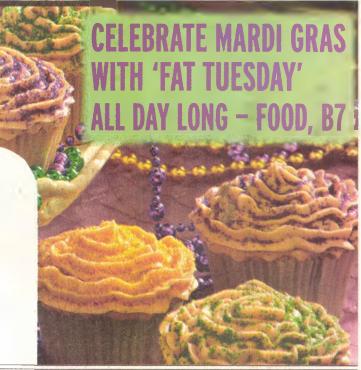
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Spring rake

The Plymouth Community United Way has scheduled the "Spring Rake-N-Go" event for April 30. Applications are now available for residents in Plymouth and Canton.

Any residents living in Plymouth, Plymouth Township



The Plymouth Community United Way's 'Spring Rake-N-Go' is scheduled April 30.

home, are elderly (over age 55) or disabled, need repairs to their yard or landscaping and are unable to do these repairs themselves can apply for the program. The deadline for applications is March 18.

For an application, visit the PCUW website at www. plymouthunitedway.org or visit the office at 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2. For additional information, contact Krista at kstrobel@ameritech. net or (734) 453-6879, Ext. 6, or Bobbie Pummill at the Plymouth Community Council on Aging at (734) 453-1234. Ext. 236.

Tribute show

Rod Stewart tribute artist Danny D along with special guest Cara Lundgren as Stevie Nicks perform the classic hits of two rock icons Thursday. March 10, at 336 Main Piano Bar in downtown Plymouth. Doors open at 8 p.m. and showtime is at 9 p.m.

336 Main Piano Bar is located at 336 Main. For more information, call (734) 454-6524 or visit www.336main.com.

Mother knows best

Local women and girls are invited to send us (in 50 words or less) the best advice you received from your mom.

Include a photo of your mom or better yet you and your mom. E-mail your best submission and photo (jpg format only) to bkadrich@ hometownlife.com.

Include your first and last name and hometown and identify your mother (first and last name, please). Include a daytime phone number or cell phone where you can be reached during business hours. The photos and advice will appear in the Thursday, May 5, Salute To Women edition of Hometown Life Woman. Deadline to submit advice and photo is 5 p.m. Friday, April 15.

City unanimous on fire despite outcry

BY MATT JACHMAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Plymouth will get firefighting and emergency medical services from the Northville Fire Department, and reopen its closed fire station, beginning in January, under a deal approved Monday by the City Commission.

The unanimous vote for the intergovernmental agreement with the city of Northville, which is expected to save Plymouth \$400,000 or more annually, came despite impassioned pleas from people, including many firefighters, gathered in a packed commission meeting room.

Commissioners also approved an agreement formalizing relations with the nonprofit Huron Valley Ambulance, which will provide paramedics, who have training in advanced life support, during medical emergencies in Plymouth as well as patient transports to hospitals.

Opponents argued the arrangement would put lives and property at risk, and urged commissioners to study the issue further and look for alternatives.

SAVINGS CALLED 'A PITTANCE'

"I truly believe you guys do not understand public safety, and that is what you're giving up for a pittance," said resident Kevin Henderson, who identified himself as a paramedic instructor.

"I question not your sincer-

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The city of Plymouth leadership (from left) Commissioners John Barrett, Ed Hingelberg, David Workman, city attorney Robert Marzano, Mayor Dan Dwyer, City Manager Paul Sincock, Mayor Pro Tem Michael Wright, Commissioners Gerald Sabatini and Ronald Loiselle, presided over a crowded city hall meeting about fire services Monday.

BILL BRESLER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Taking the stage

The Park Players Theatre Company will present Jean Anouilh's "Antigone" on March 3-5, with performances each day at 7 p.m. and a special matinee performance at 2 p.m. March 5. All performances are located at the Allen DuBois Little Theatre at Canton High School and tickets are \$10. Seating is limited so arrive early. Box office opens one hour before show time. More photos and details can be found by turning to page A8.

Rising gas prices frustrate drivers

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Cathie Kuchenberg watched as the pump at the Marathon gas station located at the Plymouth Super

Center on Ann Arbor Road just kept climbing. It went past \$20, past \$30 and past \$40, about the point where the tank on her Ford Taurus would have been filled a month or so ago. The pump finally came to rest at \$55.55, at fewer than 17 gallons. She put the nozzle away and shook her head.

"It's very frustrating," said Kuchenberg, a Plymouth resident. "That's a good \$10 more than it would have been a month ago. It affects everything ... the price of groceries, everything is constantly going up. It's going to affect everyone, because the cost of living is just going to keep going up."

While the cost of living may be going up, the cost of gasoline is definitely rising. On Monday, according to AAA's daily fuel gauge, the average price of unleaded regular gas in the metro Detroit area rose to \$3.44 per gallon. That price largely mirrored what prices looked like around Plymouth and Canton, where most prices were in the \$3.99-\$3.45 area (although some stations had it as low as \$3.29).

Unrest in the Middle East was largely perceived, at least locally, as the cause of the spike in gas prices. First it was the protests in Egypt; more recently, it's the unrest in Libya. News reports had leaders in Saudi Arabia pledging to make up for production

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Mazan Rahal manages the Marathon station at Mill and Main. He tries to keep his gas prices 3 cents above wholesale. He counts on other sales to make a living. "The people in the neighborhood know me and I know them," says Rahal.

Tavern gets OK for patio alcohol sales³

BY MATT JACHMAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

It's a little chilly yet, but Plymouth Roc, a restaurant and bar at Ann Arbor Road and Harvey, will be expanding its outdoor alcohol service area during the warmer

The Roc last week won approval from the Plymouth City Commission to add two new patios to its outdoor alcohol service area. One patio, on the southwest corner of the building, is about 370 square feet, while the second, attached to an established patio where alcohol sales are already permitted, is about 185 square feet.

'We try to get a little more life to the border of our city," said John Mourselas, a partner at The Roc, formerly Boulders. It's different from the al fresco dining opportunities available in downtown Plymouth, but "in the summer, people love to go out there," he added.

The commission's vote had been put on hold for six months after city officials expressed concern in September about three drunken driving arrests, between September and

March of last year, in which the suspects had been drinking at The Roc.

Mourselas said the restaurant instituted stricter controls, and officials report The Roc's record has been clean.

"They say we did an excellent job. We watch our people, how they behave," Mourselas said. "They're very satisfied."

The Roc often features live music on weekend nights, and Mourselas said the menu was changed recently, with prices slashed. The restaurant's three patio areas can now accommodate more than 80 people, he said.

Moviegoers have a chance to see The Roc in a new film Cedar Rapids, that opened recently. The R-rated comedy about a naive insurance salesman stars Ed Helms, John C. Reilly, Anne Heche and Sigourney Weaver.

The film was shot mainly in Ann Arbor in 2009, but The Roc is the setting for a bar scene that Mourselas said ended up being about 20 minutes long.

"When they go to the movie, they're going to see our bar," he said.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Home Improvement Expo takes place Saturday and Sunday at The Summit in Canton.

County hosts Hazardous Waste day

The Wayne County Department of Public Service will be holding a Household **Hazardous Waste Collection** on Saturday, March 26, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wayne County Community College District Western Campus, located at 9555 Haggerty Road in Belleville.

This free event is open to Wayne County residents only and, organizers say, is "an excellent opportunity to make your home and environment safe" by properly

disposing of waste that is considered toxic, flammable or corrosive.

Examples of acceptable waste being collected include; household paints, stains, dyes, floor wax, floor care products, carpet cleaner, furniture polish, bathroom cleaners, stain removers, pharmaceutical waste (noncontrolled substances only), solvents, nail polish, glue, fertilizer, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides, antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline,

automotive batteries and dry cell batteries, fluorescent bulbs, fire extinguishers, mercury fever thermometers, smoke detectors, computer monitors, printers, scanners, mice, keyboards, cell phones, fax machines, copiers, and televisions.

Only household-generated products from Wayne County residents will be accepted. Items that will not be accepted include; commercial waste, industrial waste, radioactive materials, explosives, ammunition, shock sensitive materials, household trash, 55-gallon drums, refrigerators, microwaves or other appliances, tires, yard waste and concrete. For information on how to dispose of these items, contact the Wayne County Resource Recovery Coordinator at (734) 326-3936.

For more information on the March 26 collection or to obtain a complete list of what will and will not be accepted, call (734) 326-3936 or visit www.waynecounty.com.

Summit hosts Home Improvement Expo

CORRECTION

Canton's 10th annual Home Improvement Expo will be held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 5, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 6, at Canton's Summit on the Park.

Highlights at the 2011 Home Expo will include free parking and refreshments; live broadcasts from special guest stars Murray Gula, Host of "Your Home with Murray Gula" on 1130 WDFN, and Joe Gagnon, "The Appliance Doctor," from 1600 WAAM; how-to workshops on a variety of topics from landscaping to solar energy; a hands-on children's' project center; live woodcarving demonstrations; and multiple raffles throughout the weekend, including wood projects made by Canton Construction along with the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters.

Rapid Home Improvement will also give away a free 1KW

The caption beneath a photo

in Sunday's Plymouth Observer

Township firefighters provided

mutual aid to the Park Manor

apartment complex fire in the

city of Plymouth last month.

should have said Northville

Solar Energy System worth \$12,000 to one lucky Expo attendee. In order to win the free system, expo-goers must fill out a raffle ticket at Rapid Home Improvements exhibitor booth before 3 p.m. Sunday, March 6.

Anyone planning on attending this year's Expo can stop by a welcome station and pick up a free Expo Advertisement Booklet. The booklet is filled with vendor coupons, a map of the show, workshop schedules and several home improvement tips.

To view a complete list of the vendors, obtain the Expo layout, and download the workshop schedule visit www.canton-mi.org/homeexpo.aspx. The Expo is free of charge and hosted by Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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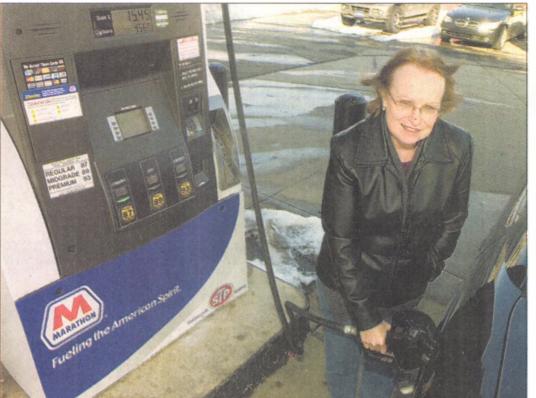
city of Plymouth's fire service

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photo gave the wrong impres-

sion it was city of Northville

firefighters who responded,



Kathy Rucinski pumps gas at the Marathon station at Mill and Main Street. She just opened a college savings account for a grandchild. "I wish I could put more in the account and less in here," said Rucinski, a Canton resident.

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lost to that unrest to keep oil prices from climbing.

Locally, some drivers wanted someone - mostly the government — to do something.

Richard Mitchell of Canton is facing the loss of his recently purchased Ford Focus

because, he said, he simply can't afford to keep it, with the cost of insurance and rising gas prices. He's thinking about selling it now.

"Nobody is doing anything about this in Washington," said Mitchell, pumping regular unleaded at \$3.45 per gallon at the Mobil station at Cherry Hill and Lilley in Canton. "I don't even drive that much, and it's still too

expensive for me." Eddie Saad, a cashier at the Valero station at Ford Road and Haggerty, said the higher

changing customers' buying habits, just their frustration "They're buying the average they've always (bought)," said

gas prices don't seem to be

Saad. "They come in, they pay their \$40 and they complain. But they have to have their gas."

Saad said he feels the customers' pain, because his own per-week gas cost has risen from some \$50 to about \$70.

"I've got to buy my gas, too, he said. "It's not like anyone's giving me a free tank of gas."

Lee Feldkamp of Plymouth Township was much more pragmatic about paying \$3.39 per gallon at the Speedway station at Sheldon and Five Mile in Plymouth Township.

"I figured it was going to happen," Feldkamp said. "Sure, I'd like it to be cheaper, but the national prices are higher. There are a lot of things going on in the world right now."

Museum to host lecture on Lincoln assassination

The Plymouth Historical Museum is known for its extensive collection of memorabilia connected with President Abraham Lincoln.

The museum will add to its Lincoln legacy with a presentation set for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 10.

That's when Lincoln historian Dan Packer presents his free lecture, "The Day Lincoln was Shot," a summary of the people and events associated with Lincoln's assassination.

An overview of the political and military situation will be the backdrop of an almost hour-by-hour series of events on April 14, 1865, of Lincoln's actions and the actions of the conspirators that transpired before the fatal shot that changed America forever.

How the country reacted to the assassination will be discussed and a postmortem for the country and especially the South will conclude the presentation.

"Many questions about the assassination may be answered, but many more questions may arise after learning what really happened on April 14, 1865," promised Liz Kerstens, executive director of the museum.

Packer is a member of the Plymouth Historical Society Board of Directors and is the Plymouth Historical Museum's Lincoln Curator. This is a free lecture, open to the public. The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street, one block north of downtown Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 455-8940 or visit the museum's newly redesigned website at www.plymouthhistory.org.

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Chili fest's record fundraising benefits Habitat for Humanity

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Amy Tracy had long thought of home ownership as beyond

That changed in December, when she and son Kamron, 12, moved into a new house in Westland with the help of Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County.

Tracy, who runs a child-care center at a social services agency, pays Habitat a zero-interest mortgage for her house, and also put in hundreds of hours of sweat equity in lieu of a down payment, working on Habitat building projects and volunteering at the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff in Plymouth last October.

"That was a fun day," Tracy told members of the local Habitat board of directors on Monday. "I'll be at the next chili cookoff."

HELPING HABITAT

The nonprofit Great Lakes Regional Chili Inc. is a major contributor to Habitat, raising \$138,000 for the organization since 1996.

On Monday, the couple behind Great Lakes Regional Chili, Ken and Annette Horn, stopped by the Habitat office to deliver the proceeds from last year's cookoff: \$37,500. It was the most money raised so far through a single Plymouth cookoff, the Horns said.

"Ken and I are thrilled to support such a great charity that in turn attracts the volunteers necessary to enable us to run our event," Annette Horn said.

Habitat was responsible for mobilizing about 170 volunteers, including Tracy, for the last cookoff, said Alice Dent, director at the local Habitat office.

"It's a major contribution.



Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County officials and friends celebrate the donation of \$37,500 from Great Lakes Regional Chili Inc. From left are Amy Tracy, a new Habitat homeowner; Larry Carrington, who helps organize the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff's motorcycle exhibition; Alice Dent, director of Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County; Bharti Washington, who also helps organize the motorcycle show; local Habitat board members Herb Scott, Marcia Goffney, Andy Emmert (face partially hidden) and Jim Krone; Annette and Ken Horn, who organize Plymouth's annual chili cookoffs; Habitat board president Gil Schuckman; and board member Tom Risi.

This is the largest single fundraiser that we've received," Dent said of the check dropped off by the Horns. "We are blessed and honored to participate in this annual event."

OFFERING THANKS

For Tracy, who had stopped by the Habitat office with a mortgage payment, Monday's check presentation was an opportunity to thank the Horns and Habitat board members, who had gathered for their monthly meeting.

Tracy, who rented an apartment in Plymouth before buying her house, said the home in Westland has given her and Kamron security, financial stability and a greater sense of optimism for the future.

If Kamron, who is interested in architecture, wants to attend graduate school after college, for example, she'll be in a position as a homeowner to help him do that, Tracy said.

Dent said praised the chili cookoff, calling it an event that brings people together for a good time and a good cause. Despite the state's recessionary economy, she said, the cookoff's fundraising is above what it was when times were better.

"It shows that the giving spirit of Michiganders is still strong," Dent said.

rong," Dent said. Habitat for Humanit<mark>y o</mark>f mjachman

Western Wayne County has seven building projects scheduled for this year, both new construction and home rehabilitations, Dent said. Habitat volunteers will be working in Redford Township, Westland, Taylor and Romulus.

Habitat budgets about \$80,000 for each new home its volunteers build.

Great Lakes Regional
Chili Inc. has contributed to
several other charitable and
service organizations in its
15-year history, including the
Salvation Army, the Makea-Wish Foundation and the
Rainbow Connection.

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Symphony gets brassy with its season finale

The Plymouth Symphony wanted to cap its regular season with a finale that's "big, bold, brassy and breathtaking."

PSO musicians believe they've accomplished just that with their finale, Mussorgsky's masterpiece, "Pictures at an Exhibition," which was composed around themes based on the composer's artist friend, Viktor Hartmann including the beautiful and familiar, the "Great Gates of Kiev" based on his paintings of the facade of the entrance for the City of Kiev.

The regular-season finale takes place 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton

Canton.
Continuing the artist
theme of the concert, the
orchestra will perform a
World Premier of Katherine
Hoover's work, "J.M.W.
Turner; Impressions," based
on the lush landscapes of
English painter, J. M.W.
Turner. Katherine Hoover
will be attending this world
premier of her work and
will be a part of the OnStage Presentation with
Conductor Nan Washburn
prior to the concert.

Throughout the performances of both pieces the artwork will be illuminated on the scrim as the orchestra performs each piece.

"Katherine Hoover is an extraordinary composer. She has a wide and fascinating vocabulary which she uses with enormous skill.



Hoover

Her music is fresh and individual," said John Corigliano. Hoover resides in New York,

where she

maintains an active career as composer, conductor, and flutist. She is the recipient of a National Endowment Composer's Fellowship and many other awards, including an Academy of Arts and Letters Academy Award in Composition.

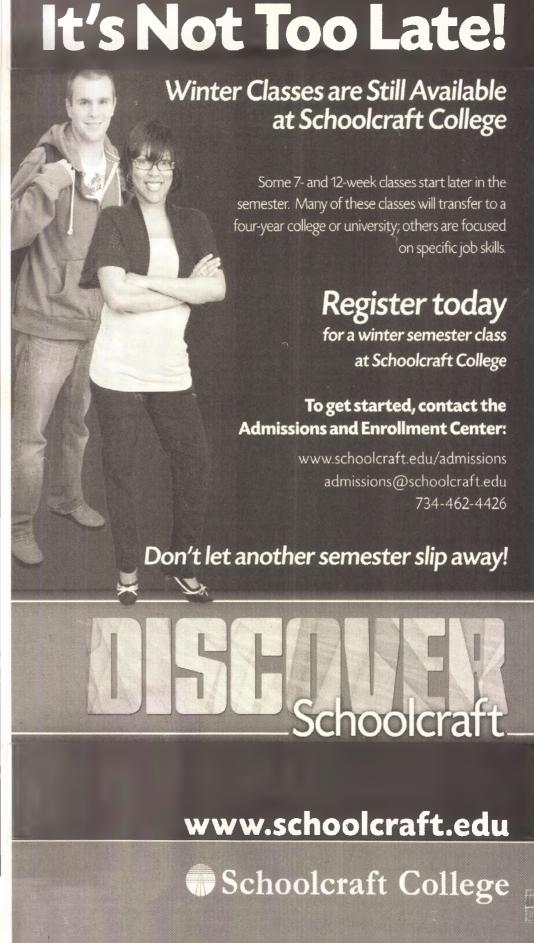
Hoover attended the Eastman School of Music and holds a Masters in Music Theory from the Manhattan School, where she taught for years. Hoover has also attended the Conductors Institute and has led performances in Wisconsin, West Virginia, New York, and Pennsylvania. The commissioning, rehearsing, and premiere of her Dances and Variations at Kennedy Center are the subject of an Emmy-winning documentary, called New Music, by Deborah Novak.

The concert is sponsored by The Partnership for the Arts and Humanities in Canton and the Bank of Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors, and \$10 for students.

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Car vandalized

outside salon

A Canton Township man's

2010 Lexus was vandalized as

it sat outside the Happy Nails

and Spa, on Ann Arbor Road

in Plymouth Township, on

The car's passenger-side

front fender and doors were

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the right front tire had been

Police Department report, and

The victim told police the

the salon between 9:30 a.m.

Lexus had been parked outside

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community

Fire Department responded to

period Feb. 23 through March 1:

- Residential rescue runs on

Northville Road, on Dewey, on

Heritage, on Mill, on Haggerty

on Five Mile; investigations on

and on Northern; rescue run

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— Commercial rescue runs

on Ann Arbor Road and on

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- By Matt Jachman

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and 8:30 p.m.

ity or your desire to balance the city's budget. I guess I do question ... why residents were not surveyed, polled, allowed to vote, have a voice," said Nancy Sullivan, also of Plymouth. "City residents are not informed right now about the implications of this decision."

"Public safety is one of the reasons a city exists," said Tim Sullivan, also of Plymouth. "If we can't provide for our own public safety, why are we here?

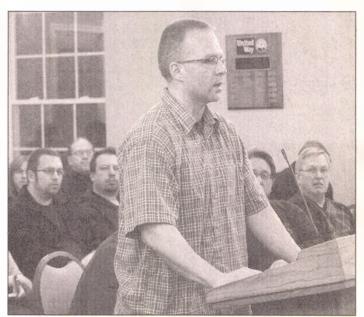
But commission members said they're confident the new model will work - and save the city money.

"I wouldn't vote yes unless I was absolutely certain," Mayor Dan Dwyer, who has long pushed for a less costly approach to public safety services, told the crowd. "This city, like every other city in the state of Michigan, is going to go broke if it does government the way we continue to do government."

The 12-year agreement was approved in Northville last week by a unanimous vote of the city council there. It will expand the 33-member Northville Fire Department by up to 25 firefighters, reopen the fire station next to Plymouth City Hall, and equip it with fire trucks and equipment.

The expanded department will respond to fire and medical emergencies in Plymouth, plus be responsible for fire inspections and fire prevention and safety programs. Dwyer has said many Northville firefighters already live in the Plymouth area, and that some veterans from the department will be reassigned to respond to emergencies

from the Plymouth station. Plymouth will be charged for services on a proportional basis. Startup costs — for hiring, equipment and refur-



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kevin Henderson questions the proposal to switch to a fire services agreement with the city of Northville.



Nancy Sullivan talks about her family's personal experience with EMS.

bishing the old fire station - are estimated at up to \$1.2 million, and will be borne by Plymouth.

LEAVING PCFD

Northville firefighters are certified, and most are trained as medical first responders, but almost all work on a part-time, on-call basis and are not union members. The department's current budget is about \$443,000 a year. Chief James Allen is the only fulltime employee.

Plymouth's move is an alternative to the unionized Plymouth Community Fire

Department, from which the city will be withdrawing after this year. The PCFD has 21 full-time firefighter paramedics, plus a chief and an inspector, at three fire stations. The department serves Plymouth and Plymouth Township

Plymouth's share is about \$1 million. Several PCFD firefighters attended the meeting and spoke against the plan, with some suggesting Plymouth should take regionalization a step further and involve

Plymouth and Northville

and has a budget of about

\$4 million a year, of which

townships as well as the city of Northville.

"We need to put our differences aside, put these communities together, and form one fire department," said Rick Tefend, a lieutenant in the PCFD and the president of International Association of Fire Fighters Local 1496.

Afterward, firefighter Greg Mangan, the treasurer of Local 1496, said firefighters will keep talking to officials to push for more regionalization. The PCFD faces job losses and

a major reorganization once Plymouth leaves the arrangement.

Commissioner Ron Loiselle, however, said a move for a regional fire department had failed in the past.

'I TRUST THE PROCESS'

Commissioner Ed Hingelberg said he's worked as a firefighter in the city of Troy, which also has part-time, oncall firefighters, and is comfortable with the system.

"I trust the process here," Hingelberg said. "It's a tough, tough decision, but I trust the process we're going through."

City officials have for years been discussing ways to find savings in the delivery of public safety services, and a study last year by the International Association of City Managers suggested several alternatives to the current PCFD. The study's suggestions didn't include a partnership with Northville, but did include providing heart defibrillators for the police, and training officers to use them, something officials said will be done.

Dwyer took issue with the contention that residents haven't had the chance to get information about city officials' study of public safety services.

This discussion has been going on in public for years on this board, literally for years, and if people don't know, it's because they don't choose to know," he said.

After the meeting, Commissioner Mike Wright sought to reassure a resident who had expressed concern over the arrangement with Northville.

"If we can have the same high-quality service we already provide at less cost, then it only makes sense," Wright told a reporter.

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CRIME WATCH

Robinwood, at Schoolcraft and at Hines.

• Sunday, Feb. 27 — Residential rescue runs on Westbrook, on Northville Road, on Newport; commercial rescue run on Five Mile; vehicle accident at Ann Arbor Road and Beck.

• Saturday, Feb. 26 — Rescue runs at a public

building on Haggerty; residential rescue runs on Clare, on Starkweather and on Mill; commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road.

• Friday, Feb. 25 — Rescue runs on Caster, on Main, on Gloucester, on Haggerty, on Meadowhill, on Harding, on Woodberry, on Ann Arbor Road, on Heritage and on Morrison.

• Thursday, Feb. 24 — Vehicle accident on westbound M-14 east of Beck; residential rescue runs on Westbrook, on Newporte, on Evergreen, on Lilley and on Briarwood; investigation on Halyard; rescue run at a public building on Haggerty.

• Wednesday, Feb. 23 -Vehicle accident at M-14 and Beck; rescue runs on Main, on Haggerty, at westbound M-14 and Northville Road, on Ricard, on Beck and on Provincetown.

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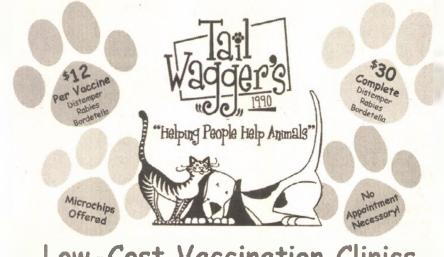
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AROUND PLYMOUTH

"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

Kumon open house

Kumon Math and Reading Center of Plymouth hosts an event for parents and children from pre-school to high school to learn about Kumon's enrichment program 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at their Plymouth location, 580 Forest in downtown Plymouth.

Sign-up for a free-placement test, receive educational information to help your child advance his or her skills in math and reading, and develop a love of learning through the Kumon Method of learning. Participants all receive a complimentary Kumon Reading List that includes hundreds of award-winning authors from around the world and organized by reading ability.

To receive information about the Kumon visit www.kumon. com or call: 1-877-586-6673.

Coffee with Heise

State Rep. Kurt Heise is sponsoring coffee hours to give residents a convenient opportunity to meet with him locally.

Heise will talk with residents on Friday, March 18, at the Parthenon Coney Island and Restaurant, located at 39910 Ford Road, in Canton, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. No appointment is necessary.

In addition, Rep. Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office. Residents are invited to call toll free 1-855-REPKURT or e-mail kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

Hip-hop fundraiser

Metro Dance Company is hosting a hip hop benefit "Dance From the Heart" to raise funds for The Miracle League of Plymouth. The event is open for anyone ages 8 to adult, regardless of experience, and will be held at Metro Dance Company in Plymouth

1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 19. Registration for the event is underway. Hip hop classes are \$15 per student with 100 percent of the proceeds donated to The Miracle League of Plymouth, Anyone interested in the event can contact Metro Dance Company at (734) 207-8970 or by e-mail at info@ MetroDanceCompany.com.

