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Streetscape update

The intersection and adjacent sidewalks have been poured and the curing process has begun, Downtown **Development Authority** officials noted in their weekly release Friday.

The curing process will take up to two weeks. Brick

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BILL BRESLER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER **Work continues** on the downtown Plymouth streetscape project.

the week

Underground contractors were doing water main work on Main between Ann Arbor Trail and Wing. The work forced an overnight detour.

DDA officials note all streetscape scheduling issues are tentative and can be impacted by factors such as weather, site conditions and crew/equipment schedul-

Regular updates to the construction progress are available at the DDA's website, downtownplymouth.org.

larmonic homes

The Michigan Philharmonic (formerly the Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestra) announced the return of the Symphony Home Tour. Participants will enjoy six unique and interesting homes including one very unique garage complete with race cars and more.

Hours for the tour are noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 21, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 22.

Tickets for the tour are \$15 in advance and \$20 on the days of the tour and may be purchased at the Michigan Philharmonic office at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth, as well as the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, Magnolia and Home Sweet Home in Plymouth, Showroom of Elegance in Canton and Garden Views in Northville.

For online tickets and home tour information, visit www.michiganphil.org

Leaque meeting

The public is invited to a meeting hosted by the League of Women Voters of NW Wayne County Saturday, May 7, at the Livonia Civic Center Library beginning at 1 p.m.

Donna Matteis, the director for Justice and Advocacy Concerns for the SE Michigan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will narrate a slide show about her recent trip to East Jerusalem. Matteis traveled with a program established by the World Council of Churches in 2002 that annually sends teams to live in different areas

in Israel and Palestine. For more information, contact Paula Bowman, president of the League of Women Voters, at (734) 455-4726.



Hal Young of Plymouth Township looks over copies of the Civil War service record of his maternal greatgrandfather, Ralph Terry, who died in 1898 and is buried at Riverside Cemetery.

Shaking hands with history

Township man researches great-grandfather's Civil War service

BY MATT JACHMAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Hal Young's great-grandfather volunteered to fight in the Civil War, which began 150 years ago last month. He spent months in the hospital before making it to the front, was twice wounded during combat, and returned to the Plymouth area to resume life as a farmer, husband and father, becoming active in the major organization for Union

But Young, who lives in Plymouth Township, didn't know much about his greatgrandfather, Ralph Terry, while growing up, and only started to find out more in recent years while researching his family tree.

That link to a Union veteran — just three generations removed from Young, who is 85 — has given a certain status to a family from "the other

side of the tracks," Young said. "My family is not a family of status," Young said during an interview at his home. "What I've made of myself has been by my own bootstraps."

DEEP PLYMOUTH ROOTS

Young, who retired from Michigan Bell as a security manager after a 40year career, was raised in Plymouth by his maternal grandmother, Mariett, the youngest of Ralph Terry's children. She was a housekeeper who married machinist Lewis B. Kammon after her first husband, John Watson, a supervisor at the Markham Air Rifles Co., died. "When I

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Ralph G. Terry, a farmer from the Plymouth area, volunteered in August of 1862 for Company C of the 24th Michigan Infantry Regiment and fought at Gettysburg. He was twice wounded in later battles.

Fire millage among focus areas for citizens' group

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Organizers say the new Citizens Action Group of Plymouth Township is here

The group, formed to advocate for keeping intact the Plymouth Community Fire Department as the debate over the department's future heated up in the township, is now focused on an informational effort and what members hope becomes a millage campaign designed to keep department staffing at its current level.

"The people that are in the group don't want to see Plymouth Township go down," said Jennifer Mann, one of the chief organizers, on Tuesday. There are many critical issues facing the township, with the fire department being "the hottest fire that needs to get put out right now," Mann said.

The group has drawn hundreds of people to two recent township Board of Trustees meetings, at which many have spoken in favor of maintaining the fire department at its current staffing of 21 full-time firefighter paramedics, plus a fire inspector and a chief.

Township officials, citing the loss of revenue for the department, are considering cutting the full-time ranks nearly in half, having firefighters work 12-hour shifts instead of 24-hour shifts, and supplementing that staffing with part-time firefighters on nights and weekends. The part-timers would not be union members and would be paid a lower hourly rate than the full-timers.

The private Huron Valley Ambulance, which currently does most of the transporting of patients to hospitals during medical runs, would have an expanded role in providing emergency medical coverage. Officials insist the so-called hybrid model wouldn't compromise public safety.

SUPPORT FOR TAX

The plan doesn't satisfy many in the Citizens Action

"I think the proposed changes would drastically change the public safety in Plymouth Township," said Tom Kelly, a nearly 30-year resident and, with Mann, one of the chief organizers of the group.

Mann is married to PCFD Lt. Chuck Mann, and Kelly is a lieutenant in the Royal Oak Fire Department.

They say lawyers are helping them navigate the legalities of getting a tax proposal on the ballot for the November general election, and point to a recent survey, paid for by themselves and other group members, that showed strong support for such a proposal. Kelly said the survey cost between \$3,000 and \$4,000.

Mann said the group needs around 3,200 petition signatures, a number equal to 25 percent of the township's turnout in the last election, to get a tax question on the November ballot. A 1-mill tax (or \$1 for every \$1,000 of a property's taxable value) would raise about \$1.4 million a year, Mann and Kelly said, enough to keep fire department staffing status quo.

"People need to be given a choice what level of government service they want" through voting on a tax proposal, Kelly said.

Mann said they hope to soon launch a petition drive and have enough signatures collected by the end of June. Citizen Action Group members would prefer the township board put a tax question on the ballot on its own for an August election, but board members have shown no inclination to do so.

REVENUE FALLING

The township has been hit in recent years by cuts in state revenue sharing and declining tax receipts, and faces the loss of nearly \$1 million of its nearly \$4 million annual fire department budget starting next year, when the city of Plymouth leaves the joint department.

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Lincoln buff remembered as 'rare treasure'

BY BRAD KADRICH

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Those who knew him best said Dr. Weldon Petz had several passions in his life, among them his wife, Shirley, Abraham Lincoln, music and

Santa Claus. During his life, he was a Lincoln scholar, a Big Band musician and arranger, writer and a school principal.

In death, friends are remembering Petz, who died Thursday at the age of 88, as "a rare treasure."

"He cared deeply for the people whose lives he touched

and for his many passions,"

said Elizabeth Kelly Kerstens, executive director of the Plymouth Historical Museum, which has benefited from Petz's passions over the years.

During World War II, Petz served in the Special Services Band under the command of

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PCEP community runs to help student via Super Jess 5K

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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The Plymouth Canton **Educational Park community** turned out in force to help one of its own on Sunday.

The Super Jess Five-Kilometer run and walk, on the PCEP grounds, drew more than 1,600 runners and raised about \$35,000 for a student who was stricken in December with an infection that damaged his brain.

Sixteen-year-old Jesse Lindlbauer, who attended Canton High School until his illness, spent 11 weeks at Mott Children's Hospital and is in a long-term battle to recover from brain damage that left him unable to speak and with limited mobility.

The Canton resident, who had been an athlete and standout student, was at Sunday's event, and family members took him through part of the course.

"He had a smile on his face the whole time. I know he was happy to be there," said Tommy Halewicz, a Plymouth Salem senior and one of the chief organizers of the event. "I don't think the smile left his face the whole day."

Jesse returned home from Mott at the end of February and has been undergoing an intensive therapy regimen designed to help him recover his abilities.



Friends John Etienne and Katie Bartek with Canton High School sophomore Jesse Lindlbauer (left) during Sunday's Super Jess Five Kilometer run and walk at Plymouth Salem High School. Jesse suffered brain damage in December due to an infection, and Sunday's event raised about \$35,000 for the Lindlbauer family for expenses related to his rehabilitation.

Tommy said organizers early on were hoping for 500 participants.

"We were pretty psyched about how many people showed up," said Deborah Lindlbauer, an aunt of Jesse's.

The event took in nearly

\$46,000; with expenses of around \$11,000, the rest will go to the Lindlbauer family to help pay for rehabilitation needs that

insurance doesn't cover, such as home nursing care.

Because of past fund-raisers,

family has been able to buy a wheelchair-accessible van with a ramp, plus specialized armrests for his wheelchair that assist

Jesse with arm movements.

Tommy said about twothirds of the run's participants were students, and that many teachers participated as well. Some 1,800 people had registered for the event, he said, but bad weather on Sunday likely kept some awav.

It wasn't a competitive race, Tommy said, and there was no formal timekeeping.

"There wasn't any competition. We were going for firsttime runners and walkers around the Plymouth Canton area," he said.

Tommy, a family friend of the Lindlbauers and fellow church member at Resurrection Parish, took on the project as part of his National Honor Society independent study class, which includes a community service component, at Salem. He credited NHS advisers Beth Savalox and Rebecca Kraft for their help. "It wouldn't have been possible without them," Tommy said.

The run's success, he said, has increased interest in making in the Super Jess an annual event, with NHS members organizing it and using proceeds to help other students or families in need

School district eyes shared-time plan

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BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials figure they might be able to take a \$700,000 bite out of the \$18 million budget deficit they face by extending their reach into private/parochial schools with a Shared Time teaching program.

Under the shared-time program, Plymouth-Canton could pay teachers in parochial schools to teach noncore subjects not otherwise available. The district would then benefit by collecting state foundation-grant money for those students. Plymouth-Canton

administrators estimate they could reach at least 200 students and generate some \$715,000 in additional revenue under the program.

State policy gives jurisdiction over the shared-time program with parochial and private schools to the district within whose boundaries those schools sit. Plymouth-Canton has declined to participate in the past, allowing Livonia Public Schools to do shared-time with four schools.

Plymouth-Canton hired Jack Pelon of School Financial Solutions to coordinate the program for the 2011-12 school year, and notified Livonia officials they were taking over.

"A shared-time program is a win-win situation for everyone," said Pelon. "The private schools save money, Plymouth-Canton makes money and the program also has the potential for generating additional parttime teaching positions for any displaced teachers."

According to Pelon, Livonia

had done the shared-time program with Plymouth Christian Academy, Our Lady of Good Counsel School, All Saints and St. Peter Lutheran. Pelon said there are seven other private schools within Plymouth-Canton boundaries, and he's been in touch with all of them to gauge their interest.

"Once (schools) see how

it works, it will develop into more and more," Pelon said. "I believe all it can do is grow year after year."

Pelon said he believes a contract with Plymouth Christian Academy alone could generate as much as \$400,000. He said the program could be fully implemented by the fall.

The district's Board of Education obviously likes any idea that generates revenue without any real expense.

"This is intriguing because it makes us money and doesn't cost us anything," board Vice President Dianne Gonzalez

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CIVIL WAR

was growing up I never knew a whole lot about his (Terry's) actions in the Civil War," Young said.

Ralph Terry was born in 1831 in Ontario, and had a twin brother, Jonathan, and, eventually, eight siblings. The family settled in Michigan in 1832, and the father, Stevens Terry, farmed in the area of what is now Stamford and Schoolcraft Road in Livonia, Young said.

Much of Ralph's life is sketchy: Farm life with the family, marriage to Elizabeth Seely, five children between 1862 and 1875, an unsuccessful run for city constable, a house he had built on Pine Street (now Harding) in the 1880s that still stands today.

