit her website - www.victoriazande.com.

## GRIEF SUPPORT

**Date/Time:** April 30, May 7, 9; 7-9 p.m.

**Location:** Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 N Teritorial Road, Plymouth.

**Details:** The "Grieving With Great Hope" workshop offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for individuals who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Speakers will include Deacon Bob Irvin, Fr. John Riccardo, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization. Registration forms are online at www.goodmourn-

ingministry.net or call OLG.

**Contact:** 734-453-0326, olgparish.net

## NEW HOPE DINNER

**Date/Time:** Friday, May 18, 6 p.m.

**Location:** Italian American Banquet Center in Livonia

**Details:** New Hope Center for Grief Support hosts a Spring Appreciation Dinner to honor Executive Director Cathy Clough for her dedication and service to the success and history of New Hope Center. Hors d'oeuvres are at 6 p.m., dinner's at 7 p.m., live music from 9-11 p.m. The event features strolling musician trio and live and silent auctions. Celebrity emcee is WDIV traffic reporter Ashlee Baracy.

**Contact:** New Hope Office at 248-348-0115 or register at www.NewHopeCenter.net

## PET-A-PET

**Date/Time:** Third Saturday of the month, 10 a.m.

**Location:** Woodhaven Retirement Center in Livonia

**Details:** PET-A-PET, Inc. is looking for enthusiastic, friendly pets and their owners to visit facilities one hour a month. Pets must be up to date with vaccinations, proof required.

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CRIME WATCH

**Cash, electronics stolen in vehicle burglaries**

At least three vehicles were burglarized in west-central Plymouth Township, on residential streets in the area of Beck and North Territorial roads, on the evening of April 8 or early the next day. The incidents occurred on Amherst Court, Hill Top Drive and Willoway Court and were all reported April 9, according to Plymouth Township Police Department reports. On Amherst, a responding officer recovered much of the property sto-

len in the burglary of a Ford Edge, a report said. The officer found a purse, wallet, credit cards and a driver's license, all of which had been reported stolen, near a tree about 30 feet from where the Edge had been parked in a driveway, police said. The car had likely been left unlocked. Police said cash and documents also reported stolen from the Edge were not located. On Willoway, another Ford Edge was burglarized when a window was broken out, police said. A laptop computer and the victim's passport were reported stolen.

On Hill Top, a camera, an iPod, three golf clubs and a messenger bag were reported stolen from a GMC Terrain that the victim told police had probably been left unlocked. In other recent thefts from vehicles: An electric drill, with its case and charger, were reported stolen from a Chevrolet Silverado that had been parked in the driveway of a house on Manton Avenue, in the area of Joy Road and Mill. The burglary occurred April 16 or April 17, police said. The victim told police the pickup had

been left unlocked. A iPod and clothing, including a Detroit Tigers jacket, were reported stolen April 11 from a Ford Freestyle parked outside a house on Ball Street, in the area of South Main and Ann Arbor Road. The burglary occurred between about 5 p.m. April 10 and 9 a.m. April 11, police said. The victim told police the car had probably been left unlocked. **Stolen from apartment** A video game console was reported stolen from an apartment on Green-

view Place, south of Ann Arbor Trail and east of I-275, on Monday. There were no apparent signs of a break-in; the victim told police the theft occurred between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday. Later, the victim reported that 20 video games for the console had also been stolen. **Ring stolen** A three-diamond engagement ring with a platinum band was reported stolen from a house on Chestwick Court, in the area of Napier and North Territorial, on April 15. The victim told police

she suspects the ring was taken earlier in the month during showings of the house, which is for sale. **Vandalism** All four tires on a Pontiac Grand Am were slashed, and both rear fenders of the car scratched with a sharp object, one night recently. The vandalism occurred in a parking lot outside an apartment building on Heritage Drive, in the area of North Territorial and Sheldon, a police report said. It was reported on April 18, the report said. — By Matt Jachman

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Essay winner Ethan Rose meets Sharon Robinson, the daughter of baseball legend Jackie Robinson.

## ESSAY

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ers 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.



Sharon Robinson and Ethan Rose look out at the crowd as Field Elementary Principal Denise Lilly begins the assembly.

ing. "It took a couple of weeks. He had to be patient."

In addition to the laptop, Robinson brought T-shirts 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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# 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 member 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 School

