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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.

Heise hours

State Rep. Kurt Heise is sponsoring office hours Monday, April 11, at locations in Northville, Wayne and Plymouth to give residents a convenient opportunity to meet with him locally.

Heise is available to meet with residents April 11, and every second Monday of the month, at the following times and locations:

· 10-11 a.m., Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St., Northville;

• 1-2 p.m., Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne; and

· 3-4 p.m., Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St., Plymouth.

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-REP-KURT or email kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

Dem gala

The four-club Democratic Spring Gala '11 has signed Steve King and the Dittilies to play April 30 for their event at Meadowbrook Country Club, according to Lisa DiRado, co-chair of the event



Steve King and the Dittilies will play the Democratic Club Spring Gala.

for the Northville Democratic

The group was unanimously chosen by the chairs of the four clubs - Canton, Plymouth, Livonia and Northville.

The band, born out of Steve King's high school years at Bentley in Livonia, will provide after-dinner entertainment and dance music at the Gala at Meadowbrook County Club, on Eight Mile west of Haggerty.

Further information on Spring Gala '11 may be had by contacting Lisa DiRado at (248) 380-1898 or Idirado@ comcast.net.

Commission OKs downtown parking study

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The city of Plymouth will spend \$7,650 to update a 2006 study of public parking needs, and availability, in the downtown area.

The study, expected to be completed within a few weeks, was approved by a 6-0 Plymouth City Commission vote Monday. It will be paid for through money set aside in the city's

parking fund.

The decision came a week after commissioners, business owners and members of the Planning Commission and the Downtown Development Authority held a twohour brainstorming session on parking issues and ways to resolve them.

This is going to put some data to it so we're making decisions from data," Mayor Dan Dwyer said Wednesday. The city currently has

an estimated 989 public parking spaces downtown, including in the central parking deck on Harvey.

CHANGE IN NEED

The study update, to be done by parking consultants Rich & Associates, will look at available public parking and parking needs based on changes in the downtown business environment since 2006. "Some businesses have come to town and some have left town," Dwyer

"Based on both current demand and future demand, I think it's essential we get a good grip on the parking situation," Commissioner John Barrett said.

"A lot of stuff's changed and a lot of stuff's going to change," Commissioner Ed Hingelberg said.

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An overflow crowd even sat in the center of the circle of board and administration at Tuesday's Board of

School, teachers among district cuts

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The closing of Fiegel Elementary School and the elimination of some 80 teachers were among \$18 million in cuts recommended to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education Tuesday by the district's budget committee.

Those were the two standout recommendations among many, including using some \$2.4 million in fund balance, made by the committee during a three-hour budget workshop.

Board members have until the end of June to pass their 2011-12 budget. They'll meet again Tuesday to continue to discuss their options as they seek to close a \$18 million gap in funding.

"This is the one that will be gut-wrenching," said Jim Johnson, the principal at Fiegel, who served on the budget committee. "I don't think anyone ever thought we'd be here considering closing a school."

If they decide to follow the recommendations, closing Fiegel Elementary would save the district some \$1.4 million. Fiegel students would be

PLYMOUTH - CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

*Budget Recommendations	
Reductions	\$15,049,039
Potential Revenue	\$1,633,550
Unemployment Costs (Cost to layoff 80 teachers)	\$1,079,520
Sub - Total	\$15,603,069
Fund Equity	\$2,396,931
Budget Adjustment	\$18,000,000

farmed out to four other elementaries. Those elementaries were not named Tuesday.

JOBS CUT

The elimination of the 80 teaching positions — and a resulting hike in class sizes would save the district more than \$5.3 million, according to figures put together by the committee.

Other recommendations made by the committee (the full list is available on the district's website at www.pccs. k12.mi.us) include:

 Eliminating noontime busing for kindergarten stu-

dents (\$488,000). Parents of morning kindergarten students would be asked to pick their child up from school; parents of afternoon students would be asked to drop their kids off.

• Eliminating 21 janitorial jobs (\$945,000) and shift to an alternate-day cleaning schedule in the district's buildings. Primary sites such as restrooms, clinics and kitchen areas would still be cleaned daily.

 Reduction of four clerical positions and five media cen-

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Third Diva Day launches spring shopping season

BY MATT JACHMAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Plymouth's third annual Diva Day brought hundreds of visitors downtown to eat, drink, shop and mingle - despite Saturday's unseasonable chill and even a light

Diva Day is a spring shopping-themed event for women, coordinated by downtown retailers and the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. About 30 businesses participated this year, offering snacks and giveaways and a chance for visitors to get to know their stores

"This is probably going to be the kickoff of the spring season here in Plymouth," said Wes Graff, executive director of the chamber of commerce.

Graff estimated there were about 800 people in town for Diva Day; the chamber gave away feather boas to the first 500 shoppers, and ran out of boas by about 12:30 p.m., he

"We clearly saw an increase" in foot traffic downtown compared to a typical weekend, Graff said.

"It went really well. Better than I expected," said Nancy Ball, the owner of Hands On Leather on Forest.

Ball set out snacks for store visitors and had a drawing for a gift basket of \$275 worth of merchandise. About half the visitors — their hometowns were on their tickets for the drawing - appeared to be from outside Plymouth, she estimated.

There were also a lot of first-time visitors to her store Ball said. "I think that's really important," she said. "It made it really worth it."

Diva Day is billed as a girls day out, but Ball said she saw "quite a few men, too," some with wives or girlfriends.

"It was a lot of fun," she

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Church project eyes plight of homeless

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St. John's Episcopal Church is hosting "Letters Home," an art project depicting the plight of the homeless, from now until April 22.

"Letters Home" is an art installation piece that draws attention to homelessness. Sally Thielen and Susan Clinthorne co-created it with the hopes of generating questions and responses.

"One of the interesting things for me is to watch people's reactions to the exhibit," Clinthorne said. "We've all seen 'those people' holding the signs and a few of us have given cash or food. But a lot of us can't bear to look. The installation gives the time

to look and time to generate feelings and questions. We can begin to relate to the individuals who have created the signs."

The project is an assemblage of many objects that are associated with those who may be homeless such as the signs that were once held by individuals on the streets. A cardboard home, a shopping cart and returnable cans and bottles are featured. The signs were all purchased and the project was explained to the individuals.

St. John's Episcopal Church is located at 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth. For more on the "Letters Home" project, visit www.lettershomeproject.com.

"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

Rockette show

Time/Date: 7 p.m. April 8; 6 p.m.

Location: Salem auditorium, Salem High School on Joy Road in Canton. Details: Show will feature the Salem Rockettes, a National Dance Teams Championships finalist.

Miller Woods tours Date/Time: Sunday, April 17;

Saturday, April 23; Sunday, May 1 **Details**: The Friends of Miller Woods will be offering tours of Miller Woods this spring to view the native spring wildflowers. The tours are free; all tours leave every 30 minutes, and are available between 2-4 pm. No dogs are

allowed in the nature preserve. Contact: For more information on Miller Woods, visit millerwoods.com.

Prom dress sale Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 9 Location: Plymouth High School,

8400 Beck Road, Canton

Details: A sale of donated new and used prom dresses at Plymouth High School. No dress will be priced over \$20 and all of the dresses are in great shape. Donations of dresses, formal sandals, shoes, purses, jewelry, etc. are still being accepted in the general office at Plymouth High School. Proceeds from the sale will benefit some of the programs in the Life Management Department.

Contact: Lisa.Benages@pccsmail.

Mom 2 Mom

AROUND PLYMOUTH

Date/Time: 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 9 Location: Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton Details: Children's clothes, toys, books, videos, maternity clothes, and more will be sold at 30 tables when the Canton Newcomers a social, civic and charitable group host their public Mom2Mom sale. A "large item" area and the group's motto of "where neighbors become friends" with sales going to the Autism Collaborative Center creates an extra special sale atmosphere. Strollers are welcome. Admission

Contact: For more information about the sale, call Jessica at (616) 780-5592 or e-mail themirolands@ vahoo.com

Faerie Garden

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 1 **Location**: Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth Details: Learn how to create your own Faerie Garden during an afternoon tea. Northville resident Suemarie Klimek will explain faerie garden design, and you'll have a chance to win the garden used in the demonstration. The presentation will follow a Victorian-style tea complete with scones, tea sandwiches, and other fare. Tickets for the Faerie Garden Tea are \$20 for Plymouth Historical Society members and \$25 for non-members if purchased by April 20 (add \$5 after that date). Get them at the museum during open hours or on the website at http://www.plymouthhistory. org/Events.html using PayPal.

Contact: For further information, call 734-455-8940.

Special needs camp

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 9 Location: O.U.R. Camp, Inc., 41355 Six Mile in Northville

Details: O.U.R. Camp, Inc., (www. ourcampinc.org), a summer day camp for young children with developmental needs, hosts an open house where parents can register their children for camp, meet the counselors and take a tour of the camp facilities. This event is free and open to the public.

Contact: For more information, contact Claudia Pietron, board president, at (734) 718-5734 or Kim Lowney, Executive Director, at (313) 537-5335.

Time/Date: 8 a.m. Saturday, May 14

Run for Hope

Location: Maybury State Park, 20145 Beck, in Northville **Details:** The fifth annual Run for Hope is a 5K run/walk presented by Northville Roadrunners to benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support. Fitness expert Peter Nielsen will be in attendance. Pre-register online by May 2 at www.firstgiving.com/ newhopecenter. Registration forms and more information are available at www.newhopecenter.net. Registration the day of the event is at 8 a.m. Cost is \$25 for people 16 and over and \$15 for children 8-15 who register by May 2. After May 2, and day of the race add \$5. Children

under 8 are free. Contact: New Hope Center, (248) 348-0115

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ter secretaries at the middle and high schools (a combined \$398,500).

"This is where it started getting difficult," said Phil Freeman, principal at Pioneer Middle School, said of the job cuts. "Although it's gutwrenching, to get to \$18 million, you have to get it on the table.

Closing Fiegel would eliminate one principal position, seven teachers and three support posi-

CLASS SIZES RISE

The biggest change would be the elimination of some 80 teaching positions and the resulting increase in class size that would go with it. Under the committee's proposal, class sizes

 Go up by two students at each elementary school grade level. Student-to-teacher ratios would be 28:1 in K-2, 31:1 in third grade, and 32:1 in fourth- and fifth-grade classrooms. The committee anticipates cutting 24.5 teachers.

• Raise by nearly five at middle schools, up to

35:1. Some 21 teachers would be cut. • Raise by nearly four, up to 35:1, at the high

school. The high schools would lose 26 teachers. Layoff notices, which have to go out by the end of the month, will likely be issued to as many as 150-200 teachers, officials said, in order to give the district flexibility to bring back teachers in needed specialties. Some of those jobs would be brought back if the district decides to open itself as a school-of-choice dis-

"We would hope to bring back some of those jobs," chief operating officer Ken Jacobs said. "We're hoping to mitigate some of the losses."

CONTINUED CUTS

Administrators think the district could bring in as much as \$1 million by going to a school-ofchoice option. Board members were given three to consider: Opening the district to children of employees who live outside the district; opening



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Fiegel parent John Nichols speaks in support of the neighborhood school.

to students within Wayne RESA, and opening to students in Intermediate School Districts contiguous to Wayne RESA.

Other revenue enhancements administrators believe they can realize include some \$400,000 in shared-time revenue (sharing teachers/students with private/parochial schools); eliminating subsidies to the preschool program, increasing meal prices 10 cents and raising parking fees by \$5 at the high school park.

Administrators and board members used the occasion to make another call on Lansing for

"While this was a very difficult budget to prepare, I feel confident telling you it wasn't done in a vacuum," Jacobs said. "This is the last year we'll be able to sustain this level of cuts. It's vital that our governor know (further cuts) could do damage for a very long time."

Board Treasurer Judy Mardigian, the board's longest-tenured member, called the level of cuts "unprecedented."

"We need help ... we are not going to be able to cut our way out of this," Mardigian said. "There's a lot to hate on this list. It's gutwrenching.'

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City OKs fire truck purchase for new joint fire department

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Having agreed to a joint firefighting and ambulance service with the city of Northville, officials in Plymouth are moving quickly to provide equipment for it.

The City Commission on Monday voted to spend \$440,321 on a fire pumper truck. The demonstration model — a brand-new truck would take months to obtain, officials noted — has about 5,000 miles on it and was discounted by \$50,000.

The truck, called a Pierce Velocity, comes with training on its systems and its foam fire suppressant capability, plus a two-year bumper-tobumper warranty. Officials were able to inspect the truck in Northville, while it was on its way back to the factory after a trip to Wisconsin, and Northville Fire Chief James Allen recommended it.

It was the second major purchase for what will be an expanded fire department of trained, but part-time, firefighters and medical firstresponders who will be paid by the call. Last month, the commission agreed to buy "turnout **NEWS BRIEFS**

gear," the protective clothing and boots firefighters wear, for the Plymouth fire station, behind city hall.

The city will formally join the Northville department next January, when its agreement with Plymouth Township, its partner in the joint Plymouth Community Fire Department, will end. Officials expect the move to save at least \$400,000 a year.

Intent to bond

The commission also approved the publication of a "notice of intent" to sell bonds to pay for startup costs related to joining the Northville Fire Department.

The notice doesn't commit the city to a bond sale, said City Manager Paul Sincock, but is required at this point even though officials are keeping their options open.

Startup costs - remodeling of the fire station, the purchase of trucks and equipment, plus training and planning costs — have been estimated at up to \$1.2 million. The "notice of intent" puts a ceiling of \$1.6 million

on any bonds issued for the project.

Officials said the city may just pay for fire department startup costs in cash, with anticipated savings from the joint operation expected to provide some of that money. Plymouth currently pays nearly \$1 million a year toward

the Plymouth Community Fire

Department, which it is leav-

ing after this year. Mayor Dan Dwyer said that even if bonds are issued, they will be repaid over time with existing revenue, and that taxes will not be raised to support them.

More gear

The commission also voted for the purchase of new twoway radios for the Plymouth Police Department.

The six Kenwood radios and accessories cost just over \$13,000 and come with a five-year warranty. They will replace radios that were purchased in 1999 and for which parts are becoming scarce, officials said.

The money will come from \$10,000 that had previously been budgeted, plus just over \$3,000 from a police forfeiture fund.

Old Village reschedules yard sale

The Old Village Association has rescheduled its 2011 yard sale for 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 7.

The neighborhood-wide yard sale typically includes 25 or more participating households that sell toys, spare clothing, books, tools, gently used electronics and other items, plus a "trunk sale" in the south parking lot at the Station 885 restaurant on Starkweather.

The trunk-sale feature was added last year; proceeds benefit the OVA.

The group is looking for sellers for the trunk sale, who can rent two parking spaces for \$15, bring their wares and set up shop. Maps of the neighborhood will be available that highlight the Old Village households participating in the vard sale.

For information on renting space for the trunk sale, call

the OVA's yard-sale chairman, Mark Oppat, at (734) 207-

The yard sale was rescheduled because Plymouth's spring cleanup program, which lets residents dispose of extra trash and large items at no additional cost, was condensed into one day this year, Saturday, May 14. The OVA usually schedules the yard sale for just ahead of spring cleanup.

Last week's study session was designed mainly to help the commission forge an approach to the "paymentlieu-of-parking" ordinance, which allows developers who are planning new construction, or the expansion of an existing business, to offer the city cash in exchange for a waiver of parking requirements.

The price is \$10,000 per parking spot, but the city is not required to accept any

such proposal. The 2007 ordinance has never been used; the payments are intended to go into a fund earmarked for future parking needs.

LIEU OF CASH

The commission will soon face two proposals in which developers have said they will offer cash in lieu of having on-site parking: the 789 Building, a three-story commercial and restaurant building planned for Ann Arbor Trail and Main; and Panache 447, a restaurant planned for the space on Forest formerly occupied by the 1999 Tavern,

Based on usable square footage, some 26 parking spaces are required for the 789 Building, and three

which closed last fall.

parking spaces are required for Panache, where developers want to expand the dining area to the second floor, plus install a second-floor

Both projects are expected to be on the City Commission's agenda for its Monday, April 18, meeting.

Commissioner Gerald Sabatini was absent on Monday.

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None injured in parts plant fire

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OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A fire forced the evacuation of a Plymouth Township auto parts plant on Friday but caused no injuries and only minimal damage.

Firefighters got the call from the Automotive Components Holdings plant on Sheldon Road near M-14 just before 4:30 p.m. and were on the scene within minutes, said Chief Mark Wendel of the Plymouth Community Fire Department.

"It was a significantly larger fire than what they said" initially, and the department called for and received mutual aid from both Canton and Northville townships, the chief said.

Plastic pellets, stored in bins in an unoccupied area of the plant, had ignited, and the blaze caused a good deal of smoke, Wendel said. The cause of the fire was still under investigation on Tuesday.

ACH officials evacuated the factory due to the smoke, said Della DiPietro, a company spokeswoman. The plant was running its second shift at the time, and the workers were eventually sent home for the day, she said.

About 160 employees were evacuated. The plant was up and running on Wednesday.

Wendel said the factory's sprinkler system did a good job of containing the fire and even extinguishing most of it.

Because of the high voltage used in the plant, power to the area had to be shut off before firefighters could safely enter, he said. But firefighters did enter and ran hoses to put the fire out, he said.

Fire damage was limited to the plastic pellets in about six bins in the storage area, the chief said. The factory's ventilation system cleared out much of the resulting smoke, he said.

Wendel said he knew of

no witnesses to how the fire began, and that the fire department was called 10 to 15 minutes after the fire was spotted.

Mutual aid, he said, was called in as a precaution, mainly to have the extra equipment on hand.

"It's better to have them on scene in a big commercial establishment like that," he said. "There was a large potential there for a very significant fire."

ACH is a Ford Motor Co.managed temporary firm that manufactures a variety of parts for Ford vehicles. Workers at the plant on Sheldon Road make climate control parts.

Wendel said the sprinkler system worked well, with only one or two sprinkler heads being triggered by the heat and containing the fire. "I can't overemphasize how effective they can be," he said of sprinklers.

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Coin flip

Gary Kelly of Canton, president of the NW Detroit Coin Club, along with Diana Jellinik of Troy and Vic West of Brighton, sold a lot of coins at the 49th semiannual NW Detroit Coin Show in Livonia. Kelly said the show brought together coin sellers, collectors and those interested in an investment for the future - in coins, paper money, and tokens. The NW Detroit holds its meetings at the Livonia Senior Center on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

CRIME WATCH

Laptop taken in car burglary

A laptop computer was among the things reported stolen Sunday from an unlocked car in the driveway of a house on Chestnut Drive in Plymouth Township.

The computer and a planner were in a laptop bag that was taken from the Ford Edge between about 6 p.m. Saturday and 9:20 a.m. Sunday, a Plymouth Township Police Department report

Storage unit burglary

A mountain bike, a pair of bicycle shoes, a golf club and trading cards were reported stolen Friday from a storage unit at an apartment building on Shadywood near Wilcox Road.

The theft from the locked basement storage unit occurred between March 25 and Friday afternoon, the victim told police. It was not reported whether there was forced entry into

It was the second reported theft from a storage unit at the complex within about a week.

- By Matt Jachman

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period March 30-April 5:

• Tuesday, April 5 — Rescue runs on N. Territorial, on Dover, on northbound I-275 and Joy, on Haggerty and on Howland Park.

• Monday, April 4 — Rescue runs on Northville Road, on Woodgate, on Lilley and on

• Sunday, April 3 — Rescue runs on Northville Road, on Forest, on Concord, on York, at Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon, on Newporte, on Greystone, on Haggerty and on

• Saturday, April 2 — Rescue runs on Eckles, on Herald, on Northville Road, on Brewster, on Colony Farm, on Oakview, on Covington, on Five Mile, on Fairground, on Arthur, on Thornridge, at Joy and General and on Heritage.

 Friday, April 1 — Rescue runs on Lorenz Way, on Pinetree, on Herald, on Ann Arbor Road, on Sheldon and on Barrington.

• Thursday, March 31 — Rescue runs on Hilltop, on Northville, on Sheridan and on Plymouth Oaks.

• Wednesday, March 30 — Rescue runs on Sheldon, on Northville, on Haggerty, on Parkview, on Mayflower, on westbound M-14, at Ann Arbor Road and Massey, at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty, on N. Territorial, at Plymouth and Haggerty, on I-275 north of Five Mile, on Saddlebrook, on Ann Arbor Road, on Haggerty and on Elmwood.

Police: Walmart manager, ex-manager staged robbery

BY KEN ARRAMCTVK **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Livonia police arrested a night manager and a former manager in connection with the robbery of the Walmart store, 29574 Seven Mile, of \$90,000 early Tuesday morn-

Jeffrey Lindberg Moore, 31, of Ypsilanti and Hassan Kamal Fayad, 25, of Dearborn were arraigned Wednesday afternoon on felony charges of armed robbery and larceny from a building.

Sixteenth District Judge Kathleen McCann entered pleas of not guilty for both suspects and set cash bonds of \$500,000 for Moore and \$750,000 for Fayad. A preliminary examination of April 12 was set.

Police believe the robbery was an inside job, timed while nighttime employees were on a break at 2 a.m. The store was closed at the time.

The cash office was entered by a suspect police identified as the former manager, who was wearing a mask.

The suspect keyed his way into the store and keyed his way into the cash office after he obtained a copy of the key from the night manager, according to Lt. Tom Goralski. He escaped with more than \$90,000 cash from a safe and the cash office, but also was seen by an employee who happened upon the crime.

"He chased (the masked man) out, and he had him for a moment, but then the night manager saw him and yelled, 'He's got a gun,' so he let him go," Goralski said.

Sgt. Mike Killingbeck interviewed the night manager that evening, but believed that the details of his story didn't match up with what the detective had viewed on the store's surveillance tape. "There were inconsistencies there," Killingbeck said.

Killingbeck said police uncovered a possible motive in that Fayad was upset with his termination from his supervisory position in February.

"He had made statements that he would 'get back at Walmart," Killingbeck said.

Killingbeck said Moore owed \$3,000 to Fayad, "that would be settled" through this

The night manager was in custody within an hour of the robbery, while the former manager was arrested at a Red Roof Inn in Dearborn late Tuesday afternoon.

"Most of the stolen cash was recovered," Goralski said.

Police are continuing an investigation and believe one of the suspects may face more charges.



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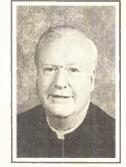
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Sean O'Callaghan's is a traditional Victorian Irish Pub with mahogany woodwork and stained glass throughout the pub, all custom-made (the stained glass was hand-made in Ireland).

Pub offers traditional Irish experience

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

Sean O'Callaghan's: We are a traditional Victorian Irish Pub with mahogany woodwork and stained glass throughout the Pub. Our woodwork was all custom made for our Pub, and our stained glass was hand made for us in Ireland. Our menu is focused on traditional Irish food, such as Fish & Chips, Corned Beef & Cabbage, Irish Stew, Bangers & Mash, and Shepherd's Pie. We make all of our dishes from scratch. We have a large menu with American dishes, seafood, salads, and a large selection of appetizers.

We are also known for our 22 specialty & imported drafts beer selection. We have a large selection of Irish Whiskeys & Single Malt Scotches.

We have many features and specials throughout the week. We have our \$2 Angus Burgers Every Tuesday (All Day), and our Half-Off Fish & Chips Every Friday (11 a.m.-3 p.m.). Also, our Happy Hour from 3-7 p.m. Monday-Friday includes \$3 All Draft Beers, \$4 All Wines by the Glass, and a Half-Off Appetizer Menu. Observer: How did you decide to

Sean O'Callaghan's: My brother and I are both attorneys. The law firm

SEAN O'CALLAGHAN'S

Business name: Sean O'Callaghan's Irish Pub **Business address: 821** Penniman, Plymouth Your name and title: Sam and Kevin Khashan Business opened: May 12, 2001

Number of employees: 30 Your business specialty: Traditional Irish food, specialty and imported drafts Hours: 11 a.m. to 2 a.m., Monday-Saturday; noon-2 a.m. Sundays (kitchen open to midnight every

Business phone: (734) 459-6666

we worked for represented restaurant and bars. Additionally, our father owned a couple restaurants when we were growing up. In 2000, Irish Pubs were an up and coming concept so we decided to open one.

Observer: Why did you choose Plymouth?

Sean O'Callaghan's: We worked in Plymouth and grew up in Northville so we knew the town. The City was welcoming knew restaurants and we loved the downtown. We thought it was a good fit. Observer: What makes your business unique?

Sean O'Callaghan's: We try to be as traditional as possible.

We modeled our decor and style around the Victorian Pubs in Ireland. A Pub is a social center in Ireland, where guests come with friends or alone for the fun atmosphere. They are there because of the friendly staff and welcoming environment. That is what we try to provide.

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Sean O'Callaghan's: We have not changed much. We change our menu yearly to keep it fresh and exciting, but the main dishes stay the same. We actually have a few of the same staff members since opening. Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Sean O'Callaghan's: The economy probably affected most restaurants, especially in Michigan. We tried to implement some specials and features to combat the down turn. We lowered some menu prices. We added our \$2 Burgers, and we changed our Happy Hour. We took these steps to make it more reasonable for our guests to come out. Observer: What's in store for the future of your business?