A little more is known, however, about his Civil War service: Ralph volunteered for Company C of the 24th Michigan Infantry Regiment in August 1862, signing up at the Village Green (now Kellogg Park) along with a brother-in-law, James Seely. The majority of Company C's first 100 members were from Plymouth.

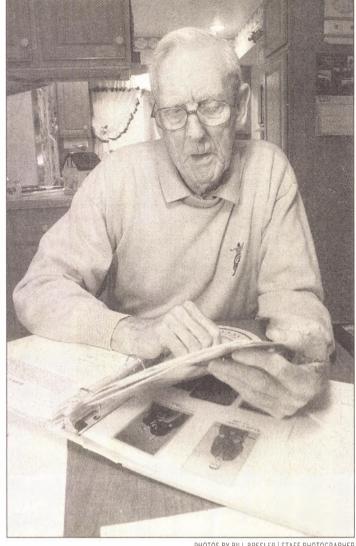
"He spent the early part of the war in a hospital" in Frederick, Md., having come down with a serious illness that Young believes was rheumatic fever, Young said.

GETTYSBURG AND BEYOND

Ralph was able to join
Company C in time to fight at
Gettysburg, Pa., in 1863, and
suffered a flesh wound in the
left arm at Laurel Hill, Va., in
May of 1864, and another arm
wound — which arm was not
noted in service records — at
Petersburg, Va., the following
month.

Enlisting as a private, Terry was promoted to corporal before being discharged in June of 1865, shortly after the war ended.

"Being all that time in the hospital, I don't know how in the hell he became a corporal," Young said.



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Hal Young, himself a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy, researched his great-grandfather, Ralph Terry, who fought in the Civil War.

Ralph Terry returned to his family and to farming, with he and Elizabeth having three of their five children after the war's end. He remained somewhat sickly for the rest of his life. James Seely, his brother-in-law, became a locomotive engineer, having been discharged from the army before the war's end because of illness.

Ralph became active in the Eddy post of the Grand Army of the Republic, the organization for Union Civil War veterans, and Young inherited his GAR medal, buttons from his GAR uniform and other memorabilia. Ralph Terry later returned to Gettysburg for the dedication of a monument there.

He died in 1898, just six

years after his father, Stevens, who lived to age 88. Ralph Terry is buried at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

YOUNG SAILOR

Young shares a military background with his great-grandfather, having joined the U.S. Navy at age 17 (he made sure to get his diploma from Plymouth High School first, and turned 18 before shipping out) in 1943, and serving in the Pacific as a signalman, participating in six landings against the Japanese in the Philippines and one in Borneo.

"I call myself the best damn signalman in the 7th Fleet," he said.

He's fascinated with genealogical research, and has traced both the Terry



Hal Young's Civil War memorabilia includes a Grand Army of the Republic medal that belonged to his grandfather, Ralph Terry. The GAR was the major organization for Union Civil War veterans.

and the Seely lines back to the 1630s, Young said he sometimes wraps up a long evening of research still absorbed in the lives of his forebears.

"It's like shaking hands with all your ancestors," he said.

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Fundraiser to benefit stroke victim, family

The Chicks 4 Charity of Canton hold a spaghetti dinner fundraiser to assist the family of Joe Allard, a young stroke victim in the local community.

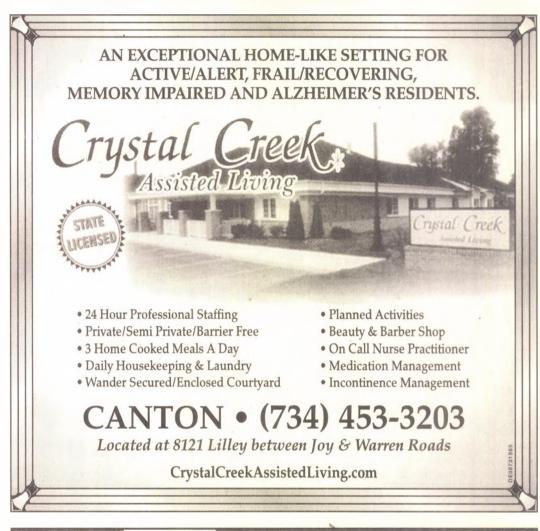
The silent auction and benefit fundraiser takes place 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, at the Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth. The Chicks 4 Charity aims to raise funds to help Allard and his family with the extensive medical expenses as a result of the stroke.

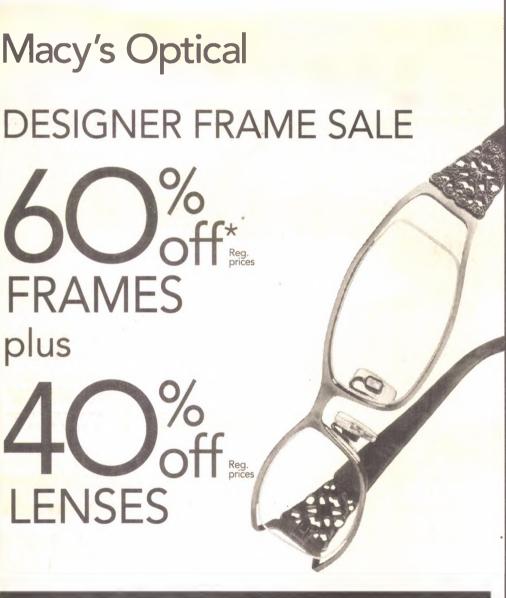
Chicks 4 Charity, Linda Robin of The Showroom of Elegance in Canton, Women's Life Chapter 827 and Fat Chef In A Little Coat Catering are sponsoring the event.

The spaghetti dinner will

include all-you-can-eat spaghetti, choice of meat or marinara sauce, salad, bread sticks, soft drink or coffee and dessert for \$8 per person (\$5 for children). Donate \$10 or more and receive entry to win a 40-inch Toshiba LCD HDTV 1080p Television.

Individuals or businesses interested in donating, contact Linda Robin, (734) 207-1906. All contributions will be donated to the family of Joe Allard to help with extensive medical bills. Chicks 4 Charity, Women's Life Chapter 827 will match the first \$500 in donations. Please make donations payable to: Joseph Allard C/O Joseph Allard Fund, 24 Brandi Street, Belleville, MI 48111.





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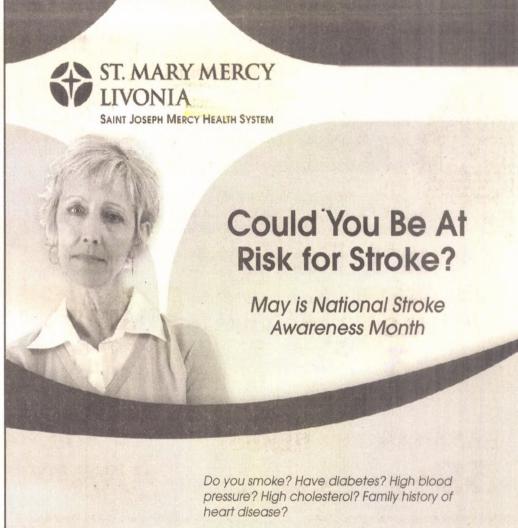
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Schepansky posts bail, leaves jail

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth High School teacher Ray Schepansky, facing multiple charges stemming from an incident last month at the school, posted bail over the weekend and was released from the Wayne County Jail.

Schepansky, who had been jailed since his April 14 arrest on a \$100,000 cash/surety bond, left jail after his bail was posted, reportedly by a group of close friends and family.

Since being released, Schepansky has been "in good spirits, telling jokes as he always does," and is helping in the preparation for his defense, according to friends.

"His spirits are very high," said supporter David Haslam. "He is innocent. The way this country should work is you're innocent until proven guilty. It's very hard to do anything to prove you're innocent from jail. Between the media and everything else, they've already proven him guilty, and now we have to prove him innocent. That's not how it should work."

Schepansky faces a preliminary hearing in 35th District Court Friday. He's charged with carrying a concealed weapon, having a gun in a weapons-free zone and using a gun during a felony. A fourth charge, carrying a weapon with unlawful intent, was dismissed at arraignment, though prosecutors anticipate trying to get that charge reinstated.

At his preliminary hearing last week, Schepansky's attorney, Southfield lawyer Raymond Correll, asked 35th District Court Judge Mike Gerou to add a 10-percent clause to Schepansky's bond, saying his client would adhere to any stipulations the court felt were warranted. Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Robert Donaldson argued lowering the bond would constitute a safety hazard at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, where Schepansky was arrested after allegedly making threats against park administrators and returning with a 9mm handgun and two partially loaded ammunition clips.

"The risks are simply too great to release. this man," Donaldson told the judge. Gerou declined to add the 10-percent



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ray Schepansky leaves the 35th District Courtroom of Judge Michael Gerou following the adjournment of his preliminary hearing Friday. The hearing was rescheduled for May 6.

option, so friends and family posted the full

Schepansky, who dismissed Correll and brought in Plymouth attorney Richard Convertino, has been placed on administrative leave without pay from his job as a history teacher at Plymouth High School, said Frank Ruggirello, director of community relations for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

District officials are obviously aware Schepansky made bail and was released.

"We've further strengthened our security at the park and will continue to work with Canton Police on this matter," Ruggirello said.

Haslam dismissed the idea Schepansky posed any threat to anyone, saying Donaldson's assertions in court were "all lies, and all a defensive measure on the part of the prosecutor."

He said Schepansky has "full confidence in his new attorney, his spirits are very high and he's doing well."

"He was actually giving lessons to some of the other inmates in the jail, trying to help them with things they didn't understand about what they're facing," Haslam said. "He's always a teacher."

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Traffic stop leads to marijuana arrest

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 22-year-old Canton Township man was arrested on charges of marijuana and drug-paraphernalia possession early Saturday after a traffic stop in the area of Sheldon and Joy roads.

Police found marijuana, a marijuana vaporizer and a grinder in a car the suspect was driving south on Sheldon shortly after 1 a.m., according to a Plymouth Township police department report.

A police officer had spotted the man driving a Ford Contour with a defective light over the license plate, police said. Upon speaking to the driver, the officer noticed a marijuana smell, and asked the driver if there was anything illegal in the car, police said. "Not that I know of," responded the driver, according to police.

But in view in the center console was a plastic bag of suspected marijuana, and during a search of the Contour the officer found another bag of suspected marijuana plus the equipment, police said.

The driver was arrested. The substance later tested positive for marijuana, police said.

Two passengers, a 22-year-old Livonia woman and a 24-year-old Farmington Hills man, were released.

License plate swiped

A township man reported the theft of a license plate from his Ford Expedition the

CRIME WATCH

on April 28.

He had last seen the plate while parked at a store in Canton Township about 6:30 p.m., he told police, and noticed it missing nearly two hours later, while the car was parked outside his home on JoAnn Lane, he said.

Vehicle burglaries

• Cash and an iPod were reported stolen April 21 from a Chevrolet Corsica that had been parked outside a house on Ivywood Lane, a police report said.

The complainant said the theft occurred late on April 20 or early the next day; it was not reported how the car had been entered or if it had been left unlocked.

Another car at the house, a Honda Civic, had a lock damaged, police said, but nothing was reported stolen from it.