**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 Woodhaven 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.

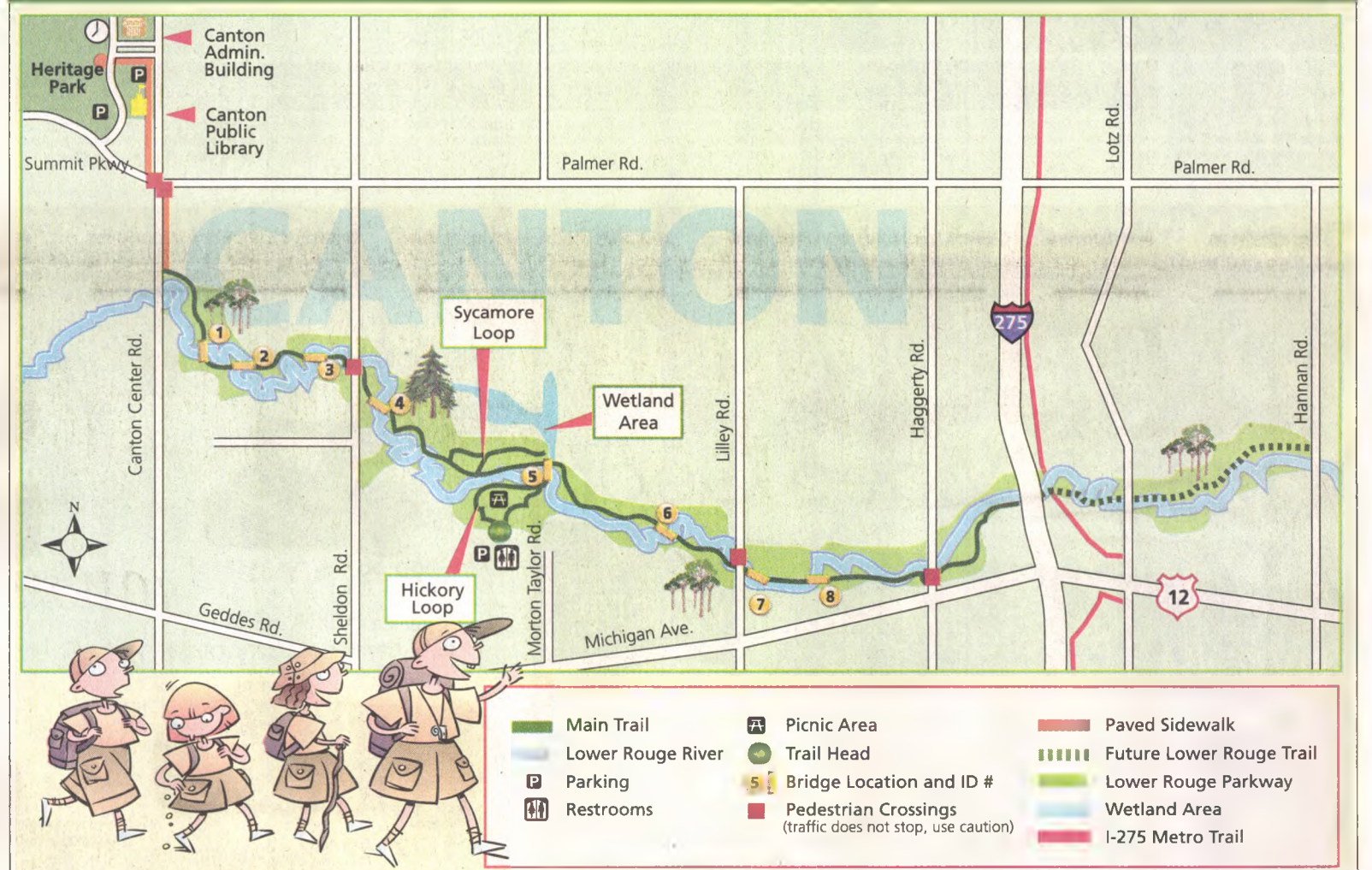
"It's a fantastic trail," Paling said. "It's away from all the noise, down in a river basin. Even when it's hot in the summer, there's shade along the trail. They've done a real nice job with the



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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 Weather

er Demonstration Project and the Michigan Department 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 traffic-clogged 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 health-care costs and economic roadblocks to insurance coverage, Canton faith-based 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-

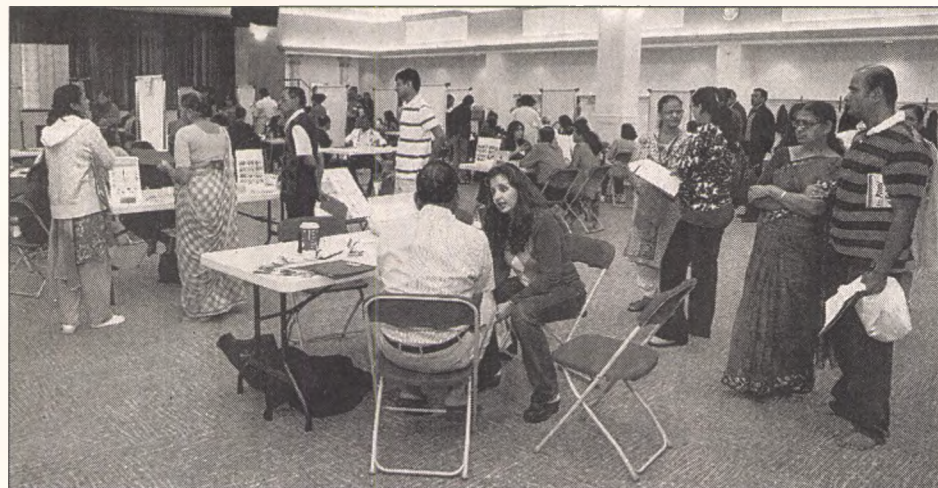


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Another crowd shows up for the second phase of a free health fair sponsored by The Hindu Temple of Canton.

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.



A diverse 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 Canton-based 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, co-chair 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 happy."

"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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Jessica Meyer, of Plymouth, looks for books to read to her 11-month-old daughter, Alexis Mervyn.

700 volunteers, the week-long sale has raised more than \$655,000 for literacy and education programs throughout Oakland County and Detroit over the

past nine years.

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

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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."

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By Karen Smith

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Donations received, according to information provided by the chamber, came to more than \$3,700, well over halfway toward the \$5,000 goal set for May 2.

These scholarships will be based on student's community service only and up to five \$1,000 scholarships will be given. A selection committee will pick one student each from Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools, the Starkweather Alternative High School and a non-PCCS high school student who lives in the district.

Contributors will be recognized on the Chamber's web page and at Showcase Plymouth on May 14. Donations need to be received by May 2. To access a donation form, go to the following link on the chamber's web site at [www.plymouthmich.org/chamber/student-citizenship-scholarships](http://www.plymouthmich.org/chamber/student-citizenship-scholarships).

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Showcase Plymouth takes place at The Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile (at Sheldon) in Plymouth.

Showcase & Taste of Plymouth attracts 600-800 attendees from the community and member businesses, features 90 total exhibitors including 20 restaurants, sees Community Service Awards presented to 20 honorees, and each exhibitor can bring three people.



The Plymouth Showcase business expo and Taste of Plymouth is set for Monday, May 14, at the Inn at St. John's.

### Speed networking

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts a speed-networking event at the chamber office, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail, 8-9:15 a.m. Friday, May 4.