Sean O'Callaghan's: Lastly, we have our 10 year Anniversary coming on Thursday, May 12th. We are having Live Irish Music. All of our Irish Entrees will be only \$10 (May 9-12). We will have Happy Hour All Night.

CHAMBER CHAT

Showcase Plymouth

The Chamber of Commerce is now taking reservations for exhibit space at the Showcase and Taste of Plymouth, set for 5-7:30 p.m. Monday, May 23, at the Inn at St. John's.

This year the event will be held in the Main Ball Room and adjoining Garden Room to provide more space for exhibitors and attendees. With space going quickly, you need to reserve your space as soon as possible to ensure you can be an exhibitor.

Last year the event was bigger then ever with 830 attendees and 90 exhibitors.

Showcase and Taste of Plymouth was created to celebrate the Plymouth Community's businesses, restaurants, and the people who live

Exhibit space is only \$110 and \$135 and includes a 6' x 3' skirted table. This is a great opportunity to market your business to residents and local businesses. If you are interested in exhibiting, please contact the Chamber at teri@plymouthmich.org or call (734) 453-1540. Cancellations must be received by May 17.

The major sponsors for this event are Hines Park Lincoln and Community Financial.

Lawrence Tech camps

This summer Lawrence Technological University will hold a dozen enrichment summer camps to introduce high school students to topics that could lead to a college major or a career. The camps are designed for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors interested in technology, science and design. For information and the registration form, contact Lisa Kujawa at kujawa@ltu.edu or go to ltu.edu/community_k12/summer_camps.asp. The registration deadline is June 1.

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- Received \$3,725 to provide \$745 per student in scholarship.
- Deadline to contribute to the scholarship fund: May 2.

The Chamber of Commerce on behalf of contributors will reward up to five Plymouth/ Canton students with Student Citizenship Scholarships. These scholarships will be based on community service only, not grade point. There will be a selection committee who will pick one student each from Canton H.S., Plymouth H.S., Salem H.S, Starkweather



Cutting the ribbon

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce joined Teresa Pilarz and the staff at Espresso Elevado to cut the ribbon on her new business at 606 S. Main St. It is an artisan coffee roaster and brew bar with an ecofriendly, organic focus whose mission is to craft & share coffee in a way that elevates the quality of the beverage as well as people's ability to appreciate it.

Alternative H.S. and a non P-CCS high school student who lives in the district.

Companies and individuals are asked to give contributions that generally range from \$25 to \$100 and the contributions are tax deductible. Although we are off to a great start, our hope is to nearly double last years scholarships and give each student \$1,000.

Contributors will be recognized on the Chamber's web page and at the Showcase and Taste of Plymouth on May 23. To make a contribution you can download a donation form from our web site at www.plymouthmich.org/chamber/Student-Citizenship-Scholarships.

April events

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• 10- Member Connection, April 14 — Make nine new valuable business contacts in one hour in addition to doing a short 3-4 minute presentation about your business. Afterwards, 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. The event will be held on April 14 from 8:00-9:00 a.m. at the Chamber office (850 W. Ann Arbor Tr.). To sign up for the 10 Member Connection, call (734) 453-1540 or email wes@plymouthmich.org.

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Berberet recently completed an extensive career development program for new agents, which prepared

him for the state licensing examination and provided instruction in all areas of property/ casualty and life/health insurance. Berberet also attended training at the Farm

Bureau Insurance home office in Lansing. Farm Bureau Insurance agents are licensed to sell all lines of insurance, including life, home, auto, farm, retirement, and business. Prior to joining Farm Bureau Insurance as

an agent, Berberet had an extensive career in real estate for over 10 years. He joins a statewide force of over 400 Farm Bureau Insurance agents serving nearly 500,000 Michigan policyholders.

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Business news

Courtesy the folks at the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority:

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Dance reservations

Registration for the Metro Dance Company Summer 2011 dance season is now open. Classes available for all ages 2½ - adult and begin the week of July 11. Register in person, by phone at (734) 207-8970 or online at www. MetroDanceCompany.com.

Metro Dance Company is located in Plymouth on the corner of Mill (Lilley) and Ann Arbor Trail, just outside downtown Plymouth.

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Exhibit features local glass works

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For over the past 30 years, Michigan has celebrated the rich tradition of glass as an art medium by recognizing April as Glass Month.

In honor of this designation, The Village Theater at Cherry hosts an exhibition of glass works created by artists from the Furnace Design Studio and The Glass Academy of Dearborn. This exhibition of color and light captured in glass works of art runs through April 29 in the Gallery@VT, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.

Glass art enthusiasts and collectors, as well as the general public, are encouraged to explore the exhibition, which showcases the art of glass as expressed in all forms from glass objects and vessels to mixed media. Although every unique piece is made from the magical medium of glass, each retains its own personality and style. Artists at the Furnace Design Studio combine silica and heat, powdered pigments, metal dusts and added color to create pieces of exquisite beauty.

The Furnace Design Studio is the collaboration of internationally-acclaimed glass artists Chris Nordin and Michelle Plucinsky. This Dearbornbased glass studio is known for custom commission and site-specific installations for homes, commercial spaces and hospitality interiors. These artists are also known for their classic Venetian-style craftsmanship, modern flair and versatility in creating signature molten glass pieces which range in style from organic and minimalist pieces to works with elaborate detail.

Works of these glass artists will be on display at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, as well as during public performances at the theater and also by appointment. The Gallery@VT is closed on holidays.

For more information about this latest exhibition in the Gallery@VT, call (734) 394-5300 or visit cantonvillagetheater.org. For more information about The Glass Academy, visit www. glassacademy.com.

Girl Scouts camps offer arts programs

With cutbacks in art and music education looming for the state's public schools, Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan is offering arts programming at Camp Linden in Linden for summer 2011.

The 400-acre camp will offer sessions in painting, drawing, sketching and sculpting, along with jewelry craft and art from nature. Campers will also enjoy swimming, hiking, boating and archery. No prior membership in Girl Scouting is required.

"We know that arts education enhances all learning, "said Julie Yeager, GSHOM outdoor program promotions specialist. "This summer, Camp Linden offers girls the unbeatable combination of arts exploration in a non-competitive natural setting."

According to the Michigan Council on Arts and Cultural Affairs, public funding for school art projects in the state has been reduced to \$2 million, down from \$26 million in 2006, despite research that continues to pour in on the



positive impact of arts educa-

Highlights from a 2004 UNESCO report include the following:

• Three- year- olds who had 10-15 minutes of piano instruction and 30 minutes of singing lessons each day scored 80 percent higher in spatial intelligence (as measured by puzzle

 Training in piano and singing improved students' abstract reasoning skills better than computer instruction did. Piano and voice students scored 34 per cent higher than did their counterparts who had computer instruction.

· Research conducted on fourth graders in 24 elementary schools showed that children exposed to arts education experienced test score increases of: 7 percent in reading in humanities; 10 percent in social studies; 25 percent in math; and 7

percent in science. GSHOM officials said according to the College Entrance Exam Board, students who had studied arts for more than four years scored 59 points higher on the verbal section of the Scholastic Aptitude

Test, and 44 points higher on the math section of the exam, compared to students who had less than four years of arts edu-

Additionally, according to a 2008 Dana Consortium Report on Arts and Cognition, neuroscientists at seven major universities have found strong links between arts education and cognitive development in children. Students involved in the arts develop attention and memory skills that also apply to other subject areas.

"Girl Scout camp is an affordable, easily accessible way to give your daughter what she may be missing in school - experience in the arts, which fosters creativity and imagination," said Yeager.

Families can see what camp is like at the camp open houses, 1 to 4 p.m., Sunday, May 15 at Camp Crawford and Sunday, May 22, at Camp Linden. For more information and locations, call (800) 49-SCOUT or visit www.girlscoutcamp.org for a complete 2011 GSHOM Camp Guide.

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Culinary team gets cookin' at competition

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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Last year, the vaunted Plymouth-Canton Educational Park culinary team didn't compete in the usual state competitions when their coach, Diana Woodward, took some time away from coaching to have a baby.

This year, P-CEP cooks and restaurant management specialists returned with a ven-

At the Michigan Restaurant Association competition, Plymouth-Canton's marketing/management team took the first-place trophy, earning themselves an all-expenses paid trip to the national competition, sponsored by the National Restaurant Association, April 29 in Overland Park, Kan.

"There's a lot of pressure, and we hadn't practiced a lot," said management team member Bria Dobson, a Salem High School junior. "I had a feeling we'd do good, I just didn't think we'd finish that high."

The management competition, according to Woodward, is fierce. Organizers rewrote the competition guidelines



Plymouth-Canton's management team - Kristina Kapidani, LeSaesha Pollard and Bria Dobson - earned first-place honors and will travel to Overland Park, Kan., for the national competition later this month.

to make it less a "quiz bowl" style competition and more an actual restaurant competition. Teams have to write a proposal (P-C's was some 70 pages long), and the plan has to cover absolutely everything — decor, concept, menu, recipes, marketing, etc. In addition to the written proposal, there's a 10-minute verbal presentation (including Power Point) and a

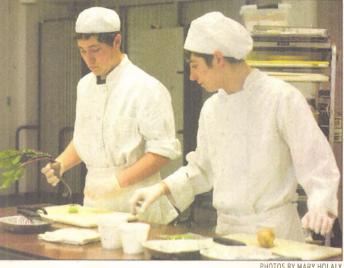
question-answer session where judges ask questions ranging from "How would you handle environmental issues" to "How do you plan on answering your phone?"

The management team enlisted the help of some of the school's CAD students to do a restaurant blueprint, and got some graphic art students to help design the menu.

"It was really cool because we got to bring all of those (students) together," Woodward said. "They helped make it

The team acknowledged a couple of "issues," during the competition, and therefore were surprised when their names were called as the win-

"There were some struggles



Culinary team members Justin Newton and Nick Podl<mark>aha got i</mark>n some practice before heading off to the state culinary competition.

... we had confidence in our team, but we didn't expect to win," said Lesaesha Pollard, a Canton High School senior. "It took us about three minutes to realize they'd called our names."

The culinary team wasn't quite as lucky — but just barely - finishing about a quarterpoint behind the winners. Serving a butter-poached paupiette of trout stuffed with crab and gremolata, served with potato gnocchi, roasted pepper beuree blanc, warm vegetable ragout and crisp potato gaufrettes, the culinary team just missed the trip to nation-

"I was disappointed, but at the same time we weren't even sure we placed," said Cayla Phillips, a Canton High School junior. "It's rewarding to know you worked so hard. Even though we got second, we accomplished something.

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Scrutinize statements for mistakes, unknown fees

t's the end of the first quarter, and it's been an incredible one. In the last three months, we have seen revolutions and insurrections throughout the Arab world, an

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Rick Bloom

earthquake, tsunami and nuclear crisis in Japan and now the U.S. involved in the conflict in Libya.

The conflicts throughout the Middle East have

caused energy prices and prices at the pump to soar while, simultaneously, the U.S. stock market posted nice gains. If you try to figure it out, it just doesn't make a lot of sense. I know people that will spend hours theorizing why the market did this or did that. If you talk to 10 experts they'll give you 20 different opinions. The reality is, it is nearly impossible to figure out why the market does one thing or another over a short period of time. We don't need to waste our time trying. It is more important to focus on some of the more mundane tasks that could add real value to the overall financial pic-

One of those tasks is to

ment to ensure it is accurate. For those who made IRA contributions over the last three months, make sure your contributions have been properly accounted. For those who contribute to a salary deferral program such as a 403(b) or a 401(k) make sure that you have received credit for the contributions.

When I get a financial statement, whether from a mutual fund company or from a bank, I assume it is accurate. Typically it is, however, mistakes are made. We are the last line of defense to make sure that our accounts are accurate. In this electronic age, we tend to think computers are infallible and never make a mistake. That's not the case. Mistakes are made and they happen more often than you think. Therefore, review your statement for accuracy.

You don't have to be an accountant to review a statement. One sure sign that your money may be in the wrong place is if the statement is difficult to read. If they are too difficult to understand, I think it's by design, so you are intentionally confused. I prefer to deal with companies that want to keep it simple and straightforward.

When reviewing your statement, the first thing to do is make sure the ending balance review your first quarter state- of your last statement is the

beginning balance of your most recent statement. In addition, make sure that you account for all new contributions. In addition, pay attention to any withdrawals. Pay particular attention to any fees you may have paid. Don't assume that just because they're charging you a fee it must be correct. If you're not sure about a fee, ask. If the fee is too high, consider moving your account elsewhere.

If you discover a mistake, immediately contact the issuer of the statement. If the problem is not immediately resolved, make sure you put your complaint in writing and keep records regarding who you speak with at the com-

Trying to figure out what causes the stock market to move one way or another is great conversation. However, in the long run it's just talk and speculation. On the other hand, taking the time to review your statement is something that potentially keeps more money in your pocket and, after all, isn't that the goal?

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 at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

Good luck!



Farmington Players John Boufford as King Sextimus and Kristi Schwartz of Canton as Queen Aggravain in "Once Upon a Mattress" at the Village Theater in Canton April 8-17.

Village Theater hosts 'Once Upon a Mattress'

Once Upon a Mattress, a Tony Award-winning musical comedy that tells a familiar story and launched the career of the legendary comedienne Carol Burnett, is coming to the Village Theater in Canton April 8-17, courtesy of the Spotlight Players.

Farmington Players in Once Upon a Mattress include: Allison Soranno of Northville Township, who is directing; John Boufford of Northville Township, who most recently played the role of Ralphie in the Farmington Players' production of A Christmas Story, plays King Sextimus. Kristi Schwartz of Canton who starred on the Barn stage as Gertie in Oklahoma and also played a courtesan in A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum, will play Queen Aggravain in Mattress.

Loni Burkow of West Bloomfield is Princess Winnifred. In her last role at the Farmington Players Barn, she dazzled audiences as the stripper Tessie Tura, in

Gypsy. The cast also includes Tim Chanko of Canton, a Farmington Players member who portrayed Schroeder in You're A Good Man Charlie Brown and appeared in Sweet Charity at the Barn. Finally, two actors from Farmington Hills will also be on stage in Once Upon A Mattress: Kyle Coykendall, as Sir Luce, and Jesse Brandel, as Harold.

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Loni Burkow as Princess Winnifred and Gannon Styles as Prince Dauntless in "Once Upon a Mattress."

Upon a Mattress turns the classic children's story The Princess on the Pea on its head, delightfully skewering all fairy tales in the process. Audiences will delight in the farce, the situations, the innuendo, and such notable numbers as Shy and In a Little While.

Director Soranno says this show is fun for audience members of all ages and she likes to point out two "morals" of the story:

"Things are not always as they appear," and "The smallest things can make a big difference.

Soranno also assures that the audience will enjoy the brilliant, colorful costumes and the exquisitely painted stone castle scenery.

SHOW INFO

Once Upon A Mattress will be performed at:

• Friday, April 8 at 8 p.m. • Saturday, April 9 at 2 p.m. and at 8 p.m.

• Sunday, April 10 at 2 p.m. • Friday, April 15 at 8 p.m. • Saturday, April 16 at 2

p.m. and at 8 p.m. • Sunday, April 17 at 2 p.m.

All performances are at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Rd., Canton, MI, 48187. The Village Theater is handicap accessible and has a concession stand with snacks, coffee, beer and wine.

Get tickets by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or online at www. spotlightplayersmi.org or in person at The Summit on the Park or at the door. Box office opens one hour prior to show time. Tickets are \$18 for adults; \$16 for seniors, \$16 for students under 19. Call for

group rates.

AROUND CANTON

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

Women's Connection Date/Time: Monday, April 11, 6-8:30

Location: Palermo's Restaurant, 44938 Ford Road, Canton

Details: Canton Women's Connection meeting, featuring Canton Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin. Bring a friend/neighbor. RSVP by Thursday,

Contact: June Nicholas, (313) 610-2561 or junenicholas@comcast.net

Charter Academy meeting

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Monday, April 4 Location: Canton Charter Academy, 49100 Ford Road, Canton

Details: Canton Charter Academy has scheduled a middle school information meeting for prospective parents. Principal Cathy Henkenberns, teachers and staff members will be on hand to present information about the school. The meeting will include an informal question and answer period. Tours of the school will be available.

Contact: To RSVP for the meeting, call

(734) 453-9517.

Rockette show

Time/Date: 7 p.m. April 8; 6 p.m. April

Location: Salem auditorium, Salem High School on Joy Road in Canton. **Details**: Show will feature the Salem Rockettes, a National Dance Teams Championships finalist.

Prom dress sale

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday,

Location: Plymouth High School, 8400 Beck Road, Canton

Details: A sale of donated new and used prom dresses at Plymouth High School. No dress will be priced over \$20 and all of the dresses are in great shape. Donations of dresses, formal sandals, shoes, purses, jewelry, etc. are still being accepted in the general office at Plymouth High School. Proceeds from the sale will ben-

efit some of the programs in the Life Management Department. Contact: Lisa.Benages@pccsmail.net

All Saints Camp Time/Date: 9 a.m. to noon, July 18-

Aug. 5 **Location**: All Saints Catholic School,

Details: All Saints Catholic School offers early childhood enrichment

summer camps for students entering 4 year-old preschool and kindergarten this fall in the Plymouth-Canton Area. The camps enhance early literacy, math, and science skills while including fun elements of summertime: nature, music, and outdoor games. The cost is \$100.00 per week. **Contact**: For registration forms and additional information, please visit the

school's website at www.allsaintscs. com or e-mail msswiderek@yahoo.com. Mom 2 Mom Date/Time: 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, April 9

Location: Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton Details: Children's clothes, toys, books, videos, maternity clothes, and more will be sold at 30 tables when the Canton Newcomers a social, civic and charitable group host their public Mom2Mom sale. A "large item" area and the group's motto of "where neighbors become friends" with sales going to the Autism Collaborative Center creates an extra special sale atmosphere. Strollers are welcome.

Admission is \$1. **Contact**: For more information about the sale, call Jessica at (616) 780-5592 or e-mail themirolands@yahoo.com.



Shirley Zaetta, a retired Garden City Public Schools teacher, shows off some of the dresses donated to the Prom and Party Dress Sale organized by the Plymouth Canton branch of the American Association of University Women.

AAUW finds answer to pricey prom wear with sale

BY SUE BUCK OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Most girls dream about attending the prom with an equally dreamy date. But, not all girls can afford to pay the high price of a prom dress in this economy.

The Plymouth-Canton branch of the American Association of University Women has solved that dilemma by offering gently used prom dresses and party dresses for just a donation.

The Prom and Party Dress Sale is offered for the first time from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 10, and 6-8 p.m. Monday, April 11, at Memorial Elementary School, 30001 Marquette, east of Merriman, in Garden

The sale is open to all girls no matter where they live. Shirley Zaetta, a retired Garden City Public Schools teacher, is the program cochair who has organized this first-time event for the.

"We have put out fliers," Zaetta said. "We also have accessories, purses and jewelry."

She's pleased with all the donors who were anxious to share the dresses with girls

who need them. If a girl can't afford a donation, she can "just take" a dress, Zaetta said.

The sale will be held in the library of Memorial Elementary where Jan Blumberg, a former AAUW president, works as the prin-

Collection of the "gently used and gorgeous" dresses started in January. More than 250 dresses, sized 0 through size 22 will be offered. There also will be rooms available to try on the

Some dresses have never been worn and still have the original tags attached. There are a variety of current styles, sizes and lengths. Some are form-fitting and some are straight.

"We will have racks set up," said Zaetta, a Plymouth Township resident. "We have tried to think of everything."

Dresses are on hangers and in plastic bags. Ribbons will delineate dress sizes, red for small, blue for medium and white for the larger sizes.

"I hope the girls come," she said. "There are lots of choices."

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Adoption advocates favor moving kids from foster care

BY JULIE BROWN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

LOCAL NEWS

Her words were heartfelt

 and heartbreaking. Judge Mark Slavens of the Wayne County Circuit Court heard a young woman in his courtroom who'd been in foster care from birth to age 19. "She said she never spent a Thanksgiving with anyone who loved her, she never spent a Christmas with anyone who loved her," recalled Slavens, a Canton resident.

The young woman's mother was on crack and the father in prison. The teen graduated from a mega high school, Slavens said, with no one there to applaud.

"It really does help them a lot," he said of a permanent home, noting most young adults now leave home for good at age 26. It's unrealistic to expect them to be independent at 18 or 19, said Slavens, on the bench since April 2007 in the circuit court's juvenile division, handling delinquency and the abused/neglected divi-

In 2009, more than 2,700 children were adopted through Michigan's Adoption Services Program and private adoption agencies, according to the state Department of Human Services. Adoption advocates would like to see the process of moving children from foster care into permanent homes made easier.

EASIER MOVE

"Absolutely," said Heidi Raubenolt, program manager for the Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange, a program of the nonprofit Judson Center. Raubenolt, a Westland resident, formerly worked in Judson's Redford office and is now based in Ann Arbor.

"We're always interested in finding homes for kids," she said. "There are a lot of kids that are waiting.'

Raubenolt has worked in child welfare the last five years, the last year and a half for advocacy group MARE.

"We work to find adoptive families for kids who are in the foster care system," she said. That includes promotional events for families to meet children eligible for adoption.

"There's always a need for families for kids, absolutely," she said. That's especially true for older children including teens, larger sibling groups and children with special needs. According to current state DHS figures, there are 902 children in Wayne County in foster care eligible for adoption, some 3,265 statewide.

Slavens, a father of two and former Plymouth-Canton schools Board of Education president, would like to see adoption streamlined.

"I do think it's difficult for one person to handle that many cases," Slavens said of the current system involving the Michigan Children's Institute superintendent. Slavens is concerned about being sure to "ensure that the designee was qualified to do that. I think he definitely needs some help."



Many children in the foster care system have experienced trauma, whether physical or emotional, Raubenolt said. "It just really depends on the child and their personal experiences," she said. Not all special needs children have physical handicaps.

Agreeing with MARE leaders and Slavens on the need for loving, adoptive homes are Michigan DHS Director Maura Corrigan and state Supreme Court Justice Mary Beth Kelly.

Corrigan and Kelly March 23 urged state legislators to approve bills in the House and Senate to streamline the process for children in foster care to be adopted. The passage of bills could expedite placement in qualified, permanent homes for more than 1,100 children, they testified.

Corrigan and Kelly noted the Michigan Children's Institute superintendent is the only person authorized to approve adoptions for children in foster care. Changes in the law would authorize a designee to provide written consent to adoption, guardianship, emancipation or marriage of MCI wards.

The review will be systematic and careful when determining who will be named a designee, Corrigan told the Senate Families, Seniors and Human Services Committee.

"The best place for a child is in a stable, permanent home," Corrigan said in a statement. "Joining a family should not be delayed because only one person in the entire state can authorize a child's adoption or guardianship."

ADOPTION THE GOAL

According to figures from the DHS website, of children adopted in Michigan in 2009, 46 percent were placed with a relative, 48 percent with a foster parent. A total of 82 percent of children who had siblings in foster care were adopted with at least one sibling, and 52 percent of such children with all siblings.

The state has some 5,309 kids in foster care whose parents' rights have been terminated, with adoption the goal

MARE's Raubenolt declined to comment on the legislation specifics but agreed there's a great need for permanent homes for children in foster care. MARE operates the Michigan Heart Gallery in which professional photographers each year take photos of children up for adoption.

"It's an exhibit that actually travels throughout the state," she said. "It's a great way to highlight the kids and their true spirit." It's MARE's biggest event of the year. You can learn more at www.

mare.org online, which also

has photos of children up for adoption. The Judson program is funded by the Michigan

Slavens said half of the homeless population comes from the foster care system. "It's really important that we get people to adopt," he said. "You always want as much as possible to find an adoptive

Slavens worked with Justice Kelly. He noted children often have a family member who could adopt them and provide a loving home, but the court system doesn't always recognize that. "We've got to get away from that concept. The uncle could be a banker, the aunt could be a teacher or a journalist."

He pushes DHS caseworkers in his courtroom to find the family members. "They still want the best thing for their children," Slavens said of parents who've had their rights terminated. Neighbors, teachers and coaches can sometimes adopt.

"There's a lot bigger scope out there. We've got to include that," the judge said.

Slavens had a boy, 11, in his courtroom that no one was willing to adopt. Slavens pushed the caseworker to comply with the court order and seek out alternatives, and she did so with some reluctance.

"The kid's got a big smile on his face," after having looked rejected earlier. Some 12 people had subsequently agreed to adopt him, Slavens said, and came to court to indicate their willingness.

"They just need good adoptive parents," added Slavens, who doesn't really look at the racial aspect in adoption

Nationwide, more than 114,000 kids are available for adoption from U.S. foster care each year. There are 463,000 kids in U.S. foster care with an average wait for adoption of over two years. More than 29,000 reach age 18 without finding a permanent family.