 A pair of sunglasses was reported April 21 stolen from an unlocked Volkswagen parked outside a house on Chestwick

• A radar detector and a .25-caliber pistol were reported stolen April 21 from a Dodge Ram pickup parked outside a house on Andover Court. The complainant told police the truck had been left unlocked.

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth
Community Fire
Department responded to
the following runs during
the period April 27 through

1av 3:

• Tuesday, May 3

- Rescue runs on westbound M-14, on Ann Arbor Road, on General Drive, on Blanche, on Deer, on Stacy, on Main, on Karmada, on Greenbriar, on Briarwood and on Northville Road.

Monday, May 2 —
 Rescue runs on Haggerty, on Deer Creek, on S.
 Main, on South Drive, on Newporte, on Ann Arbor
 Trail, on Northville Road, on Sheldon, on Standish
 Court, on Princeton, on Woodgrove and on Oakview.

• Sunday, May 1 — Rescue runs on Five Mile, on Harvest and on Eaton.

• Saturday, April 30

— Rescue runs on Cherry, on Westin, on eastbound M-14 and Sheldon, on Woodgrove, on Northville Road, on Corrine, at Deer and Ann Arbor Trail and on Haggerty.

• Friday, April 29 — Rescue runs on Sheldon, on Northville Road, on Marilyn, on Penniman, on Halyard, on Newport, on Powell, on Haggerty, on Ann Arbor Trail, on Lilley, on Newport, on Jener and on Trailwood.

• Thursday, April 28

— Rescue runs on Eckles, at Sunset and Penniman, on Deer, at Joy and Lilley, on Northville Road, on Halyard, on St. Andrews Square, on Main, on Haggerty, on Briarwood, on Linden and on Helm.

• Wednesday, April 27 — Rescue runs at Schoolcraft and Haggerty, on Herrald, on Galleon, on Union, on Northville, on Bellwood, on Powell Ridge and on Helm.



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OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Singer-songwriter Crystal Bowersox, the runner-up last May during the ninth season of American Idol, will be the headline performer at downtown Plymouth's 2011 Green Street Fair, which opens on Friday and runs through Sunday, May 8.

Bowersox, who plays in a variety of styles, including rock, folk and gospel, released her debut album, Farmer's Daughter, in December.

Her free concert will be 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at the Eco-Beats Stage, at Union and Penniman. The free fair, in its fourth year, brings together a variety of companies, exhibitions and organizations that promote ecology-conscious products and practices and healthy

"We're very excited to have somebody of her caliber join us," said Raychel Rork, the Green Street Fair organizer, said of Bowersox's appearance. "It's going to be a great lineup, really, all three days.'

This year's fair, the fourth, begins at noon Friday in Kellogg Park and nearby streets and continues through 5 p.m. Sunday. There are more than 240 participating exhibitors — businesses, individuals and organizations — making this year's fair the largest yet, said Rork.

"We're really proud of how far it's grown in only four years," she said, adding that 100,000 people are expected to attend over the course of the weekend. "It's going to be

The lineup will include many returning exhibitions as well as some new ones, and some exhibitors are traveling long distances to attend, Rork said.

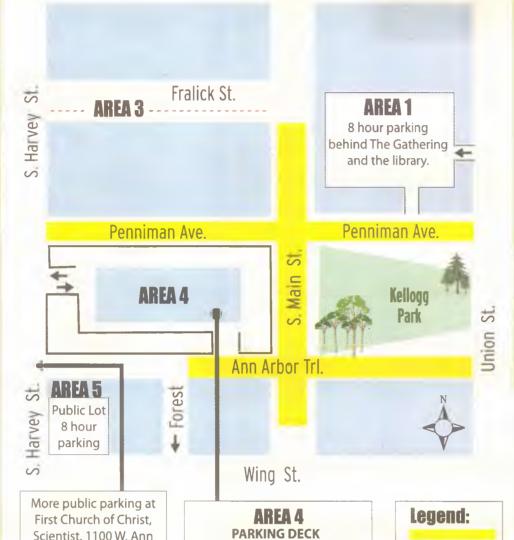
"This is becoming a very enticing event for them," she said. "It's free to the public. It's direct to the consumers."

Crafters who use repurposed raw materials will be on hand with, for example, jewelry, or purses made from burlap coffee sacks. There will be organic cotton clothing, easy-on-the-energy transportation, and demonstrations of organic cooking.

The food offerings will include organic chocolate truffles, organic vegan cupcakes and organic kettle corn. "Organic doesn't mean Public parking for 2011 Green Street Fair

On street parking is limited to 2 hours in most places.

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vehicle traffic.

it has to taste like cardboard," Rork joked.

Arbor Trail, one block

west of Harvey.

Other highlights of the Green Street Fair will include a Mother's Day parade at noon on May 8, a Mother's Day craft activity for kids, organic cooking demonstrations, sponsored by Meijer and the Art Institute of Michigan, and the opportunity to recycle electronic waste everything from computers to car batteries and vacuum cleaners - on Saturday and Sunday at Penniman and Harvey

Proceeds from the resale of electronic waste will benefit the scholarship fund for pediatric speech and language disorders at Beaumont Children's

Lower level 3 hour parking.

Upper level 8 hour parking.

The popular Fort Box, in which children decorate repurposed corrugated boxes to build a kid-sized cityscape, will also return to Kellogg Park. This year's Fort Box will include replicas of some of the world's landmark bridges, built with recycled materials by students at New Morning School. Other Fort Box sponsors are The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and IKEA.

IKEA will also host an exhibit, Green Living, featuring home displays and the

chance to win a mountain bicycle or a \$500 IKEA gift card, at The Gathering on Penniman.

Other entertainment during the Green Street Fair will

 Abigail Stauffer, an Ann Arbor singer-songwriter, 1:15-2:30 p.m. Friday. • The Sugar People, rock,

pop and soul, 3:15-4:15 p.m. Friday. • In Custody, a rock cover band, 4:45-6:30 p.m. Friday.

• The Mister Laurence Experience, fun rock for kids, 10:30-11:15 a.m. Saturday.

• The Deep Fried Pickle Project, a "junk band" that

WHY A FAIR?

Green Street Fair Inc. was founded to help educate and inform people of all ages about the benefits of green, organic, and ecofriendly products and services. To promote global interest and personal well-being, the Green Street Fair blends companies, artisans, entertainers, workshops and speakers together in a friendly and family-oriented outdoor environment. Consumers who attend the Green Street Fair will be encouraged to learn the advantages of taking strides, large or small, toward living a healthier and greener life.



Bob Mayes and Oak Electric offered wind power, solar panel, and backup generator systems at Plymouth's Green Street Fair last year.

plays bluegrass, metal and honky-tonk, noon-1 p.m. Saturday and 12:30-1:30 p.m. Sunday.

 Timothy Monger State Park, folk rock, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Saturday.

 Sista Otis, rock and gospel, 3-4:15 p.m. Saturday. · Gemini, a duo playing

acoustic music for children and families, 2-3 p.m. Sunday. • Tracy Kash Thomas, a jazz performer, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Sunday. All concerts will take place at the Eco-Beats Stage at

Union and Penniman. The Deep Fried Pickle Project will also host an

- visitors can build a "canjo," a kazoo or maracas — from 10-11:45 a.m. Sunday in Kellogg Park. The workshop is just ahead of the Mother's Day parade, and participants will be encouraged to join the parade with their new homemade instrument.

instrument-making workshop

The Green Street Fair hours are noon-7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, visit the fair's website, www.greenstreetfair.

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GREEN STREET FAIR HIGHLIGHTS

Eco-Beats stage line-up

Featuring American Idol's Crystal Bowersox and top notch entertainment from around Michigan, the weekend will be filled with a broad range of eco-beats.

FRIDAY, MAY 6

Abigail Stauffer 1:15-2:30 p.m. The Sugar People 3:15-4:15 p.m. In Custody 4:45-6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

The Mister Laurence Experience 10:30-11:15 a.m. Deep Fried Pickle Project noon to 1 p.m Timothy Monger State Park 1:30-2:30 p.m. Sista Otis 3-4:15 p.m. Crystal Bowersox 5-6:15 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 8

Deep Fried Pickle Project 12:30-1:30 p.m. Gemini 2-3 p.m. Tracy Kash Thomas 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Other Highlights

•IKEA EXHIBIT

Visit the IKEA Canton exhibit in The Gathering, located off of Penniman between Main Street and Union to see an interactive sustainable home display and enter to win a \$500 IKEA Gift Card to help you live a sustainable life at home or a new mountain bike to help reduce your carbon footprint.

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•THE PICKLED PINK MOTHER'S DAY PARADE AND INSTRUMENT BUILDING PLAYSHOP

Green Street Fair will celebrate Mother Earth

all weekend and will also be pulling out the stops to celebrate all moms on Mother's Day on Sunday. To kick off the Mothers Day festivities, Green Street Fair welcomes Deep Fried Pickle Project, a junk band from southwest Michigan that blends bluegrass, metal, jug band and honky-tonk tunes into their performances that embrace fans of all ages. In conjunction with their performances on Saturday and Sunday, "The Pickle Boys" are dedicated to music education and will bring with them an instrument play shop to teach kids (known to The Pickle Boys as "gherkins") and adults how to make homemade instruments out of recyclable materials. Children of all ages will be encouraged to craft a canjo, make a mom's day maraca, construct a kazoo, or a silly singing straw. The Pickles will demonstrate how to build and play these zany, multicolored music-makers to lead the Mother's Day parade on Sunday at noon. Event attendees are also invited to bring their own noisemakers such as pots, pans, bells, drums and the like. Decorated tricycles and bikes are also encouraged.

MOTHERS DAY CRAFT STATION

Yelp will have a kid's craft table where the little ones can make mom an earth friendly surprise for Mother's Day.

•THE YELLOW JUG FOR OLD DRUGS

In lieu of flushing drugs down the toilet or throwing them into the garbage which can contaminate water supplies, event attendees can bring their medications to the Green Street Fair to properly dispose of unused, unwanted and expired drugs.

•CELL PHONE RECYCLING

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free to bring them to Green Street Fair to make sure that they are recycled properly.

•E-CLUTTER FOR KIDS

A recycle-a-thon to help children with speech and language disorders. If you're tired of that old computer monitor sitting in your garage or have a drawer full of extra cables, toner cartridges or cameras, this is your opportunity to safely recycle these items and raise money for treatment scholarships at the Center for Speech and Language Disorders at Beaumont Children's Hospital.

Some 65 percent of all proceeds will benefit the Pediatric Speech and Language Disorders Scholarship Fund at Beaumont Children's Hospital affiliated with Children's Miracle

Drop off your equipment at the Statewide Recycling Station at Green Street Fair on from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Go to www.greenstreetfair.com for a list of items accepted.

ORGANIC COOKING DEMONSTRATION

Sponsored by Meijer and The Art Institute of Michigan: Discover how to create your own organic masterpiece in the kitchen. Live cooking demonstrations all weekend.

•FLIP YOUR LID

Flip Your Lid returns to Green Street Fair. Students at Smith Elementary School in Plymouth collected plastic lids of all colors, shapes and sizes to create oversized bugs that will be scattered around Kellogg Park throughout the weekend. Attendees of the event will also be encouraged to help construct the Flip Your Lid Mural which will be donated following the event.

the Eighth Air Force. After the war, Petz played in several major Big Bands, traveling across the country with the Jimmy Dorsey Band along with Jimmy Durante as a favorite memory. Petz and his wife, Shirley, had apartments in Chicago and New York during this time. They traveled for seven years.