"We wanted to hold this fundraiser because it directly



Calvin coming

The Calvin College Wind Ensemble presents a concert at Plymouth First United Methodist Church 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 12. The 35-member ensemble, directed by Tiffany Engle, will present a variety of selections as part of their weekend tour to southeast Michigan. Admission is free; an offering will be received. First United Methodist Church is located at 45201 N. Territorial Road, a mile east of Beck Road, and offers ample parking and barrier-free entrance. All are invited and encouraged to attend. For more information, call (734) 453-5280.

benefits some very special children in our community," said Metro Dance director Kristie Wyler. "Our goal is to raise as much money as possible to help these children and their families enjoy good times together."

Appraisal clinic

The Plymouth Historical Museum hosts an antique appraisal clinic with Ernie DuMouchelle of DuMouchelle Art Galleries in Detroit on Wednesday, March 30, from noon to 6 p.m. Items to be appraised include antique furniture, art, and small objects. No jewelry please. Appraisals are by appointment only and time slots are filling up quickly. Oral evaluations will be provided for \$10 per item; written evaluations will be provided for \$15 per item.

Call for an appointment, (734) 455-8940. The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street, just north of downtown Plymouth.

Mom to Mom

Bentley Elementary School hosts its PTO Mom-2-Mom Sale 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at the school, located at 1100 S. Sheldon in Canton.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the PTO and Bentley students, with the hope, organizers say, to be used for future playground equipment and classroom grants at the school.

Entry fee is \$1; strollers allowed after 11 a.m. Table fee is \$15, and there are still a few available.

For more information, call Christine Wegrzyn at (734) 331-2160 or e-mail rcwegrzyn@gmail.com

Sagear scholarship

The Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. is striving to recognize a Plymouth-Canton School District High School Senior who has overcome adversity with its annual Sandra Sagear Rotary Scholarship.

Club officials are looking for students who have displayed courage, perseverance, spirit, and creativity in succeeding in achieving an education, despite a physical, mental or emotional barrier. They have also shown an appreciation of others and a commitment to their community. The recipient of this award will receive a scholarship.

The award is named after Sandra Sagear, a 1969 graduate of the original Plymouth High School who imagined and believed she could succeed as she lived everyday with Polio. To download an application, go to: http:// www.storytellerdesign.com/ Portals/4/2011Application-ScholarRotary.pdf

Damaris scholarship

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will recognize a Plymouth-Canton School district senior who has displayed outstanding abilities in visual arts and plans to continue his/her education in this field with its annual awarding of the Damaris Fine Arts Scholarship.

To download an application, go to: http://www.storytellerdesign.com/Portals/4/ 2011Damarisaward.pdf

PLAV recruiting

PLAV Post #166, located at 39375 Amrhein in Livonia (at the corner of Amrhein and Eckles) is seeking veteran members interested in joining a vibrant post, restructuring itself in the 21st century. The Post goal is to have a significant and meaningful impact within the veteran commu-

The post meetings are the second Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m., with the exception of July and August, and a light lunch with refreshments follows. Free beverages are provided throughout the meeting's. Those interested in additional information are welcome to call Roger L. Kehrier at (734) 453-2031 or stop in the night of a scheduled meeting.

AAUW still taking prom dress donations

The Plymouth Canton **AAUW Prom Dress Sale** takes place noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 10, and 6-8 p.m. Monday, April 11, at Memorial Elementary School, 3001 Marquette, Garden City (between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt).

The sale is to provide prom dresses for girls who are not able to afford them in this economic climate. AAUW thanks all those who have contributed and will continue accepting donations through March 31. Accessories such as purses, and jewelry are also welcome.

AAUW volunteers will pick up contributions or donors can bring them to any meeting.

To arrange for pick up, e-mail or call S. Zaetta at szaetta@wowway.com (734-455-6366), K. Bellows at KiggityKate83@aol.com (734-421-8807) or E. Nelson at genelson1c@att.net (734-981-

Church hosts benefit concert for 'Maggie' fund

St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth hosts "Coffee House Concert" 7-9 p.m. Saturday, March 26, with proceeds to benefit the Central Middle School band and the Maggie Kathleen Furlong Memorial Fund of the Educational Excellence Foundation, supporting Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

The EEF supports Plymouth-Canton schools. Donations to the Maggie Kathleen Furlong Memorial Fund will be used in accordance with the Furlong family wishes - either for scholarships or classroom grants to support education in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

The event will feature beverages and desserts, the concert, a bake sale, handmade pins and items for sale. St. Kenneth's is located at 14951 N. Haggerty in Plymouth Township.

To donate, go to www. pccs.k12.mi.us/eef and follow links to scholarship funds. Donations for Music for Maggie accepted at the door.

Raffle supports Miracle League, other efforts

Plymouth A.M. Rotarians are pleased their Jack of Spades 50/50 Raffle total's up to \$1,038, plus 50 percent of what's sold this week.

Tickets cost \$1 each, with the drawing held 9 p.m. each Friday at Station 885 in Plymouth's Old Village. The yearlong fundraiser began Oct. 15 and will run through Oct. 21 of this year.

There are 54 cards, put in envelopes and stored at Station 885. A winner wins a minimum of \$25 for having his or

her ticket drawn. There are also some bonus cards such as jokers. The Plymouth A.M.

Rotarians saw another club have a successful fundraiser and borrowed the idea to support the Foundation functions, "one of which is the Miracle League," said the club's Dick Schmidt. That ballfield will be in central Plymouth for special-needs youth.

The tickets are available from A.M. Rotarians or at Station 885.

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Rasmussen

Series Continues Thursday, March 10th at 7 PM

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Creative thinking

ArtServe Michigan, Michigan's statewide nonprofit arts-advocacy organization, announced Plymouth resident Dorrie Milan has joined the team as Creative Industries Associate.

Milan will assist in carrying out the policies and programs supporting individual creative practitioners in Michigan. These programs reach statewide to promote, connect and support the many artists,

designers and design-makers working at the forefront of and aim to



their respective disciplines demonstrate the innovative capacities of individual artists and creative practitioners.

With more than 25 years of experience in the business of arts, Milan most recently served as Membership/ Program Coordinator for The Arts Alliance in Ann Arbor, Mich., where she implemented a membership program and coordinated educational and networking events, among other initiatives. Previously a performer and choreographer for various groups in Metro Detroit and an educator in dance for area studios, community outreach programs and community education dance programs, she also has co-owned Curtain Call Dance Studio in Canton, Mich. for the past 11 years.

Milan is a member of the Canton Commission for Arts, Culture and Heritage, but she formerly has served as president of AMPlifying the Arts - a student group at EMU - and as a board member for Spotlight Players in Canton.

Milan earned her master's degree in Arts Administration from Eastern Michigan University, where she also

earned her bachelor's degree in Dance Education.

Technology chief

Movimento Inc. — a Gothenburg, Sweden-based company known as the "goto" company for control system diagnostic products and services — announced it has named Justin Schroeder its new Chief Technology Officer.

Schroeder most recently served as Vice President, Global Product Management for Movimento where, among



Schroeder

other duties, he led global product development for diagnostic hardware and software interface requirements. Schroeder brings to the

CTO role a detailed technical background in successful management of wide-ranging vehicle diagnostic activities. According to Movimento CEO, Benjamin Hoffman, Schroeder is responsible for research and development activities for Movimento, as well as the oversight of the technical organization globally.

"Justin brings uncommon knowledge, enthusiasm and drive, and, a unique set of interdisciplinary skills which will form the core of technology for our products today and tomorrow," said Hoffman. "He has the exceptional combination of an inquisitive mind, natural leadership, communication, and interpersonal skills."

Business news

Some things going on in downtown Plymouth, courtesy officials at the Downtown Development Authority:

· Carol Uber and her husband, Bob, of Home Sweet Home on Ann Arbor Trail just came back from an antiquing trip through Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee. Her

new antiques are being displayed in the store.

• The Brass Iron & Bed Shop is moving from Ann Arbor Trail to Forest Place, next to Francis Jewelry Gallery, in April. Look for jewelry discounts and the sale of displays before the move. The 1,400square-foot space will be available March 30. Anyone interested can call Carol at (734) 719-0667.

 Salon Awesome on Main St. has partnered with the Makeup Loft. Beginning March 1 they will offer on-site makeup services next door at That's Awesome. Makeup Loft's head makeup artist and owner, Janelle Thomason, recently made the "Best of Weddings" by The Knot Magazine. One of her clients is Miss USA Rima Fakih, and she has also worked with Kim Kardashian's makeup artist. Call the Makeup Loft (734-891-7962) or Salon Awesome at (734) 927-0800 for appointments.

Streetscape 2011

The 2011 downtown Streetscape project is expected to begin sometime in April. This year's main focus will be to construct a concrete intersection and install traffic light mast arms at the intersection of Main and Penniman, repave Penniman from Harvey to Union, and repave the remainder of the streets throughout downtown.

Career change?

Out of a job? Changing careers? Become a real estate agent and be ready for the upcoming real estate boom.

REMERICA HOMETOWN will be presenting a pre-license training class beginning soon by Real Estate Professional Education Group, LLC, at 41025 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

Call today for a reservation or a private interview. Call Judy at (734) 459-6222 or e-mail judycourtney@remerica.com.



Vogue Tyre has opened a custom center at Don Massey Cadillac in Plymouth.

Vogue opens Plymouth custom center

Vogue Tyre & Rubber Company announced the opening of its 16th Custom Center location at Don Massey Cadillac in Plymouth.

Vogue officials said Don Massey Cadillac "has long been known as one of the largest and most successful Cadillac dealerships in the country." The opening of a Vogue Custom Center there will provide Don Massey's customers with the ability to personalize their new and preowned vehicles with the latest

in custom-made Vogue tyres as well as Vogue wheels and appearance accessories.

Across the United States, Vogue Custom Centers operate as turnkey aftermarket departments for new car dealerships, providing inventory and merchandising services along with the latest in exclusive products, all with the professional support from trained Vogue personnel.

'We're excited to expand our custom centers into the Michigan market with such a well-respected dealership," said Vogue Tyre President Greg Hathcock. "By making our products easily accessible to Massey's upscale clientele, we look forward to continued success and a prosperous partnership that is ahead of

Don Massey Cadillac is located at 40475 Ann Arbor Road.

For more information, contact Greg Hathcock or Blair Littlefield at 800-323-1466 or visit www.voguetyre.com.

CHAMBER CHAT

Dog listeners

Wags to Wiskers will be featuring Beverly Morgan, Certified Dog Listener, speak about canine behavior in a class for dog owners who want to better understand their dogs.

Sessions will be offered Saturday, March 5, and Saturday, March 12, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$120 (for both classes) or \$100 for dog owners who donate a 10-pound bag of food to Tail Waggers.

Wags to Wiskers is located at 44707 Five Mile in Plymouth. For more information or to register call (734) 453-3884.

Snowman photos

Now that more snow has fallen, locals are being encouraged to gather it up and get creative. The City of Plymouth's Recreation Department is sponsoring a photo contest. Build a snowman (or woman), dress him/her up and take a picture. E-mail it to Lauren at lobsniuk@ci.plymouth.mi.us or drop it off at the Recreation Department (525 Farmer) along with your name, address, phone number and email address by Friday, March 4.

Judging will take place the week of March 7 and the winner will be announced March 14.

Upcoming March Events

• 10-Member Connection — Join the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce for its second Ten Member Connection of 2011 8-9 a.m. Thursday, March 10, at the Chamber office, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown

Make nine new valuable business contacts in one hour in addition to doing a short 3-4 minute presentation about your business. Afterward everyone can stay to finish off the coffee while getting to know each other better.

Attendees are limited to the first 10 members who respond and who are from different business categories. To sign up for the 10 Member Connection, call (734) 453-1540 or e-mail wes@plymouthmich.org.

• Multimedia marketing — Many marketing campaigns hook potential customers with catchy slogans or pictures. While snappy text and design might make a customer take a second look, it does not always convert a customer lead into a sale. Print, radio, TV, direct mail and internet are all parts of a successful marketing campaign, but how you put it together dictates your success. This workshop will show you how to get the biggest impact with your target audience for the money spent.

This Business Development Series workshop is scheduled 8:30-9:30 a.m. March 22 at the Chamber office (850 Ann Arbor Trail). To register for the workshop e-mail teri@plymouthmich.org or call (734) 453-1540.



New version

The remodeling is completed at the McDonald's at 220 W. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. Chamber officials, staff, friends and customers gathered together for a ribbon cutting recently to celebrate the grand reopening.

 Business mixer — Breaking the Boundaries Business Mixer - March 24 — Join 300 other business people from Western Wayne County for one of the best networking events of the year in this region. The annual Western Suburban Area Council of Chamber's "Breaking the Boundaries" Business Mixer will be at Burton Manor on Thursday, March 24, from 5-7 p.m. The event is designed for networking, where business meets business across every border in the western suburbs. This year's event will include a presentation by Carol Kocan, a Dale Carnegie trainer, on "Networking and Working the Room" from 5-5:30 p.m.

The cost to attend is just \$10, which includes food, and there will be a cash bar. Due to the overwhelming popularity of this event there are no walk-ins allowed and everyone must be preregistered. To register for the event or to reserve exhibit space, e-mail the Chamber at teri@ plymouthmich.org or call (734) 453-1540.

Business show

Laurel Park Place in Livonia hosts a Small Business and Home Based Business Show March 25-27 during regular mall hours. This event is to assist owners with promoting their smaller business and home based business to build customer clientele. It's an opportunity to showcase your business to a larger audience, meet directly with new potential customers and sell your products and services on-site.

The cost is \$200 and includes an 8-foot table with tablecloth, skirting and one chair. Reservations for the event will be accepted through March 1. For more information or to reserve a space, contact the mall office at (734) 462-1100, Ext. 227 or Ext. 260, or e-mail Dan Irvin at Dan_ Irvin@cblproperties.com or Claudia Frederick at Claudia_frederick@cblproperties.com



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Have a game plan for how to spend your tax refund

t's that time of year when many taxpayers begin to receive tax refunds from the Internal Revenue Service and the State of Michigan. Most people will put the refund in their checking account and before they know it, it will evaporate.

In these difficult economic times it makes sense to have a game plan on what to do with the refund. I look at tax refunds as a bonus because if you're smart with the money, it'll pay dividends down the road.

My advice for most people is to use the refund to pay down charge card debt. On average, Americans are paying 18.5 percent interest on their charge cards and that is not tax deductible. By paying down charge card debt, you're getting at least an 18.5 percent return on the money. I can't think of any investment that



Rick Bloom

guaranteed return. In paying down charge card debt, keep in mind that not all cards are the same. The interest rate can differ dra-Money Matters matically. Basically, the right charge card to pay off is the one

with the highest

offers that type of

interest rate. Besides paying down the debt, you will also have the benefit of being able to sleep at night. I've always found that people with less debt seem to be more at ease with their financial situation.

For those lucky enough not to alternative for a tax refund is saving for retirement. If you qualify, you can invest the money in an IRA, Traditional or Roth. If you are maxed out on what you can contribute to IRAs, you can do a Roth conversion. In other words, you can take Traditional IRA money and convert it to the Roth money and use your tax refund to pay the additional taxes.

You can never save too much for retirement. As I've mentioned in the past, retirement is a new concept in the history of mankind and therefore, as you enter retirement you're entering the great unknown. One way to assure yourself of a comfortable retirement is to have sufficient financial resources. That is why I encourage people to use tax refunds to save for their retirement.

idea for that tax refund. Set up a Michigan Education Savings Plan. After all, with all the budget cutting going on here and around the country, there is no doubt that the cost of a college education will continue to

Anyone who reads this column knows I'm a fan of the Michigan Education Savings Plan (MESP). The beauty of the MESP is it does not take a lot of money to start. In fact, you can start a plan for as low as \$25. Therefore, it doesn't matter what your tax refund is, you can establish

One last consideration for that tax refund is the amount of cash and short-term resources you have available. Every individual needs three

in case of emergency. This is a great time to look at your emergency cash needs and if you do not have enough, tax refund can be used to supplement the fund.

According to the article I read, tax refunds should be very generous this year. In other words, many people are going to get significant refunds. While it is rare, in this economy, for people to receive bonuses from their employers, that is exactly what a tax refund is. Therefore, be smart with it and make sure you have a game plan to use it wisely.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife. com. For more information, visit his Web site





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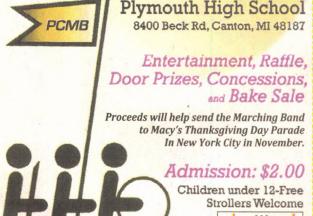
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Antigone (Lindsay "Zee" Nicholas) is confronted by Creon (Ryan Bardusch). The play is a metaphor for all of the players in World War II. Creon represents the evil of Nazi Germany, Antigone represents the French Resistance.

It's Greek to them

Park Players take on first-ever tragedy

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When the Park Players take to the stage this weekend for their presentation of "Antigone," the 12-member cast will be doing something no other Park Players cast has ever done: Perform a Greek tragedy.

And taking center stage for the challenge, which director Paul Bird said is the first performance of its kind for the drama program, will be Lindsay Nicholas and Ryan Bardusch, whom Bird said must carry the load because they're in virtually every scene.

"I looked back over the 40 years of

"I looked back over the 40 years of this program and we've never done a Greek tragedy before," Bird said. "It's been quite a challenge. It depends on (Nicholas and Bardusch) because they're the central plot and they're on stage the whole time. They've worked really hard at it; everyone has worked hard."

According to Bird, "Antigone" is the story of Antigone's desire to see her brothers, both killed in battle, get a proper burial. However, Creon (Bardusch) has decreed that one brother is to be "left to rot" in the field, and imposes a threat of death on anyone trying to bury him.

"Antigone decides it's her moral duty to bury her brother," Bird said. "That threat of death is the whole crux of the show, Antigone knows she'll be put to death, but she feels it's her moral duty, and she's willing to die for it."

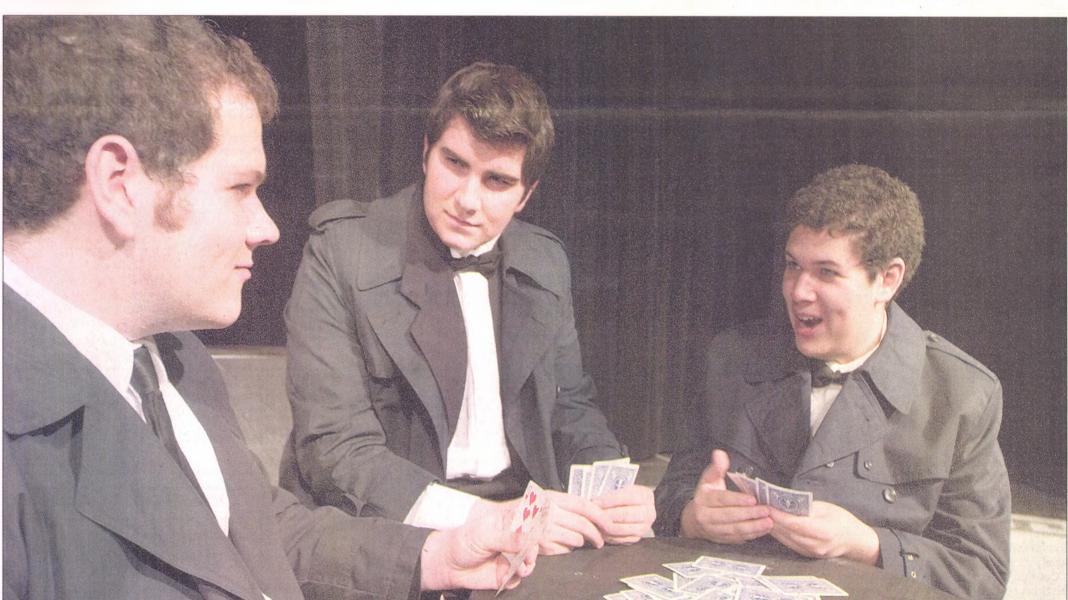
The show plays Thursday, Friday and Saturday (March 3-5) at 7 p.m.; there's also a 2 p.m. matinee Saturday.

All performances are at the DuBois Little Theater in Canton High School. Tickets are \$10.

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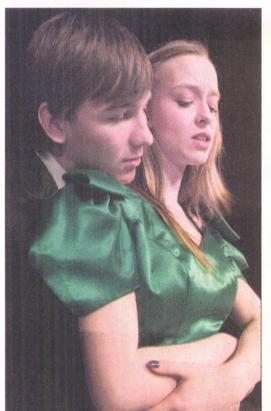


Lindsay "Zee" Nicholas and Meggan Ellis practice their lines for Antigone.



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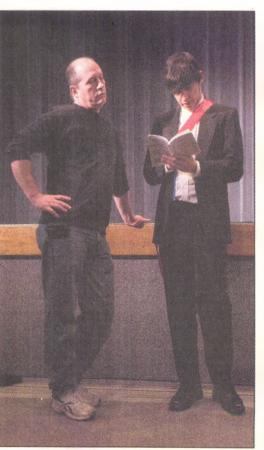
The Guards — Joe Jonas (Stephen Keller), Nick Jonas (Tommy Fafalios) and Kevin Jonas (Christopher Stephens) — while away the time.



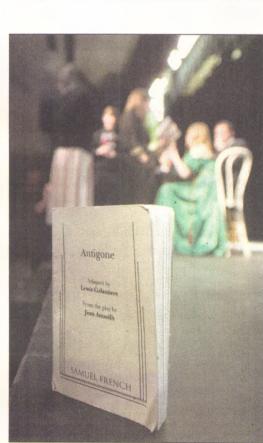
Haemon (lan Crawford) loves Antigone (Lindsay "Zee" Nicholas). She tries to send him away, for she knows she'll be killed for her deeds.



Andrew Milad is a one-man Greek Chorus, narrating, moving the plot along, and cueing the audience on how to react.



Director Paul Bird and Ryan Bardusch go over lines.



Antigone opens Thursday, March 3, and runs Friday, March 4, and Saturday, March 5, all at 7 p.m., with a 2 p.m. matinee Sunday, March 6.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Steve McFall flies a Blade MCX 2, a beginner's helicopter.

Love for helicopters helps launch business

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Steve McFall always loved remote control helicopters. As a teenager, he was fasci-

nated by them. McFall wanted one, but they were expensive, so he got a job at the Riders Hobby Shop store on Five Mile at Merriman, saving his money and finally purchasing one for \$1,700 for his 17th birthday.

McFall noticed that people often purchased helicopters from companies in Texas or California, but had to order without seeing the helicopter in person. "You'd see the picture in a magazine, but you never really knew how big it was," McFall said.

McFall also found that parts often would be needed for the inadvertent - and often inevitable -- crash.

So he decided that he would open a business, Experience RC, which sells remote control helicopters and parts. It started in his garage in Pinckney in 2009, but it eventually moved into a building owned by his father, who is also named

Steve. His father owns Wayne Craft, an awning business at 13525 Wayne Road, and young Steve occupies space on the second level.

At Riders, McFall, who grew up in South Lyon and Westland, first met Tony Jimenez, who like Steve, enjoyed remote control cars, planes and helicopters.

His new helicopter business gave McFall a chance to hook up with Jimenez, who today is his store manager.

"It's just something we enjoyed," McFall said. "There's nothing like it in the Midwest."

FOR FUN AND RESEARCH

McFall sells the helicopters to fathers as gifts to their sons, but he also sells them to universities. "The universities use them for research," McFall said. "The helicopters will be used for camera work, and for physics classes."

Engineers will fly the helicopters in wind tunnels. But often engineers just enjoy the helicopters as a hobby, McFall

"We've shipped to every continent except Antarctica," McFall said. "We've shipped to New Zealand."

It helps that Jimenez knows Spanish. "He takes care of South America," McFall said.

McFall said the smaller helicopters can fly on a baseball diamond and up and down the street. Some are small enough to be flown inside a home.

The helicopters can be bought assembled or with assembly required using only small screws. They are flown by using a transmitter. Prices on about 50 models range from \$80 to \$3,500. Upgrade kits also can be purchased.

McFall has four full-time employees on staff.

'THIS WILL WORK'

McFall felt the bug to start his helicopter business after he attended Eastern Michigan University and studied business. Starting the business in 2009 during the recession was a risk, McFall acknowledges, but he was confident in his

"This is what we're going to do and this will work," McFall said. "People might stop going out to eat, but they will never

get rid of their toys."

McFall sees that the prices have come down, even though some models go as high as \$3,500 today. He has seen helicopters selling for \$300 or \$400 as opposed to the \$1,700 he paid for a few years ago.

The helicopters get children out from behind the computer and into a hobby that gets them moving around outdoors, McFall said. Owners often join one or several clubs in the area, including the Midwest RC Society, Flying Pilgrims or the Detroit Aeromodelers.

Often the children learn how to fly them faster than their fathers do, McFall said.

The hobby may help generate interest in a career, he adds.

"These kids will be working in the aerospace industry," McFall said. "Our drones came from toy helicopters, from something they will play with in the yard."

"It's a good hobby," McFall said. "It's relaxing and you get a chance to learn. You learn hand-to-eye coordination from flying them."

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Snyder lives up to nickname, but his plans spark an outcry

ne Tough Nerd, indeed. Just two months into his term, Gov. Rick Snyder has already lived up to that self-applied label from last year's campaign, issuing a revenue and spending plan for the next fiscal year that's drawing fire from many quarters but that Snyder insists will push Michigan toward the light at the end of a decade-long tunnel of economic gloom.

To those who have already been dealing



Matt Jachman

ties where state aid has been whittled year after year, educators who saw funding fall during the previous administration - that light,

with the fallout

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oncoming train. Snyder's sweeping plan would scrap statutory revenue sharing to local communities, cut public education spending by an average of \$470 a student, take away exemptions on taxing public and private pensions, eliminate earned income tax credits for lowincome workers and do away with a host of tax incentives, most notably incentives for the film industry that have turned the state into a Midwestern Hollywood.

to coin a phrase, looks like an

The big winners in this scheme would be companies now subject to the Michigan Business Tax, which Snyder would banish in favor of a flat 6-percent corporate tax. That's a reduction in those companies' tax burden that's estimated at \$1.8 billion.

If letters to the editor over the last two weeks are any barometer, many apparently feel Snyder has led them down the primrose path.

But the governor is a businessman and investor who has OPINION

never before held public office. He made no secret, during his campaign, that he wanted to get rid of the MBT and replace it with a flat tax. So I have to ask: Why is anyone surprised at Snyder's proposal?

For at least a generation, the buzz phrase among many office-seekers, office-holders and their supporters has been that government should be run like a business. That received wisdom was repeated so often it became expected in many campaigns, and its implications for the state went largely unchallenged.

Now we have a governor who is running the state like a business — Snyder says all segments of state government need to prove their value - and people across Michigan are screaming about it.

Snyder's budget cuts, his plans to shift the tax burden, if they come to pass, will be painful. Schools and local governments have been in budgetcutting mode for years, laying off, teachers, police officers, firefighters and municipal workers. Snyder's plan would only exacerbate those problems, and it's hard to see how some communities and school districts would stay afloat with even less revenue.

So are the run-governmentlike-a-business assumptions faulty, their attendant budget cuts and tax-burden shifts unjust? Or do they amount to a shared sacrifice that, as Snyder says, will create a more business-friendly environment and result in a more prosperous future?

It looks like we're going to find out.

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Band boosters set for spring craft show

The Plymouth-Canton Music handcrafted items will be on Boosters host its annual Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble on Saturday, March 12. The fundraising event, to be held at Plymouth High School in Canton, is a juried art show produced twice each year by the PCMB to help support the band and color guard programs at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Over 100 exhibitors with

display at this artistic event. Visitors can expect a high quality show with jewelry, handmade clothing, soaps, artwork, sculptures, floral arrangements, and many spring related items.