Speed Networking is like Speed Dating for businesses. With Speed Networking, members will have the opportunity to meet approximately 20-25 businesses in one hour. This structured networking event will allow you to meet most of the people in the room and within two minutes learn about each other's companies.

RSVP for the event by calling (734) 453-1540 or e-mailing [teri@plymouthmich.org](mailto:teri@plymouthmich.org)

## PLYMOUTH BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Grant requests

Michigan's Metro West Chapter of Credit Unions is seeking Detroit area non-profit organizations in need of financial grants of up to \$2,500 each to support local community improvement activities.

The money must be used to directly benefit the communities served by the Metro West Chapter of Credit Unions, including those in Plymouth.

Nonprofit organizations that wish to apply must submit a written grant request of no more than two typewritten pages by Friday, July 13. The request must include the name of the organization, contact information, website address if available, 501(c)3 number, organization's mission, requested amount of up to \$2,500, complete description of how the funds will be used within 12 months of receipt, and the estimated number of people who will directly benefit from the grant.

Grant recipients will be recognized at the annual Metro West Chapter Charity Golf Outing to be held at the Northville Hills Golf Club on Thursday, Aug. 16.

Organizations interested in receiving more details about grant submissions are requested to e-mail [metrowest@cscu.org](mailto:metrowest@cscu.org).

### Better hearing

Miracle-Ear hearing aid centers nationwide, including centers in the Plymouth area, will give away a Kindle Fire - at no charge - with all qualifying Miracle-Ear hearing aid purchases during the month of May.

The promotion is designed to coincide with Better Hearing and Speech Month, an annual awareness campaign sponsored by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, and to encourage people to visit their local Miracle-Ear store for a free hearing test.

The theme of this year's Better Hearing and Speech Month campaign is "Connecting People through Communication," according to Wendy Crespo, audiologist for Miracle-Ear.

"Communication is so natural to most of us that we may take it for granted," said Crespo. "But communication between people requires a speaker and a listener. As the ability to be a 'listener' erodes over time for people with hearing loss, communication may break down, leading to isolation. Recent research has shown that this can have far-reaching effects."

For more information about Miracle-Ear in the Plymouth area, please visit <http://www.miracle-ear.com/>.

### Business news

From the desks of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority:

- Simply the Best, a \$10 boutique, will be moving to the south end of Forest Ave soon. Everything in the store will be \$10, including watches, bracelets, rings, earrings, sunglasses, gadgets and handbags.

Owners hope to be open by June 1, and are looking for two or three good employees.

Contact Andrea at [mercedes24baby@yahoo.com](mailto:mercedes24baby@yahoo.com)

- Creativibe Design & Marketing will hold a grand opening at its new downtown Plymouth location on May 1 from 4-6 p.m. Creativibe owner Brett Wilson has actually been in business for six years, but this is his first while located downtown. Creativibe is located at 338 S. Main. There will be a ribbon cutting and refreshments will be served.



Volunteers pack food Saturday at Comcast's Plymouth Township call center, which is also a regional headquarters, during Comcast Cares Day, in which employees and their family members devote service hours to a number of Michigan nonprofits and charitable organizations. The food will be sent to emergency food banks and needy families through the Kids Against Hunger Coalition.

# Comcast employees pitch in during annual service week

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

Comcast Corp. employees and their family members helped clean up Old Redford and packaged food for emergency food banks among other efforts Saturday as the media company market its 11th Comcast Cares Day.

Saturday was the culmination of Comcast employees' yearly effort to boost neighborhood and school projects by donating their time; projects at some locations began April 16.

At Comcast's call cen-

ter in Plymouth Township, which is also a regional headquarters, plus the call centers in Ann Arbor and Sterling Heights, volunteers on Saturday packaged food that will be distributed to needy families through the Kids Against Hunger Coalition. Emergency food banks in Jackson, Lansing, Muskegon and Grand Rapids also were helped by Comcast volunteers.

More than 2,700 area Comcast employees, their family members and friends volunteered during the week, partnering with volunteers from

community organizations such as Focus: HOPE, the Urban League, City Year Detroit and the Motor City Blight Busters.

The Old Redford-based Blight Busters focused its efforts on deconstructing a blighted house in Detroit. Some volunteers donated blood Saturday through the American Red Cross.

"Comcast Cares Day is about coming together to have a positive impact on our communities, and I am truly proud to join my fellow employees as we continue in that mission," said Tim Collins,

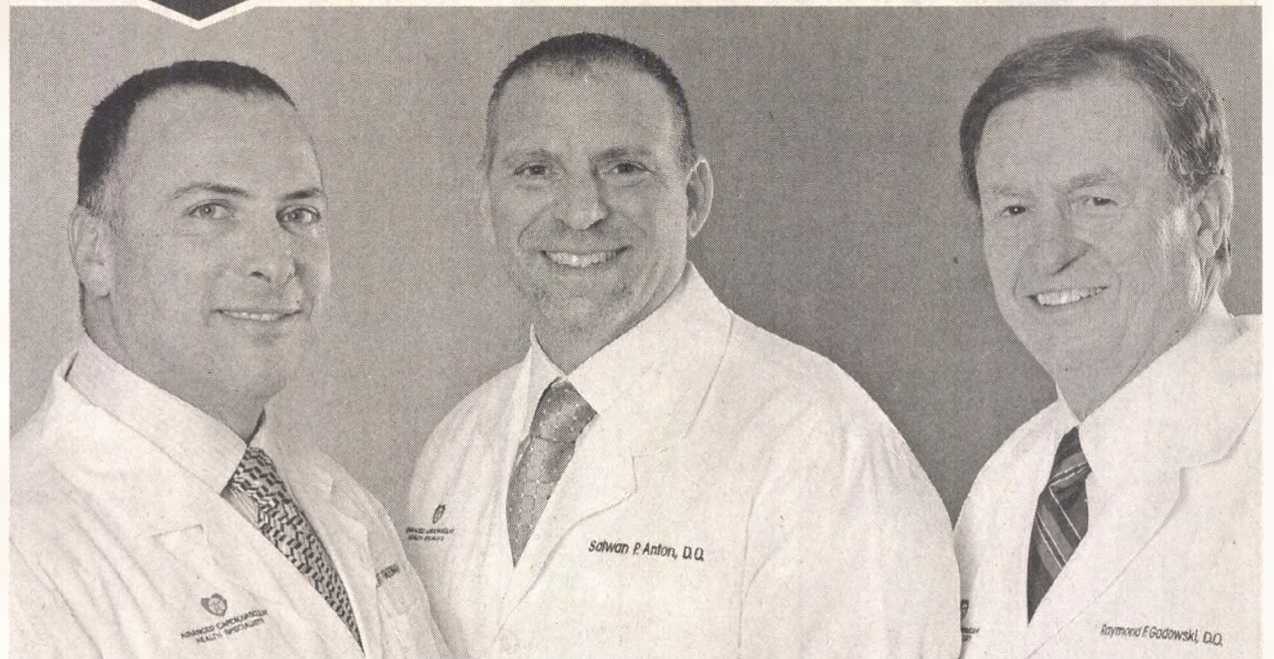
senior vice president for Comcast in Michigan, in a press release.