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After these busy years, they settled in the Detroit and Oakland county areas. He became a teacher and school administrator in Detroit and Farmington.

"Being a principal in Farmington was a beautiful experience," Petz told the Observer in an April 2010 interview. "There were wonderful teachers and students. I still hear from them. Five of my students have become principals. They have called from Texas, Florida and Wisconsin. I always had an open door. Students could come in and discuss problems. I was able to

help and encourage them." Petz was also a writer, working with Roger Rosentreter to write two books for the Lincoln Bicentennial, Seeking Lincoln in Michigan and Michigan Remembers Lincoln, guidebooks to sites in Michigan which honor Lincoln.

Petz, well-known and respected among historians,



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Two people who have made the museum what it is today are Margaret Dunning and Dr. Weldon Petz.

gave nearly 5,000 talks on Lincoln to groups at universities, schools, historical societies, Civil War Roundtables and symposiums.

One of his biggest passions was Lincoln. Petz sold or donated his extensive collection to the Plymouth Historical Museum in 1998. The exhibit became very popular, and the museum built a room solely for the Lincoln exhibit in February 2002. That helped the museum fulfill one of the obligations created by the acquisition of Petz's collection: That it would always stay together in one place and not be sold off or separated.

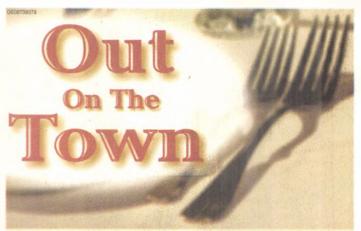
"The Lincoln room is his legacy," said Dan Packer, a member of the Plymouth Historical Society board. "He would love to walk around the exhibit, point out an item, talk of its historical nature and tell how he acquired the item. Anyone who walked into the museum's Lincoln Room when he was present would learn a great deal about Lincoln and his times. His love for Lincoln was obvious."

Petz is survived by his wife, Shirley; children Cheryl (James) Shirtz and Mark (Diane) Petz; grandchildren Michael (Pamela), Kristopher, Jennifer and Danielle.

Kerstens said everyone "adored" Petz.

"We are incredibly grateful for the quality time that we at the Plymouth Historical Museum were able to spend with him," Kerstens said. "Dr. Petz will be deeply missed and we are all heartbroken."

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Plymouth officials, who are also looking to cut costs, decided in February to join the Northville Fire Department, which relies on paid, on-call firefighters and medical firstresponders, beginning Jan. 1, 2012.

The International Association of Fire Fighters Local 1496, which represents PCFD members, has offered the township concessions that both sides generally agree

amount to about \$300,000 a year, and firefighters have been pushing to do more patient transports as a way of generating revenue, something township officials have refused.

The township was also in the running for an \$880,000, two-year federal grant that would be used to rehire three laid-off firefighters and hire an additional three, but officials said there were too many strings attached.

Mann scoffed at the criticism that her chief aim is to save her husband's job. "His job's not in jeopardy" because of his seniority, she said, and it would in fact be better for her to have him home every night and on weekends, when fire stations would be staffed with part-timers.

Mann said that, once the fire department issue is resolved, there are other issues the Citizens Action Group would like to pursue. She named the board's purchase of new controls for the township's newest water tower - an expense of nearly \$97,000 - and the townshipelection of 2012 as issues for

"You need to look at who we have in office, and are they the right people to stay in office," she said.

Mann said the group is in the process of filing the paperwork to become a registered political action committee.

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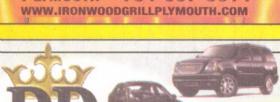
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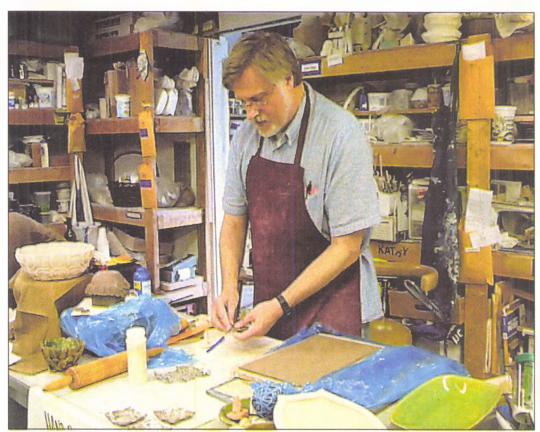
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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



Jerry Thompson works with some clay at the Village Potters Guild in Plymouth.

Artists share commitment to clay

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

Potters Guild: We are a nonprofit, cooperative guild of artists who share commitment to clay and a collaborative work setting. Operating in the historic factory district of Plymouth's Old Village, we serve the community and promote the with yearround ceramics classes, apprenticing student artists from local high schools, and participates in local art events such as Art In the Park, Art Feast, the Ice Festival, and 2 studio events - our Spring Sale May 7 and Holiday Sale November 17-20. VPG is especially proud to have cosponsored and completed. with Detroit's Pewabic Pottery, the tile wall mural at the Plymouth Township Hall. VPG clay artists worked with community members and scout troops to build and glaze each tile.

Observer: How did you first decide to open your business?

Potters Guild: There was no clay studio in the greater Detroit suburbs. Artists had to travel to Lansing or Ann Arbor or take classes at local colleges. Observer: Why did you choose Plymouth?

Potters Guild: Former Plymouth Salem High art teacher and longtime Plymouth resident Kris Darby was the catalyst who brought together the founding members and decided to initiate a guild in her hometown. With the help of benefactor Torb Guenther, Kris and a group of 8 potters began to look for a site in Old Village. The current factory space at 340 N. Main, owned by the Guenthers, eventually became our home.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Potters Guild: Village Potters Guild is unique in that every person's style is highly individualistic but we are also a non-profit cooperative where all share cleaning and maintenance. Our diverse members come from all over southeast Michigan and range

BUSINESS BRIEFS

VILLAGE POTTERS GUILD

Business name: Village Potters Business address: 340 N. Main,

Your Name and Title: Jerry Thompson, studio co-director Your Hometown: Plymouth **Business opened: 1995**

G-11, Plymouth

Number of employees: We are a Co-op Business and all 30-artist guild members are owners

Your business specialty: Handbuilt and wheel thrown pottery that is decorative and functional. Offering classes to the community and inducting/mentoring new members.

Hours: Members or students work every day of the week, at any hour they happen to have time. Business phone | Website: (734) 207-8807 | www.villagepottersguild.org; join us on Facebook

in age from 20's to 80's. World famous visiting artists do workshops, including women from Nicaragua who gave a workshop on behalf of Potters For Peace. Our combination of cooperation and diversity are unique and of great benefit to the business and the art product.

Observer: How has it changed since it opened?

Potters Guild: We have expanded our space 3 times. Added equipment and work space has allowed us to offer more classes and variation in the clay/glazes we use. Membership has grown from 8 to 12 to 17 to 24 and now to a record number of 30. With each new member comes an infusion of new ideas & talent. At our premier show of the year, Plymouth's Art in the Park, we have expanded over the years from 2 tents to this last year's 6-tent display. Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit to share with other business

Potters Guild: Our funniest stories are "happy accidents" where someone goofs and ends up inventing something amazing: using a blowtorch too vigorously

on a pot, cracking it severely & discovering it's your new favorite style - or misreading a chemical and mixing up 5 gallons of purple glaze instead of red & everyone likes the new mystery glaze. Observer: How has the recent

economy affected your business? Potters Guild: Like all businesses, our expenses have increased in the current economy, which has prompted increased dues for members, and fund-raising. Balancing the budget is always a challenge. The volunteerism and generosity of the members is often the key. Despite the economy, art shows continue to be well-attended. We get many compliments and much encouragement from the public. Everyone loves to stroll through an art show which makes it a great event for all the businesses participating. Observer: Do you have any advice for other small-business owners?

Potters Guild: The most rewarding business practice, besides every member doing the art they love, is the business relationships and community outreach that we have done. These promote our guild as an arts, teaching and creative resource. Whether it is volunteering work for an Empty Bowls project, working on the township mural, offering classes, or participating in a street fair, the connections with other businesses and community members is how we grow. Observer: What's in store for the future of your business?

Potters Guild: Since our recent addition of extra classroom space, we hope to offer more workshops in the community. Our Spring Sale at our Main Street studio on May 7 and 8 this year will be a fresh experience in our new space. Expanding our outdoor raku firing area is a priority and we have applied for grant money to expand our offerings to the public. We hope to do a bigger series of shows and sales, bring new members aboard and keep the cooperative guild spirit going amongst 30 very opinionated, creative people.

CHAMBER CHAT

Showcase Plymouth

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce presents the 22nd annual Showcase and Taste of Plymouth 5-7:30 p.m. Monday, May 23, at the Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile in Plymouth. This year's event will be moving to the Grande Ballroom and adjoining Garden Gallery to create more space for the expanded attendance.

Showcase and Taste of Plymouth was created to celebrate the Plymouth Community, its businesses, restaurants and the people who live here. Chamber officials expect more than 800 attendees. Admission is \$10 at the door and includes complimentary food, cash bar and a chance to win over 70 door

There will be a live Chef's Cooking Challenge with three judges and an announcer describing the action. Also, as part of this event, we will be recognizing outstanding citizens from our local service clubs and presenting scholarships to local students.

Showcase and Taste of Plymouth is sponsored by Community Financial and Hines Park Lincoln.

For more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

Chamber map

The Chamber's 2011 map of the Plymouth Community is due to arrive soon. Chamber officials called the maps "one of the most requested items from the Chamber's Visitors Center."

The maps are also great give-aways. Chamber officials want to thank all of the members who made this map pos-



Debbie Little, Ryan Delvecchio and Rick Janka from Solid Ground counseling took part in last year's Showcase Plymouth. This year's event is set for Monday, May 23.

sible through their advertising. Businesses wanting a supply of maps can call the chamber office at (734) 453-1540 or e-mail teri@plymouthmich.org

Coffee Connection

Sign up today for the next Coffee Connection on Thursday, May 12, from 8-9 a.m. hosted by Espresso Elevado. You can enjoy a cup of coffee and breakfast treats while having the opportunity to make new connections with other Chamber members. If you are interested in attending, please call (734) 453-1540 or e-mail teri@plymouthmich.

Espresso Elevado is located at 606 S. Main St. at the corner of Wing. There is no fee to attend this event.

Penn dinner auction

The sixth Annual "PENNdemonium" Dinner Auction to benefit Friends of the Penn will take place on Friday, May 13 from 6-11 p.m. at the Meeting House Grand Ballroom in Downtown Plymouth. This exciting evening includes hors d'oeuvres, plated dinner with your choice of entree, full open bar, dessert, raffle, live and silent auction, music and dancing.

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Jasti brings 28 years of experience in business lending, credit analysis and management to his role at Bank of Ann Arbor. He began his career in banking as a financial analyst with the Detroit office of the Federal Reserve. He subsequently moved to NBD where he worked in var-



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markets. Most recently, Jasti was the Founder and CEO of Lotus

the Ann Arbor and Toledo

Bank in Novi. He holds a MBA from University of Chicago and a BS from Wayne State "A key to helping businesses

in the greater Plymouth area grow is filling our team with experienced business bankers," said Timothy Marshall, President and CEO. "Satish brings a very strong skill set and a long track record of sales success. His experience in meeting the lending needs of middle market businesses will help more businesses have access to the capital they need to grow."

