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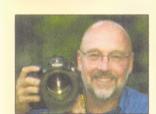
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# **PIPELINE**



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### **Great galleries**

Staff photographer Bill Bresler captured the spirit of the Susan G. Komen 3-Day Walk for Breast Cancer in photos.

See Bresler's work and the women and men who braved the heat to fight cancer with a visit to hometownlife.com.

Also take the time to view galleries on the Kelly Miller Circus in Plymouth, the Old Village Restaurant Crawl and Saturday's Marine Memorial at Heritage Park in Canton.

#### GOP picnic

The Wayne 11th Republican Committee hosts a "Let's Fix Michigan Together" summer picnic 5:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, in Plymouth Township

The picnic will feature state Sen. Bruce Patterson



Patterson

Laura Cox (R-Livonia). Republican candidates, November candidates and Republican elected officials are encour-

aged to attend, along with family members, friends and supporters. A \$10 donation is suggested per person. The park includes a sprayscape, a playscape and fishing. Hot dogs, chips and soft drinks will be served.

Plymouth Township Park is located on Ann Arbor Trail at McClumpha in Plymouth Township.

### **Biggest losers**

Casting agents for the television show 'The Biggest Loser' are holding an open casting call in Canton.

Casting directors will be on hand at the Gardner-White store, 39453 Ford Road, in Canton, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21.

They're looking for individuals and teams of two, which could be parent/child, siblings or married couples. Ideal applicants would have 100 pounds or more to lose, with outgoing personalities, looking to "take the first step toward a healthy lifestyle." Participants compete for a

shot at \$250,000. Potential applicants are reminded not to line up more than three hours before the opening time and to bring a non-returnable photo. Producers are aiming to see the first 500 people in line. Applicants must be legal U.S. residents and at least 18 years old by Sept. 24.

Find details at www.thebiggestlosercasting.com.



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Susan G. Komen 3-Day walker Sara Gilbert of Plymouth, right, gets a big greeting from her aunt, Judy Caroselli, and Andrea Logan, both of Plymouth, when she hits Kellogg Park Saturday.

# A walk through the park

# Plymouth throng energizes cancer contingent

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Kerie Zale watched her best friend's mom, Diane Giolitti, lose a battle with breast cancer in 1999. Zale herself lost her own parents — her mom to lung cancer in 2001 and her dad to lymphoma in 2006.

So it shouldn't have been a surprise to anyone that Zale, a Plymouth resident, joined the Breast of Plymouth team in last weekend's Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure 60-mile walk for breast cancer. Zale and her best friend, Lisa Culp of Marshall, had vowed to make the trek one day and, although Culp couldn't make it, Zale decided "one day" had finally come.

'We always said we were going to walk it," said Zale, who found plenty of support from her husband, Andy, and their children, 8-year-old Cooper, 6year-old Averi and 2-year-old Jake. "It was better than I expected. Physically, it's tough, but it's amazing the support you see on the streets. The support is

what keeps you going." Zale and her Breast of Plymouth teammates were among some 1,900 walkers who made the annual 60-mile, three-day trek to raise money for and awareness of breast cancer research. The walkers hit downtown Plymouth, as they do every year, a little more than



Adam Noel, 7, and his 10-year-old sister, Emily, offer suckers and Tootsie Rolls to passing walkers. They are with Dad and Mom, Jason and Christine Noel. The family, who hails from Chesterfield Township, came to Plymouth to support their neighbor, walker Denise Korotko.

halfway through the second day of the walk.

And, as they always do, they found thousands of people lining the streets, misting them with spray (much appreciated in very hot temperatures), offering water bottles and cheering them on.

Wendy Headland of Westland walked her seventh 3-Day as a sevenyear breast cancer survivor, having been diagnosed at the age of 40. She headed up her team — Genetically

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# **Chief choice** hinges on safety study

BY MATT JACHMAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Nearly 10 months after being named Plymouth's acting police chief, Lt. Al Cox still has that temporary designation - "acting" - in his title.

But it's not a crisis of confidence or a search for other candidates that's caused the delay, according to Mayor Dan Dwyer. On the contrary, Dwyer said, Cox has performed admirably and has the support of the Plymouth City Commission.

"He has the total confidence of the commission and if it was presented for a vote, I think it would pass unanimously," Dwyer said.

But officials are awaiting the results of a study of how Plymouth delivers public safety services - police protection, firefighting and emergency medical service - that is aimed at reducing the long-term cost of those services. The \$68,000 study is being done by the International Association of City Managers and is expected to be released within the next few weeks.

What officials decide to do with that study and its recommendations, the mayor said, will help determine whether Cox is named the permanent police chief. All options are currently on the table including sharing more public safety services with other communities; moving to a public safety department model, in which firefighters and police officers would be cross-trained in each other's jobs; or even merging the police department with the police in one or more neighboring communities, though Dwyer has said the latter would be politically a tough

If things stay as they are with the police department, Dwyer said, Cox will be the chief.

"If we're going to keep a police force, Al Cox is our guy," the mayor said.

The picture is murkier if the commission decides to go another route, but nothing has been ruled

Cox wants the permanent job if the police department stays as

"It hasn't been offered to me, but if it is and we can work out a contract, I'm definitely interested in it," he said.

He said he'd also consider leading a public safety department if

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# Brothers jump from stage to screen as movie extras



Plymouth Township brothers Tyler and Jasper Hrubiak have found work as paid extras in bigbudget movies shot locally.

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Michigan's burgeoning film industry is paying dividends for a pair of Plymouth Township brothers who share a love of

Tyler and Jasper Hrubiak have found work as paid extras in big-budget movies being shot locally, and have rubbed elbows with A-list Hollywood personalities in the process.

Tyler, 15, was in front of the camera Saturday and Sunday at Grosse Pointe South High

School, where filming was under way for LOL, starring Demi Moore and Miley Cyrus. The film, a remake of a 2008 French movie, is being directed by Lisa Azuelos.

Called in on short notice, Tyler was in two scenes featuring Cyrus, a pop singer and the star of television's Hannah Montana.

He was also an extra in High School, a teen comedy shot nearly two years ago and due out this fall. High School,

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#### 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 bkadrich@hometownlife.com

#### Jazz @ the Elks

The Elks are adding a Sunday outdoor jazz concert to their August repertoire.

The concert, featuring a variety of jazz legends, Sunday, Aug. 22, 2-6 p.m. The lineup includes Ron Kischuk at 2 p.m., with the Tartarsauce Traditional Jazz Band, Judie Cochill, vocalist. At 3 p.m., jazz legend George (Sax) Benson Quartette plays. The Sven Anderson Trio with vocalist Janet Tenaj appears at 4 p.m. and the concert wraps up at 5 p.m. with the John Trudell Quintette and a surprise vocal-

This event takes place rain or shine on the grounds of the Plymouth Elks on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth just west of Haggerty. There is no cover charge, and food and refreshments will be available for purchase.

Then on Tuesday, Aug. 24, from 7-10:30 p.m., will be

the ongoing Jazz @ The Elks event. Sven Anderson Trio will provide an evening of great jazz from Cole Porter to Salsa. There is no cover charge but donations are appreciated.

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Plymouth Elks Lodge No. 1780 is located on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth near Haggerty. Call (734) 453-1780 for more information.

#### Orchestra auditions

The Celebration Youth Orchestras, a sponsored project of the Plymouth Symphony, will be holding auditions for the 2010-2011 season on Friday, Aug. 27, at Evola Music on Haggerty in Canton.

Under the direction of conductor Nan Washburn, the Celebration Youth Orchestras provide a unique, enriching and exciting musical experience for aspiring young players throughout southeast Michigan, especially in Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi, Belleville, and Westland.

The CYO currently offers a full program of three orchestras and a flute choir, workshops and master classes with prominent guest soloists and

composers, as well as yearly side-by-side performances with the professional musicians of the Plymouth Symphony and Orchestra Canton.

Anyone interested in auditioning should contact Jane Libbing at the Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras office at (734) 451-2112 or email her at jane@plymouthsymphony.org. Check out the CYO website at www.celebrationyouthorchestras.org.

#### To the dogs

Barktoberfest, a 2.5- mile dog charity walk, takes place Oct. 2 in Plymouth's Old Village.

The event, benefitting Homeward Bound Rescue and The Old Village Association, starts with check-in at 8:45 a.m. and the walk starting at 10 a.m. Registration, T-shirt, and waste bag pick-up is on Liberty, between Mill and Starkweather. Homeward Bound Rescue will be onsite with animals needing a forever home. Other local businesses and sponsors will also be present.

Registration and sponsor forms are available at the Old Village Market and on-line at www.OldVIllagePlymouth. com. Preregistration fee is \$20 per dog and guarantees the owner a Barktoberfest Tshirt. Day of event registration is \$25 per dog and T-shirts are available while supplies last. Preregistration ends Sept. 11.

#### Nature/nurture

Dr. Mark Huston will return to the Plymouth District Library on Tuesday, Aug. 24, at 7 p.m. for "The Philosophy of Science and the Nature/ Nurture Debate.'

Should some type of police

approach. Such a plan would

have many variables, he said,

before making a decision. "I

and he'd have to sort them out

would have to see exactly what

merger be proposed, Cox

An instructor from Schoolcraft College, Huston returns as part of the Library's Exploring Philosophy series.

Sign-up is requested for this free program by phone at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 or on-line at plymouthlibrary.org

#### Preschool openings

Plymouth Christian Preschool, a division of Plymouth Christian Academy. has openings for 3-year-olds, 4-year-olds, and young 5-yearolds for the 2010-2011 school year. Check the school's website for information about preschool, kindergarten, elementary, or secondary programs, and call the school office to request a tour of the facilities.

Plymouth Christian Academy is located in Canton on Joy Road between Lilley Road and Morton Taylor/Main Street. For more information, check the website at www.plymouthchristian.org or call (734) 459-3505.

#### Fall Fest crafts

The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for the Craft Show, which takes place during the Fall Festival Sept. 10-12.

The show will be on Union Street north of Ann Arbor Trail; 10foot-by-10-foot spaces will cost \$75 per day or \$200 for the weekend. The jewelry vendor application deadline has passed. All other vendors are awarded spots on a first come-

Applications can be downloaded at www.plymouthfallfestival.com or for more information call or e-mail Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614 or cbrown57@comcast.net.

Cox said he enjoys the job as

chief — which he said is much

different than his previous job

as head of the detective bureau

remain a lieutenant if it came

but would be content to

to that. What's best for the

his top priorities, he said.

department and the city are

"Whatever I think would

be best for our department,

I would be supportive of," he

said. "My ego doesn't have to

Cox took over as acting

of Chief Wayne Carroll last

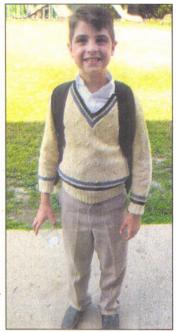
chief following the retirement

be chief."

October.



see him in 'LOL,' the Demi Moore-Miley Cyrus movie in which Tyler appears as an extra.



Jasper Hrubiak in costume for the movie, 'Flipped.'

directed by John Stalberg, stars Adrien Brody and Colin Hanks.

Jasper, 10, is on the big screen now in Flipped, a coming-of-age comedy directed by Rob Reiner (Stand By Me, A Few Good Men). Flipped has opened in some cities and is soon expected in the Detroit

"It was exciting, because it was my first movie, and fun," said Jasper, who is entering the fifth grade at Bird Elementary.

For Flipped, Jasper was in four different scenes, all filmed a year ago this month; he can be seen in a current trailer for the movie, so he figures he made it to the film's final cut.

"It's a great memory. It was a fun experience," said Tracey Hrubiak, the boys' mother, of Jasper's foray into movies. "As a parent it's fun to watch their eyes light up."

Tyler, who is entering his sophomore year at Salem High School, was instructed not to talk to Cyrus on the set of LOL, but swapped stories with another extra who did.

"He said in real life she was just like an average teenager," he said.

"He's getting razzed by his friends because, of course, this is Hannah Montana," Tyler's mother said.

Tracey Hrubiak, father Jeff and brother Jasper got to accompany Tyler to the set on mjachman@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-2405 Saturday (only Dad returned

with him on Sunday). Jasper got to see the teen star Cyrus. "Miley Cyrus is very tall," he said. "She's very pretty."

Both boys got their start in the Plymouth Community Arts Council theater program. Jasper also participates in the Bird Storytelling Night, as did Tyler when he was a student

"Ever since the first one (play) I did, I was hooked on acting," said Tyler.

Tyler, who was in the musical Sweet Charity at Salem High last year, said he enjoys meeting people and is motivated by the excitement of the theater and the knowledge that people are rooting for him.

Jasper has a similar motiva-

"I like performing for people and it's something I think I could do," he said. "I like to make people laugh."

Jasper said he'd prefer to continue appearing in movies for the time being, while Tyler said he likes stage acting better right now. Both boys are signed up with an agency that casts movie extras.

Jasper was one of three boys who interviewed with Reiner last year for a role as the young version of Bryce, the male lead in Flipped. He didn't get the part, but Reiner immediately gave him the chance to be an extra.

The family is eager for the local release of Flipped and plans to see it together.

"We've got all the grandparents lined up," Tracey Hrubiak said.







# th Music in the Air

#### Wednesday Children's Concerts At Noon Downtown Wednesday, August 25...Joe Reilly

Ever since he could shake a rattle or cry to his mother's heartbeat. music has been a part of Joe Reilly's soul. David and Mary Jo Reilly

planted seeds in young Joe with their talents in voice, bass, and guitar. He developed his craft of singing with the Treetown Intertribal drum group, playing with bands in Michigan and Chicago, and touring around the US/Turtle Island and beyond. He challenges and stretches minds as an educator in the environmental justice movement.

His heart has been nurtured by Native American, Buddhist, and Catholic

teachings. As a result, he can how a chilling splash-in-the face blues about treachery and historical injustice and inspire you with upbeat ditties that echo in your mind long afterwards.

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Friday, August 20 in Kellogg Park The Bluescasters (Blues)



The Bluescasters were formed in 2004 in Ann Arbor by Harry Rodman, Kerry Adams and Doug Wolgat. Since adding a fourth band member (Phil Ryski in 2005) the band has released two studio albums — "Five Dimes" and "Give Yourself the Blues." Both reached the finals of the Detroit Music Awards "Best Blues/R & B Recording." The band also reached the finals in the Detroit Music Awards category of "Best Blues/R & B Artist" in 2006.

In October 2009 The Bluescasters welcomed Ann Arbor guitar wizard Brian Delaney into the band, replacing founding member Kerry Adams. He is also the leader of the extraordinary gypsy jazz group, the Royal Garden

Trio. Delaney is an established star and versatile musician. The Bluescasters perform regularly at concerts, festivals, and nightclubs in southeast Michigan.

Read more: http://www.myspace.com/detroitbluescasters#ixzz0wrioCkiN

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A U.S. Marine Color Guard posts the colors at the beginning of Saturday's dedication ceremony for the new Marine memorial in Heritage Park.

# **Memorial pays tribute to fallen Marines**

**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Rhonda Beeler never wanted to be a "Gold Star Mother," but now that she is one, she wears the designation proudly.

Beeler, of Napoleon, a small Jackson County town, earned the title in a way for which mothers are never prepared - through the death of her son, Lance Cpl. Brett Beeler, who died Dec. 7, 2006, while serving his country in the war in Iraq. "Gold Star Mother" is the designation given to the mother of a fallen Marine.

Beeler stood tall Saturday, along with the Gold Star Mothers of several other Marines, as her son and 21 of his "Band of Brothers" from the 1st Battalion 24th Marines, all killed while fighting in Iraq, were honored with their own memorial near Canton Township's War

Memorial in Heritage Park. The black marble memorial was dedicated in an hour-long ceremony that saw a couple of hundred people turn out - many in uniform, most of them veterans or families of service members — to honor the ultimate sacrifice of the 22 Marines from this single unit.

Beeler, who attended the

ceremony with her daughter, was proud to see so many of her son's "brothers."

"This (memorial) means Brett and the others won't ever be forgotten," a tearful Rhonda Beeler said. "I didn't really lose a son. I truly gained a 'band of brothers."

It was a theme that carried the ceremony, orchestrated and emceed by Marine Cpl. Brian Vella, a Canton native and fellow member of the battalion who organized nearly every aspect of the creation of the memorial. Vella, who attended Canton High School through his sophomore year, spent three years following his own deployment to Iraq raising money (some \$45,000), coordinating the design and even handling some of the

landscaping himself. "These guys gave the ultimate sacrifice for us, and this (memorial) is the least I could do for them," Vella said.

The memorial is emblazoned with images of Marines, along with the iconic image depicting the loss of a Marine - a rifle standing on end inside a lone pair of combat boots. It was designed by Suzette Moore, who works for Inch

Memorials in Northville. "I've been in the memorial business for six years, and this is the first time I've been able to be involved in such a humbling experience," Moore told the crowd. "I don't even have words to tell you how honored I am to have had anything to do with this."

The memorial was erected on a piece of Heritage Park provided by Canton Township officials. Canton Township Trustee Todd Caccamo, himself a sergeant in the Marine Reserves, noted the sacrifice of his "Brothers in Arms."

"All of those 22 men were volunteers," Caccamo said. "You don't join the Corps for a job ... there are many more ways that are easier and safer. These men gave their lives ... and they'll never be forgotten."

While Mother Nature did her best to dampen the event - dumping heavy rains at the start of the ceremony - nothing really could dim the pride felt on the site of the newest

memorial. "You can't have a memorial without a proper site," Vella said. "I can't think of a better place than this park ... where thousands of people will come and see that 22 Marines made the ultimate sacrifice."

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Twisted — because her aunt was diagnosed with breast cancer at 31, and her own mother fought it off twice, diagnosed first at age 34, before being hit with ovarian cancer at 61.

"We need to raise awareness," said Headland, who runs marathons and is a fitness instructor. "The new generation needs to know it's out there, and it can strike at

Headland's team suffered some injuries — her daughter-in-law tore the meniscus in one knee, another member suffered from blistering on the bottoms of both feet — but made their way into Plymouth to the cheers of the adoring

"The hardest part is between cheering stations," Headland said. "You live for Saturday afternoon, to come to Plymouth."

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That's what Rebecka Clifton of Royal Oak discovered, too. Clifton has had a few friends under the age of 40 affected by breast cancer and decided she'd walk.

By the time she hit Plymouth, the walkers had done some 33 miles, and the support of the crowd came as a welcome sight.

"The crowd support here is awesome," Clifton said. "The energy you get walking through a crowd like this is amazing. It energizes me."

While the walkers are happy to come through Plymouth, and locals are proud to support the walkers, that pride goes both ways.

"I'm proud of my mom because she's doing the walk," said 8-year-old Cooper Zale of his mom, Kerie. "She's saving lives."

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Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer and Mayor Pro Tem Ed Hingelberg stop off Saturday in Kellogg Park after walking more than 12 miles on the second day of the



Five-year-old Amelia Fraser supports the walkers by waving her pink-clad

Barbie doll. Amelia's family lives in Plymouth.



The Plymouth Community Fire Department set up a truck with a water spray for the 3-Day breast cancer walkers in front of Station 2 on Wilcox Road, and Kathie Keith of Kalamazoo called the impromptu shower "the best thing all day."



Sara Gilbert of Plymouth takes a break to care for her blistered feet. Andrea Logan holds the sign.

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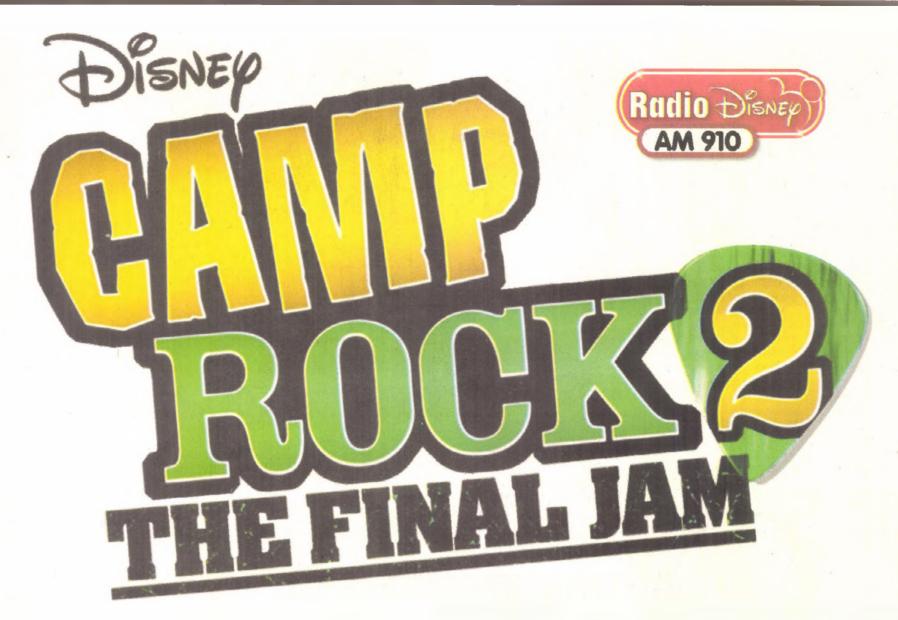


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Canton fire officials said discarded wood-staining rags spontaneously combusted and caused this fire in a shed in Canton.

# Discarded rags cause shed to burn

A backyard shed caught fire Tuesday evening on Candlewood Drive on Canton's north end after a homeowner placed rags he had used for a wood-staining project in a bag, Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher said.

"It's a classic case of spontaneous combustion," he said.

The fire occurred shortly after 6 p.m. Tuesday in an outdoor shed on Candlewood Drive, near Morton Taylor and Joy roads.

The shed was fully engulfed in flames when Canton firefighters arrived to of them," the fire chief said. douse the blaze, Rorabacher

No one was hurt, and the fire was contained to the shed.

"Anytime you use woodfinishing products, always put the rags in a well-ventilated area before you dispose "Do not throw them in the regular garbage."

# Westland mall hosts hazardous waste collection on Aug. 28

BY LEANNE ROGERS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne County residents have an opportunity to dispose of hazardous household waste and maybe get in a little shop-

Westland Shopping Center is joining with Wayne County in hosting their second annual **Hazardous Waste Collection 8** a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28. The collection, which is done from vehicles, will be on the west side of the mall at Warren Road and Nankin Boulevard in the parking lot behind J.C. Penney.