In addition, the Comcast Foundation, a company charity with a focus on community service, digital literacy and leadership development, will provide grants to partner nonprofits on behalf of the company's volunteers. The 10 previous Comcast Cares Days have resulted in more than 2.1 million volunteer hours and more than \$10.5 million in grants.

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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 self-improvement.

And they are real-life 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 chorus.

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 Mexico.

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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## CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NOTICE

2012 Season Grass, Weeds and Property Maintenance Code will be strictly enforced.

### Grass and Weeds

**Section 302.4:** All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of eight (8) inches in height. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees and shrubs as further delineated in Section 18-751 of this Article, provided; however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens.

**Sec. 18-752: Duty to cut.** It shall be the duty of every owner, occupant, or person having charge of any land within the city to cut down or cause to be cut down and destroyed all noxious weeds prior to May 15 in each year and to again destroy same prior to August 1, and as often as may be necessary to prevent same from going to seed or exceeding a height of eight inches, on the average.

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

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(Code 1982, 9.63)

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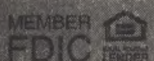
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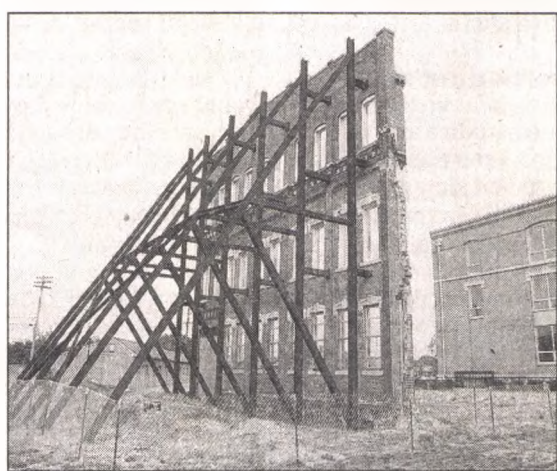
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## OUR VIEWS



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The Plymouth Planning Commission plans to deal with the Daisy Wall again at its May 9 meeting.

## Wall wars

### Decision, and plan, for Daisy wall needed

It's time for the Daisy Wall saga in Plymouth to come to a close.

Mark Malcolm, the CEO of Tower Automotive who has been working with the Plymouth Preservation Network to preserve the wall in some form, told Plymouth planning commissioners recently of plans to turn the wall, the last remaining remnant of the former Daisy Air Rifle factory, into a pavilion with an adjacent park.

It's time for the commission to let them try.

The wall has been a thorn in the side for the developer of the stalled Daisy condominium project since its inception. The current development agreement requires Joseph Freed and Associates to use the wall as part of a four-unit condominium building, but Freed officials have argued for months that its poor condition, and

*Planners did recently give Freed a little more flexibility to work with owners of the occupied townhouse condominiums over the future of the project while keeping open opportunities to preserve the historic wall.*

the downturn in the housing market, make doing so impossible.

Planners have been reluctant to let Freed out of that part of the agreement, and the Plymouth Preservation Network has pushed hard for the wall to be preserved as some part of the project. Planners did recently give Freed a little more flexibility to work with owners of the occupied townhouse condominiums over the future of the project while keeping open opportunities to preserve the historic wall.

Keeping the wall in its current form has long been a lightning rod to those who want it saved, and to those who think it's an eyesore and, perhaps, a safety hazard. But Malcolm told commissioners at their last meeting his group's plan not only saves the wall but offers an attractive addition to the area. It is also, he said, the only option that can be completed within the year.

That's what we like about the plan: It might be the quickest solution to both the eyesore and safety problems caused by the aging wall.

The project comes with a cost, an estimated \$250,000. The developer originally offered some \$120,000 to knock the wall down; the Plymouth Preservation Network has said it has received pledges for the rest.

The planning commission made it clear at its last meeting what it wants: "Our instruction to (Freed) is to come to the (May 9) meeting ready to talk financials. Our intent is to hammer out the details of an amended PUD," commission chair Jim Mulhern told us.

Mulhern said planners' intention is to hammer out wording of an amendment to the PUD that would allow Freed to pass off responsibility for the wall to the PPN.

Whatever they decide needs to meet at least one criteria: It needs to be safe. The wall just appears unsafe in its current condition. If the wall can be incorporated into a park or pavilion that is both safe and contributes aesthetically to the development, that's a win-win for everyone.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### What's your Zombie Plan?