Students write their own ticket in Players' production

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

During his career, Johnathan Rase has garnered a good deal of experience creating comedy, and it was experience he wanted to pass on to the members of the Park Players when he agreed to direct this weekend's production of "Oh, the Places You'll Stay."

That's why the play, a compilation of some 20 sketches written entirely by students, will be special for him when it opens tonight (Thursday).

"It was such a fun experience I wanted to give it to the kids," said Rase. "The kids came up with everything. It's incredible to see how much ownership they took of everything - set design, marketing, the scrip - for this play."

The premise is a kind of satirical take on the Dr. Seuss classic, "Oh, the Places You'll Go," Rase said, which is about young people moving into the future. Instead, "Oh, the Places You'll Stay" is about "those kids who don't gradu-

"It's about people who don't move on," Rase said. "It's about finding your identity, finding your place."

The cast and crew of some 28 kids is entirely responsible for just about everything, with Rase providing direction and guidance, and that started with the writing. The writing team was made up primarily of about seven teenagers who put their heads together and came up with some 40 sketches.

Working together, he said, they whittled it down to some 20 sketches which made the final cut.

One of the hard parts about putting the comedy together, according to Plymouth High School senior Sam Phillips, one of several writers, was making sure the comedy they

were writing was "actually funny."

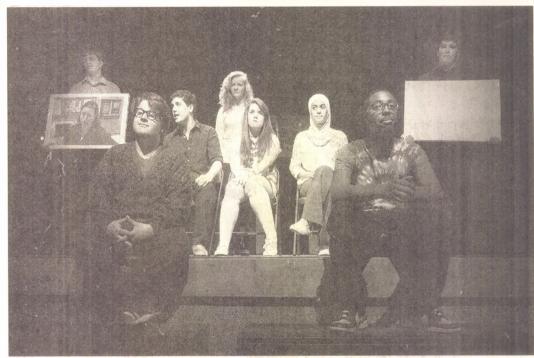
"A lot of things sound funny in the moment, but when you start fleshing them out they aren't," Phillips said. "It's like bouncing ideas off each other and seeing if people laugh at

Canton High School sophomore Meg Ellis was one of the writers and Rase's assistant director. She said it was a little different ordering around people who are her friends.

"Sometimes I have trouble being bossy," Ellis said with a laugh. "I'm friends with the whole cast, and I didn't want to seem mean."

The production takes place Thursday-Saturday at the DuBois Little Theater in Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Road). Tickets are \$7 (\$5 for students) and are available at the door. All performances are at 7 p.m.

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"Oh, The Places You'll Stay" is a series of comedy sketches written by the students. Current events, some just a few days old, influence some of the sketches. This scene asks the viewers to donate even one dollar a day to help a teacher. Tyler Paluchniak, Sam Phillips, Alex Armesto, Emma Dwyer, Clare Shortal, Ghadeer Nasser, Tyler Howard and

Madonna graduates 1,065 at 64th commencement



There is no doubt about what degree Chelsea Archibald earned. She is from Canton.

Of the 1,065 graduates who joined the Madonna University alumni ranks this vear, some 525 walked across the stage to get their diplomas at the 64th commencement Sunday at Compuware Arena in Plymouth. Among this group were five of the first 15 graduates of Madonna's **Doctor of Nursing Practice** program that began in May 2009. Approximately 750 students earned a bachelor's or associate degree, and nearly 300 earned a master's.

Prior to conferring degrees to the graduates in attendance, Madonna University's president, Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, and Board Chairman Robert Sajdak bestowed honorary doctorate degrees upon Paulson Mathew Chunkapura, Ph.D., president of the World of Knowledge Management



Kristen Sabatini of Plymouth searches the crowd for her parents, Gerry and Barb Sabatini, during Madonna's commencement ceremony.

Development Centre (WKMDC) in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, and Kaup Mohamed, Ph. D., dean and director of the WKMDC.

Distinguished Alumni Awards were presented to Brian Davis and Lucy Thomas. A Detroit Police Officer since he graduated from the police academy in 1986, Davis earned a bachelor's degree in criminal iustice at Madonna in 2002.

and applied it to his work as a teacher at the Detroit Police Training Center. He returned to Madonna to earn a master's degree in educational leadership and a certificate in curriculum development in 2008. As commanding officer of the Detroit Police Department's Northwestern District, Davis was wounded in a shootout in the 6th precinct in early January. He is credited with saving the lives of his fellow officers.

Lucy Thomas, who earned a bachelor's degree in marketing in 1983 and now serves on Madonna University's Foundation Board, was unable to make the commencement from her home in Louisiana, so her sister, Amy Habib, accepted on her behalf.

Presiding over the commencement ceremony was See photo gallery at hometownlife.com

Madonna University Provost and Vice President for **Academic Administration** Ernest I. Nolan. The invocation was given by Kathryn O'Dowd, Ph.D., dean of the College of Arts and Humanities. Graduate vocalist Amy Loskowski sang the National Anthem, which was interpreted by sign language studies graduates Katie Mann, Delta Covrett, Mary Spas and Kathleen McGowan. The mace bearer was Asaad Istephan, Ph.D., professor of physical and applied sciences.

Some 70 graduates and their families attended the Graduation Mass April 28 at Presentation Blessed Virgin Mary Chapel. Archbishop Allen Vigneron, Archdiocese of Detroit, was the celebrant.

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OUR VIEWS



The sacrifice made by Marine Cpl. Jacob H. Turbett, killed in action in Afghanistan in February 2010, was one of thousands made in the war on terror, which was dealt a blow Sunday with the announcement U.S. forces killed Osama Bin Laden.

Rest easier Bin Laden's death means sacrifices weren't in vain

Our area has suffered its share of loss in the nearly 10 years since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks leveled the Twin Towers and steeled a nation's resolve.

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Now that the orchestrator of that vicious attack on the American psyche, Osama Bin Laden, has been killed by U.S. military forces, their brethren - Army Sqt. Trevor Blumberg of Canton, Marine Cpl. David Smith of Garden City, Army Pvt. Joseph Blake of Livonia, Marine Sgt. Bryan Burgess of Canton, Army National **Guardsman 1st Class Matthew** Hilton of Livonia, Marine Cpl. **Jacob Turbett of Canton and** Marine Lance Cpl. Dominic J. Ciaramitaro – can finally, and

truly, rest in peace.

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For what has been a very long 10 years, Americans have waited, wished and prayed for the announcement that came late Sunday night. U.S. forces, acting on a tip provided last August and using a perseverance born on 9/11, raided a Pakistani compound and

engaged Bin Laden and his supporters in a brief firefight that resulted in Bin Laden's death. They took custody of the body, and DNA confirmed Bin Laden's identity.

The forces did it for their country, continuing a service that should make us all proud. And they were doing it for those who died trying to do it before them. It's worth remembering why and how our local soldiers gave that ultimate sacrifice:

• Marine Sgt. Bryan K. Burgess of Canton died Nov. 9, 2006, while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq.

• Army Private Joseph R. Blake of Livonia died Aug. 17, 2006, from injuries sustained while on active duty in Afghanistan when his platoon encountered enemy forces small arms fire in Turkalay, Afghanistan.

• Sgt. Trevor Blumberg of Canton died Sept. 14, 2004, when a roadside bomb hit a convoy and destroyed the Humvee occupied by himself and three other soldiers. His unit had been deployed to Iraq just three days ear-

• Marine Cpl. David W. Smith of Garden City died Dec. 11, 2005, during a training accident in Mount Fuji, Japan.

 Army National Guard Sgt. 1st Class Matthew L. Hilton of Livonia died June 26, 2008, while on active duty supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan,

• Marine Cpl. Jacob H. Turbett of Canton died Feb. 13, 2010, in Helmand province, Afghanistan, while on active duty supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

• Marine Lance Cpl. Dominic J. Ciaramitaro, 19, of South Lyon died April 23 while serving in Afghanistan. He was killed by a roadside bomb.

As you can see, some of them died within days of being sent overseas, while others died just before they were supposed to come home safe. Some were a little older, and some were very, very young. We can never do enough to thank them — and their families — for their

What we can do is hold the memory of their willingness to die for that which they believed, and an appreciation of the sacrifice they made, in our hearts. In the aftermath of the death of the terrorist Bin Laden, we can sleep better and feel better to know one immutable

Their sacrifice was not in vain.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Would you support Donald Trump if he sought the Republican nomination for president, and why or why not?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



"Possibly. I don't know, why wouldn't 1?" Keri Mueller Plymouth Township

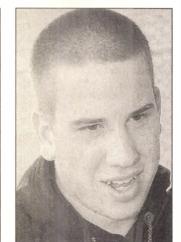


"No. Why? I don't know why. ... I just wouldn't." Lois Hansen Plymouth



"No. I don't think he has a realistic view of the world."





"Probably not. Just because he is like the business side of things. I don't know if he can run the country. ... It might be just for show."

Matt Edwards Plymouth Township

LETTERS

Find new ways

I am deeply concerned with the state of our world, or at least our corner of it. In this letter, however, I will be addressing a considerably narrowed and specific thought.

What sparked this desire to reach out on this level was my experience at a local gas station. Every time I purchase gasoline, I become immensely consumed with guilt. I agonize over the fact I am contributing to the supply-and-demand at the pump; that I am contradicting my exemplary beliefs and the ecological footprint.

So today when I observed so much negative behavior at the gas station - people cutting me off in line and becoming antagonistic at my disbelief for lack of some type of manners - I decided I have had enough. Too many people treating each other in not a respectful way and no, we are not only fueling our gas-guzzlers, we are fueling each other's anger.

Unfortunately, we cannot so simply "say no to gas." The way we have for numerous decades designed our society is in such a way that our automobiles and habits are deemed a necessity. Many of us commute to our jobs, use our vehicles for grocery shopping, etc.

Especially where I live there is no form of public transportation, unless you are elderly and have rights to some sort of bus I have seen around, or you call a taxicab that has to come from Westland or further. So it goes back to cringing at the gas pump and paying high prices of both financial and earthly

Also, it seems to me that Detroit, otherwise known as "Motor City," has too much invested to admit that automobiles are obsolete. We need to acknowledge that "nothing gold can stay" ... the auto industry in its time has done much for our society; however, for the ever-changing times, things need to be modified, like our transportation.

Maybe instead of taking the "not-wantingto-let-it-go" approach and fighting to catch a runaway train, we could be the pioneers of something great that is far more suitable for our changing times. This is an era where we are extremely intelligent and capable of putting our heads together to figure something else out. Maybe the automakers could use what we already have invested toward a more economic and environmentally sound - more harmonious - way of living.

I realize overnight (sadly) nothing can change, but Motor City wasn't built in a day. Let's keep our ears, minds and hearts open.

Sarah Osen Canton

Save WSDP

This morning I made a 70-mile bike ride to the nearest town with Internet access to express my support of WSDP. I can honestly say that the trip I made this morning, or the trip I made last year to Zambia as a United States Peace Corps volunteer, would not have happened without the time and experience I had as a student at WSDP.