"Based on the line up last year, I would get there early, they kept it open later last year," said Westland Council President James Godbout. "We appreciate everyone's patience. They did a great job of routing people so that they didn't interfere with the mall traffic."

Household hazardous waste that will be accepted includes household paint, antifreeze, stains; dyes, floor wax, noncontrolled substance pharmaceutical waste, automotive and dry cell batteries, fire extinguishers and nail polish. The collection will also accept computer CPUs, monitors, printers, keyboards,

cell phones, fax machines, copiers and televisions.

Items that will not be accepted include commercial waste, appliances, refrigerators, tires, microwaves, concrete, explosives and ammunition.

For information about disposing non-accepted materials, call the Wayne County Resource Recovery Coordinator at (734) 326-3936. For more information about the household hazardous waste collection, call the Wayne County Department of Public Services at the same number.

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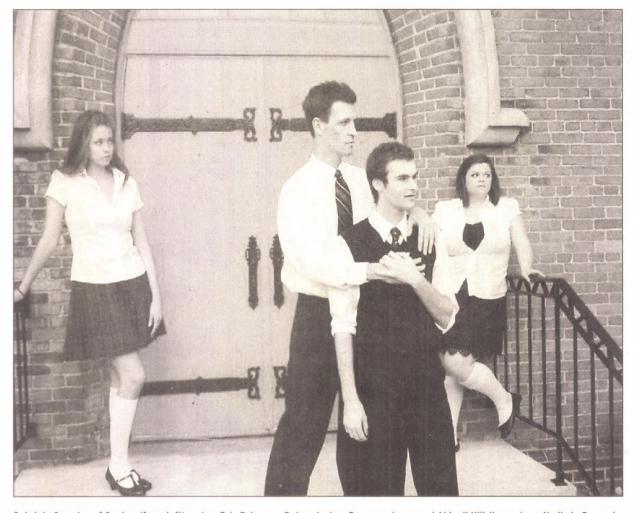
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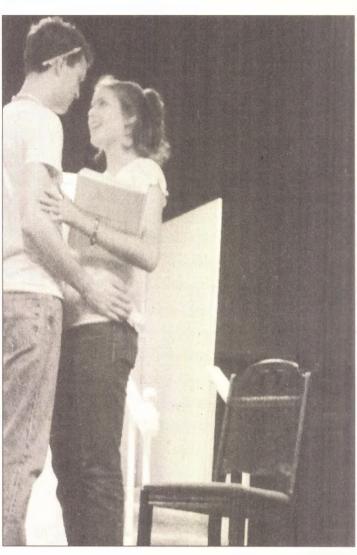


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Gabriela Grandos of Canton (from left) as Ivy, Eric Briggs as Peter, Joshua Perry as Jason and Abigail Hill-Kennedy as Nadia in Dynamic Stage Productions' "Bare-A Pop Opera."



Canton resident Gabriela Grandos and Joshua Perry rehearse a scene from "Bare-A Pop Opera," produced by Canton-based Dynamic Stage Productions.

# Company goes 'Bare' in final production

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jami Krause knows the subject matter of "Bare - a Pop Opera" is controversial, dealing with a variety of teen issues such as sexuality and insecurity.

She's just not afraid of it. Krause and her partner, Kyle Farr, and their Canton-based Dynamic Stage Productions present "Bare" this weekend at the Riverside Arts Center in Ypsilanti. The play is a musical Krause cautions is for mature audiences because it's a coming-of-age story that focuses on a group of high school seniors at a Catholic boarding school. As the students struggle to find their identity, they strive to

sexuality, religion and relationships. And while the controversial nature worries Krause "a bit," she's excited about the presentation

define themselves in terms of their

"The music is so beautiful and the story is so real," said Krause, who started DSP with Farr a year ago. "It was unlike any show I had seen before and I thought it would be a challenge to try and do a show like this. One of my favorite things about bare is that it doesn't sugar coat the real teenage issues that are brought up within the show. It's very realis-

The show relies heavily on local actors, who poured in for auditions after DSP posted audition flyers and on-line information. Most of the lead actors, Krause said, will be making their stage debuts with "Bare."

One of them, Gabriela Grandos, a 19-year-old from Canton, won't be making her first stage appearance. Granados, a 2009 graduate of Ladywood High School in Livonia, has done a few stage productions at the Village Theater in Canton. She was cast as Ivy, whom she describes as a "misunderstood .. .the pretty, popular mean girl."

Grandos, the daughter of Maria and Mike Grandos of Canton, said playing Ivy is a challenge.

"I was never really that girl in high school, so it's fun to play something that's not really me," said Grandos, now a student at the University of Michigan. "She's really not happy with herself, and the audience gets to see that. It's a challenge, because you have to show the audience her mean side and her insecure side. It's a really rewarding role.

'Bare" helps close out DSP's season, which has also seen Farr direct "Fame" and "25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee." The final performance in the season is "Pinkalicious," a children's production at the Plymouth Community Arts Council next weekend.

It could be DSP's final production before an expected merger

with Destination Theatre, which

will produce a new company, D2Productions, which hopes to open with "Hairspray" in the fall.

"We really just thought that merging would help make both groups stronger," Krause said. "Each organization could bring their skills and talents together to produce exceptional community theatre."

For now, they'll settle for producing "Bare," and the actors are excited to hit the stage.

"It gets a message across, that everyone has issues - alcohol, drugs, sexuality - and it's OK to be going through them, because everyone is," Grandos said. "I listened to the music and thought, 'Oh my God, I have to do the show.' It's very modern, kind of a pop-rock style, but it also has some really beautiful ballads. It has amazing music.'

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#### **LAST SHOWS**

What: "Bare - a Pop Opera" presented by Dynamic Stage

Productions When: Aug. 19-21 at 8 p.m.; Aug. 22 at 2 p.m

Where: Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron, Ypsilanti.

Tickets: information can be found at www.D2productions.org

What: "Pinkalicious" presented by Dynamic Stage Productions When: Aug. 26-27, 7 p.m.; Aug. 28, 3 and 7 p.m.; Aug. 29, 2 p.m. Where: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 775 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Tickets: Purchase online at www.d2productions.org or at the door

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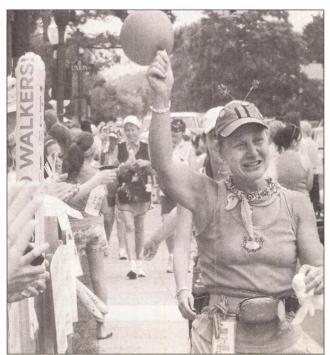
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### **OUR VIEWS**



Livonia resident Becky Coccia makes her way through a throng of supporters in downtown Plymouth with her team, Mary's Lucky Charms, as the Michigan 3-Day walk moves through its second day Saturday. Plymouth is a popular cheering station on the 60-mile walk.

# Sea of love

# Plymouth's support buoys breast cancer walkers

There was a gentleman from Westland nicknamed "Pork Chop" who, while walking in the Michigan 3-Day breast cancer walk Saturday suffered blisters on his feet so bad they nearly rendered him immobile.

But Pork Chop, who was a few miles out of Plymouth when the pain became nearly unbearable, refused to stop, because he knew what waited for him — and the other 1,900-plus walkers making the trek - the closer he got to Kellogg Park.

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No town turns out the way Plymouth does to support the walkers, all of whom carry a desire to eradicate breast cancer, a determination to walk 60 miles (or as much of it as they can physically endure) and a passion for the cause.

It's not us saying no one turns out like Plymouth. That's the walkers themselves. We're just agreeing,

Doubt it? Be standing along Ann Arbor Trail this time next year, when the walkers head into the teeth of the reception. Fans and supporters — many of them family members and friends of the walkers, many just locals who want the walkers to know how much their efforts are appreciated.

Still doubt it? Watch the faces of the walkers themselves as they approach the downtown area, where the street is lined with people offering water, misting them with spray bottles or simply cheering. Or watch as they pull up in Kellogg Park, where family and friends wait with lunch, or water, or just a hug.

The Plymouth cheering station comes a little more than halfway into the 60-mile walk, when drudgery has set in (according to many of the walkers) and you know you've still got a day-and-a-half to go. The quality of the cause, the desire to put an end to the threat and the camaraderie the walkers develop are all good motivators, but 30 miles into a 60-mile trek, walkers are look-

ing for anything to pick them up. And Plymouth provides it.

Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer and Mayor Pro tem Ed Hingelberg hear it all along the trail, and they hear it at the Saturday night campground, where walkers gush about the adrenaline rush they get coming through town. Neither Dwyer nor Hingelberg advertises their allegiance to the city, so no one is telling them simply what they think they want to hear.

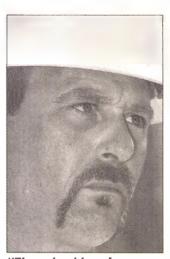
The love for this town is genuine. And it's well-earned. Thousands of people line the route through town, decorating their houses, offering water and support.

It's a sea of pink and, with apologies to The Honeydrippers, it's a sea of love.

### **COMMUNITY VOICE**

Do you thing the President George W. Bush-era tax cuts should be extended, or perhaps extended for middle- and lower-income people?

We asked this question outside the U.S. Postal Service station on Penniman in downtown Plymouth.



"They should expire. ... We need the money." Jeff L'Ree Mayville, Mich.



"Sounds good. A lot of people are having a hard time."

Erik Espinoza



"Of course. Totally extended. We should pay less taxes. Government should get smaller." Margaret Connolly



cut extended just because the way the economy is today. We need some help."

Niki McKamie

### **LETTERS**

### **Continuity important**

The Plymouth-Canton school community is to be congratulated for their outstanding achievement on the tests that are part of the final determination on whether schools make Annual Yearly Progress (AYP). For all of the schools, with the exception of the Alternative Education program, to make AYP is indeed remarkable because it means that all subgroups within each of the schools are performing at levels consistent with the requirements of No Child Left Behind.

Accomplishments such as these do not occur by accident. Rather, they are the result of a well-conceived curriculum, effective teaching strategies which meet the learning needs of each student, and, of course, highly skilled teachers and administrators as well as parents who care deeply about the accomplishments of their children.

The board and administration are also to be commended for constructing a workable budget for the upcoming school year. Given the inadequate funds being provided by the state, the district has still been able to build a budget that meets the essential needs of the instructional program for students. One only has to look at surrounding districts to see the magnitude of the cuts that have taken place over the past year or two. This hasn't occurred in Plymouth-Canton and all of us in the community should be grateful for the skillful work that has been done on the budget this year.

What the future holds for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is somewhat uncertain, particularly when you look at future funding problems, enrollment trends, health insurance costs, facility needs and the expected turnover in central office staff and other district building administrators. With all of the changes that are on the horizon, now is the time for the district to be concerned about being able to sustain the gains that have been made over the past couple of years.

One should not underestimate the importance of continuity in the planning processes and procedures at the central office level. To that end, I believe it is incumbent upon the board to secure the services of the current

Superintendent of Schools by extending his contract. The district has done exceptionally well under his leadership and extending his contract will help to provide continuity that will be essential in the upcoming years.

> **Bill Weber** Plymouth

### **Lloyd Carr: One of the best** Well, it is official. Lloyd Carr is retiring from

coaching football after 30 years with the University of Michigan, and not to mention the OTHER years of football. He has been a part of football in this area forever, and I am honored to say that I was fortunate to have played football for coach Carr while he was at John Glenn. Sept. 1st is going to be a VERY sad day

I have known Lloyd for almost 40 years, and it has been a pleasure. I want to tell you about coach Carr. He never forgets his former players whether it was high school, college ... no matter. He has helped me out so many times, I will never forget him.

I will never forget the look on his face when our team came home after a week of football camp in New Era, Mich. When we arrived, his former wife was there and told him that two of our coaches were involved in a car accident Jerry Lutri and Dewey Cole. It was a look of sheer terror. They were bruised and hurt but were alive. Coach Lutri who played for the Dallas Cowboys picked up the car and pulled coach Cole out.

I coached Comet football for 10 years and he used to let us bring our team out to practices. He also let the Rocket teams go out and watch also. What a class act. He is an incredible man and will be truly missed.

Some things you don't know about coach - several years ago, I was in critical condition and in ICU. I almost died. Who was there for me: Lloyd Carr. Coach Gordon called him and he was there for me. I can honestly tell you, at that time, I was really scared, and when Lloyd called me, I cried like a baby. Here is a guy running one of the biggest college football programs and he takes the time out to talk to me. When my son, David, was going to Iraq, Lloyd had David in his office to wish him luck.

One of the best things he ever did for me was when I was living in California. He invited me and my sons to go to Azuza, Calif., to see the Wolverines practice for the Rose Bowl. He introduced me to Bo, Anthony Carter and many other players, then gave me a press box ticket to the Rose Bowl with the infamous Charles White touchdown. He dropped the ball at the three-yard line.

He also invited me to go inside the practice facility when they won the championship game. Besides Charles Woodson, I am probably the only person at that time to hold his Walter Camp award, but I also got to hold his Heisman trophy. It was fantastic.

Coach Carr never forgets. It has been a pleasure knowing him. He so deserves to enjoy his retirement so he and Laurie can be together and do whatever they want. When I think of football, I think of coach Carr. He taught me so much. On Saturdays, we would have a practice in the morning after our Friday game and watch films. He had a nickname for me - I won't say what it was, but I loved it - and he would rewind it over and over and over and got everyone going.

I am going to miss him. I have something in the works that will hopefully be happening at a Glenn game and it will be time to honor Lloyd again. He knows football, he has put many of his players into the NFL. He is and always will be a true gentleman. I, for one, will

Thank you, coach, for everything, for almost 40 years of friendship. I wish I could attend the retirement party, but you never know. I know someone, maybe he can get me in to say goodbye and thank you in person. Enjoy your retirement, you deserve it. And you are always welcome out at Glenn for football anytime. Since I am one of the team photographers, I can promise some great shots.

Thanks again. You are a legend and what an honor it was playing for you and most of all being friends. You will always be John Glenn football and Michigan football, you are the

> Chuck "Bud" Somerville #77 Class of 1975 Westland

# Bravery on display throughout 3-day weekend of courage

very year, the Michigan 3-Day breast cancer walk produces really cool stories, stories of courage and of hope, of perseverance and determination.

My favorite story this year is of a guy I didn't even meet, a walker named Timothy Grzecki, a member of a Westland team called Genetically Twisted. The team was headed by Westland resident Wendy Headland, a seven-year survivor of breast cancer who's had so much cancer in her family she could be the poster child.

According to Headland, Grzecki had lost so much skin on the bottoms of his feet he could



**Brad Kadrich** 

scarcely walk, but he wanted to at least make it to Plymouth, the favorite cheering station for most of the thousands of walkers

who've come through town over the years. He wanted that adrenaline

rush. He wanted to experience that, and he wanted to go as far as he could, even on battered feet.

And while his was a compelling story, it's hardly the only one. Blisters rule the weekend. Limbs and joints ache. There was evi-

dence of physical support. braces made of traditional metal and the homemade kind, Ace bandages wrapped around knees and held in place with lengths of white medical tape.

They walk with a limp, and they walk with ice packs on their heads. They walk shortly after surviving the disease, and they walk while fighting the disease.

They cover a distance in three days on foot that I couldn't make in a car. It bugs me to walk 100 yards or so to my Dumpster, yet these people trek 60 miles. I don't know that I've walked 60 miles in my life, much less a single week-

However, that will change next year. After listening over the years to the Dan Dwyers and the Ed Hingelbergs, to the Debra Madonnas and the Dorothy Twinneys who've told me what a life-altering experience it is, I succumbed to the enthusiasm of Twinney, who marched with "Breast of Plymouth" and agreed to walk next year. Someone get the defibrillators.

And if you thought you'd witnessed all the courage you could see in Plymouth, it was nothing compared to the courage and conviction on display a few miles away in Canton Township's Heritage Park. That's where Marine Cpl.

Brian Vella unveiled his threeyear labor of love, a memorial to 22 member of the 1st Battalion, 24th Marines who died fighting in Fallujah, Iraq.

The bravery of the 22 Marines who died - and many more who were injured — was etched in the grief of their mothers, "Gold Star Mothers," as the moms of fallen soldiers are called. Their courage was recalled in the words of their brothers, the Michigan Band of Brothers, left behind to carry on their work.

It was immortalized in the black marble etched by Suzette Moore, an artist with Inch Memorials in Northville, who

designed the memorial with images of soldiers and the traditional icon of the fallen soldier - his rifle standing in his empty combat boots and inscribed with the names of the 22 Marines.

Vella's words and the unspoken yet trumpeted message delivered by the 3-Day walkers resonated loud and clear: Neither these fallen Marines, nor the victims — and survivors — of the fight against breast cancer will be forgotten. Nor should they be.

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# College options abound, make you more marketable

nyone who doubts the importance of a college education needs to look at the recently released unemployment numbers. Whenever the numbers are released most tend to focus on the unemployment rate. Although,

**Money Matters** Rick Bloom

the unemployment rate is an important number it doesn't tell the whole story. For example, even though we lost jobs in July, the unemployment rate did not rise. The reasoning is that to be counted as part of the unemployed one must be actively looking for a job. People no longer looking for a job are not considered unemployed. The reason we lost jobs in July, yet the

unemployment rate remained the same, was because so many Americans no longer felt it was worthwhile to look for gainful employment.

When you look deeper into the unemployment numbers you will see why a college education is so important.

Currently, the unemployment rate nationwide is 9.5 percent. However, that number is not evenly divided throughout our society. The unemployment rate among people who do not have a high school diploma is 13.8 percent. The unemployment rate for those with a high school diploma is 10.1 percent, unemployment for those with some college is 8.3 percent while the unemployment rate for those who have graduated from college is 4.5 percent. What these numbers demonstrate is that having a college degree makes you more marketable in today's world.

We have all heard stories of college graduates who are unemployed or, in fact, underemployed. However, they are the minority. The majority of college graduates are working full time.

The value of a college education is substantial and as the numbers show, it is much easier to find employment when you have a college degree. Even in these difficult times, it is the college graduate who is able to find employment while those who have less education have few

In addition, there is no question this trend

will continue into the future. The majority of new jobs being created require a higher level of education than a high school diploma.

We live in a changing world and as the only way to be competitive, from an employment perspective, is by obtaining higher education. After all, think about how global our economy has become. Ford Motor Co. now has more employees abroad than it has in the United States. General Motors sells more cars abroad than it does in North America. In fact, when it comes to automobiles, the United States is no longer the largest auto market in the world. We have been replaced by China.

Many people are under the mistaken belief that it is just in the manufacturing sector where jobs are being outsourced to other countries, that is not the case. Many services are now performed abroad. When you call a help line there is a good chance that you're calling another part of the world. Technology and the Internet allows jobs to be performed abroad.

I believe the United States can compete and thrive in this new economy. However, anyone

who thinks the old economy will return is sadly mistaken. There will be good jobs in the future, however, they will require college degrees.

For those still in high school, it should be clear that the pathway to success and the American dream must be to continue education past high school. For those who don't, the jobs of the

future will be low-paying, minimum wage jobs. It is not too late to change course. There are more options with regards to obtaining a college education than ever before. There are numerous higher education programs that are available to meet just about any situation. Whether it's taking courses online, through a community college or choosing another option, the investment you make in yourself by obtaining a degree is something that will pay dividends well into the

Good luck!

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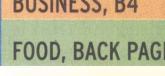
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# 'Legs' Benedict

# Canton triathlete turns up speed in Ironman quest

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Chris Benedict's schedule is busy. Let's see, he coaches and plays hockey. He sails, having recently taken part in the annual Port Huron to Mackinac race. He is a business owner. engineer and family man.

Oh, yeah, almost forgot. Benedict is a tireless triathlete, an "Ironman" who Sunday will run, swim and bike at an Olympic quarter-triathlon in Port Huron.

You might have seen him working out for the grueling event, riding his bicycle along Hines Drive or running along neighborhood streets.

"It's about getting off the couch. I never thought I'd be able to do something like this. Now I'm right in the mix."

The 5-10, 225-pound Canton man plans on using this weekend's Olympic triathlon as training for the big kahuna — The Great Floridian — a full Ironman triathlon outside Orlando in October that he

hopes to complete in 12 hours. "The Ironman is the granddaddy in distance," Benedict explained. "It's a 4,000-meter swim, which is 2.4 miles, followed by a 112-mile bike ride and then you finish with a marathon (a 26.2-mile run)."

JUST WARMING UP

Meanwhile, Sunday's event is like an appetizer for the

### THE BENEDICT FILE

Who: Chris Benedict, 44, of Canton.

What: He is an Ironman triathlete. who Sunday will take part in an Olympic-distance quarter triath-Ion in Port Huron.

Next: Benedict will take on a fulltriathlon, at The Great Floridian outside Orlando in October.

Background: Benedict holds an M.B.A. from Eastern Michigan and owns the Benedict Bldg. Co. based in Canton. He plays adult rec hockey in Novi and coaches the Plymouth Stingrays' Midget A and AA travel teams.

Family: Chris and wife Beth have two sons, Cam, 17 and Everett, 15. Both attend Plymouth High School.

main course. Benedict, 44, will embark on a .9-mile swim, 25mile bike ride and 6-mile run in rat-a-tat fashion in the city he grew up in.

"A lot of these athletes are ratcheting their way up," to gear up for the Ironman competition, he said. "If you're a person that goes out and jogs for an hour, chances are pretty good you could go into an Olympic event and survive pretty well.

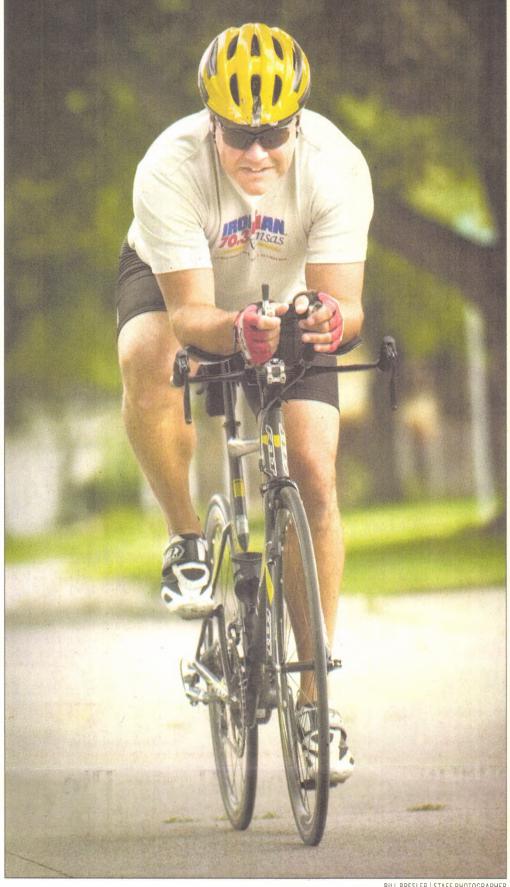
"I'm not what would be considered a real *fast* competitor in the Olympic distance."