Plymouth High School is located at 8400 Beck Road in Canton. The Spring Arts & Craft Ensemble will be held from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Admission is \$2. Strollers are welcome.

PCA exhibit features artist from Ferndale

The March exhibit at the Plymouth Community Arts Council features the work of Ferndale artist, Jud Coveyou. The show is a mini-retrospective but mostly all figurative, hence the title: Go Figure.

PCAC officials said the constant from which these paintings were developed is the artist's interest in the human form and the expression created by their placement in space. The colorful oil compositions are deeply expressive evoking a personal response from the viewer.

Coveyou is a graduate of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. He worked as an art director for Ross Roy Advertising in Detroit for sixteen years all the while teaching university courses in the evenings. He retired from the Birmingham Public Schools in 2008 and now spends most of his time painting. He has had many one man exhibitions and participated in juried exhibitions throughout the country.

The exhibit can be viewed at the PCAC through March 29. Exhibit hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A reception for the artist will be held on Saturday, March 5 from 2-4 p.m. The public is welcome. The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon Rd. in Plymouth.

Call (734) 416-4278 for further information.



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Oscar Contest champion wins Emagine pass

Joe Driscoll of New Hudson was the top winner in the hometownlife.com (Observer & Eccentric/Hometown

Newspapers) Oscar Contest. Driscoll was selected in a random drawing of five contestants who answered all questions and tie-breakers correctly. Driscoll wins an annual pass

for two to Emagine Theaters. Second-place winner in the random drawing was Sherri Brennan of Livonia. She will

receive four movie passes for two to any Emagine Theater. Other winners included Dionicia Smith of Roseville, Michelle Tery of Clawson and

Daniel Lodge of Belleville.

Each will receive a move pass

for two to Emagine Theaters. Emagine Theaters are located in Canton, Novi, Rochester Hills and Woodhaven. A new Emagine Theater complex is

set to open late this summer in

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The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for food service equipment. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Raquel Hunter in the PCCS Business Office at (734) 416-2741. Technical questions should be directed to Kristen Hennessey of the PCCS $\bar{\text{Food}}$ Service Department at (734) 416-2742. Sealed bids are due to the PCCS - E.J McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI on or before 1:00 p.m., Friday, March 18, 2011. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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SECTION 00010 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID EXTENSION

Sealed bids for the Alternative Energy Solutions Projects for Plymouth Canton Community Schools' Bid Package #4 consisting of:

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Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

This Bid Package will consist of a separate sealed bid for the following Bid Division(s):

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All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00300) and the Proposal Execution Form (Section 00400). The Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted.

There will not be a pre-bid meeting as this is a bid extension

Any and all questions in regards to the bidding or the Bid Package Documents should be addressed in writing to the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. Questions or clarifications will be promptly answered and returned to the bidder/bidders.

The Board of Education for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Project A is being funded thru the District's Qualified School Construction Bond and labor rates will be in accordance with Federal Davis Bacon Wage Rates.

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OUR VIEWS

Going down

Property value loss hurts the community, schools

Property values in Plymouth and Plymouth Township

are continuing to fall.

That is and is not a profound statement. It is in the sense that Plymouth and Plymouth Township are solid communities. The township still boasts one of the lowest tax rates in Wayne County, and the City of Plymouth has done a remarkable job coping with continuing cuts to state-shared revenue.

But the lingering effects of the national recession are persistent, and we are far from being out of the grip of the faltering national economy. There are signs of improvement, but they are fragile, and subject to immediate change. The situation in the Middle East, especially with Libya, may have a great impact on the price of oil. Gas is already well over \$3 a gallon and if it goes much higher, it could slow the economy greatly.

The unemployment rate stubbornly remains high, especially in Michigan, where, if you take into account the people who have stopped looking for jobs and thus are not counted in the official figures, it stands at more

than 20 percent.

That's near the levels of the Great Depression.

And we could go on and on about Gov. Snyder's budget, which proposes some severe cuts, including a major slash in revenue sharing that could cost the city \$151,000. Mayor Dan Dwyer said the city will absorb the impact of that cut and has already made plans for continuing quality services more efficiently. Plymouth Township, which is dealing with its own budget issues, is only slated to lose a little more than \$2,200, but that's only because they've lost everything else in previous

An even larger slash is coming in state school aid. Snyder's plan cuts \$470 per student from per-pupil funding, an \$8.9 million hit that raises the projected deficit in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools to more than \$15 million.

Given all those factors it's a wonder property values haven't dropped even further. Residential values fell just eight-tenths of a percent in the township and 3.2 percent in the city (commercial property values have dropped 10 percent and six-tenths of a percent, respectively).

And as property values have fallen, so has the taxes the owners pay on them. On the surface, that might seem like a good thing. After all, any tax cut would seem welcome.

But there is a price to pay for everything. While taxes go down, so does the revenue (\$97,000 in Plymouth, \$248,000 in the township). Cutbacks are made, services are reduced, and the quality of life is affected. Ultimately, the decline in values becomes a lose-lose situation for everyone.

The Plymouth community is far from being unique in this predicament. Nearly every town in the state has experienced a loss of property values, which is why just about every town is cutting back on services and looking for ways to trim their budgets. Numerous cities and school districts are teetering on bankruptcy with no help in sight.

So while it may be tempting to view that lower tax bill with satisfaction, it has to be tempered with the reality that we are paying for that seeming gain.

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS



The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues, In Your Voices. Find more comments or join the discussion on the Web at hometownlife.com.

 In response to "Film supporters fight incentive cuts,""

Incentives for businesses are probably costing taxpayers MORE than the return the municipalities will reap 10-15 years down the road, IF the business is still IN business. The money tree has gone dormant.

Why is the purchase price for tickets: movies, sporting events, concerts etc. as high as it is? The going rate? Could it be ... 'someone' is paid too much to perform?

momforfour

I would like Mitch Albom, Jeff Daniels and the rest of the uninformed hacks to answer this question: What happens when another state starts offering filmmakers 42 cents on the dollar? Those studios will hightail it out of here and all of the newly employed film professionals will have to follow them out of Michigan. We need to invest in the overall business environment and not flukey industries who can bolt at a moment's notice. The film credits are another failed Granholm program that need to go.

Anyway, anytime you see a Wayne County Commissioner like Gebhardt supporting something, you KNOW it's a waste of taxpayer money.

MikeBlanton

COMMUNITY VOICE

What do you think of Gov. Rick Snyder's plan to take away the exemptions on taxing pensions?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



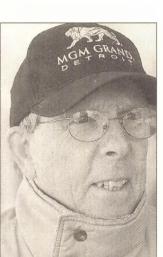
"I'm not real fond of it. I've got a girlfriend who's going to be affected by it directly."

Dennis Pollak Birmingham



"I think it's necessary. You can only do so much. ... It's got to come from somewhere."

Toufic Saati Canton Township



"That's no good at all." **Richard Mitchell** Canton Township



"I think it's a great idea. I think everybody should pay their share."

Russ Carpenter Northville

LETTERS

Protection not needed

Shortly after millions of Wisconsinites cheered their Green Bay Packers to Super Bowl victory, thousands of cheesehead schoolchildren cheered once more with glee as their schools were shuttered because their teachers were protesting Gov. Scott Walker's anti-union policies and had called in sick en masse.

Gov. Walker, in his 2012 budget proposal, suggested that public employees in Wisconsin should no longer have the right to bargain collectively through labor unions. This upset many public employees in Wisconsin, the first state to allow public employees to unionize, and as many as 40,000 state employees abandoned their posts and descended on the capitol in

Regardless of my or your own stance on Gov. Walker's policy priorities, we should all be able to agree that needlessly closing public schools is a bad thing that should be avoided. Wisconsin in 2011 isn't the only example of public employee unions depriving the people they serve of vital services. Nearly every year, students somewhere in Michigan experience longer summers because of faculty going on strike. In 1981, FAA air traffic controllers struck and forced airlines to cancel half their flights while military and other personnel took over controlling duties at major airports.

While unions serve an important role in the private sector, protecting workers from abuses by management and guaranteeing reasonable pay and benefits, public employee unions' usefulness is limited because the government has little incentive to take advantage of its employees.

Their missions of making sure public employees "get theirs" runs counter to the missions of public workers themselves, serving the people. Even Franklin Roosevelt recognized this and said that strikes by potentially unionized public employees would be "unthinkable and intolerable."

Some states, notably Southern ones which usually draw my scorn, do not allow public employee unions and appear to be doing just fine. Their workers are not grossly underpaid, nor are they forced to work long hours in poor conditions. The reason is, even without unions, no politician will ever wear his evil grin and chuckle about how he "stuck it" to firefighters, school teachers, or letter carriers. It would be incredibly unpopular to do so because the people know public employees provide vital services and decent compensation is one way to attract talented workers to productive careers of public service.

We the people respect our fellow citizens who serve us through their government work too much to want to knowingly mistreat them, and our elected officials reflect that. Because their employers are their fellow citizens and not profit-hungry men in a board room, public employees do not need the protections afforded by unions.

Andrew Justus Plymouth

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Sen. Pat Colbeck said all the right things to sort this budget mess in Lansing. I have been in the automotive business world in Michigan for 30 years and we operate our business with a dashboard. Dashboards hold people accountable to achieve ever higher levels of success for the business.

Politicians have not been able to do this due to many reasons we can all complain about. I say stand-up and support Pat and Gov. Snyder for taking the risk and the first step by holding themselves as government officials accountable. The citizens of this state should be cheering them on and helping wherever and whenever they can. Dave Bing needs to climb aboard and do the same thing in Detroit.

Let fix this mess and quit complaining about the past! Image that: "Accountable Politicians"?

Andrew Brandt

Canton **Understand Constitution**

Although I am not a fan of mandates from the government, I believe our public school systems and some charters have forgot they have the freedom to teach and all the other freedoms in this country because of the Constitution and the intent that it was

founded on.

I take particular exception to Mr. Silvester's comment ("Colbeck bill would help create 'Freedom Week,'" Observer, Feb. 20) as I spoke to his class while I was a candidate. They say that is a core part of their curriculum, which surely did not reflect when I spoke to his students. There were over 100 students in that class and I asked them, "How many of you have read the entire Constitution and The Bill of Rights?" There was a mere handful!

Among those that had read it, I asked what was their perception. They were under the impression it was a living document that in many cases was outdated. I was very disappointed to hear that our schools are not teaching the accurate intent of the Constitution, which was intended to protect the people from an overreaching government. We have the greatest, freest country in the world because of that document. Founded on personal responsibility, liberty and freedom.

This entitlement society that is being taught and propagated by our school system is disgraceful. Many McGraw Hill books, which is a staple of our school systems, have been "altered" in the late '70s and '80s, changing the perspective further empowering them to indoctrinate our children.

Whether elected or not, a parent or teacher, all should have a basic accurate understanding of our founding documents. All the more reason to give parents more choices of education to the parents.

> Lori Levi Canton

Freedom week

On Feb. 20, 2011, Canton Observer's Brad Kadrich wrote an article about Sen. Patrick Colbeck's legislation, SB 119, designating the week of Nov. 11, "Celebrate Freedom Week," in honor of Veterans Day.

According to Mr. Kadrich's article "Colbeck's bill would require public schools to provide instruction on 'the intent, meaning and importance of the U.S. Constitution and the Declaration of Independence." Mr. Kadrich quotes educators from the Plymouth-Canton school district with some comments highly critical of Sen. Colbeck's bill. The article does not say Sen. Colbeck was specifically identifying the Plymouth-Canton school system of doing a poor job, and no doubt the school system was selected for the article as the senator lives in Canton

As a refugee immigrant, I have tremendous admiration for this country's forefathers' intelligence, knowledge, wisdom and foresight. There are many, many times I have thought about the education that I received, in being able to relate to things that I learned, as they relate to everyday life and what goes on in the local, state and federal government.

Over the years, I have read, seen news reports of surveys taken of people's knowledge of the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, other important documents, and current events, with absolute horror of the ignorance, lack of knowledge. In general, people seem to know more about Lindsey Lohan, Paris Hilton and others, who certainly leave a great deal to be desired as role models.

There have been articles in print and in news reports of curriculum changes by schools and/or school systems of "feel good" classes being offered that target specific groups, including by the Plymouth-Canton school system. As an immigrant and citizen, I am grateful for the educational opportunities made available and for having learned what I needed to know about the United States.

If I were in China, Russia, France, Brazil, Mexico, Yemen, South Africa, or wherever, I would expect to learn that country's history, as well as their language. As I have aged, I have become more and more interested in my family's heritage. On my own, have enjoyed both reading numerous books about and traveling to where I was born.

I do not believe Sen. Colbeck was specifically targeting the Plymouth-Canton school system. There are times when one cannot see the forest for the trees. As educators, I would expect them to be open-minded and not be so defensive, a good lesson to teach their students.

Michael Hansel Canton Township

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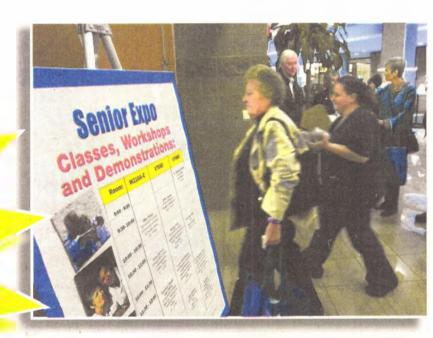
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Atomic squad finds its niche in collegiate pom

BY SUE MASON OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There's a new pom squad in town, and it's already making a name for itself.

The Atomic Collegiate Pom of Southeastern Michigan, based in Garden City, has posted a first-place finish at the Mid-American state competition on Feb. 13. It was only the second time the team competed at a state competition since forming in 2009.

The big reason they started this is because it was over for us and we didn't want it to be over," said Kristy Adams, a freshman at Schoolcraft College and the member of three state championship teams at Garden City High School. "And our coach decided she didn't want some good poms to go to waste. It's nice to go back and win again."

The team is coached by Westland resident Nikki Foster and Lindsay Sneed of Garden City. Joining them this year are Selina McCale of Garden City, who was on Garden City pom and recently returned home from Michigan State University.

Foster and Sneed have coached the Garden City High School squad for almost 10 years, leading the team to a fifth place in the nation in high kick and five Class A state championships.

DIVERSE GROUP

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The team is made of students attending college throughout southeastern Michigan. It started out with 12 mostly ex-Garden City pom team members last year, but has grown 20 members from Canton, Dearborn Heights, Farmington, Garden City, Livonia and Howell this year.

Adams is joined by her sister, Tiffany, and DeAndre Cash, who has moved from the sidelines working with Foster and Sneed at Garden City High School to performing for the team.

"It's difficult for him being on a team doing when he's used to telling a team what to do," said Adams.

Atomic Pom's team members attend college, many have jobs, and more than a third of them volunteer to coach younger



Atomic Pom, which placed first in state competition at Eastern Michigan, has grown to some 20 members from around the area, including Canton.

teams. With such tight schedules, they typically practice between 9:30 p.m. and midnight two-three times a week.

Adams is typical of members, She's attending Schoolcraft full-time, is on the college pom team, and coaches the Garden City Middle School pom team with her older sister. While she really hasn't been away from pom for long, she admits it's harder

for members like her sister, a college senior who has been on the staff at Mid-American Pom but not on a team.

Foster who's been a tough coach at the high school level is more mellow for the collegiate competition. She's more easy going, but still "picky," according to Adams.

INTEREST IN TEAM

The team made its first

appearance in competition in 2009, placing second in high kick. This year's championship has former pom members looking to join the team. The collegiate division has an age limit of 24 and members have to take a minimum of six college credit hours. Some team members have returned to school to take classes to qualify for the squad.

"Some people take classes for that reason, and we had one girl who had already graduated form hair school who is taking business classes so she can stay on the team," said Adams. "We've started to be a little more diverse, and now that we've won everyone wants to try out. Everyone wants to be on a winning team."

And winning jives with the team's 2011 state competition motto: "We were brought from many different schools for one reason - to do this as one."

They also credit their good luck to hair bows McCale's mother Mary made with tipping the scales and giving the team a final surge of energy to finish their routine. The

team also prides itself on good sportsmanship that brings out their outstanding showman-

Atomic Pom is sponsored by board members Deb Goodwin, Kathy Adams, Mandy Merlo and Kim Lilley, whose objective is to provide students in community colleges the opportunity to participate and compete in the pom/dance arena.

With state competition behind them, the team headed to the Kalahari Indoor Water Park in Sandusky, Ohio, last week to appear as guest performers. They've already been invited aboard Royal Caribbean Cruises in April 2012 to perform a nightly hip hop routine.

Atomic pom will have tryouts May 2011. Specific dates will be posted this month or in April on the Mid-American Pom website at pompon.com.

"Just being on a team ... it's nice to be able to perform," said Adams. "It's hard on you when you stop, so to be able to do it again is wonderful."

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Plymouth teen places first in state scholarship program

Haley Williams didn't have to go to far to find out she was the Distinguished Young Woman of Michigan's Junior

Williams, the Saline Junior Miss, was selected as the winner of the 53rd Michigan's Junior Miss Scholarship Program on Jan. 29 at Saline High School. Fifteen contestants from around the state of Michigan competed for more than \$11,000 in college scholarships.

This past year, America's Junior Miss underwent a name change. The Junior Miss Scholarship Program for high school senior young women is now Distinguished Young Woman of America.

Williams is the first scholarship winner with the new title. She received a total of \$3,750 in cash scholarships. She also was the Fitness Award winner, Interview Award winner and Self Expression Award winner. She will represent Michigan at the Distinguished Young Woman of America Scholarship Program in Mobile, Ala., in June. A fully paid two-week trip to Mobile is provided by the Distinguished Young Women of America organization.

Caroline Asiala, Bay County Junior Miss was as first runner up and was awarded \$2,350 in college scholarships. Shelby Turner, Wayne-Westland Junior Miss, was second runner-up and received \$1,050 in college scholarships. Elizabeth Johnson, Plymouth Junior Miss, was third run-



Winning scholarships were Wayne-Westland Junior Miss Shelby Turner, second runner-up (from left), Bay County Junior Miss Caroline Asiala, first runner-up, Haley Williams, Distinguished Young Woman of Michigan's Junior Miss, and Plymouth Junior Miss Elizabeth Johnson, third runner-up.

ner-up and received an \$850 college scholarship.

Other scholarship winners

Maegan Budd, Jackson

Junior Miss, \$650 Interview Award and Community Service Essay.

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Solid start for Chiefs

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Kayla Bridges made sure Canton got off on the right foot Monday toward another long, successful postseason run.

The senior forward scored 15 points in the first half to help the Chiefs build a 30-13 halftime lead over Northville in the Class A girls basketball district semifinal.

Bridges wouldn't score in the

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second half, but it didn t matter. Canton

pretty much held serve from there, earning a 46-32 victory to move on to Wednesday's district semifinal against South Lyon (12-8).

"I thought Kayla came out and really attacked them inside, scoring around the rim," Canton head coach Brian Samulski said. "And if she didn't score she was able to get to the free-throw line and make her free throws. I thought she came out focused and ready.'

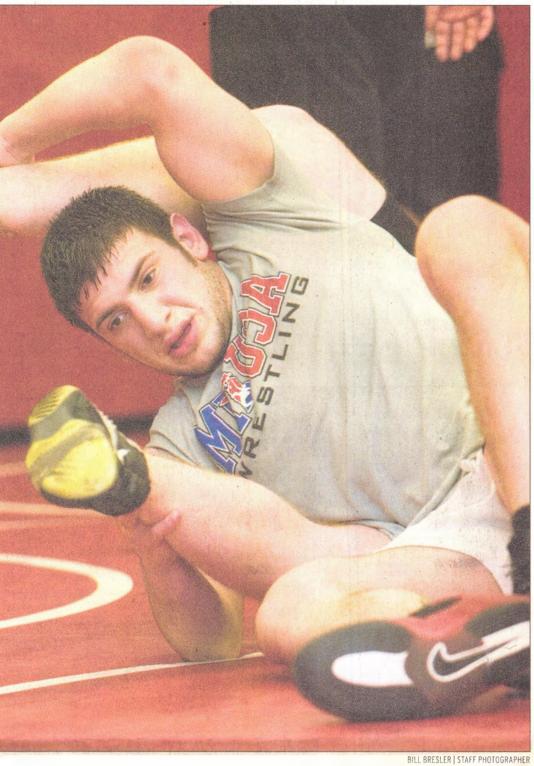
Samulski's team, which improved to 19-2 with the victory, features a talented, experienced and motivated nucleus of which Bridges is an important part of.

But so are senior forwards Kari and Sara Schmitt, senior guard Melanie Pickert and senior forward CarolAnn Sexauer. All were instrumental in Canton's march to the Final Four in 2010.

"I expect all five seniors, they understand this is it for them," Samulski said. "I expect all five of them are going to be focused and ready to wing it every game."

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Matman on a mission



Canton senior 189-pounder Anthony Abro spars with assistant coach Brian Brubaker during practice this week one of five Chiefs set to compete in the Division 1 individual finals beginning Thursday at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Canton's Abro gears up for finals, shot at 200 career wins

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Before Anthony Abro steps onto the mat, he likes to get into a zone.

The Canton senior wrestler plugs in some ear buds to an MP3 player and turns up the volume.

"I don't want to really listen to anyone else, or hear the crowd or anything," Abro said earlier this week. "So I just kind of relax before my match and take a deep breath, you know? And listening to music settles me down."

Abro added that he listens to "a lot of country" music to get mentally ready. But winning is the main tune in his repetoire. The 189-pounder is 56-0 this season and has chalked up 196 career victories entering this week's Division 1 state individual finals at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

On Thursday, Abro will take on Walled Lake Central junior Charles Sovel in hopes of winning his 197th bout.

His 196th win — a 5-3 decision over Novi-**Detroit Catholic Central** nemesis Miles Trealout

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SIDELINES

Lacrosse tryouts

Plymouth High School girls lacrosse tryouts will be held March 14-18 at Field Elementary School, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. each night.

Those interested in trying out for the first-ever Plymouth-only girls lacrosse team can contact coach Nyquist at snyquist@wowway. com. Plans are to field junior varsity and varsity teams.

For girls only

Looking to boost the profile of girls hockey, Canton Arctic Edge hosted the recent "Hockey Night in Canton" featuring the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins.

But that's not all. The arena at 46615 Michigan Ave. near Canton Center welcomes girls for some informal sticks and pucks, between 8-8:50 a.m. Saturdays.

The program carries the point-blank slogan "No Cuts! Boys!" and is just \$5 per participant.

Girls must bring their own equipment or use rental equipment available at Arctic Edge on a first-come, firstserved basis.

For more information, call (734) 487-7777 or go to www. arcticarenas.com.

GCYBSA signups

Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association is holding its registration for spring programs for baseball and softball for girls and boys ages 4-18.

Information and registration can be found at www. gcybsa.com. Registration is open until March 15. Programs include, small ball, T-ball, coach pitch, baseball, softball, competitive and travel leagues.

GCYBSA partners with Plymouth Township, Canton Township and Plymouth Canton Community schools to provide developmental skill building baseball and softball leagues.

S'craft men routed

The men's basketball season ended on a losing note Feb. 23 for Schoolcraft College.

Sam Burton scored 18 points and Doug Anderson added 16 as nationally ranked Flint Mott Community College, No. 1 in NJCAA Division II. rolled to a 92-54 triumph over the visiting Ocelots.

Mott, which clinched a share of the MCCAA Eastern Conference title, improved to 26-2 overall and 14-1 in the conference. The Bears shot 11of-14 from the foul stripe.

Schoolcraft (9-20, 3-13) got 16 points from Karl Moore. Daniel Hill (Wayne Memorial) added 15 points and nine rebounds, while Zachary Childress chipped in with 14 points.

Schoolcraft, which made 14-of-21 free throws, missed the MCCAA playoffs for the fourth straight year.

Abraham adds two

Madonna University women's volleyball coach Jerry Abraham announced the signing of two more players for the 2011 season when he added Cassie Castro of Saline and Kayla Vogel of Hastings to NAIA letters-of-intent.

Castro was a 2010 All-State selection for the Hornets along with being a two-time All-Region and All-Southeastern Conference selection. She was Saline's Defensive Player of the Year two straight seasons.

Vogel earned four varsity letters at Hastings where she amassed 613 kills, 132 solo blocks and 92 ace serves as a senior to earn All-Barry County first-team honors.

Both squads had quality

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BOYS HOCKEY PRE-REGIONALS —



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Salem forward Mark McGee (No. 9) storms in on Plymouth netminder Michael Justus (No. 20) to score the Rocks second goal late in regulation at Novi Ice Arena.

Rocks score late, stop Wildcats

BY TIM SMITH

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem's hockey season hinged on getting past a Plymouth team playing Tuesday night with nothing to lose.

The Rocks ran into all kinds of trouble - primarily Wildcats senior goalie Michael Justus — in the Division 1 pre-regional game at Novi Ice Arena.

But Salem's own senior netminder, Brandon Price, did not blink in the goaltending dual. Finally, the Rocks broke the scoreless tie midway through the third period and went on to a 3-0 victory.

With 7:34 left, Austin Sartorius centered the

puck to linemate Garrett Paquette in front of Justus and the Plymouth goalie had no chance on the bang-bang play.

"When I see the goalie in the opposite end perform at his best level that makes me want to perform at my best level," said Price, who stopped 21 Plymouth shots. "When they bring

their A game I got to bring my A game.' Salem (18-5-2) provided Price with some breathing room with 1:04 remaining when forward Mark McGee scored unassisted just as the Wildcats were trying to pull Justus (29 saves) for an extra attacker.

McGee intercepted an errant clearing pass

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Late goal ousts Canton

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After rallying from an early two-goal deficit Tuesday night, Canton could not finish the job in a Division 1 preregional boys hockey game at Novi Ice Arena.

Instead, Northville forward Riley Marotta scored off a faceoff with 4:52 left in regulation, breaking a 2-2 tie and the Chiefs' hearts at the same time

"Riley Marotta's got great hands, that's all I can say," said Northville head coach Jeff Hatley. "It was right off the draw and he pushed it through."

puck drop toward Canton senior netminder Spencer Craig, and it somehow squirted through the goalie's pads. "It was just a bad bounce

Marotta one-timed the

off the faceoff," lamented Canton head coach Jeremy Majszak. "But he played very well for us tonight and all season long."

With their 4-2 victory, the Mustangs will face Salem (who blanked Plymouth 3-0 earlier Tuesday) at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the pre-regional

Whoever wins Thursday will play in the regional final 7 p.m. Saturday at Livonia's Eddie Edgar Arena.

TOUGH START

Canton (finishing 16-7-2) never overcame an early 2-0 deficit, as Northville scored two power-play goals before the game was six minutes old.

Forward Stephen Champagne pounced on a rebound and jammed it behind Craig with 11:06 left in the opening stanza.

The Mustangs scored again when a slap shot from the left point by defenseman Logan Hill had eyes — floating over players into the top right corner of the net. Craig never saw the blast.

Canton — playing without

seven players suspended as a result of the Feb. 15 postgame brawl against Plymouth finally got it going during the second period. But it still took a while to

solve Northville senior goalie David Ketelhut. During the middle stanza,

the Chiefs could not capitalize on a 5-on-3 power play for two full minutes (senior defenseman Jimmy LaFontaine did crank one off the crossbar). "That could have been a

huge turning point for us if we could have just put the puck in the net," Majszak said.

BACK TO BACK Finally, with 57 seconds

to go in the period and on another power play, Canton got on the board. LaFontaine took a hard shot from the right half-wall that Ketelhut stopped but couldn't control.