My experience at WSDP, and how it has served me, is similar to many other students who had the opportunity to work at the station. Alumni that leave the station do not necessarily go on to have careers in radio

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broadcasting, in fact, I would say that only a small percentage do.

But, the skills that are fostered and nurtured at the station are ones that serve all of its students wherever they go and whatever they do in this world. To me, the station's greatest gift to the students is the opportunity to create and collaborate. When talking about the future for our state, and what our students need to be successful, I hear both of these qualities mentioned from politicians from both sides of the aisle.

For the past eight months I have been working as a public health volunteer in rural Zambia. I face daily challenges to educate my villagers on subjects of malaria, HIV/ AIDS, child health, and food security. As with most rewarding jobs, it's challenging.

But, what makes this job challenging and not impossible are skills I obtained from my education from the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and, largely, WSDP. The most rewarding part of my service has been working with members of my village. To work and learn in conjunction with them in attempts to improve the public health of our area is a profound experience. The opportunity to work and learn from people that are different than me is not a new experience, though. This I learned at WSDP.

My time at WSDP allowed me to see how thoughtful and passionate our district's school board is in providing our area the best public education possible. No matter the outcome of the 2011-12 budget, I will be confident that the decisions were made for the best way to safeguard our community's strong public education foundation.

Scott G. Decker former WSDP staffer

Film policy short-sighted

Dear Sen. Colbeck, Mr. Heise, and Gov.

lam a member of Michigan's film production community and your constituent, and would like you to consider that the package of bills that make up our film incentives are an investment in Michigan's economy.

Positive economic impact goes directly to communities in our wonderful state. On average, each film project directly uses an average of 60 vendors during the course of a project, ranging from realtors, rental facilities, construction and painting suppliers, IT and phone installation, to light construction and fencing. Beyond the initial vendors, for instance, the caterer purchases from meat vendors, fruit markets, green grocers and restaurant suppliers, tents, etc.

A recent Ernst & Young report shows that for "every dollar spent in state tax breaks to filmmakers, nearly \$6 of economic activity is generated here."

It also found "the film, TV and digital gaming industries created 3,860 full-time equivalent jobs and generated an estimated \$503 million in 2010 while costing the state just \$28 million."

The incentives were not designed to fill the state coffers, but to create jobs, help local businesses and keep our young minds and talent here in Michigan. They are doing all of these things and providing direct economic benefits to our communities. Michigan has paid \$89 million in incentives to date, compared to the more than \$648 million that has been spent by production in Michigan since 2008.

As the saying goes, it takes money to make money. The tax incentive package should be viewed as a long-term investment to kick-start an industry that needs years to mature. Along the way, belts need to be tightened and sacrifices made, but that's the nature of an investment. Now three years in, there is a still-developing workforce; multimillion dollar investments by private companies; and the grandest of all, a new pride and hope for our state that can't be denied.

Personally, I believe that some day, if the film industry is allowed to flourish, grow and mature, Michigan will become so established as a new Hollywood, rich in resources, that we won't need the financial boost from tax incentives. And that's how it should be.

I urge you to consider the current proposal to cap the incentives as shortsighted and poorly serving of Michigan's best interests.

> **Belinda Tantalo** Plymouth

The new Know Nothing

Some of the newly elected Taxed Enough Already members of Congress are spilling the tea. The "no to everything Obama" representatives and senators are proving to be the modern "Know Nothing" Party of the mid-19th century. (This group rebelled against the increased rate of immigration and promoted nativism.)

Extreme right conservatives allow ideology to dictate what and whom they support. They do not compromise. Under the guise of deficit reduction they are fighting a cultural and class war.

These four topics comprise their agenda: defeat Obama in 2012, remove a woman's right to choose, dismantle public education, and abolish unions.

Conditions in our country should persuade moderate Republicans, Independents and Democrats to become involved in politics. Follow the lead of voters in Wisconsin to recall representatives who are harming our democracy.

> Hannah Provence Donigan Commerce

Walkers step out to help March of Dimes

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Nancy Henzi of Livonia held her 7-month-old son Knox in her arms Saturday morning at the Nankin Mills area of Hines Park in Westland. Husband Matt was nearby, along with other members of Team Madison Hope Henzi for the annual March of Dimes March for Babies.

Knox's sister Madison Hope died in December 2007.

"That's why we originally started to walk (for the March of Dimes)," Nancy Henzi said. "My daughter Madison would have been 3 on Christmas Eve. So now we've got an angel baby and a miracle baby.'

Knox got therapy help, a lubricant to expand his lungs. He weighed 2 pounds at birth and was briefly on a ventilator, but well now.

"He came three months early," his mom said while waiting for the Saturday, April 30, March for Babies to start along Hines Drive. The couple are also parents to Ian, 12, her stepson.

This is the fourth year for their team, one of many to walk the flood-shortened route to benefit the March of Dimes. Other walks were held in nearby communities. Many walkers wore specially designed T-shirts in memory or honor of children, while some had photos affixed to their clothing.

The walkers were serenaded by the Ford Motor Co. Chorus, with Ford and the UAW as major event sponsors. At the chorus helm was Jon Drake of Redford, chorus director the past four years. The chorus began in 1944. Its first concert was the week of D-Day, he added. There are now about 30 members, including those from outside Ford.

"We do all these Ford charitable events," Drake said, adding that they'll perform at the Race for the Cure in Detroit Memorial Day weekend. "Ford's a major sponsor of that."

Jennifer Nyberg of Canton is 17 and a Canton High School junior.



The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth fed the March of Dimes crowd Saturday. Jim Walk of Livonia (in back) was committee chair for the

"I'm here with Key Club, (a Kiwanis youth branch)," she said. "I just have so much fun. This is my third time, I believe."

Born about 11/2 to 2 months early, Nyberg had some breathing difficulties as a newborn, but is fine

Feeding the throng fell to the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth, with Jim Walk of Livonia as committee chair. Members served hot dogs from the grill, chips, pop and water. About 18 Kiwanians helped, said Walk, an 11year member.

Γhe service club has helped the March of Dimes walk about 15 years.

"We love giving back to the community," Walk said. Work began that Friday night with unloading the

dogs to grill. "Anything that's left over will go to the Salvation Army and to Tonquish Manor, a senior facility in

truck. They had 2,000 hot

Plymouth," Walk said. Fran Toney of Plymouth was among busy Kiwanians. She served as Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce director from 1989 to 2008,

when she retired. "I get to do things like this," Toney said with a

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Constant 'slash and burn' fits Einstein's insanity definition

BY MARK HORVATH **GUEST COLUMNIST**

lbert Einstein defined insanity as "doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different

If you have been watching the budget process in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools over the past month you would have seen our school board doing the same thing and expecting different results.

The school board will readily admit that they have already spent several years "cutting" and they are now doing more of the same. While they take the same "slash and burn" approach they have unsuccessfully used over the past several years, perhaps they should consider Mr. Einstein's definition of insanity and try something different if they want a different result. ..

As a member of the elementary budget committee last year, we recommended a complete process audit of how the district does EVERYTHING that we use our school funding dollars to pay for. The intent



of audit is to clearly identify how all of the activities of an organization fit into its core mission. This allows

Mark Horvath

an organization to focus its resources and make optimal use of its dollars. Nowhere is the mission of an organization any clearer than public education, so you would think this is something our school board would embrace

and engage in actively. Undertaking this effort would return our focus to support of the classroom teacher and what is needed to educate children effectively. Instead, this suggestion was never seriously considered and written off in this year's budget discussion as an 'efficiency audit" and something "for future discussion."

Rather than supporting our core mission and its classroom teachers, the school board is planning to cut teachers and reduce the effectiveness of its core mission.

OPINION

At a time when our school board seems overwhelmed by their task, you would think they would be anxious to embrace new ideas and input from our community. Instead, they continue to meet infrequently and limit the time they use to dialogue with the public for new ideas.

They use their limited public sessions to complain that they have already "cut a lot" and "there is not enough money" instead of seeking innovative ways to support our core mission and classroom teachers.

Shouldn't we be looking for new ways to accomplish our core mission rather than bragging about how much we have already cut by doing the same thing over and over?

I wonder what Al would say about our chances for success if we just keep doing the same thing?

Mark Horvath lives in Canton Township and is a former president of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education.





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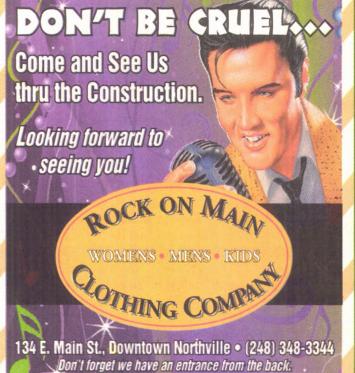
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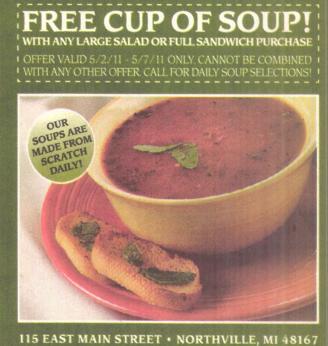


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Chiefs hang on, stop Mustangs

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Everything looked rosy for Canton after the Chiefs scored twice in the bottom of the sixth against visiting Northville in a KLAA crossover varsity girls softball matchup.

Canton went up 6-2 with junior pitcher Alyssa Boucher looking to close out the win. But the Mustangs kept battling, scoring two runs and loading the bases with one out.

Making sure the game didn't slip away, senior shortstop and co-captain Carol Anne Sexauer encouraged her teammates to just take a collective deep breath.

The next batter, Suzanne Hasse, hit a soft liner to Sexauer, who confidently squeezed the second out. Freshman relief pitcher Hannah Warren — who took over with one out in the seventh — then finished off the 6-4 victory with a strikeout of Allie Chapekis.

"That's why it's important that we have practice every day," said Sexauer, about being able to remain composed in stressful situations. "Just going back to the basics and staying calm, because we know we've done it a million times before. We have to remind everyone just to relax."

Canton head coach Jim Arnold, whose squad improved to 9-0 overall, said his team "beared down" to finish the win. He also had kudos for Boucher and Warren.

"I thought Boucher pitched extremely well over the whole game," Arnold said. "I just wanted to have a new little look, so that's why I put the freshman pitcher in there."

The Chiefs helped the cause with a 13hit attack, including a 3-for-3 effort from sophomore catcher Catherine Porter and two hits each from Sexauer, Boucher and senior Kaitlyn Mattson.

Northville also collected 13 hits, with three each from Jen Buckingham and Katie

Canton fell behind 2-0 in the top of the first, but answered with one run in the bottom half. The Chiefs then tied the game 2-2 in the third and took a 4-2 edge with two more runs in the fourth.

With Boucher holding the fort, the lead grew to 6-2 in the sixth. Boucher singled and freshman courtesy runner Kaitlyn Keys went to second on a sacrifice bunt by senior Samantha Partain.

Porter singled Keys to third, with sophomore Jessica Webster entering to run for Porter. Senior Jesse Larner chipped in with a solid, RBI single to left for a 5-2 lead.

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Showing their love and support for Jesse Lindlbauer (center) during Sunday's 5K run are Plymouth High School's John Etienne (left) and Justin Thompson.