Please see BENEDICT, B3



'I think I was one of the least-likely people to succeed at this sport, marathons and triathlons.'

CHRIS BENEDICT, Canton ironman



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When Chris Benedict started competing in triathlons, he rode a giant mountain bike that was more conversation piece than anything else. These days (above), he trains on a lightweight carbon fiber bicycle.

# Workout rigors routine for Ironman exec



It's easy to see that Jeff Forester (center) enjoys the payoff of being an Ironman. Here, the Plymouth resident and other participants at the 2009 Florida Ironman in Panama City can't contain excitement about embarking on "a long day of racing."

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If at first you don't find Jeff Forester, don't worry.

He's jamming some extra workout time into his daily grind to prepare for his next triathlon. These days, the 37-year-old Plymouth man, known by some as "Ironman Jeff," is in training mode for the Nov. 21 Arizona Ironman.

Forester — a consultant to Fortune 500 companies - sometimes squeezes in a 4,000-yard swim during lunch, thus extending the work break to 90 minutes.

Or he might leave the office early in order to complete a four-mile bike ride before mid-

night strikes. With that kind of dedication and creative time management, not to mention having a triathlete wife, it's no wonder Forester is looking to participate in all 12 North American

Ironman races by the time he turns 45.

One race he won't compete in this year is late October's The Great Floridian, in which Canton's Chris Benedict is participating.

"I do not know Chris," Forester said. "But I applaud his efforts. It looks like it will be hot and humid in October near Orlando. I wish him luck."

### IN THE LOOP

Actually, wife Christine Forester's own commitment to the run-swim-bike world (she just completed her first half Ironman) probably lessens any guilt Jeff might feel about his unrelenting workout schedule.

"The time you spend training will often be at the cost of time with those you care about most," Forester said. "Make sure they understand you are not abandoning them.

Please see FORESTER, B3

### THE FORESTER FILE

Who: Jeff Forester, 37 of Plymouth. What: He is a triathlete who will compete in November at an Ironman event in Arizona.

Race history: Since 2007, Forester has racked up many miles: four marathons; numerous Sprint and Olympic distance triathlons; two half and one full Ironmen competitions.

Misc: Forester is employed as senior manager at Accenture, where he works as technical architect for a broad range of Fortune 500 clients.

Family: Jeff's wife, Christine, also is a triathlete. She just completed her first half Ironman, finishing 36th out of 78 women in her age group. "I am very proud of her." Essential: Forester's advice to those thinking about endurance racing include proper nutrition, training and exercise, as well as creating a training plan and following it. "Make it realistic to your lifestyle."

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Recently retired counselor and former Salem golf coach Rick Wilson competed in the Seniors West Championship at Avon Oaks C.C. in Olmsted, Ohio.

Wilson shot an even-par 72 to tie four other golfers in the 55-59 age bracket. Also, he qualified to play Oct. 1 in the Ohio Intrastate Challenge Match at Firestone C.C. in Akron, Ohio.

### **O&E** men's golf

Registration is still on for the Observer & Eccentric Open men's golf tournament.

The O&E Men's Open, a two-day, 36-hole medal event, will be Labor Day weekend, Sunday-Monday, Sept. 5-6 at Fox Creek and Whispering Willows courses, respectively.

Entries close at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, and will be open to the first 120 golfers. The entry fee is \$95 (cart not included. There will be a Senior Division (50-and-over) with a maximum handicap of 20 (U.S.G.A. index required to participate). A total of \$2,500 in prizes, including money for the low and net scorers for each flight, will be offered.

For more information on both tourneys, call (248) 476-4493 or visit www.golflivonia.com.

# Balconi Invite good way to begin boys soccer season

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

The local high school boys soccer season kicks off Saturday with the annual Gary Balconi Invitational Tournament, hosted by Canton at

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. And according to Chiefs head coach George Tomasso, what better way to get a good read on the 2010 squad than playing three highly competitive

matches in one day. "I think it's a fantastic competition between eight schools," Tomasso said. "You really get an understanding of what you need to work on to be successful.

"Beginning the year with a tournament like this really puts your season into perspective on where you'd like to go with your team."

In 10 a.m. tourney openers, Canton will face University of Detroit-Jesuit. Also at 10 a.m., Salem takes on Novi-Detroit Catholic Central and Plymouth squares off against Midland Dow while Dexter tangles with Walled Lake

All eight teams will play again at 11:45 a.m. and the tourney concludes with the championship tilt at 3 p.m.

Meanwhile, because of the heavy slate — three contests per team in a condensed time frame — Tomasso said the Balconi Invite gives coaches a chance to take a look at the entire roster during game situations.

The Balconi Invite is a tournament that celebrates the pioneering work of Balconi, who as an athletic director launched the invite in the early-to-mid 1990s — further putting soccer on the map at PCEP.

Last year, Canton nipped Salem 3-2 in the title matchup. The Chiefs outscored the Rocks 5-4 in the shootout, to garner the final margin of victory.

Games will be played among four locations. Those include: the PCEP Soccer Stadium; Football Varsity Stadium; Field 4 and Freshman Field, both located at the corner of Canton Center and Jov Road.

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# Back for another rip

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# Proben set to again battle golf's longest hitters

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Another year older, a few yards farther and Thomas Proben finds himself in familiar territory.

Proben, a native of Redford, recently punched his ticket for a return trip to the prestigious Re/Max World Long Driving Championships by banging that little white golf ball farther than a whole host of competitors in regional action held in Conneault Lake, PA.

"I qualified in the 45 and over (Senior Division) and am also going to compete in the Grand Champions (55 and over) division," said Proben, who along with his brother, Bob, have made the Proben name synonymous with golf throughout Michigan. "I hit it 320 (yards) my first time and won it, then hit it 322 the second time but lost. In the third round I hit it 336 yards and was able to get the third and final qualifying spot."

That achievement has Proben licking his chops at a second opportunity to showcase the talents that very few golfers, even half his age, carry in their bag of tricks.

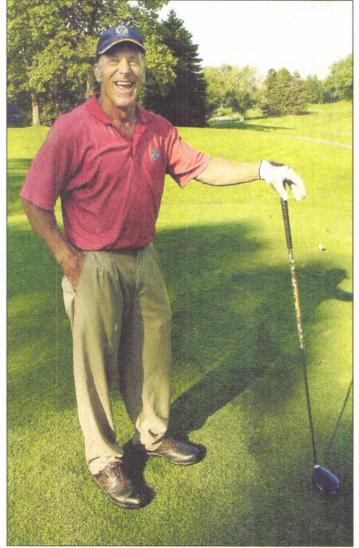
"I had only about two months to prepare for all of it last year," said Proben, whose efforts resulted in a seventhplace finish in the Super Senior (53 and over) Division. "I really didn't hit my best. I was a little disappointed in myself, but it isn't easy hitting a 50-inch driver. That kind of length forces your body to contort in so many unusual ways.

"But this time around I've had much more time to work on my swing," he continued. "I've always said there are three key points in a golf swing - posture, balance and the plane of the swing. I had to improve in all three to become a better long driver."

It was just a year ago that Proben was encouraged by friends in a church league to share some of those monumental blasts off the tee with the rest of the world. They managed to convince him to enter a regional long driving contest and find out just where he stacked up against boomers his own age. Ultimately, he seemed more surprised with his achievements than his companions were.

"I remember they kept saying 'Man you're hitting it long. You should enter one of those long driving contests," Proben said. "I did, but I really didn't know what to expect.

"Now I just know I'm more confident because I know what to expect," continued Proben, a graduate of



A seventh-place finish in the Super Seniors Division (53 and over) had Thomas Proben smiling last season. The Redford native will look to improve on that mark later this fall.

Thurston High School who went on to play college golf at Eastern Michigan University. "I gained that valuable experience of competing last year and of how to compete, so I feel I'm ready."

Between now and mid October, Proben said he will not only work on the finer points of his swing but also spend more time working with fitness instructor Mark Sanford. Proben credited Sanford with adding muscle to key parts of his body in preparation for last year's tournament and is seeking to improve that one key intangible for this year's performance.

"He's got me lean and mean," Proben said of Sanford. "All I got to get is more body mass over the next 11 weeks."

Proben estimates he has added another 20 yards to his mammoth tee shots that regularly travel some 330 yards through the air. Proben is entered in two separate categories - the Grand Champions, which includes contestants 55 years of age and older, and the Senior Division which pits those 45 years of age and over against one another.

"The Grand Champions division will be televised nationally and I'm excited to be a part

of that one," he said. "I'm more confident hitting the 50-inch driver this year because I've been hitting balls every week since last year. Even in the snow I was out there at Carl's (Golfland) hitting under the heated tees."

Proben was introduced to several sports at a very young age by his father Eddie. Baseball, ice hockey, speedskating and football all grabbed center stage at one time or another before golf peaked his interest once he began caddying at Western Golf and Country Club in Redford.

He became a member of the Eagles golf team at Thurston before doing the same at EMU. It was while he was at EMU that Proben got his initial taste of what a long driving championship is all about. He entered two Mid-American Conference events and came away the winner each time.

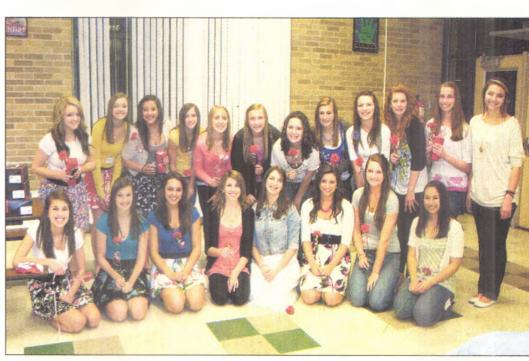
His next opportunity to return to the winner's circle will occur Oct. 27 - Nov. 5 at the Mesquite Regional Sports and Events Complex in Mesquite, Nev.

"I'm looking forward to it because it's like a family atmosphere out there," Proben said. "We're all friends rooting each other on."



### **Cup champions**

The Canton Celtic U12 boys soccer team captured the Michigan Challenge Cup U13 Boys Silver Division, held Aug. 13-15 in Lansing. Pictured in the front row (from left) are Justin Savona, Christian Freitag, Ryen O'Meara, Gabriel Segovia-Plate, Cameron Troszak, Max Frederick and Matthew Weiner. In the back row (from left) are Austin Andres, Riley Alexander, Nathan Rodwell, Coach Pete Alexander, Zion Beaton, Brayden Ison, Quinn Loosle and Shane Rusinek. Not pictured is Matthew Rockafellow.



# JV does good job

The 2010-11 JV Canton Chiefettes pom pon squad collected plaudits for their efforts at the recent Mid American Pom Camp at Davenport University in Grand Rapids. The squad includes: (front row, from left) Olivia Turfe, Monique Watts, Emily Schreiner, Nicole Fuerstnau, Jessica Kuznicki, Megan Moncion, Kelly Sundberg, Stephanie Lyle; (back row, from left) Katie Olmsted, Molly Denzer, Malak Beydoun, Kayla Tulius, Natalie Koivula, Jessica Price, Megan Webster, Caitlin Wakefield, Kelly Powell, Michelle Conklin, Jessica Farhat and coach Brittney Kopchia.

# **BASEBALL TRYOUTS**

### **WYAA** evaluations

The Westland Youth Athletic Association will be conducting baseball evaluations for Bronco (11-12) and Pony (13 14) age groups beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at Jaycee Park, located next to Mike Modano Arena, in Westland.

For more information, email Greg Hovermale at hovermale@sbcglobal.net.

### Chiefs baseball tryouts

Tryouts for the 2011 Motor City Chiefs under-9 baseball club will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17, and 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21 at UAW Local 735 Field, 48055 Michigan Avenue, Canton.

If unable to attend either tryout date, an evaluation can occur before Aug. 17.

For more information, call (734) 377-3123, or e-mail motorcitybaseball@gmail.

### Riversharks tryouts

The Motor City Riversharks of the Kensington Valley **Baseball-Softball Association** will host 2011 tryouts from noon-1:30 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 14-15, and 2-4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, at UAW Local 735, 48055 Michigan Ave., Canton.

Players do not have to attend all three tryout dates.

Players must be willing to

commit to 40-to-50 games including weekends and tournaments, with the schedule running from April through July.

To pre-register or for more information, contact coach Bill Boyd - 734-718-7782; motorcityriversharks@gmail.com.

### Livonia Travel baseball

Tryouts for the 1011 Livonia Travel baseball program will be Aug. 12-15, at Bicentennial Park, located at Seven Mile and Wayne roads.

The Tryout schedule

includes: Under-9 - 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 (contact manager Matt Fournier at mattfournier22@sbcglobal. net; or mfournie@livonia.k12.

Under-10 - 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15 (contact Bruce Rosen for manager opportunities at

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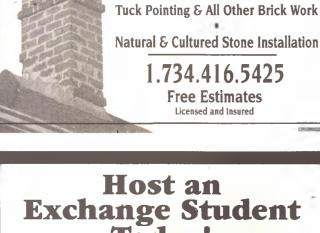
Under-12 - 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12 and 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 (makeup date; contact manager Brian Dewhirst at wd219@aol.

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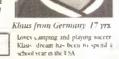


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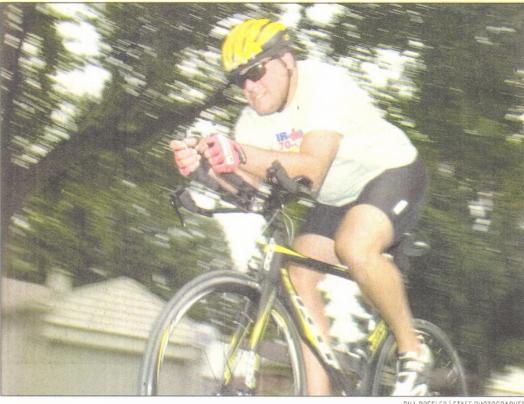
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For Chris Benedict of Canton, taking a spin on the bike can turn into a 40-mile round trip along Hines Drive especially during training sessions for triathlons.

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Sunday marks his fourth Olympic event and he has two half-Ironmen triathlons under his belt, one each in 2008 and 2009. But The Great Floridian will be his first full-Ironman experience.

Benedict — relishing setting up another competitive level to vanquish, going from quarter-to-half-to-full triathlons in the process — doesn't fit the profile of your basic Ironman. He is solid but not streamlined and admits as much.

"I think I was one of the least-likely people to succeed at this sport, marathons and triathlons," Benedict said.

#### TRANSFORMATION

In a five-year period, a regular diet of cardio - instead of carbs - brought quick results, turning him from a selfdescribed, 265-pound "couch potato" into a serious athlete who gets a runner's high while successfully going for the next goal on his list.

"Since coming out of college (in 1988), for 15 years or so I would only be a two-miler," Benedict said. "I'd go out and jog two miles. And I decided, well, I wasn't losing any weight doing that, all I was doing was running two miles.

"So in 2005 I started increasing my distances and in 2006 I did my first marathon, in Detroit. I got to a point where my average run was nine miles. And when I was preparing for the marathon, I stepped it up even more from

Who knows when he decided to become an Ironman instead of a recreational runner. But a tragedy on his block - a seemingly healthy, thin neighbor died of a massive heart attack at age 41 - obviously had a huge impact on what kind of life Benedict subsequently wanted to lead.

"I went and had my cholesterol checked and it was in great shape, unbelievably good shape," Benedict recalled. "And I just got to the point where I watched those Ironmans covered on ABC Wide World of Sports.

"And here I was, a two-miler saying to myself, I don't know that I could ever run 10 miles let alone a marathon. When I started ratcheting up the miles all of a sudden I felt like I could actually run rather than jog. Then the weight started falling off."

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#### **WORKING IT OUT**

As the speed and distance increased, so did his resolve to literally take it to the ultimate next step.

"It got to the point where I could do a marathon," he said. "I did a few of those and I said, 'You know, I think I'd enjoy triathlons."

Benedict got a nudge in that direction when he saw an article in a Port Huron newspaper about the Olympic-distance triathlon.

"I said I might want to try that," Benedict said. "I had a 20-year-old mountain bike, an old, heavy giant mountain bike. I said 'Hey, I'm going to give it a try."

Since he doesn't do anything half-way, it's no surprise where he's at in 2010.

Four years later, Benedict is in full training mode for The Great Floridian. That means a grueling workout schedule of running, swimming and biking, alternating the three disciplines. "My perfect workout week is bike-swim-run, bike-swim-run, over roughly six days."

Overcoming boredom or mental fatigue is the highest hurdle to jump when it comes to that kind of unforgiving training regimen. Listening to music or altering his workout routine has benefits.

But the biggest boost to getting past the blahs is training with a friend who also competes in Ironman events. To that end, Canton resident Dr. John Kahler has proven to be a

bit of a godsend for Benedict. "Then, you've got somebody to talk to (on the bike or trails), somebody to compete with in the pool," Benedict said. "He

(Kahler) doesn't have a lick of body fat and he just goes like mad all the time. He's good to work out with because he is on a great pace. So for me to keep up is extra torture."

#### PEER PRESSURE

There are spinoff benefits to being part of a buddy system.

"One is you certainly don't have anybody to live up to if you don't have that peer group," Benedict noted. "The other positive aspect is, when you're training well and things are going well you like to tell somebody.

"Who else to tell but somebody who is experienced at it and knows exactly what you're doing?'

But Benedict will have to tell his running mate how he does Sunday. Although Kahler is to compete in The Great Floridian, he won't be joining Benedict for the Port Huron quarter-triathlon.

Of course, the two men have trained together for so long that Kahler will have a pretty good idea how Benedict takes care of business this weekend.

For starters, Benedict would rather be doing what he isn't at that moment.

"You always want to be doing the next thing," he emphasized. "... When you're running you want to swim. When you're swimming you want to bike and when you bike you want it to be over.'

Then when it's over, it's time for him to turn attention to getting after and running down the next challenge. Chris Benedict plans on doing just

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Knowing loved ones don't feel they're second fiddle to the next round of heavy training is important, because it is an aspect of being able to mentally commit to the race.

Another big key to success as a triathlete is having a reasonable grasp on workout expectations.

"There will be long training days, early mornings and you will be tired," Forester said. "Create a plan and follow it. Make it realistic to your lifestyle."

#### **TOOLS FOR TRAVEL**

Impressive is Forester's penchant for cutting-edge competition, given his family life and job duties as senior manager for Accenture.

Over the past three years alone, he has completed four marathons, two half marathons and one full Ironman, while completing numerous Sprint and Olympic distance

When Forester travels to job-related conferences, for example, he brings his running shoes and GPS watch. He seeks out "triathlete-friendly" hotels, especially any with top-caliber pools, when on the road.

Forester also sticks to his training plan when around Plymouth, making good use of Hines Drive - just a short run or bike ride from his home

And make no mistake, he's training a lot to sharpen up for the next Ironman on his schedule.

He'll crank it up for three weeks, followed by a week of "relative rest."

During the workout weeks, he'll do several sessions of swimming, biking and running and mix in stretching and weight training. And don't forget about weekends.



Steelhead Triathlon in Benton Harbor, Mich.

"The weekend workout sessions ... may involve a sixhour bike (ride) followed by a two-hour run and 3,000-yard swim," he said. "However, you work up to this distance (and) are prepared once you reach this stage of training."

#### THE BUZZ FACTOR

Meanwhile, Forester still gets a kick out of pushing himself to the max.

"The thrill of competing in these races, the great friendships that develop and sense of accomplishment are also huge motivators," he said.

Last year, he had a memo-

rable time competing at the Florida Ironman in Panama City.

"I am on the beach in Panama City with the other 2,500 participants thinking about a long day of racing," Forester said, looking back. "It is 6:50 a.m. and the beach has an incredible level of excitement, fear and anticipation of the day ahead."

Those kind of memories make all the never-ending workouts and wearisome weekends definitely worth repeating.

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#### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL** Saturday, Aug. 21

Battle Creek Tournament, 8 a.m. Grand Haven Invitational, 8:30 a.m. W. Bloomfield Invitational, 8:30 a.m.

Portage Central Invitational, 8:30 a.m. **BOYS SOCCER** Saturday, Aug. 21 Gary Balconi Invitational at PCEP, 10

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Susan Carpenter and Bryan Cobb in their new pet store, Wags to Whiskers-Plymouth, opening in the plaza at Five

# New store aims for healthy, happy pets

Growing up in the Livonia/ Northville area, Susan Carpenter always dreamed of opening a pet store. She has rescued and owned collies for the past 25 years and has always put her love for her animals on the back burner as she worked as an administrator at the University of Michigan.

Recently, Carpenter decided to take the pot from the back burner and put it on the front burner. She and her husband. Bryan Cobb, have opened a community-based pet store, Wags to Whiskers-Plymouth.

"Pets are truly family members," Carpenter said. "Giving them good nutrition and quality products is what caring is all about."

Carpenter said she and Cobb want to "give back to the community by providing quality pet foods, nutritional counseling and products that can help pets be healthier and happier.'

The first Wags to Whiskers was started in Saline by Dena Gilmore eight years ago. Since then a Wags to Whiskers has opened in Chelsea, Dexter and, last fall, in Ann Arbor. There is also a store in Gaylord, making Wags to Whiskers-Plymouth the sixth Michigan store. Each store is independently owned and run and all are Michigan businesses.

"We want to not only help the pets and their owners in this community, but we also want to help the Michigan

#### **WAGS TO WHISKERS**

**Business Name and Address:** Wags to Whiskers, 44707 Five Mile, Plymouth Your Name and Title: Susan Carpenter and Bryan Cobb, owners Your Hometown: Plymouth Business Opened: Aug. 2, 2010 Number of Employees: 2 Hours of Operation: Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Your Business Specialty: Pet foods and pet supplies

entrepreneurial spirit by supporting jobs and business in Michigan," Carpenter said.