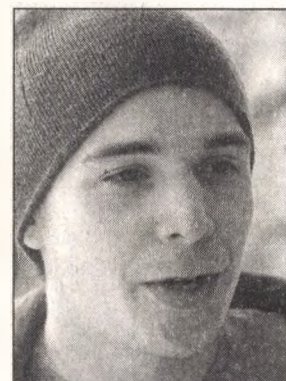
We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



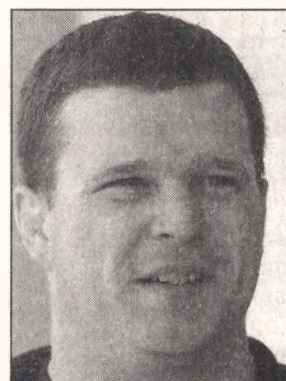
"Find a shelter that has lots of food. Probably a Walmart — they have everything you need."  
**Kayla Vantil**  
Dearborn



"To give them lots of cake."  
**Rochelle Vanover**  
Berkley



"I guess I would just hide out somewhere, have a bunch of canned food in stock."  
**Nathan Mentley**  
Ypsilanti



"Buy a firearm. That's the only answer."  
**Neil Nordhaus**  
Plymouth Township

## 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, April 19).

However, I had second thoughts when I remembered something my dear old pappy used to say:

"There is no honor in besting a fool."

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 minus-couple 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

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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that commenced 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 work.

**Liana Lusson**  
president, Everest Institute-Southfield

## STAFF COLUMN

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

So 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 loyal 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

By **Tim Richard**  
Guest Columnist

It'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 county-wide 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 state.

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

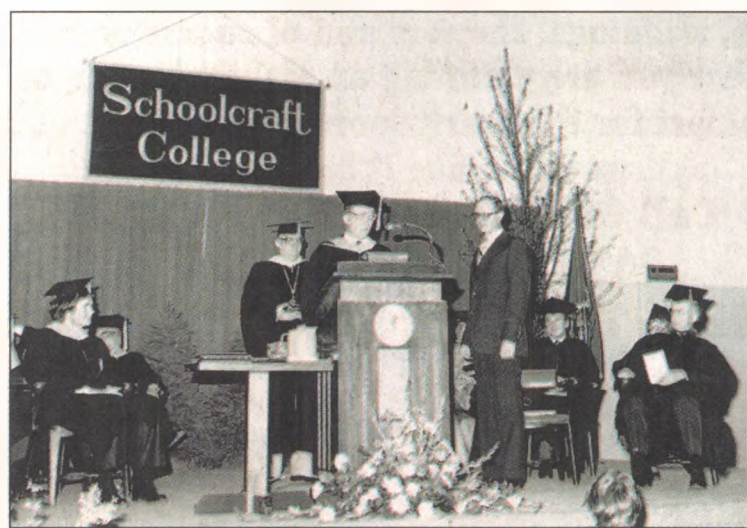


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Former O&E editor and reporter **Tim Richard** (right) was awarded an honorary degree from Schoolcraft in 1980. Trustee **Harry Greenleaf** (member of the board of trustees from 1977 to 1995) is at the podium. Schoolcraft's second president, **Dr.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

gently with the college.

"Colleges are made, not born," quipped 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 four-year 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 music.

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 ex-student elected to the board, blustered 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 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 fuses. 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 maskinogé (the northern pike).

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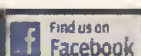
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## Robb-ed: 'Cats blank Chiefs

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 back.

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 Wildcats 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 20-yard 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)

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

JOHN KEMSKI

### 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/cantonchiefsbasketball](http://www.facebook.com/cantonchiefsbasketball) to get registration forms or contact Jimmy Reddy at [reddyj@slcs.us](mailto: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](http://www.plymouthwildcats.com), click on sports and go to football for a camp brochure. Any questions, contact coach Mike Sawchuk at (734) 765-1766.

## 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 inning-ending 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 sixth-inning 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



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

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Rocks' final runs of the afternoon.

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 4-for-5, scored two runs and drove

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### Football info meeting

Speaking of Plymouth High School football, a mandatory informational meeting for any student-athletes 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 non-profit 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.

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### THE OLIND FILE

**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 26.2-mile Boston Marathon.



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

Gorman smoked a two-run 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 right-center.

"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 another 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 hitting for the cycle.

Daniel Slater went 3-for-4 and pitched the first four innings for the victory. Johnny Lauch singled and doubled for PCA.

# Chargers finish sweep of 'Cats

Senior right-hander Tyler Keeter pitched a complete game seven-hitter 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 2-2 after three innings on Friday.

Matt Janke, in relief of starter Austin Ebeling,

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

Jamarl Eiland went 3-for-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 the lead run.

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

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 a single.

# 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 Mikayela 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:** Livonia 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 one.

**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 Webster. 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 Glenn.

Pitcher Alyssa Boucher threw a no-hitter in the opener, striking out eight and allowing just one walk.

Jesse Lerner'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), Lerner (2-for-3), Warren (2-for-3, two RBI) and Megan Grant (2-for-3, three RBI) all getting in on the multiple-hit act.

Also hitting a homer for Canton was Webster.

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then added an insurance 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-

al other dangerous chances during the game, but Schendel — who played despite having a high fever and bronchitis — battled and kept the Chiefs close.

"She played an amazing game. She has a fever, bronchitis," Reddy said. "My other goalie (Kaitlyn Jatczak) is hurt. Danielle played outstanding, she really saved us a lot in the back."

According to Neschich, the Wildcats "had quite a few people that were dangerous at different points out there, but Madi does create a lot for other people with her speed, she's able to draw so much attention from the other team."

Canton will face Salem 7 p.m. Friday while Plymouth visits Livonia Churchill for a game set for 7 p.m. Thursday.

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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.

Sophomore Megan Bis

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).

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# 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."

Nelson said 19-year-old Fairbanks and 17-year-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 Trespece, Genna Liu, Tracy Chase; red belts Kaylyn Thompson and Nick Civitanova (Plymouth).

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

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

But he emphasized that being in tip-top shape does not automatically mean success in the fighting arena.

"To compare to an NFL 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."

"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.