Swooping in to knock in the loose puck was forward Brandon Grilla.

Canton then tied it up at 2-2 with 14:03 left in the third. Defenseman Josh Dickson fed a pass to senior forward Jordan Smith, whose shot from the left circle was stopped.

But forward AJ Rosales pounced on yet another rebound to stuff the puck

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in the Plymouth end and then sent his own rebound past Justus. McGee added an empty netter with 21.5 seconds left.

DOSE OF CONFIDENCE

"They (Wildcats) came out very strong and kept themselves in the game," McGee said. "In the end it's a big morale builder for us heading into Thursday," a 6:30 pre-regional final against Northville.

The Wildcats (8-9-8) did show a lot of moxie, playing minus eight players suspended due to the recent brawl with Canton.

"They played very well, I give them all the credit in the world," Ossenmacher said. "Shorthanded, they took it to us for points in the game.

"... But our guys found a way to win. Our whole thing is they don't ask how, they ask how many.

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Plymouth head coach Paul Fassbender praised his team for its overall effort despite tough circumstances.

"Guys were put in situations that they didn't get all year long," Fassbender said. "They got them tonight and they were gassed, they left everything they could out there."

Fassbender mentioned the work turned in by younger players such as Dean Gunther, Joe Burke, Kevin Matusiak, Nate Stemberger, Kyle Bauer, Jordan Lopetrone and Ryan Theisen.

"We had our chances,"
Fassbender said. "Mike
(Justus) played great in net for
us and we really played well
defensively.

"But we started to show signs of getting tired going into the third."

Plymouth senior co-captain and defenseman Justin Bauer concurred that "in the third period we didn't have as much gas left as we wanted. And they took advantage of it."

Bauer added that the team might have fared better with a full roster, but "that's in the past, we have to keep going. We're kind of mad, but there's nothing we can do about it."

COMING UP BIG

Although the win wasn't the most artistic one of the year for the Rocks, Ossenmacher said surviving such a game might prove helpful as the postseason continues against the Mustangs.

It won't hurt having Price standing behind Salem's defense.

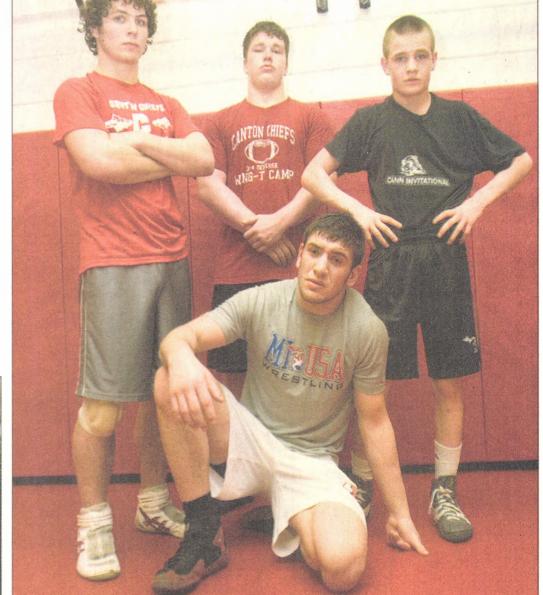
"Price played really well, he's played well all year for us so it's no surprise," Ossenmacher said. "He's made some big saves in key games. You don't have 18 wins as a goalie in a high school season without playing really well."

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Watching the action after a Salem goal are Plymouth's Tyler Lazorka (left), Cameron Nadell (No. 18) and Mitch Claggett (No. 10). There was a lot of extra room on the Wildcats bench because of suspensions levied following a Feb. 15 postgame brawl against Canton.



Five Canton wrestlers will take part in this week's Division 1 individual finals, including (standing, from left) Braden Price, Ben Poirier, Ben Griffin and (kneeling) Anthony Abro. Not pictured is Zach Marsh.

CANTON

chances the rest of the period, but the Chiefs were unable to

crack the deadlock.

After the tie-breaker by
Marotta, Canton pulled Craig
for an extra man but could not
set up inside Northville's zone
for a quality opportunity.

With 16 seconds to go, Cole Brown iced the win for the Mustangs with an empty net-

"We had opportunities,"
Majszak said. "... We came
out of the gate a little bit slow,
and went down and it took us
a while to start playing our
game."

Northville's Hatley said his team played well in the first, ran into penalty trouble in the second but "we hung tough there and got it done in the third period."

The strong play of Ketelhut

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did not surprise Hatley, calling him "a warrior. He battles for our team in there all game long."

Despite the disappointing loss, Majszak said it was a very successful season.

The Chiefs won their first KLAA South title, also nabbed the Lash Cup for head-to-head supremacy against Salem and Plymouth and tied a school record for victories (16).

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at the recent individual regionals — propelled him into the finals.

CLOSE TO MILESTONE
Of course, he has his sights

set on a state championship.
"I fell short last year," Abro
said. "So hopefully winning it

this year would be very cool."

If he does that, he will hit
the prestigious 200-win mark.

"I don't give it much thought, but it kind of means a lot," Abro said. "It's kind of cool, you know? It's hard to get over 100 wins, really, there's barely kids with over 50 wins, let alone 200.

"I don't know, I just go out there and wrestle and win. It just adds up."

The success is well-earned. According to Canton wrestling coach Cory Mancuso, nobody works harder than the fourthyear varsity grappler.

"He's better on his feet, he has more than one attack now," Mancuso said about Abro's outstanding 2010-11 season.

According to Abro, Mancuso's instruction and ability to motivate have helped him get over the hump.

"He (Mancuso) is a great technician, a great motivator and he really helps me get mentally ready out there," Abro said. "He just really prepares us physically, too. We know we're in the best shape because of what he makes us

That is a key component to Abro's five-star record.

"I just work real hard in the room," he said. "When I go out there, I know my conditioning's a lot better and I stay in good position against everyone."

OPEN TO CHANGE

Abro takes each bout as it comes, doing plenty of prep work but keeping his approach fluid for any last-minute strategic changes.

He'll also consider whether the Chiefs are in need of the extra points that come from pins and major decisions.

"If it's like a team aspect, and I need to pick up bonus points for my team, then absolutely I go out there and

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140 pounds: Zach Marsh, Jr., Canton (42-8) vs. Carl Nystrom, Sr., Hudsonville (33-13).

145: Jalen Jones, Sr., Wayne Memorial (41-13) vs. Nick Mason, Jr., Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (35-5).

171: Vince Tkac, Sr., Brighton (54-7) vs. Braden Price, Sr., Canton (20-7); Kameron Jones, Sr., Westland John Glenn (48-10) vs. Kevin Beazley, Jr., Novi-Detroit CC (38-5).

189: Anthony Abro, Sr., Canton (56-0) vs. Charles Sovel, Jr., Walled Lake Central (39-9).

285: Ben Poirier, Sr., Canton (50-3) vs. Kyle Knapp, Jr., Portage Central, 29-19.

103: Ben Griffin, Fr., Canton (54-1) vs. John Leark, Fr., Caledonia (35-11). 119: John Brown, Sterling Heights Stevenson (47-5) vs. Cody Korpus,

125: Said Youssef, Jr., Plymouth (46-11) vs. Kyle Hill, Jr., Oxford (6-2). 130: Christopher Brish, Jr., Brighton (51-4) vs. Alec Breckenridge,

DIVISION 4

103 pounds: Zachary Francis, Fr., Lutheran High Westland (36-6) vs. Bill Bentgen, Soph., St. Ignace (31-8).

try to get the pin, attack," Abro said. "But if it's just for myself, I just look to score points, really."

Soph., Plymouth (34-11).

The Chiefs definitely are scoring both with individual wrestlers and as a squad.

Of course, Abro is Exhibit A of how Canton is becoming one of the best programs in the

But he'll have four teammates accompanying him to The Palace, for further proof.

Seniors Ben Poirier (285) and Braden Price (171), junior Zach Marsh (140) and freshman Ben Griffin (103) also are slated to compete beginning Thursday. The finals continue Friday and Saturday.

Other finalists from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park include Plymouth's Said Youssef (125), Alec Breckenridge (130) and Salem's Cody Korpus (119).

"You just want to keep it going, year after year," Abro said about the Canton wrestling tradition of excellence. "If you do good one year, you want to top it off the next."

For Abro, who played football for the Canton Lions as well as the high school's freshman team in 2007, it didn't take long for him to decide on wrestling as his sport of choice.

"I got interested in it around seventh grade," Abro said.

"After football, I just wanted to keep doing something. Then I got pretty good at it and kept doing it."

GIVING BACK

He also received plenty of encouragement from coaches such as Corey Randolph (now the Tecumseh head coach), Dave Beazley and Mancuso, among others.

Abro said they all helped him nail the physical and mental aspects needed to succeed in wrestling.

"It's 90 percent mental and 10 percent physical," he said. "If you're mentally better than the kid, you're going to beat him. You can be the strongest kid out there, but if you're mentally better than him, you're going to win."

That stance undoubtedly will help Abro master whatever he does after high school, in athletics or other endeavors.

Abro also said he wouldn't mind being a coach someday, to help steer future youngsters down the same path he has

"Hopefully I'll coach or something," he said. "Either as

a head coach or an assistant."
But all that is down the road. For now, he'll go to
Auburn Hills and turn up the

volume.

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ady Ocelots win MCCAA crown again

BY BRAD EMONS

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER
Winning state champi-

Winning state championships never gets old for Schoolcraft College women's basketball coach Karen Lafata.

"It keeps me coming back," said the veteran coach, who notched her fifth Michigan Community College Athletic Association title Saturday at home with a 71-53 triumph

over Muskegon CC.
Muskegon (22-8), the
Western Conference champions, trailed by only two at
halftime, 35-33, and held at
four-point advantage, 43-39,

with 13:12 remaining.
But that's when the

Schoolcraft (27-3) buckled down defensively, holding the Jayhawks to just two field goals over the final 13 minutes while going on a 30-10 run.

Diamond Tolliver, a 5-foot-3 freshman guard from Saginaw High, led all scorers with 20 points, including five triples to go along with four steals.



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'Cats ride first-half wave to victory

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth parlayed aggressive defense and long-range shooting to defeat campus rival Salem 46-38 in Monday's Class A district quarterfinal girls basketball game at Northville.

With the win, Plymouth (9-12) advanced to Wednesday's district semifinal against KLAA Central Division champion Novi (16-4).

"We defended their perimeter kids and I don't think their inside kids hurt us," Plymouth head coach Bob deBear said. "We just blocked out."

Veteran Salem head coach Fred Thomann, whose team tried to stage a fourth-quarter rally, tipped his cap to the Wildcats.

"In the first half, Plymouth came out and really, really took it to us," Thomann said. "They earned the right to have the score what it was because they played their butts off out there.

"But I thought our kids really came back and demonstrated that they were capable too, so I was very, very proud of them."

Spurred by an 11-1 run spanning parts of the first two frames, the Wildcats built a 23-8 halftime lead.

They enjoyed a 30-14 edge with about three minutes left in the third quarter.

Back-to-back buckets by Salem junior forward Jennifer First (six points) provided the first glimmer of hope for the Rocks since early in the contest. It was 30-18 Plymouth entering the fourth.

Yet despite an 11-point fourth quarter by Salem senior point guard Heidi Schmidt — desperately trying to keep the season going — the Rocks just could not overcome the early struggles.

"The second half, this is my last game," Schmidt said. "I tried to take it, tried to help my team. We came back, battled back."

Schmidt (15 points) drained a rainbow jumper midway through the fourth to cut the

Plymouth lead to 32-27. GOOD IN THE CLUTCH

But then Plymouth senior guard Alex Roberts took some of the air out of the Salem balloon with a clutch trey from the left flank to make it 35-27. It was the fifth triple of the game for the Wildcats.

Salem (9-12) would not get closer than eight points the rest of the game.

"(Junior guard) Kate Watson made a lot of free throws in that second half," deBear said. "And Alex Roberts with a key three on an in-bounds play, I think that stands out."

Watson made six free throws in the fourth and finished with 11 for the game.

Roberts led the Wildcats with 14 points and nine rebounds along with some senior leadership to help the squad get through Salem's late comeback attempt.

"You know for a lot of the girls it was their first district game," Roberts said. "And I wanted them to be confident and everyone stepped up tonight."

When the Rocks were whittling away at the Plymouth lead, Roberts had a message for her teammates to "stay positive, don't think about the mistakes and just keep looking forward."

Other Plymouth players who made key contributions included freshmen guards Alyssa Dillon (seven points, two steals), Kylie Robb (six points, three assists) and junior forward Alyssa Burris (six points).

According to deBear, the defense of Dillon on Salem's top outside shooter (junior guard Brianna Berberet) was another crucial element to the victory.

"Alyssa Dillon, she's just a great defender," deBear said. "She defended their best scorer, Berberet. But we had trouble with Heidi Schmidt."

Berberet managed four points while junior guard Katelyn Krause chipped in with nine points and five rebounds for the Rocks.

Thomann said Schmidt will be sorely missed in 2011-12.

"Heidi's been a fantastic leader for us as a senior this year," Thomann noted. "We're going to really miss her next year, but she's moving on to Eastern (Michigan University) for bigger and better things with her softball career.

"We just were really fortunate to have had her in our program for three years."

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Getting in position to grab a rebound Monday night against Northville is Canton senior forward Sara Schmitt (No. 40).

CHIEFS

Kari Schmitt led all scorers with 17 points. Both Schmitt twins and Bridges also contributed five rebounds and three steals.

And Sexauer drained a trey in the final minute of the first quarter to extend Canton's lead to 18-8 after one frame. She scored five points.

Also helping Canton's cause with solid playmaking and defense was junior point guard Robyn Mack. She scored six points and collected five boards along with four assists.

Northville (10-11) shaved the deficit to 19-13 with 5:20 to go in the first half after a bankshot triple by senior Katie Giacomini (seven points).

That just set up

That just set up an 11-0 run the rest of the quarter, making it 30-13 at intermission.

Bridges hit all six free throws during that stretch along with a putback layup.

The Mustangs outscored Canton 12-10 in the third, with junior Meredith Williams (eight points) connecting on two treys.

But all that did was take eight more minutes off the clock, with the Chiefs still up 40-25 after three.

Canton's opened up a 44-25 lead after baskets from Kari Schmitt and Sexauer started the final stanza.

The closest Northville would get the rest of the way was the 14-point spread at the final buzzer, following a late bucket by senior Sam Sergi.

"It's just one game at a time," Samulski said. "All we were worried about was Northville, now we need to concentrate on South Lyon.

"They have a goal out there, but they understand it's one step at a time."

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Penguins' rally falls short against Port Huron

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins girls hockey team fell behind 4-0 Saturday against Port Huron and could not overcome that huge deficit, dropping a 5-4 decision at Canton Arctic Edge.

Courtney Harris scored two of the Lady Icehawks goals and assisted on another during that early onslaught.

The Penguins cut the deficit to 4-2 in the second period on markers by forward Jennifer Fedon (from

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forward Jenna Carter) and defenseman Sarah Coleman (also from Carter), but Port Huron tacked on the eventual game winner with 3:20 to go in the frame. Scoring an unassisted goal was Morgan Thompson, who beat PCS sophomore goalie Cortny McAdoo on the play.

With just 33 seconds remaining in the period, PCS forward Amanda Heisler brought the Penguins to within 5-3 and forward Rebecca Majszak (from Coleman) made it a one-goal difference when she scored at 4:02 of the third period.

But PCS could not net the equalizer in the league contest.

• On Feb. 22, Heisler's first-period goal (from defenseman Alissa Novak) held up until the third period against Regina at Arctic Edge. But then Rachel Garrity and Sierra Kett found the back of

the PCS net in the final stanza, enough to give Regina a 2-1 victory.

It was "Senior Night," and Tory Campbell, Coleman, Fedon, Rhianna Fleisher, Heisler, Majszak, Novak and Marissa Sullivan were all honored.

• On Feb. 15, PCS lost 3-1 to visiting Northville. The lone goal for the Penguins was scored in the third period by Coleman, on a play assisted by Heisler and left wing Beth Johnson.

Plymouth boys qualify for bowling state finals

BY TIM SMITHOBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sparked by a string of 200 games by junior Justin Thompson, the Plymouth varsity boys bowling team

regionals held Feb. 25-26.
Thompson rolled a 646
series, with games of 200, 203
and an outstanding 243 as the
Wildcats tallied 4,160 points
– nipping Westland John
Glenn's 4,159. Taking third

captured the Division 1 team

was Wayne Memorial (4,033). Other Plymouth-Canton Educational Park teams Salem and Canton finishing fourth and fifth, respectively, with tallies of 3,819 and 3,730.

Other top Plymouth bowlers contributing to the regional title were Brandon Congdon (622 series), Rob Korstjens (595) and Eric Thompson (553).

Evan Grimme and Ryan Riva tallied one-game scores of 197 and 180, respectively.

"I am very proud of the boys," said Plymouth head coach Tammy Thompson, whose squad moves on to the team finals. "They have been working very hard all season and now they are reaping the rewards after overcoming many obstacles."

For Salem, top individuals included Kevin Williams (587, including a 222 game), Ryan Clark (582) and David Nikkila (505).

Leading bowlers for Canton were Ross Terrasi (565) and Andrew Klein (562).

Clark, Nikkila and Terrasi all qualified for the singles finals.

In the girls regionals, Canton took fifth with 3,243 pins followed by Salem (7th, 3,203) and Plymouth (10th, 3,121).

But Plymouth's Caitlyn Webb became the first PCEP freshman to qualify for singles with a score of 1,122 for six games.

Mackenzie Carlson also qualified for the Wildcats with a tally of 1,056.

"This is Mackenzie's second year on the team," Thompson said. "... She has been our anchor for two years and has been a very important part of our team."

Salem's Kristin Larkins and Ashley Kretschmer also qualified for the state singles finals.

Zhang's records fall at KLAA swim meet

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The old adage "Records were made to be broken" repeated itself over and over during Saturday's finals of the Kensington Conference boys swimming and diving meet held at South Lyon East.

In the fastest meet of the young conference's three-year history, eight records tumbled and defending champion Northville ran away with the team title with a whopping 925 points.

Rounding out the top five teams were Novi (658.5), Salem (652), South Lyon Unified (599) and Livonia Stevenson (562) – all from the KLAA's Central Division along with Northville.

Rounding out the team standings were KLAA South Division teams Canton (429.5), Plymouth (311), Westland John Glenn (220), Livonia Churchill (170), Wayne Memorial (153) and Livonia Franklin (105).

One of the meet's individual standouts was Stevenson senior captain Kellen Schoff, who figured in three new records including the 100-yard butterfly (52.03), 100 backstroke (52.84) and 200 medley relay (1:38.27).

Schoff broke the butterfly mark of 52.90 set last year by Canton's Victor Zhang, who was runner-up in 52.17.

In the 100 backstroke, Schoff also eclipsed Zhang's time of 53.86 set a year ago as did runner-up John Ferrara of Stevenson in 53.35. Schoff, Jake McNamara and

the Ferrara brothers, John and Adam, also established a new standard in the 200 medley relay breaking the mark of 1:39.55 set by South Lyon in 2010. Stevenson's 200 freestyle

relay team of Jake McNamara, Brandon Bielicki and Schoff also won in 1:29.16. That gave Schoff a total of

four firsts in the day.

Meanwhile, Canton's Victor

Zhang shattered the 200 freestyle relay of 1:45.25 set last year by Nate Lunn of Northville with a new clocking of 1:42.57.

Other new records were set by Novi's Joon Chung, 200 individual medley (1:55.94) and 100 breaststroke (59.12), along with Salem's Adam Seroka, 500 freestyle (4:40.41).

Salem's Matt Collingwood also enjoyed a big day winning the 50 freestyle (22.05) and 100 freestyle (48.32). He also teamed up with Jason Zhang, Max Mills and Seroka for a first in the 400 freestyle relay (3:16.97).

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BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING RESULTS

KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE BOYS SWIM MEET Feb. 25-26 at South Lyon East

FINAL TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 925 points; 2. Novi, 658.5; 3. Salem, 652; 4. South Lyon Unified, 599.5; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 562; 6. Canton, 429.5; 7. Plymouth, 311; 8. Westland John Glenn, 220.5; 9. Livonia Churchill, 170; 10. Wayne Memorial, 153; 11. Livonia Franklin, 105.

(top 8 finishers by A-B finals times)
200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson
(John Ferrara, Jake McNamara, Kellen
Schoff, Adam Ferrara), 1:38.27 (meet
record); 2. Novi (Joon Chung, Jong Min
Kim, Tiger Borque, Eugene Song), 1:41.06;
3. Northville (Ryan Winkler, Bofang Zhang,
William Greenlee, Dawson Laabs), 1:41.57; 4.
Canton, 1:42.45; 5. Salem, 1:43.1; 6. Plymouth,

200 freestyle: 1. Victor Zhang (Canton), 1:42.57 (meet record); 2. Adam Seroka

1:43.51; 7. South Lyon, 1:44.06; 8. John Glenn,

(Salem), 1:42.96; 3. Andrew Ao (Novi), 1:46.88; 4. Travis Vincent (Novi), 1:48.23; 5. Alex Miller (N'ville), 1:48.24; 6. Evan Bischoff (SL), 1:48.75; 7. Johannes Henriksson (N'ville), 1:49.57; 8. Tim Shea (N'ville), 1:49.86.

200 individual medley: 1. Chung (Novi), 1:55.94 (meet record); 2. Jay Jin (Canton), 2:00.42; 3. Zhang (N'ville), 2:00.87; 4. J. Ferrara (LS), 2:01.08; 5. Max Mills (Salem), 2:01.99; 6. Eric Li (Salem), 2:02.33; 7. Alex Jouney (Ply.), 2:03.07; 8. J. McNamara (LS), 2:04.01

50 freestyle: 1. Matt Collingwood (Salem), 22.05; 2. Miller (N'ville), 22.06; 3. Greenlee (N'ville), 22.45; 4. Song (Novi), 22.78; 5. Winkler (N'ville), 22.92; 6. Brandon Bielicki (LS), 22.93; 7. Nathan Wagner (SL), 23.07; 8. Adam Liakos (Ply.), 23.08.

1-meter diving: 1. Kevin Bain (N'ville), 461.90 points (meet record); 2. Will Price (N'ville), 420.45; 3. Dan Gironza (SL), 414.35; 4. Brendan O'Shea (SL), 345.55; 5. Nick Griwicki (Salem), 344.00; 6. Derek Kim (Novi), 341.95; 7. Alex Canadi (SL), 328.90; 8. Charlie Dillon (Salem), 315.20. 100 butterfly: 1. Kellen Schoff (LS), 52.03 (meet record); 2. Zhang (Canton), 52.17; 3. Greenlee (N'ville), 53.68; 4. Ethan Christensen (Ply.), 55.20; 5. Travis Burgess (SL), 55.32; 6. Tanner Vincent (Novi), 55.9; 7

Jeremy Wellman (Salem), 56.11; 8. Dawson

Laabs (N'ville), 57.01.

100 freestyle: 1. Collingwood (Salem), 48.32; 2. Bischoff (SL), 48.5; 3. Winkler (N'ville), 48.82; 4. (tie) Ao (Novi) and Miller (N'ville), 49.31 each; 6. Mike Carlson (Canton), 49.79; 7. Bielicki (LS), 49.96; 8. Chris Kim (N'ville), 50.43.

500 freestyle: 1. Seroka (Salem), 4:40.41 (meet record); 2. Mills (Salem), 4:51.4; 3. Vincent (Novi), 4:53.28; 4. Shea (N'ville), 4:59.24; 5. Henricksson (N'ville), 5:01.81; 6. (tie) Grant McNamara (LS) and John Dunnuck (SL), 5:04.57 each; 8. Austin Hunt (N'ville), 5:05.04.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Jake McNamara, A. Ferrara, Brandon Bielicki, Schoff), 1:29.16; 2. Novi (Vincent, Song, Matt Wright, Ao), 1:30.62; 3. Salem (Collingwood, Bai, Mills, Seroka), 1:30.73; 4. Northville, 1:32.48; 5. South Lyon, 1:32.48; 6. Canton, 1:33.32; 7. John Glenn, 1:34.21; 8. Churchill, 1:38.21

100 backstroke: 1. Schoff (LS), 52.84 (meet record); 2. J. Ferrara (LS), 53.35; 3. Jin (Canton), 54.93; 4. Li (Salem), 56.12; 5. Jason Zhang (Salem), 56.55; 6. Wagner (LS), 57.43; 7. Wellman (Salem), 58.04; 8. Adrian Simion (Canton), 58.29.

(Canton), 38.29.

100 breaststroke: 1. Chung (Novi), 59.12 (meet record); 2. J. McNamara (LS), 1:01.82; 3. Kim (Novi), 1:02.8; 4. G. McNamara (LS), 1:03.0; 5. Zhang (N'ville), 1:03.14; 6. Dunnuck (SL), 1:03.23; 7. Jouney (Ply.), 1:03.28; 8.

David Vincentini (LC), 1:04.66.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem
(Collingwood, Zhang, Mills, Seroka), 3:16.97;
2. Canton (Mike Carlson, Simion, Jin, Zhang),
3:17.25; 3. Novi (Vincent, Wright, Ao, Chung),
3:17.32; 4. Northville, 3:17.63; 5. South Lyon,
3:24.04; 6. Stevenson, 3:24.35; 7. Plymouth,
3:27.86; 8. John Glenn, 3:38.02

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL Thursday, March 3

Canton at KLAA association crossover, 7 p.m. Plymouth at KLAA association crossover, 7 p.m. Salem at KLAA association crossover, 7 p.m. Old Redford at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m. Huron Valley at Birm. Roeper, 7 p.m. Plymouth Christian at Franklin Road, 7 p.m. GIRLS BASKETBALL (DISTRICT TOURNEYS)

at NORTHVILLE Friday, March 4: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Tuesday, March 8 at Canton vs. Ann Arbor Pioneer

CLASS A

district champion.)

CLASS D
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Saturday, March 5 at Livonia's Edgar Arena vs.

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PREP WRESTLING INDIVIDUAL FINALS
(at Palace of Auburn Hills)
Thursday, March 3: Round 1, 2:15 p.m.
Friday, March 4: Round 2, 8:30 a.m.; Round 3,
11 a.m.; Round 4; 2 p.m.; semifinals, 7 p.m.
Saturday, March 5: Round 6, 8:30 a.m.; Round

7, 10:10 a.m.; Round 8, 11:30 a.m.; Round 9 finals,

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DELORES BROWN

Age 79, went to be with the Lord on February 22nd, 2011. Survived by her husband Dale and family.