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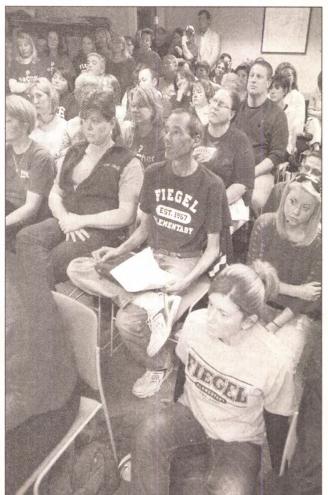
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OUR VIEWS



An overflow crowd, including many parents and teachers from Fiegel Elementary, showed up Tuesday to hear the budget presentation.

The hard part School board now must act on cuts

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools committee crafting a 2011-12 budget drastically affected by cuts coming out of Gov. Rick Snyder's office in Lansing presented the district's Board of Education with exactly what it asked for with a recommendation for \$18 million

Now, for the seven board members, comes the hard

Implementing them.

Some of the recommendations are relatively painless - increasing meal prices by 10 cents, eliminating fax machines, eliminating Saturday detentions. But those are also the ones with the lowest return.

The big-ticket items, on the other hand, are the most painful — closing Fiegel Elementary School to save \$1.4 million, cutting some 80 teaching positions at a savings of nearly \$5.4 million, adding two students to the classsize ratio in elementary school and even more at the middle and high schools.

Those are the ones about which the seven trustees - four of whom face potential re-election in six months - have to make a decision. This board, which managed to keep some \$20 million worth of cuts over the last eight years largely out of the classroom, now has to decide which classrooms to affect the most.

The budget was put together by a team of administrators, led by chief operating officer Ken Jacobs, who haven't always gotten clear direction from the board about where projected cuts should come from. Jacobs and his team have argued and cajoled, yelled and encouraged each other particularly hard in the last few weeks, after getting clearer direction from the board.

It wasn't easy for them. Fiegel Principal Jim Johnson took the microphone Tuesday to explain why the closing of his own school made sense, and his voice shook with the pain of it while he did it. It wasn't easy for the board, either, with several trustees being moved nearly to tears while discussing it.

If state legislators have any doubt about the impact of the governor's proposed K-12 budget on the classroom, they should sit in Plymouth-Canton's board room — and the budget nerve centers of countless districts — while administrators try to paste together a budget.

Former board member Mike Maloney was right in suggesting the board look farther out than just this year; since the governor is proposing a two-year budget, maybe local board can do that now. It's hard when the goal posts keep moving; you spend a lot of time putting your fingers into the various holes in the dike.

An over-flow crowd of hundreds of residents, teachers and administrators had to sit in the center of the room and out in the hallway at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center. With several more workshops in advance of a June public hearing and the eventual budget passage, officials might want to think about ways to accommodate more people. We understand the board meeting room provides the best venue for videotaping the meetings for presentation on cable television and on the district's website; hopefully, there's a way to do both next time around.

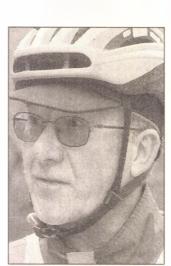
By the time the board has to pass its budget at the end of June, it's unlikely to look the way it looks right now. Administrators and board members have roughly 10 weeks to put the finishing touches on it.

Then comes the hard part.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district officials are beginning to discuss ways to cut millions from the district's budget, in part because of anticipated cuts in state aid. Where would you start cutting?

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



"I hope they don't cut the teachers' benefits or increase the school class sizes."

Doug Squires Plymouth Township



"I don't think they should cut anything out of the schools. ... Kids need it, and it reflects on the rest of their lives. ... They're going to have to look somewhere else."

Deborah Carson Westland



"I would say art." Melissa Woolfe Plymouth Township



"Administrative salaries. I think they pay administrators too much to push paper. They always cut the fine arts budget (instead of sports). ... I just think that education in general is just too focused on the sports folks."

M.J. Campbell Canton Township

LETTERS

Bill misrepresented

I was visited at my home by a young woman attempting to collect signatures to oppose a piece of state legislation, HB 4306. She claimed the bill would destroy thousands of jobs and negatively impact education. And she wanted me to contact my state senator, Patrick Colbeck, and oppose the legislation.

It would be nice if the minions the education establishment sends out would get educated on what they are talking about. First, this is a state House bill that hasn't even been voted on by the House, this is not an issue in front of our state Senate.

Second, and more importantly, the bill simply requires that noncore services in school districts, like custodial, transportation and food services, be competitively bid. It does not say fire the school workers. It means those functions can be provided by any private business, so those school workers need to compete for it and provide the right quality at the right price, or the contract will go to someone who can do it more cost effectively. This is a common sense reform that does not impact what goes on in

If people wonder why many taxpayers are fed up with the education establishment, it is because of these sorts of games - lying about what a bill does and not being responsible with our tax dollars.

John Petz

I was reading "Our Views" and realize you apologized in advance for not being able to name all suc-

It seems as though soccer never gets the accolades they deserve. Canton boys soccer made it to the final four last November and didn't even get a pep rally at school. I think they need to be recognized.

Balancing the budget

Soccer shout-out

I was able to balance the Michigan budget using the website tools ("It's easy to criticize when it's not your budget to solve," Observer, March 31). While difficult, it gets easier when you do not cut business taxes to next to nothing as Rick Snyder is proposing.

My budget leaves education cuts off the table. No major tuition increases or radical cuts to K-12. Our educational system will continue to get funding to prepare our students for the 21st century jobs. This will help Michigan. I also would adopt all the prison reforms suggestions. I would cut revenue sharing to cities and ask for an across the board cuts of 10 percent in all departments. I also ask for \$3,200 in concessions from state workers. The most painful pill would be an extension of sales tax to all services. I would leave the retirees alone. I would leave the poor

I really do think all these cuts would not be necessary if we would adopt a graduated income tax. This would even the pain between the poor and the rich. This would be true "shared sacrifice." How exactly are the higher income residents sharing any sacrifice to balance our budget? Under a graduated income tax plan, we may even have money left over to properly repair our roads and other infrastructure.

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I would not lower taxes for businesses until we get our budget balanced. Business taxes have been cut under Engler and Granholm and it did not seem to work very well. I would bet that businesses if able to choose between ultra low taxes and more economic activity, they would choose economic activity. Economic activity will grow when government has their house in order.

Khafil Kandah

No unmarked cars

Fox News ran a story regarding a new set of totally unmarked Wayne County police cruisers in the form of a Chevy Camaro and Dodge Charger. What caught my attention was the specific reference to traffic safety as their main purpose. I believe that the main purpose of an unmarked police cruiser of any kind, if it's use is for traffic enforcement, is simply to provide revenue for the county or city it resides in, and not public safety.

We have many low-marked police vehicles on the road, usually the typical Ford Crown Victoria or more recently the Dodge Charger. However none were put into service "specifically" for giving out tickets, or so called "traffic safety."

In my opinion, an unmarked police vehicle of any kind should NOT be used in traffic violation enforcement, especially a vehicle of a non-typical design. And that a fully marked vehicle with roof mounted lights should be the only type used for traffic safety

If the main reason really is traffic or public safety, a fully marked police car with roof mounted lights should be the only choice. The fully marked vehicle would provide a visual deterrent to motorists that are intent on breaking the law.

I believe that our local and state police force personnel provide a mostly unappreciated but fully needed service to every community. And that our law enforcement officers went to school and were trained to serve and protect, not hide out in unmarked cars to hand out traffic citations.

The use of any unmarked police cruiser in traffic enforcement should be made illegal

Jim Drozdowski

Tough love from tough nerd

Just 48 days into his only term as Michigan's governor, the soft-spoken Rick Snyder has delivered the budget news most informed people were expecting. Proclaiming "we will no longer kick the can down the road" and attempting to address the state's longignored structural deficits, he has begun to wield the budget ax to close a \$2 billion shortfall. Michigan is not alone with a deficit budget and collectively the states' deficits exceed \$85 billion. Across the country, austerity is the operative word in every state legislature and most are proposing cuts as a solution.

If anyone had any doubt that Mr. Snyder is not a politician, I believe his first budget, which has angered just about every special-interest group in the state, makes it clear he has no future political ambitions. And his standing in the latest polls bears that out.

While I do not agree with all of his budget recommendations, I do give him credit for delivering the somber news personally, with his usual upbeat manner and not hiding from those who fervently disagree.

Michigan's government has been dysfunctional for many years and it is not Rick Snyder's fault that today as a state fiscally we are between a rock and a

But it soon will be.

Steve King Livonia

Seniors, unions were fied to

An open letter to public unions and senior citizens: You were all lied to. The politicians who promised you pensions and lifetime health care lied to you all. You've all known this for quite some time now. Seniors, the discussion has been going on since the early '70s that Medicare and Social Security were unsustainable. You chose to ignore the warnings. You are the richest generation of people to ever walk the earth, and you are all so disappointing to the people who shed their blood for you to become that. I have talked to many seniors about this and the result of the conversation is always the same. They really don't care if future generations have to pay for their entitlements because "I earned them, and I'm entitled to them." They don't seem to care if I, my kids and my grandkids are the ones to pay for it. They don't care that I will not get what they will because I will have to take cuts to sustain their benefits. They don't want to be part of the solution and believe simply because of their age they are somehow better than I or my children am. They were the stewards of freedom who were supposed to be making sure Washington did not perpetrate this lie upon us and they failed miserably.

Yet, they will bear no responsibility. Public unions, you were lied to. In your case, you are reaping what you've sown. You elected corrupt, socialist-type leaders to do your bidding. You gave them hundreds of millions in dues and you knew what they were being used for - buying politicians. Now you're finding out that when you buy a corrupt politician, they'll promise you anything to get that money and won't be around when the bill comes due. Now people are in office that you haven't bought and they are trying to balance budgets and aren't interested in your dues. They are finally correcting the misuse of taxpayer money your corrupt system has created. Your reaction? Let's throw a temper tantrum in all the states that it is happening in; very mature. The gig is up ... Don't fool yourselves for one minute that folks like me won't do everything in our power to protect ourselves, our kids and our grandkids from people like you who feel everyone else should pay their way and your way as well.

Edward Collins

No dollar amount shows value of teachers

BY BILL KEITH **GUEST COLUMNIST**

hen I was in eighth grade we had a math program that allowed us to move at our own pace. If you were struggling you could take your time to complete the assignments and if you were an overachiever you could overachieve.

My math teacher was Mrs. Crawford at Pioneer Middle School and I was smitten. "Hi, I'm Bill Keith and I have a crush on my 8th grade teacher." Not the kind of thing you would tell your buddies.

I worked so hard to move ahead in math. Some kids had to stay after school to catch up but I would stay after school to be near Mrs. Crawford. Little did she know that she was the reason for my success in math.

That Spring I found out that I would be moving to Central Middle School for ninth grade. I was so envious of my friend Mike. He lived on the other side of Warren Road and would be staying at Pioneer. When we got together to play Dungeons and Dragons I would often ask about Mrs. Crawford.

This recent talk of pay cuts for teachers in Michigan, and throughout the country, has got me thinking about the many teachers that have impacted me over the years. As a school employee I'm



encouraged when I read comments from people about their favorite teachers. I wanted to take a moment to write about

a few of the inspirational teachers that have helped make me the person I am. There are far too many teachers to mention by name but I wanted to share about a few of them.

I would not be managing WSDP, the student radio station at Plymouth Canton Educational Park, had it not been for the dedication of two teachers. John Seidelman taught my Radio 1 and 2 classes when I was a student at Salem High School. Any one that has had the privilege of having Mr. S as their teacher knows what a kind, caring and compassionate person he is. I vaguely remember only a few of the projects we worked on in class but I can still remember him calling me Billy and the encouraging words he would say. I was privileged to work with him as a colleague for several years. Even after he made a career switch and became a guidance counselor, he took time to recommend students for the radio station. At the time of his retirement several former students wrote

So many of us have been impacted by the dedicated teacher that pointed us in a direction that we had never considered. Recent events have served to portray teachers as the overpaid, under-worked source of our state budget woes. While it is easy to vilify any large group, the negative image can't be sustained when we look at the impact teachers have had on our own lives.

me using words like "realdeal", "Hero" and "friend" to describe the former WSDP Advisor.

Even though Andy Melin wasn't a teacher at the time he was also a big part of my decision to go into radio. I remember wanting to do my best work to please Mr. Melin and Mr. S. Even when you would make a mistake on the air Mr. Melin would be there pointing out what you did really well. I was a lifelong U of M fan but I decided that I wanted to go to Michigan State because Mr. Melin went there and he said they had a great broadcast program. During my Senior Year I was asked to quit the school newspaper. Mr. Melin was the first person I walked over to talk to. He asked me what I wanted to do for a career at some point that year and I remember telling him that I wanted to come back to Salem to have his job. I'm not surprised that he is still in education but now you have to call him Dr. Andrew Melin since he is the Superintendent

of the Valparasio Schools.

My respect and love for teachers went back much earlier than high school. I remember having crushes on my second grade teacher Mrs. Hughes and my fifth grade teacher Mrs. Finlayson. I remember the multiplication drills during third grade with Mrs. McFarlane. Lois McFarlane was a special teacher. She read our class "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" at the end of third grade and she came back during the summer to finish the book. I remember the tears in her eyes when Aslan died to save a young boy.

I went back to Edison Elementary School in Westland years after I began working at WSDP. I wanted to see if any of my teachers were still there. As I talked with the secretary she excused herself to leave for a moment. She came back with Mrs. Summers, my first grade teacher. She remembered my brother and sisters and even laughed when I said I was surprised she was still teaching because she seemed so old to

me as a first grade student. A couple years later I contacted the human resources department in Westland to track down Mrs. McFarlane. I had to tell her what an impact she made on me and so many other third graders. They said they would contact her to let her know that I called and a couple weeks later she called me at work. I was glowing the rest of the day.

So many of us have been impacted by the dedicated teacher that pointed us in a direction that we had never considered. Recent events have served to portray teachers as the overpaid, under-worked source of our state budget woes. While it is easy to vilify any large group, the negative image can't be sustained when we look at the impact teachers have had on our own lives. The same teachers who are being characterized as greedy are the people who have influenced and guided each of us. Can you really put a dollar amount on the importance of that?

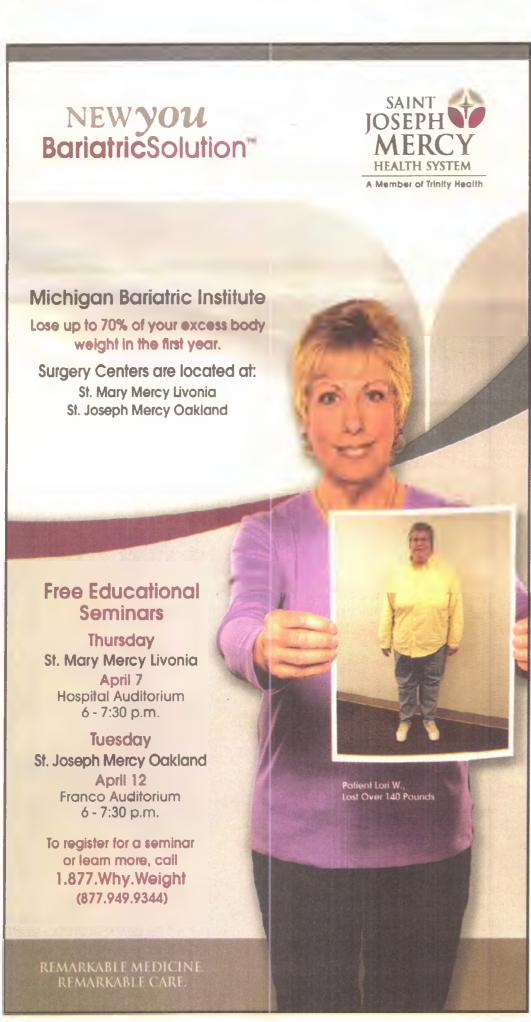
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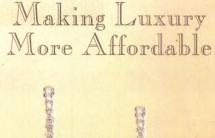
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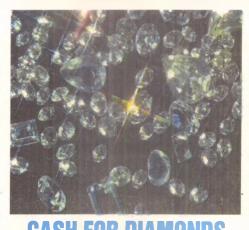


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Rocks look to pitch in for a winning season

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Strong pitching and defense are key ingredients to any winning baseball team and Salem's 2011 varsity squad looks to be well-stocked in each category.

That would mean the Rocks have an excellent chance of at least reversing 2010's 16-19 record and make some noise in the KLAA Central Division.

Games begin Saturday, with a nonconference doubleheader at Redford Union.

Salem's potentially strong pitching begins with senior righties Tommy Rodriguez, Matt Rowland and junior righty Scott Theisen. All three starters have a penchant for throwing strikes, letting the defense do the job behind

"The good thing about all of our pitchers is we throw a lot of strikes," said longtime Salem head coach Dale Rumberger, beginning his 17th season at the helm.

Rodriguez compiled a 2-0 record last season before getting injured, but he is ready to go as are Rowland and Theisen.

Two other pitchers likely will divide time between the bullpen and spot starts. Those are sophomore right-hander Jeremy St. Laurent and junior Zach Bird.

"He's got a great arm," said Rumberger, about St. Laurent.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Shown in a 2010 photo, Salem's Brad Trublowski continues to be one of the team's key players in all phases of the game.

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"When we smooth him out a little bit he's going to be something."

Junior returnee Markus Olind, along with junior Andrew Miller and senior Evan Gambino, will fill out the rest of the pitching staff. Rumberger's infield defense also is a reason why the pitchers have a chance to have suc-

At third base will be Rowland and Olind when they don't pitch (although Olind can be penciled in at designated hitter).

LOTS OF VERSATILITY

Rowland is a versatile player who moved from the outfield to shortstop early during the 2010 season after a knee injury suffered by Drew Thompson.

"I don't know where we would have been if Matt wasn't on the team,"

Rumberger said.

But senior Thompson is completely healthy and ready to make up for lost time. His return enabled Rumberger to again shift positions for Rowland.

Thompson also will bat fifth

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Salem boys show promise

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There's plenty to like about Salem's varsity boys track and field team.

It starts with record-setting senior Dan Martin, who set Salem marks in the 800 dash and as part of the 1,600meter relay team in 2010.

Salem head coach Kyle Meteyer, however, won't have any of the other athletes who last year broke records and helped the Rocks win the KLAA Central Division title for the second year in a row.

Other events where records were eclipsed included the shot put relay, 200 dash and 300 hurdles.

"All other athletes from those records graduated, suffered injuries in other sports during the off-season or moved out of the area," Metever said.

But he has Martin back and that's a start. He finished fifth at the Division 1 state finals in the 800 dash and will be counted on in all three

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"Dan is expecting a great year," the sixth-year head coach noted.

Of course, he is optimistic about the new season for a number of other reasons.

Senior sprinter Dan Adsit is back after missing 2010 due to an injury, for starters.

Other athletes who could make a big impact include: seniors Dion Walker (hurdles), Andrew Rabe (distance), Brandon Barfuss (mid-distance), Andrew Willmer (throws) and Avery Bruni (throws); juniors Joe Amado (hurdles), Tom Crawford (long jump, sprints); sophomores Chris Dierker (high jump), Josh Peterson (high jump), Alex Creekmore (distance), Steve McEvilly (distance) and Cameron Werner (sprints).

PLENTY OF PROMISE

Add to the mix throwers Nick Howie, Arnold Kadiu, Dan Carrigan and Stephen

Voglewede. "We have a lot of promis-



Martin

comers who could find varsity spots quickly this season," Meteyer said. And the

ing new-

team is looking forward

to senior thrower Ethan Walsh and sophomore distance runner Michael Karizat returning to the lineup from injuries "and make a positive contribution before the end of

the season.' Meteyer added that Salem is hosting the Observerland Relays on May 7 "which we are looking forward to very

Another plus is having a strong connection with the

Salem football program. Rocks varsity football coach Kurt Britnell is on board, coaching sprints.

Also new to the coaching staff is Steve Nicholson, a recent graduate and runner at Eastern Michigan University.

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Vets spark Whalers to Round 1 clincher

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Plymouth Whalers fans haven't seen the last of their favorite team.

Bouncing back from Saturday's frustrating, disappointing 2-0 loss to Kitchener at Compuware Arena, the Whalers turned the tables.

In Monday's series-deciding Game 7, two late goals snapped a 2-2 tie - enabling the Whalers to skate off with a 4-2 victory and clinch their best-of-seven OHL Western Conference quarterfinal.

Two Plymouth players who recently signed NHL entry contracts helped extend the series and delay the start of their professional careers.

At 16:56 of the third, James Livingston (San Jose) sent a shot toward the Kitchener net that a Rangers player tipped past goalie Mike Morrison into his own net, giving the Whalers a 3-2 lead. Tyler Brown (Philadelphia) collected the lone assist.

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Brown then capped the victory with an empty-net, shorthanded goal at 19:58.

The Whalers couldn't figure out a way to beat Morrison in Game 6 on Saturday, and they weren't able to solve him Monday until center Michael Whaley scored at 9:21 of the second period.

Defenseman Colin MacDonald (who assisted on Whaley's goal) also helped set up Plymouth's second goal, by Robbie Czarnik at 14:51 to open up a 2-0 lead and quiet the crowd at Kitchener Memorial Auditorium.

The home crowd of nearly 6,700 finally had something to cheer when Gabriel Landeskog tallied a powerplay goal at 5:17 of the third, from Jason Akeson and Ryan

Kitchener then evened things up at 14:01 when Jerry

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Girls netters gearing up for season



Plymouth's No. 1 doubles tandem of senior co-captains Britta Swanson (foreground) and Kayla Griffey will lead the Wildcats on and off the court.

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Many players on last year's second-place team are back and ready to bump the Plymouth varsity girls tennis team up a notch in the KLAA South Division

For head coach Rob McLaren, veteran leadership from senior co-captains and No. 1 doubles tandem Britta Swanson and Kayla Griffey right on down through the lineup bodes well for the 2011 season.

"I'm really excited about our team this year," McLaren said. "We have a lot of senior leadership in doubles and all of our returning players have at least some varsity experience."

The 2010 team finished with a fine record of 6-2 overall and 4-1 in the division.

Swanson and Griffey are begin-

GIRLS TENNIS PREVIEW

ning their third season as a unit. "They were our team MVPs two years ago at five doubles," McLaren said. "And they have improved a ton over the years."

Seniors also comprise three of the other four doubles teams. At No. 2 doubles will be

Brittany Rose and Iulia Fratila; Mariah Tesarz/Andrea Haidar are set for No. 3; the No. 5 doubles team features Molly Hudgins and Laura Schmid.

Meanwhile, junior Erin MacKenzie and sophomore Marlowe Susselman are penciled in for the No. 4 doubles spot. In the singles lineup, the

Wildcats will be led by juniors Lindsay Stemberger and Sarah Mitchell in the first two slots. At No. 3 singles is sophomore

Kirthi Duraiswamy, while new-

comer Miranda Cerna, a freshman, will compete at No. 4 singles. McLaren said Cerna is a trans-

fer from Midland, "a tennis city known for their tennis programs. I expect her to contribute imme-

Salem overview

Salem went 7-2 overall and 3-2 in the KLAA Central Division last season, and has plenty of talent returning for the 2011 season

Coach Lin Ware's squad will feature a singles lineup of (from 1-4) junior Anna Norman, sophomore Ashley Walker (a doubles player in 2010), junior Morgan Spencer and senior Kerry MacDonald.

Filling the top doubles pairing will be seniors Mallory Rojo and Olivia Gonzalez.

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SIDELINES

· Salem evened its record at 2-2 with Friday's 6-4 victory at Dexter in a makeup game.

Senior Lexie O'Connor and sophomore Alissa Amell each scored two goals, with single tallies by sophomore Breanne Beaver and freshman Kiersten Valla helping the cause.

Rocks head coach Dave Medley said his team played outstanding on defense, allowing just seven shots on

He cited Katie Meagher, Lea Schrauben and goalie Meaghan Eldridge.

• On Monday night, Canton dropped an 18-3 decision to Northville.

Stephanie Bower, Julia Beard and Kaitlyn Allard each scored a goal as the Chiefs dropped to 1-2 on the season.

"We're facing growing pains with a young team, said Canton head coach Dave Bower. "Our girls never quit."

MU softball swept

The No. 20-ranked Madonna University women's softball team watched visiting Davenport University score what proved to be the game-winning run in the seventh inning of both games of Saturday's double-header to earn a sweep, 5-4 and 5-3.

Davenport pitcher Samantha Cole (10-6) outdueled MU's Jess Irwin (12-4) in the opener with a four-hitter. Cole struck out seven and walked three, while Irwin gave up four earned runs on five hits and five walks.

Irwin struck out eight. Tara LaMilza's three-run homer in the top of the fifth inning, her fourth of the season, tied the game at 4 Hallie Minch (Garden City) drove in MU's other run in the third.