Business phone: (734) 453-3884

The 3,317-square-foot store opened in the Sheldon Place Shopping Center at Sheldon and Five Mile, directly across from the Inn at St. John's. The anchor store in the plaza is Busch's, and the plaza includes a number of restaurants.

"We offer a lot of products you don't necessarily find in the big box stores," Carpenter said.

Holistic pet care products are standard stock at Wags to Whiskers, but Carpenter also carries the more easily recognizable brand names of food and supplies, including Iams, Science Diet Eukanuba and others. However, pet owners looking for a brand or a

product not offered initially at Wags to Whiskers need only ask and Carpenter said she'd find it.

Cobb brings five years of retail experience to the store.

"The customer comes first in our store," he said. "Treating our customers with respect and care is an integral part of our business plan. We don't want to point you to an item, but rather want to take you to it, explain it and answer any questions you might have."

Along with providing the community with great pet products, Wags to Whiskers will also host adoption days for cats and dogs from local rescues and shelters. There will also be a trainer who will be on site on occasion to offer training advice to new and more-experienced pet owners who need extra guidance.

Cobb and Carpenter agree they want to keep the store warm and welcoming and provide "a friendly place for pet owners to come and bring their pets, talk, ask questions and socialize."

"It feels right to be coming back to the area where I was raised and being a part of the community again," Carpenter said. "Although the landscape has changed, the overall sense of community and friendliness is still here. We're happy to be a part of that flavor that makes Plymouth and Northville the unique communities they are."

### **CHAMBER CHAT**

#### **Business Development** Seminar

The next workshop in the Chamber's ongoing Business Development Series is "Sell More, Sell More Easily" on Aug. 24 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Chamber Office. The seminar will be presented by Mike Winn from Sandler Training in Ann Arbor. Sandler Training is a world leader in innovative sales and sales management training. For more than 40 years, Sandler has taught its distinctive, non-traditional selling system and highly effective sales training methodology, which has helped salespeople and sales managers take charge of the process. To register for the workshop call 734-453-1540 or e-mail teri@plymouthmich.org. There is no cost to attend this workshop.

#### Beach party

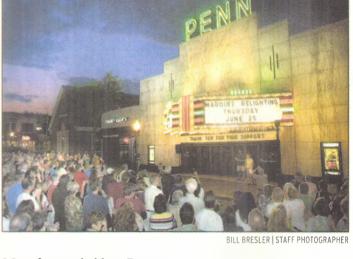
Grab your surfboard and beach blanket and then head over to the networking shores of Plymouth at Nico and Vali on Wednesday, Aug. 25. A summer blowout is planned with great food on the back patio of the restaurant.

There will be door prizes, a summer networking game to make sure everyone feels comfortable meeting new people, complimentary food and a cash bar. The event will be from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Nico and Vali is located at 744 Wing Street which is just east of Main Street and one block south of Ann Arbor Trail.

There is no cost to attend this event. Please RSVP to teri@plymouthmich.org or call (734) 453-1540.

#### Launching YouTube

To further the promotion of the Plymouth Rocks commu-



### **Movies at the Penn**

The Penn Theatre concludes its Summer Matinee Series with 'It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World' on Thursday, Aug. 19, and 'Muppet Treasure Island' on Aug. 26. Showings are at 1 and 7 p.m. and all seats are \$3. The weekend feature at The Penn Theatre will be 'The A-Team.' Go to www.penntheatre.com for the schedule.

nity marketing the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce has launched a YouTube Channel. The first videos were created at the grand openings of Eclectic Attic and Select Dental.

The channel provides a platform where videos can be added to other online media, such as the chamber's Facebook page and the chamber website, while still attracting YouTube visitors. Additionally, we are able to create play lists and favorites on You Tube to group videos on the Plymouth Community. The Chamber has already added videos to our page from Aldrich Legal and Sun & Snow under the heading Plymouth Michigan Businesses

Our new YouTube Channel is http://www.youtube.com/user/ plymouthmich#p/a.

#### Pub & Grub Crawl

Restaurants will be hosting

a pub & grub-crawl on August 14 from 1:00 p.m. to midnight. The cost is \$8.00 per person and includes drink specials, complimentary buffet, raffles, live music, a dunk tank and beach volleyball. Participating restaurants include 1999 Tavern, 336 Main, E.G. Nicks, Ironwood Grill, Penn Grill and Sean O'Callaghan's. Call 734-667-5614 for more infor-

#### Pinkalicious: The Musical

The Plymouth Community Arts Council and Dynamic Stage Productions, Inc. present a whimsical story about a pink-loving enthusiast who takes her love of the color too far. Performances Aug. 26-28 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 28-29 at 2 p.m. at the Plymouth Community Arts Council building, 774 N. Sheldon. Tickets are \$12.

For more information call

# **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

## Ladies Night Out

Ladies Night Out takes place Sept. 16 from 5-9 p.m. Ribar Floral will again provide roses for the first 500 ladies. Anyone wishing to participate should contact the chamber office, (734) 453-1540.

### Fun Run

Registration is now taking place for the Salem High School Cross Country Trish Donnelly Runnion Memorial 5k and 1 mile walk run. This event takes place Sunday, Sept. 12.

This Fall Festival weekend tradition will start at the Plymouth Cultural Center at 525 Farmer Street. The race start time is 8:15 a.m. for the 5k. For complete registration information as well as information on the event please check out their web site at http://www.salemcrosscountry.org/womens/Race\_Host\_Information/ Donnelly.html

### No Kidpalooza

Kidpalooza, originally scheduled for Sept. 26, has been cancelled due to lower than expected merchant participation.

Questions regarding Kidpalooza should be directed to the event organizers: Lindsey at Creatopia Pottery, (734) 453-8797, and Rob or Heidi at Sun and Snow, (734) 927-0007.

### Vote 4 the Best

WDIV's Vote 4 the Best Contest is going on through Labor Day. Many Plymouth businesses have been nominated including Genuine Toy Company- Best Toy Store; Dairy King- Best Ice Cream; Plymouth Historical Museum-Best Museum; Plymouth Yoga Room- Best Yoga Studio; Art in the Park- Best Festival; Plymouth Coffee Bean- Best Coffee Shop; TranquiliTea-Best Tea House; Penn Theatre- Best Theater; Magnolia's- Best Flowers; Fiamma Grill- Best Brunch; Spa Julianna- Best Day Spa; Sideways-Best Gift Shop; and many more. Go to WDIV's website - clickondetroit.com - and search "Plymouth" to find out all the local entries and vote for your favorites.



**BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER** 

The Plymouth Historical Museum is among the nominees in WDIV's 'Vote 4 the Best' contest, voting for which continues through Labor Day at www.clickondetroit.com.

### Wireless program

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ENTERTAINMENT

# Livonia woman pursues new dream through reality show



Kathleen Neumann (left) of Livonia ended up on the beach with contestant Susan Master of Worthington, Ohio, for their first modeling shoot while competing on TV Land's reality show, 'She's Got The Look.'

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**BY SHARON DARGAY O&E STAFF WRITER** 

Kathleen Neumann was a "fashion model virgin" in desperate need of a handbook six months ago.

"It's not as easy as it looks. There is a method to the madness," said the Livonia woman, recalling her first photo shoot. "Getting certain emotions out on camera, I'd never played with that or experimented. I didn't know I had good or bad angles. I didn't know to point my toe — rule number one is always point your toe. There were a lot of basic things I didn't know."

In her 42 years the single mom hadn't strayed far from her native Farmington, her job in a family insurance business, her son and their dog. Yet there she was, on an unseasonably cool winter day earlier this year, striking pose after pose on a beach in Los Angeles,

"I wasn't super excited to crawl into a bathing suit for the photo shoot. They don't let you pick out a suit. They throw one at you. You don't even get to look in the mirror," Neumann described her first modeling challenge on the reality television show, She's Got The Look.

"But just having my hair and makeup done - I was on cloud nine with that. I felt so completely pampered. I felt so blessed to be there, that I had made it so far even though I didn't have experience."

#### **ON TELEVISION**

Neumann will re-live her 'priceless" journey when the show's third season debuts Wednesday, Aug. 25 on TV Land. She is among 10 women, all age 35 and over, who will appear on the show, demonstrating their modeling potential through various photo shoot and cat walk challenges. The winner earns a contract with Wilhelmina Models, Inc., and a photo spread in SELF Magazine.

"I was the shortest girl on the show. Girls who are 5'5" and 5'6" didn't dream about being models," Neumann noted. "That didn't happen (growing

up) in the '80s.

then went home to Livonia. A few weeks later she was summoned Los Angeles for a weekend stay of physical and psychiatric exams. "They called five days later, it was January, and they said pack your bags. You're going to L.A."

When a friend encouraged her to audition for this season's show, Neumann figured she

had nothing to lose. She hadn't watched the

### **TESTING HER WALK**

Supermodel Roshumba Williams, celebrity stylist Robert Verdi and Sean Patterson, Wilhelmina president, quickly whittled 20 contestants to 10 finalists after watching the women walk.

"I was totally winging it. I guess I walk well," Neumann

The finalists moved into a loft where they shared one large bedroom, two mirrors and the constant glare of lights and production cameras.

"They did a great job of casting us. We got along so well. I expected it to be catty but it really wasn't. People were very supportive."

Neumann said she didn't feel stressed about losing or winning the competition because modeling was "a new opportunity," and not a long-pursued dream.

When she was told to physically illustrate the word "obsequious" during one late-night photo shoot, Neumann wasn't sure about its definition but "laughed so hard that night" she couldn't help but enjoy the challenge.

She can't say if she won this season's competition — viewers have to watch the show to find out — but says the experience helped her boost her courage.

"My confidence level is up. I've made new friends and I've pushed into a new arena. I've been in corporate America since college, so this is fun. It's the artsy side of things. I want a part of that. A dream was born — not an old dream but a new dream.





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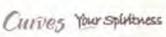
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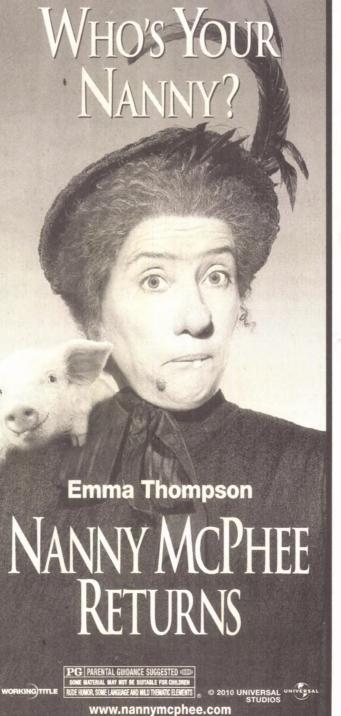
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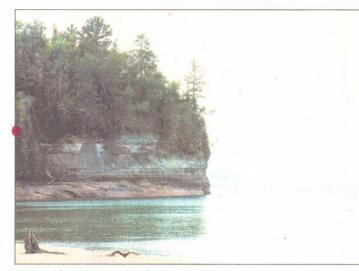
Time/Date: Through Sept. 18 Location: 15095 Northville Road, south of Five Mile, Plymouth Details: "Social Realism" photography by Thomas McMillen-Oakley, Shaqe Kalaj, and Julia DeClerck Contact: (734) 420-0775

City Gallery

Time/Date: Through Sept. 9 Location: Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills **Details:** Photography by Jennifer Berkemeier Contact: (248) 473-1856

#### Northville Art House

Time/Date: Through Aug. 28 **Location**: 215 W. Cady, Northville Details: "Conversations in Cloth," exhibit showcasing the work of fiber artists; featured artist at the Northville Art House store is Ann Avery, fiber artist Contact: (248) 344-0497



'Pictured Rocks' by Jennifer Berkemeier, is among the photographs on display through Sept. 9 at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills.

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Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Aug. 23-24 **Location**: Grantland Street Playhouse, 27555 Grantland, Livonia Details: "Dirty Work at the

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True A Gay 'Nineties Melodrama in Three Acts" is directed by Cyndi Dulecki and produced by Nancy Florkowski. Seven parts for women and three for men, along with a chorus. Rehearsals Monday and Tuesday, beginning Sept. 13 and running until tech week, Oct. 25-27. Production dates are Oct. 29-31 and Contact: Grantland Street Players,

(313) 535-8962

#### COMEDY

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

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

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays Location: 36071 Plymouth Road,

Details: Nate Bergatze, through Aug. 21; Coolaide, Aug. 25-28 Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle Time/Date: Kevin McPeek, Aug. 19-21; Kelly Taylor, Aug. 26-28 Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

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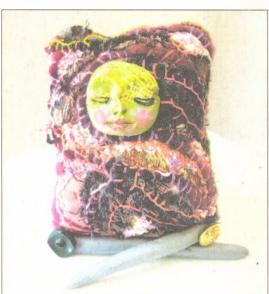
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Livonia

Time/Date: Trina Hamlin, Aug. 19; Beth Nielsen Chapman, Aug. 20; Lonesome County, Aug. 21; Suzanne Westenhoefer, Aug. 22; Todd Snider, Aug. 23; Baskery, Aug. 24; Sumkali, Aug. 26; The Siegel-Schwall Band, Aug. 27; Vienna Teng, Aug. 28; Junior Brown, Aug. 29; Sam & Ruby, Aug. 31; Chris Knight, Sept. 7; The Strawbs, Sept. 9; The Spring Standards, Sept.



The Saline Fiddlers will perform Thursday, Aug. 19 at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills.



"Little Girl" by Northville fiber artist Ann Avery. Her work is featured in the Northville Art House store this month.

10; Billy Bragg, Sept. 11; Ramblin' Jack Elliott, Sept. 14; Toad The Wet Sprocket, Sept. 15-16; Vishten, Sept. 19; Aimee Mann, Sept. 21; The RFD Boys, Sept. 24; The Chenille Sisters, Sept. 25

Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor

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

**Detroit Institute of Arts** Time/Date: Friday Night Live con-

certs, 7 and 8:30 p.m. Location: 5200 Woodward Ave Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.

Magic Bag

Time/Dates: Damage Inc., The Metallica Tribute, Aug. 20; Jon Anderson, Aug. 23; Echoes of Pink Floyd, Aug. 27; Leon Russell, Aug. 28 Location: 22920 Woodward, Ferndale

Contact: (248) 544-3030, www. themagicbag.com

Stars in the Park

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Aug. 19 Location: Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile, Farmington Hills

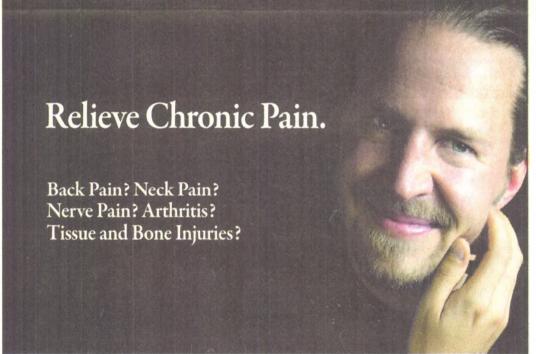
Details: Summer music series features the Saline Fiddlers Contact: (248) 473-1848

**Trinity House Theatre** Time/Date: Hans York, Aug. 21; Cairn to Cairn, Sept. 10; Stewart Francke, Sept. 11: Matt The Electrician, Sept. 16; Pat Terry and John Austin, Sept. 18; Martyn Joseph, Sept. 23;

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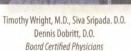
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### **Dream Cruise Hairdo**

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# Vampire spoof

Tyler Dean and Molly Wallace poke fun at the 'Twilight' saga in 'Love Sucks the musical: A Vampire Musical Parody, 7 p.m. Aug. 19-21 at Canton High School, 8415 N. Canton Center Road. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

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Time/Dates: 2-5 p.m. Sundays Details: Jazz for Kids Program Location: 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit Contact: (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com

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Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays

Details: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission

Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

Detroit Zoo

**Time/Date**: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Labor Day Location: 1-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

Details: Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free Contact: (248) 541-5717

Land Rover of Farmington Hills

Time/Date: 3-8 p.m. Aug. 19 **Location**: 38200 Grand River, Farmington

**Details**: Organization for Bat Conservation presents live bat demonstrations, live nocturnal animal exhibits (owls, sugar gliders, and flying squirrels), educational exhibits, bat-themed activities for kids and Rob Mies, conservationist from Bat Zone at Cranbrook Institute of Science

Contact: obcbats@aol.com; www.batconservation.org; (248) 474-9900

### FILM

Orchestra Hall

Time/Date: 8 p.m., Aug. 26

Location: 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit Deails: Screening of the silent film, "Louis," with five musical accompaniment by Wynton Marsalis, renowned pianist Cecile Licad and a 10-piece allstar jazz ensemble; tickets \$19-60

Contact: (313) 576-5111; www.detroitsymphony.

Penn Theatre

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:20 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 20-21, and 4:40 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday, Aug.

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

**Details**: "Eclipse," \$3 admission Summer matinee series: "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad,



The Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Detroit International Jazz Festival presents 'Louis,' a silent film featuring young actor Anthony Coleman, on Aug. 26.

Mad World," Aug. 19; and "Muppet Treasure Island," Aug. 26; shows at 1 and 7 p.m.; tickets \$3 Contact: (734) 453-0870, www.penntheatre.com

Redford Theatre

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Aug. 20; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aug.

Location: 17360 Lahser, Detroit Details: "Monty Python and the Holy Grail," tickets, \$4

Coming up: "Laurel and Hardy Film Festival," 8 p.m. Aug. 27 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Aug. 28; \$6 Contact: www.redfordtheatre.com

### MUSEUMS

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Time/Date: 2 p.m., Thursday through Sunday Location: 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills Details: Docent-guided public tours of Saarinen House, a rare integration of art, architecture, design and nature, depart from Cranbrook Institute of Science front desk. The tours are about 90 minutes long and take place rain or

**Contact**: (248) 645-3200 for house tours; (248) 645-3232 for bat festival information; http://science.cranbrook.edu

Plymouth Historical Museum

Time/Dates: Through Oct. 24 Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Coming up: "Margaret's 1910" honors philanthropist Margaret Dunning's 100th birthday with a look

at life in 1910 Contact: (734) 455-8940, www.plymouthhistory.

### THEATER

**Barefoot Players** 

Time/Date: 8 p.m., Aug. 21 Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth

Details: The Fourth Wall improv troupe; tickets are

\$10 and include refreshments Coming up: 10 p.m., Aug. 27-28, "Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead," the "unauthorized" parody of the Peanuts comic gang. The 75-minute show is performed without intermission; \$10

Contact: (734) 560-1793 or visit www.justgobarefoot.com

**Canton High School** 

**Time/Date**: 7 p.m. Aug. 19-21

Location: 8415 N. Canton Center Road, Canton **Details**: "Love Sucks the musical: A Vampire Musical Parody;" tickets, \$10

Contact: (734)788-7949

Still Got It Players

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Aug. 25-26; 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 27-28; and 2 p.m., Aug. 29

Location: Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton

**Details:** "Larceny and Old Lace," a spoof on a classic; tickets are \$15 for adults, 19-58; \$13 for seniors, 60 and up and students, under 19; \$12

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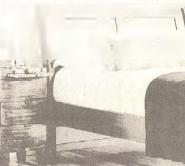
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the best opportunity for success in the new school year. All kinds of school supplies are needed. For a full list or additional information call Sara Beth Lifsey at (248) 477-



### AUG. 19-25

Family Fun Fair

Time/Date: 5-10 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 19; 5-11 p.m., Friday, Aug. 20; noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21; and 1-9 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 22 Location: Our Lady of Loretto, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Details: 51st Annual Family Fun Fair with rides, games, Las Vegas-style games in the gym, bingo in the church basement, \$4,999 raffle, craft booths, bake walk, dollar menu food booths. Entertainment includes Terry Bar and the Full Tilt Boogie Band on Friday, Hard Cover and All Wheel Drive on Saturday and Terry Bar on Sunday Contact: (313) 534-9000

**Summer-Fest** Time/Date: Aug. 20-22

Location: Warren Road Church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland **Details**: Summer-Fest activities include basketball tournament, 3 p.m. Friday; battle of the bands, 6 p.m. Friday; craft show and sidewalk sale, 9 a.m., to 3 p.m., Saturday; Kidzone, 3-6 p.m. Saturday; dinner, 6-7 p.m.; concert, 7-10 p.m.; outdoor worship under a tent, 10:30 a.m., Sunday

Contact: (734) 968-9222 or (734) 458-7301

# **AUG. 26-SEPT. 1**

Back to school party Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Aug. 28

**Location**: Canton Christian Fellowship Church, 8775 Ronda Dr. off of Joy between Lilley and Haggerty Roads

Details: Free Fun, games, food and school supplies will be given to students who are in need. RSVP by Aug. 26

Contact: (734) 404-2480 Financial Peace University Time/Date: Begins at 7 p.m., Aug. 31 **Location**: In the fellowship hall at Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills **Details**: Dave Ramsey's financial

seminar includes 13 informative ses-

#### **RELIGION CALENDAR**

sions on saving, spending, debt and investing.

Contact: www.daveramsev.com/ fpu/locate-class/ or call (248) 553-

New church

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m., Aug. 29 Location: Holiday Inn Express, 46194 North I-94 Service Drive, Belleville

**Details**: Life Pointe Church debuts with worship service, practical preaching, fellowship, food and back-to-school supplies giveaway Contact: The Rev. Billy J. Hales, (734) 486-3210; RSVP to pastorhales@yahoo.com **Vacation Bible School** 

Time/Date: Aug. 27-29 Location: Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia **Details**: Galactic Blast Vacation Bible School; \$5 per child with a maximum of \$20 per family Contact: Register at (734) 464-

### **SEPT. 2-15**

**Detroit Lutheran Singers** Time/Date: Auditions by appointment only; rehearsals 7:30-9:30 p.m., Mondays, beginning Sept. 13 **Location**: Westminster Church, on west Outer Drive, east of Greenfield

in Detroit **Details**: The group plans auditions and will begin preparing for its fall

Contact: To schedule an audition, call (248) 644-1091 or e-mail to rightlady@comcast.net Picnic

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Bible class, 11 a.m. worship, followed by picnic, Sunday, Sept. 12 Location: Livonia Church of Christ,

15431 Merriman, Livonia **Details**: Bounce House for the kids and other children's activities as well as lots of food

Contact: (734) 427-8743 Prayer service

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9 Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia **Details**: Unity World Day of Prayer involves people of all faiths joining in prayer for the health and wellbeing of the world, as well as for

one another. Contact: (734) 421-1760; www.unityoflivonia.org

**Rediscovering Catholicism** Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., Mondays, Sept. 13-Oct. 18 Location: St. Aidan, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia **Details:** Discussion of Matthew Kelly's book, "Rediscovering Catholicism." Participants will follow the author's study guide of questions for reflection, as the group reads selected passages of the book. A limited number of free books are available. Participants can pick one up from the church office when they register for the discussion group.