"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  
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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 its 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 weekend 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 nev-

### TIN CUP TIDBITS

**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 Green-side Tavern.

**Info:** Go to [www.themulligantour.com](http://www.themulligantour.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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## PREP TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

### BOYS DUAL MEET RESULTS PLYMOUTH 85.5 WAYNE MEMORIAL 41.5 April 24 at Wayne

**Shot put:** 1. Dimitris Renfro (WM), 41 feet, 10 inches; 2. William Harrington (WM), 39-3.5; **discus:** 1. Renfro (WM), 107-9; 3. Harrington (P), 103-3; **high jump:** (tie) 1. Nathan Harris (P) and Dawn 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), 22.5; **300 hurdles:** 1. Caton Hacker (P), 45.6; **100 dash:** 1. Alex Rogers (P), 10.88; 3. McNeary (P), 11.24; **200:** 1. Rogers (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; **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 Berlinger (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 KLAAS South Division; Wayne, 0-3 KLAAS South.

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## OLIND

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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 marathons 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."

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

**Shot put:** 1. Olaniyi Owagbemi (C), 40 feet, 9 inches; 2. Steve Schacht (C), 38-3.5; **discus:** 1. Ogdan (WJG), 137-0; 2. Dev Sandhu (C), 127-0; **high jump:** 1. Jamal Dixon (C), 5-7; 2. Matt Schacht (C), 5-7; 3. Akil Wade (C), 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. Pepper (C), 44.8; 2. Shean Krolidki (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, 46.01; 2. Canton (Morris, Darish, 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 Wingham), 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 KLAAS South Division; John Glenn, 1-2 KLAAS South.

### GIRLS DUAL MEET RESULTS PLYMOUTH 103 WAYNE MEMORIAL 25 April 24 at Wayne

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

**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. Azylia 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 Demby (P), 28.96; 3. M. Jones (WM), 29.12; **400:** 1. Marina DeBiasi (P), 1:07.45; 2. Aleah Rogalski (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. Renee 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, Demby, Anna Lukens, Katie Salanga), 54.82; 2. Wayne, 57.82; **800 relay:** 1. Plymouth (Lukens, Demby, 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.

school record in the two-mile. 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 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 most."

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## BOYS GOLF RESULTS

**BOYS GOLF RESULTS  
PINKNEY INVITATIONAL  
April 21 at Rush Lake G.C.  
TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Pinkney (Black), 316 strokes; 2. Walled Lake Northern, 321; 3. Birmingham Groves, 325; 4. Plymouth, 327; 5. Richland Gull

Lake, 330; 6. Livonia Stevenson, 332. **CANTON 153  
WAYNE MEMORIAL 184  
April 18 at Gateway G.C.  
Canton scorers:** Josh Maxum, 36 (medalist); Derek Trooper, 37; Justin Legel, 39; Carter Schenk, 41.

**Wayne scorers:** Austin St. Peter, 41; Zach Williamson and Jarret Williamson, 43 each; Ken McKay, 54. **Dual match records:** Canton, 2-0 overall, 1-0 KLAAS South Division; Wayne, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAAS South.



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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) Ralya. 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 great 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 American Association of University Women, the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame or the charity of donor's choice. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

**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 Guile) 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 THE BUCKNER RESIDENCE, 2633 COVE LN., WEST BLOOMFIELD, MI 48323. ARRANGEMENTS BY THE DORFMAN CHAPEL, (248) 406-6000 or visit www.thedorfmanchapel.com

**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. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

**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 6. 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

**HOLET, JOHN A.**

Age 52, dear father of John and Shana Holet. Son of Nancy 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 great-grandchildren. 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-in-law, 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 many years 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 groups. 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, IL. 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 service 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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**GRIEF SUPPORT**

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. April 30, May 7 and 9  
**Location:** Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth

**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

**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

**RUMMAGE SALE**

**Time/Date:** 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, April 27 and 9:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 28  
**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 TOUR**

**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, marketing director of Arden Courts of Livonia presents the tour, which is an effective way to put yourself in the shoes of a person suffering with dementia. No charge, although donations may be made to Adult Day Ministry. RSVP by April 13  
**Contact:** (734) 855-4056

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## 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 Burda 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 fundraising 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."



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



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.

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

getting a collection of everything. There is such diversity. Everyone coming on Saturday night comes with their own (musical) ideas."

### Hootenanny

Some of the performers are Baseline Folk Soci-

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 music.

The Hootenanny will run from 7-10 p.m. Saturday, April 28. Tickets are \$25.

### 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](http://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-making.

"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."

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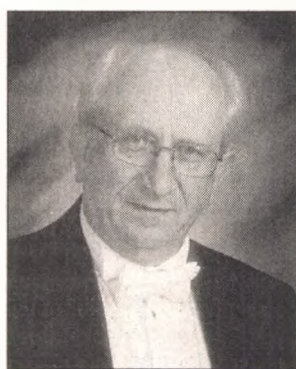
David Ormai is soloist at the Livonia Symphony Orchestra's "Water Music" concert, Saturday, April 28, at Clarenceville High School.

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 Waltz*. 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, adding 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](http://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](http://www.livoniasymphony.org).

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**Contact:** (313) 833-7900, [www.dia.org](http://www.dia.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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### UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

**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

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**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 benefiting 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

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

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**Time/Date:** 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m.

**Location:** Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

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**Time/Date:** Doors open at 1 p.m.; dancing from 2-6 p.m. Sunday, May 20

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## Her special day Make reservations now for Mother's Day brunch

Put a smile on Mom's face this Mother's Day with brunch at a local restaurant. It's not too early to make a reservation. Seatings at popular locations fill up fast.

Here's a sampling:

• **Sive Restaurant at The Inn at St. John**, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth: Plated brunch, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. includes trio of appetizers, choice of two entree items, desserts. Adults, \$40; kids, 6-12, \$12; kids, 5 and under, free. Select from a limited a la carte menu from 4-9 p.m. Make reservations at (734) 357-5700; e-mail to [Sive@stjohnsgc.com](mailto:Sive@stjohnsgc.com)

• **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 sautéed 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](http://flemingssteakhouse.com) or call (734) 542-9463.