ROSE LOUISE CRENSHAW

Age 83, February 27, 2011. Beloved wife of Paul for 62 years. Loving mother of Nancy (Douglas) Berg and the late Paul, Jr. and Jeff Crenshaw. Sister of Edward Bojas. Grandmother of Angie and Paul. Great grandmother of 5. Visitation Thursday 2-9 PM at Harry J. Will Funeral Home 37000 Six Mile Rd. in Livonia. Funeral Friday, in state 10am until time of service at 11am at Grace Lutheran Church 25630 Grand River Ave. in Redford. Interment Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

ANNE FURMAN

Brighton, MI. Her Legacy...Died February 28, 2011. Anne was born, Anna Linnea Benson, February 23, 1917 in Bridgeport, CT the daughter of Swedish immigrants, Carl Johan August and Olga Juliana (Elg) Benson. In June of 1938 she met her husband of 63 years, Louis Furman of Cleveland at a dude ranch in Lake George, New York. They were married April 9, 1939 in Brooklyn, NY. He precedes her in death. She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hamburg and Lakeland Golf and Country Club where she and Lou enjoyed many years of golf and endur-ing friendships. Her Family...Loving mother of Judy (Kevin) Woods of Dexter and beloved grandmother of Abigail, Jonathan and Caitlin. She is preceded in death by her sister, Alice and three brothers, Rudolph, Siegfried and John. Her Farewell...The family will gather with friends on Friday from 5-8 PM at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel. Funeral service will be held at 11 am on Friday March 4, 2011 at St Andrews Episcopal Church, 306 N. Division, Ann Arbor, MI with Fr. Alan Gibson officiating. Burial will take place in Hamburg Cemetery. Memorial contri-butions are suggested to Arbor Hospice. Please leave a Message of Comfort to Anne's family by calling 877-231-7900 or visit her guestbook at: www.borekjennings.com.

HARRIET CLEGERN **MORGAN**

With beautiful memories, announce the passing on of Harriet Clegern Morgan on February 26, 2011 at age 90. Born in Oklahoma in 1920 to Wayne Frank Clegern and Katharine McLauchlin Clegern, Harriet had two brothers William and Wayne and a sister, Frances. Her parents, Brother Bill and sister Frances have preceded her in death. Dedicating her life to education and research, Professor Emeritus Harriet C. Morgan taught science at Schoolcraft College from its opening in 1964 to her retirement in 1990. Harriet served as a member of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church for 40 years. She was preceded her in death by her son Gregory Wayne Morgan. Her memory will be cherished by her daughter Mary Katharine Morgan; daughter-inlaw Lucille Babcock and husband; grand-children, Kyna Morgan-Pearce, Clifford Englehart, Jeffery Englehart and their families; many great-grand-children; brother Wayne Clegern and wife Nancy; and the Clegern clan. Memorial Service: March 5 at Gardens Rosedale Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard St., Livonia. Visitation is at 1p.m. with service to begin at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Gardens Presbyterian

EMILY J. SALVATO

Age 77, February 27, 2011. Beloved wife of 50 years to Thomas and loving mother of Joey, Gina (Dale) Massy, Kathleen (Mark) Demers, Peter, Tom, Michelle (Peter) Napolitan, Vince (Michele). Also survived by 10 grandchildren.

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CHARLES (CHUCK) SPANBERGER

Age 86, of Redford, 2-17-11. Brother of Ethel Grigg, Marilyn Irvine & the late George. Uncle of Kurt Spanberger, Kathy Nichol & others. No services are planned.

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BARBARA DAVINA STOYE

87, of Traverse City and formerly of the Detroit area, passed away Friday, Feb. 25, 2011, at her home on Old Mission Peninsula, with her family by her side. Barbara was born on May 15, 1923, in Detroit, the daughter of the late George F. and Barbara W. (Leadbetter) James. Barbara attended and graduated from Cooley High School. After attending Wayne State University, Barbara entered Grace Hospital School of Nursing. While at Grace, she met Frederick Deckert Stoye. The two were fixed up on a blind date, which was Valentine's Day 1943. They were married on June 29, 1946, after Frederick graduated from the University of Detroit Dental School. After opening his dental practice in Detroit, their first child was born, Laura C. Stoye. She preceded Barbara in death on Feb. 15, 1991. Raising their family (Laura and later their son, Fred D. Stoye Jr.) in Detroit and eventually in Lathrup Village, Barbara worked the local election, belonged to the Lathrup Supper Club volunteered at Beaumont Hospital. Her other joy was spending summers at the family cottage at Higgins Lake. She will be greatly missed by her husband of almost 65 years Frederick D. Stoye, D.D.S.; her son, Fred D. Stoye Jr., D.D.S., and his wife; Deborah; her five grandchildren, Matthew (Kelly) Cushman, Emily S. Stoye, Grant F. (Lydia) Stoye, Jonathan P. Stoye and Ellen E. (Chris) Phillips; one great-grandchild, Olivia S. Cushman, with one on the way and due to arrive to Ellen and Chris Phillips in April; her sister-in-law, Mary Stoye; six nieces and nephews; as well as many other loving family members and friends. Funeral services took place on Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be directed to Father Fred Foundation or the Higgins Lake Foundation. Please share memories with the family at Barbara's online guestbook at: www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com.

The family is being served by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home.

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DANIEL LEE VALENTINE

Passed away on Feb 27, 2011, Age 51 Daniel was an Alumnus of University of Michigan whose passion was food and music. Daniel could be seen enjoying himself working in the yard or improving his household, and enjoyed getting together with his family. He was a loving husband to Laura (nee Beaton); caring father to Amber; step-father to Sarah Jones; step-grandfather to Allen Szabo, and brother to Sharon and James. Daniel was predeceased by his father Raymond and brother Thomas. Visitation for Daniel will be on Thursday starting at 2PM until 9PM with the Funeral service starting at 7PM at the Lee-Ellena Funeral Home located at 46530 Romeo Plank Macomb, MI 48044 (South of 21 mile). Share memories at

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both of us east-siders? "I knew from that moment that we needed to return to concertizing together and that our first performance should be in the Farmington area so that our two churches could participate in the event."

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BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

arol Shaltz of Livonia hopes her Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers, Rory, Maggie and Ella, earn a few points at the Detroit Kennel Club Dog shows this weekend.

But more importantly, Shaltz, an owner, breeder and handler, wants to educate the public.

"To me the most important thing is letting the public meet the breeds," said Shaltz, who has owned soft-coated Wheaten terriers for 22 years and bred and shown them for 15. "When someone calls me for a Wheaton, if I don't feel they are the right family for a Wheaten, I'll tell them no and I'll tell them why. Then I'll tell them to go down to the Detroit Kennel Club show and meet the different breeds."

Shaltz says it's the perfect venue to look at a variety of dogs and meet reputable breeders who screen their breeding dogs for potential health problems. Appropriate testing for a Wheaten, for example, includes a hip x-ray, annual eye tests and complete urinalysis and blood profiles.

"I know the health of the parents, the grandparents and the greatgrandparents," she said, adding that backyard breeders and pet stores generally don't keep track of dog health histories. "A lot of pet stores get puppies from puppy mills and have no clue of what grandpa died of. I always tell people if I don't have puppies when they call, to buy from a reputable dealer and ask questions. I'm here for the life of the puppy and not question is a silly one. Shaltz, who breeds soft-coated Wheaten terriers under the name "Lil' Town Wheatons of Ardnacassa, is vice president of the Motor City Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club

She enjoys the benched portion of the show as much as the judging because it gives her a chance to talk with visitors about her favorite dog breed.

and is involved with the Ann Arbor

Kennel Club's obedience programs.

Canine time

Check out breeds in the ring and on that bench at Detroit Kennel Club Dog Shows



Terry Seraceno of Farmington Hills and Sassy, one of several golden retrievers who volunteers as a therapy dog.



Maggie earns a ribbon under the guidance of owner-handler Carol Shaltz of Livonia.



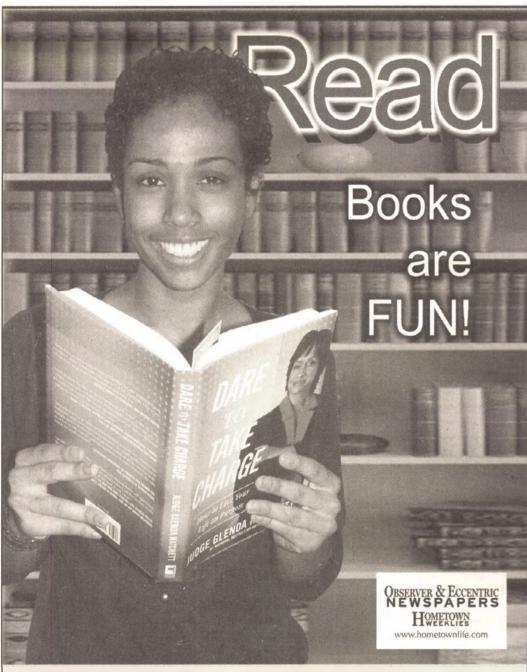
One of Carol Shaltz' soft-coated Wheaten terrier's eyes a treat at home in Livonia.

MEETING THE DOGS

"The Detroit Kennel Club Show is a must do. I think it is real important to educate the public. They can get their hands on the dogs and pet them."

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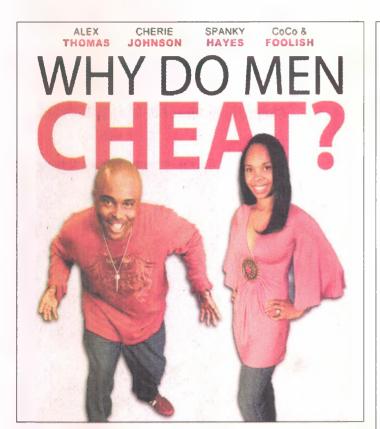
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rubs and kisses.

"Come over and pet the therapy dogs. We'll be in a huge area in the corner, away from the noise. Look for the place with the most strollers, with kids lying on the ground and hugging the dogs. It's hilarious.

She and a few of Dr. Paws 450 active members and their therapy dogs will be on hand Saturday and Sunday to meet visitors and talk about what it takes to become involved in pet therapy. Seraceno, who works in the staffing division at Botsford Hospital, founded the organization 18 years ago to help relieve stress and bring comfort to hospital patients and health professionals alike. Today the all-volunteer nonprofit serves approximately 110 locations, including hospitals, nursing homes, and libraries — where dogs "read" to youngsters.

Potential therapy volunteers can fill out paperwork online at drpaws.org and then bring their dog to Seraceno for assessment. She also plans an informational meeting about Dr. Paws and therapy dogs from 7:30-8 p.m. Thursday, March 10 at Botsford, 28050 Grand River, Farmington Hills. The session will be held

in room 2 East A on the second floor. RSVP at drpawspettherapy@aol.com. No dogs are allowed at the session.

TAKING THE TEST

"We walk through certain points in the hospital, go into rehab, make sure the dog doesn't pull or jump," she said, describing an assessment. "I've only had to tell a few people they wouldn't pass. It's because they need to take a refresher course in obedience."

Seraceno also breeds Golden Retrievers under the kennel name Sarabay and shows dogs. She works with the Fort Detroit Golden Retriever Club of Michigan and Retriever Rescue of Michigan.

She suggests that individuals do their homework before buying a dog by looking at breeds, talking with breeders and obtaining the shows' catalogue.

A variety of breeds and mixed breed dogs will help staff the Dr. Paw's booth during the weekend shows.

"Pet therapy has boomed in the last few years. I think a lot of it is the stress — I get doctors on their hands and knees (petting the dogs) because they had a rough day or lost a patient. A lot of people also are retired and don't know what to do. But they have a beautiful dog. Where else can you go for an hour, have your dog petted and walk out feeling good?"

New columnist tastes brews from coast to coast

O&E STAFF WRITER

Nate Parsons loves hunting for new

"I remember my first craft brew That was 20 years ago with my wife in Kalamazoo. I had a German wheat beer and I was blown away. I spent a couple of years trying to track that down," said Parsons, the Observer's new beer colum-

"From there it developed more and more into looking for something new and different. Part of the fun is in the

As a software consultant who travels from coast to coast for his job, Parsons covers a lot of territory also tasting new

"I probably travel two to three times a month. It keeps me busy," said Parsons, a former Livonia resident who moved to Northville 10 years ago. He and his wife, Shawn, a teacher in Livonia Schools, have three daughters.

Parsons grew up in Harbor Springs and moved to southeastern Michigan after graduating from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in communications.

He admits he's not a beer expert, but he has tasted craft brews at home and abroad, enjoys pairing them with food



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Nate Parsons says the fun of trying new craft beers is in the hunt.

and tracking down local sources for

"Ten years ago we were into wine, but from a monetary standpoint, I don't have \$1,000 for a bottle of wine. Our threshhold is \$20 or \$30. With beer, whatever you find is affordable. You

don't have to pay more than about \$20. If you can find it you can afford it."

Look for Parsons' column, Beer Tracker, in the Observer the first Thursday of every month and in *Inspire*, which is inserted into the Observer every third Thursday.

Find Belgian beer in your own back yard

'm not a beer "expert," just a guy who loves really good beer.

My nine to five work takes me all

Beer tracker

Nate Parsons

around the U.S. which has given me an opportunity to explore some of the country's finest beer establishments. While the beer community can be a rather tight knit group, its members always are willing to share an opinion about their favorite subject.

In today's marketplace venturing off the beaten path into

the realm of craft beer can be a daunt-

ing task. Like beauty or art, individual fondness is in the eye (or tastes) of the beholder. My hope for this undertaking is not to educate but to introduce the reader to a variety of great beers from around the world which are available in our own backyard. I have great affection for Belgian beer.

I had an opportunity to visit Belgium in 2008 — a must for beer lovers. One of my favorite beers is Triple Karmeliet.

- Beer Name: Tripel Karmeliet • Brewery: Brouwerij Bosteels
- Country: Buggenhout, Belgium
- Style: Tripel
- ABV: 8.40%
- Glassware: Tulip or Sifter
- Description: Pours a hazy golden

straw color with a thick two finger head that dissipates after a few minutes. The aroma or nose smells of coriander, apricots, sour apple, and a hint of yeast. The taste is very well balanced, clean yet creamy with medium carbonation. The finish offers no lingering alcohol but rather citrus overtones. A truly enjoyable pour.

· Where to Purchase: Hiller's Market, 425 North Center Street, Northville - 750ml for \$8.49ml; Holiday Market, 520 South Lilley Road, Canton - 750ml for \$10.00; Brass Mug Party Store, 19213 Newburgh Road, Livonia – 750ml \$9.99.

Nate Parsons can be reached at modevin@ yahoo.com

'70s rockers perform at Village Theater

Hear Brandy, Jimmy Loves Mary-Anne and other hits by Looking Glass when the 1970s rock group performs Saturday, March 26 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

She show will start at 8 p.m. and is designed for audience members of all ages.

"Looking Glass is the type of act that audiences spanning several generations really love," stated Jennifer Tobin, Canton arts coordinator. "The moment you hear the words 'you're a fine girl — what a good wife you will be,' your mind instantly recalls a fond memory that will put you in

a good mood no matter what

Looking Glass is made up of founding member Elliot Lurie on guitar and Jeff Lehman on keyboards, as well as Roger Noonan on bass and Craig Williams on drums. Recent additions to the group are Gary Penz and Jim Wirth on guitar and keyboards. The group also tours with a threepiece horn section.

The four original members of Looking Glass formed the band in 1969 after meeting at Rutgers University. The group name supposedly came along when they were all sitting around watching Alice in

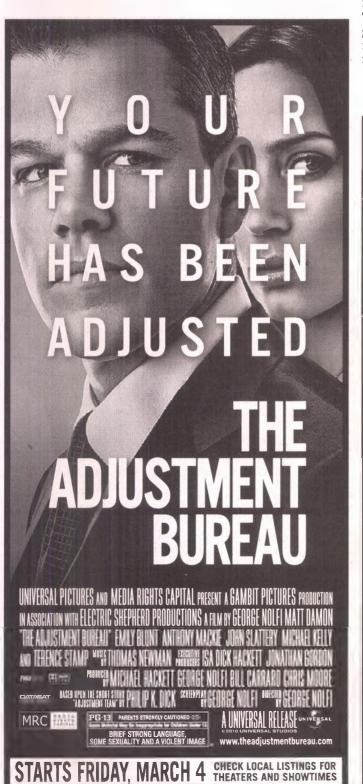
ber noted "she jumped through the looking glass..." The band recorded Brandy

in 1972 based on the name of lead singer Lurie's high school sweetheart 'Randy.' The single reached number one on the Billboard Hot 100 chart, remaining in the top position for one week. After years of playing covers and their originals at frat parties and bars in the New Brunswick, N.J. area, Looking Glass was signed to Epic Records by the legendary Clive Davis.

After the group broke up in 1974, Lurie segued into a career as a music supervisor

Wonderland and a band mem- for film and television. The group reunited in 2005 with three Detroit-area musicians, Jeff Lehman, Craig Williams and Eric Mackey, and began

performing again. Tickets to see Looking Glass are available online at Cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling (734) 394-5460. Reserved seating tickets are \$15 for adults, seniors and students. Group rates for 15 or more individuals are \$12 per ticket. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. For more information call (734) 394-5308 or visit Cantonvillagetheater.org.





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Mardí Gras With Gras Tuesday' all day long

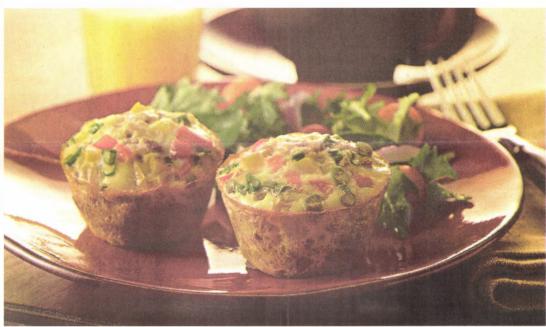
ew Orleans may be the official home of Mardi Gras, but you don't have to live in the Big Easy to enjoy the party. Mardi Gras, or literally, "Fat Tuesday," is the final day of the Carnival celebration, the festive season that occurs before Lent.

While some people associate Mardi Gras with lavish parades and French Quarter parties, food is an integral part of the tradition. In fact, many locals skip the parades and spend time at home feasting with friends and family instead. Join the Fat Tuesday frenzy by throwing your own

party. "I love sharing the spirit of this season," said John Besh, Louisiana native and nationally acclaimed chef. "It's so easy to bring the fun of Mardi Gras home — wherever you are. Whip up some tasty New Orleans-Style meals, hang up some beads and masks for decoration, then invite folks over for good times all around."

Celebrate like a true New Orleanian by jazzing up an entire day's menu with popular and authentic dishes. Start with a savory brunch, a true Southern tradition. Snack on a creamy dip in the afternoon as you decorate and welcome guests. Then, dish out a traditional New Orleans-Style jambalaya, perfect for a Mardi Gras crowd. Finish the meal with a cupcake version of the official dessert of the Carnival season, the King Cake. Tradition states that whoever found the fava bean or small trinket in their slice of cake was charged with bringing the cake to next year's party. Share the fun with all your guests by including a fava bean in each cupcake.

These tried-and-true recipes will ensure your party will start a tradition to be celebrated for years to come. For more information on New Orleans-Style cuisine, visit www.facebook.com/ zatarains.



Dulac Dirty Rice Mini Frittatas

DULAC DIRTY RICE MINI FRITTATAS

Prep Time: 20 minutes/Cook Time: 45 minutes Makes 12 (2 mini frittata) servings

1 pound bulk pork sausage

1 package Zatarain's Dirty Rice Mix, Origi-

¼ cup toasted chopped pecans 14 eggs, lightly beaten

½ cup milk

½ cup thinly sliced green onions

¼ cup each chopped red and yellow bell

Cook and stir sausage in large skillet on medium-high heat 5 minutes or until no longer pink. Drain fat. Prepare rice mix as directed on package with sausage. Stir in raisins and pecans.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray 2 (12-cup) muffin tins generously with no stick cooking spray. Set aside. Mix eggs and milk in large bowl until well blended. Add onions and bell peppers; mix well. Place ¼ cup of the rice mixture into each muffin cup. Pour egg mixture evenly into each cup.

Bake 20 minutes or until eggs are set. Run small knife or spatula around each cup to loosen frittatas. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

CARNIVAL JAMBALAYA

Prep Time: 5 minutes

Cook Time: 25 minutes Makes 12 (1-cup) servings

5 cups water

¼ cup oil (optional) 2 packages Zatarain's Jambalaya Mix, Original 1 pound boneless skinless chicken breasts,

1 pound smoked sausage, 4 inch thick

½ cup sliced green onions (optional)

Bring water and oil to boil in large saucepan. Stir in Rice Mixes, chicken and sausage; return to boil. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 25 minutes or until rice is tender.

Remove from heat. Let stand 5 minutes. Sprinkle with green onions before serving.

RED BEAN AND RICE PARTY DIP

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 40 minutes Makes 60 (2-tablespoon) servings

3 cups water

1 package Zatarain's Red Beans and Rice

1 cup salsa

2 tablespoons chopped jalapeno peppers

2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese,

softened

2 cups (8 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese

Prepare rice mix as directed on package, using 3 cups water instead of 3½ cups. Reserve ¼ to ½ cup of the shredded cheese to garnish dip, if desired. Stir remaining ingredients into rice mix-

ture. Place mixture into food processor

or blender; cover. Process or blend until

smooth. Keep dip warm in a chafing dish or slow cooker, if desired.

KING CAKE CUPCAKES

Chef John Besh, Besh Restaurant Group Prep Time: 1 hour Cook Time: 15 minutes Cool Time: 1 hour Yields 10 to 12

Yellow Butter Cake ¼ pound butter

3/4 cup sugar

% teaspoon salt

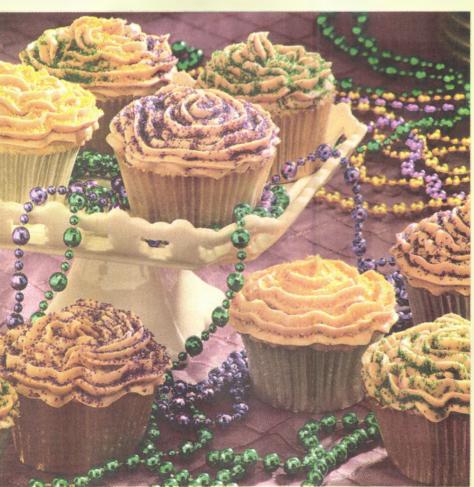
2 large eggs 1¼ cup cake flour

½ tablespoon baking powder 3/4 cup milk

1 teaspoon vanilla extract In a mixer at medium speed, cream butter, sugar, and salt together until light and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time while the mixer is running, making sure each egg is totally mixed in before adding another. Beat mixture until light and fluffy, making sure to scrape the sides

and bottom of the mixing bowl carefully. In a separate mixing bowl, combine flour and baking powder using a wire whisk to sift and combine them. In another separate bowl, mix the milk and

vanilla. Alternate adding wet and dry ingredients to butter mixture, starting and ending with the dry ingredients. Do not over mix, as batter should be thick and fluffy. Spoon into lined cupcake pans, filling each cup about 1/8 full. Bake at 350°F for 12 to 14 minutes or until done.



Zatarain's king cake cupcakes with root beer filling and frosting.

Creole Cream Cheese Filling with Root Beer 1 pound softened Creole or regular cream cheese

½ cup shortening

¼ pound powdered sugar ¼ teaspoon Zatarain's Root Beer Extract

Dried fava beans (set aside)

Combine shortening and cream cheese in mixer at medium speed and whip with paddle until smooth.

Add powdered sugar and whip until fluffy; mix in root beer extract until well combined.

Root Beer Frosting

1 pound powdered sugar ¼ pound butter

½ cup shortening

¼ cup all-purpose flour ¼ cup water

Pinch of salt

1 teaspoon Zatarain's Root Beer Extract Combine all ingredients in bowl of mixer. Beat together at

medium speed until light and fluffy.

To assemble cupcakes: Use a ½ teaspoon measuring spoon to scoop out the center of completely cooled cupcakes from the top to about halfway down. With a piping bag, or plastic bag with the corner snipped

off, fill the hole with filling. Insert a dried fava bean into filling of each cupcake. Note:

fava bean is for decoration only and should not be eaten. Using a star tip and separate piping bag, pipe frosting starting on the outside, working your way to the center in one continuous motion. Top with green, purple and yellow or gold

sprinkles or decorative sugar like on a traditional King Cake.

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Going green good for business, environment

Not only can going green save your company money, it can have a positive impact on how your customers perceive your products and services. If you're looking to get a reputational boost from your dedication to the environment, the Better Business Bureau recommends sticking to the truth and not exaggerating your company's impact.

There are many different shades and hues when it comes to being a green company. Some businesses strive to manufacture products that are better for the environment, while others take steps to be greener in daily operations, through measures such as recycling, using carbon offsets and taking steps to save energy.

"Going green can save your company money, especially if you take steps to conserve energy," said Melanie Duquesnel, president and CEO of the Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. "But it can also make your company money as consumers are increasingly looking for products and services that won't be as harmful to the environment.'

BBB offers the following advice on promoting your business' greener

•Tell the truth. Few things destroy a company's credibility with consumers faster than false advertising; regardless, some advertisers sometimes stretch the truth when it comes to talking up the eco-friendly qualities of products. When bragging about the shade of your green, as with any advertising or marketing claims, always tell the truth.

·Make concrete claims. An honest advertiser will not make vague statements such as "environmentally friendly" or "sustainable" without



qualification and solid examples to back up the claim. If your packaging is made from recycled paper, then say so. If your company has reduced energy costs, brag about it! Making fuzzy claims, however, can get you into trouble.

 Provide evidence. Consider creative ways of quantifying your company's impact such as: How many hours have your employees volunteered? Who has benefited and how have they benefited from your firm's efforts. How are your products better for the environment?

•Get a stamp of approval. While there is no universal "Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval" for green products, there are independent third-party organizations that will certify your environmentally-friendly statements. Research any third-party carefully before seeking certification through their program. Avoid making claims about certification or seals that might be considered exaggerated or overly-broad.

•Get expert help. As a result of the green-frenzy that has taken over the

country, many new boutique marketing and advertising firms are now specializing in branding companies as environmentally friendly and socially responsible. Getting outside PR help can be expensive. However, the rewards could be substantial in terms of revenue, reputation and goodwill.

For more reliable advice on best business practices and advertising guidelines for your business, as well as other ways to make your business more socially conscious, go to http:// detroit.bbb.org/Business-Resources/.

Beware of limits on social, rec areas

Q: What is your view or, for that matter, the law's view on withdrawal of privileges to use common recreational and social facilities for nonpayment of assessments in a condominium?

A: It all depends on your condominium documents, but even if your documents give you broad authority, you should be cautious. Withdrawal of privileges to use common recreational



Robert Meisner

used as fines or penalties. However, it may be a particularly appropriate response to violations of rules governing the use

of the common facilities. It has the advantage of not increasing the financial burden of the property owner, who may also be struggling to retain the home. However, withdrawal of privileges to use common areas and facilities is ordinarily limited to facilities that provide amenities rather than necessities. It would be unreasonable to deny access to common facilities that provide ingress or egress, even perhaps utilities or other necessary services to the individual owned property unless the documents so provide. Generally there is a provision that provides that utilities can be denied to a co-owner if he does not pay. However, this is something that you should pass through your attorney for specific advice. Q: Does the State of Michigan allow anyone who receives an HOA violation

A: Not to my knowledge, although, if it is a condominium, and a fine is being imposed, the person against whom the violation is being asserted may well have a right to know and crossexamine the person who has made the complaint, and, is afforded other due process under the Condominium Act.

to request the name of the person who recorded it?

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

Seniors should mull move carefully, consider options

re you a senior considering a move from your home in the near future? If you have been in your home for many



Nancy Austin

years, the very idea can

be traumatic. There are emotional, social and physical implications. These columns will address these issues.

Moving stirs feelings of uncertainty, adventure, dread, stress, relief, opportunity, sadness, joy

SENIOR LIVING

or even excitement. Treasured memories associated with your home may evoke some or many of these emotions. But, how do you know when it is the right time to move?