Contact: Register by calling Nancy at (734) 591-9164, or e-mail to nnaujokas@hotmail.com

### **ONGOING**

conline at hometownlife.com

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays

Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade

Contact: (248) 426-0096

Classes/study **Emmanuel Lutheran Church** 

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh

roads, Livonia **Details**: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes

songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun. Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net.

Livonia Unity

Time/Date: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30

Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia Details: Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine - a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions

Contact: (810) 813-4073 or gary@ energeticarts.org.

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 p.m.

**Location**: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491

**New Life Community Church** Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 am., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville

Please see CALENDAR, NEXT PG.

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Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M. OCCOBES

St Genevieve Roman Catholic Church St. Genevieve School - PreK-8 29015 Jamison • Livonia • 734-427-5220 (East of Middlebelt, between 5 Mile & Jeffries) MASS: Tues. 7 p, Wed., Thurs. 9 a, Sat. 4 p, Sun 11a

St. Maurice Roman Catholic Church 32765 Lyndon • Livonia • 734-522-1616 (between Merriman & Farmington Roads) Sat. 6 p, Sun 9a

#### **CHURCHES OF** THE NAZARENE

PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 45801 W. Ann Arbor Road • (734) 453-1525

Sunday School - 9:45 A.M. Sunday Worship - 11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M. Family Night - Wed. 7:00 P.M. NEW HORIZONS FOR CHILDREN LEARNING CENTER (734) 455-3196 OE0869988

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Worship: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. Christian **Education for all ages** Pastors: Carol J. Johns, Jim Braid, Margo Dexter

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Friends in Faith Service

9:00 am

#### GREEK **ORTHODOX**

NATIVITY OF THE VIRGIN MARY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH 39851 West Five Mile, Plymouth Twp., MI Sunday Services
Matins 8:30 am, Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
Rev. Fr. Demetrios Sean Govostes. Parish Office 734-420-0131 Office Hours M-F 10:00 am - 2:00 pm www.nativitygochurch.org

### **PRESBYTERIAN**

Fellowship Presbyterian Church Adult Sunday School: 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. • Worship: 10:30 a.m. Childrens Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Dr. Jimmy McGuire Services held at: Saint Andrews Episcopal Church 16360 Hubbard Road in Livonia . South of Six Mile Road Nursery provided • www.fellowship-presbyterian.org

For Information regarding this Directory, please call Donna Hart at 248-437-2011, Ext. 247 or e-mail: dhart@dnps.com

### **LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD**

**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church** 

14175 Farmington Road, Livonia Just north of I-96

Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11:00 am - Traditional Staffed Nursery Available



Sunday School/Bible Class 9:45 am Early Childhood Center Phone 734-513-8413

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> **Risen Christ Lutheran** David W. Martin, Pastor 46250 Ann Arbor Road · Plymouth a war (734) 453-5252 Worship 8:15 & 10:45 am Sunday School 9:30 • Adult Bible Study 9:30 Nursery Care Available, All are welcome, Come as you are www.risenchrist.info

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SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. THURSDAY: 6:30 P.M. website: www.stpaulslivonla.org

### CONGREGATIONAL

North Congregational Church 36520 12 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills



10:30 a.m. Worship & Church School Faith - Freedom-Fellowship

Ministers Dr Mark P. Jensen Rev. Mary E Biedron **BY SHARON DARGAY O&E STAFF WRITER** 

The Christian Service Commission at Our Lady of Loretto Church celebrated Christmas last month with boys at the Methodist Children's Society Home in Redford.

"We trimmed the gym for Christmas, got all red and green tablecloths, put up an artificial tree, and made it like a real Christmas," said Dee Taranowski, commission chair.

Members treated boys at the residence to a midsummer party complete with Christmas cookies and gifts. They started the outreach event last summer at the encouragement of former pastor, the Rev. Ralph Besterwitch.

"He was stressing how we need to find ways to spread our beliefs in the community and not just to our own parish. It's not like we're trying to make them Catholics, but we want to

share and get along," Taranowski said.
"The kids love it. We have all kinds of snack food that they don't get living there. We have music and this year we had them fill out a Christmas list with three items they've like and we bought one of them for each boy."

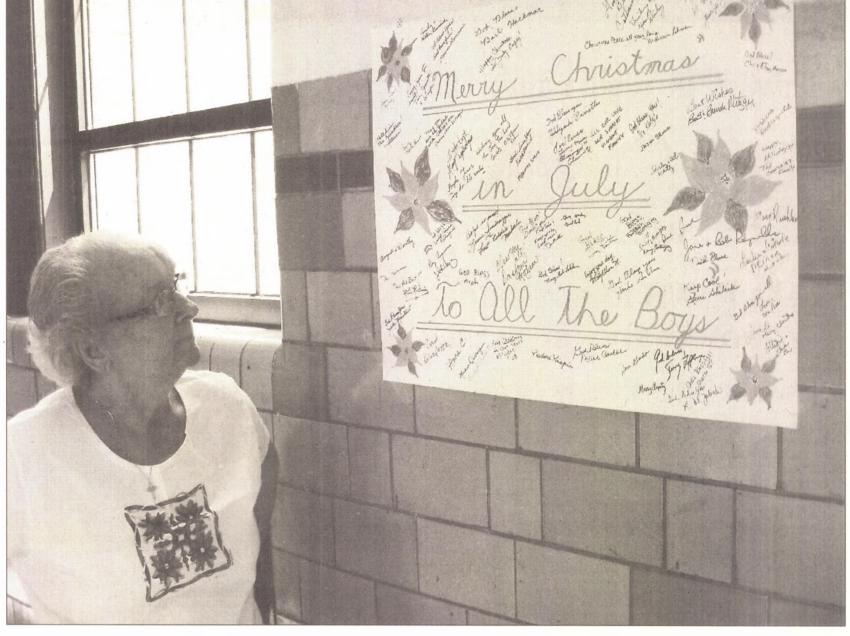
The commission received financial help from the parish to buy gifts for approximately 55 boys. Members also wrote greetings to the youngsters. The Methodist Children's Society Home offers foster and adoption services, literacy programs and residential care, with a focus on helping children who have been physically, psychologically or sexually abused or neglected by their parents. Children's Village, the residential program, cares for boys, 10-17, who need a highly structured setting and team treatment approach involving caseworkers, program administrators, nurse, psychologist, psychiatrist and pediatrician. Children and teens live in cottages with staff on site.

"I've lived in Redford 30 years and I had always just seen the front of the Home," Taranowski said, adding that she got a closer view of the site for the first time last summer. "The grounds are beautiful. There are 74 acres with all these cottages and a chapel."

Taranowski said the summer Christmas party has been "a lot of work" but rewarding for volunteers.

The church's Christian Service Commission also visits a downtown Detroit soup kitchen four times a year, helps handicapped individuals to Mass every month, collects gifts for the needy at Christmas and gives away food baskets at major holidays. A few members also organize an annual Advent tea for women.

"Christian service is very active in our church. I'm proud of it and I think we accomplish a lot."



Pauline Krispin, a volunteer from Our Lady of Loretto, reads greetings written to boys at the Methodist Children's Society in Redford.



A teen singing group under the direction of Matt Yocum (left) prepares to perform at Our Lady of Loretto's summer Christmas party at the Methodist Children's **Home Society** in Redford.

Contact: (734) 846-4615 for infor-

Nicole's Revival

Time/Date: 9 a.m., Monday-Friday Location: YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech

Daly, Redford **Details:** Scripture reading Contact: (313) 531-1234 Our Lady of Loretto

**Time/Date**: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday **Location**: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

**Details**: Scripture study Contact: (313) 534-9000 St. Andrew's Presbyterian Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Wednesday and 10:30 a.m. Thursday

Location: 26701 Joy

Details: Wednesday study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith. Thursday group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor

Larry Hoxey Contact: (313) 274-3820

**Ward Presbyterian** Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville

Details: Learner's Bible study is held

Contact: (248) 374-5920

Clothing bank

**Canton Christian Fellowship** 

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday

**Location**: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty

**Details**: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free

clothing (men, women and children)

(734) 844-1232

for those in need

Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to

info@cantoncf.org Crafters wanted

First United Methodist Church Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 23 Location: Eight Mile and Taft in Northville

**Details**: 3rd Annual Community Bizarre Bazaar to benefit Village Banking at the church. A great opportunity for local entrepreneurs and artists to showcase their talents and products to hundreds of local customers. Booking now **Contact**: For details and to reserve a place, e-mail to Pat Breslin at fumcbazaar@gmail.com. Learn more about Village Banking at www.FINCA.

Riverside Park Church of God **Time/Date**: Oct. 22-23 **Location**: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia **Details**: Applications are being accepted for the annual fall craft show. Rental spaces are 8- by 5-feet

a cost of \$20 or two days for \$30. Tables an additional \$5 Contact: (734) 464-0990; download an application at www.riverside-

and can be reserved for one day at

parkchurch.org St. John's Episcopal Church Time/Date: Oct. 9

Location: 555 South Wayne Road. Westland

**Details**: Looking for crafters and vendors to participate in a fall craft sale

Contact: (734) 721-5023 St. Thomas a'Becket Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4

**Location**: 555 S. Lilley, Canton **Details**: Accepting applications for handmade crafts only for 20th annual Christmas Craft Show Contact: craftshow@abecket.org or

Fellowship dinner

St. James Presbyterian

Time/Date: 6 p.m., the first Thursday of the month Details: Cost is \$8 and includes

Food Bank

**New Hope Church** 

**Contact**: Call pastor Ranay Brown

Moms

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., sec-

Location: 14175 Farmington Road,

Aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

**Dunning Park Bible Chapel** Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and

Road, Redford **Details**: MOPS is a place where

moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope ,

Kristen at (734) 542-0767



Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford dinner, beverage and dessert. The

vides the meals

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only **Location**: is 44815 Cherry Hill,

to schedule an appointment at (734)

Church

**Contact**: Angle at (248) 427-1020

third Tuesdays Location: 24800 West Chicago

Prayer Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesday Location: 28680 Cherry Hill,

**Details**: Prayer, spiritual healing

Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, pro-

**Contact**: (313) 268-7780. The church phone number is (313) 534-7730

270-2528.

Christ Our Savior Lutheran

ond Tuesday and 7-9 p.m., fourth

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers.

Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or

Garden City

Contact: (734) 427-3660

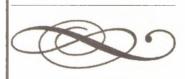


### GERALDINE BURGESS

Age 77. August 15, 2010. Beloved wife of the late Frank Burgess for 45 years. Loving mother of Lisa R. Burgess. Dear sister of the late Juanita Milia. Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, August 21st at Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland Ave., Farmington. Memorial contributions to Salem United Church of Christ. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington. www.thayer-rock.com

### KAREN J. FOULKS

Age 62, South Lyon, passed away, August 12, 2010 at her home in the care of her loving family. Memorial service held Thursday, August 19 at 2pm at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME.



RONALD B. ROBINSON

Of Farmington, MI, age 65, passed away on August 15, 2010. Ronald was born on August 22, 1944 in Detroit, MI to Myles and Florence (Hedrick) Robinson. Survivors include his mother Florence Robinson, and siblings Sandra Testerman, Carol Stevenson, Bill Stevenson, Douglas Robinson, Timothy Robinson, and Robin Robinson. Ronald is preceded in death by his father Myles and his brother Bryan. A Simple Farewell will be held Saturday August 21 at 12:00 PM at Borek Jennings, Lamb Chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Narcotics Anonymous. Envelopes will be available at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Lamb Chapel where the family will gather with friends 2 hours prior to service. Please leave a Message of Comfort to Ronald's family by calling 877-231-7900, or sign his guestbook at www.borekjennings.com.



KENNETH GRAVES

Age 57, of Farmington Hills, Michigan and more recently of Dyer, Indiana, passed away August 14, 2010. Ken leaves behind his beloved family: wife Diane: daughter Aimee and husband Rand Tucker, daughter Angela, son Joseph and wife Kimberly; grandsons Trey, Ethan, and Abraham; step-mother Thelma Graves; siblings Sharon Byers, Deborah Bean, Patricia McLouth, Mike Haynes, Diane Graham, and Jerry Haynes; along with a host of friends, neighbors, and colleagues whom he loved. He was preceded in death by his son, Andrew; mother, Sylvia Haynes; father, Norman Graves; and step-father,

William Haynes. A memorial service celebrating Ken's life will be held on Saturday, August 21, 2010 at 1 PM at Oak Pointe Church, 50200 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI, 48374 with Pastor Rand Tucker officiating. Instead of flowers, those desiring may make taxdeductible memorial contributions to the RememberThePoor Fund through the Hyde Park Vineyard Church, 1507 E. 53rd St., #883, Chicago, IL 60615. Ken was a 1971 graduate of Adrian High School and graduated from the University of Michigan in 1975. He worked as a senior managing financial consultant at IBM. Moved by the goals of justice and mercy, Ken recentlaunched rememberthepoor.net to help the Church to remember the poor.



The first five "billed" lines of an obituary are published at no cost. All additional lines will be charged at \$4 per line. You may place a picture of your loved one for an additional cost of only \$6. Symbolic emblems may be included at no cost (example: Flags, American religious symbols, etc.)

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# FOOD

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# Cooking with yogurt adds culture to the kitchen

Yogurt has been a versatile part of culinary history for thousands of years. This cultured milk product has good bacteria that can help boost digestive and immune system health — all while making taste buds happy,

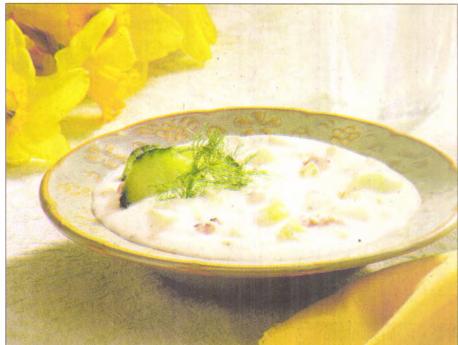
There are plenty of ways to enjoy all the great taste and benefits of yogurt:

• Smoothies — Blend yogurt, fresh berries and a touch of honey for a good-for-you breakfast or snack.

• Salad dressings — Mix plain yogurt with your favorite herbs and spices.

• Cereal toppers — Try yogurt with your favorite cereal or granola for a fresh twist on a traditional breakfast.

• Cool soups — Use yogurt as the base for a refreshing chilled soup. This Chilled Cucumber Yogurt Soup with Fresh Dill and Toasted Walnuts has all the velvety richness of a full-cream soup but it's made with low-fat, high-calcium yogurt and is as cool as, well, a cucumber. It's also got crunch and plenty of snappy flavor, making it a great first course for a warm-weather meal or as the main event for lunch



Chilled Cucumber Yogurt Soup with Fresh Dill and Toasted Walnuts.

#### CHILLED CUCUMBER YOGURT SOUP WITH FRESH DILL AND TOASTED WALNUTS

Prep Time: 25 minutes Total Time: 2-3 hours for chilling Servings: 6-8

- 5 cups lowfat plain yogurt
- 2 cups peeled, diced cucumbers
- 1 cup chopped, toasted walnuts 4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil 4 teaspoons minced fresh garlic,
- pressed into a paste with fork 3 tablespoons chopped fresh dill
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to

Servings about  $1^{\prime}\!/_{\!\!2}$  cups, or 10-12 servings

1 avocado (1 large or 2 small, fully ripe )

2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice to taste

1-2 tablespoons fresh dill, chopped (or, cilantro or parsley)

6-8 fresh dill sprigs

Prep time: 10 minutes

Total time: 10 minutes

1 cup lowfat plain yogurt

- 1. Combine all ingredients except dill sprigs. Cover and chill 1-4 hours.
- 2. To serve: Portion the soup into cups or bowls and garnish with dill sprigs.
- Tip: To toast nuts, place them in a single layer on a baking sheet and bake in a 350°F oven 12-15 minutes, tossing them halfway through the baking

Recipe courtesy Terese Allen for Organic Valley.

#### KHEERA RAITA (CUCUMBER IN YOGURT)

Prep time: 15 minutes Total time: 15 minutes plus chilling

Servings: 4-6 ¼ teaspoon cumin seeds

- 1½ cups grated cucumber
- 1½ cups plain lowfat yogurt
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- % teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1. Dry-roast the cumin seeds in a small frying pan until they turn dark brown. Cool, then coarsely grind them with a spice grinder or mortar and pestle.

Dry-roasting the cumin seeds in a hot skillet lends an authentic roastiness to the flavor here, so don't skip this step.

- 2. Mix all ingredients together in a serving bowl.
- 3. Chill before serving.

Recipe adapted for Organic Valley from "Eat Smart in India: A Travel Guide for Food Lovers," by Joan Peterson and Indu Menon (Gingko Press, 2004). It's a soothing cold sauce with spicy Indian curries and other dishes. Or try it as a simple dip

for the naan, Indian flatbread.

#### AVOCADO YOGURT SALAD DRESSING

Peel avocados and cut flesh into chunks. Combine with remaining ingredients and use a food processor, blender or hand-held stick blender to puree the ingredients until smooth. Serve immediately or chill until ready to serve. Use as a dressing for tossed salads or a dip

#### CITY BITES

#### Chili lovers

Plymouth - Registration has begun for this year's Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off, which runs 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct.

Winners will take home more than \$2,000 in prize money, and the chance to compete in the World Championship Chili Cookoff presented by the International Chili Society. The world champ wins \$25,000. .

Along with the traditional Red Chili competition, participants can enter Chili Verde (Green Chili) and salsa contests. A Best Booth contest and Peoples Choice winners will also be awarded prizes. New this year is Battle of the Businesses. Area businesses will market themselves while having a great time competing against other businesses making chili. The public votes on its favorite.

Just want to come and sample chili? More than 60 different kinds will be available for a donation of \$1 per sample.

Twenty restaurants will compete at the "Restaurant Chili Challenge," offering bowls for \$4 and samples for \$1. Past winning restaurants include 1999 Tavern, The Picnic Basket Market, The Omelette and Waffle Cafe, Station 885, Boulders Restaurant (now Plymouth Roc), Plymouth Pub, Doyle's Tavern, and Plymouth

Crossing.

All money raised during the event will be shared by Habitat for Humanity and The Miracle League of Plymouth.

To register or for more information call Annette Horn at (734) 776-9669, e-mail her at glrchili@ sbeglobal.net or visit www. GreatLakesChili.com.

#### Harvest time

Farmington - Visitors to the Harvest Moon Festival next month will get a chance to sample craft beers and wine paired with food, in addition to roast corn and

The 1st Annual Beer & Wine Tasting with Food Pairings is slated for Thursday, Sept. 23. Select craft beers, including brews from the Great Lakes region, and more than 30 fine wines will be paired with food prepared by students at the Oakland Community College Culinary Studies Institute. Fare from local restaurants will be available at the Harvest Moon dance on Friday, Sept. 24 and the Harvest Day pig roast, featuring roast corn, starts at 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 25. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$8 on site, and are good for any one day admission during the three-day festival. For more information call (248) 473-7276 or visit www.downtownfarmington.org.

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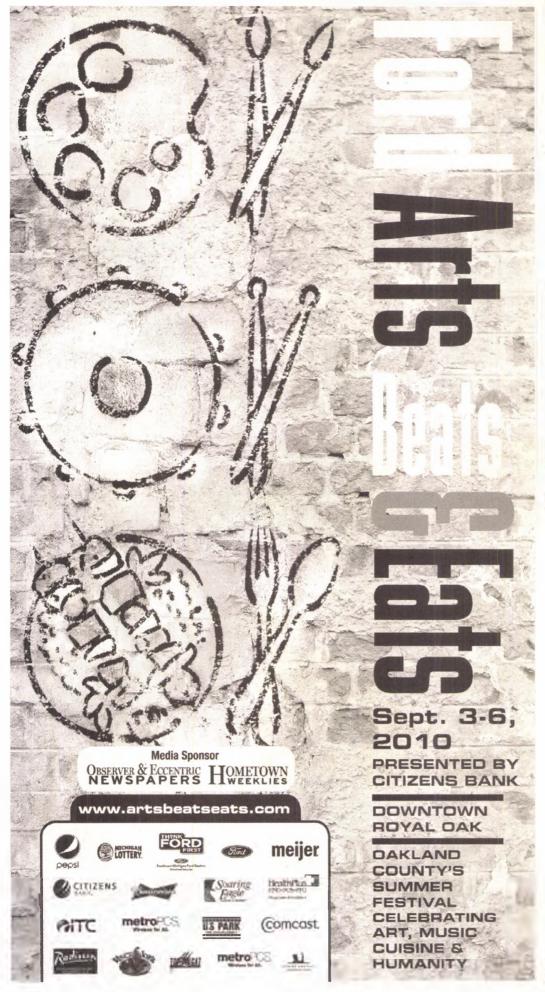
Make our mouths water.

We'd love to see photos of your juicy red tomatoes, your overflowing zucchini vines, your fragrant oregano and basil plants - or any other vegetables, herbs and fruits you've grown this

Share a photo of your vegetable garden — feel free to pose among the plants — and send it along with a favorite recipe to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Make sure the photo is a jpg attachment. Include your name, city of residence and any thoughts you'd like to share about this year's backyard crop. We'll show your hard work in an upcoming issue.

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when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits it they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.

The tragedy is that less than half of those persons who are denied benefits file an appeal. Thus, many thousands of people who deserve benefits never receive them.

Those denied can appeal on their own, but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

Attorney J.B. Bieske has represented only Social Security Disability clients for over 20 years. That is the only type of law he practices. And, he personally meets with all clients and appears himself at all court hearings. Many large firms assign clients to young associate attorneys with much less



In addition to practicing only Social Security Disability law Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject. He also has been interviewed on various radio and television programs and has given

speeches to many groups. Bieske's office staff consists of paralegals and secretaries who are also highly experienced in assisting him with Social Security Disability cases. And they are extremely helpful in answering questions with regard to the status of clients' cases and administrative procedure.