It's super run for 'Super' Jess

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth and Canton communities - and areas well beyond — have taken to the plight of Jesse Lindlbauer in a "super" way.

There's no better proof than Sunday's "Run for Super Jess" which will be followed on Saturday when Canton's varsity baseball team will play a benefit doubleheader.

People of all ages and from nearly 50 different communities came out on a cool, gray morning to serve up a bright ray of hope for Jesse, a 16-year-old Canton High School sophomore and former baseball player who is recovering from a brain abscess rupture.

More than 1,600 people took part in the 5K race at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, with another 170 signing up but not showing up due to the weather.

"I knew 1,600 people was a lot," said Tommy Halewicz of the PCEP National Honor Society, which hosted the run. "But it was some'I never would've thought this run could grow as much as it did. I haven't stopped smiling since, it was incredible.'

TOMMY HALEWICL Salem senior

thing very special seeing this group of supporters all together.

"... I never would've thought this run could grow as much as it did. I haven't stopped smiling since, it was incredible."

Halewicz, a senior at Salem High School, said approximately \$35,000 was generated by the race. All proceeds will go to the Lindlbauer family, to help defray mounting bills for physical and speech therapy.

Jesse lost his speech and movement due to the rupture, but he is working diligently to get those functions back.

Also participating in the run was Plymouth junior Justin Thompson, one of Jesse's teammates on the 2009 champion Canton Vipers.

"I am glad that I had the opportunity to participate in this run to help Jesse and his family because I played baseball with him for a few years and got to know him very well," Justin said. "He is a great kid and I want to do all I can do to help

Meanwhile, the Canton baseball twinbill (noon Saturday) against Kalamazoo Central is another way to help the cause.

There will be no admission price for the doubleheader, but people will be encouraged to buy concessions and raffle tickets with all money donated to the Lindlbauers.

Not to be left out, the "Super Jess Classic" will take place 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 22 on the Plymouth varsity baseball field between the Michigan Blue Jays and Plymouth Grizzlies. For more information about the June 22 event, call Joel Thompson (734) 634-4963 or e-mail him at jethome@comcast.net.

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PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's No. 2 doubles team of Brittany Rose and Iulia Fratila were undefeated entering Tuesday's matchup against Grand Blanc in a KLAA crossover dual meet.

Netters face crossover tests

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Plymouth varsity girls tennis coach Rob McLaren knew winning a division crown wasn't without some challenges.

For example, the KLAA South Division champion Wildcats on Tuesday faced the first of three other division leaders they will face in a string of crossover dual meets.

Host Plymouth lost 7-2 to Grand Blanc (Lakes Conference, West Division).

"We've got a handful with Grand Blanc," McLaren said. "That's one of the gifts that we get for winning our division, we have to play all the division winners. They're really strong."

Also at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park were a pair of third-place crossover meets Canton-Milford and Salem-Walled Lake Central, with the Rocks winning 9-0.

Plymouth dropped all four singles flights in straight sets and the Bobcats also took honors in No. 1-3 doubles.

At No. 2 doubles, Plymouth seniors Brittany Rose and Iulia Fratila were defeated for the



Canton No. 2 singles player Janani Shanmuga focuses on her return shot.

first time this season.

Grand Blanc's Rachel Goyette and Hali MacMillan won that flight 6-2, 6-1.

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Canton squad eyes Observerland crown

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

According to veteran Canton boys track and field coach Bob Richardson, Saturday's Observerland relays is about as good as it

"This is my favorite meet of the year, along with regionals and the (KLAA) conference meet," Richardson said about the 41st Observerland Boys Track & Field Relays. "It's great, it's a twilight meet. The running events don't start until 7 p.m. and usually the place is packed.

"It's under the lights. It's not hard to get pumped up for that race."

Canton will be one of the favored teams at the Salem-hosted event, slated for Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Field events will begin at 2 p.m., with prelims (6:30 p.m.) and finals (7 p.m.) to follow.

Defending champion Novi-Detroit Catholic Central figures to be at or near the top of the leader board again this year after finishing 53 points ahead of runners-up Farmington and Plymouth in the 2010 event held at Farmington High School.

The Falcons again should be in the mix, along with Farmington Hills Harrison and Livonia Stevenson.

READY TO CHALLENGE "As usual, there are a num-

OBSERVERLAND RELAYS

What: 41st Observerland Boys Track & Field Relays. When: Saturday, May 7, Field events begin at 2 p.m., Prelims for the 100-meter dash and 110 hurdles begin at 6:30 p.m.. Finals start at 7 p.m. Where: Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Road (just south of Joy Road). Competing schools: Canton, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (defending champion), Livonia Clarenceville, Farmington, Farmington Hills Harrison; Garden City, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson, Lutheran High Westland, North Farmington, Northville, Plymouth Christian Academy, Redford Union, Salem (host), Redford Thurston, Wayne Memorial, Westland John Glenn. Open events: 110 hurdles, 1,600 run; 100 dash.

Relay events: shot put, discus, pole vault, high jump, long jump, 6,400 relay (4 x 1,600); distance medley, 800, 3,200, sprint medley, shuttle hurdles, 400, 1,600.

Admission: \$5 per person.

ber of teams that can compete for the Observerland title." said Scott Shaw, head coach for the Spartans. "There are

Please see OBSERVERLAND, B3

SIDELINES Alaniva sets mark

Canton senior Nick Alaniva did not let Tuesday's cool, windy weather hinder his efforts in the Chiefs' boys track and field dual

meet against Wayne

Memorial. Alaniva set a new Canton school record in the pole vault, with a mark of 14-feet, 5.5 inches. That broke a twoyear record held by Chris . McGinnis (14-4).

"It was sprinkling and it was windy," Chiefs head coach Bob Richardson said. "And he still went 14-5.5. I was amazed. We're real proud of Nick Alaniva."

Strike out cancer

Salem Baseball Boosters will host the second annual "Strike Out Prostate Cancer" benefit doubleheader on Saturday.

The twinbill between Salem and Plymouth starts at 11 a.m. One game will be played at each team's home

There will be raffles, baked goods and concessions to help raise money for the cause. Go to www.salemrocksbaseball.com for more information.

Whalers prep for draft

In anticipation of Saturday's Ontario Hockey League Draft, Plymouth Whalers general manager and head coach Mike Vellucci this week announced the acquisition of five separate draft choices in a deal with the Belleville Bulls.

The Whalers acquired Sudbury's fifth round pick, their own fifth round pick, Peterborough's eighth round pick, Belleville's 11th round choice and Windsor's Saturday's draft in exchange for Belleville's fourth round choice and Oshawa's fifth round selection.

"We wanted more draft choices for Saturday," Vellucci said. "We go from 10 choices on Saturday to 13."

The Whalers - who finished in sixth place in the Western Conference last season with a record of 36-26-2-4 - will select 11th overall in the first round of the Ontario Hockey League Draft, which will be held over the internet starting at 9 a.m. Saturday and can be followed online at www.plymouthwhalers.com.

The Whalers have made the OHL playoffs a current-record of 20 straight seasons and expect to have a strong team in 2011-12. Plymouth has just three players graduating from its current roster - Robbie Czarnik, James Livingston and Tyler Brown – and could have as many as seven National Hockey League draft choices returning next season.

Fans can see many of the new Whalers during the team's annual rookie orientation, which will be held May 21-22 at Compuware

Plymouth grid meeting

The Plymouth varsity football program will hold a mandatory meeting for prospective 2011 players and their parents, on Tuesday, May 17.

Those entering ninth grade will meet from 6-7:30 p.m. Other students (grades 10-12) will meet from 7:30-9 p.m.

Explained at the meetings will be team expectations while mandatory paperwork will be issued.

Wildcats head coach Mike Sawchuck is available to answer questions, (734) 765-1766. Information also is available at www.plymouthwildcats.com.



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Plymouth's Brendan Swanson (No. 6) dives back to first base Monday, beating the throw to Novi first baseman Alex King.

Plymouth wins battle of Wildcats

An unexpected trip to Novi paid off on Monday for Plymouth's varsity baseball team.

Because of unplayable field conditions at Plymouth's field, the teams moved the KLAA crossover meeting of Wildcats over to Novi.

And it was a happy outcome as Plymouth earned a 5-4 decision, with first baseman Tyler Goble scoring on a wild pitch for winning run in the bottom of the seventh.

Although Novi hosted the game, Plymouth (10-3 overall) still had last licks as the home

Goble reached first on an infield single to start the winning rally, and moved to third on a double by Jamarl Eiland.

Earning the win was Austin Ebeling, who threw a scoreless seventh in relief of starter Justin Thompson (five strikeouts in six innings).

Pacing the Plymouth offense with two hits each were Goble,

INSURANCE HELPS

Sexauer loaded the bases

with a hit and Mattson's sac-

rifice fly to center brought in

Webster for a 6-2 advantage.

huge because of Northville's

Those tack-on runs proved

subsequent rally in the seventh.

"We're looking all right,"

Arnold said. "There's some

improvements we got to do,

but because the weather's been

bad we've been inside and can't

The coach might see wrinkles

work on a lot of things inside."

to iron out, but his team is defi-

For example, Canton won

Macomb Invitational to grab

(2-1) before breaking out the

bats for three-inning mercy

(12-0) and Lapeer East (16-0).

After defeating Clinton 6-1,

Canton blanked Anchor Bay,

In the win over Cousino,

ter while Warren's home run

Chiefs build an insurmount-

able lead in the clincher.

will host Saturday's annual

against Anchor Bar helped the

This week will be just as busy.

After playing Wednesday's twin-

bill against Plymouth, the Chiefs

7-0, for the championship.

Boucher pitched a no-hit-

wins over Warren Cousino

Canton got past Utica Ford

nitely delivering the results.

all five games at Saturday's

the tournament title.

Eiland and Phil Emminger.

Plymouth was slated to face KLAA South rival Canton in a doubleheader on Wednesday. Both teams are at the top of the division standings.

SALEM 8, FRANKLIN 5: The Rocks (5-2, 4-1) scored four times in the top of the seventh Monday to beat Livonia Franklin (9-4, 2-3) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Scott Devine delivered a 2run double and Brett Ramirez followed with a 2-run single to pin the loss on Franklin reliever Dan Muller.

Franklin starter Josh Gorman went 6.1 innings, allowing five runs on six hits and seven walks. He struck out five.

Marcus Olind, who worked two scoreless innings, got the victory in relief of starter Tommy Rodriguez.

Matt Rowland and Devine each had two hits in the win.

Joe Barczuk went 3-for-3 and Justin Forrestall went 2-for-3 with two RBI for the Patriots.

Canton Softball Classic.

"There's eight quality teams, the competition is real tough," Arnold said. "It's anybody's game in that one."

Joining the Chiefs will be cross-campus rival Plymouth, Sterling Heights Stevenson, Belleville, Trenton, Tecumseh and defending Division 4 state champion Petersburg-Summerfield.

FRANKLIN 4, SALEM 3: Junior Katelyn Devers and senior Mariah Barcus provided the offensive punch Monday as host Livonia Franklin held off Salem in a KLAA Kensington Conference girls softball crossover, 4-3.

Devers went 4-for-4 with a double and RBI, while Barcus went 3-for-3 with two RBI as the Patriots improved to 5-4 overall.