• **Fox Hills Golf Course and Banquet Center**, 8768 North Territorial Road Plymouth: Choose from two brunches. Dine at the Fox Classic, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost is \$29.95 for adults and \$10.95 for children, 3-12. The buffet includes a breakfast station; seafood items; soup, salads; side dishes; a carving station with roasted turkey, ham and prime rib; an entree station with Potato and Panko Crusted Chicken Croquettes, Buttermilk Chicken, Mama's Meatloaf, Braised Pork Shanks, Pan Fried Whitefish and Lobster and Shrimp Mac n' Cheese; omelet and waffle stations; and desserts.

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](http://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.

• **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 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; 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 Art 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

It 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.



Coffee Preacher

Dan Dean

Maybe you are ready to ditch the calorie laden, dairy filled, 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.

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 warehouse with 15 employees in Oakland, Calif. just five blocks from the port of Oakland, which is the port for Specialty 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 mentioned 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 MARIAS

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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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

TOM OWEN | SWEET MARIAS



## 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 all-time-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 e-mail.

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 fire 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 come."

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 smoking-material 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 tips focusing on safe storage and disposal of cigarettes:

- 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.

## Buenos Aires land: pricey, thriving

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

**Q:** I understand that there are many new developments along the river in Buenos Aires which is ripe for commercial development. Do you have any information?

**A:** Buenos Aires has been able to develop its riverfront with a series of shops, restaurants and hotels on both sides of the river. Obviously, the prices per lot involved are substantial as compared to other parts of the city

because of their location. There is an additional degree of benefit since rapid transit abuts

these areas, but you are best advised to joint venture with a local company or real estate group so that you maximize your opportunities for investment with local expertise and political connections.

**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](http://bmeisner@meisner-law.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

### 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.

#### CANTON

7280 Almaden Ct	\$189,000
7212 Camelia Ct	\$110,000
7737 Embassy Dr	\$180,000
2235 Hendrie	\$265,000
2383 Hogan Way	\$187,000
1349 Longfellow Dr	\$115,000
550 Manhattan Ct	\$399,000
45236 Middlebury Ln	\$266,000
7436 Pointe Dr	\$138,000
49092 Poppleton Ct	\$315,000
6266 Porteridge Ln	\$165,000
1835 Preserve Blvd	\$88,000
342 Princess Dr	\$149,000
41812 Princess Dr	\$207,000
386 Princeton St	\$173,000
641 Roosevelt St	\$342,000

5950 Runnymede Dr	\$147,000
658 Shana St	\$119,000
43726 Simsbury St	\$125,000
41366 Southwind Dr	\$39,000
4194 Strathmore Ln	\$151,000
42334 Trent Dr	\$210,000

#### GARDEN CITY

973 Arcola St	\$42,000
28611 Beechwood St	\$37,000
29804 Bridge St	\$67,000
31406 Ford Rd	\$325,000
28620 Rosslyn Ave	\$72,000
32439 Warren Rd	\$32,000

#### LIVONIA

11034 Arden St	\$170,000
16072 Fairlane Dr	\$204,000
18544 Filmore St	\$79,000
31346 Hillbrook St	\$182,000
19738 Ingram St	\$118,000
14036 Lyons St	\$95,000
11327 Mayfield St	\$117,000
18472 Mayfield St	\$252,000
39270 Meeting House Ln	\$165,000
31609 Middleboro St	\$86,000
32907 Middleboro St	\$170,000
35463 Northgate Dr	\$197,000

27473 Oakley St	\$160,000
19176 Rensellor St	\$60,000
9360 Stonehouse Ave	\$255,000
31158 W Chicago St	\$110,000

#### NORTHVILLE

15879 Augusta Ct	\$434,000
44499 Broadmoor Blvd	\$335,000
18584 Clairmont Cir W	\$792,000
40834 Coachwood Cir	\$300,000
16284 Country Knoll Dr	\$210,000
16827 Country Knoll Dr	\$210,000
16859 Dover Dr	\$102,000
16760 Lyonhurst Cir	\$240,000
15917 Morningside	\$118,000
19202 Northridge Dr	\$38,000
16145 Oakwood Ct	\$430,000

#### PLYMOUTH

13077 Andover Dr	\$285,000
570 Byron St	\$140,000
831 Deer Ct	\$120,000
1350 Hartsough St	\$134,000
1142 N Holbrook St	\$275,000
1113 Penniman Ave	\$820,000
49485 Pointe Xing	\$145,000

#### REDFORD

9567 Brady	\$15,000
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25679 Deborah	\$29,000
26640 Dover	\$55,000
13120 Hemingway	\$39,000
11378 Laverne	\$55,000
20411 Poinciana	\$4,000
26805 W Chicago	\$67,000
20419 Wakenden	\$17,000
9623 Wormer	\$80,000

#### WESTLAND

32027 Avondale St	\$89,000
38528 Avondale St	\$72,000
1502 Barchester St	\$53,000
37263 Booth St	\$69,000
2809 Cadmus Ct	\$22,000
35567 Dove Trl	\$65,000
35858 Florane St	\$84,000
33135 Lancashire St	\$88,000
37499 Lang Ct	\$90,000
6072 N Carlson St	\$40,000
7395 N Hix Rd	\$65,000
800 N Linville St	\$22,000
723 Rahn St	\$59,000
1254 Selma St	\$113,000
1176 Shoemaker Dr	\$45,000
627 Van Sull St	\$75,000
7953 Whispering Willow	\$82,000

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

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	\$205,000
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7340 Chula Vista Ln	\$155,000
3392 Dogwood Ct	\$260,000
3234 E Bradford Dr	\$360,000
168 Hillboro Dr	\$450,000
1050 Top View Rd	\$288,000
2756 W Hickory Grove Rd	\$335,000
6370 Westmoor Rd	\$255,000
185 Woodedge Dr	\$265,000
5199 Woodlands Dr	\$115,000