Pinch hitter Brianna Carpenter drove in two runs for the Panthers, while Heather Brusokas added two hits and one RBI

In Game Two, Ali Dawson cracked a three-run homer and Carpenter added solo shot to spark a five-run uprising in the top of the seventh to pin the loss on Minch (11-2), who had held the Panthers scoreless through six innings.

Carpenter (4-5), who worked the final 4.1 innings in relief, was the winning pitcher for Davenport, now 17-12 overall and 4-0 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic

LaMilza went 2-for-3 and knocked in all three runs for the Crusaders (23-6, 4-2).

Blazer lacrosse 1-1 Senior Alexa Burns tallied

seven goals and three assists Monday as host Livonia Ladywood downed Warren Regina, 16-6, in a Catholic League lacrosse match. Senior Niki Jacobs and

junior Mary Maslak added two goals apiece as Blazers improved to 1-1 overall and 1-0 in the league. Donna Lapointe scored

four goals for Regina (0-2, Ladywood goalkeepers Rana Freij, a junior, and

Lauren Perugi, a senior, combined for 12 saves. On Friday, five goals each by Julia Guest and Gen Czieranowski carried Grosse

Pointe North to a nonleague

win Friday over the host Blazers. Simone Williams added three goals for the

Norsewomen. Junior Kylie Birney paced the Blazers with four goals and one assist, while Burns added two goals and two

Perugi and Freij teamed up for 17 saves.

All-Observer hoop stars elevate to greatness

Dietrich Lever II, Sr., G, Canton: There was pretty much nothing that the 5-10, 150-pound Lever couldn't do throughout his career with the Chiefs.

The first-team All-KLAA point guard tallied 22 points per game, along with averaging 5.6 assists, 4.2 rebounds and 3.2 steals as the Chiefs finished 16-6 overall and 9-1 in the KLAA South Division (to share the title with Plymouth).

Lever ended his Canton career as the all-time leader in points, assists and steals and he will take his talent to Division 3 Ferris State University in 2011-

"Dietrich was the best, most consistent player in our area this year," Canton coach Jimmy Reddy said. "He created a lot for us at both ends of the floor.

"He did a great job of starting our defense by pressuring the ball. His ability to break people down, get into the lane to score and get other players shots is second to none.'

Jalen Reynolds, Sr., F, Stevenson: The 6-9 senior center averaged 18.7 points, 15.5 rebounds and 4.2 blocks per game for the KLAA Central Division and Class A district champs.

Bound for Xavier University on a scholarship, Reynolds made an immediate impact for the 19-4 Spartans after transferring and sitting out his junior season.

"Jalen was a game changer every Tuesday and Friday night,' Stevenson coach Mike Allie said of the all-state and all-KLAA pick. "His versatility on offense made him stand out most while his ability to run the floor, rebound and block shots is what made him a special player.

"As good a basketball player as Jalen was this season, I will remember him most for the way he carried himself off the court. He has a very bright future at Xavier and I wish him the best of luck."

Urbane Bingham, Sr., C, N. Farmington: The 6-foot-7 senior center averaged a double-double with 16 points and 12 rebounds while playing in the OAA Red Division. Bingham, who will sign with NCAA Division I Houston Baptist University, also had two assists, two steals and two blocks per game.

"He was considered one of the two best big kids in the OAA Division I (with Southfield's Patrick Onwenu)," coach Tom Negoshian said. "To his credit, he was capable of taking over games in the fourth quarter and at times being unstoppable.

"The most impressive thing is how much he's changed in the short year and a half we had him (after his transfer from Country Day). He accepted everything; he became a harder

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Mike Soukup, Plymouth

HONORABLE MENTION

Canton: Terrell Sewell, Ben Spreitzer, Kyle Adams; Plymouth: Jake Morris, Stephen Jahn, Marcus Oden; Salem: Ethan Walsh, Josh Perrin; Plymouth Christian: Mick Noel; Farmington: Chris Hare, Tyler Johnson, Jason Wilson; Harrison: Jalen Upshaw, Matt Cassar, D'Marco Redd, Evan Patton; Redford Union: Delsaac Turner: Garden City: Marton Rodriguez; North Farmington: Zach Washington. Sterling Sharp: Churchill: Stephen Foster, Dean Bokuniewicz, Melvin Hill. Josh Dillard; Franklin: Blake Lukas, Jake Erme: Stevenson: Charlie Swingle, Austin Bumpus; John Glenn: Marquise Graves. Chris Jones, Christian Covile, Marcus Mecks; Wayne Memorial: Michael Cooper, Thomas White; Clarenceville: Sam Brown, DeOndre Hogan, Adrian Myers; Lutheran Westland: Marc Rosin, Kent Krzyske, Micah Reum; Huron Valley Lutheran: Shawn Schaffer, Ryan Schaffer.

worker and bought into our system. More than all the stats, he became a really good leader

Mike Nadratowski, Sr., G Plymouth: Whenever the Wildcats needed a hero late in a ballgame, the 6-0, 170-pounder usually delivered. His throughthe-lane buzzer beater enabled Plymouth to beat campus rival Canton, for example.

Nadratowski, a first-team All-KLAA selection and team MVP, averaged 16 points and five rebounds and drained 38 percent of his shots from beyond the three-point arc. The Wildcats won their first division title in large part because of Nadratowski's contributions.

"Mike took and made a lot of our big shots this year," Plymouth coach Mike Soukup said. "He is a fierce competitor. He was never afraid of the spotlight. His leadership both on and off the floor was a big reason for our success this season."

Despite his outstanding basketball ability, Nadratowski will



Dietrich Lever II Canton

Mike Nadratowski

Plymouth



Jalen Reynolds Stevenson



N. Farmington



Jonathan Campbell Stevenson



Anthony Barley Redford Thurston



Nick Daniels John Glenn



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Garden City



Raymond Hall Harrison

play college baseball at Grand limit for Jonathan if he contin-Valley State University. Jonathan Campbell, Jr., G,

Stevenson: The 6-foot junior guard was one of the state's top three-point marksman who averaged 14.3 points and 4.5 assists per game.

His finest hour came in a 20-point performance in the regional semifinal against Class A state runner-up Detroit Southeastern.

"Jonathan is very passionate about basketball and it shows in the way he plays the game," Allie said of the all-KLAA pick. "His hard work paid off this season as his basketball IQ and defense were much improved. Without question the best shooter I have ever coached. The sky is the

ues to work hard both in the classroom and on the court."

Anthony Barley, Sr., G, Thurston: Barley enjoyed a stellar senior season for the Eagles, leading them in scoring (14.0), rebounding (4.83), assists (3.0) and steals (2.3). The sharp-shooter nailed 41 three-point shots and shot 39 percent from beyond the arc. His game peaked during the Class A district tournament when he averaged over 20 points per contest while leading Thurston to the final game.

"Anthony is a great young man who led us on the court and off." said Thurston head coach Brian Bates. "He's an outstanding defender who always covered our opponents' top guard. He got better every game and really excelled in the district tournament. I am really going to miss him next year." **SECOND TEAM**

Tyler Stewart, Jr., F, Salem: The 6-3, 175-pound Stewart was a force for Salem coach Bob Brodie's team, which finished 14-8 overall.

Stewart was a first-team All-KLAA choice and was named Salem's MVP for his fine allaround performance.

Featuring a lights-out jumper, he tallied 13.3 points per game and also averaged 5.5 rebounds and 2.6 assists per contest.

Salem's offense often relied on Stewart to perk it up and he delivered by hitting nearly 38 percent of three-point attempts. But Stewart also is a key contributor on defense.

"Tyler is a versatile athlete who plays guard or swing forward and often guards the opponents' best player," Brodie

CJ Mwila, Sr., G, Stevenson: The 5-11 senior point-guard was the Spartans' second-leading scorer averaging 16.5 points, to go along with 6.2 assists and 3.4 steals per game en route to all-KLAA honors.

"CJ is an excellent leader and did a great job of running our team this year," Allie said. "He's the type of kid that makes everyone around him better. His ability to handle pressure and limit turnovers was key to our success. The way he carries himself, along with his work ethic, will make him successful in all aspects of life. I expect great things out of him both on-andoff the court at the next level."

Nick Daniels, Soph., G, John Glenn: The second-year starter led the Rockets in scoring averaging 12 points per game as he earned all-KLAA honors.

"Nick is an outstanding guard," Glenn coach Dan Young said. "He shoots it well, passes it very well and has become a better defender. And he's just 15 years old and continues to improve in all areas on and off the court."

Paul Baumgart, Jr., C, Canton: There were times when Lever was the lone scoring threat for the Chiefs, due to an early season injury sustained by the 6-7 junior power forward.

But after Baumgart returned, Canton became a team to be reckoned with.

"Paul did a lot for us at both ends of the floor this year," Reddy said. "He has really became an outstanding help defender and his outside shooting became a strength.

"Paul is a very skilled player and I am looking forward to watching him play next year."

Baumgart, an all-conference selection, scored 13.1 points per game and contributed an

average of 7.0 rebounds and 2.2

Brandon Kennedy, Sr., G, Garden City: Kennedy capped an outstanding high school career by averaging 13 points a game while engineering the Cougars' offense from the point-guard position. In addition to serving as a scoring threat, both from the perimeter and with driving takes to the rim, Kennedy had a knack for finding open teammates as his five-assists-pergame average proves.

"Brandon was an outstanding leader for us, both on the court and off," said Garden City head coach Greg Williamson. "He's an outstanding young man. He's not only a very good player, but he's a great student and he's involved in a lot of other positive things in our school and in the community. He missed a good part of last season with an eye injury, but he really bounced back this year and played very well. He'll be missed.'

Ray Hall, Sr., G, Farm. Harrison: The senior guard averaged 13 points, four rebounds and three steals while playing against the premier teams in the OAA and Detroit opponents. A three-year varsity player, Hall made 36 of 149 three-point shots and 58 of 85 free throws. He is a threesport athlete who also plays football and track.

"Ray improved as a ball handler and in his ability to attack the basket," coach Pete Mantyla said. "Ray loved playing against great competition and is still pursuing options to play college basketball.

"It's rare when you get a kid who's so involved in his high school. Ray never missed anything despite playing three sports. He's done a lot for Harrison. He was a real fun kid to coach, and everyone at Harrison wishes him the best in his future as a student-athlete."

COACH OF THE YEAR Mike Soukup, Plymouth: The second-year head coach at Plymouth continued to put his stamp on the basketball team, co-champions of the KLAA South Division with a 9-1 record and an overall

mark of 14-7.

Mike Soukup

Soukup redirected any praise coming his way for the school's first division title in boys basketball, however.

"This year's Plymouth coach team was a

great group of young men," Soukup said. "They bought into the style that we were trying to play and worked so hard every day in practice so that they were ready on Tuesday and Friday nights.

This team is a great example for the younger guys in our program to look up to and follow not only as players but as people.'

Soukup's team-first philosophy is something he took with him when he left Redford Union in 2009, where he was varsity assistant to Brett Steele for four seasons.

He also saluted his coaching staff, Tom Bender, Paul Kennedy, Kevin Palmer, Carl Sumpter and Jon Schneider, as well as school district administrators and parents for their ongoing support.

Soukup, 34, who played high school basketball at Redford Thurston, lives in Livonia with wife Amy.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

YMCA spring leagues

The YMCA spring soccer and girls volleyball leagues are now forming.

The soccer leagues are for children ages 4-10 and will run from April 11 through June 11. There will be one practice and one game per week, on Saturdays.

Volleyball is for girls ages 9-10 and 11-12, also to run from April 11 through June 11. There will be one practice and one game per week, on Friday evenings.

Both the soccer and volleyball leagues are filled on a first-come, first-served basis and the registration deadline is April 1. For more information about these leagues, or other YMCA programs, go to www.ymcadetroit.org or call the office at (734) 453-2904.

Captain's Corner

If you know of a senior varsity captain at Canton, Plymouth, Salem or Plymouth Christian who is worthy of recognition, please submit candidates for "Captain's Corner" to Observer sports editor Tim Smith, tsmith@hometownlife.com.



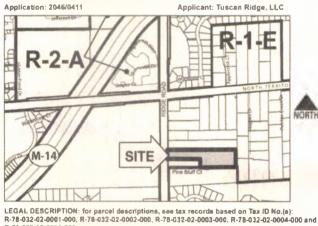
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Crusaders sweep twinbills

It was miserable weekend baseball weather, but that couldn't stop Madonna University from sweeping a four-game set from Siena Heights University.

At cold, windy and wet Ilitch Ballpark on Sunday, MU improved to 20-9 overall and 9-1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference by sweeping the Saints, 10-1 and 10-0 (seven innings).

In the opener, Livonia's Jeremy Gooding (Dearborn Divine Child) improved to 5-0 by going six strong innings. He struck out eight, walked four and allowed just three hits.

Offensively, Jeff Bultinck went 3-for-5, while Dan Harder added two hits and two RBI.

Canton's Tarik Khasawneh also added an RBI double.

In the second game, lefty Tom Hansen improved to 4-2 with a four-hitter over six innings. He struck out three and walked only two.

Bultinck went 4-for-4, including his third homer, and three RBI. Mike Gansser added two hits, including his first homer and two RBI, while Alex Charles added two hits and three RBI. Harder also had three hits.

The loss drops Siena Heights to 4-19 overall and 0-7 in the WHAC.

MADONNA 5-6, SIENA **HEIGHTS 3-4:** Madonna University (18-9, 7-1) used a 3-run rally in the ninth inning to force extra innings before scoring a pair of runs in the top of the 11th inning to pull out a 6-4 win and complete the sweep over

Siena Heights (4-17, 0-5).

MU won the day's opener 5-3 at Ilitch Ballpark. Junior Robert Fraser (Westland John Glenn) went all seven innings in

the opener to improve to 3-

2. He struck out six, walked one and scattered six hits. Infielders Victor Barron and Jeff Bultinck each went 2-for-3.

Barron had two RBI, while Bultinck, Matt Kay (Canton) and Dan Harder added one each.

In the nightcap, MU trailed 4-1 heading into the ninth inning before Bultinck delivered a 2-run double to cut the deficit to one. Drew Adamiec sacrificed Bultinck over to third and Steve Pelletier (Farmington Harrison) brought home the gametying run with a sacrifice

In the 11th, Pelletier delivered a clutch 2-run double and Travis Schuba, who pitched three scoreless innings, got the victory to improve to 2-0.

Bultinck went 3-for-5 with three RBI, while Pelletier also finished with three RRI

Livonia's Billy Hardin III (Novi-Detroit Catholic Central) also had two hits.

Michael Lollo went 3for-4 for the Saints, while reliever Jacob Kret (1-2) took the loss in relief.

Saints starter Corey Alexander went nine innings, allowing four earned runs on five hits. He struck out six and walked

MU also used Aaron Saarela, Andy Omilian and Logan Ryan.

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Chiefs, Wildcats open strong

The Canton Chiefs swept Dexter in a season-opening doubleheader Saturday, winning a pair of one-run games.

In the opener, Canton won 5-4 behind starting pitcher Ryan Bazner's solid fiveinning stint. He gave up two hits and struck out four. But Jason Lynch got the victory, with one inning of relief.

On offense, Chris Perkovich went 2-for-3 with two runs batted in while Braden Price collected two hits and a run.

In the nightcap, Canton (2-0) erased a 6-0 deficit to win 7-6. Picking up the victory was Vaughn Birchler, who helped his own cause with two hits. Also collecting two safeties were Seth Tschetter and Garrett Bryden.

Saving the victory was Lynch.

Plymouth takes two

Host Plymouth started the year strong, sweeping Milan in Tuesday's doubleheader (10-0,

In the opener pitcher Harrison Michels went the distance, giving up one run and fanning seven.

The Wildcats started the game hitting for the cycle with Jamarl Eiland hitting a homer followed by Ben Wohl (triple), Mike Nadratowski (double) and Rich Guglielmi (single).

Big guns at the plate were many: Wohl (triple, double, two runs, two RBI), Nadratowski (double, single, two runs, three RBI), Tyler Goble (three hits, three runs), Brendan Swanson (two hits, two RBI) and Eiland (two runs along with his homer).

Justin Thompson then was strong in his first varsity start, giving up two runs on three hits in 4²/₃ innings. Andrew Page got the win in relief and James Willey collected his first save.

Goble's two-run pinch hit single in the fifth broke the tie. John Etienne had two hits.

Wildcat baseball clinic

Circle Saturday, April 9, on your calendar if you are a young, aspiring baseball player looking to improve skills for this season and beyond.

The Plymouth Wildcat Youth Baseball Clinic is designed to do just that. It will focus on age-appropriate skill development in a positive, fun, learning environment. Clinic attendees will receive instruction from the Plymouth Wildcats baseball staff and 2011

Plymouth Wildcats players. Sessions, at the high school's baseball complex (gymnasium if inclement weather) and limited to 100 participants, are slated for 9 a.m. to noon

(grades 1-4) and 12:30-3:30

p.m. (grades 5-8). Walk-ups are welcome; space is still available.

Boys and girls currently in grades 1-8 are invited to attend. Cost is \$20 per player if pre-registered and \$25 the day of the clinic. That fee includes a snack. T-shirts will

be available for \$8. For more information, contact Plymouth varsity baseball coach Bryan Boyd at Bryan. Boyd@pccsmail.net.

in the lineup, providing some pop behind No. 3 hitter Brett Ramirez (a junior catcher) and senior first baseman Devin Price.

At second base is senior Scott Devine, an all-conference player who hit .430 in 2010.

Thompson and Devine are meshing into a quality doubleplay combo, not to mention being determined players wanting more for their final prep season.

"We have good senior leadership on this team," Rumberger said. "They're focused, intense and driven.

Ramirez, meanwhile, could be the proverbial straw that stirs the drink

He is described by his coach as a five-tool player. His hitting could be off-the-charts and opposing baserunners will quickly find out they won't be able to take too many liberties with Ramirez.

According to Rumberger, the catcher throws the ball to second base in just 1.88 seconds.

When Ramirez needs a break, the Rocks can put sophomore catcher Austin Sillitt Dimitrus Dunlap.

behind the plate. Also available to chip in at infield positions are Bird and slick-fielding sophomore Kyle

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Another key senior is all-around left fielder Brad Trublowski, moving over from center field to make room for promising sophomore

"He's really a center fielder playing left," Rumberger said. "Our outfield is real good."

Dunlap could be an X-factor for the Rocks.

"He's made tremendous improvement in his swing and in every aspect of his game," the coach added. "Dimitrus and Brett Ramirez are true five-tool players.

Flanking Dunlap in right

will be Rodriguez (when he's not pitching, of course).

"This is his first year in the outfield," said Rumberger, noting that Rodriguez played infield in recent seasons. "... Tommy's a tremendous athlete and he's a real leader."

Backup outfielders include junior Zach Widlak and St. Laurent.

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Senior Emily Borkowicz and junior Susmi Diraviam will handle the No. 2 doubles spot and junior Narges Pourmandi and senior Lynne Krutty will be at three doubles.

Rounding out the Rocks' doubles lineup will be: No. 4, sophomores Sarah Bellaire and Megan Barry; and No. 5, juniors Monica Topolovec and Lily Gonzalez.

SALEM 5, PLYMOUTH 4: In the season opener for both teams, the Rocks edged the host Wildcats on Monday.

Salem (1-0) swept through the singles flights: No. 1, Anna Norman over Lindsay Stemberger, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2, Ashley Walker over Sarah Mitchell, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3, Morgan Spencer over Kirthi Duraiswamy, 6-1, 6-1; No. 4, Kerry MacDonald over Miranda Cerna, 6-0, 6-0.

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The Wildcats (0-1) had much more success in doubles play.

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The duo of Britta Swanson-Kayla Griffey bested Mallory Rojo-Olivia Gonzalez in three sets -6-0, 5-7(5), 6-0.

At No. 2 doubles, Brittany Rose-Iulia Fratila likewise needed three sets to get past Salem's Emily Borkowicz-Susmi Diraviam. That flight went 5-7, 6-2, 6-2 for the Plymouth tandem.

Plymouth's Maria Tesarz-Andrea Haidar defeated Narges Pourmandi-Lynne Krutty, 6-0, 6-2.

Salem did take No. 4 doubles, with Emily Simmons-Courtney Godfrey earning a 6-3, 6-4 win over Erin MacKenzie-Marlowe Susselman.

And at No. 5 doubles, Plymouth's Molly Hudgins-Laura Schmid defeated Sarah Bellaire-Megan Barry in three sets, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3.

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Young 'Cats want to make their mark

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

No matter where Plymouth's girls track and field team winds up in the KLAA South Division standings, the Wildcats are a team worth keeping an eye on.

There are a number of state meet prospects, such as junior co-captain Reagan Engstrom (pole vault), sophomore Madi Lewis (100 hurdles, 200 dash, 400 dash), junior Becka Knox (long jump) and the 1600meter relay team of junior cocaptain Rachael Hille, Knox, Lewis and senior co-cap-



Traitses

"Our team will be deeper than it was last year," said Plymouth head coach Ricky Styes, whose 2010 squad

finished 2-3. "Many of our girls gained a lot of experience last year.

"We hope that this will help us compete in meets and continue to grow into top teams in our division."

Key returnees include Lewis, Engstrom, Hille (800 TRACK PREVIEW

run, 1600 relay, 3200 relay), Knox, Buttermore (400 dash, 1600 relay), junior co-captain Nicole Traitses (1600 relay, 3200 relay), sophomore high jumper Taylor Reickhoff, sophomore distance runner Kyra Neumann and senior Lindsey Russell (200 dash, sprint relays).

The 1600-meter relay team of Hille, Kyra Neumann, Traitses and Lax captured the regional championship last spring.

Meanwhile, the Wildcats

welcome promising newcomers Jada Woody and Bailey Marco (sprints), Brianna Lax (distance) and Tione Johnson (throws).

According to Styes, with only three seniors on the squad "the team will rely on a good number of underclassmen"

throughout the season. "Our success will depend on the growth and development of some underclassmen," he noted. "(This is) a very coachable, hungry and competitive bunch of girls that want to do

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Canton starts year strong with win over Plymouth

The Canton Chiefs' boys track and field team got the jump on campus rival Plymouth, winning Tuesday's season-opening dual meet at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park by a 82-55 score.

"We're very happy," said Canton head coach Bob Richardson about the victory. "We had a hard time beating Plymouth the last few years since they got their new head coach, Jon Mikosz.

"He's doing an awesome job with them and we were just fortunate to beat them today." Richardson pointed to team

"We were able to go 1-2, 1-2-3 a couple times," Richardson said. "They did the same thing to us. But I guess we did it a few more times."

The meet also gave more evidence that Canton's Kevin Buford and Plymouth's Joe Porcari are as outstanding as they were last season.

Buford was a triple winner, taking the 100-, 200and 400-meter dashes. Meanwhile, Porcari captured the 800- and 1600-meter runs and was part of the victorious 3200- and 1600-meter relays.

"I thought Nick Alaniva did a nice job," Richardson said. "He won two field events (long jump, pole vault) and he was on the winning 400-meter relay team."

BOYS TRACK RESULTS CANTON 82 PLYMOUTH 55 April 5 at March 31 at Canton

Shot put: 1. Alex Marsh (C), 42 feet, 9 inches; 2. Ben Poirier (C), 38-4; 3. Marty Brudzinski (P), 36-8.5

Discus: 1. Poirier (C), 105-1; 2. Nikel Durgafari (P), 80-9; 3. William Harrington

High jump: 1. Ben Spreitzer (C), 6-0; 2. Zach Smilo (C), 5-8; 3. Josh Smith (P), 5-4. Long jump: 1. Nick Alaniva (C), 20-9.5; 2. Andy Bihn (P), 19-3; 3. Smith (C), 18-1.

Pole vault: 1. Alaniva (C), 13-3; 2. Bihn (P), 11-11; 3. Brenton Zuzo (P), 11-5. 110-meter hurdles: 1. Daniel Edgerton

(P), 17.4; 2. Mitch Pepper (C), 17.6; 3. Drake Hogan (C), 20.5. 300 hurdles: 1. Doug Deykes (P), 44-3; 2. Pepper (C), 47-6; 3. Javon Hill (C), 48-5.

100 dash: 1. Kevin Buford (C), 11.5; 2. Alex Rogers (P), 11.7; 3. Ryan Darish (C), 12.1. 200: 1. Buford (C), 23.0; 2. William Askew (P), 23.1; 3. Scott Piwowar (C), 24.3. 400: 1. Buford (C), 53.4; 2. Sapan Patel (C), 56.1; 3. Lucas Bunting (P), 56.5. 800: 1. Joe Porcari (P), 2:09.1; 2. Shean

1,600: 1. Porcari (P), 4:51.0; 2. Nick Eiben (P), 4:53.0; 3. Brandon Dalton (P),

Krolicki (C), 2:10.4; 3. Max Rogowski (P),

3.200: 1. Miles Felton (C), 10:30.1: 2. Bradon Conley (C), 10:42; 3. Derek Gielarowski (P), 10:46.5.