Attorney Bieske welcomes you to call him to determine if you may be

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In a recent radio interview attorney Bieske explained that many people are not even aware that they are eligible for Social Security Disability benefits. These are not the same as Workers' Compensation benefits. It is possible to receive both benefits at the same time. If you have an illness or injury (whether or not related to your work), are under 65 and unable to work full-time you may be eligible. Social Security Disability benefits are based on your work record or your deceased spouse's work record (Widow's/Widower's benefits).

Bieske represents clients from all over the state of Michigan. Call him at 1-800-331-3530 for a FREE consultation if you have been denied. Or if you are thinking of possibly of applying for Social Security benefits

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Julie Brown, editor . (313) 222-6755



This ranch, listed at \$99,9000, is at 15106 Arcola St. in Livonia. The brick home has three bedrooms, a finished basement and a two-car detached garage.



This home, listed at \$84,000, is at 6038 Belton in Garden City. It's a threebedroom bungalow of aluminum and brick with a two-car detached garage.



This ranch, listed at \$81,000, is at 9920 Rockland in Redford. It's of brick/vinyl with three bedrooms and a finished basement. There's a two-car garage.

# You can get a lot of home for \$80,000 to \$100,000

First of a four-part series on home prices.

BY JULIE BROWN **O&E STAFF WRITER** 

There was a time when buying a home in a community like Plymouth Township for under \$100,000 was unlikely, but times have changed.

Realtor Nancy Austin of Keller Williams Realty, who covers much of western Wayne and south Oakland, said, "I can tell you prices are all over the board, mostly because of the foreclosures and the short sales.

"First-time buyers are out there and the interest rates are so good. That's really the price range that's moving," Austin said of homes priced at \$80,000-\$200,000

At around \$100,000, a local buyer can get three bedrooms, one and a half or two baths, and a family room in a well-maintained neighborhood. Such a home will also have a basement and one- or two-car garage, "depending on the neighborhood. Condos are going to be mostly two-bedroom at that price," said Austin, who works from her Canton home.

An analysis of sales data for May 8-Aug. 8 of this year was done by Realcomp II Ltd. of Farmington Hills, the state's largest Multiple Listing Service. The analysis of residential and condo sales was done by marketing manager Fran Green.

In the \$80,000 to \$99,999 price range, data showed: three Plymouth homes on the market, four sold in the past three months; nine Plymouth Township homes on the market, six sold in that time: 23 Canton homes on the market, 13 sold in that time; 86 Livonia homes on the market, 53 sold in that time; 54 Redford homes



Tina and Mike Zuccarini were able to move into a Plymouth Township home in the Lake Pointe area for under \$100,000 last fall. They share their new home with four-legged friend Lola.

on the market, 18 sold in that time: 77 Westland homes on the market, 30 sold in that time; 35 Garden City homes on the market, 20 sold in that time; nine Farmington homes on the market, five sold in that time; and 36

Farmington Hills homes on the mar-

ket, 17 sold in that time. Realtor Phyllis Pulty of Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel of Northville recently sold a one-bedroom starter home with some 900 square feet. On the other end, she also sold a much larger 3,600-square-foot home: "This year, I'm everywhere" on prices and home sizes, she said. "I just sold a condo in Farmington and it's between

all that. I think they're moving to

areas where they couldn't before because the prices have come down

Realtor Bart Patterson agrees the chances of selling your home are improving.

"Now's the time to do it," said Patterson, vice president and general manager of RE/MAX Classic, with offices in Canton, Farmington Hills, Novi and Milford. "It should sell fairly quickly in today's market. Now's a good time to put the house on the market. It will sell."

As Patterson peruses local real estate listings from his office, he sees a variety from \$80,000 on up to \$500,000 in western Wayne County and the Farmingtons. In Livonia, there are three-bedroom homes, mostly bank-owned or short sales, for \$80,000 or a bit more.

Buying in western Wayne at \$80,000 to \$100,000 would have been an "impossible dream" a few years back but is now possible, said Dale E. Smith, executive vice president of the Farmington-based Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors.

Smith has two employees who bought and were helped by the federal tax credit and lower home prices.

"You can get some nice homes," Smith said. The other side is that homes are worth less, but he and others in the field encourage owners to hang in there.

"We do believe the market's coming back," but it takes awhile, Smith said.

Low interest rates help buyers right now, pegged at 4.25 to 4.5 percent for a 30-year fixed rate mortgage. The Federal Housing Administration is involved to some degree, Smith said, and veterans are eligible for loans at 3.5 percent to 5 percent.

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 3-7, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills	
2670 Crofthill Dr	\$110.000
673 Hamlet Rd	\$80,000
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3156 Waukegan St Beverly Hills	\$55,000
15562 Birwood Ave	\$59.000
16244 Kirkshire Ave	
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Birmingham	01/5 000
740 Ann St	\$165,000
544 E Southlawn Blvd	\$155,000
376 Ferndale Ave	\$350,000
1731 Hazel St	\$110,000
1421 Stanley Blvd	\$214,000
Bloomfield Towns	ship
2533 Aspen Ln	\$197,000
4602 Coachmaker Dr	\$175,000
715 E Long Lake Rd	\$1,190,000
273 Eileen Dr	\$185,000
560 Fox Pointe Ct	\$490,000
4113 Golf Ridge Dr E	\$535,000
1158 Hill Line Trl	\$360,000
1321 Knollcrest Cir	\$165,000
1910 Long Pointe Dr	\$175,000
148 N Glengarry Rd	\$315,000
915 Tartan Tri	\$255,000
4113 Telegraph Rd	\$25,000
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444 Waddington St	\$700,000

3320 Edgemere St	\$31,000
8588 Golf Lane Dr	\$258,000
2609 Ivy Hill Dr	\$248,000
5438 Plantation Dr	\$292,000
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23186 Hawthorne St	\$90,000
Farmington H	ills
34951 Bunker Hill Dr	\$193,000
22655 Colgate St	\$21,000
29539 Colony Circle Dr	\$168,000
29791 Edgehill Ave	\$194,000
32580 Hearthstone Rd	\$165,000
35310 Hillside Dr	\$100,000
21397 Jacksonville St	\$9,000
29709 Kenloch Dr	\$309,000
35412 Old Homestead Dr	\$187,000
32041 Olde Franklin Dr	\$220,000
30127 Payonscroft St	\$152.000

6035 Wing Lake Rd

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21543 Riverwalk Ct	\$255,000
31245 Sturbridge St	\$240,000
37838 Turnberry Ct	\$465,000
31915 W 14 Mile Rd	\$70,000
25280 Westmoreland Dr	\$130,000
30072 White Hall Ct	\$275,000
28553 Wildwood Trl	\$150,000
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3130 Kenrick St	\$85,000
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304 Hampton Woods Ln	\$270,000
3974 May Center Rd	\$253,000

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39620 W Nine Mile Rd	\$57,000	
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3563 Inverness Dr	\$318,000	
3355 Ordam Ct	\$111,000	
3150 Silverbrook Dr	\$165,000	
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4855 Heatherbrook Dr	\$190,000
5800 Houghten Dr	\$158,000
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Permit may be needed for antenna Q: I live in a condominium and I am wondering what restrictions are permitted by the FCC if the antenna that I have must be on a very tall mast



to get a signal.

Robert Meisner

A: If you have an exclusive use area that is covered by the rule and need to put your antenna on a mast, the local government, community association or landlord may require

you to apply for a permit for safety reasons if the mast extends more than 12 feet above the roof line. If you meet the safety requirements, the permits should be granted. The FCC's rule on this only applies to antennas and masts installed wholly within the antenna user's exclusive use area. Masts that extend beyond the exclusive use area are outside the scope of the rule. For installations on single family homes, the exclusive use area would generally be anywhere on the home or lot and the mast type provision is usually more relevant in these situations. On the other hand, if the owner of a condominium in a building with multiple dwelling units needs to put the antenna on a mast that extends beyond the balcony boundaries, that installation would generally be outside the scope and protection of the rule, and the condominium association may impose any restrictions it wishes including an outright prohibition because the FCC

rule does not apply in that situation.

Q: I am a co-owner who has been harassed by our association attorney who is apparently new at collections. The attorney has not given me any opportunity to dispute the debt, since I think it was wrongly calculated. Do I have any recourse?

A: You may have a number of avenues to pursue, the first of which is against the attorney for violations of the Fair Debt Collections Act, because he or she must give you a notice that you have 30 days to dispute the debt, among other requirements. If you do not receive that notice, there is a violation of the act for which the debt collector, namely the attorney, could be culpable for damages as well as attorney fees suffered by you. In addition, the very assessment levied, if not properly calculated, could be a basis for you to defend the claim. You are best advised to consult with a knowledgeable condominium association attorney who can point out to you your rights and remedies.

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

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9444 Sheridan St	\$65,000
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14820 Fairfax Dr	\$230,000
4120 Fairway St	\$110,000
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1220 Karen St	\$105,000
16920 Kingsburn Dr	\$284,000
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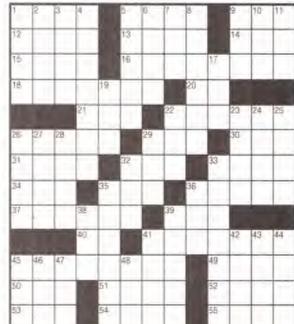
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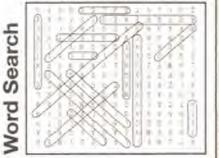
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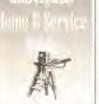
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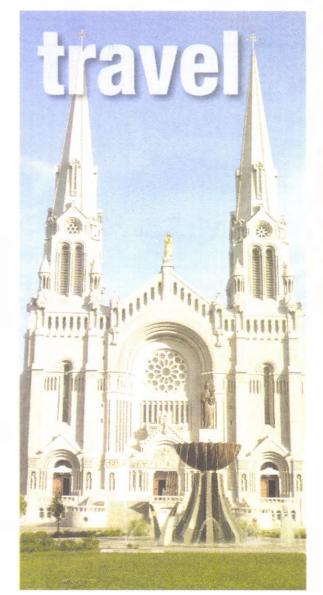
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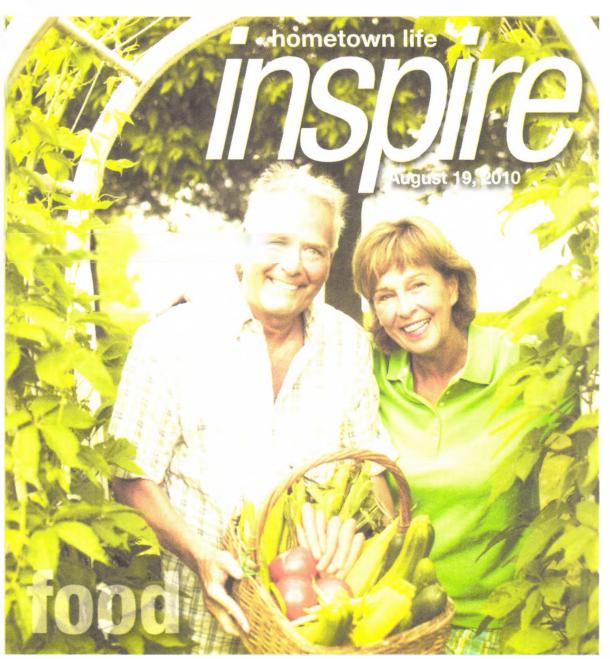
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By Shane L Stanley, D.C.

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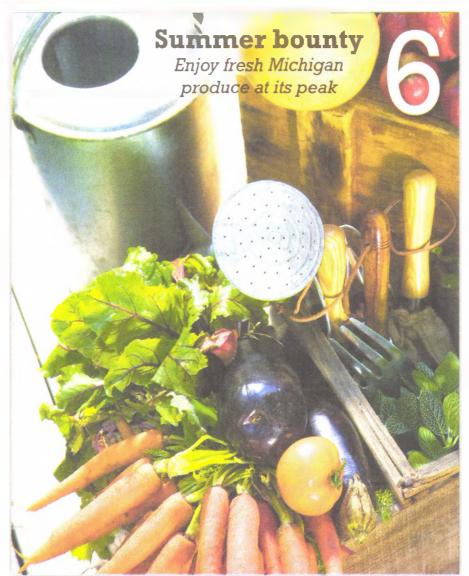
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Correction: Donna Sonberger of Christine's Consignment was incorrectly identified in the Aug. 5 edition of Hometown Life Woman. Christine's Consignment in Plymouth is a destination for shoppers looking or one-stop shopping for clothing and household goods — including furniture. For more information, see Christine's advertisement on page 4. Sonberger is the daughter of Christine Adrienne Ray, store owner.

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tomatoes are available at local grocers and at farmers markets throughout our communities.

Contributing writer Sally Rummel tells why it is the season of bounty in Michigan and a great time to shop local and buy Michi-

Local matters to all of us at Inspire so check out the area grocers who offer a variety of Michigan products and the list of local

Readers can visit local farmers markets nearly every day of the week. See the list on pages 8 and 12.

There's still time for a summer vacation. Whether it's a staycation you are planning or something out of town, our magazine offers up plenty of ideas.

Special writer Jay Young of Canton and wife, Linnea, recently discovered a taste of Europe just over the Canadian border. The Youngs traveled to Quebec and share their experience and some great photos.

The retired educators are attempting to cross off interesting places on their bucket

list and like to share their experiences with others.

If you prefer summer fun closer to home, check out this month's list of concerts and festivals. Check out page 22 where contributing writer Alison Bergsieker previews August and September events, including Royal Oak's Arts, Beats & Eats, Plymouth Fall Festival, Michigan Renaissance Festival in Holly and Schoolcraft College's Culinary

Extravaganza in Livonia.

And although there's still plenty of summer left, it's time



Summer bounty recipes can be found on page 7.

to start thinking and planning about back to school supplies. As Tech Savvy writer Mike Hogan says 'picking out pens, papers is easy" but computers — well that's another story. Hogan talks to area experts who offer suggestions when heading out to purchase that new laptop or desktop.

Parents will want to send and/or show the story about studying and helpful hints to their college-age or high school students. Believe it - study guides, online articles and other mobile tools can make studying a lot more fun and productive.

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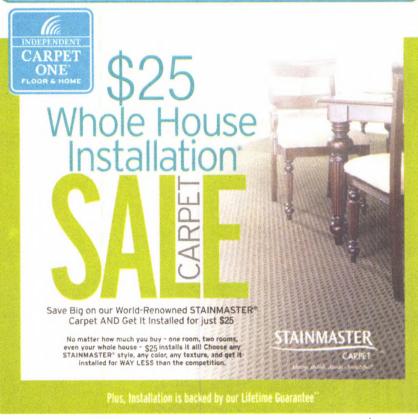
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# Summer's bounty

By SALLY RUMMEL CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Juicy, ripe Michigan peaches, tender sweet corn, bountiful blueberries and red, ripe homegrown tomatoes are on everyone's menu this time of year - bringing to the table what everyone already knows about Michigan produce: that nothing tastes better than fresh fruits and vegetables grown "at home" in Michigan.

While every fruit and vegetable has it's season, summer is by far the most bountiful produce season across the entire country, when each region harvests and enjoys the lions' share of its particular specialties.

Right now, blueberries, peaches, sweet corn and tomatoes are the "stars" of local farmers' markets, which dot almost every Michigan community. Just about any day of the week, but especially prevalent on weekends, a family can visit a local farmers' market and find bountiful seasonal produce, and a whole lot more.

Many communities add a more "festive flair" to their markets by expanding the event to include art shows, gift items, kids' activities and more. At the Garden City Farmers' Market every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. through October, organizers make each weekly event a "mini festival" with healthy eating and food seminars, kids' crafts and a bevy of local offerings from fresh, ground sausage to cider and donuts.

At the Milford Farmers' Market every Thursday from 3 to 8 p.m. through Oct. 21 in the downtown area, shoppers often carry re-usable shopping bags sold affordably at the market, to hold all the produce they're able to buy from local farmers, plus gifts and treasures made by area artisans.

The Farmington Farmers' & Artisans' Market adds music, crafts and gifts to its local produce line-up, showcasing their wares every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. through November.

The Novi Farmers' Market & International Street Fair lives up to its name every Sunday through October from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with entertainment, face painting, arts and crafts, plus fresh produce and plants. The market is located behind the Atrium of Novi on Main St., between Grand River and Novi Rd.

Wherever you are in Michigan, you're just a "click away" from Farmers' Market information, thanks to a clearinghouse of farm market locations, dates and times on www.farmersmarketonline.com.

For a "fresh" look in an urban setting, make it a point to visit Detroit's Eastern Market, which is packed with vendors selling local goods

from Michigan, Ohio, Canada, as well as retail vendors with goods from around the world. It is open Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., with fresh farm vendors coming in the greatest number every Saturday.

Even local grocery stores are reaping the benefits of the bounty from Michigan farmers. People drive to Joe's Produce of Livonia from all over the state of Michigan, knowing that their fruits and vegetables have been handselected by Joe's Produce's own very particular

'We're committed more than ever before to buying from Michigan farmers," said Robert Miller, Joe's Produce assistant produce manager. "It's good for our customers and it's good for the Michigan economy." Right now, their produce bins are filled with fresh sweet corn, watermelon and sweet cherries, and look forward to a busy fall with apples, pumpkins and hard-shelled squash.

Busch's, a family-owned grocery chain, carries over 3,000 Michigan items. From cantaloupes to tomatoes, the grocer with stores in Wayne, Oakland, Livingston and Washtenaw counties takes pride in offering the best Michigan has to offer.

Hiller's Markets, another family-owned chain of independent stores in southeast Michigan, has built a relationship with about 20 area farm families going back over 30 years. Visiting the Eastern Market or Detroit Produce Terminal everyday, their motto of freshness is "Harvest today, in the stores tomorrow."

Michigan-based retail giant Meijer's has made it a point to buy and sell local produce, finding that it's much cheaper to "buy in your own backyard" than to truck or freight produce from long distances. Called the Meijer Home Grown Initiative, this family-owned company with roots in Michigan is one of the largest buyers of locally-grown produce in a five-state region, according to latest reports.

Even national chain Kroger Co., based in Cincinnati, Ohio began a huge "buy Michigan" campaign in 2008, boosting this program by millions of dollars every year.

Just think about it. Everytime you reach into a bag of Lay's Potato Chips from Frito-Lay, you actually support Michigan farmers, who supply Lay's with 300 million pounds of potatoes from five local farms every year.

There's a season for everything in Michigan, and right now it's a season of fresh, summer tastes. For peak freshness, buy fresh produce twice a week and try to use it within five days of purchase, according to produce experts at Hiller's Markets.



# Fresh Michigan produce in August:

Apples, blackberries, blueberries, melons, sweet cherries, nectarines, peaches, pears, plums, beans, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, sweet corn, cukes, greens, eggplant, lettuce, mushrooms, onions, peppers, potatoes, radishes, spinach, squash, tomatoes, turnips and zucchini.

Source: www.selectmichigan.org

# What's coming up fresh in September?

Apples, grapes, melons, pears, beans, beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, sweet corn, cucumbers, greens, eggplant, onions, parsnips, potatoes, radishes, rutabagas, winter squash, tomatoes, turnips and zucchini (available in part of September, but then moves to winter squash varieties).

# Here are a couple of recipes to try:

#### Milk Boiled Corn on the Cob (adapted from a recipe on Recipezaar)

6-8 ears corn, husks and silk removed water

- 1 1/4 cup milk
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup butter (optional and to add to the water)

#### Directions

- 1. Fill a large stock pot half full with water (use a large enough pot to hold all the corn). Add in the milk, sugar and butter.
- 2. Bring to a boil, then add in the corn cobs. Reduce heat to a simmer and allow corn to cook for 7 to 8 minutes or until just tender, depending on size of corn try not to over cook the corn as it will become tough.
- 3. Using long tongs remove and place on a plate or in a bowl, then cover with foil until ready to serve. Serve with butter and salt to taste (optional as I think this has the perfect flavor).

#### **Roasted Green Beans**

2 pounds fresh green beans (or a bag of frozen fancy green beans)

1-2 T. olive oil

2 T. minced garlic

Salt & pepper

Zest from one lemon (save the juice for later)

Directions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
- 2. Dump green beans onto jelly roll pan. Sprinkle seasonings, lemon zest, and garlic over the green beans. Drizzle the olive oil over the green beans and then toss with your hands until they are all coated with the seasonings and zest. Spread out in a single layer and roast for 20–25 minutes.
- 3. When they are done, squeeze the lemon juice over the top (from the lemon you zested) and serve.

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# Get fresh, local goods at area farmers markets



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A resident browses goods at the Novi Farmer's Market & International Street Fair, open Sundays 10 a.m. to 2 p,m.

Visit www.michigan.org for a statewide list of markets and farm stands.

May-December on Saturdays in the Kerrytown District, the Ann Arbor Farmers Market features locally grown produce, flowers, shrubs, plants, jams, honey, maple syrup, jellies, baked goods, grains, fruits, eggs, dairy products, homemade apparel, toys, jewelry, home decorations, furniture, dried flowers, pottery and candles, all in an open-air atmosphere. info@annarbot.org.

Open Sundays through Oct. 24, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Birmingham Farmers Market City Parking Lot 6. Seasonal fresh flowers and produce are the main attraction all locally grown on family farms in southern Michigan. Honey syrup and handmade goods available. Each week the Birmingham Farmers Market offers a variety of live entertainment from blues to bluegrass.

Open 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday through October. The market is located at 200 First St. at the Mill Pond and features nearly 100 vendors offering produce, crafts, farmraised meat and baked goods. Visit the market's Harvest Festival Sept. 25 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call (810):955-1471 for more information.

Every Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Oct. 17 (rain or shine) in Preservation Park, located at 500 N. Ridge. Market offers a variety of home grown foods and hand-made goods. The local growers, producers and farmers offer vegetable, fruits, herbs, bulbs, grains, meats, plants and more. New vendors this season with Michigan-made products include The Plymouth Popcorn Co., offering a variety of gourmet flavored popcorn; Farmington Soap Works, with natural hand-made cold process soaps; and Prochaska Farms from Tecumseh, offering annuals, vegetable and herb plants, seasonal produce and organic cheese from the Four Corners Creamery. For more about the market, visit cantonfun.org and click on farmers market under the community events tab.

Eastern Market offers everything from luscious and colorful farm fresh fruits and vegetables to meat products (beef, pork, lamb, poultry, geese, duck and rabbit) to herbs and spices, nuts, candies and a variety of condiments and all are supplied by the retailers and wholesalers spread over this 43-acre area. The public farmers market is open Saturdays only, but most of the businesses in the area are open six days a week, Monday through Saturday. Closed Sunday.