30116 Club House Ln	\$163,000
31243 Folsom Rd	\$57,000
20961 Indian Creek Dr	\$25,000
35184 Knollwood Ln	\$154,000
21526 Oxford Ave	\$113,000
29432 Regents Pointe	\$87,000
21732 Roosevelt Ave	\$21,000

#### FRANKLIN

32920 Brandingham Dr	\$145,000
30800 Inkster Rd	\$760,000
31050 Oakleaf Ln	\$300,000

#### MILFORD

1877 Honeysuckle Ln	\$47,000
189 Noble St	\$92,000
2476 Our Land Acres	\$265,000
3180 Pine Cone Ct	\$292,000
678 Summit Ridge Dr	\$134,000

#### NOVI

45186 Bartlett Dr	\$105,000
51109 Mayfair Ter	\$258,000
27931 Middleton Dr	\$152,000
22120 Perth Ct	\$417,000
21943 Picadilly Cir	\$430,000
44882 Revere Dr	\$260,000
39895 Squire Rd	\$142,000

39627 Village Wood Ln	\$36,000
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#### SOUTH LYON

58698 Castle Ct	\$40,000
1141 Colt Dr	\$193,000
1361 Drury Ln	\$300,000
54888 Grenelefe Cir W	\$345,000
835 Westbrooke Dr	\$198,000

#### SOUTHFIELD

15588 Addison St	\$57,000
30516 Brentwood St	\$21,000
24135 Evergreen Rd	\$30,000
26388 Franklin Pointe Dr	\$39,000
17151 Goldwin Dr	\$130,000
15905 Harden Cir	\$66,000
19752 Hilton Dr	\$27,000
23505 Lee Baker Dr	\$87,000
23745 Lee Baker Dr	\$37,000
28675 Lowell Ct N	\$35,000
15801 Providence Dr	\$50,000
28174 Sutherland St	\$72,000

#### WHITE LAKE

8115 Bennington Blvd	\$275,000
9162 Redwood St	\$91,000
8797 River Run Dr	\$274,000
9277 Steephollow Dr	\$237,000







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**Rummage Sale/ Flea Market**  
FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 44400 Ten Mile Rd., Novi, Thurs. April 26th, 9-6pm. Fri., April 27th, 9-noon. Fri. bag day \$3.00. Clothes, toys, household goods, holiday items and more!

**HOLY TRINITY Lutheran Church** 39025 S. Mile, Livonia, E. of 275. Fri., Apr. 27th 9:30-4pm & Sat. Apr. 28 9:30am-noon. \$2 bag sale

**LIVONIA: ST. ANDREW'S RUMMAGE SALE** April 27th 10-6 April 28th 9-noon 16360 Hubbard btwn 5 & 6 Mile Bag sale the 28th 11-noon

**NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH** 36520 W 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. Btwn Drake & Halstead. Fri. Apr. 27, 9am-2pm & Sat. Apr. 28, 9am-noon. Clothing, household items, sporting, furniture. You name it, we will be selling it!

**PLYMOUTH'S Old Village Annual Yard Sales** Sat., April 28, 9am-3pm. Over 20 homes & shops! Trunk Sale-Station 885. \$10 per space. See: www.oldvillageplymouth.com 734-207-2346

**Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church** 10000 Beech Day, 2 blocks S. of Plymouth Rd 313.937-3170

**Rummage Sale** April 28th, 9-2pm. Clothing, shoes, purses, White elephants, kitchen needs, small appliances, toys and books!

**WESTLAND Huron Valley Lutheran** 33740 Cowan Rd. (N. of Warren, E. of Wayne) Thurs-Fri., Apr. 26 & 27, 9am-5pm. Sat. Apr. 28, 9am-noon \$3 Bag Day

**Estate Sales**  
Another Bernard Davis Estate Sale 313-837-1993 April 27-28, 8:45am-4pm. 4607 W. Outer Dr. Detroit 82235. For more info go to [estatesales.net](http://estatesales.net) SEE YOU THERE!!!

**HUGE 3 DAY ESTATE SALE!** April 26, 27, 28, open 9am. EVERYTHING in the house and garage MUST BE SOLD! 33218 Meadowlark, Farmington. No early birds!

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**LIVONIA: Downsizing!** 8944 Virginia, Near Farmington & Joy. Fri. & Sat. Apr. 27 & 28, 9-4. Household & unique items. Quilting fabric.

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**PLYMOUTH- April 28th, 7-11am.** Victorian coach and chairs, antiques, table & chairs, 130 N. Holbrook St., 1st right after Tim Horton's

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**SOUTH LYON CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE** April 27, 28 & 29, 10am. Estate Sale Collector Plates, Avon Collectibles, leather bound signed 1st edition books, china & glassware, household items. 601 S. Lafayette St.

**SOUTH LYON MULTI GARAGE SALES:** Colonial Acres Clubhouse 25015 Potomac Ct, W of Pontiac Trail, btwn 10 & 11 Mile Rd. Sat. April 28, 10-3.

**SOUTH LYON- Girl's toys & clothes (toddler & up).** 4/27 & 4/28, 9-4pm. 56769 McKenzie Ln, off Milford Rd, 1/4 mile from 10 Mile.

**SOUTH LYON- Multi family sale!** 340 Gibson (Hagadorn & Whipple), April 27 & 28, 9-4pm. Furniture & household items.

**SOUTH LYON- Multi family.** Household, kid's clothes, toys. 25847 Cobblers Lane. 11 & Martindale. April 26-28th, 9-3:30pm

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church** 30623 W 12 Mile Rd, Farmington Hills, 48334. Btwn Orchard & Middlebelt. Sat. April 28, 9am-4pm.

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**WESTLAND Community Garage Sale** Sat., May 12th, 9-4pm. 100 Vendors. 36601 Ford Rd Spaces still available 734-722-7620

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