400 relay: 1. Canton (Piwowar, Alaniva, Morris, Daniels), 47.2; Plymouth (48.5); 800 relay: 1. Canton (Piwowar, Patel, Morris Daniels) 1:39 6:

1,600 relay: 1. Plymouth (Askew, Porcari, Bunting, Deykes), 3:43.5; 2. Canton,

3,200 relay: 1. Plymouth (Gielarowski, Blaze, Johnson, Porcari), 8:51.5; 2. Canton (9:00.8)

Dual meet records: Canton, 1-0 overall;

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depth as one factor.

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D'Amigo put the puck past Plymouth netminder Scott Wedgewood (37 saves). Again drawing assists were Akeson and Murphy.

But Livingston's go-ahead tally just 2:55 later again shifted momentum to the Whalers and this time they didn't relinquish it.

After relishing their series triumph, the Whalers will quickly get back to work ahead of their second-round series

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Game 1: 7 p.m. Thursday, at Owen Sound.

Game 2:7 p.m. Saturday, at

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Game 3: 7 p.m. Monday, at Owen Sound.

Game 4: 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, at Plymouth. x-Game 5: 7 p.m. Thursday, April

14, at Owen Sound. x-Game 6: 7 p.m. Saturday, April

16, at Compuware. x-Game 7: 7 p.m. Monday, April 18, at Owen Sound. x-if necessary

with Owen Sound.

Frustrating Game 6

Nothing went right for the Plymouth Whalers Saturday night, and the result was a 2-0 loss to Kitchener to even their OHL first-round playoff series at three games each.

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On Saturday night, Kitchener netminder Mike Morrison had all the answers, shown here thwarting Plymouth's Jamie Devane (No. 23). But Morrison could not stop the Whalers from winning the series Monday night.



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CHURCHES MIX EGG HUNTS WITH CRAFTS, GAMES

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The popular event, which draws voungsters from Farmington Hills and Livonia to the church at 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile in Northville, is set for 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 23. This year youngsters must be pre-registered by April 20 and no walk-ins will be accepted. Registration will close sooner if the head count reaches

"We've been growing each year and last year we maxed out. I hate to limit it. We are struggling with that, but we're limited. Last year we had a little over 600 children and 1,300 in total with the adults. And that is really the max that our sanctuary can hold."

Although the egg hunt is held outdoors, other activities, including a lunch, games, Easter Bunny photos and a brief entertainment show, keep children, age 1-11 busy

"The show is only about 20 minutes, but it's an important piece," said Brown, explaining that it includes a religious component. The King's Yomen will talk about their faith while executing yo-yo tricks. Their act also incorporates drama and song.

"They're really engaging. They're

Brown said 400 youngsters have signed up for the event, leaving room for 200 more.

Register at www.dfcnazarene. org. For more information, call the church at (248) 348-7600.

"It's a nice deal and we try to make everyone feel welcome," Brown said.

Other church egg hunts include: • Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman in Livonia. Youngsters through age 11 can hunt for Easter eggs, hear an Easter story, and make a craft from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 23. Youngsters should bring a basket or bag to collect and take home

eggs. (734) 522-3570 • St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster Road, Livonia. Registration deadline for "Kids Easter Fun Day" is Sunday, April 10. The event runs 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 16 and will include crafts, stories, an Easter egg hunt, prizes and more for children, 3-13. Call the church office at (734) 422-1470 to register.



JOAN BOLES

Age 104 of Westland. Beloved wife of the late Robert. Loving mother of Eugene (Carol) Koch and Judy (Terry) Wilson. Proud grandma of Diane, Matthew, April, Wendy, Julie and Jan and great grandma of many. Also survived by many other loving family and friends. Visitation will be held at Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel 36100 5 Mile Rd. (E. of Levan) Thursday 5:30-9pm. Funeral will be Friday at the funeral home gathering 10am service 11:30am. In lieu of flowers memorials are to be made to the MI Humane Society. Please visit online guestbook fredwoodfuneralhome.com

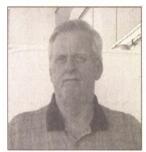
ELIZABETH ANN

(FRISBIE) DISBROW 72, of Interlochen, MI and formerly of Birmingham, passed away suddenly Friday, March 25, 2011 at her home on Green Lake. Liz was born in Battle Creek, MI on December 28, 1938 to the late Walter and Regina (Martin) Frisbie. She graduated from Battle Creek Central High School, class of 1956. She attended Miami of Ohio University where she studied History and was a member of the Alpha Omega Pi Sorority. In 1959, Liz married Donald Rex Disbrow, Jr., also of Battle Creek, her husband of 52 years. Liz was the love of Don's life and together they raised their four children in Birmingham. There was nothing Liz enjoyed more than taking care of her family and friends, always ready with a smile and a hug, and her reassuring warmth. Outside of the home, Liz worked for the David Stalker Auction Gallery of Birmingham for over ten years. She and Don resettled to their home on Green Lake in Interlochen upon their retirement in 1995. Though retired, Liz enjoyed helping her new neighbors and community. During the 16 years she lived in Interlochen, she was an active member of the Green Lake Township Planning Commission as well as a volunteer for the Father Fred Foundation, the annual Cherry Festival, and the Traverse City Chamber of Commerce. Liz is sur-vived by her husband Don; her four children, Jeff, Tim (Kim), Andy (Beth Ann), and Beth (Adam); twelve grandchildren, Matt (Tricia), Brian Rex, Jenny, Shannon, Madeline, Ben, Brian Reese, Sam, Hannah, Drew, Jessie, and Kaitlyn; her great granddaughter, Peyton, her brother, Walt (Carol), and sister, Alice (Bill); her sister-in-law, Deanna; and many other loving family members and friends. A memorial mass was held on April 1st at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Grawn, requests that memorial contributions be made in Liz's memory to the Father Fred Foundation in Traverse City. The family is being served by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home.

PHYLLIS ELAINE **GRAHAM**

Age 82 of Novi, went into the pres-

ence of the Lord at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday (April 5, 2011) in their residence. She is born August 15th,1928, in Des Moines, Iowa, to Everett and Marian Scherich, and was born again in Jesus in 1954. She married Clayton Graham on December 29, 1956, in Jackson, Michigan. She leaves behind her loving husband, Clayton, and three loving children Michael C. (Cindie) Graham of Gilford, New Hampshire, Mrs. Peggy A. (Rick) Koloian of Plymouth, Michigan, and Patricia A. (Kyle) Riehle of South Lyon, Michigan. She now is reunited with her daughter, Kathryn Susan. She was dearly loved by Katie, Holly, C.J., Jessica, Catherine, Rebecca, Alyssa, and Joshua, her grandchildren; and Jaden and Graham, her great grandchildren; and two sisters, Mary Malpass of California and Barbara Aune of Illinois. Phyllis was a wonderful mother and grandmother, who made every activity of her grandchildren a priority. She was often seen on bleachers and church pews encouraging her family. Phyllis was an active member in God's kingdom work, including Fox Run Bible Study, backyard Bible clubs, Bible Study Fellowship, and a community Bible Study. She devoted much time to serving the elderly by providing transportation and other needs, and also served in the afterschool Care program. She was also a member of the Daughter of the American Revolution and currently fellowshipped at Calvary Baptist Church in Canton. After graduating Manistee High, she attended Central Michigan University. Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 on Friday, April 8 at Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 9 at 11:00 a.m. at Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church in South Lyon. Officiating will be Pastors David Brown of Fellowship Church and John Shinn of Calvary Baptist Church in Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to either Fellowship Church or Calvary Baptist.

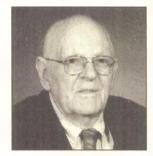


JOSEPH FRANK KRACHT Age 65, went to be with the Lord on April 5th at his home in Brighton surrounded by his Family and Friends. Born to Elden Gregory and Catherine Kracht on April 30th, 1945. Survived by his loving and caring wife of 45 years, Pam. Loving children Gregory (Denise), David (Lisa) and Jen (Mark) Kroll. Treasured Papa to Jacob, Trevor and Ryan Kracht and Alex and Alyssa Kroll. Dearest brother to Mary (Gary) Mierzwa, Bill (Marge) Kracht, Janie (Jay) Pewtress, John Kracht, Juanita (Earl) Siterlet, Irene Turner. Greatest brother-in-law to Cindy Horton and Jeff (Wilma) Funtukis. Uncle Joe to many nieces and nephews. Dearest friend to Gary and Shari Korff. Memorial service to be held at Cornerstone Evangelical Church 9455 Hilton Rd. Brighton, on Friday April 8th at noon. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 310 North Main Street #100 Chelsea, Michigan 48118.

DAVID ALEN MARKLAND, JR.

Born June 25, 1976 died March 13, 2011. Survived by uncle Kevin, aunts Patty, and Terri, and cousins Sean, Crystal, Tara, Ronnie, and Eric, and sister Danielle. Preceeded in death by mother Debbie Markland, father David Markland Sr., sister Michelle Markland, aunt Sandi Kneeshaw, uncle Keith Casey, and grandparents John and Frankie Casey. Memorial service on April 12,2011 at Calvary Missionary Church 29850 Six Mile Rd., Livonia, Mi 48152 from 1pm-9pm; service at 7:30pm





ERNEST MANZEL

Age 95, of Plymouth, passed away on April 1, 2011. Loving husband of the late Viola. Beloved father of David (Patricia), Dale (Gwynn) and Darrell grandfather of Manzel, Kevin nzel, Matthew Kenneth (Lori) Manzel, Kevin (Courtney) Manzel, Matthew (Tammy) Manzel and Jason (Mary) Manzel. Great grandfather of Colin, Avery and Lauren Manzel. Funeral service Thursday 11:00am from St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church. 1343 Pennniman Ave, Plymouth with family receiving friends beginning at 10:30am. Visitation Wednesday from 1-9pm from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth. Interment Riverside Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com

JOHN PETRTYL

Age 88 of Livonia, Mi., March 31, 2011. Preceded in death by his beloved wives Julia and Eileen. Loving father of Robert, David, Richard (Verla), Kenneth (Mary) and Joyce. Stepfather of Thomas and Cheryl. Brother of Edward and Helen. Grandfather of eight, Step-grandfather of one, Greatgrandfather of three and Step-great-grandfather of two. Visitation Friday 4:30pm and 6-9pm. Funeral service Saturday 10am at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd. (Between Ford Rd. & Cherry Hill). Family suggests memorials to Alzheimers Association.

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DONALD CARL RAMIN

Of Farwell was called to his Savior's side and eternal home on Sunday, April 3, 2011 after a courageous battle with pneumonia and renal failure. He was born in Romeo on December 23. 1927. Don served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1944-1948 and was on five different ships during WWII. Don was a Livonia Firefighter for 30 years, retiring in 1981 as Senior Captain. Don was a woodworker and golfer. Don married Linda Helena Carnahan on December 16, 1950 and they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on December 16, 2010 with a party given by their children. Don and Linda were blessed with six children. Don was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy Duel, his step-father Alfred Duel, and his grandson Ryan Paul Amerman. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife Linda, his sons Michael John (Kathryn) and Dennis Charles, his daughters Patrician Lynn Maddix (James), Cynthia Gerstenlauer (Michael), Linda Susan Belanger (Louis), and Kathryn Irene Zilz (Rick). Left to cherish the memories of their grandfather are 16 grand-children and 10 great grand children. Family was very important to Don and he loved spending time with them. Don was a member of the Clare Church of the Nazarene and will receive visitors at the church on Thursday April 7, 2011 from 2-4 and 6-8 P.M. Funeral Services will take place on Friday, April 8, 2011 at 11:00 A.M. at the church with Pastor Jim Young, Senior Pastor officiating. Don will be laid to rest in the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly. Memorial contributions may be made to the Great Lakes Burn Camp PO Box 6189, Jackson MI 49204. Don's family would like to thank Great Lakes Renal Dialysis Center in Mt. Pleasant for the care and compassion given to him over the last several years. Those wishing to may leave an on-line condolence at:

EDNA S. ZEHRA

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Age 87, of Farmington, MI. Passed away March 29, 2011. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington. MI.

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Joys of Soy





Fundraiser starts countdown to jazz festival

BY SHARON DARGAY 0&E STAFF WRITER

Johnny Trudell will take the stage this weekend at the Michigan Jazz Festival's spring fundraiser, giving listeners a taste of what's in store for them at the big midsummer event.

"It's our festival. We created it 17 years ago," said Trudell, festival president. "We've used numerous people in the past for this fundraiser. The board decided it was time to give the old trumpet player a chance."

The Johnny Trudell Quintet with Chuck Shermataro, Ray Tini, Bill Cairo, and Gene Parker, along with Trudell on trumpet, will perform from 3-5 p.m., Sunday, April 10 in the DiPonio Room at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, located on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia.

Tickets are \$15 and are available at the door or in advance by calling Midge Ellis at (248) 474-2720.

Proceeds help fund the annual
Michigan Jazz Festival planned for July
17 at Schoolcraft. The festival, set both
outdoors and inside the college, is free
and features jazz bands from throughout
Michigan performing on several stages.

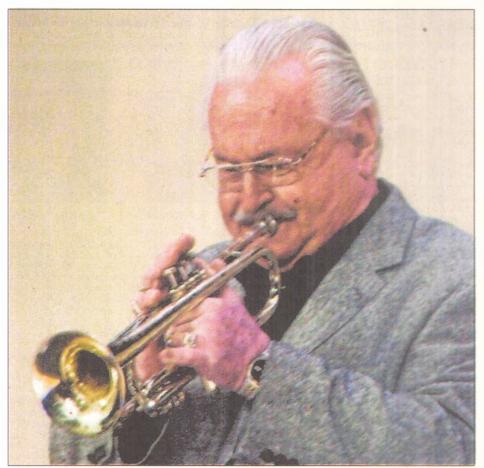
"We're the only jazz festival I know of around here that does fundraisers," said Ellis, festival producer and a Livonia resident. "None of us gets paid and that makes us different."

DONATING

Festival organizers raise approximately \$30,000 annually, through spring and fall fundraisers, a Father's Day brunch concert, sponsorships and donations.

Last year, when major sponsors pulled their support because of the poor economy, the festival's future looked bleak.

"It was the first year we asked for donations all the time. We just started putting canisters out saying put your change in here," Ellis said. The festival has given away an assortment of items — everything from cup holders to CD openers, pot scrapers and refrigerator magnets — to audience members who donate to the canisters.



Johnny Trudell, president of the Michigan Jazz Festival, will perform at a fundraiser Sunday, April 10, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. The fundraiser will support the annual festival.

Ellis also added a donation plea to correspondence and flyers. She's delighted with the response.

"It's just amazing that by changing the wording on the bottom of the flyers, it has brought in money," she said. "We (recently) got two \$500 checks. I about fainted."

The donations will help to keep the festival parking and admission free.

FAVORITES, NEWCOMERS

Jazz fans will see 26 bands this year, including several that are new to the festival. Two high school groups and several college bands also will perform on the Future of Jazz Stage, which was a new

addition last year. It's back on the schedule because "everyone loved it so much," Ellis said.

Festival performers run the gamut from Big Bands to Dixieland groups to trios and quartets with a common ability to improvise their sounds.

"I think people don't understand that when solos are done with a big band there is nothing on their sheet music. They play it off the top of their head and by their heart. That is what makes jazz what it is," Ellis said.

For more information visit the Michigan Jazz Festival online at www. michiganjazzfestival.homestead.com

Singer explores traditional music

Singer-songwriter-multiinstrumentalist Tim Eriksen will give listeners a taste of his new CD, Soul of the January Hills, Saturday, April 16 at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia.

Nick Schillace will open for Eriksen at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15, \$12 for members.

Eriksen is co-founder and front-man of the "folk noise" band Cordelia's Dad, which recorded eight albums, including 1998's Spine and earned a strong following in the US and overseas. He's also known as a leader in the American "shape note" or "Sacred Harp" tradition. Traditional "shape note" style was encoded in the 1844 Sacred Harp songbook. The unconventional style uses geometric symbols in place of musical notation, and was designed to help untrained choir singers perform hymns.

He coached actors and extras in two "shape note" songs used in the Oscarnominated soundtrack of the 2003 film, *Cold Mountain*, in which he also overdubbed actor Brendan Gleeson's singing voice. Eriksen subsequently traveled the country with Ralph Stanley, Alison Krauss & Union Station, Jerry Douglas and other traditional musicians as part of the 2004 Great High Mountain Tour.

Eriksen is an accomplished instrumentalist on guitar, banjo, and fiddle, which he played on two previous solo albums, *Tim Eriksen* and

Every Sound Below. Bolth were recorded live in the studio with no sidemen, overdubs, or edits, but his new Soul of the January Hills CD takes this solo approach one brave step farther. Inspired by his location, the 2008 Jaroslaw Festival in southeastern Poland, Eriksen took a digital recorder into a tower on a wall surrounding Jaroslaw's Benedictine Abbey, sang 14 traditional American songs in one take with no accompaniment at all, and walked out about an hour later with the January Hills recordings.

With these 14 songs for voice alone, Eriksen says, "I'm throwing down the gauntlet. Not really. I'm not looking for a battle, but it would be nice if this record was taken as a friendly challenge to get people into hardcore singing, especially the old ballads and hymns and stuff."

Over the last decade, Tim has worked with his various bands, served as a visiting professor at Dartmouth College and the University of Minnesota, conducted ethnomusicological research in the U.S. and abroad, recorded and toured as a solo artist, and immersed himself in the Sacred Harp communities. Eriksen is currently working toward a PhD in ethnomusicology at Wesleyan University when he's not on the road.

For more information or for tickets call the theater at (734) 464-6302 or visit www. trinityhouse.org

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Quartet performs traditional Irish music

Former Redford resident Sean Gavin and his fellow members of Bua, will perform traditional Irish music Friday, April 8, at the Gaelic League in Detroit.

Gavin, who plays flute and uilleann pipes in the band, is the son of fiddler and music teacher Mick Gavin of Redford.

Now living in Chicago, Ill., Gavin plays and teaches traditional Irish music. He is a member of the group NicGaviskey, and often performs with his family. He also tours internationally with the music and dance show, Celtic Legends.

He and musicians Brian O hAirt on vocals and concertina, Brian Miller on guitar and bouzouki and Devin Shepherd on fiddle, make up Bua, a group that draws from more than a century's worth of Irish traditional music and song cultivated in the Midwest and Ireland.

Bua has performed at many



Bua performs Friday, April 8 in Detroit. The group includes former Redford resident, Sean Gavin.

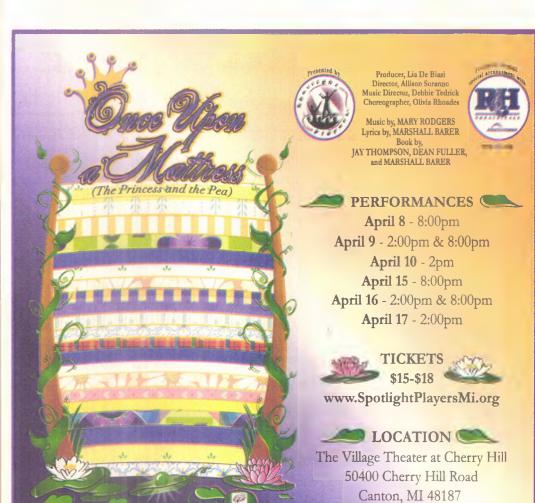
of the top Irish festivals in North America including Boston's prestigious Irish Connections Festival, the Milwaukee Irish Festival, the Dublin Irish Festival, Celtic Fest Chicago, the Goderich Celtic Roots Festival and Bethlehem's Celtic Classic. As individuals they have shared the stage with many top Irish musicians including Martin Hayes, David Munnelly, Liz Carroll, Len

Graham, Paddy Keenan, among others.

Admission to Bua's concert is \$15 at the door. The Gaelic League is located at 2068

Michigan Ave.
Fish diners are available
from 5-8 p.m. and cost \$7 at
the Gaelic League every Friday
during Lent. Bua's concert
starts at 8 p.m.

For more information call (313) 964-8700 or (313) 537-



Eugenia Zukerman will perform April 11 at the Birmingham Temple in

Farmington Hills.

ART

City Gallery

Time/Date: Through April 8; gallery hours are 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Location: In the Costick Center at 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills Details: Work by Stephen Deeb, head of the art department at North Farmington High School

Coming up: Farmington Art Foundation holds its Spring Exhibit and Sale, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 14, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, April 15 and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 16 at the Costick Center. Opening reception, 6 p.m., followed by awards at 6:30 p.m., April 14

Contact: (248) 473-1856 Plymouth Arts Council Time/Date: 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, April 8

Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth Details: "Its Arts - Pure & Simple" gala reception featuring its new exhibit, "Pure Art of Michigan," cocktails, foods, music, door prizes, raffle and auction; admission is a donation of any amount Contact: (734) 416-4278

COMEDY

Go Comedy!

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

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

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

Livonia

Details: Chas Elsner, April 6-9; Floyd J. Phillips. April 13-16; Mark Poolos. April 20-23; Claude Stewart, April 27 30; Mike Green, May 4-7; Rob Little, May 11-14

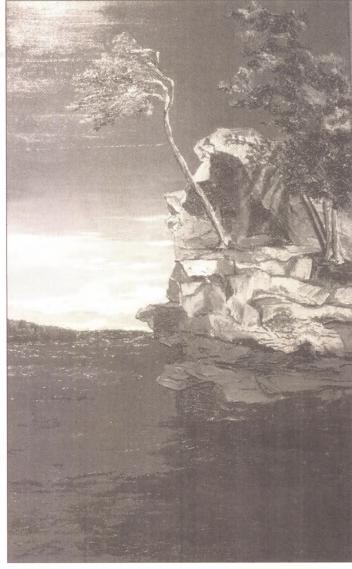
Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com-

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle Time/Date: Steve McGrew, April 7-9; Michael Somerville, April 14-16; T.J. Miller, April 21-23; Don Friesen, April 28-30; Kathleen Madigan, May 5-7; John Pinette, May 12-14 Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedvcastle.com

The Ark

Time/Date: David Bromberg & Angel Band, April 7; Steppin' in it, April 8: Mr. B's Piano Celebration,



"A Sentinel of Lake Superior," by Carol Caruso, is part of Plymouth Arts Council's "Pure Art of Michigan" exhibit.

April 9-10; Brendan James & Matt White & Lauren Pritchard, April 11; Adrian Legg, April 12; Catie Curtis & Amy Speace, April 13; Breathe Owl Breathe & The Photographers, April 14; The Johnny Clegg Band, April 15; Anais Mitchell, April 16; Shape Note Singing, April 17; Peter Yarrow, April 17 **Location**: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor

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

Baseline Folk Society Time/Date: Third Saturday of the

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

Jazz @ The Elks Time/Date: 7-10:30 p.m., every fourth Tuesday

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 at 41700 Ann Arbor Road,

Details: Jazz musicians perform; no cover, but donations accepted. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Naima Shambourger will sing, Sven Hayden will be on bass and George Davidson on drums at the next concert on April 26

PlymouthElks1780.com

Hills, located on the campus of **Detroit Country Day School Details:** Chamber Music Society of Detroit presents pianist Jorge Federico Osorio. He'll play Beethoven, Franck, Granados and Mussorgsky. Tickets are \$43-\$75, students, \$25

Contact: (248) 855-6070; www. ComeHearCMSD.org

Trinity House Theatre

Time/Date: Putnam Smith, April 8, April 14; Brooks Williams with Mike Vial, April 15; Tim Eriksen with Nick Schillace, April 16; Songwriters Anonymous Showcase, April 29; Craig Cardiff, April 30

tyhouse.org

Vivace Music Series

Time/Date: 8 p.m., Saturday, April 11 Location: The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills Details: Eugenia Zukerman will share the stage with Russian/ American soprano Svetlana Strezeva and her daughter, pianist, Milana Strezeva. The program will feature music by well known Russian and French composers in folk and classical traditions. Tickets are \$23 general admission and \$20 for senior

1348 or Joyce Cheresh at (248) 788-9338

Seligman Performing Arts Center Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 16 Location: 22305 W. 13 Mile, Beverly

Jorge Federico Osorio performs at the next Chamber Music Society of Detroit concert April 16.

Location: 20510 Livernois Ave.,

www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com

Details: Target Family Sundays, sto-

rytelling, performances, free with

Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily

Location: I-696 service drive and

Details: Admission is \$11 for adults

older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to

14; children under 2 are free

Contact: (248) 541-5717

15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and

Detroit Zoo

Woodward, Royal Oak

Contact: (313) 345-6300.

Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays

Melissa Greener, April 9; The Choir,

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia Contact: (734) 464-6302, www.trini-

citizens and students Contact: Ann Sipher at (248) 661April 28. All shows start at 7 p.m. and cost \$3

Details: "Gnomeo and Juliet." all

Coming up: "Unknown," 7 p.m. and

and 5 p.m. and 7:20 p.m. Sunday,

Classics: "It Came from Outer

Space," April 7; "Soylent Green,"

April 14; "The Time Machine," April

21; "The Incredible Shrinking Man,"

9:10 p.m., Friday-Saturday, April 15-16

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seats \$3

April 17

Contact: (734) 453-0870; www. penntheatre.com Redford Theatre

Time/Date: 8 p.m. April 8 and 2 p.m.

and 8 p.m. April 9 **Location**: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit **Details:** Three Stooges Festival; tickets \$5 Contact: (313) 537-2560

MUSEUMS

Charles H. Wright

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday Location: 315 E. Warren Road,

Details: The Test: Tuskegee Airmen Project through June 19; Framed Stories: The Art of Carmen Cartiness Johnson and Jerome Wright through April 11. Regular museum admission is \$8 for adults, 13-61; and \$5 for youth, 3-12, and seniors, 62 and over. Members and children 2 and under are admitted free

Contact: (313) 494-5800

Cranbrook

Time/Date: 2 p.m., Thursday-Sunday Location: 39221 Woodward, **Bloomfield Hills**

Details: Docent-guided public tours of Saarinen House, a rare integration of art, architecture, design and nature, depart from Cranbrook Institute of Science front desk. The tours are about 90 minutes long and take place rain or shine.

Contact: (248) 645-3200 for house tours; http://science.cranbrook.edu

Plymouth Historical Museum Time/Date: Through Oct. 23 Location: 155 S. Main, just north of

downtown Plymouth Details: Rediscovering the Civil War Contact: (734) 455-8940

Spotlight Players

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, April 8 and 15; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 9 and 16; 2 p.m. Sunday, April **Location**: Village Theater at Cherry

Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton **Details:** "Once Upon a Mattress," the Tony award-winning musical comedy that turns the classic children's story "The Princess on the Pea" on its head, delightfully skewering all fairy tales in the process. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$16 for seniors and students. Tickets are available in advance or at the door, one hour before show time

Contact: (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460; www.spotlightplayersmi.

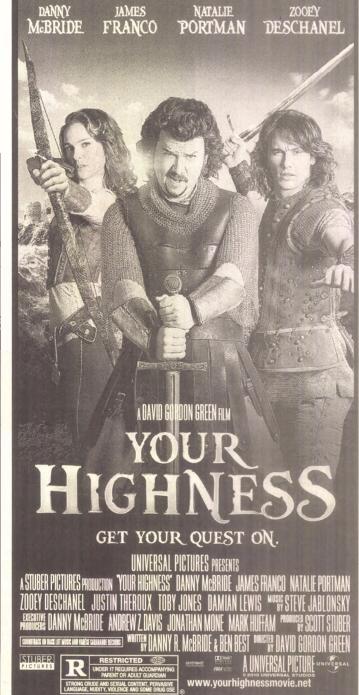
Trinity House Theatre Time/Date: Fourth Tuesday of the

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia **Details:** Improvisation workshops for all levels; \$3 per session Contact: Laura Gumina at (248) 225-0160



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The everyday joys of soy

If you want to improve your diet by adding healthy foods, now may be the perfect time to try something new, something soy. April is National Soyfoods Month, and finding delicious soybased foods has never been easier.

"Soyfoods can be a part of any healthy, well-balanced diet because they are full of high-quality protein that is low in saturated fat, full of nutrients, and cholesterol-free," said Patricia Greenberg, The Fitness Gourmet.

Greenberg offers these tips for enjoying soyfoods all day

Breakfast

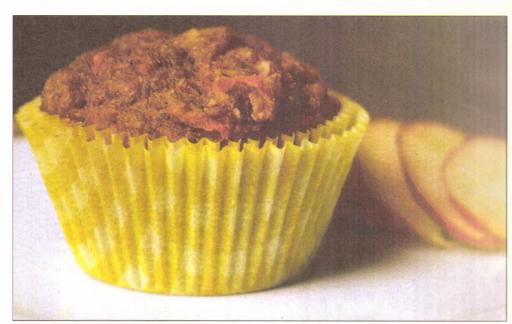
- For creamier oatmeal, replace half the cooking water with vanilla soymilk.
- Slice veggie sausage links into scrambled eggs or breakfast casserole.
- · Top English muffins with soynut butter, bananas and cinnamon.

Lunch

- Make a better BLT with soy-based bacon strips.
- Add steamed edamame beans to soups and salads.
- Go for the veggie burger - and be sure to add all your favorite condiments.

Dinner

- Thicken creamy sauces, soups, and dressings with pureed silken tofu.
- · Blend shredded soy cheddar with regular cheese for



Carrot Apple Muffins

tacos and quesadillas.

 Add sliced vegetarian sausage to Italian-style peppers or jambalaya.

Snack

- · Carry single-serving containers of delicious chocolate soymilk for on-the-go
- · Make your own trail mix with roasted soynuts, dried fruits and bite-sized whole grain cereal.
- · Carry soy and fruit bars in your purse or backpack for emergency snack attacks.

Savvy shoppers be ready,

there are going to be a variety of soyfood promotions running all April. Get familiar with where your grocery

store stocks these products and you are sure to find a bargain.

- · Soy Cheese: In refrigerated cases with dairy and juice products, in the produce section, and in the health food or natural food
- Soymilk: Soymilk comes in two forms; one needs to be refrigerated and can be found in the refrigerated section. Shelf-stable soymilk can be found in the health food section, the cereal aisle, or near other shelf-stable beverages.
- Tofu: Tofu comes in many forms: firm, silkenstyle, sprouted, high protein and baked tofu, found in the

refrigerated meat section, produce section or natural foods section. Shelf-stable silken tofu can be found in the Asian food section or in the natural food aisles.

- Meat Alternatives: Meat alternatives, such as veggie burgers, soy sausage, soy crumbles and edamame, can be found in the freezer section. Edamame may also be found in the fresh produce section.
- Soy Desserts: Soy desserts, including soy frozen yogurt and soy toppings, can be found in the refrigerated section or in the freezer aisle.
- To learn more about specific soyfoods and discover delicious ways to celebrate

National Soyfoods Month, visit www.soyfoodsmonth. org. Or follow the Soyfoods Association of North America on Twitter @social-SANA.

CARROT APPLE MUFFINS

Makes: 12

- 2 cups carrots, grated 1½ cups apples, grated
- り cup maple syrup ½ cup plain or vanilla WholeSoy yogurt
- 1 tablespoon canola oil 1½ cups flour
- % cup walnuts, chopped
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ¼ teaspoon nutmeg 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon ground ginger
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup raisins Preheat oven to 400°F.
- Lightly oil a muffin pan. In a large bowl, mix carrots,
- apples, maple syrup, yogurt In a separate bowl, combine flour, walnuts, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, nutmeg,
- cinnamon, ground ginger and Fold the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients until just combined and then fold in
- the raisins. Spoon the batter into the muffin pan.
- Bake for 20-25 minutes until golden, or until a toothpick comes out clean.

- Courtesy Family Features

CITY BITES

Tea and computers

Plymouth - Socializing over tea takes on a new meaning next week April 13 at Sweet Afton Tea Room, 450 Forest. The tea room has teamed with Forest Computer Solutions to offer computer classes for senior citizens, 55-plus. The class on April 13 will focus on Facebook. They'll learn about Skype on April 20. Participants can bring their own computers or use one provided by the class. (734)

Wine month

Statewide - Governor Rick Snyder has declared April as "Michigan Wine Month" to honor Michigan's wide selection of quality wines and the wine industry's contribution to the economy.

"Michigan's 81 wineries welcome more than 1 million visitors to their tasting rooms each year and offer a truly Pure Michigan agri-tourism experience," said Keith Creagh, Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development (MDARD) director. "Not only do these businesses offer a quality product and memorable experience, but our wine and grape industries also contribute nearly \$800 million to the state's economy annu-

Sales of Michigan wines in the state rose nearly 12 percent last year and 10 new wineries opened.

Many events are planned this spring and early summer that will provide opportunities to meet winemakers and sample a variety of Michigan wines,

• Michigan Wine Showcase, April 11 at the Radisson Bloomfield Hills, home of Northern Lakes Seafood Company. Join Master Sommeliers

Claudia Tyagi and Madeline Triffon and more than 20 Michigan wineries for wine sampling and lavish appetizers. (517) 241-4468. www.michiganwines.com/showcase

• Michigan International Wine Expo, April 15-16 at Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi. A fine wine and food experience, featuring wine tasting and seminars, hors d'oeuvres from area restaurants. (517) 548-1200. www.michiganwineexpo.

For more about Michigan wine and wine-related events, visit www.michiganwines.com.

Simply delicious springtime solutions

With spring in the air comes time to clean closets, cupboards and ... recipe boxes? Freshen up more than your home this season by sorting through your collection of mealtime favorites. Adding new springtime desserts to the recipe rotation is a surefire way to satisfy everyone from the pickiest of eaters to those with special dietary considerations, including gluten free.

Spend some time browsing online at inspiring food websites and blogs, flip through your favorite magazines and revisit trusted cookbooks to revitalize your recipe collection. Try unexpected tasty combinations, such as Strawberry-Marshmallow Crisp Ice Cream Sandwiches made with gluten free Chex® cereal, a recipe created by cookbook author and DishTowelDiaries.com blogger Silvana Nardone.

"Introducing new recipes to fit everyone's needs is fun and delicious," said Nardone, author of Cooking for Isaiah, a cookbook catering to the millions of Americans with food sensitivities like her son, Isaiah. "Gluten free cooking is easier than ever with five varieties of gluten free Chex cereals, which I use as an ingredient in everything from Sweet 'n' Salty Coconut Chicken to Double Chocolate Pudding Pie, to



Strawberry-Marshmallow Crisp Ice Cream Sandwich

a refreshing homemade ice cream sandwich."

Nardone offers these tips to ease into a scrumptious

· New twists for the table: Reach for delicious fruits and vegetables at your local farmers market or grocery store to make a beautiful and nutritious — center-

· Creative uses for everyday staples: From an onthe-go gluten free snack

mix, to a perfect piecrust, Chex cereals offer a fun crunch from breakfast to dessert. Nardone notes five Chex cereals - Honey Nut, Chocolate, Cinnamon, Rice and Corn - are gluten free; and Wheat and Multi-Bran varieties are not gluten free.

• Blending it up: A smoothie is a perfect snack for both kids and adults. Just toss together a variety of fruits, yogurt and ice, and blend until creamy.

Feeling inspired? Try Nardone's tasty gluten free Strawberry-Marshmallow Crisp Ice Cream Sandwiches.

For additional creative recipes, visit www.Chex. com/GlutenFree. And remember, if you're cooking gluten free, always read labels to make sure each recipe ingredient is gluten free. Products and ingredient sources can change.

STRAWBERRY-MARSHMALLOW CRISP ICE CREAM SANDWICHES

Prep Time: 15 minutes Start to Finish: 2 hours 25 min-6 servings

5 cups gluten-free miniature marshmallows

5 cups Rice Chex cereal, coarsely

½ cup unsalted butter

½ teaspoon salt

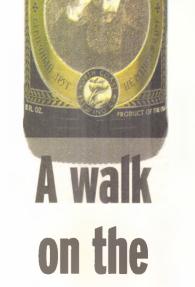
3 cups gluten-free strawberry ice cream, softened

Line bottom of 13 x 9-inch pan with cooking parchment

In a 3-quart saucepan, heat 4 cups marshmallows, butter and salt over low heat about 8 minutes, stirring constantly, until melted. Stir in cereal until almost coated; stir in remaining 1 cup marshmallows. Using greased rubber spatula, evenly scrape mixture into pan and spread evenly. Refrigerate about 30 minutes or until easy to handle

Turn pan upside down to remove cereal layer; discard parchment paper. Cut into 12 rectangles, 4 x 3 inches each. Working quickly, spread 1/2 cup ice cream onto 1 rectangle; top with another rectangle. Repeat to use up rectangles and ice cream. Freeze on parchment paper-lined cookie sheet at least 11/2 hours until firm. Wrap sandwiches individually in plastic wrap and store in freezer.

- Courtesy of Family Features



BY NATE PARSONS **GUEST COLUMNIST**

dark side

ld Rasputin Russian Imperial Stout is a bold endeavor worthy of its Porter bloodlines and mad monk moniker.

The opaque black hue linked to a hardy stout is unmistakable. This distinct characteristic stems from a malt roasting technique similar to brewing coffee. Contrary to popular belief, Imperial Stout — or Russian Imperial Stout - originated from England.



Beer Tracker

in the 1700s prompted the English to create a "stout" beer capable of enduring a harsh journey to the Baltic States. Adding more hops deterred cor-

Open trade

with Russia

rupt bacteria while extra malt hyped the alcohol to prevent freezing — Imperial Stout was

Today, Stout is enjoying a revival with many craft breweries offering a variation in their seasonal cache. Old Rasputin Russian Imperial Stout from North Coast Brewing is one of the few available all year around. I was first introduced to Old Rasputin at the legendary Brick Store Pub in Decatur, Ga. WOW!

TASTING NOTES:

• Beer: Old Rasputin Russian Imperial Stout

• Brewery: North Coast Brewing Company

· Origin: Fort Bragg, California

• Style: Russian Imperial • ABV: 9 percent

GLASSWARE:

Pint - Nonic, or Becker

DESCRIPTION:

Pours jet black with a consistency reminiscent of motor oil, delivering a thick creamy head that crowns the glass. The aroma is dominated by dry bittersweet chocolate, roasted espresso and hints of spiced fruit. Up front, each mouthful is an explosion of complex flavors; coffee, mocha, vanilla, molasses, surrounded by rich smoky overtones. Further in Rasputin gives way to savory malts intertwined with hops for an almost buttery finish. This is an aggressive complex winter warmer but very drinkable and highly recommended.

WHERE TO PURCHASE:

•Hiller's Market, 425 North Center Street, Northville - 4pk/\$8.99

•Super Fine Wine & Liquor, 1634 Haggerty Road Canton - 4pk/\$9.50

•The Wine Palace, 13971 Middlebelt Road, Livonia - 4pk/\$9.99

Parsons writes about Aventinus, a German beer, in the April 21 issue of Inspire, in the Observer.

Nate Parsons can be reached at modevin@yahoo.com.

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Owning a home usually a boon come tax time

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

The possibility of eliminating the mortgage interest deduction from Americans' tax returns has caused a stir in real estate circles.

Kathy Coon, broker/owner of Real Living Great Lakes Real Estate with offices in Rochester Hills, Clarkston and West Bloomfield, is president of the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors, which is merging with the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors. She'll be president of the new merged group, the name of which will soon be announced.

She's been in real estate since 1990 and sees tax benefits to owning a home.

"There's a significant benefit at the federal level. There is a lot you can deduct in terms of your closing costs," she said. "And there are tax benefits at the state level too.'

Mortgage interest deduction is important. "You're building equity," she said. "History has shown over the last 100 years there's a benefit in home ownership."

The last few years have been difficult, she acknowledged, "and challenging. It's an interesting market here in Michigan.'

She's seen a bottoming out of prices in the past several months. "Listings are down. We're seeing a lot of buyers in the market." Her office and other agents she knows are seeing multiple offers on properties in good shape, well-priced.

"Then we're going to start seeing an upswing in the value of these properties."

"It would be a terrible thing, I think, if the government removed the benefit," Coon said of the mortgage interest deduction. "Our industry certainly fights to keep that deduction in place."

It's "for the consumers' best interest. They keep chipping away at the consumer. They're the ones who are ultimately hurt," she said.

Coon doesn't see taxes as a big factor

"I think first-time buyers are just so

Yourself. Spouse Dependents

excited about home ownership." Taxes are less important, she said, but a side

Offering a different perspective is Dan Smith, a Northville resident and vice president/mortgage banking for First Place Bank of Livonia. "So many people buy houses for all the wrong reasons," said Smith, who believes you should buy to put a roof over your

Smith said it's always a mistake to take on a lot of debt. "Somehow people perceive it as more affordable because of the deduction, and it is," said Smith, who favors capping property tax and other deductions.

In the past, he's seen some people run up credit card balances and put them on a home equity loan. "They're giving it all away. You've got to live somewhere. They'd be living in the

"I don't think it should be even in the

investment column," Smith, a severaldecades veteran of his field, said of owning a home. "Lenders, banks, consumers, all guilty as charged." Those considering a home purchase must weigh their income and overhead, he

"So many people, they just go into it so leveraged. I love my home, I love going home to it. To me, it's the hub of your life," Smith concluded.

National experts in real estate have varied views but rally around the mortgage interest deduction as a plus.

"Owning a home offers myriad benefits throughout the year, but some of the financial advantages of home ownership are most apparent at tax time," said NAR President Ron Phipps, broker-president of Phipps Realty in Warwick, R.I. "As many of today's hardworking American families are feeling a financial squeeze, the tax benefits that can come from owning a

home can be a welcome relief." A number of tax deductions and credits are still available for homeowners; these include deductions — with specific limits — for mortgage interest and capital gains on home sales, and credits for certain energy-efficient home improvements. Even with these benefits, homeowners pay 80-90 per-

"It's been suggested that many of today's tax incentives for home ownership primarily benefit wealthy individuals, but that's simply not true," said Phipps. "As today's public debate continues about what home ownership means for families, communities, and the nation's economy, there's no question that for many, owning a home is still the best way to begin building wealth."

cent of all U.S. federal income taxes.

Ninety-one percent of homeowners who claim the mortgage interest deduction earn less than \$200,000 a year, and the ability to deduct the interest paid on a mortgage can mean significant savings at tax time. For example, a family who bought a home in 2010 with a \$200,000, 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage, assuming an interest rate of 4.5 percent, could save nearly \$3,500 in federal taxes when they file this year, according to the

"Realtors see the very real positive impact of home ownership every day with our clients," said Phipps. "Recent proposals to reduce or eliminate the mortgage interest deduction and remove government support of the housing finance market could have disastrous consequences for the economy, not to mention making it harder or nearly impossible for millions of families to own their own homes. We believe America must continue to invest in home ownership, for the future of our families and our nation."

For homeowner tax season tips, visit www.HouseLogic.com. HouseLogic is a free source of information from NAR that helps homeowners maintain and enhance the value of their homes and engage in issues that affect their local communities.

The NAR website contributed to this report.

'Specialist' may not be all that claims say

Q: I have seen on the statements from our attorney that a so-called "collection specialist" is handling our matters. I have inquired as to what a collection specialist is and got a response that is somewhat vague. Do you have any idea what a collection specialist is?

A: Frankly, I doubt if the collection specialist is an attorney or, for that matter, a certified legal assistant. It is probably someone who is assisting administratively in the collection of assessments. That doesn't make that person a "specialist" in the sense of obtaining a degree or reaching



Robert Meisner

administrative assistant who does not have a legal assistant degree. You are best advised to request a full explanation as to what is meant by a "collection specialist" from your attorney and absent receiving same, find an attorney that utilizes legal assistants and attorneys to collect assessments. Q: I live in a condominium where they have failed to clean my sidewalk and/or my driveway on two separate occasions. I have complained to the management company but they refuse to respond in a timely fashion. I am thinking about docking them for having me hire a snow removal contractor to take away the

snow from my driveway and walk. Do you think that is a good

A: Probably not, your

condominium documents, as do most, do not allow a co-owner to deduct from his or her assessment obligation the cost of work which they had to undertake which allegedly is the responsibility of the association. What will probably happen is that the Association will consider your assessment to be delinquent and seek collection activities. You in turn have a right to sue for mismanagement, but you do not have a right to withhold assessments because of mismanagement or deprivation of services. Indeed, this writer wrote that section of the Michigan Condominium Act 25 years ago. You are best advised to consult with an attorney to write the association and the management company a letter indicating that you will seek recourse against them for all damages incurred by you because of their failure collectively and individually to properly maintain the condominium in accordance with the condominium documents.

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@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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Listed below are cities, addresses,
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3404	Parklawn Dr	\$179

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3206 Edgewood Park Ct	\$179,000
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For more information, contact Lesley Aiello at (734) 459-4700 or laiello@kw.com.

 Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a three-hour Continuing Competency course, required for license renewal for both Builders and Maintenance and Alterations Contractors licenses, on Tuesday, April 12, from 9 a.m. to noon at Association Offices, 2075 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

For those with licenses issued prior to Jan. 1, 2009, three hours of continuing competency are required each licensing cycle. The instruc-

tor, Don Pratt, CGB, CGR, CGP, CAPS, of CECS of Michigan, LLC, will present one hour for each of the required subjects: legal issues, codes, and safety issues. Registration fees are \$55 for members or guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www. builders.org/events.php.

 Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a seminar for leasing professionals called Leasing 101: The 2011 Tour on Friday, April 15, from 9 a.m. to noon at Association Offices, 2075 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

Kathleen Mabie of Ann Arborbased Success On Site will provide guidelines to increase occupancy immediately. Topics to be presented include Competitive Analysis, Closing from Start to Finish, Secure Contacts when they call, hit websites, or send e-mail, Meet and Greet Interface, Follow-up and more. The entire leasing process will be covered.

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 Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) NAHBR Professional Remodelers Council will hold a three-part seminar series called "Your Master Planned Business" on April 19, June 15 and Oct. 19.

The seminars will be presented by Dawn Drozd, business coach and CEO of ClearVision Business Coaching. Part One, to be presented on April 19 is "Measure Twice, Cut Once." Part Two is "Your Master Blueprint" and will be held on June 15. Part Three is "Project Review" and will be held on Oct. 19.

The April 19 program will begin at 12:30 p.m. with lunch followed by the seminar from 1-2:30 p.m. It will be held at the Ford Conference & Event Center at 1151 Village Road in Dearborn in conjunction with the Pella Pro Expo being held at that location later that day. The June 15 and Oct. 19 programs will each run from noon to 2 p.m., including lunch, at Association Offices, 2075 Walnut Lake Road in West Bloomfield.

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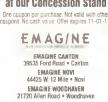
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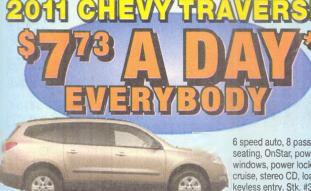
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Spring resolve: Change your look

There's nothing better than a new hairstyle, color or other "hair bling" to cast off the winter blahs.

Contributing Writer Sally Rummel offers a great way to change up your look for spring and summer with today's cover story on "Hair Bling." Hair extensions, feathers and other techniques are just a few ways to transform your look. And don't forget to check out the area salons that offer these special services.



And while you are working on your physical self, think about those relationships that have helped to maintain your psychological self.

about area fitness centers offering the TRX Suspension Training

Contributing Writer Julie Brown does just that when she talks to local women who cherish the bond of sisters. She weighs in about her own special relationship with her sister.

And don't forget to check out the springtime recipes in today's edition — lamb, sweets and Easter treats are on the menu in Hometown Life Woman.

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Then come back to *Hometown Life Woman* in May to read about great advice from moms throughout the area.

Happy Spring! Susan Rosiek, Publisher srosiek@hometownlife.com

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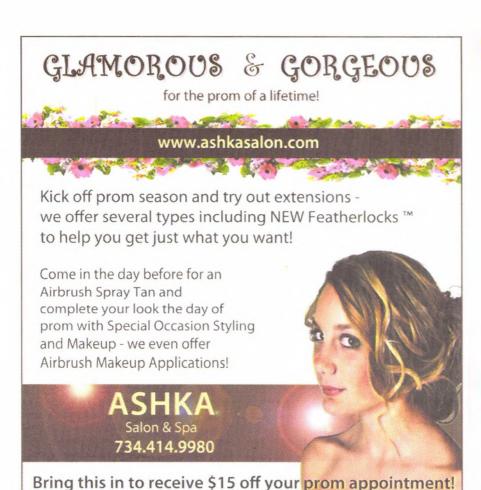
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Springtime finds

By Mary Quinley

Easter is a joyous occasion for celebrating with family and friends. To help you prepare for this springtime feast, Shop Local establishments are ready with suggestions from edibles to sunbonnets — that are worth checking out. Here are a few:

Surprise your honey with an Easter basket (\$50 and up) piled high with chocolate eggs, mixed nuts, truffles and other goodies from Nibbles & Nuts in Farmington Hills. Wine, fresh fruit and stuffed animals may be added to your custom-made wicker basket.

Youngsters love the adorable sunbonnet from The Moon & Me in Northville.

The bucket-style hat (\$14.50), decorated with a hot-pink daisy with white polka dots and a pink rhinestone, is available in an assortment of sizes.

Celebrate the season by hanging a big brown wicker basket on your front door from Grande Trunke Home in South Lyon. The 15-inch wide basket, with handles, can be purchased with a bouquet of bright, springy artificial flowers (\$40) or sans

If you're searching for a religious book, statue or other Easterthemed gift, consider the walnut, risen-Christ crucifix (\$25) at Mateja Church Supply in Garden City. The seven-inch cross can be hung on a wall.

Add a splash of pizzazz to your Easter gathering with a festive bouquet of tulips, daffodils, daisies or other spring flowers — in

a vase or wicker basket — from **The Vines**

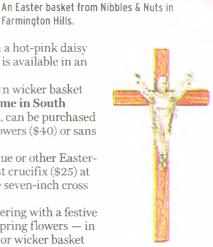
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A walnut, risen-Christ crucifix at Mateja Church Supply in Garden City.

Serve your guests a vummy Dearborn Honey Baked Ham (\$3.99) per pound) from Picnic Basket Market in Plymouth Township. The spiral-cut, precooked ham is perfect for Easter breakfast, brunch or supper.