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# Back to school computer shopping made easy

By Mike Hogan CONTRIBUTING WRITER

When shopping for the return to school, picking out pens and paper is pretty easy. What isn't easy is choosing a new computer. However, a little bit of planning and research can help any student find the perfect homework helper.

The very first step in picking out the best computer is to think about what a student will need to do with their new computer. Is it for note-taking in class, or research at home?

For example, a student on a large college campus would probably find more use from a portable laptop than a desktop computer. Most high schools do not allow laptops on campus, so a younger student could probably use a desktop instead.

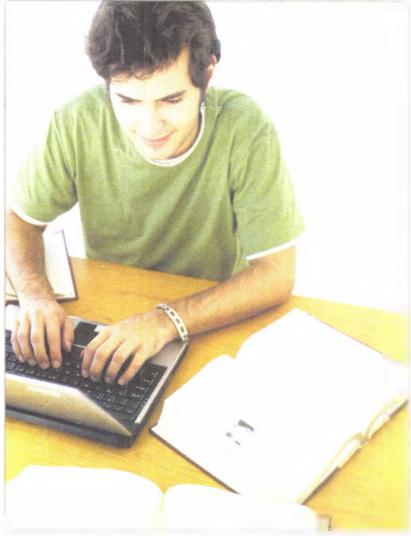
After choosing the hardware that best suits a students lifestyle, the next step is choosing the right specifications. John Piotrowoski, Director of Technical Programming for Schoolcraft College, says spending a little extra for increased speed and memory can add a few years to your computer's life.

"You don't want to have to replace the whole system two years down the line," Piotrowoski said.

Piotrowoski recommends getting at least two gigabytes of memory and at least a 1.5 GHz processor. Finding a suitable sized hard drive shouldn't be a problem.

"Most computers now have a bigger hard drive than the average student needs," Piotrowoski said. The average student will most likely be dealing with simple documents or spreadsheets, which have smaller

Many colleges and even some high schools are now providing entire lectures



A little bit of planning and research can help any student find the perfect homework helper.

recorded on video over the internet. If a student is planning on taking an online class, or has been told they'll be viewing online videos, Piotrowoski recommends steering clear of some portable Apple products.

"Many of those videos use Flash," Piotrowoski said. "From what I've seen here, those videos aren't compatible with the iPad and

Piotrowoski said Apples desktop and portable computers were compatible with Flash videos, but a student should make sure to match up a computer's capabilities with class requirements.

Microsoft Office is widely used as a program set for creating documents, spreadsheets and presentations, but students in certain fields might require advanced software. Adobe products like InDesign, DreamWeaver and Photoshop have become a more popular tool for students in fields like web design and photography.

Before buying any software, look for student discounts. Adobe offers a student discount with proof of enrollment. These discounts can run up to 80 percent with a limited user license. Other companies offer similar student discounts and student

Once a student has purchased the right hardware and software, the final step is setting the system up for use. Local companies like Canton Computers can optimize a computer's processes before a student even begins working on it.

"We can eliminate extraneous software and upgrade some trial software as well," said Gregory Allen of Canton Computers.

Companies like Canton Computers can find programs a student won't need and delete them so memory and space can be better used. This makes the transition to a new computer easier, and extends the life of the computer.

Another way to increase a computers lifespan is to avoid unsafe Internet use. Allen recommends buying antivirus software and regularly performing system scans to eliminate viruses. "





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The Farmington Farmers & Artisans Market is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday through Nov. 20 at Sundquist Pavilion in Riley Park, located on Grand River Avenue, east of Farmington Road, in downtown Farmington. Features a wide selection of flowers and plants, seasonal fruits, vegetables and bakery goods. Crafts from selected local artisans also will be on display. For more information, visitwww.downtownfarmington.org and click on farmers market.

#### **GARDEN CITY**

The market runs 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Wednesday, rain or shine, through Oct. 27 at the northeast corner of Ford Road and Middlebelt in the Garden City Town Center Plaza. For a list of special activities at the market, go to www.gardencity.org.

#### LIVONIA

Livonia Farmers Market is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays beginning June 19 through Oct. 9 at the Wilson Barn, Middlebelt and West Chicago, Livonia. Call (734) 261-3602.

#### MILFORD

The Milford Farmers Market is held 3-8 p.m. Thursday afternoons ending Oct. 21. The market is located at East Liberty Street between south Main and Union streets. Children's activities, cooking demos and special events will be hosted throughout the summer. The market offers reusable shopping bags — a great way to show support and carry purchases. Visit www.milfordfarmersmarket.org.

#### **NORTHVILLE**

The Northville Farmers Market is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 28 and features more than 100 stalls of fresh produce, plants and flowers. Other finds are honey, bakery goods, fine juried crafters, garden art, soaps, jewelry, furniture, woodworking and home accessories. The market is located in the Northville Downs parking lot at the corner of Seven Mile and Sheldon roads.

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Novi Farmers Market & International Street Fair put on by the Novi Chamber of Commerce is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Sunday through Oct. 31. The market is located on Main Street between Grand River and Novi Road. Featuring in-season produce, plants and flowers, baked goods, honey and jam, arts and crafts and family fun events, including face painting, local music and dance groups and more. Lunch will be grilled by The Toasted Oak Grill & Market each week. Major sponsors include Bright House Networks, Toasted

Oak Grill & Market, Cadillac of Novi and The Atrium of Novi. For vendors, event information and market coordination, contact market master Sandy McClure at sandy@novichamber.com. Visit www.novifarmersmarket.com or call (248) 504-8102.

#### REDFORD

Open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Sunday, June 13 through Oct. 24, at the Marquee, located within the Town Hall complex, 15145 Beech Daly, a block south of the Five Mile and Beech Daly intersection, in the heart of downtown Redford Township. For more information, call Downtown Development Authority at (313) 387-2771.

#### **PLYMOUTH**

Plymouth Farmers Market is open 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 30 — no market July 10 (Art in the Park) and Sept. 11 (Fall Festival). Flowers, produce, bakery items jams/jellies/sauces, garden decorations and more. In The Gathering near Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

#### ROYAL OAK

Located in the Civic Center at the corner of 11 Mile and Troy Street, across from the library and adjacent to the 44th District Court. The Royal Oak Farmers Market provides one of the premium farm market venues in southeast Michigan. Farm producers sell from an enclosed building, with ample parking, Friday during the farm season (May through Christmas) and Saturday all year round. During growing season, farmers are only allowed to sell what they grow.

#### SOUTH LYON

The South Lyon Farmers Market is open 2-7 p.m. Wednesday through Sept. 29. Located at the Veterans Memorial Parking lot on Liberty Street at Pontiac Trail. There is ample on-street parking surrounding the area, as well as a municipal lot across Liberty Street and another on Well Street. Market features a variety of produce, plants, flowers and some handmade crafts from local artisans. Call (248) 437-1735 for more information.

#### WAYN

Market is open 3-7 p.m. Wednesdays through September then 3-6 p.m. in October next to the State Wayne Theater, 35310 Michigan Ave. For more information, go to www. ci.wayne.mi.us.

The city of Westland and the Westland Shopping Center are taking applications from vendors for its new Farmers Market. The market is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Tuesday starting through Oct. 26.







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# Consider safety when selecting pet sitter

The National Association of Professional Pet Sitters (NAPPS) reminds the public to fully investigate a prospective pet sitter's adherence to industry standards when selecting a caretaker for their beloved furry friend.

"Hiring a pet sitter is a serious process," said Monica Leighton, president of the National Association of Professional Pet Sitters. "Not only are you placing your pet in the care of another individual, but you are also giving them regular access to your home. Safety should always be a top priority in the selection process."

To assist pet parents in the process of finding a professional pet sitter, NAPPS offers the following recommendations:

- •Develop a set of questions and conduct a thorough interview
  - ·Ask for multiple references
- •Request proof of bonding and liability insurance coverage
- •Make sure he/she interacts well with your pet

The NAPPS website offers a nationwide referral network as a valuable online resource for locating professional pet sitters across the country. Accessible directly from the NAPPS website, www.petsitters.org, this free service provides contact information for all NAPPS member pet sitters and pet sitting companies in the area. With one

search, pet parents can learn all about the services provided, and even details regarding the sitter's experience and expertise.

NAPPS is a national nonprofit trade association dedicated to promoting the welfare of animals. The association aims to help the pet owning public, those interested in pet sitting, and professionals engaged in the in-home pet care industry by fulfilling its vision statement, "To be the most respected authority in professional pet sitting.

Pet owners can benefit from NAPPS' free resources including a disaster preparedness guide, tips on how to select a pet sitter, nationwide referral service, and quarterly teleconferences aimed to educate the pet owning public. To find a pet sitter in your area, check out NAPPS' nationwide "Pet Sitter Locator" at www.petsitters.org.

#### TIPS FOR CONDUCTING A PROFESSIONAL PET SITTER INTERVIEW

Just as some people are "dog people" and others are "cat" or "bird" people, there's no "one size fits all" when it comes to finding the right pet sitter to meet the specific needs of you and your pet.

Finding a pet sitter to provide the right pet-care services requires an investment of time — time to do phone interviews, time to conduct in-your-home meetings and time to thoroughly check references on those you're considering hiring.

The pet-sitting industry has grown in recent years. This has provided many communities with options for choosing a professional pet-sitting firm, whether pet owners are looking for cat care, dog sitting, exotic bird care, pet fish care or anything else in the way of in-home pet

While it may take a little time up front to determine the pet-sitting services best suited for your situation, once you've made this match, we hope you'll agree with the multitudes of other pet owners who say, "My pet sitter is worth her (or his) weight in gold!"

Go to petsit.com and print out an interview checklist that will provide you with all the questions you need to ask to ensure you are getting the right pet sitter for your pets.

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Scout, a border collie, competes in the air dog competition at last year's Paws in the Park

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Jay and Linnea Young pose on one of the suspension bridges crossing the spectacular Ste-Anne Canyon near Beaupre, Quebec.



The Auberge La Dolce
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traverse the Gaspe Peninsula, about a four hour
drive from Quebec City.

The Basilica of Ste-Anne-De-Beaupre is a shrine that annually attracts over a million pilgrims and visitors, many seeking miraculous cures.

## A taste of Europe in our own back yard

By Jay Young

Question: Where can you go to experience a fortified city steeped in history, filled with famous landmarks, narrow, winding streets, interesting shops and small sidewalk cafes, surrounded by a pastoral countryside of vineyards, century old inns, cheese and chocolate shops, and friendly people speaking another language; all within two days drive of Detroit?

Answer: Quebec, Canada
My wife and I recently accepted an
offer from good friends to spend a week
at a timeshare they had traded from an efficiency in Florida to a four-bedroom/twobath condo at a famous ski resort (Mont
Sainte Anne) 20 miles outside Quebec
City.

Our journey started from our cottage near Sarnia. We took the 402/401 through Toronto and ended our first day at a quaint row house bed and breakfast in Ottawa. We came upon Canada's beautiful capital city, after taking a detour from the busy 401, as if by surprise. The city sits on the border of the French speaking Provence of Quebec and suddenly rises up from a heavily wooded countryside reminiscent of Upper Michigan.

The city, much like Washington, D.C., is primarily a governmental center populated by people who work in agencies, bureaus and museums to serve the needs of the Canadian populace and showcase this

expansive country. However, we discovered Ottawa is also a sophisticated, eclectic place, with high end boutiques, chic restaurants, outdoor markets, protesters, beautiful gardens, and street performers, all set amid impressive buildings.

Our most interesting stop in the city was the Museum of Civilization, an architectural wonder set on the banks of the Ottawa River. Fortuitously, we arrived to take advantage of free admission on Thursdays, from 4-8 p.m., saving about \$25 in entrance fees. The museum is Canada's largest and most visited, boasting the world's biggest indoor collection of totem poles and the First Peoples Hall, highlighting the cultural, historical and artistic achievements of Canada's indigenous peoples. It also includes a unique children's museum, IMAX theater and currently, a fascinating traveling exhibit about the horse that runs now through Jan. 2, 2011.

Our only disappointment in Ottawa was our visit to the parliament building, an impressive structure that offers free tours, but because of large groups of school children filling the tour schedule, we were unable to visit the two legislative chambers or the iconic peace tower. (The guide did display a banner depicting the two chambers, however).

After spending most of the day in Ottawa, we hurried through Montreal (the



largest French speaking city outside of France), and finally reached our accommodations in the picturesque village of Beaupre.

The next day, a tour company van picked us up and drove us back to one of the most beautiful cities in the world — Quebec.

Perched high above the St. Lawrence River, this spectacular natural fortress gave birth to French civilization in North America over 400 years ago and is today the capital of the Provence. Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, it is the only fortified city in North America north of Mexico, with close to three miles of walls and gates to explore. The city exudes an irresistible French charm that's evident in its architecture, its many outdoor cafes and terraces and its historic districts.

Overlooking the Plains of Abraham, where the armies of Wolfe and Montcalm fought for control of the region in 1759, is perhaps the most photographed hotel in the world, the regal Chateau Frontenac, built in 1893. The scene of many historic

gatherings, it leaves a lasting impression and is usually found in the backdrop of most tourists pictures.

During the weekend of our visit, the city was playing host to a biannual Naval Rendezvous, with ships from several nations celebrating the city's maritime history with exhibitions and open ship tours.

After exploring the streets and shops of the upper and lower city, we stopped for lunch at the Buffer de l'Antiquaire, a tiny neighborhood restaurant where we sampled authentic, traditional Quebec cuisine, including a delicious pea soup and a meat pie so filling we couldn't finish it.

The next day we drove just a few miles downhill (remember, were staying at a ski resort), to the world-famous shrine of Sainte Anne de Beaupre, which attracts over a million visitors a year. The neo-Roman style basilica is the centerpiece of the site and is an architectural wonder, with paintings, stained glass windows and mosaics covering the walls, ceilings and even the crypt like chapels beneath the church.

A pilgrimage destination for more than 350 years, it includes many other build-

ings, including a replica of the Scala Sant (holy stairs) and bronze statues climbing the hillside depicting the Way of the Cross.

In the middle of the week, we took an overnight trip along the Cote de Beaupre, crossing the St. Lawrence by ferry, catching glimpses of Beluga whales during the hourlong crossing, to the Gaspe peninsula and a small inn located in the hamlet of Notre Dame du Lac on the shores of Lake Temiscouata. Described by its owners, Annie Lavoie and Marc Lagace, as a little touch of Europe, Auberge La Dole Vita was indeed a sample of the "good life," complete with locally grown products and homemade baked goods used in the preparation of our gourmet dinner and

After driving back to our chalet along the "Route of the Explorers," the next day we took a day trip to the Ile d'Orleans, about five kilometers down river from Quebec City. Known as the "Garden of Quebec," the island has for many years provided fresh produce to the nearby city. Before being linked to the mainland by a bridge built in 1935, the island was cut off from the rest of the continent by the St. Lawrence seaway, and it retains its traditional rural way of life and enduring charm to this day. Now tourism has become an integral part of the island's economy, offering an escape to quaint B&B's, restaurants, to more than 600,000 visitors a year.

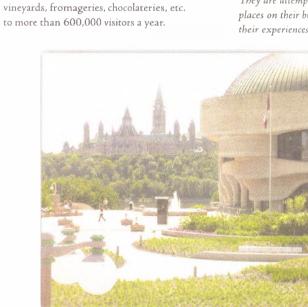
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Back across the bridge, we visited the spectacular Montmorency Falls, with a waterfall of 272 feet, making it nearly 100 feet taller than Niagara Falls. Bordered by trails and lookouts, this visit made for a perfect ending to a perfect day.

At week's end, we traveled uphill from our lodgings a short distance to Canyon Ste-Anne. Perhaps because the falls that tumble down this rugged canyon are tucked into the woods, they don't get the attention the Montmorency Falls do, but they're just as spectacular. Three swaying suspension bridges cross the falls at descending levels, giving visitors an "up close and personal" feel for the massive, thundering water as it crashes down the mountainside.

It was time to return to Michigan. We felt we had truly experienced a new and different culture, from the scenery, language, food and historical and cultural sights we encountered. All along the way, the people were very friendly, helping us as we struggled to speak a little French. So, if you can't afford a trip to Europe, consider visiting our neighbor to the north, and sample a small taste of Europe in our own backyard.

Jay and Linnea Young are retired educators living in Canton for the past 28 years. They are attempting to cross off interesting places on their bucket list and like to share their experiences with others.



Located on the shores of the Ottawa River, directly across from Parliament Hill, the Canadian Museum of Civilization is a land-mark building housing exhibits that celebrate the achievements and histories of Canadian and world cultures.



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#### Berries with Dark Chocolate Balsamic Vinegar

- 1/4 C. Strawberries, quartered
- 1/4 C. Raspberries
- 1/4 C. Blackberries
- 6 T. Old World Olive Press Dark Chocolate Balsamic
- 6 Large Italian Biscotti, broken into bite-size pieces

4 ounces Mascarpone Cheese, stirred for smooth consistency Prepare berries, rinse and layout all berries on a paper towel. Slightly pat dry, but be careful not to crush the berries. Place all of the berries in medium bowl and gently stir to distribute berries

Divide the biscotti pleces Into 4 bowls. Spoon the berries into the bowls, reserving 4 strawberries for garnish. Pour the Dark Chocolate Balsamic Vinegar over the berries and top with a dollop of mascarpone. Garnish with a single berry on top of the mascarpone. Serve

#### The Blue Salad

- 8 C. Spring Mix (rinsed and patted dry)
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- 1/2 C Crumbled Blue Cheese 1 Small Red Onion, thinly sliced
- 1 C. Grape Tomatoes, sliced In half
- 1 Mandarin Orange, Clementine or Tangerine, peeled, separated into sections
- 1/3 C. Chopped Pecans (optional)
- 1/4 C. Old World Offive Press Blueberry Balsamic
- 1/4 C. Old World Olive Press Blood Orange EVOO (or Lemon

Sea Salt and Crushed Black Pepper (to taste)

Prepare salad greens, fruit, cheese, onion and tomatoes by arranging on chilled salad plates. To make the vingigrette, thoroughly whisk vineagr, oil, salt and

pepper in a small bowl. Whisk until the oil and vinegar has emulsified. Pour over the prepared salad, top with optional chopped nuts, and serve immediately

#### Tangerine Chicken Stir Fry

- 2 T. Old World Olive Press Sesame Oil
- 2 Chicken Breasts, cut into
- bite-sized pieces
- 3 C. Bean Sprouts
- 1 Red Bell Pepper, thinly sliced 1-1/2 t. Cornstarch

2 T. Old World Olive Press Tangerine Balsamic Vinegar Heat oil in wok. Saute chicken until nearly cooked through. Add pepper and snow peas; cook until chicken is cooked

2 Large Tangerines

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through and veggles are tender. Mix together soy sauce, luice, water, balsamic and cornstarch. Add to pan; stir until thickened Peel and cut tangerines into seaments; add to pan with bean sprouts. Simmer until warmed through. Serve over rice or noodles.



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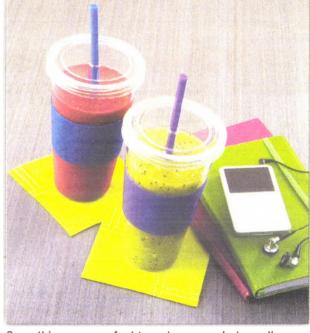
Although there are no hard and fast ingredient rules, smoothies differ from shakes and malts by using ingredients such as yogurt or a juice base, fruits and honey to contribute sweetness and flavor, and any number of add-in options to provide fiber, antioxidants or even

The Everything Green Smoothie, for example, is a refreshing, good-for-you sip-

per made in minutes with just four ingredients - honeydew, kiwi, lime and honey - some ice and a blender. That's quicker than a trip to the local smoothie shop. Or if berries are your favorite, this Raspberry Smoothie is extra easy because it starts with frozen raspberries. Just add orange and lemon juices, and honey.

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Smoothies are a perfect to-go beverage, but equally great for a relaxing break at home.

#### **Everything Green Smoothie**

- 2 cups cubed, peeled, seeded honeydew melon
- 1 cup coarsely chopped peeled kiwi
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 tablespoon lime juice 1 teaspoon lime zest
- 2 cups ice

In blender or food processor, combine melon, kiwi, honey, lime juice and zest; process until smooth. Add ice and process until ice is

Makes 2 servings (about 3 cups).

#### **Raspberry Smoothie**

- 2 cups frozen raspberries in sugar (not thawed) 3/4 cup orange juice or water
- 3 4 tablespoons honey, as desired
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

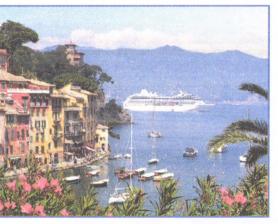
In blender or food processor, combine raspberries, orange juice, honey and lemon juice; process until smooth. Serve immediately.

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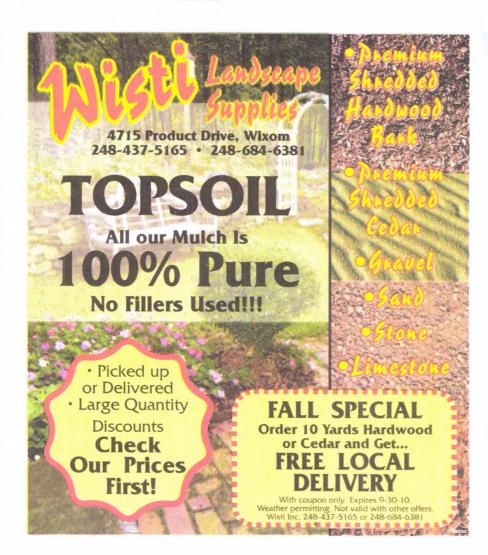
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## How to prepare children for a sound financial future

By BILL LAWTON CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Classroom "education" is usually focused around subjects like reading, writing and arithmetic, allowing little time in school to spend teaching students about managing money. Much of what children learn is from observing their parents. Like sponges, they soak up all of what they see going on around



Bill Lawton

them. Today, more than ever, it is important for us to deliberately teach our youth the formation of sound financial habits.

The reason this is so important is that our children can't see much of what happens with our money.