Here are just a few of the important questions to think about to make that evaluation:

- Do you need equity from your home for
- · Are you able to keep up with the exterior and interior maintenance?
- Are stairs difficult?
- · Are you becoming increasingly dependent on your children, friends and/or neighbors for help?
- Do you have more space and yard than you need? Do you want to travel more and worry
- Is your family suggesting that you should think about a move to something smaller or easier to take care of?
- Have your children stopped taking vacations so they can help you?
- · Do you drive or need some means of transportation?
- Do you feel lonely and isolated? · So you have serious health issues that require specialized care?

What are your options? How will it be accomplished? Who can I depend on for help? All of this and more in future edi-

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These are residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 15-19, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Beverly Hills		
32800 Evergreen Rd	\$180,000	
15708 Kirkshire Ave	\$99,000	
32483 Sheridan Dr -	\$127,000	
22045 W Valley Woods Dr	\$200,000	
Birmingham		
1884 Banbury St	\$136,000	
868 Hazel St	\$85,000	
2092 Pembroke Rd	\$239,000	

336 S Adams Rd	\$297,000	
Bloomfield Hills		
3104 Quarton Rd	\$640,000	
320 N Cranbrook Rd	\$320,000	
248 Woodwind Dr	\$520,000	
Bloomfield Township		
4890 Ballantrae Rd	\$234,000	
1865 Golf Ridge Dr	\$260,000	
4137 Golf Ridge Dr E	\$268,000	
326 Vailwood Ct	\$850,000	
748 Woodchester Dr	\$389,000	
Commerce Township		
3251 Creekview Ln	\$350,000	
5230 Huron Hills Dr	\$209,000	
8864 Orrick St	\$165,000	
4853 Waldon Woods Dr	\$220,000	
1860 Wexport Ln	\$312,000	
4795 White Tail Ct	\$206,000	

Farmington	
23296 Longacre Ct	\$240,000
34012 Moore Dr	\$135,000
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21447 Archwood Cir	\$150,000
23986 Brookplace Ct	\$100,000
26341 Dundalk St	\$185,000
26362 Kiltarton St	\$133,000
30396 Le Mans Dr	\$181,000
32433 Red Clover Rd	\$170,000
29950 Richmond HI	\$225,000
21329 Robinson St	\$170,000
39255 Silverthorne Bnd	\$246,000
Franklin	
30526 N Greenbriar Rd	\$280,000
Lathrup Village	
27040 Lathrup Bivd	\$130,000
Milford	
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15 Crystal St	\$85,000
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2059 Barclay Dr	\$358,000
1231 Brompton	\$45,000
1679 Clover Ln	\$234,000
4576 Enchanted Dr	\$189,000
1152 Hollydale	\$145,000
5655 Irvine Dr	\$302,000
0175 Ladene Ln	\$138,000
4428 Midway Dr	. \$257,000
1470 Mission Ln	\$436,000
3406 N Rockledge	\$40,000
7985 Paca	\$150,000
7991 Paca	\$153,000
5550 Portico Ln	\$123,000
4907 Reeds Pointe Dr	\$350,000
4981 Reeds Pointe Dr	\$340,000
1425 Reindeer Dr	\$251,000

41065 S McMahon Cir	\$118.000
41678 Sieepy Hollow Dr	\$133,000
27348 Victoria Rd	\$45,000
1921 West Lake Dr	\$117,000
	\$117,000
South Lyon	
58651 Carriage Ln	\$70,000
58743 Carriage Ln	\$40,000
1158 Chestnut Ln	\$180,000
58688 Coach Ln	\$270,000
57796 International Dr	\$65,000
22250 Quail Run Cir	\$95,000
Southfield	4,0,000
28233 Berkshire Dr.	\$72,000
26412 Franklin Pointe Dr	\$47,000
15801 Providence Dr	\$45,000
29074 Tiffany Dr E	\$38,000
18421 Westland Ave	\$26,000
White Lake	
378 Dakota Ln	\$115,000
1135 Round Lake Rd	\$214,000

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42460 Saratoga Rd	\$60,000
1869 Scenic Dr	\$194,000
41033 Southwind Dr	\$60,000
482 Torrington Dr W	\$384,000
44644 Westminister Way	\$130,000
2437 Woodgreen Ct	\$250,000
Garden City	
32580 Dover St	\$73,000
33205 Ford Rd	\$185,000
1245 Gilman St	\$90,000
28837 Marquette St	\$8,000
32418 Marquette St	\$94,000
Livonia	
11683 Alois St	\$199,000
33705 Angeline Ave	\$157,000
15117 Blue Skies St	\$148,000
9020 Brentwood St	\$128,000
15926 Ellen Dr	\$160,000
32833 Fargo St	\$20,000
31627 Fonville St	\$139,000
30942 Greenland St	\$118,000
35034 Grove Dr	\$155,000
10050 Hambleton St	\$126,000
29835 Hillbrook St	\$100,000

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918 Hix Rd 0693 Josie Ct 0690 Laurel Ct 0857 Mayville St 4247 Merriman Rd 374 Montana St 8789 Nola St 3796 Pickford St 0186 Purlingbrook St 6824 Sunnydale St 1022 Sunset St 8827 Vanderhaven Ln 0783 Westfiled St 10rthville	\$124,00 \$60,00 \$55,00 \$200,00 \$126,00 \$40,00 \$150,00 \$120,00 \$45,00 \$120,00 \$380,00 \$380,00
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35814 Castlewood Ct	\$53,000
38519 Emerald Ln N	\$130,000
33805 Lacrosse St	\$99,000
523 N Byfield St	\$97,000
5818 N Crown St	\$41,000
443 N Dobson St	\$100,000
8285 Opal Dr	\$30,00
35821 Oregon St	\$68,00
32018 Ottawa St	\$3,00
8433 Perrin Ave	\$83,00
1731 Regene St	\$42,00
2229 S Christine	\$16,00
34362 Sheridan St	\$87,00
1344 Springer St	\$75,00
1060 Surrey Hts	\$46,00

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Investors

The Real Estate Investor Association of Wayne County holds monthly meetings the first Tuesday of each month at the Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline Road, Southgate. Entrance fee is \$20 for nonmembers to be applied to annual membership. For information, call (313) 819-0919 or visit www.reiawaynecounty.org.

Oakland Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association

of Oakland will meet 5:30/9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 10, at Club Venetian, 29310 John R, north of 12 Mile in Madison Heights. Greg Pinneo will speak on how to capitalize on current economic conditions using private and seller financing. He has been a real estate entrepreneur for 33 years. Seminar free to members, \$20 nonmembers. Pinneo will also be teaching a oneday seminar on Saturday, March

12. Call (800) 747 6742. (www. REIAofOakland.com)

Career Seminar

Keller Williams Realty will offer a Real Estate Career Seminar 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 17, at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. Those attending will learn about the \$50,000 income guarantee and the free pre-licensing

For information, contact Lesley Aiello at (734) 459-4700 or laiello@

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International, at (248) 893-2500, 27555 Executive Drive, Suite 100, Farmington Hills 48331.

Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. No obligation. Learn about reverse mortgages. RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext.

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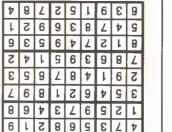
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By Dale Buss

There can be no bigger long-term priority for the auto industry in the United States than figuring out the preferences of Millennials, a powerhouse demographic cohort - also known as Generation Y, and Echo Boomers -- that is about the size of the previous most populous: their parents, the baby boomers.

Because Millennials represent such a huge portion of the potential carbuying American public for the next few decades, OEMs must successfully address their needs, wants and turnoffs to convert today's nascent recovery into solid long-term growth.

"They're hugely significant in terms of raw numbers alone," said Sage Marie, Honda's manager of product planning in the United States. "Capturing their business and ensuring their loyalty is crucial for the future."

But Millennials also have proved to be the first generation to defy the auto-industry marketing wisdom of at least half a century. Now of driving ages from 16 to 33, Millennials tend to be less interested in driving per se or in the traditional attributes of automobiles, especially power, and more interested in the environmental credibility of vehicles and in their emergence as rolling platforms for owners' cell phones, iPods and other

infotainment devices.

'They're less inclined to get a driver's license as soon as they can," said Larry Dominique, Nissan's vice president of advanced and product planning in the United States. "They're looking at vehicles more from a practical than an emotional sense."

Millennials are marked by other differences from preceding generations, too. "They may end up worse than the previous generation from a net-worth standpoint," noted George Rogers, president and CEO of Team Detroit, Ford's advertising consortium. "And they're more socially concerned, about the environmental aspects of vehicles."

Millennials have a technology-first orientation. The entire society is adjusting to Millennials' fierce devotion to electronic connectedness, and automakers are trying to come up with a role for their vehicles that will accommodate the generation's priority - and certainly not thwart it.

"They're connected before they get in their car, and when they get in their car, they're worried that all of that has to be put on hold until they get where they're going and they can get reconnected," Marie said. "

Ford has that figured out. The company stole a march when it introduced Sync a few years ago, along

Ford will soon introduce the 2012 Focus, aimed at twenty-something consumers.

with Microsoft, because they designed the feature as a flexible interface to supportwhatever mobile devices are brought into the car.

As a result, consumer "take" rates

for Sync are as high as nine out of 10 purchases, even in small models such as Ford Focus and Ford Fusion whose reasonable price points reflect their status as somewhat basic transportation. And Ford's biggest gain in market share over the last two years has been among Millennials, said George Pipas, the company's head

of U.S. industry analysis.

Styling still matters. But another aspect of Millennials is that they're less involved emotionally with the notion of a vehicle. Millennials also demonstrate less raw enthusiasm for driving than any generation since the popularization of the automobile. The notion of camping out in the parking lot of their local Department of Motor Vehicles office on the eve of their sixteenth birthday, as many of their parents did, is alien to most in the new generation.

Several tendencies of Millennials feed this trend. For one, "teens are able to connect in so many other ways" than physically, through their smart

hit with the Millennial generation.

The 2011 Ford Fiesta has been a big



phones, Honda's Marie noted.

Yet, because friends tend to be important to them, Millennials spend a lot of time in vehicles as passengers, not as drivers. "They tend to travel in packs," said Michael Sprague, vice president of marketing for Hyundai in the U.S. This trend has even prompted some American municipalities to pass ordinances regulating how many preadult individuals can be in a vehicle.

And as generations of young people before them, adult Millennials tend to cluster in big cities, where mass transport is usually available. Also, they are entirely comfortable with an innovation newly available with their generation: car-sharing services such as Zipcar.

Yet, as Rogers noted, "There's an emotional aspect to vehicles, of freedom and just getting out and escaping, and that continues to be a fundamental magnet for vehicle purchase." And, he added, "in most metro areas of this country, public transportation remains an inexact science. There remains a real, pragmatic need for vehicles.

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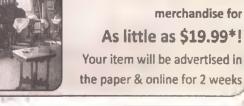
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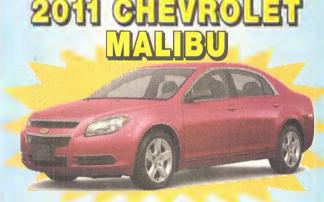


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Susan Rosiek

ter, but I'm ready for some milder, "friendlier" weather. I'm ready to put away boots, gloves, parkas and snow shovels. Aren't you?

Today's edition of Hometown Life Woman is rushing the seasons (spring and summer) by

writing about getting our legs and feet ready for sandal season. Contributing Writer Sally Rummel talks to physicians at the University of Michigan Vein Center in Livonia and area podiatrists about what it takes to have great looking legs and feet. And don't forget a pedicure to give your feet that polished look in open-toed shoes and sandals. We have a list of area places that offer great pedicures. So go ahead and indulge. It's one of the best regimens for feeling relaxed and rejuvenated.

And while summer is a few months away, it's not too early to start planning a camp experience for your kids. Contributing Writer Linda Chomin offers up a list of not-so-usual camps. Horseback riding camps, sailing camps and more — it makes you wish you were

a kid again. I hope this story will help area moms plan an exciting summer for their son or daughter.

Another interesting offering in today's *Woman* includes the "Raw Revolution." Contributing Writer Beth Jachman talks to local women and men who have adopted this lifestyle. The story outlines the benefits of uncooked, unprocessed and often organic foods. Today's story also offers a list of local classes, suggested reading and stores that can help if you decide to adopt the raw food regimen. We've even provided a recipe to try—a smoothie.

But if raw doesn't work for you and/or your family, there's more to read about food and cooking inside today's *Woman*.

Contributing Writer Bill Emerick helps answer the question: What's for dinner? Lots of great ideas and great classes and workshops offered by local markets and schools.

Don't miss the story and photos on local businesswomen. Contributing Writer Julie Brown asked local women where they got the idea to start their own business.

According to a report published by The Center for Women's Business Research, some 10.1 million firms nationwide are owned by women (50 percent or more), employing more than 13 million people and generating \$1.9 trillion in sales as of 2008.

Local woman are part of the economic vitality of our communities.

I'm sure you'll find some of your friends, neighbors or the women who own the businesses you patronize featured in this story.

Enjoy today's *Woman* and, as always, I welcome your comments and suggestions for upcoming editions.

Susan Rosiek Publisher/Executive Editor srosiek@hometownlife.com

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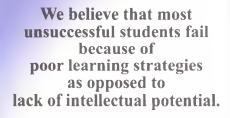
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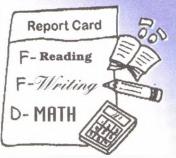
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Fun up your St. Pat's Day

By Mary Quinley

Whether you're Irish or like to pretend to have ties to the Emerald Isle, celebrating St. Patrick's Day is a great excuse to wander into a Shop Local retailer. Here are some suggestions where to find Irish-inspired goodies.

Slip on a Kelly green T-shirt from

Colleen's Gaelic Gifts in Livonia. The fun shirt (\$21), decked with an Olde English "D" in the Irish flag's colors of green, white and orange, and, Detroit's Corktown landmarks, is available in sizes small through double X. Colleen's also carries a varied selection of jewelry (\$19.99 and up) — from wedding rings and pendants to bracelets and watches — engraved with the Claddagh, the Irish symbol representing love, loyalty and friend-

ship. Old
Invite a couple of
Col
friends to The Bee's
Knees in Northville for
an Irish-themed, create-yourown-art party using pottery,
clay, mosaics, silver metal
clay or glass. The custom-made pieces run
approximately \$20 each.
Customers who celebrate
the "green" holiday like
to add shamrocks, leprechauns and family

rechauns and family names to their mug, sun catcher, pendant, platter, necklace or other household or personal item.

Sip a soothing cup of tea made from one of the more than 150 international varieties from **TranquiliTea Fine Teas and** Gifts in Plymouth. Choose the loose
Irish Breakfast Tea (\$2.25 an
ounce; \$3.10 an ounce for decaffeinated); or, a box of 10 bags
(regular) for \$4.25. While meandering through the shop, take a
peek at the white ceramic teapots

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pottery piece at The

Bee's Knees in

(\$21.59); and, the teapot-shaped salt and pepper shakers (\$13.99). Delicate painted shamrocks adorn these items.

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Raw food movement

Local advocates say benefits are life-changing and getting started is easier than you think

By Beth Jachman

When it comes to food, some like it raw. The raw food movement has been growing and many local people swear by its benefits.

A vegan, organic, raw foods diet consists of uncooked fruits, vegetables, nuts, seeds and sprouted grains. These foods are eaten whole or chopped, blended, shredded, diced and juiced.

In fact people who go "100 percent raw" don't eat anything heated above a certain temperature, usually 118 F, because they believe cooking food causes chemical changes that create toxins in our diet and destroy many of the nutrients.

While the concepts may seem foreign to many people, the diet is gaining in popularity and its adherents say they have experienced life-changing feelings of well-being and clarity.

Andrea McNinch grew up in Michigan and is a graduate of Schoolcraft College's culinary arts program. She switched to raw foods eight years ago. At that time, when she was looking for information, there wasn't much out there.

To most people, the ideas are so new it takes time for our brains to wrap around them, McNinch said. "Raw food is great. What is so great about raw food is it is literally the best diet in the world," she said.

But she cautions people interested in raw foods to take it slow and find out what works for them. Each person's diet requires a certain ratio of proteins to carbohydrates that she or he needs to feel good, and going completely with a raw foods diet all at once can be a challenge, she said.

Whatever raw foods people eat are going to make them feel better, she said. "Use yourself as your best doctor," she said.

"Take small steps," she said. Several local classes are offered to learn about raw foods and their preparation. She teaches an intense, four-day program that includes information about raw food, liver-cleansing and supplements. "I like people to get a good base," she said.

RAW FOODISTS

There are different types of raw foodists. Some are vegan but some eat meat and dairy.

One of the most-asked questions she gets is "where do you get your protein?"
But people can get protein from grains, she said. "I ask them 'where do you get your antioxidants and your phytonutrients?" she said.



"We're so programmed. In the beginning, it's hard to swallow that stuff," she said, but "if your body is not feeling right it is telling you something."

One pitfall she sees is that people get so obsessed when starting a program of raw foods. "It stresses them out. What do I eat and where do I go?" she said.

"Every one can take a deep breath," she

"Every one can take a deep breath," she said. "No matter how you're going to eat, get more raw vegetables in your diet," she said.

But the easiest thing to do is start with smoothies, she said.

GETTING STARTED

She suggests smoothies that are 60 percent fruit and 40 percent greens to start off. "Put that fruit in there ... and it's delicious," she said. Then once your palate adjusts shift to 40 percent fruit and 60 percent greens, she said. "The kids love it," she said.

To get started, keep it simple, McNinch said. She suggests using a food processor first and then putting the foods in the home blender to save wear and tear. "Make sure you're serious before going out to spend money," she said.

While raw foodists use a dehydrator instead of the oven to make things like breads and pizzas and buy juicers and high-powered blenders, McNinch doesn't recommend that at first.

"I wouldn't get into buying too much," she said. When she first started out, her grocery bill tripled. But it doesn't have to be that way. Farmers markets are the best in the world, she said. "Cut out the middle man." she said.

What's really sad right now is that the food budget is the first thing people cut in a bad economy, she said. Buying the ingredients for raw foods has to compete with deals on fast-food cheeseburgers, she said.

She thinks spending the money to eat well is worth it. "I want to feel better," she said. "I want to enjoy my life. With raw foods you get the most amazing feeling of well-being. The side effects of raw food are brilliant."

Studies have shown that foods can affect our emotions and the wrong foods can even play into depression. For some people it is hard when all they have is a party store to shop at, she said, but "honestly you can do it anywhere," she said. "Staying healthy is possible anywhere."

The change can be hard for those around you, she cautions, but finding like-minded people at sites like meetup.com can be helpful, she said. "You also get tips and tricks," she said.

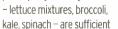
Michael Dwyer of Farmington Hills also recommends classes for information about raw foods. He will be teaching a class in Farmington Hills March 6. (See related listing for more information.)

He first took a raw foods class in December 2005. "When I first started I

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- The fundamental principle behind raw foodism is that plant foods in their most natural state
- uncooked and unprocessed are also the most wholesome for the body. The raw food diet is a lifestyle choice. It is not necessarily a weight loss plan.
- Start simple: Decide now to add more fruits and raw vegetables to your diet. Add fruits to breakfast and salads to lunch and dinner. Eat the fruits and salads before your meals to make sure you eat them.
- In between meals, eat fresh and dried fruits, raw vegetables and raw nuts and seeds as snacks.
- Introduce some superfoods to your diet, like raw cacao, goji berries, maca, hempseed, flaxseed, spirulina, chlorella, MSM, aged garlic or medicinal mushrooms
- Buy organic. Organic food eliminates pesticides from foods.
- Sticking to a raw food diet isn't easy. Most raw foodists spend a lot of time in the kitchen peeling, chopping, straining, blending, and dehydrating. That's because the diet is typically made up of 75 percent fruits and vegetables.
- Staples of the raw food diet include: seaweed, sprouts, sprouted seeds, whole grains, beans, dried fruits and nuts.
- Raw foodists do not cook using a traditional stove or oven. They use food dehydrators that lend crunch to vegetables and cookies. Food dehydrators also dry out fruits for fruit leather and other raw food recipes. The dehydrator works with heat, but temperatures cannot be higher than 112 to 118 degrees.
- Juicing fruits and vegetables is an ideal way to jump start a raw food diet.
- Blend some smoothies. Smoothies are a staple in the raw food diet. Blending fruits with raw almond milk or hemp milk can help add protein to any meal. Often, they're filling enough to be a meal by themselves.
- Eat green vegetables. Green leafy vegetables and broccoli have higher levels of zinc, calcium and protein than fruit and are a critical part of a raw diet. About 500 grams per day of green vegetables



to bring mineral and protein intakes into line with general recommendations. Choosing a salad as the main part of a meal is an ideal way to accomnish this

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Today's summer camps not your usual experience

By Linda Ann Chomin

Imagine spending a week sailing on a tall ship or walking the dusty streets of the Wild West. These destinations aren't fantasies, but real life experiences as camps take unusual twists to accommodate the interests of children. The best part is parents won't have to travel far as the overnight and day camps are right here in Michigan. Children can learn seamanship on Lake Huron, investigate crime scenes in Livonia, explore the Wild West in Webberville, play in ensembles at Interlochen or Blue Lake fine arts camps, or groom and ride horses.

Megan Brandemuehl is returning to Mystic Meadows Farms in South Lyon for the fifth year in a row. Now 11, the Plymouth girl began riding at age 2.

"I like doing lots of stuff with horses — grooming, feed and riding, meeting new friends and the horses are real nice," said Brandemuehl.

Suzy Wyckoff was only 8 when she went to her first horseback riding camp. Today, she is a manager, trainer and instructor at Mystic Meadows, the horse farm owned by her parents Janice and Jim Groat.

Summer camps for kids age 8 and up run Monday to Thursday from June through August. The cost is \$295 and includes instruction from beginner to advance with no more than eight to a camp. Visit www.mystic-meadows.net.

Campers come from Novi, Plymouth, Northville, Milford, Saline and Ann Arbor.

"It's for anybody but we get a lot of girls, 8-10, with horse posters all over their bedrooms," said Wyckoff. "It gives them a wide range of experience with a horse. Lots of time campers turn into once a week students."

Camps provide an overall horse experience with riders learning proper care of the animal. They are in charge of feeding and cleaning the stall and at the end put on a horse show for parents and family.

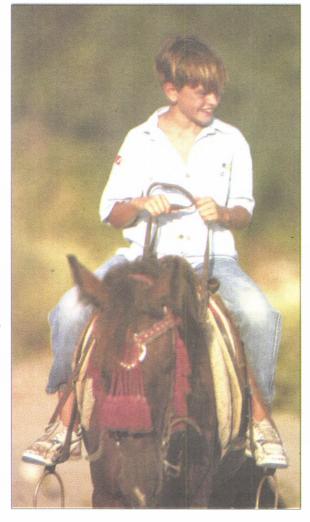
"They learn anatomy, about tack," said Wyckoff.
"Riding is a big part but not the only thing they do."
All of the horses are Tennessee Walkers.

"They're not bouncy, but do basically a power walk," said Wyckoff. "They call it a glide ride. It's a different type of horse than you usually see, a lot less intimidating for somebody just learning."

TALL SHIPS

Appledore Tall Ships provides a three- to five-day adventure with departures on Lake Huron. Owned and operated by Bay Sail, the nonprofit travel camp is for youth ages 12-13 and 14 and up. Its mission is environmental education and youth development.

Sailors get to choose from Seamanship: learning the art of traditional sailing on 65-foot and 85-foot schooners, includes building sailing skills such as navigation, chart work, pilotage, setting sails, and steering. Freshwater Science studies Great Lakes habitats, aquatic species, shoreline geology, water quality, and combines elements of seamanship with fresh water science curriculum on water testing and invasive species



The cost is about \$110 a day and includes accommodations on board and food.

For information, call (989) 895-5193, visit baysail-baycity.org, or e-mail info@baysailbaycity.org.

"Windward Bound Tall Ship Voyages appeals to people looking for an experience for their child. It's certainly very unique," said Roger Nugent, executive director. "A full voyage is nine participants and four crew. We visit nonpopulated areas, Georgian Bay. Most people never visit these places because the only way to get there is by boat. The profound part is the development of team spirit amongst the crew. It's a small group come together in a new challenging environment. In a few days, they realize they can actually sail this ship and form a pretty strong bond."

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Campers explore a village from the 1800s, a Lewis and Clark exhibit, blacksmith shop, and fort at the camp that's a Wild West adventure in Webberville. *Another area of the farm recreates Texas with covered wagon rides and a chuck wagon. An Indian village is available as well during the camps held Monday to

Friday for ages 9-17 from the third week in June to the first week in August.

The price for the Horse Camp with two hours of daily riding is \$550. The Adventure Camp set in the Wild West includes one hour of riding at \$475.

"It's teaching about the 1800s," said Christie Showerman, who grew up in Livonia before moving to Fowlerville. She is the activities director and main horse instructor. "I don't think there's a better adventure camp and it's filled with nonstop activities that change everyday. If you want to step back in time and have fun, there's a jail, saloon, and the outskirts is panning for gold. A lot of kids don't care about horses but love the adventure part of it."

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KIDS ON CAMPUS

Kids on Campus at Schoolcraft College, Livonia is an academic camp where kids, grades 1-12, have fun learning. Call (734) 462-4448 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu/koc.

Weeklong day camps start July 11, 18 and 25, and range in price from \$225 to \$249. An Open House takes place 5:30-7:30 p.m. March 3, in the VisTaTech Center on campus.

Michele Bialow, program manager for continuing education, is especially excited about a new Crime Scene Investigator camp for freshmen through seniors in high school.

"Our science faculty put this together and it's going to have an electron scanning microscope they'll be using. They've set up an elaborate crime scene. At the end, each group will present how the crime happened and by who, then they find out the reality."

This is the first year the program is expanding to include first- and second-graders. A Weather and Nature ClubHouse teaches kids about forecasting and different climates and includes a visit from a local weatherman.

The culinary camps for older children (grades 7-9) are taught in the state-of-the-art kitchens and the American Harvest Restaurant. Robotics for teens captures the imaginations of budding engineers.

"The great thing is academic focus but it's still fun and hands on," said Bialow.

MUSIC CAMPS

Interlochen Arts Camp is located between two lakes, southwest of Traverse City. Call (231) 276-7472, toll free (800) 681-5912, or visit www.interlochen.org. www.interlochen.org.

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Delicious possibilities

Let pros help expand your cooking know-how

By Bill Emerick

For any woman trying to run a household and raise a family, questions are a way of life.

"Have you seen my (fill in the blank)?"

"Can I go to (friend's) house?"

"Will you buy me (costly gizmo)?"

But the most common question — one that's likely asked each and every day, by just about every member of the brood — is sometimes the hardest one to answer:

"What's for dinner?"

Trying to find the time — and, more importantly, the knowledge — to prepare tasty, nutritious meals at home is a challenge for even the most dedicated and organized woman. But it doesn't have to be that way.

Thanks, in part, to the burgeoning awareness of healthy eating and the rising popularity of television shows featuring food, a variety of culinary classes are available throughout the area, from semester-long courses on specialty cooking to one- or two-hour workshops on decorating treats for a holiday party.