Enjoy spring, enjoy Easter!



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Marcia Myers (left) has helped sister Barb Ramsey through health issues such as a severe inner ear problem in which Ramsey stayed with Myers and her husband in their Northville Township home.

Sisters

have 'always been there for each other no matter what it was'

By Julie Brown

Growing up in Garden City, Patricia Noel has happy memories of times with sisters Judy Anticuar and Betty Nilsson.

"We (she and Anticuar) both have lived in Garden City all our lives," said Noel, who worked 33 years for the city of Garden City in varied roles, retiring as deputy treasurer and human resources director. "We both graduated from the high school and have been here forever and ever."

Noel, 66, works part time for the Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority. Anticuar, 70, worked for a Garden City eye doctor for many years. "She's currently working at Garden City Hospital," her sister said, in a support role out of the admitting office.

"We had a good time growing up," Noel said. Their third sister, Betty Nilsson of Livonia, is 78 and worked for years at NBD, now Chase, in banking. "We were a very close family," Noel said. Patricia Noel (smallest, in front) and sisters

Patricia Noel (smallest, in front) and sisters
Judy Anticuar (back left) and Betty Nilsson
remain close. Noel and Anticuar live in Garden
City, Nilsson in Livonia.

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The three remaining Moon sisters in 2008 at the wedding of Phyllis's son, who recently died: Alice (from left), Carrie and Christine, who is now Muslim (her husband is Egyptian).

SISTERS

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They also have two brothers, and all five children from the family are still alive. They agree having sisters, and family in general, is special.

Noel recalled growing up when Anticuar would lay out clothes for school the next day.

"I'd get up and put them on and go to school," she said with a chuckle. "She used to get mad at me about that."

After they got married, the sisters and brothers stayed close, including Christmas Day celebrations that continue. They used to get together for the Fourth of July, which was their moms birthday.

"They've always been there," Noel said of her sisters. "We've always been

there for each other no matter what it was or where it was."

Anticuar, a widow, has a daughter, 49, and son, 47. Noel's husband is living and the couple has a son, 40. Nilsson, who is married, has a son, 52, and three daughters, 53, 50 and 46.

Nilsson said it's a benefit to grow up with sisters: "We all got along together." Judy was just 16 and Pat 12 when she left to get married.

"We still get along," Nilsson said.

A BAND OF BABY-SITTERS

Carrie Moon-Dupree of Canton, 61, grew up with sisters Alice Higgins, 56, of Queens, N.Y., and Christine Morsey, 53, who lives in New Jersey. Their oldest sister, Phyllis Pizirusso, is deceased.

"Just sisters," said Moon-Dupree,

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She knows about sisters firsthand, as social worker

By Julie Brown

Susan Spolsky of Redford has plenty of sisters — and plenty of love to share.

"I have four of them," said Spolski, 51, a licensed social worker with a master's degree in that field. A manager of behavioral medicine at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, Spolsky also teaches social work at Schoolcraft College.

Her sisters are 53, 52, 50 and 49.

"We live close together and we're very close," she said of the family, which also includes an adopted brother, the youngest at 45.

The family grew up in the Joy-Southfield area of Detroit, and Spolsky said she learned a lot about relationships from her parents being close and compassionate.

"How (her dad) treated my mother

was very important. My dad was very protective of my mother," Spolsky said.

The children were respected as individuals. The family would eat dinner together, with dad asking about each one's day.

"Our different opinions and thoughts were very important," she said.

The girls were close in school due to their ages, and remain so. The pride in Spolsky's voice is evident as she lists their family and professional accomplishments.

The oldest is a school principal with two master's degrees, the next a preschool administrator, then Spolsky, then an administrative secretary, and the youngest daughter, a seamstress who studied fashion design. Their

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TRX workout system has a pull on exercisers

BY BETH JACHMAN

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The TRX Suspension training system is made up of a set of sturdy nylon straps hooked to the ceiling or a fixed point that's about two feet above the person's height. By using the straps and gravity there are thousands of exercise combinations a person can do. Once you are hooked up to the straps, resistance is created with your body weight and gravity.

"It's a different kind of training," said Tammy DeVoll, a personal trainer and group fitness teacher at Forum Fitness in Westland.

It's good for strengthening and toning as well as balance and stability, she said.

The system was designed by a former Navy SEAL as a go-anywhere workout for soldiers, according to Chris Garner, head of the personal training department for Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills and for the Botsford Center for Health Improvement in Novi.

Garner is a certified instructor in the TRX.

Part of the hype about the program is because famous athletes are starting to use it and integrate it into their training, and fighting leagues have also started using it for training of fighters, Garner said.

It came on the market three or four years ago, Garner said. The system uses suspension training and a person's own body weight. Combine that with the angle of the exercise you're doing and it targets the smaller, weaker muscles that you don't use often, he said.

"The system lets you safely perform hundreds of exercises that build power, strength, flexibility, balance, and mobility while preventing injuries, all at the intensity you choose," according to the TRX website.

CORE MUSCLES

Many exercises also target the core muscles, Garner said. Someone looking to strengthen their core is going to get more out of the program than a body builder, he said. Exercises can include standard ones such as hamstring curls and biceps curls. Those who like yoga can do the plank or side plank. You can also do pushups with an ab crunch combination for the abdominals. You can also do back extensions on it, he said.

"It's a whole body workout," DeVoll said. Using your body weight and straps, the program works your core by using stability plus whatever other muscles you are working, she said

"It's pretty unique," Scott Spahr, Fitness and Wellness coordinator, for the city of Livonia Parks and Recreation, said of TRX. You have the ability to pretty much train the entire body by combining variable resistance with different planes of movement, he said. It also encourages postural development as it encourages participants to maintain neutral spine position.

The Livonia Recreation Center began offering TRX

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Personal trainer Chris Garner, who is a certified instructor in the TRX, gives Terri Kasik of Novi instruction on some exercises with the system at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement in Novi.

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Julie Brown, 12 in this photo, and sister Alison, 14, grew up in Bloomfield Township and graduated from Birmingham Groves High School.

My sister: First friend, true friend

er job was harder than mine, that's for sure. I've never been a registered nurse, but seeing my sister, Alison Heimsath of St. Joseph, Mich., work as an emergency room nurse made me appreciate the relative stability of the

Being a journalist doesn't exact the

emotional toll that her years in intensive care nursing caring for cancer patients and others did, either.

Alison, 53, is enjoying some family time now as mom to three grown kids, wife of Bob since 1977 and four grandkids (a fifth is



Julie Brown

due in August). We talk often and my husband and I visit as often as schedules and weather (they live in the snow belt)

I recently read "The Girls From Ames" by Jeffrey Zaslow for book group at the Plymouth District Library. We had a lively discussion that night of the 11 childhood friends in Zaslow's nonfiction book who grew up together in Iowa and stayed true to each other into middle

There was a lot of talk about female friendships, but I thought first of Alison. At two years older, she was my first and

best friend, a playground protector and a helper later on in getting through the bumps in the road of adolescence.

Other girlfriends would soon follow as we grew older and acquired different interests. We were blessed when the Morris family moved in two doors down with daughters Mary, Laurie and Julie, just about our age.

Other good girlfriends grew out of those grade school friendships, and I'm still in touch with girlfriend since second grade Deborah Pierce Pantoni. She's in San Diego and also a registered nurse and mom to two daughters. Still, when I think of female friendships, it always comes back to Alison. I can call her and we'll pick up a conversation right where we left off. I've been blessed with a good marriage, rewarding career and loving friends and family, but she's still the first and best girlfriend I ever

We had a tea party a while back at my pastor's family home in Canton, and the wide-ranging talk turned at one point to sisters. The women there that day agreed that sisters represent a part of heaven here on Earth.

I think that makes Alison an angel.

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The Moon daughters about 15 years ago at their parents' 50th wedding anniversary party. Alice (from left), Christine, Carrie and Phyllis (in wheelchair).

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vice president of risk management and quality for Presbyterian Villages of Michigan. "We were referred to in the neighborhood as the Moon girls. We had the baby-sitting tied up for years."

Moon-Dupree as a girl was closest to Phyllis, despite the age difference. "She always seemed to need protecting and that was my job to protect her, in my mind," she said.

Moon-Dupree became closer to Alice and Christine later in life, as they addressed caring for their parents. She's in the field of elder care, but really admires her sisters' efforts there within the family.

"I understand how incredibly hard that is," she said. "My two sisters do a tremendous job." Their mom just moved in with Higgins.

The sisters talk two or three times a week. Carrie and Phyllis fought about clothes as girls. Carrie's 5-foot-6 and Phyllis was 5-foot-2.

'My mom didn't let me wear miniskirts," she recalled. "Phyllis would see me in school wearing her clothes, so the fight was on."

The sisters had a "mutual enemy" in mom, and Phyllis wouldn't snitch on the skirt wearing. "I think there's just a natural love among sisters," Moon-Dupree said. "My mother always stressed that friends will come and go."

Phyllis' son just died at age 36, leaving a wife and son, 2. Family has been a big help. "It's just such a natural bond," Moon-Dupree said. "My younger sister refers to us as 'the old aunts.'

"Oh, definitely," she said when asked if sisters are a blessing. "Not 365 days a year, but definitely a blessing in my life.

Her voungest sister converted to Islam, which Moon-Dupree struggles with as a feminist. "I still love her, but it can drive me crazy at times.'

SHARING A ROOM

Phyllis Pizirusso has a daughter, 35, in addition to the couple's late son. Carrie's married with a son, 37, and daughter, 34. Alice is married with no kids, while Christine is married with two sons ages 18 and 20.

Also glad for her sister is Marcia Myers, 61, of Northville Township, a

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Sisters Marcia Myers (left) and Barb Ramsey grew up in Redford Township and are close. Myers now lives in Northville Township, Ramsey in Novi.



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retired special education teacher in the Inkster district. Sister Barb Ramsey, 59, lives in Novi with a Northville address.

Barb's a document technician for Community Living Services in Wayne. Marcia worked some 17 years as a case manager in mental health, coordinating services for people with developmental disabilities in community settings.

"I decided to teach because they needed special education teachers," Myers said. She taught five years before retiring.

Myers has a daughter, 29, and is remarried with a stepson, 35. Her sister is single with no kids and they have a brother, 56.

"We grew up in Redford Township," Marcia Myers said. "We fought over keeping our room clean. We shared a room, so there were issues about keeping our room clean."

Barb is more quiet and Marcia more outgoing, so their personalities meshed. "We see each other every week," Myers said. She was a single parent 14 years.

"She help me out tremendously. She's really Stephanie's second mother. She was a godsend. I don't know what I would have done."

The two sisters have breakfast pretty much every Sunday. Marcia's stepson is a dad now, and the women enjoy time with the baby: "She gets her baby fix."

Myers said sisters are a blessing: "There's nobody else like a sister if you get along well."



Celebrating Christmas in 1959 are the Moon sisters, the oldest, Phyllis, in back with Alice in her lap. Carrie, with the "goofy face" follows with youngest Christine in her lap.



Sisters Patricia Noel (back left), Judy Anticuar (back right) and Betty Nilsson have good memories of growing up together. Judy would lay out clothes for school which Pat would then put on. "She used to get mad at me about that."

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brother's an M.B.A.

"We were all very different," Spolsky said, recalling arguing about household chores. "But it taught us how to resolve conflict and look at each other as individuals.

"We do have likes and dislikes with each other," she added. "The bottom line, if anything happens, we're always the first one to call."

Spolsky and her husband have three children, a son, 28, a Northville Township firefighter, a son, 20, a personal trainer, and a daughter, 17, who attends Divine Child High School in Dearborn.

"The cousins are like siblings with each other," said Spolsky, noting they've attended Divine Child and Catholic Central high schools together. "They do have a closeness and they see the sisters are very close."

She's proud of her nieces and nephews and their accomplishments, and feels the bond a sister now has with a young grandchild.

Sisters need a balance to mediate disputes, Spolsky said, and should be honest with each other: "You don't always have to agree, but you need to accept."

In her family, issues can arise when brothers-in-law get involved, but not often. "We work out our own problems and come to an agreement," she said, adding her husband doesn't take ownership of any sister conflicts in the family. "He's more focused on listening to my feelings."

At St. Mary Mercy in the emergency room, she and colleagues see people in crisis, and a lack of listening is often an issue. It helps "to know the person for who that person is."

An inability to accept, and substance abuse and mental health issues, contribute to family issues. "Economic problems bring families in, too," Spolsky said.

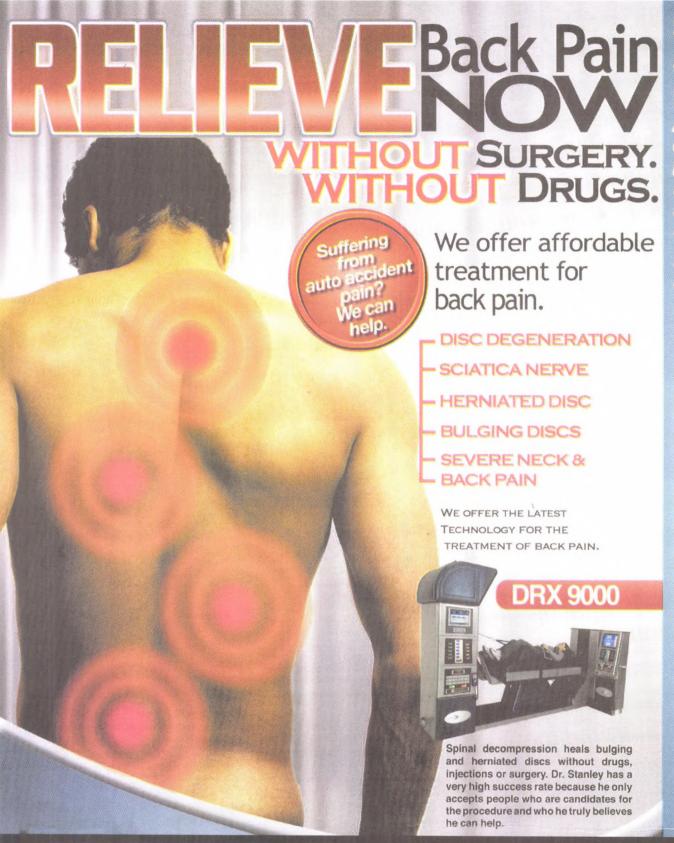
"People need each other, they need that socialization, they need that connection." If she asks her sisters to define "family first," there are variations, but also a common theme.

"I think sisters have a bonding that never goes away," Spolsky said. She likes to remind her sisters they're good moms and to share in the children's achievements. That kind of honesty and approach can also help when a sister is estranged, she agreed, even if the estrangement has lasted years.

"We need each other to tell each other that," she said, adding it means even more from a sister than from a good friend.

Their dad is still alive, as is a grandma who just turned 100. Spolsky's mom wasn't close to her sisters, but encouraged her daughters to remain close.

The five women still get together regularly. Spolsky will text about coffee and say, "Hey, I need a sister fix. Just by ourselves without anyone else around."



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- You can sear the lamb roast first in a hot 450°F oven for 15 minutes to seal in the juices and then reduce oven temp to 325°F and continue roasting for approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 hours or until internal temperature reaches 5 to 10 degrees less than your desired temperature.
- Remove roast from oven and let rest for 20 minutes before serving. This allows the meat's juices to settle and make carving easier. (As the meat rests, the internal temperature will rise 5 to 10 degrees.)
- Carve the roast against the grain so the meat will be tender. A naturally tender cut like leg should be sliced about one half inch thick.

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Choosing the Right Wine

• MPLEMEN Similarly flavored foods and wines complement each other.

Example: Citrus-based sauce and a lemony, lightly oaked Chardonnay (such as Kendall-Jackson Avant Chardonnay or Chablis from the Burgundy region of France).

Example: Mushrooms with the earthy flavors of Pinot Noir.

• Contrasting flavors balance each other.

Example: Spicy foods and sweet wines, such as Thai food and an off-dry Riesling.

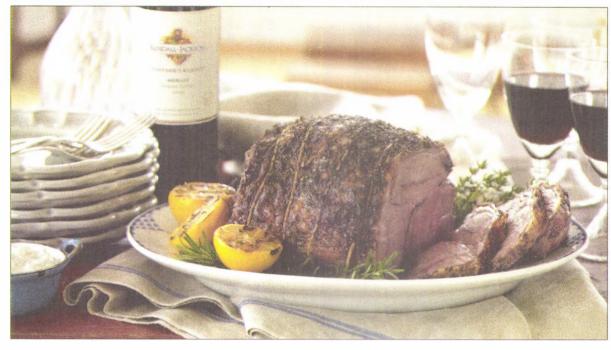
Example: Salty foods and crisp, highacid wines such as Sauvignon Blanc or Champagne.

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2 lemons, zested

½ tablespoon fresh thyme, chopped

1 tablespoon freshly ground black pepper

2 tablespoons dried oregano

1 tablespoon fresh rosemary, chopped

1 bunch parsley, chopped

1 cup olive oil

¼ cup kosher salt

In small bowl, combine all ingredients. Rub mixture on leg of lamb. Cover with plastic wrap and marinate overnight.

Bring lamb to room temperature and sprinkle with salt. Preheat the oven to 375°F. Roast for 1 hour and 15 minutes or until a thermometer inserted into center of leg reads 125°F to 130°F. Cover loosely with aluminum foil and allow to rest for 20 minutes.

AMERICAN LAMB SANDWICH WITH TZATZIKI SAUCE LEFTOVER ROASTED LEG OF LAMB

For tzatziki sauce:

½ English cucumber, peeled, cut in half and seeded

1 tablespoon fresh dill

2 tablespoons fresh mint

8 ounces Greek yogurt

3 garlic cloves, minced

½ lemon, juiced Kosher salt

Freshly ground black pepper

Grate cucumber with a box grater. Place grated cucumber in a strainer, sprinkle with salt and allow to drain for 20 minutes.

In a bowl, add dill, mint, yogurt, garlic and lemon juice. Squeeze as much liquid from cucumber as possible and add cucumber to the yogurt. Mix well and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

To serve: Fill warm flatbread or pita with sliced leftover leg of lamb, thinly sliced tomatoes and cucumbers and chilled tzatziki sauce.

FRESH MINT AND GARLIC MARINATED GRILLED AMERICAN LAMB LOIN CHOPS WITH ROASTED FINGERLING POTATOES AND GREEN BEANS

Serves 4

Serve with Kendall-Jackson Vintner's Reserve Syrah.

4 cloves garlic, minced

1 shallot, minced

½ bunch parsley leaves, chopped

½ bunch mint leaves, chopped

½ cup extra virgin olive oil

2 tablespoons red wine vinegar

½ teaspoon kosher salt

1 teaspoon black pepper

8 lamb loin chops

In bowl, add garlic, shallot, herbs, olive oil, vinegar, salt and pepper. Whisk to combine.

Place lamb chops into a bowl and add cup of marinade (reserve remaining marinade for sauce). Mix to coat thoroughly. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour.

Preheat grill to medium-high heat. Grill

lamb to desired temperature (medium-rare is recommended). Remove from heat and allow the lamb chops to rest for 5 minutes. Drizzle chops with the reserved mint and garlic sauce. Serve with roasted potatoes and green beans.

For potatoes:

4 cup olive oil, divided

1½ pounds fingerling potatoes, cut in half length-

4 garlic cloves, crushed

1 teaspoon fresh thyme, chopped

1 tablespoon kosher salt

1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Place a sheet pan in the oven and preheat to $425^{\circ}F$.

In a bowl, combine 's cup of olive oil and remaining ingredients. Toss to coat potatoes

Pour ½ cup olive oil onto hot sheet pan and allow to heat for 1 minute. Place potatoes onto hot sheet pan and roast for 20 minutes or until golden brown. Serve immediately.

For green beans:

Kosher salt

½ pound green beans, stems removed

1 tablespoon butter

Freshly ground black pepper

In large pot, add I tablespoon salt and 2 quarts water; bring to a boil. Add green beans and cook until tender, approximately 4 minutes.

Remove beans from water, place into bowl with butter and toss to coat. Salt and pepper to taste. Serve immediately.

Recipes courtesy of Kendall-Jackson Executive Chef Justin Wangler.

- Courtesy Family Features

COVER STORY

Feathery and fun

New spring hair styles include accents, extensions and 'bling'

"Feathery and fun" is just one way to describe some of the new hairstyles for spring 2011, and you don't have to be walking down a Paris runway to get in on this season's newest hair designs.

It's all about the whimsical nature of hair — if you don't love the locks you were born with, chances are there's a new style, trend or technology that can add body, thickness, length, color or texture to take your hair from "blah" to beautiful.

Master stylist Jeannie Jachman from The Studio For Hair in Farmington Hills knows all about trying to work with her own hair imperfections. She has found hair extensions to be the perfect solution for adding body and volume to her own shoulderlength style.

"My hair is very fine," said Jachman. "When I wear it past my shoulders, extensions are a must, otherwise my style gets stringy and lifeless.'

But Jachman doesn't stop there. She enhances her own hairstyle with new Featherlock hair extensions, which people at first think are braids — until they get a closer look.

"We've been doing these for about four months at the salon and people love them!" said Jachman. "Featherlocks are fun, different and fashionable, just look at all the celebrities who are wearing them, including Steven Tyler on American Idol"

She was in love with the Featherlocks as soon as she saw them at a trade show for the first time, and couldn't wait to get them. They come in all different colors, from neon brights to neutrals, depending upon the look one is trying to achieve. "But just like potato chips," she said with



Master stylist Jeannie Jachman of The Studio For Hair in Farmington Hills.

a smile, "it's hard to have just one!" At The Studio For Hair, they are priced at \$15 each or five for \$60, which includes a consultation, placing the extensions into the hair, then securing them.

While Featherlocks are a new product in the beauty marketplace, hair extensions have been around for more than a decade - but they are more popular now than ever before.

"It's instant gratification," said Kelly Reutter, who owns Co Reutter The Salon in South Lyon, with her husband, Jack. "People want longer, fuller hair, and they want it now."

She and her staff have just updated their hair extension techniques with a recent workshop, because there has been so much Hair Company in Canton. "There's also demand for them. "We work with each client individually to design their style with hair extensions," said Reutter. "Then we quote them a price based on their own particular consultation. Usually, hair extensions are priced starting at \$20."

Reutter has had a lot of client interest in Electric Lites, which are neon bright highlights for the hair. "Hot pink and blue are really popular this spring," she said. "They can be weaved in as an extension or can be changed in a moment's notice.

colored in the hair. It's a fun 'pop' of color."

Typically, hair extensions last between

three and four months, and can be washed and styled just like one's regular hair. Some products are made of 100 percent human hair, while other salons prefer using manmade hair because it is often easier to secure with no glue or solvent. Other salons may offer custom clipon extensions, which can be placed "as desired" by the client, and don't need to be re-secured or maintained — they're just a temporary accent.

"We do a tremendous volume of extension work," added Jachman at The Studio For Hair. "Chances are, if you see someone's hair that you really love because of its volume and bounce, they have hair extensions secured into their hairstyle."

Hair extensions, however, aren't the only "hair bling" making news this spring. There is actually a brand name product

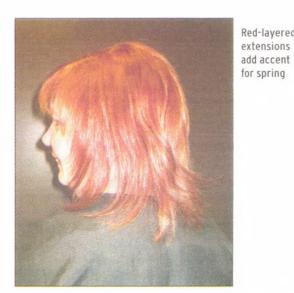
called "Hair Bling," which are colored, tinsel strands of poly Thai silk that can be added to the hair for just a touch of "bling." Though they look delicate, hair bling extensions are so strong that they can even resist washing, blow drying, straightening, and curling routines. They don't require any glue or chemicals, so they are safe to use by just about any-

When it comes to hair color, blondes must be having more fun, because the "bleached blonde" look is making a comeback, according to local stylists.

"Many cour clients are gravitating toward the carefree 'bleached blonde' look, roots and all," said Leia Wilson, salon coordinator for Lucky a strong appeal in the 'Victoria Secret' style of casual, layered long hair."

At The Studio For Hair in Farmington Hills, Jachman is seeing a lot of classic, contemporary styles, as well as shorter, edgier, layered styles.

What appears to be the common theme for hair this spring, is that not only can it define a woman's face and features, but can also be a fashion accent that can be





Featherlocks come in all different colors. They are fun, different and



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(Family Features) — For a fresh take on Easter treats, these egg-shaped cookie pops will surprise and delight. Easy and delicious, each one is uniquely decorated — an unexpected, but festive way to say "Happy Easter!"

To begin, a simple butter cookie dough flavored with vanilla and almond extracts is cut into egg shapes with a cookie cutter. Once they're baked and cooled, tint white Candy Melts (or use colored) with favorite Easter colors - pastel, bold, or both — then "dye" the eggs by pouring the melted candy over the cookies.