Think about money from a child's eyes. Parents go to work, but unless they get paid by check or cash children don't see a connection between work and income. On the expense side, children see parents buy things with nothing other than a piece of plastic. They see money magically appear out of a machine after we insert a card and press a couple of buttons. Even the process of paying bills is something children don't see very often if many of our bills are paid automatically.

If we don't intentionally and deliberately teach our children about how all of this works, how will they be prepared to get their first checking account, their first ATM card or their first credit card? How will they understand what is involved in paying for their first car or deciding whether to rent or purchase a home?

Do we explain why they don't get everything they want and why we don't either? Do they know when things sound too good to be true, they usually are? Sound financial habits are more basic than understanding how checking, credit cards, ATM cards and loans work. Children must understand the importance of living within their means, of saving for a rainy day and putting money aside for retirement.

How will they learn these things unless we teach them? It is important to talk about sound financial habits with our children and even more important to connect those lessons with everyday life. Show them how you budget for what you spend. Let them see how a savings account balance is there for a rainy day, and how much interest and principal is being paid on a loan statement. Talk to them about your credit report and how financial institutions use it to approve or deny a loan. Emphasize the importance of knowing that there is no such thing as an irrelevant question.

So how can we teach these things? We need to teach ourselves first. If we actively manage our finances instead of letting our financial situation manage us, our children will see this. At the height of the housing boom, companies were advertising loans with initial payments amounts that were less than the interest payments. Except in very rare cases, this made no sense, yet many people used these loans to buy larger houses than they could afford. Some no longer own their home after they sunk a lot of hard-earned money into it. How unfortunate that people weren't helped to clearly understand what they could afford, based on their income. It could have saved them from financial and emotional distress.

When you don't keep track of your balance and pay overdraft fees, "Totally Free Checking" becomes very expensive. Zero percent credit card rates are great, but these rates usually change to a higher than normal rate after their introductory period is over. There is a limit to the number of credit cards you need. Just because someone offers you a credit card, you don't need to take it. Applying for too much credit can hurt your credit score. It's important to know the limit on your credit card and not to exceed it. If no one has ever taught your children these truths, how will they know?

We need to share our financial successes and challenges with our children at a level they can understand which changes over time. Take advantage of teachable moments and prepare your children for a sound financial future. Your investment of time will pay you and your children big dividends in the future.

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# Local events say farewell to summer and hello to fall

By Alison Bergsieker Contributing writer

Fall weather and the start of the school season might be right around the corner, but summer isn't over just yet. Local events are planned across Metro Detroit this month through September that promise food, fun and entertainment.

#### MICHIGAN RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

Aug. 21-Oct. 3

With a different theme each weekend through Oct. 3, the Michigan Renaissance Festival entertains with events planned for guests of all ages.

The Royal Ale Festival is planned for the weekend of Aug. 21-22, featuring Knights on Bikes, a tattoo contest and fencing and eating competitions.

The weekend of Aug. 28-29 features the U.S. Canadian Highland Heavy Games, where guests are invited to witness feats of amazing strength in events such as Caber Toss and Stone Put, along with a Scottish Dance Competition. A Celtic Village will showcase Celtic vendors with a focus on Scottish heritage and customs.

The Buccaneer Beer Fest takes place Labor Day weekend, Sept. 4-6, alongside Pet Fest featuring pet organizations and rescue groups, pet safety and nutrition, pet activities, training demos and pet food vendors. The weekend also features a Perfect Pirate Contest, Beer Baron Brewing Brawl, Microbrew Tasting and eating competition.

Other scheduled themed weekends include: Wonders of the World market, Sept. 11-12; High Seas Adventure Sept. 18-19; Festival Friday, Sept. 24; Harvest Huzzah, Sept. 25-26; and Sweet Endings chocolate festival, Oct. 2-3.

Free vow renewals, food drives and beer tasting occur each weekend. Daily prices are \$19.95 for adults, \$10.95 for children and \$17.95 for seniors. The festival is located at 12600 Dixie Highway in Holly. Visit www.michrenfest.com.



Past Arts, Beats & Eats festivals have drawn thousands of visitors.

#### ARTS, BEATS & EATS

Sept. 3-6

Now in its 13th year, Ford Arts, Beats & Eats presented by Citizens Bank has moved from Pontiac to downtown Royal Oak, offering 200 performances on 10 stages, a highly ranked Juried Fine Arts Show, local restaurants with some of the finest cuisine in Metro Detroit and international, regional and local attractions. The event is also host to the Citizens Bank Food Drive, collecting donations of food to benefit Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan.

The festival was designed to provide outstanding family entertainment at a very low cost. In 2009, the festival added an admission fee. This \$3 admission fee supports the festival and the community as follows: 25 percent to Arts Advocacy, 25 percent to the City of Royal Oak and 50 percent to the 13 local charities after gating costs. To date, more than \$2 million has been raised by the festival and donated to charities.

While attendees enjoy the fine art displays and performances and sample the local cuisine of Metro Detroit, the Robert Mondavi Discover Wine Tour will take place at 27 Water St. from noon to 8 p.m. each day of the festival. Guests are invited to explore the senses with an Essence Station, designed to help novice

wine drinkers recognize the subtle aromas and flavors of wine. Cooking demonstrations with local chefs, wine experts, displays on Robert Mondavi's legacy in American winemaking and the round-the-clock tastings of wines from Robert Mondavi Winery and Robert Mondavi Private Selection will take place at the free event. Visit www.artsbeatseats.com.

## PLYMOUTH FALL FESTIVAL

Sept. 10-12

Celebrate the start of fall at Plymouth's 55th annual fall festival, an event that started as a family picnic and grew into full fledged family event. A craft show will flood downtown on Union Street between Ann Arbor Trail and Roe Street. Other scheduled events include Bingo Night under the Gathering on Friday put on by the Plymouth Canton Music Boosters, a car show, pancake breakfast, Rotary barbecue, spaghetti dinner and musical entertainment.

Taste Fest takes place Friday at Station 885 in Old Village from 6-8 p.m. with live entertainment and beer until 11 p.m. Tickets are \$15 with advance tickets available in the Chamber of Commerce office and will be available on site at the Fall Festival Ticket Booth.



Submitted Photo

The Michigan Renaissance Festival in Holly hosts different themed weekends through Oct. 3.



Photo by Donald J. Alley

John Santieu of Garden City tries one of the many dessert vendors' samples at the Culinary Extravaganza at Schoolcraft College. Ian Tamm, of Elite Sweets in Livonia enjoys the attendees' reactions to their excellent creations.

More than 20 restaurants are participating.

A carnival takes place all weekend. Tickets are four for \$5 with ticket packages available and \$25 wristbands offered on Sunday. Visit www.plymouthfallfestival.com.

#### CULINARY EXTRAVAGANZA 2010

Sept. 26

The 19th annual Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza will delight food and wine lovers from throughout the metro area on Sunday, Sept. 26 at the Livonia-based college.

Guests will have the opportunity to sample



some of the finest culinary delicacies from the most notable restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors in the metropolitan Detroit area from 2-5 p.m. in the colleges VisTaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia.

The Schoolcraft College Foundation hosts Culinary Extravaganza, a celebration of fine food that brings together students, food professionals and the southeastern Michigan community. The event is a fund-raiser to benefit the college's famous Culinary Arts program and Schoolcraft students by providing scholarships and grants to enhance educational opportunities. Thousands of students have earned a degree, learned the skills for a rewarding career, or received excellent preparation to transfer to a four-year university with help from Foundation scholarships.

Visit www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation for a current listing of participating restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors.

Tickets are \$50 per person (\$20 of which is a charitable contribution). To order tickets call 734-462-4518 or go to www.schoolcraft.

Sponsorship packages ranging from \$300 to \$5,000 are available and offer additional benefits. Call 734-462-4518 for detailed information.

Catilyn Wysocki of Plymouth, 3, leans against her dog Spot, a 2-year-old Great Pyrenees/Newfoundland mix, at the Optimists Club Pet Show on the main stage at the Plymouth Fall Festival.

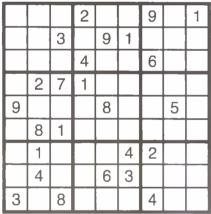


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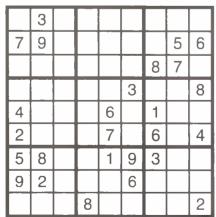
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Level: Beginner



Level: Intermediat



Level: Advanced

Answers found on page 30

## Making munchies matter

Kids love to snack. But left to their own devices, most kids don't always make the healthiest snack choices. A new study of long-term eating patterns in children, from researchers at the University of North Carolina, shows that kids today are getting nearly one-third of their daily calories from unhealthy snacks such as chips, crackers and candy.

Nutritious and delicious snacks are as close as your produce aisle. Watermelon is practically a multivitamin unto itself — and its natural sweetness is something kids love.

- A 2-cup serving of watermelon is an excellent source of Vitamins A, B6 and C.
- Vitamin A found in watermelon is important for optimal eye health.
- Vitamin B6 found in watermelon is used by the body to manufacture brain chemicals (neurotransmitters), such as serotonin, melatonin and dopamine, which preliminary research shows may help the body cope with anxiety and panic.
- Vitamin C in watermelons can help to bolster your immune systems defenses against infections and viruses, and is known to stimulate the immune system and protect against free radical damage.
- A 2-cup serving of watermelon is also a source of potassium, a mineral necessary for water balance and found inside of every cell. People with low potassium levels can experience muscle cramps. A 2-cup serving has less than 10 percent of the daily reference value for potassium.

Try these fun recipes as after-school and post-activity snacks. For more kid-friendly recipes and healthy eating tips, visit www. watermelon.org.

Send some healthy lunch munchies to school

— watermelon chunks are an easy way to
brighten up a sack lunch and give kids a tasty
nutritional boost in the middle of the day.

#### **Watermelon Kebabs**

1-inch cubes of seedless watermelon Smoked turkey breast Cheddar cheese

Coffee stirrers or beverage straws

Cut watermelon, turkey and cheese in cubes and skewer on stirrers or straws.

#### **Watermelon Nachos**

Serves 6 to 8

12 to 16 1/2-inch thick watermelon triangles with 3-inch sides

2 cups Greek vanilla yogurt

1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract A few drops almond extract

1 cup Craisins

1 cup white chocolate chips

1/2 cup toasted sliced almonds

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Arrange the watermelon triangles on a serving platter or glass cake stand. Mix yogurt with extracts and spoon yogurt over the watermelon in the fashion of nacho cheese sauce. Sprinkle craisins, white chocolate chips, and almonds over the yogurt and dust with cinnamon.



Watermelon Jelly Logs.

#### **Watermelon Dippers**

8 ounces sour cream

4 tablespoons sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Watermelon sticks or small wedges

Blend together the sour cream, sugar and vanilla in a small serving bowl. Use as a dip for the watermelon.



Watermelon Cut Outs.

#### **Watermelon Cut Outs**

Seedless watermelon, cut into 1/2- to 3/4-inch-thick slices

Yogurt

Granola or similar cereal

Using your favorite cookie cutters, cut shapes out of watermelon slices. Frost with vanilla or other flavored yogurt. Sprinkle with granola.

#### **Watermelon Berry Slush**

Makes 6 servings

- 4 cups cubed, seeded watermelon
- 1 10-ounce package frozen raspberries
- 1 12-ounce bottle sparkling mineral water

Place watermelon in a single layer in shallow pan; freeze until firm. Remove from freezer and let stand 5 minutes. Drop watermelon through food chute of a food processor or blender with the motor running. Add frozen raspberries alternately with mineral water, processing until smooth.

#### **Watermelon Jelly Logs**

Makes 6 servings

- 6 3-inch x 2-inch x 5-inch watermelon rectangles
- 3 flavors all fruit or low sugar preserves 6 ginger, molasses or peanut
- butter cookies

  Using a melon baller, cut 3 divots into a long side of each watermelon rectangle. Fill each divot with a different all-fruit or low-sugar

preserve. Serve each rectangle with a cookie.

Healthy eating habits start at home. One of the best things you can do for your kids is to be a role model for smart food choices. Here are some simple things you can do to help your kids develop healthy lifelong habits.

- Shop for food together and take time to examine, discuss and select fruit and vegetables that catch your child's eye. Allow your child to help you to prepare these healthful foods. For example, let your child use a melon-baller to create melon balls from watermelon, cantaloupe and honeydew to create a festive, nutritious and visually appealing dessert.
- Make healthy snacks available at all times for your children by keeping the fridge filled with flavorful, nutrient-rich treats such as grapes, cherries, carrots and watermelon cubes.
- Simple changes are easier for your child to get used to. Try switching from full fat milk to non-fat milk, serving sherbet, sorbet, ice milk or fruit juice bars, or adding fresh fruit to his or her cereal in the morning.
- Serve your children colorful, deeply pigmented plant food. These foods tend to offer tremendous nutritional value. For example, red peppers, carrots, broccoli, oranges and watermelon are all packed with minerals, vitamins and antioxidants.
- Start each day with breakfast, preferably fruit with low-fat yogurt or granola. Make a fruit smoothie by blending watermelon cubes and a banana with crushed ice.
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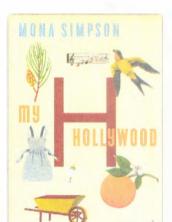
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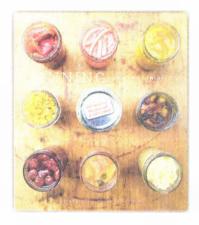
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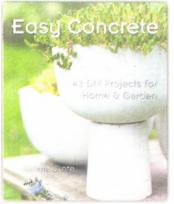
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By Liana Krissoff, Photographs by Rinne Allen I Stewart, Tabori & Chang Release Date: August 1

This hip, modern handbook is filled with fresh and new ways to preserve nature's bounty throughout the year. Organized by season and illustrated with beautiful photographs, it offers detailed instructions and recipes for making more than 150 canned. pickled, dried, and frozen foods, as well as 50 inventive recipes for dishes using these foods. Basic information on canning techniques and lively sidebars round out this refreshing take on a classic cooking tradition.

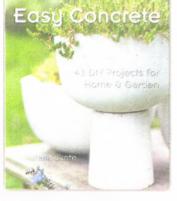




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By Malena Skote I Lark Books Release Date: August 3

Creating with concrete is easier than most doit-yourselfers imagine, and the results can be spectacular and practical. With beautiful photography, Easy Concrete makes the material truly inviting, and the simple instructions cover everything from creating molds out of cardboard, wood, and metal to using hypertufa-a versatile type of concrete made with peat moss. There is also helpful guidance on adding the perfect finish and decorative details. With 43 projects that include outdoor pots, candleholders, garden benches, and a compost bin, this is the perfect introduction to a highly useful craft.



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Michael McDermott

» Cherry Hill Village, Canton

Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo/REO Speedwagon » DTE Energy Music Theatre, Clarkston

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Chicago and Detroit Singer/ Songwriters Unite » Plymouth Coffee Bean Co., Plymouth

Detroit Metal Fest 2 » Token Lounge, Westland

Hans York » Trinity House Theatre, Livonia

J. Geils Band w/special guest The Rockets » DTE Energy Music Theatre, Clarkston

Wally Gibson & Denny Cox » Station 885, Plymouth

Zap Toro » M's Gathering Place, Garden City

#### **SUNDAY • AUGUST 22**

Mike Moore » M's Gathering Place, Garden City

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#### **MONDAY • AUGUST 23**

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#### **TUESDAY • AUGUST 24**

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Open Mic » Boulders, Plymouth

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No Lookin' Back Open Jam Session » Uptown Grille, Commerce Township

#### **THURSDAY • AUGUST 26**

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Rhythmz in Riley Park

» Walter Sundquist Pavilion & Riley Park, Farmington

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» Downtown Northville, Northville

#### **SATURDAY • AUGUST 28**

7 Million Jigawatts

» White Lake Inn. White Lake

An Evening with Anita Baker

» DTE Energy Music Theatre, Clarkston

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» Station 885, Plymouth

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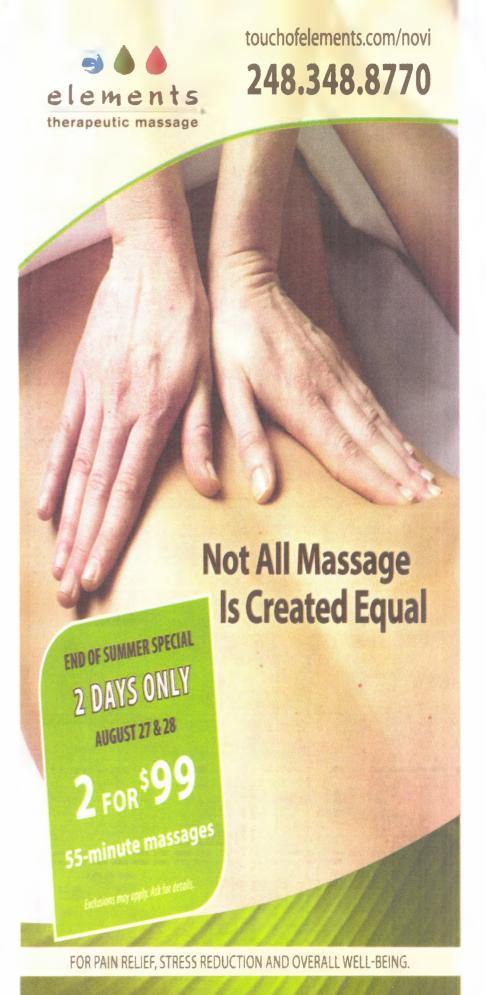
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# Creative ideas for your homegrown tomatoes



Edible gardening is becoming a popular way for Americans to unwind while saving money on their grocery bills. Both novices and expert gardeners can run out of ideas for their luscious homegrown tomatoes, and thinking of new recipes can become overwhelming.

Here are some creative ways to make tomatoes exciting again:

#### SALSA

For a simple salsa, start with the basics and chop up some of your fresh tomatoes; add onion, garlic, cilantro, and jalapeños. Now try adding new ingredients like corn, black beans, or even raspberries. For a different treat, add mashed avocado to your basic salsa for a chunky California-style guacamole.

#### SOUP

For delicious tomato-basil bisque, cut up your freshly grown tomatoes and remove the seeds. Add them to a pot with diced onion, carrots, garlic, a little vegetable broth, and lots of fresh basil. Allow to simmer for about 20 minutes and then use a hand blender to puree.

Add a little milk to the pot for a creamier soup. Prefer chili? Add some chili powder and bell peppers instead of the basil then, after blending, toss in a can or two of beans. Use two types, like cannellini and kidney, for added color and texture.

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Homemade pizza can be easy and is always a delicious treat for everyone in the family. You can use nearly anything for a crust. Kids may enjoy making individual pizzas using bagels, English muffins, or slices of bread. Flat breads and wraps work, too. Once you have selected your crust, brush with a little olive oil

and toast in a 400°F oven for a few minutes. Remove the crust from the oven and start creating.

For sauce, try pizza sauce, salsa, pesto, BBQ sauce, or just some chopped fresh tomatoes.

Add whatever you desire - pepperoni, grilled chicken, onions, basil, peppers, mushrooms, olives, pineapple, roasted vegetables, spinach...you get the idea.

Now top with cheese like grated parmesan, crumbled feta or blue cheese, fresh mozzarella, provolone...don't be afraid to experiment.

Pop your creation into a hot oven and bake for about 8-10 minutes or until the cheese melts and bubbles.

#### BEYOND THE BLT

Sandwiches don't have to be boring. Use a panini press or grill to liven things up.

- Bread a thickly sliced multigrain, a loaf of freshly baked Italian bread, an everything' bagel, or even pita bread can make your sandwich more appealing.
- Bacon Try thickly sliced peppercorn bacon, ham, salami, roast beef, or turkey. For even more variety, substitute fresh mushrooms or a slice of fresh mozzarella cheese.
- Lettuce Maybe. Or maybe you would prefer spinach, basil, grilled vegetables, hot peppers, or sprouts.
- Tomato Of course! Load on slices of any variety of tomato from your garden and enjoy.
- Mayo If you'd like. You could also try hummus, dressings (ranch, thousand island, or Italian), spicy mustard, sweet pepper relish, BBQ sauce, or even marinara.

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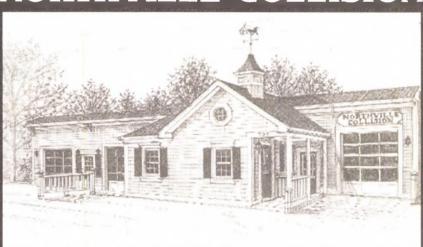
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## Paws in the Park: An event for pets and people

The second annual Paws in the Park will be held Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 28-29, at Heritage Park in Canton.

The two-day family event will have plenty of "paws-on" activities for consumers and their pets including Rock n' Roll K9's (45-minute agility show to rock music), Ultimate Air Dogs, Chase It Lure Course, pet adoptions and more.

There will be plenty of animal experts on hand from training to medical advice. Vendors from all over the United States will have specialty items for sale.

On Saturday, Paws in the Park will host a one-mile Paw Walk to benefit the Humane Society of Huron Valley. Register at www.PawsintheParkUSA.com.

Not only will pets love Paws in the Park, but kids



Photo by Bill Bresler | Staff Photographer

Barbara Gondick of Canton brought Abbie, a Jack Russell terrier, to the first Paws in the Park event in Heritage Park last August.

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will, too! There will be plenty for them to do. Grab the entire family for a bow wow good time! Advance tickets are \$4 per person. Tickets purchased at the gate are \$5. Children under 10 are free. Dogs must be on a leash and under conrol at all times. ATM and food vendors will be on-site. Parking is free.

Heritage Park is at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Off I-275 take the Ford Road (M-153) exit heading west. Turn left on South Canton Center Road. Turn right on Heritage Park Drive. Heritage Park is on your left.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Humane Society of Huron Valley and the city of Canton's new Dog Park.

## Sudoku Answers

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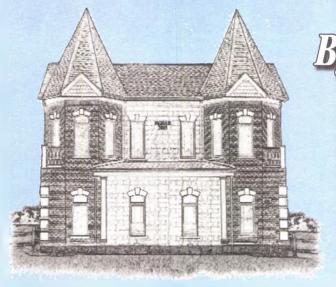
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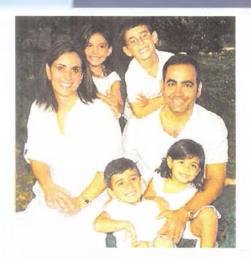
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