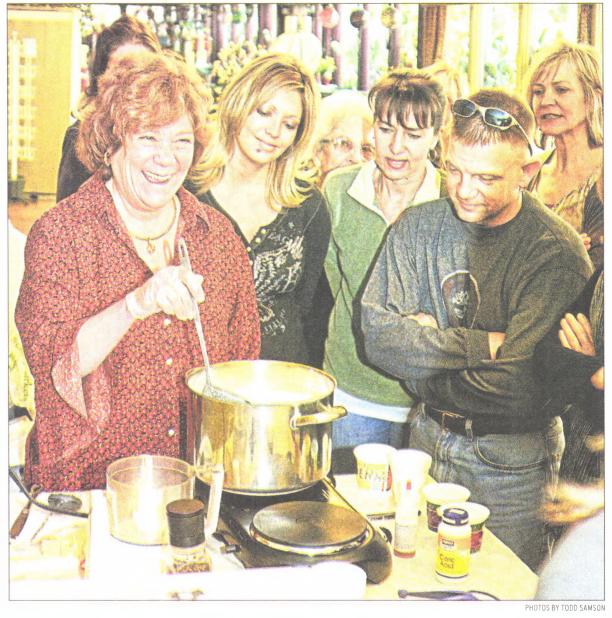
Classes are offered by colleges, local school districts, bakeries and supermarkets. Some are for those who already possess prowess in the kitchen, but many are for those whose skills are closer to Lucy Ricardo than Rachael Ray.

International cuisine, organic foods, baking — for every taste (literally), there is a class offered somewhere that provides instruction and encouragement to get into the kitchen. Here are some of the delicious possibilities:

COLASANTI'S MARKET & SNOOK'S BUTCHER SHOPPE

This venerable specialty store on Milford Road just south of M-59, owned for the past three years by Ken and Erin Snook, has offered various classes for two years, according to Doris Knight, who helps run the program. Most are one-day courses that focus on a

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Guest instructor Kimberly Emmert from Farthinless Farms in Linden recently taught a class in making homemade mozzarella cheese at Colasanti's Market. She invited the class to come up to the front to see the curds begin to form.

COOKING UP A STORM

Looking for someplace to hone those kitchen skills? Here's a sampling of places that offer cooking classes throughout the area:

· Schoolcraft College, Livonia

The Continuing Education program has dozens of classes available throughout the year, everything from Cooking 101 to Managing Diabetes with Delicious Food Choices to classes geared toward teenagers. Some are one-day seminars, others last up to two weeks. Some classes require prerequisites. Call (734) 462-4448 or visit schoolcraft.cc.mi.us and click on continuing education for more information.

• Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Plymouth The district offers several fun one-day sessions on such topics as Gourmet Stuffed Cupcakes and Fresh Fruit Bouquets. Each class is \$30 and lasts 2 1/2 hours. Call (734) 416-2937 or visit communityeducation.pccs.k12.mi.us for more information.

Colasanti's Market and Snook's Butcher Shoppe, Highland
 This popular store has a variety of classes, from Gourmet Mac &
 Cheese to Traditional German Cooking. Classes are one day and fees vary. For more information, call (248) 887-0012 or visit colasantis.com and click on classes and events.

• Busch's Fresh Food Market, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Novi, Plymouth/Northville and others

Ouite possibly the best value in the area at just \$10 per class, Busch's has two classes each month that rotate among the chain's 15 locations. The classes last 90 minutes and are principally demonstration types. Topics are seasonal with a healthy foods option usually offered, too. For more information, call (734) 214-8307 or visit buschs.com and click on community and then

cooking classes.

Joe's Produce, Livonia

Only one class per month is held at this local institution with a loyal following. Classes meet Sunday evening after hours. Topics include sauces, grilling and holiday recipes. Most are \$40. Call (248) 477-4333, ext. 226, or visit joesproduce.com and click on special events for more information.

· Zingerman's Bakehouse, Ann Arbor

The cousin of the famous downtown deli, the focus here is on baking. The BAKE! program features one-day classes such as Pizza: The Other American Pie and We Dig Donuts; many sell out well in advance. Some offerings are geared toward families. Prices start at \$100. Call (734) 761-7255 or visit bakewithzing.com and click on classes for more information.

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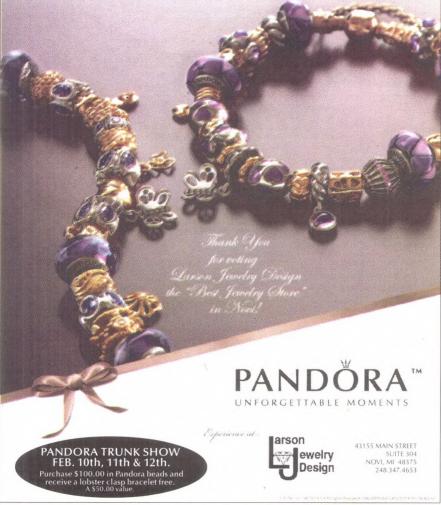
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Fitness venues for moms, kids

By Mary Quinley

Kiss-the-baby pushups and peek-a-boo situps are favorite exercise moves during Rock & Play — Mom, Baby & Siblings sessions at the Livonia Community Recreation Center.

"The class is a nice way to get moms back into the swing of things. And, having the option to bring older siblings to the class, really opens it up for a wider group of moms," said Cassandra Smith, fitness instructor at LCRC.

Strollers and baby front carriers are an optional part of the momand-baby fitness routine. "Moms will push the stroller and then stop to do squats or curls," Smith added.

Other fitness venues, like the Livonia, Farmington Hills and Milford YMCAs, The Sports Club of Novi, Summit on the Park in Canton and Westland's Forum Fitness Center, also feature parent-and-child classes. Another great source for mom-and-kids exercise classes is city/township-run parks and recreation departments.

Deciding whether to bring the kids to class or exercise at a fitness center without the youngsters is a personal preference.

For moms, like Nicole Koptas of Novi, keeping fit is important. Like many parents of young children, she prefers to work out in an adult only environment.

"My goal is to stay healthy for my

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Local spots to exercise with kids

- The Sports Club of Novi: www.tscnovi.com
- Jazzercise: Westland, Farmington Hills, Plymouth, Novi and South Lyon, www.jazzercise.com
- Family YMCAs: Livonia, Farmington Hills and Milford, www.ymcadetroit.org
- Guardian Martial Arts & Fitness: Garden City, www.
- Lifetime Fitness: Canton and Novi, www.lifetimefitness.com
- Livonia Community Recreation Center, www. ci.livonia.mi.us
- Bally Total Fitness: Redford and Plymouth, www. ballyfitness.com
- Forum Fitness Center: Westland, www.forumfitness-center.com
- Powerhouse: Novi and South Lyon, www.powerhouse.com
- · Summit on the Park: Canton, www.cantonfun.org

Exercise venues for adults only

- · Fitness USA: Westland, www.fitnessusa.com
- Planet Fitness: Northville, Westland, Livonia, Farmington Hills and Novi, www.planetfitness.com
- Anytime Fitness: South Lyon, www.anytimefitness.
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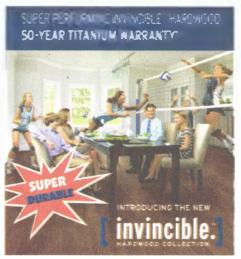
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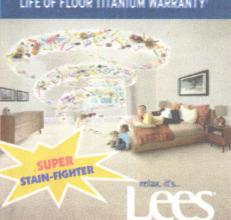


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Women business owners enjoy challenges, rewards

By Julie Brown Contributing Writer

Businesses owned by women generated \$1.2 trillion, about 3.9 percent of all business receipts nationwide in 2007, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's Survey of Business Owners

Today, women-owned firms have an economic impact of \$3 trillion annually, and that translates into the creation and/or maintenance of more than 23 million jobs — 16 percent of all U.S. jobs, as reported in the study "The Economic Impact of Women-Owned Businesses in The United States," conducted by The Center for Women's Business Research.

Businesses owned by women and families contribute to the economic vitality of communities in this area. That's why *Hometown Life Woman* asked women business owners when they got the idea to go into business for themselves.

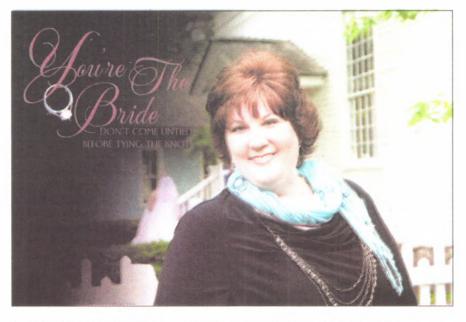


Kristie Wyler is owner/director of Metro Dance Co. in Plymouth.

KRISTIE WYLER, METRO DANCE CO

"In the summer of 2005, I had been on a two-year break from teaching dance. Missing it, I contacted local studios to see if anyone was looking for an experienced teacher," said Kristie Wyler, owner/director of Metro Dance Co. in Plymouth.

The then-owners of Metro Dance Company contacted me and I started teaching with them part time that fall. A few months later, the owners requested a meeting with me and told me how they were interested in selling the studio and asked if I would be interested. I



Tracie Morris is a certified wedding planner and owner of Redford-based You're the Bride.

purchased the studio from them in June 2006 and have loved every minute since."

Business: Metro Dance Co.

Location: 541 S. Mill St., Plymouth, MI 48170

Product/Service: Dance lessons for all ages, 2½ to adult

Website: www.

MetroDanceCompany.com/(734) 207-8970

Quote: "We have a ton of inspirational quotes posted in the studio. Here are two of my favorites: 'Throw your heart over the fence and the rest will follow'

Norman Vincent Peale; 'Become so wrapped up in something that you forget to be afraid' — Lady Bird Johnson."

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Tracie Morris, a certified wedding planner, owns You're The Bride, a Redford-based full-service wedding planning and management company.

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"We are the only exclusive wedding planning professionals who will leave your guests talking about it when it's over," owner/wedding planner Tracie Morris said. "We are also featured in

'Bridal Bargains' as being recognized as one of the best online websites to purchase wedding invitations from for superior customer service and affordable invitation pricing."

Morris had always loved attending weddings as a child. She was obsessed by the way the bride looked, table decor, couldn't wait to see the wedding cake and watch the couple do their first dance. She got the bug at a very young age and her passion for weddings hit home even more when she was able to plan her own wedding in 1997 for 200 guests. You're The Bride was born in 1999 and continues to grow each year. The business is working on weddings across metro Detroit and beyond this season, including some places such as Grand Rapids, Saginaw and Lewiston.

She is especially excited about the Lewiston wedding this May, as it's the town where she grew up before moving to the big city and where her parents still live there.

The driving force on why she created You're The Bride was to help brides plan the weddings of their dreams while staying on budget, keeping stress minimized and having a fantastic seamless wedding day so brides can just relax and take in the whole experience.

Quote: "Don't come untied before tying the knot!"

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day, every

day.
"In retail, the key is diversity and change, and that's one reason we've been so successful for 18 great years. I love what I do, and love the relationships we have created with our customers and dealers



Linda Macchiarolo owns Town Peddler Craft & Antique Mall in Livonia.

throughout the years.

"Our customers love that they can always find something unique and different, and that the products are so affordable."

Business: Town Peddler Craft & Antique Mall

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Quote: "This one is from my dad: 'Do the right thing."

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Pretty feet

'Bare your legs' and feet with confidence this spring

By Sally Rummel

It's almost time to trade your snuggy UGGs for strappy sandals — and jeans for your favorite capris. If just the thought of baring your legs and feet this spring brings on a bit of anxiety, have no fear — there are plenty of things you can do to get ready for "shorts and sandal" season.

If you hesitate to wear shorts or a bathing suit because of vein-related issues, you've got lots of company — approximately 55 percent of women and 45 percent of men suffer from either varicose veins or spider veins.

What's the difference?

Varicose veins, with their thick, "ropy" appearance, can be both a cosmetic and medical issue, causing leg aches, cramps and restlessness. Red and purple "thready" spider veins, while unsightly, are strictly a cosmetic problem. Treatment for either condition will yield a very positive aesthetic result, according to Dr. Jeffrey H. Miller of Novi Vein.

Treatments today for varicose veins are very user-friendly, performed in-office with the patient up and walking immediately after the procedure. "People leave our office feeling good about themselves," said Miller, who has been treating vein problems for more than 12 years. "Never have I received so many hugs from grateful patients. I love what I'm able to do for people."

Miller was one of the first doctors in Michigan to perform Endovenis Thermal Ablation, which today is the main standard of treatment for varicose veins. Spider veins are typically treated with sclero therapy, laser therapy or the new VeinWave and Vein Gogh. "We are the first office in Michigan to get these devices," said Miller.

Dr. Lisa Pavone and Dr. Emily Cummings, both board-certified doctors in family practice and phlebology at the University of Michigan-Livonia Vein Center, treat vein problems with the latest in technology, including the most minimally-invasive procedures which provide quick recovery time, little pain and less anesthesia.

"We tell our patients that vein treatment will not only make them look better, but they'll feel much better, too," said Pavone. "You'll leave our office feeling much more able to enjoy walking and other activities. Your leg cramps and aches will be gone and you'll want to be more active. That makes it a self-fulfilling prophecy — you'll be able to lose weight and tone your legs as well."

It also helps patients to come into this U-M medical group, according to the doctors, "because we can get you into whatever department you need to be in at U-M, to fit your medical situation."

Whether or not vein treatments are considered "elective procedures" or medical for insurance purposes is usually decided case-by-case, so women seeking these procedures should meet first with a doctor for an initial consultation.

Laser hair removal for your legs may be another beauty treatment to keep in mind when getting ready for warm weather and vacations. At New Face New Body in Canton, laser hair removal, aesthetic treatments and skin care using state-of-the-art equipment and technology helps clients feel their "summer best"

Once your legs are in shorts-ready shape, your next visit should be to a salon or day spa for a pedicure.

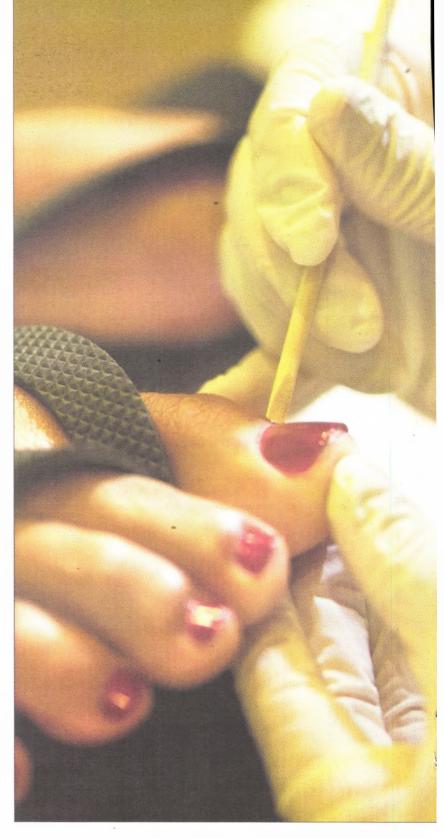
While "the finishing touch" of a pedicure is a pretty shade of nail polish, a well-done pedicure goes much deeper than just the polish. A foot massage that is part of the pedicure process helps to relieve tension and stimulate circulation, according to Sally's Beauty Supply, with locations in Farmington Hills, Livonia, Westland, Dearborn, Novi, Canton, White Lake and more. Regular pedicures also keep nails trimmed, calluses controlled and skin exfoliated and moisturized.

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With freshly-painted toenails, you'll want to show off your feet in a pretty new sandal, but make sure you choose your summer footwear with comfort and style in mind.

While flip flops may be the easiest, least expensive footwear to put on your feet in the spring and summer, they also do the most harm, according to Dr. Anthony Mastrogiacomo of South Lyon Foot & Ankle. "You want to look for a shoe or sandal that provides support and fits well," said Mastrogiacomo. "Flip flops offer no support and leave your feet open to a wide range of injuries."



He suggests Birkenstocks as a very comfortable summer footwear option, providing a custom fit after your foot shape molds to the sandal.

Tracy Goodnough of For Feet's Sake in Milford offers other stylish options, from Fit-Flops with a thicker arch support, big heel cushion and a "rocker" bottom, to Keen sport sandals and a European line known as "Naot" with a cork heel that takes the foot gradually down with each step.

High heels are especially hard on a woman's foot,

with gravity bringing all the weigh into the toe box of the shoe. "Don't heels higher than three inches," sai "but also don't wear shoes that are — wedges or shorter heels are muc optimum heel height for shoes is b and one inch."

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particular style of cooking or a certain ingredient. Knight said while most of the classes are taught by local cooks, the store has in the past brought in famous names like Iron Chef Mario Rosetti and others familiar from the Food Network.

"I tried to look at what people are asking for," Knight said of the class offerings. "One of the areas that always came up is ethnic cooking.

"These are classes for people who are passionate about cooking and don't have a grandmother or other family member at home to teach them. It gives them a chance to try something different and learn something new."

Most classes at Colasanti's are for groups of eight-20, although some can accommodate as many as 80 students. Some are hands-on — "You bring your apron and your rolling pin and get right into it," Knight said — while others are more instructional in nature.

Some topics that will be taught in the near future include Traditional German Cooking, "Meatless" Lasagna and Japanese Sushi.

All classes require pre-registration. Costs vary by class. For more information, call (248) 887-3205 or visit colasantis.com and click on classes and events.

BUSCH'S FRESH FOOD MARKET

This locally owned chain of supermarkets has brought back its popular cooking classes after discontinuing them for a few years during the height of the recession. Each class is taught by chef Rebecca Wauldron, who has been with Busch's for 10 years and is featured regularly in a cooking segment on WJBK-TV (Channel 2).

"We're excited about offering them again and people said they missed them," she said.

Two classes are offered each month, with accommodations for up to 50 students. These are demonstration classes, in which Wauldron talks about techniques and methods for preparing the featured food.

The next class available will be on soups and stews, as well as one on healthy eating.

"We try to be timely, so obviously it's going to be seasonal," Wauldron said. "We're also going to be doing one healthy cooking class each month, because people are always tying to get in shape."

The classes, which rotate among the chain's 15 locations throughout southeast Michigan, attract a diverse clientele, according to Wauldron.

"We've got young folks, empty-nesters who have time to cook," she said.
"Probably more women, but there are



PHOTO BY TODD SAMSON

Kimberly Emmert keeps a watchful eye on the mixture's temperature, which is imperative to produce perfect homemade mozzarella.

men who want to learn how to cook, too."

Busch's classes might be the best bargain out there, as each 90-minute class is only \$10 and comes with a \$10 coupon good at any of the chain's stores.

"It's almost like getting a free class," Wauldron said.

Pre-registration is required for any class. Call (734) 214-8307 or visit buschs.com and click on community and then classes for more information.

ZINGERMAN'S BAKEHOUSE

An off-shoot of the much-loved deli in downtown Ann Arbor, the Bakehouse is a building on the outskirts of town that houses the BAKE! program, which began some five years ago under the direction of Alejandro Ramon. In that time, BAKE! has offered up to 50 classes each year and has enrolled more than 5,000 students.

The focus here is on baking, although there are courses that delve into other types of cooking. When Zingerman's was able to expand with the new acquisition, it added a slew of new classes.

"We had been offering bread (making) classes on Sundays," Ramon said. "In the fall of 2005, we had the opportunity to create a hands-on baking school. The tradition of baking wasn't being perpetuated at home. We're here to teach home bakers of all ages and teach baking techniques and processes."

The BAKE! classes are typically one four-hour session, with a maximum of

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Hemali Desai owns Hemali's Touch of Canton.

HEMALI DESAI, HEMALI S TOUCH

"I am involved in the skin care and beauty salon business since last 30 years," Hemali Desai said. "It was giving me pleasure to see people looking good and feeling good and boosting their confidence. I had passion to start my own business from my teen years. I had my beauty parlor in India. With the support of family and friends, I am able to fulfill my dream of starting my business in U.S.A. and use my hands and touch to make people look good."

Business: Hemali's Touch Location: 42460 Cherry Hill Road, Canton Township.

Product/Service: A beauty studio providing full-service hair, nails and skin care including waxing, threading and facials, Body rejuvenation and relaxation including ancient Indian Ayurvedic Shirodhara, makeup and henna art. The studio services women, men and children — a one-stop spot for the whole family.

Website: www.hemalistouch. com/(734) 238-1575

Quote: "Our motto is luxury at affordability and we provide good service at affordable pricing, so people can get the services done often and look their best all the time."

CHARLEST WIND

"We primarily are focusing on children's books," said Jill Blome, whose mom owns the store. "We carry quite a few of the classics." Also available are coffee-table type books "because you can't Kindle that." Board books for the very young children are in stock as well.

Mother Charlene Wiska has owned the store more than 30 years with Blome "just a helper." Blome does the ordering, including research online on what to order.

Business: Lyons Book Den Location: 116 E. Lake St., South Lyon Phone: (248) 437-2500 **Product/Service:** New books sold, along with old-fashioned candy, greeting cards, gifts for children — such as stuffed animals — and adults, such as Christmas ornaments and candles. The store also carries puzzles, jewelry and gift bags.

Quote: "There is no such thing as a moral or an immoral book. Books are well-written or badly written'— Oscar Wilde."

CHRISTINA PAPAZIAN, SWEET & SAVORY BAKERY

In October, Christina Papazian will celebrate two years at the Milford bakery location on Main Street. She had earlier rented kitchen space and sold bread at area farmers market.

"January's always a really slow month for bakeries," she said. "Everybody's dieting." Business is picking up now and visitors will enjoy a five-course "Dinner on the Tracks" starting May 28 and then continuing through the summer.

She and her husband, Aram, own the business and live in Highland.

"I spent a lot of time overseas growing up. My father was in the military," said Papazian, who likes producing European-style pastries like the ones she grew up enjoying. "This is definitely kind of the fruition of that."

Sweet & Savory Bakery has a daily lunch with a sandwich, soup and cookie for \$6.50. She also teaches cooking at Acorn Farm in Milford.

Business: Sweet & Savory Bakery Location: 289 N. Main St., Milford, MI 48381

Online: On Facebook at sweet&savor vbakeryinmilford, (248) 685-9400

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Christina Papazian and husband Aram own Milford's Sweet & Savory Bakery.

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Time to take care of your man

By Linda Ann Chomin

Early detection saves lives and the life you save just might be your man.

It's no secret that women are the primary decision makers when it comes to health care. They usually decide when it's time for family members to see the doctor. Hospitals recognize the fact and frequently build marketing campaigns around the premise that sometimes females need to encourage and nudge the men in their lives.

Ladies, it's time to take the lead in caring for your man. This month, several institutions are reaching out with free screenings for prostate, colorectal and blood pressure. A good place to start in general though is for men and women to schedule a checkup with a primary care physician specializing in family or internal medicine.

PREVENTION

"Prevention is better than cure," said Dr. Vinay Shah, an internist in the Internal Medicine Department at Henry Ford Hospital. "Four important cancers need to be caught early: colon for men and women, cervical, breast, and prostate if caught early it's almost curable."

Shah recommends a physical starting at adulthood and every three-five years afterward until age 50, then annually. This includes tests for diabetes and cholesterol. Men and women should have a colonoscopy after age 50 unless they have a family history of colon cancer or are African American then they need to start screenings at 40.

Shah said the PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen) test is controversial and isn't necessary early on unless there is a family history. It's best though to talk with your doctor as guidelines vary.

"Men over 65 should be concerned about osteoporosis," said Shah of Farmington Hills. He teaches at Wayne State University School of Medicine. "Women after 65 should get a bone density. If you're white and in sun a lot, get a complete exam from a dermatologist if you find something suspicious."

It's a good idea to have your significant other regularly check for moles and asymmetrical spots. For those who are diabetic or have a family history of diabetes, look for open sores that won't heel on the lower legs and feet.

"Listen to your body if you have symptoms. Clarify that (with your primary care physician) a slight twinge in the chest, pain and cough when you walk," said Shah. "An eye exam is important to check for glaucoma. If diabetic, just going to an optometrist is not enough. You need to see an ophthalmologist."

Like Shah, Dr. Tina Schuster recommends seeing a primary care physician for an overall assessment. If problems are detected with the prostate gland, patients usually are sent to an urologist.

According to American Cancer Society guidelines, men with a family history of prostate cancer and African Americans should



begin screening at age 40, all others at 50.

"The American Urological Association's new statement is any well informed male at age 40 should get a baseline PSA and digital rectal exam," said Schuster, an urologist on staff at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital in Commerce Township.

"The PSA blood test is the best test so far to screen for cancer but can be up for other reasons besides cancer. Prostate cancer is a slow growing process, usually no signs early on. Later men develop symptoms with urination, blood in urine or semen, pain in the back or hips, and should be checked out."

Schuster encourages significant others to go to the appointment as well.

"They get more out of it. A lot of times guys won't be proactive and it helps them process information and decide on what to do," said Schuster, co-director of robotics and minimally invasive surgery at Huron-Valley Sinai.

DON'T WAIT

Dr. Bill McLaughlin worries that because prostate cancer in many cases is slow growing men may wait to be properly screened with a PSA blood test and digital rectal exam. McLaughlin is a radiation oncologist with the University of Michigan Cancer Program and works at St. John Providence Park Hospital in Novi. He has been treating prostate cancer patients 20 plus years and has seen the introduction of robotic and minimally invasive surgery and the application of 3D imaging for external beam and radioactive seed implants. These advances have decreased the side effects and complications associated with prostate cancer treatment.

"In the past, the public perception was a diagnosis of cancer meant death," said McLaughlin. "Today, no man should die of colon or prostate cancer because of screenings. We can screen and find aggressive cancers early enough to cure."

More than 200,000 prostate cancers were diagnosed last year in the U.S. While aggressive cancers may call for aggressive treatment, low-grade cancers may not need treatment and a wait and see approach may be an option.

Men shouldn't be afraid to be checked out. Symptoms like frequency of urination, especially at night, probably aren't cancer but an inflammation or enlargement of the prostate gland. For more information, visit www. stjohnprovidence.org/prostateimplant/

"Screening is the only way to find these cancers early," said McLaughlin of Northville. "You should discuss screening with your physician. With prostate cancer men usually don't have symptoms. That's why it's a silent disease."

HEALTH FAIR

St. Marcy Mercy Hospital is having a March 5, men's health fair and prostate screening to detect the cancer early. Marianne Simancek says women can play a significant role in their man's health by encouraging him to attend.

"Nobody likes to go to the doctor, having certain tests and procedures. Nobody likes to talk about prostate disease or cancer," said Simancek, community outreach director.

In addition to prostate screening, cholesterol testing, blood pressure checks, stroke risk assessment, and exams by a dermatologist and podiatrist are part of the services being offered. Education and resource materials will also be available.

"There is lots of information that the guys and wives can have access to and live a little bit longer," said Simancek of Novi.

"Plan on spending 40 to 45 minutes for the screenings. It's all free, St. Mary Mercy's way of giving back to the community."

In recognition of National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, Botsford General Hospital is offering screening that includes a digital rectal exam and a test to check for blood in the stool.

Dr. Craig Gordon, a Botsford medical oncologist, recommends screening with a colonoscopy at around age 50, fecal occult blood testing around age 40 for those of average risk, earlier if there is a family history of colorectal polyps or colon cancer. His father developed colon carcinoma in 1981 so Gordon had his first colonoscopy nine years ago.

"It's intelligent to be careful," said Gordon. "It really is a preventable disease. If you start screening early enough and remove polyps you're not going to have the cancer. This is a cancer that is something than can be controlled and cured, a fairly common malignancy with 150,000 to 160,000 cases diagnosed every year. We need to follow the screening guidelines and prevent it."

As with prostate cancer, Gordon says sometimes people delay consideration for screening because they worry about the outcome.

"The idea is to find something before it hurts you," said Gordon. "It takes years for a polyp to develop into a cancer."