Now the decorating fun begins. Pipe with melted candy to make spirals and stripes, then attach confetti sprinkles. Other decorating options include brushing with pearl dust for a luminous effect, or sprinkling with colored sugars. You could even write messages on them. After decorating, use a dab of melted candy to attach the "pops" stick to the backs of the cookies.

ent the pops. Place the pops in the convenient insert that comes with the Flower Pot Kit and add some green curling ribbon for grass. This bouquet of pops can do double duty as a centerpiece for the table, or as an Easter gift for friends and family when wrapped in clear bags and tied with

Visit www.wilton.com for more Easter project ideas, to order supplies including the Pops Flower Pot Kit, or a copy of the new Wilton book, "Pops! Sweets On A Stick!"

FRESH EGGS COOKIE POPS

Makes about 3 dozen cookies

2³/₄ cups all-purpose flour

2 teaspoons baking powder

1 teaspoon salt

1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened

1½ cups granulated sugar

1 egg

1½ teaspoons vanilla extract ½ teaspoon almond extract

White Candy Melts, melted

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Jumbo Confetti Sprinkles Cookie Treat Sticks

Preheat oven to 400°F.

In medium bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt. In large bowl, beat butter and sugar with electric mixer until light and fluffy. Add egg; mix until blended Add vanilla and almond extracts. Stir in flour mixture. Do not chill dough; divide into 2 balls. On floured surface, roll each ball into a circle approximately 12 in. in diameter and 's-inch thick. Dip egg shaped cookie cutter A decorated flower "pot" is an ideal way to pres- in flour and cut dough; place on ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake 6-7 minutes or until cookies are lightly browned. Cool 2 minutes on cookie sheet. Remove from sheet and cool completely on cooling grid.

Tint melted white candy desired colors. Pour over cooled cookies to cover. Tap to settle; chill until firm.

Use melted candy in cut parchment or disposable decorating bags to pipe spirals, stripes and attach Confetti Sprinkles. While still wet, sprinkle some shapes with Colored Sugars. Brush set candy decorations with Pearl Dust/vanilla mixture. Attach sticks to back of cookies using melted candy. If desired, place in assembled Pops

READY FOR SHOWERS

(Family Features) — These showers are happy ones filled with good wishes, gifts and a celebration of events to come, like weddings or babies.

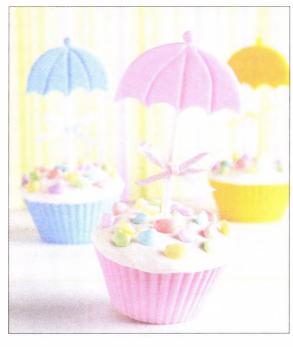
Forecast: Showers!

Such special occasions deserve special food, says Nancy Siler, vice president of consumer affairs and public relations at Wilton. She suggests cupcakes for dessert, but not just any cupcake. These are unique - shower-ready, decorated theme-appropriately with umbrellas.

They can be prepared from a mix or from scratch and baked and served in color-coordinated silicone baking cups. Siler suggests incorporating a grouping of cupcakes as part of the shower decor. Use them as the table centerpiece, arranged on a tray, or a tiered cupcake stand. Or if it's a sit-down meal, place a cupcake at each setting.

Construct the umbrella decorations from readyto-use fondant that is tinted in the colors selected for the occasion. Step-by-step instructions ensure foolproof results, plus they can be made several days in advance, so on party day there's no last-minute mad rush. Cupcakes can be baked, iced and sprinkled a day in advance. Place the umbrellas on the mini cakes the day of the party.

Umbrellas in place, let the showers begin!



For additional shower and party ideas, baking and decorating tips or to order supplies, visit www.

1 package (24 ounces) White Ready-To-Use Rolled Fondant Rose, Royal Blue, Lemon Yellow Icing Color Round Fondant Cut-Outs Lollipop Sticks

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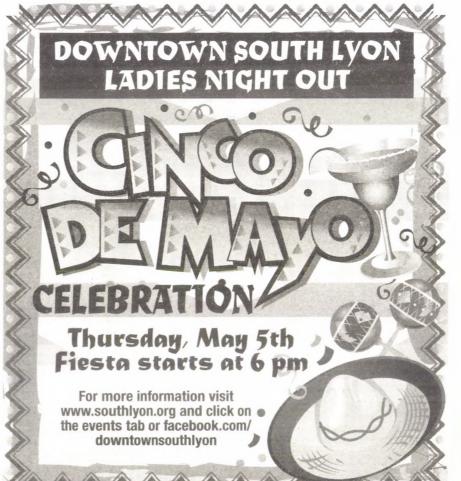
Water, vegetable oil and eggs to prepare cake mix

1 can (16 ounces) White Decorator Icing Heart Drops Sprinkles

Several days in advance, tint fondant rose, blue and yellow; roll out s-inch thick. Cut circles using largest Round Cut-Out; cut across circle, slightly more than halfway. Using smallest Round Cut-Out, cut scalloped edge; with spatula, score umbrella rib lines. Let dry on waxed paper covered cake boards. Reserve remaining tinted fondant. Attach dried fondant pieces to lollipop sticks with Fondant Adhesive. Roll a i-inch ball of matching fondant; attach to umbrella top with adhesive. Let dry.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Prepare cake mix following package instructions; place batter in Pastel Silicone Baking Cups supported by cookie sheet. Bake 18-20 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean; cool completely. Ice cupcakes smooth with icing; sprinkle with Heart Drops. Insert fondant umbrella. If desired, tie ribbon around stick.

*To make Fondant Adhesive for attaching dried fondant decorations to lollipop sticks, knead 4 teaspoon water into 1 ounce (11/2 -inch ball) rolled fondant until it becomes soft and sticky. Apply to fondant decoration with brush or place in decorating bag and pipe it onto decoration.





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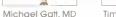


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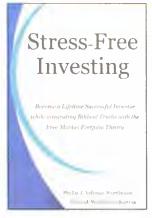
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Apps make your smartphone go-to source for information

By Jon Gunnells

Smartphones may seem complicated, but with a plethora of features and thousands

of downloadable applications (apps) they can make your everyday life easier and more fun. Take a look at the following apps that can help you listen to music, find restaurants, get shopping deals, and meet your health and fitness goals all from your handheld device or iPad.



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ShopStyle

ShopStyle makes jewelry, clothing and accessories from popular stores available on one page. You can browse items and if something catches your eve, you can bookmark it and ShopStyle will send you an e-mail when that item goes on sale.

Weight Watchers/Calorie Counter/ Fooducate (price varies)

You can use the Weight Watchers app to calculate PointsPlus of foods you have eaten. Or take the app one step further and bring it to the grocery store or a restaurant to calculate points of foods you may eat. Similarly, My Net Diary's Calorie Counter lets you find foods in their impressively-large database so you can track your calories. A third app called Fooducate gives letter grades to groceries to help shoppers choose the healthiest

Women's Health (Free)

This free app is a sneak-peek at Women's Health Magazine which provides tips and advice on healthy eating, fitness and personal wellness. Women's Health Magazine also offers workout apps that are available on the iPhone, iPad and iPad Touch.

Foodies and other curious consumers can use download the Yelp app from Yelp.com to find local restaurants or businesses. "If you're in a neighborhood you're not as familiar with and you need a caffeine fix, all you have to do is pull out your phone and search for nearby coffee shops and you'll get a list of great (or not so great) spots to visit right around you," said Annette Janike, Yelp.com Metro-Detroit Community manager.

Users can also create profiles on Yelp.com and use them to write reviews on restaurants and other local businesses.

HOW TO DOWNLOAD APPS

New to the smartphone scene? Here's how you download apps, including free ones — whether you own a BlackBerry, iPhone, Android, Windows smartphone or handheld tablet.

BlackBerry: Visit blackberryappworld.com, create an account and download the BlackBerry World App. Then you can access thousands of apps - many of them free - directly from vour handheld device.

Apple Products: Visit the iTunes store from your computer, iPhone, iPad or iTouch.

Windows Phones: Users with Windows Mobile 6.0 or 6.1 can download apps by visiting Windows Marketplace by phone or computer. Smartphone users running Windows Mobile 6.5 already have Windows Marketplace installed and can find it in the start menu.

Android Phones: Visit Market. Android.com from your computer. Android phone or new Android tablet to get started.

"The unique thing about the Yelp community is that it is made up of real people who are passionate about sharing their local experiences and with more than 15 million reviews, Yelp is both the fastest growing and deepest source of information on local businesses," Janik said.

Pandora

Similar to the website, the Pandora app gives delivers free streaming music to smart phones. It's also completely legal. Users can create personalized stations to match their musical interests. Songs can be voted on and given a thumbs up or thumbs down, and artists and songs can be bookmarked to help Pandora build the best stations for you. Pandora is perfect for discovering new music and building unique playlists for workouts or the workday. Pandora is available for iPhone, Blackberry, Windows 7, Android, and iPad operating systems.

Of course, these are just samples of the thousands of apps that can be downloaded to your smartphone or tablet.

Women's show returns to Novi April 28

The Michigan International Women's Show brings Jenna Bush Hager and an eclectic mixture of experiences that will appeal to women of all ages and interests when it returns to the Suburban Collection Showplace (formerly Rock Financial Showplace) in Novi, April 28 - May 1.

Jenna Bush Hager, author, educator and correspondent for NBC's "Today" program, will share her experiences on making a difference through the power of compassion on Thursday at noon, sponsored by Detroit Medical

Center. She is the daughter of former U.S. President George W. Bush and Former First Lady Laura Bush and granddaughter of former President George H. W. Bush and Former First Lady Barbara

"Showgoers can get tips on balancing the many aspects of their busy lives, tap their creative side with crafts and makeup, watch cooking demonstrations, learn from oneon-one health care consultations, relax with beauty treatments, and so much more," said Beth Anderson, show manager of Southern Shows.

Royal wedding weekend events will be complete with the Cupcakes for Weddings demonstration by Henry Ford Community College Baking Club, Wedding Cakes 101 presented by Westland's Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe and Bridal Outreach Project fashion show by Every Girls Dream Inc. whose mission is to provide a wedding gown to brides undergoing financial hardship.

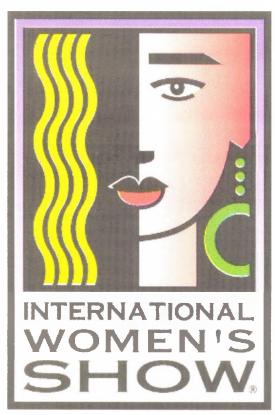
Beth Troutman, Kristy Villa and Danielle Knox, hosts of "The Balancing Act" on Lifetime Television will be featured at the "Balance Your Life" pavilion created to help women balance it all with elements on health, fashion, beauty, travel, business and all aspects of a woman's life.

Josh Elledge of SavingsAngel.com will teach how to cut a grocery bill in half using their database and technology resulting in more deals, greater savings and better flexibility.

Author and TV design expert Kathy Peterson shares tips from creating fabric flower accessories and elegant paper crafts to how to up-cycle old furniture as she explains how creativity can inspire and transform your life.

Custom-blended European skin care from Votre Vu will be featured during "French Skin Care Secrets Revealed" fashion stage presentation and in their VuBAR Airstream with free product sampling and skin care analysis.

Chevrolet will display their Camaro convertible, Cruze and Equinox cars and let show attendees test drive the all-new Chevy Volt electric car.



Cookbook author Lisa Shively will share quick cooking techniques and classic favorite recipes from her Southern cooking and children's cookbooks prepared with normal ingredients and simple directions.

Other chef instructors and organizations that will bring their brand of food enlightenment to the Stonebridge Kitchen & Bath Cooking Stage include Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Glory Foods with southern-style cooking, Henry Ford Community College ice carving demonstrations, Sweet Sass Food and Schoolcraft Community College.

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10 timely tips to get feet ready for spring



(ARA) — From slogging through snow, ice and slush to being confined in heavy boots to fight the cold — if your feet could talk, what a tale of winter woe they might tell. You may be tempted to pull your sandals out of the closet and stuff your heaviest hosiery to the back of the sock drawer, but before you set your soles free to savor spring, some preparation is in order.

Being cooped up in cramped footwear during winter months can cause feet to suffer from a variety of ailments, from dry, flaky skin and discolored toenails to pesky corns and unsightly calluses. Pampering your feet in preparation for warm weather can help feet look and feel their best when warmer weather calls for donning flip-flops and peep-toe shoes.

"Caring for your feet not only promotes good hygiene, it can alert you to any problem areas that may need attention before slipping into sandals this spring," said Dr. Michael King, president of the American Podiatric Medical Association. "Plus, it's a good way to relax and de-stress after a tiring winter. When your feet feel good, you're more likely to feel good all over."

The APMA offers these 10 tips for getting your feet

- 1. Start with a soak. Immerse your feet in warm water with Epsom salts, herbal soaks or oils for at least 10 minutes.
- 2. Use a pumice stone or foot file to gently remove thickened, dead skin build-up (calluses) around the pre-soaked heels, balls and sides of the feet. Never use a razor as it removes too much skin and can easily cause infection or permanent damage if used incorrectly.

- 3. Eliminate dry, flaky winter skin on the soles, sides and tops of the feet by using an exfoliating scrub.
- 4. Massage a generous amount of emollient-enriched skin lotion all over your feet, such as Amerigel Care Lotion, which has the APMA's Seal of Approval. This hydrates the skin and the massaging helps to promote circulation. Be sure to remove any excess moisturizer from under your toenails or between toes; build-up in those areas can provide a breeding ground for bacteria.
- 5. Use a straight-edge toenail clipper to trim nails to just above the top of each toe to ensure nails don't become curved or rounded in the corners.
- 6. Help lock in moisture by wearing a pair of polycotton blend socks at bedtime.
- 7. Forgo nail polish if your nails are not healthy. If you have healthy nails, remove polish regularly to keep them in top condition.
- 8. Wash your feet daily with soap and water. Dry carefully, paying extra attention to the area between your toes.
- 9. Inspect last spring and summer's footwear. Throw away any shoes or sandals that appear worn.
- 10. If any skin or nail problems exist, see a podiatrist for a medical diagnosis.

Today's podiatrists are physicians, surgeons and specialists are trained to diagnose and treat conditions that affect the foot, ankle and related structures of the leg. To find a podiatrist near you, log on to www.todayspodiatrist.com.

With a little foot-friendly preparation, your feet can be ready to step into spring ... and let memories of winter boots melt away with the snow.

Spring into the right sandal

Spring has arrived and the new fashions have hit the shelves. It's time to update your shoe collection with fun, yet supportive sandals.

"Each season brings a new lineup of trend forward footwear," said Jodie Sengstock, president of the Michigan Podiatric Medical Association. "While many of the styles are fun and appealing, they can be punishing on your feet."

Spring 2011 trends promote wedge and flat sandals. Keep these tips in mind when making your selection:

- 1) Try to limit the heel height to two inches or less. Platform and wedges are great because they give the illusion of increased height.
- 2) A wedge heel offers more support than a spike heeled shoe.
- 3) Limit the wearing time of high heel shoes.
- 4) Choose sandals that have support over the top of your foot and around the ankle.
- 5) Make sure all straps are comfortable and do not rub or cause irritation.
 - 6) A cork foot mold offers the best support.

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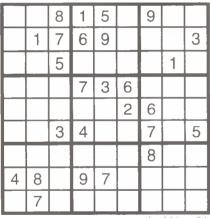
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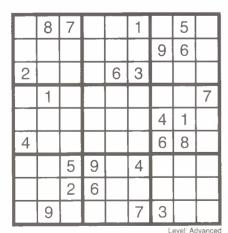
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric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

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Answers found on page 28

Michigan artists featured at Northville Spring Fling

The 32nd annual Handcrafters Spring Fling Artisan Market features artists from across the country including many well-known local artists April 15-17 in Northville.

More than 75 juried artists and fine craftspeople will be showcasing their work. Artists from glass design, gourmet foods, jewelry, original fashions, home decor, personal care and many more will all be exhibiting at the event located in downtown Northville at 303 W. Main St. (Community Senior Center).

The Spring Fling is an artisan market rather than a craft show, according to Stephanie Jones, promoter of the show. "There's truly something for everybody, from your daughter to yourself to your mother. We have such a variety of great items," she said.

Show hours are: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$3 per person per day. Weekend passes are \$6 per person.



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By Susan Crespo, floral artist

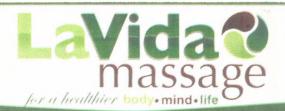
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• Be sure that shoes fit well — front,

back, and sides — to distribute weight.

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• Select a shoe with a leather upper,

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• Buy shoes that don't pinch your

It sounds elementary, but be sure the

the widest part of the shoe.

pair of shoes. Your feet do get larger,

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Erin Cummings of the ABC show "Detroit 1-8-7" and keynote speaker at the Women's Power Breakfast is joined at Gleaners volunteering with students from Christ the King School in Detroit. Cummings is founder of Mittens for Detroit.

Women's Power Breakfast helps feed hungry children

The 18th annual Women's Power Breakfast, benefiting Gleaners Community Food Bank, is a chance for women to gather, network and hear Erin Cummings of TV's Detroit 1-8-7, founder of Mittens for Detroit.

The breakfast, Wednesday, April 13 begins at 7:30 a.m. with coffee and networking. Breakfast and program follow 8-9 a.m. in the North Grand Court, Somerset Collection, 2800 W. Big Beaver Road, Trov.

This year's co-chairs are Joan Gehrke, consultant for PVS Chemicals Inc. and community volunteer; Karen Cullen, vice president of corporate relations, Ilitch Holdings Inc., and president, Ilitch Charities; and Sarah Earley, founder, Belle Isle Women's Committee and community volunteer.

Dulcie Rosenfeld is founding chair with this year's honorary chairs Vivian Pickard, General Motors director and president of the General Motors Foundation, and Leslie Murphy, president and CEO of Murphy Consulting.

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Proceeds will support the Weekend BackPack Program.

Gleaners created the Weekend BackPack Program to provide meals for struggling families over the weekend. Currently the program serves food to more than 5,300 of the community's most needy children, who receive six meals to carry them over to the next school week.

The Women's Power Breakfast, started in 1992, is a special gathering of the area's most prominent female business, civic and community leaders which includes politicians, judges, professionals, business owners, corporate executives, journalists, broadcasters, key volunteers and members of the area's most influential boards.

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Breast cancer survivors Jeanette Girty (left) and Judy Ballard were among the more than 35,000 participants who took part in the 2010 Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure, locally presented by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. This year's event takes place on Saturday, May 21, at Comerica Park. To register go to www.karmanos.org or call 1-800-KARMANOS (1-800-527-6266).

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The Komen Detroit Race for the Cure® awards 75 percent of the current year's net proceeds to a diverse group of organizations serving Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Funds support breast health education and breast cancer screening and treatment programs for the medically underserved. The remaining 25 percent funds breast cancer research and project grants awarded through Komen for the Cure.

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•Volunteer! Sign up online for any of more than 1,400 volunteer opportunities.

To sign up or for more information go to www.karmanos.org and click the Race icon or call (800) KARMANOS, (800) 527-6266, and ask for the Komen Detroit Race for the Cure®.

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classes last year. The classes have been very popular and those offered in the evenings and weekends are usually full, Spahr said. Many of those who have tried the program are new exercisers or someone looking for something different. About half of the participants are regulars in other rec center classes, he said.

Terri Kasik of Novi started out taking group classes on the TRX when it was first introduced at the Botsford Center in Novi about a year ago. Now she works out with personal trainer Garner and often the TRX is incorporated into her workouts.

"I really like it. It's very different than anything else. It's all you doing the work," she said.

Doing the TRX training has helped Kasik, 49, on her job for the Novi schools in food services in that it has strengthened her muscles for the repetitive lifting and twisting she does as part of her job.

She said group sessions on the TRX are fun, but it's fun also on your own.

It's challenging, Kasik said, but sometimes you don't realize it or don't feel it until the day after.

"I tried a number of different classes ... Free weights is the thing I really like, but the TRX challenges the body in a different way," she said. The program also offers a large variety of exercises.

She even had one class called "Spinning and Strap" in which they would spin and then jump off the bike and do TRX training. "That was a really challenging day," she said.

"It really works. Obviously it works your core a lot," Kasik said. It also works your hands which have to grip the straps. It also involves a lot of balance so you don't slide around a lot, she said.

And she feels it's something many people could do. "You don't have to be an athlete to do it," she said. "You control how hard you're going to make it by controlling the angle," she said.

As manager of the personal training

As manager of the personal training department at Botsford, Garner uses TRX for many of his clients. With the elderly, it is useful for balance and agility training, he said. For bariatric patients or overweight people who are always looking to boost metabolism with cardiovascular exercise, this program also works. It also works for fit individuals and athletes who are always looking to get a lot out of a workout by working the core in small- and medium-sized muscle parts, he said.

It also helps menopausal women gain strength to help maintain their bone density, which becomes vulnerable as women age. Anytime you add weight and resistance to strengthen muscles you decrease vulnerability to bone weakening caused by menopause, Garner said.

TRX TRAINING

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It is used by all types of people at Forum Fitness as well, from 60-year-olds to people who are overweight to people who are fit, DeVoll said. Everybody benefits from it, she said. "It's a totally different way to workout," she said.

There is no weight involved, it's constant core work, and improves stability for a lot of people because of the balance required, she said.

The core of a person's body is like the foundation of a house, Garner said, adding that a lot of people will come in and work out their chest, back, legs, but ignore their core.

This program starts from the hips and works out. It also promotes flexibility, he said.

The training is static, which means in one spot, as well as dynamic or moving, he said. It is really creative in combining those two types of programs, he said. Using this mechanism to go along with your other workouts gives the results that you want, he said.

The program's been cited as the biggest thing to come out since the elliptical machine, he said.

Another benefit especially for lower body exercises is that it is easy on the knee joints. Traditional squats with heavy weights which can lead to wear and tear on the knees. Instead of the average 250-300-pound man squatting with heavy weights and putting a strain on the knees (that the knees weren't built for), TRX can prolong health of knees by giving a workout without the strain, Garner said.

The usability is pretty simple, Spahr said. Anyone can train off it with body weight being your only resistance mechanism. You adjust yourself in relation to the system. The training system can also be adapted to a standard classes as well too. At the rec center they have created some hybrid classes. For example, you can cycle and do TRX, do circuits and TRX, or do cardio circuits and TRX, Spahr said.

There are some dangers, Garner said. TRX involves hanging from your arms and legs in the air, If you are not properly trained it is easy to get hurt, he said. It's not one of those things that you go on YouTube and research on your own, he added.



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According to the National Women's Health Center, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, millions of women suffer from urinary incontinence and it is twice as common in women as in men.

The presentation is free but registration is required. Call (734) 655-2281 to register. Refreshments will be served.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is a 304-bed hospital providing acute-care medical and health services by board-certified doctors and registered nurses. For more information about St. Mary Mercy, please visit www.stmarymercy.org. St. Mary Mercy is part of the Saint Joseph Mercy Health System a member of Trinity Health, the nation's fourth largest Catholic health care organization. For more information on the health System, see www.sjmercyhealth.org.

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SAMPLES

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Ice cream sampling and makeovers will be available at the Kroger Experience exhibit along with free health screenings for blood pressure, glucose, cancer risk and other tests.

The latest developments in health will be available at the DMC Pavilion sponsored by Detroit Medical Center. Doctors and specialists from all areas of medicine will be on hand to consult one-on-one

and answer individual health and care related questions.

Artistry Experience will feature complimentary skin-care assessments, demonstrations and product sampling of Artistry skin care and cosmetics.



will be part of the makeovers offered by Macy's beauty experts along with an array of new spring scents.

National Sewing Council's Sewing Lounge will provide make-n-take projects to help teach basic skills as well as to inspire advanced sewing, quilting and embroidery enthusiast.

Novi Fire Department's charity fashion show will heat up the runway Friday and Saturday with firefighters modeling their dress blues and bunker gear. Additional fashion shows include new spring styles, tunics, gowns and evening wear collections. Salvation Army Thrift Stores and Donation Centers will have a bargain

boutique featuring collectibles and fashion wear for sale.

Other features include free reusable Women's Show shopping bags and special gifts to the first 100 show attendees each day, Thursday's Nurses Day with special savings, free water bottles for the first 250 guests and healthy cooking classes sponsored by the Michigan Nurses Association; Sunday's Mother & Daughters Day with gifts and prizes and more than 400 exhibitors displaying cosmetics, fragrances, lingerie, purses, shoes, gifts, decor items, food, arts and crafts, health screenings, fashion and accessories.

The 16th annual Michigan International Women's Show is presented by The Detroit News and sponsored by Chevrolet, The Detroit Medical Center and Kroger. Supporting sponsor is Michigan Nurses Association.

Suburban Collection Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River Ave. between Novi and Beck Road in Novi. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 7 p m. Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$9; youth 6-12 are \$5 and children 5 and under are admitted free with a paying adult. Advance tickets are \$8 online. Discount tickets are available at Kroger for \$7. Group tickets for 10 or more are offered in advance online for \$7.50. Happy Hours are every day after 5 p.m. with \$5 admission, free gifts, discounts and special demonstrations. On site parking is available for \$5. For more information and exhibitor coupons, visit www.InternationalWomenShow. com or call (800) 849-0248.

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