Gordon is encouraged by research being done in regards to prevention.

"There's data about vitamin D, aspirin preventing colon cancer, but people should speak with their doctor," said Gordon of West Bloomfield.

It doesn't hurt to follow a healthy, non-Western diet including cruciferous vegetables.

"Eating a high fiber diet can decrease the transit time through the colon."

SCREENING EVENTS FOR MEN, WOMEN

Botsford General Hospital

Free colorectal cancer screening event 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 26, Botsford Cancer Center, 27900 Grand River, Suite 120, Farmington Hills. Includes a digital rectal exam and a test to check for blood in the stool. Generally this type of cancer screening is relevant for both men and women beginning at age 50.

Pre-registration required. Call (248) 471-8120

St. Mary Mercy Livonia

Prostate Screening and Men's Health Fair for ages 40-70 takes place 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile. Free event includes prostate exam by a physician, blood test for Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA), total cholesterol and HDL check, eye and foot exams, hearing tests, skin cancer checks by a dermatologist, and information related to healthy living.

Registration required. Call (734) 655-8940.

St. John Providence Health System

In recognition of National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, St. John Providence Health System will provide free, at-home colorectal testing kits during the month of March. Stop in at any Providence Cancer Center (Southfield, Novi) or Providence pharmacy location (Southfield, Novi, Livonia, Farmington Hills). Call the St. John Providence Health System physician referral and information service, (866) 501-DOCS (3627) toll free to have a kit mailed to your home.

After completing the three-day testing at home, participants can mail their completed response card of the results in the supplied, postage-paid envelope. St. John Providence Health System oncology staff will follow up with those participating in the screening as needed. If a patient has an abnormal result, health system staff will also notify their primary care physician. If they do not have a primary care physician, St. John staff will provide a referral or make an appointment for you.

DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital

The Project Healthy Living health fair takes place 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, April 1, at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. The Huron Valley-Sinai fair will be on the south side of the hospital in the Charach Cancer Treatment Center. Participants should enter through the South Garden Entrance. Fair includes free height/weight and blood pressure checks. There is a cost for blood tests and other screening. For information, visit http://projecthealthyliving.web.officelive.com/default.aspx.

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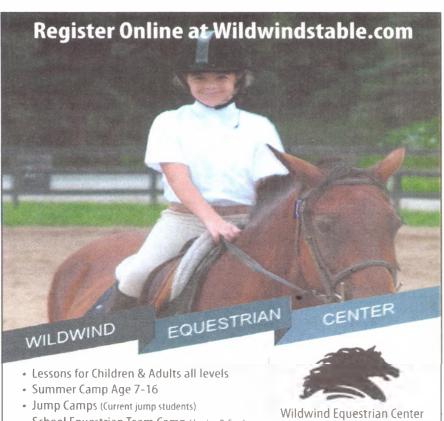
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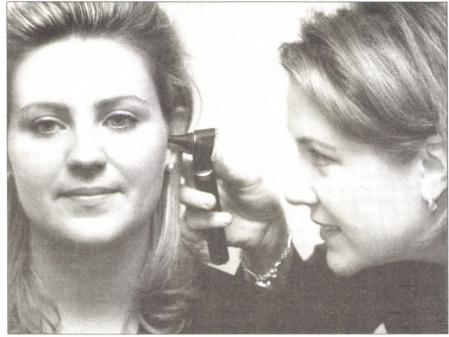
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Quote: "There is something so immensely satisfying to see, at the day's end, beautifully shaped by hand, golden loaves of bread lined up on the shelves to cooling," she said.

LAURA VAN VLIET, EVA'S **BRIDAL & FASHIONS**

"I just kind of fell into it," said Laura Van Vliet, who's owned Eva's Bridal & Fashions in Garden City since 1995. She's worked in the bridal business for

It started with her daughter attending Northwestern University near Chicago ("I figured I'd better do something") and mom helping with tuition and other expenses. Her daughter had needed a crinoline for a Polish dancing costume, and Van Vliet saw the help wanted sign at an earlier shop.

She was hired in sales. The seamstress who worked with the owner left. Van Vliet began to do alternations. "It just was a good time to move over here," she said of working for five years before taking over at the store she now owns, which she bought from the previous owner. "I just always felt dedicated to it."

Business: Eva's Bridal & Fashions Location: 6227 Middlebelt, between Warren and Ford, Garden City.

Product/Service: Bridal, bridesmaid and mother of the bride/groom gowns.

'The dresses have gotten fancier, more

beading. I think the proms have really increased. The girls realize this is the place to come for prom dresses."

Website: evasbridal.net/(734) 422-

Quote: "I like to treat people like I would want to be treated in any situation," the Golden Rule.

KARISSA JAGACKI, AU.D., PERSONALIZED HEARING CARE INC.

Karissa Jagacki bought the Westland business, which has since expanded to include a South Lyon office, from the late Barb Douglas in 2002. Jagacki earned her doctorate of audiology degree from Central Michigan University following undergraduate studies in audiology and speech sciences at Purdue University.

The South Lyon office opened in 2009. "I felt that there was a need for professional hearing services in this area," said Jagacki, a South Lyon resident. "People need hearing services, and some people don't know where to go. I think it's always important to see a professional audiologist."

She chose her profession while a Purdue undergraduate. "I just loved the idea of helping people hear better," she said, noting hearing and communicating are keys to quality of life.

"We care about our patients," Jagacki

Her credentials include certification by the American Speech Language Hearing Association and a state of Michigan audiology license. She is a fellow member of the American Academy of Audiology, a member of the

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Pat Finnegan (right) and Lori Stempien are co-owners of Pear-aphernalia, a home decor and gift shop in downtown Northville.

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Michigan Academy of Audiology and a regional alumni representative for the Audiology Program at Central Michigan University.

Business: Personalized Hearing Care Inc.

Two locations: 35337 Warren Road, Westland, and 321 Pettibone Ave., Suite 105, South Lyon.

Website: www.doineedahearingaid. com/(734) 467-5100 in Westland, (248) 437-5505 in South Lyon

Product/Service: Hearing aids and audiology services

Quote: "Hearing is important, and I do think it's important to seek the right person," preferably a doctor of audiology or trained audiologist. "It really does matter who you see." Hearing aids treat 95 percent of hearing loss, she said, and have improved dramatically in recent years.

REBECCA BARRY, THE MOON & ME LORI STEMPIEN AND PAT FINNEGAN, PEAR-APHERNALIA

Downtown Northville is home to mother and daughter business owners Rebecca Barry, who owns the baby and toddler boutique The Moon & Me, and her mom, Lori Stempien, who with coowner Pat Finnegan owns and operates Pear-aphernalia home decor and gift shop.

"Shortly after graduating from college, an opportunity arose to open a store in downtown Northville, which



Rebecca Barry owns The Moon & Me, a baby and toddler boutique in downtown Northville. Mom Lori Stempien is co-owner of Pear-aphernalia, a home decor and gift shop in downtown Northville

has always been a wonderful place to shop," Rebecca Barry said. "My love of children, desire to work with people and interest in fashion inspired me to open a baby and toddler boutique. Opening The Moon & Me has allowed me to fulfill my aspirations of owning my own business while doing something I love and developing relationships with my customers who make up the charming community of Northville."

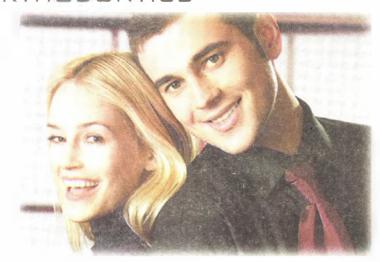
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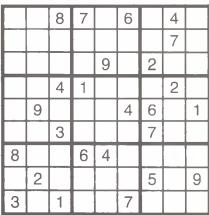
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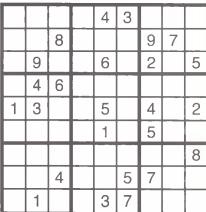
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric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

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Dedicated professionals offer help and explanations for those unwanted aches and pains you experience in your legs

Varicose veins and spider veins (telangiectasia) are the visible surface manifestations of an underlying problem. The blood flow deviates from a normal flow path and flows in an opposite direction so that fluid accumulates, causing a "congested" leg, it can be referred to as venous insufficiency syndrome.

Mild forms of venous insufficiency are merely uncomfortable, annoying, or cosmetically disfiguring, but severe venous disease can produce serious systemic consequences and can lead to loss of life or limb

Varicose veins and spider veins develop more often in women than in men. They increase in frequency with age. An estimated 30% to 60% of adults have varicose veins or spider veins.

Most patients with venous insufficiency have subjective symptoms that may include pain, soreness, burning, aching, throbbing, cramping, muscle fatigue, and restless legs.

The causes of varicose veins and spider veins depend on a number of factors. A person needs to look at their heredity, and if their occupation involves a lot of standing, such as nurses, hair stylists, teachers, and factory workers. Is the person overweight and by how much.

Hormonal influences during pregnancy, puberty, and menopause, could be part of the problem. The use of birth control pills and postmenopausal hormonal replacement could be factors as well.

A history of blood clots and conditions that cause increased pressure in the abdomen including tumors, constipation, and externally worn garments like girdles. Consulting with professionals is the best way to seek help.

At Novi Vein, Dr. Jeffery H. Miller and his staff specialize in vein disorders. The most advanced diagnosis and treatment of vein disorders such as varicose and spider veins, is what they deal with everyday. They use their talents with one simple goal in mind: Helping patients free themselves from the chronic and often debilitating leg pain that accompanies those conditions.

Learn more about Jeffery H. Miller M.D. on page 25.

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An Easy Cure for Chronic Leg Pain

By Jeffrey H. Miller, M.D. NOVI VEIN

Most people don't realize that aching, tired legs are caused by a very common condition known as Venous Insufficiency. It's often associated with varicose veins, but not always. The most amazing thing is that the condition is easy to treat, and it's usually covered by insurance.

Symptoms of venous insufficiency of the legs:

Pain
Swelling
Aching/Throbbing
Heaviness/Fatigue
Night cramps
Restless legs
Varicose veins
Itchy veins
Non-healing ulcers

If you have any of these symptoms, it's very much worth visiting a vein physician. As part

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Submitted Pho Dr. Jeffrey H. Miller, Novi Vein.

of your evaluation, an ultrasound should be performed while you are standing. This allows the practitioner to look for blood going the wrong direction in some of your veins, which denotes venous insufficiency, or reflux. If you are evaluated while lying down, your diagnosis will often be in error.

As for treatment, it's quick, safe and extremely effective.
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to undergo surgical procedures, such as stripping and ligation, nor do you require surgery within a hospital, which requires an inpatient stay or long recovery. Instead, you can have your procedure at a specialized medical office, be up and walking immediately, and go back to work the next day.

How the treatment works

The cause of varicose veins and all the symptoms of venous insufficiency are related to



The most amazing thing is that varicose veins are easy to treat and usually covered by insurance.

a "refluxing vein" – a bad vein that allows blood to go the wrong way. Normally, veins carry blood towards the heart. An unhealthy refluxing vein fails to carry blood upward and instead causes pooling of blood in the leg and subsequent symptoms. This unhealthy vein is not needed so treatment is to simply close it down with heat which is known as endovenous thermal ablation (EVTA). There is a large network of veins in the leg such that the normal healthy veins immediately take over and get blood out of the leg thus alleviating the pooling and symptoms. There are two types of heat that can be used for the procedure. Endovenous Laser Ablation uses laser energy (a highly concentrated beam of light) to the targeted tissue with extreme precision, so as not to affect the surrounding tissue. The other form of heat is

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The procedure is virtually painless and the results are outstanding.

Written by Jeffrey H. Miller, M.D. Dr. Miller can be reached at: (248) 773 4990 or jhmiller@novivein.com.

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CAMPS

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The camp attracts gifted elementary, middle and high school students (grades 5-12) seeking an intense program in music, art, dance, and drama as well the opportunity to participate in an International Exchange Program. Camps run June 29 to Aug. 21.

DAYS CAMPS

Day camps offer affordable, fun and educational alternatives to hanging around the house.

Jill Janisse has driven all the way from New Hudson to take her son to Camp Mirage in Plymouth for the last five years. Formerly from the Livonia/Westland area, Janisse knew about the camp when she started to look for a summer activity for son, Ian, after she went back to work.

Camp Mirage at the Oasis Golf Center has specialty camps like CSI Forensics, Hollywood Movie Making, and a trip into the wizardry world of Harry Potter. The magic of Hogwarts has campers divided into Houses just like in the books and movies. Children learn to play ground quidditch, make wands, and eat chocolate frogs. Visit www.campmirage.com to download a brochure.

Camps for ages 4-13 range from \$115 to \$345.

Sample the various themes at an Open House noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 21. For an appointment, call (734) 420-4655.

"I wanted Ian to be able to do something with his friend. He used to go to St. Mike's in Livonia," said Janisse. "He attended two or three camps every year. Ian especially liked the cartooning and playing GAGA (a form of dodge ball from Israel)."

NATURE CENTER

The Howell Nature Center Camp was another favorite of Ian's. A Day Camp Sampler is scheduled 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 14. Advance registration required. Visit www.howellnaturecenter.org or call (517) 546-0249.

Themes focus on survival in the wild, a fuzzy, furry week to inspect insects, birds and mammals up close, a critter camp that answers questions like how many stomachs does a deer have?

One-day and weeklong camps are available (grades 2-12) to explore the 270-acre wooded countryside. Cost is \$33 a day, \$150 a week.

"He learned survival techniques, how to build a shelter and identify plants," said Janisse.

MISSION EXPERIENCE

Michigan Missions isn't a camp, but a spiritual experience. The nonprofit



organization connects those in need with volunteers from grades 6 and up. For information, visit michiganmissions.com or call JoAnne Pooley at (734) 679-6350.

"When I find a need in a community, I contact churches, youth groups or women's groups, and try to pair the size of the job with the volunteers," said JoAnne Pooley of Garden City.

Pooley had gone on several mission trips outside Michigan, before starting the nonprofit. "You don't need to go to Appalachia. The need is here," said Pooley. "It's a learning experience for youth. To see other people have needs gives them a sense of community."

The mission trips are nondenominational and begin with a devotional on the lawn of the homeowner who is also given a Bible.

"We do handyman type fixups, painting, floors, gardening," said Pooley.

So far, volunteers have served in Redford, Westland, Detroit and Essexville.

"Right now it's day trips only, but we want to extend to weekends and weeklong trips. This year we're converting a trailer into a shower trailer so we can take longer trips."

In addition to working on the trailer, Michigan Missions is holding a Battle of the Bands, a benefit to raise funds for materials like paint. This year's event is Saturday, May 14, at Community Baptist Church in Garden City.

"We re constantly looking for any volunteer that wants to plug in and homeowners who need assistance," said Pooley. "We go downtown to feed the homeless every third Saturday. You can't even express the feeling you get from helping others."



FITNESS

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daughter. Exercise gives me the energy to keep up with her," said Koptas, who has an 18-month-old.

Koptas loves her hour of "de-stress time" at Fitness USA in Westland. She plugs in her headphones or watches TV while walking on the treadmill or riding an exercise bike.

As a mom with four daughters, exercise at the LCRC has made Kim Peters more aware of keeping physically active for her children.

"Exercise allows me to keep up with them. And, if they need help, I can help," said Peters of Livonia. Feeling stronger and happier, and, making new friendships are added exercise perks for Peters.

Kelly Kessler's two young boys are "copying everything I do," remarked Kessler, 38. And that's a major reason she

"It's important to have a good influence on my kids. I'm taking care of myself so that I can take care of them," said Kessler of Novi, who has used child care services in the past.

Supervised child care services are a big plus for moms with kids who want to participate in adults only classes.

Venues that offer these services include area YMCAs, The Sports Club of Novi, Bally Total Fitness in Redford and Plymouth, Summit on the Park in Canton, and Powerhouse in Novi and South Lyon.

"Moms love the child care. It's utilized quite a lot," said Cathy Glover, club manager of The Sports Club in Novi. Moms enjoy exercising with their peers, and then, after class, they use the shower facilities at the center, without worrying about their children.

The Sports Club also accommodates older kids in the XRkade. Here, kids are supervised in an environment that features interactive activities.



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OWNERS

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sories. The Moon & Me offers christening outfits (shop from the in-store selection or special order from catalogs) and christening gifts. In an effort to support local artisans, the shop also carries many locally handmade items, such as diaper bags, tutus, hair accessories, burp cloths, bibs, activity bags, birthday hats and more.

Quote: "A customer is the most important visitor on our premises, he is not dependent on us. We are dependent on him. He is not an interruption in our work. He is the purpose of it. He is not an outsider in our business. He is part of it. We are not doing him a favor by serving him. He is doing us a favor by giving us an opportunity to do so" —Unknown

"As shoppers in Northville, we felt the town would benefit from a store offering moderately priced products, but in an upscale atmosphere, a place where everyone could feel comfortable and afford to shop," Pear-aphernalia coowners Lori Stempien and Pat Finnegan said.

"Our business model was to create a shopping experience based on affordable pricing, quality merchandise and great customer service. Pear-aphernalia was started in October 2001 and has strived to incorporate these ideas in our ongoing growth and development."

Business: Pear-aphernalia, Inc. Location: 184 E. Main St., Northville, MI 48167/(248) 596-1430

Product/Service: Home decor and gift shop.

Quote: "Each customer that enters our store is entitled to a smile, our best customer service and a thank you of appreciation, because without them our store would cease to exist."

KAREN L. GARA, MERLE NORMAN COSMETIC STUDIO

"It is a life goal of mine to be in control of my own circumstances and not to rely on others to get me there. I have

NOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES IN THE UNITED STATES

- 10.1 million firms are owned by women (50 percent or more), employing more than 13 million people, and generating \$1.9 trillion in sales as of 2008.
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Karen Gara owns the Merle Norman in downtown Farmington.

owned my own business for 21 years. I spend most of my life at work and I am very blessed in that I love what I do," franchise owner Karen Gara said.

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Product/Service: Cosmetics, skin care, consultations, special occasion makeovers, facials, wigs

Quote: "If you are kind to others, you have been kind to yourself."

Sudoku Answers

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Dr. Betz King A psycho-spiritual seeker since 1995, Dr. King is a fully licensed

psychologist, ordained minister, Druidic Bard and 3rd Degree Priestess of the Western Mystery

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The sold out class watches intently as Kimberly Emmert teaches them step-by-step how to make home made mozzarella.

COOKING

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12 students for two or three instructors. In the summer, some BAKE!-cation classes are held that can last up to a week for more intensive instruction.

Ramon said his average student is "somebody who's passionate about baking. It's primarily female, but about 15 percent our of students are men. We do have family classes, too, for parents and their kids."

The program has grown rapidly in the last couple of years, thanks to repeat business and word-of-mouth recommendations to family and friends. "People see what one of our students makes and then say, 'You didn't bake that, you must have bought it.' They end up taking a class. That's how our business has really grown," Ramon said.

Upcoming classes include We Dig Donuts, Mambo Italiano — Italian Breads and Ooh La La Croissants. Pre-registration is required and many classes sell out quickly because of the small size.

For more information, call (734) 761-7255 or visit bakewithzing.com and click on classes.

JOE'S PRODUCE

This fruit stand turned specialty

market has been in business on Seven Mile Road in Livonia since 1945. It also offers one culinary class each month, under the direction of executive chef Reva Constantine, who's been teaching them for the past two years.

Joe's doesn't have an extensive list of offerings, usually about 10 per year. But Constantine said they have very loyal students who keep coming back time and again for classes on such subjects as soups and stews, grilling and barbecue and Thanksgiving recipes.

Joe's classes are held Sunday evening after the store has closed and includes only 14-18 students each time.

"We don't have a lot of new students because we don't have much room," Constantine said. "We have some very loyal customers who like to come back."

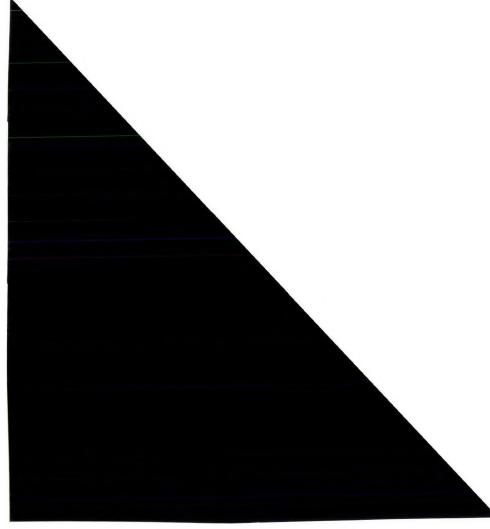
Many of the students enroll in pairs, Constantine said, such as sisters, girlfriends, moms and daughters and even husbands and wives.

"Everyone creates a recipe and then we all sit down and eat afterward," she said. "It's really a fun time.

"I try to make each class unique and gear it to the time of year," she added.

Constantine said the next class on the agenda will cover sauces. Each class is usually \$40 and pre-registration is required. For more information, call (248) 477-4333, ext. 226, or visit joesproduce.com and click on special events.





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of the diet. Dwyer says his migraines and back pain disappeared after beginning the diet. But it's not magical, he said, by eating the right foods, your body has what it needs to do the work. "When you give the body the proper nutrients, it can heal," he said.

Another big benefit for many is clarity of thought. Dwyer said he noticed especially in stressful situations that he has a heightened sense of awareness.

"Be realistic about it," he said "Transition is what works best for people," he said. Going about 50 percent raw will bring benefits and 85 percent brings transformational benefits, he said.

Bethany Herr-Hatfield of South Lyon

thought her dad was crazy when he started going to holistic health seminars and talking about raw foods. Since she was raised eating healthy foods, she never saw the reasoning behind it. But then her grandfather fell ill and doctors weren't sure he was going to make it until he went on a raw foods juice fast for eight days, she said. He left the hospital and three years later he is still fine, she said.

"It really did show me that foods can be healing," she said.

Then, while breastfeeding, she realized her daughter was sensitive to dairy and gluten. "I started eating more raw at that point," she said. She switched over to eating raw foods and found that for the first time in her life she felt good, she said. The benefits have included more energy, not getting tired during the day and sleeping well at night.

"When I started going raw, I got to the point where I listened to my body," she said. You might also have to eat more often. "You have to be OK with the fact that you might eat seven times a day, like grazing," she said. It's doing what feels good for your body, she said.

As a mother of two small girls with a husband who plays professional basketball in the Philippines, she found she needed some convenience and started making raw vegan health bars. About a year ago, she started making them at Red Pepper Deli in Northville. They were so popular she started selling them to grocery stores. Then a friend submitted her story to the Costco Connection and suddenly she had orders from as far away as California.

She has two partners in Flint, where the bars are now manufactured.

Her husband goes back and forth with his diet, but he is definitely on board with raw foods to get stamina and energy, she said.

Herr-Hatfield also feels the clarity so many people talk about. "It's well worth trying," she said. It's the best decision someone can make for their health, she said.

Many local stores health food stores carry items that can be helpful for raw food diets.

Mary Anne Johnston runs Nature's

CLASSES

Event: Are you intimidated by raw foods? Or maybe going all raw isn't for you. What about adding in one raw meal a day, and it's as simple as a smoothie. Andrea McNinch will show you how to take a simple smoothie and turn it into a medicinal meal. You'll learn how to open a Young Thai Coconut.

Cost: Free

When: Sunday, March 6, 4-4:45 p.m. Where: Cacao Tree Cafe, 204 W. Fourth St., downtown Royal Oak

Contact: info@how2eatraw.com or (248) 470-4290

Event: Join Andrea McNinch from Regeneration Raw for an in store sampling celebrating St Patrick's Day and all things GREEN. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day this year without the guilt. Cost: Free When: Tuesday, March 15, 4-6 p.m. Where: Whole Foods Market, 2880 W. Maple Road, Troy More info: (248) 649-9600

Event: A Raw Food Diet For Kids When: 6 p.m. Sunday, April 3 Location: Zerbo's Health Foods, 34164 Plymouth Road, Livonia Details: Eliminate childhood illness and allergies. Call: (866) 4-ZERBOS Event: 1 Day Raw Food Course

Event: Spend the day preparing a variety of raw food dishes, discussing how to shop for raw foods and how to set up your kitchen, all the while discussing the basics the raw and living food diet. Where: Site to be announced When: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 6 Cost: \$125. Full payment due by March 5 Contact: Michael Dwyer at (734) 812-9137 or visit rawteacher.com

Finest Organics in Highland. It is a small food-buying club.

Raw nuts and seeds that raw foodists use are usually available at the market, she said. They also carry beans and grains for sprouting, she said.

Anybody can stop in and shop at the market itself, which features a variety of health foods at the front of the store. There is a selection of foods in the back area that is for members only. It costs \$50 to become a member and that brings a 15-percent discount on about 99 percent of the items in the store. It is \$20 to renew after a year.

The Better Health Markets of Novi and Plymouth, Zerbo's in Livonia, area Whole Foods Markets and Colasanti's in Highland periodically offer raw foods classes in the area.

Websites include: how2eatraw.com, rawteacher.com/michaeldwyer and www.rawwaylife.com





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July 18 - 22

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Call to schedule a private consultation with one of our physical therapists.

Customize Treatment Programs

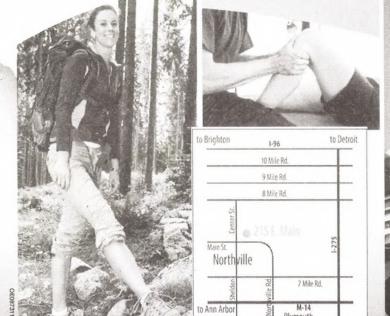
Our therapy team develops customized programs designed to address the needs of each client's diagnosis and individual treatment goals. We develop customized programs treating limitations resulting from illness, injury, developmental problems or simply the ageing process, such as:

- Orthopedic Disorders
- Neurological disorders
- Neck and Back Pain
- Sports Injuries
- Arthritis
- Cardiac Disability
- Traumatic Brain Injury
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"After six weeks they told me to take a hike. So I did."

Casey Shorland Ann Arbor "Because their hours are so flexible, so is my knee."

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Every woman is looking to improve her body and her looks in order to feel better and enhance your life.

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 - Hair Removal
- Wrinkles
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\$1.500 \$3.000 Stomach \$1,500 Navel \$300 \$150 Chest/Nipples \$600 \$300

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I had laser hair removal on my lip & chin over three years ago with Beth. It changed my life. I had such severe facial hair I shaved my face every morning (like 5 o'clock shadow hairy) After waxing me one day Beth gently asked me "Why don't you have the laser hair removal done?" I told her that I had tried that I went to Henry Ford Fairlane paid \$1000 for my chin area and had 8 treatments. I then sarcastically said "Clearly it doesn't work." She promised me that after one treatment I'd see a difference. I really wanted to believe that it could work. I had my first treatment and noticed a difference. After 3 treatments my friends and co-workers noticed it too. By the time I was done I finally felt like a girl. My self esteem was restored. It's been three years and I have thanked Beth, Renee, & Fatima every time I see them for taking such wonderful care of me. I referred every woman I know to see them. Laser hair removal is the way to go! I'm having my underarms done now. For less than the price of a Coach purse, I'm NEVER going to have to shave my undergrms again, I'm investing in ME!

I've lived in Canton, Northville and now Dearborn. I don't care how far I am from them New Face New Body is my Laser Hair Removal Spot.

The Brazilian wax is awesome too. I think I'll laser that next.

Kimmy K., Dearborn Heights, MI

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