Jessica Emery led off the bottom of the first inning with a double and four straight singles followed to spark a threerun uprising.

In the second inning, Colleen Mandrink walked, Devers double and Barcus singled for Franklin's fourth run.

Shortstop Chelsea Williams paced the defense with eight

Junior Tiffany Lamble (4-2) scattered six hits, walked two and fanned two over seven innings to pick up the win.

Salem starter Heidi Schmidt allowed four runs on 11 hits and one walk over seven innings as the Rocks slipped to 1-3 overall.

Hit crusade

Baseball never gets old for Madonna's 'Gramps'

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If you take one of Matt Kay's nicknames literally, the sweet-swinging outfielder is not only a senior at Madonna University, he's a senior citi-

"Last fall, a bunch of players on the baseball team would get together and bowl every Wednesday night," said Kay. "Before one game, I looked over at the score sheet, and they had taken my name off and replaced it with 'Gramps."

The good-natured jab was sparked by the 26-year-old Kay's advanced age for a college baseball player.

"My first year here, I was a 23-year-old sophomore," Kay said. "Some of the guys who had been around awhile would joke around and say, 'We're seniors and you're older than us.' I just took it all in stride. They only joke around with you if they like you."

If you believe Kay's other nickname, you'd think he's about as flexible as the metallic star of the Wizard of Oz.

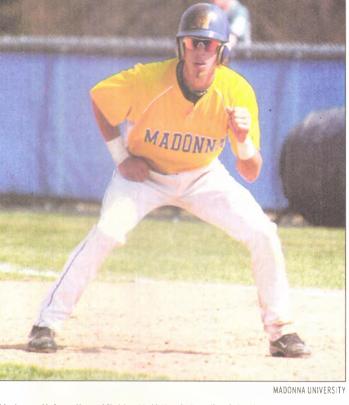
"At one of my first workouts at Madonna, they pulled out these giant rubber bands that they put around your waist when you run sprints," remembered Kay. "The bands offer resistance and build leg strength. I always considered myself a pretty good athlete, but I wasn't used to the strength-and-conditioning-type drills. In high school, we'd run a little bit, hit, field and go home.

"I guess I looked a little stiff out there, so one of our coaches - coach Faulkner - nicknamed me 'Tin Man."

Kay looks anything but old or stiff when he steps into the batter's box for the conferencechampion Crusaders. Through April 29, the left-handed hitting machine had raked his way to a .345 batting average with eight home runs and 27 RBI from the clean-up spot in the batting order.

He was equally productive last season when he swatted 11 home runs and knocked in 48 runs on the way to earning First Team All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference

Kay's path to college baseball stardom has been any-



Madonna University outfielder Matt Kay is heading into the homestretch of an extraordinary college baseball career. The senior has already clouted 33 home runs in just two-plus seasons with the Crusaders.

thing but ordinary, which makes his story that much more compelling.

"After I graduated from high school (Canton, Class of '03), I got a job with a furniture company, installing cubicles and stuff like that," said Kay. "I had bought a vehicle and I was prepared to work my way up at the company. I was ready for the real world and college baseball wasn't going to be a part of my future.'

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Given Kay's family tree, it's not surprising his diamond career has flourished.

His father, Jim, and older brother, Bryan, were both accomplished players who proved to be perfect role models for the youngest Kay boy.

"When I was young, I always wanted to be a better hitter than my brother," Kay said. "I always watched how he hit, what bat he was using.

"Growing up, we traveled around a lot to watch my dad play in baseball tournaments. When we got bored at the games, Bryan and I would go find an empty field and we'd pitch to each other. We'd take hundreds of swings at a time.

That's where I developed my hand-eye coordination."

Kay excelled at Canton, where he earned three varsity letters and achieved All-State status as a senior in the spring of 2003.

"We didn't really have a lot of knowledge about collegebaseball recruiting back then; we didn't know the ropes, so I took a job at the furniture company and was ready to move on," he said.

THE BIG BREAK

The following summer, while playing for the Michigan Bulls in the Livonia Wooden Bat League, Kay's sweet stroke was noticed by Henry Ford Community College baseball coach Jeff Child, who convinced him to enroll at the school and join the baseball

"I played one season at Henry Ford, but I ran out of money, so I went back to working full time," Kay said.

In the ensuing months, conversations with a few Madonna players he had met at Canton and while playing summer baseball stirred his interest in playing for the Crusaders.

THE BOOK ON KAY

Name: Matt Kay Age: 26 (born on the 4th of July,

Hometown: Canton Parents: Jim and Kay Current status: Senior at

Madonna University majoring in Baseball accomplishments: Following an All-State career

at Canton High School, joined Madonna in spring of 2009 and has hit 33 career home runs in three seasons.

"I still had three years of eligibility and I could still hit, but the tuition was around \$10,000 a semester, so financially, I was in no position to go to school there," said Kay. "But (Madonna) coach (Greg) Haeger approached my parents during a summer-league game and talked to them about the possibility of playing at Madonna."

Over a year later — in the fall of 2008 - the 23-yearold sophomore attended the before-mentioned workout.

"I got a call around noon that the guys were getting together to work out," said Kay. "I was really itching to get out there. I was geeked to see if I still had it." He did.

FABULOUS FIRST IMPRESSION

In his first season at Madonna, the "Tin Man" blasted 14 home runs — the sixth-highest single-season total in the program's rich history - and won a gold glove for his play in right field.

Kay, who is well on his way to earning a degree in fire science, said he enjoys offering advice to his younger team-

"When I was young, I'd try to hit everything out during batting practice," he said. "Now, I try to work on different things in the cage: hitting the ball to the opposite field, things like that. I tell the younger guys that batting practice shouldn't be a home run derby."

Sage advice from the only 26-year-old around who answers to "Gramps."

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Canton veterans school young Rocks

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

This has been a year of reunions as far as girls lacrosse players in the Park are concerned.

Such was the case again on Friday when Canton defeated Salem 10-5, in the latest matchup of first-year teams

GIRLS LACROSSE

born out of the defunct PCS Lady Warriors.

Salem head coach Dave Medley, for example, watched two of his former top players with the Lady Warriors do serious damage against his current team.

Canton co-captains Lauren Allard and Sarah Coleman both started their prep careers with Medley as their coach.

It was a wistful night anyway, as it was Canton's Senior Night. Honored before the game were Allard, Coleman (both fourth-year players), third-year player Becca Majszak, second-year players Jordan Richter and Catrina Saylor and first-year player Paige Bishop.

"Our depth of experience really made the difference Friday night," Canton head coach Dave Bower said. "Salem

is a very young team, with 16 players who have been playing lacrosse for all of five weeks. "We knew coach Medley

would have his girls prepared, and we certainly were not going to overlook them, but most of our girls have multiple years of lacrosse experience under their belts, and it showed on the field." Tallying three goals to

lead all scorers was Canton's Stephanie Bower while Saylor and Richter celebrated Senior Night with two goals each. Also scoring were Lauren Allard and Kaitlyn Allard.

Canton freshman goalie Melissa Neil got the win while Salem senior goalie Meghan Eldridge took the loss despite playing well - stopping a number of shots from her former Lady Warriors' teammates.

The Chiefs took a quick 4-0 lead and held an 8-3 edge at the intermission.

Scoring two goals for the

Rocks was Rose Krasofsky. Defender Leah Schrauben scored her first varsity goal while Alissa Amell and Kiersten Valla also put shots past Neil.

MUTUAL RESPECT

"Canton has really improved their game," Medley said. "Their passing is very accurate and their kids seem to be coming together at the right time of the year."

Medley added that the Chiefs' experience was a key to the outcome.

"The Canton veteran team just really outplayed us and hats off to their progression."

Bower said Medley and the Rocks should take solace that "with the young athletes he has on that team I have no doubt that he will build Salem into a strong team in the very near future.

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Late goal lifts Marian over Blazers

BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Livonia Ladywood was a precious four seconds from pulling off a signature win Tuesday for its girls soccer program.

But the Blazers had to settle for a 3-3 draw with defending Division 2 state champion and top-ranked Birmingham Marian thanks to Martha Stevens' last-second goal off

call at the top of the box. The perfectly placed shot gives the Marlins a 7-1-1 over-

a restart following a handball

all record and a 6-0-1 mark in the Catholic League.

Ladywood, ranked No. 7 in Division 2, is 8-1-4 overall and 3-1-3 in the league.

"I have been waiting all year for us to play the way we did today," said Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker, whose team fell to the Mustangs four times last season and once this

Marian, which had a 45game Catholic League winning streak dating back to 2008, jumped out to a 2-0 advantage on a pair of goals by Catherine Anger in the 30th minute

year (3-0 on March 30).

(header off a corner kick) and the 42nd minute (tap-in off a corner).

The Blazers cut the deficit to 2-1 in the 45th minute when Domenique Sarnecky scored off a restart on an assist from Catherine Garber.

In the 59th minute, Ladywood tied it at 2-all after Sarnecky dribbled to the end line and shot a pass to Paige Brennan, who one-timed the finish.

Sarnecky's second goal over the top to beat Marian goalkeeper Makenzie Larson made it 3-2 in the 65th minute (assisted by Brennan).



BOYS TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

DUAL MEET RESULTS CANTON 118 WAYNE MEMORIAL 19 May 3 at Canton

Shot put: 1. Alex Marsh (C), 42 feet, 11 inches; 2. Banks (W), 42-1; 3. Marty Brudzinski (C), 40-1,

Discus: 1. Ben Poirier (C), 121-0; 2. Banks (W), 112-0; 3. Brudzinski (C), 108-7. High jump: 1. Ben Spreitzer (C), 6-0; 2.

(tie) Matt Schacht (C), 5-10; Zach Smilo (C),

Long jump: 1. Nick Alaniva (C), 19-2.25; 2. Smilo (C), 17-10; 3. Phillips (W), 17-5.25. Pole vault: 1. Alaniva (new Canton school record), 14-5.5; 2. Ryan Kilgore (C), 10-6; 3.

Mitch Nickert (C), 9-6. 110-meter hurdles: 1. Spreitzer (C), 15.8 seconds; 2. Drake Hogan (C), 18.8; 3.

300 hurdles: 1. Newborn (W), 46.6; 2. Kurt Kowalski (C), 48.5; 3. Mitch Pepper (C),

100 dash: 1. Ryan Jones (C), 11.3; 2. Kevin Buford (C), 11.7; 3. Demetre Lopez (C), 11.8. 200: 1. Colby Morris (C), 23.7; 2. Scott Piwowar (C), 24.6; 3. Lopez (C), 24.6.

400: 1. Buford (C), 53.0; 2. Schacht (C), 53.7; 3. Sapan Patel (C), 55.0. 800: 1. Shean Krolicki (C), 2:11.2; 2. Austin Golles (C), 2:12.6; 3. Keegan Sullivan (C),

1,600: 1. Bradon Conley (C), 4:53.4; 2. Jeff

Molchan (C), 4:54.3; 3. Malcolm (W), 4:57.5.

3,200: 1. Malcolm (W), 10:55.9: 2. Zach Cox (C), 11:09.9; 3. Evan Paputa (C), 12:11.1 400 relay: 1. Canton (Piwowar, Alaniva,

Lopez, Jones), 46.9; 2. Wayne, 48.4; 800 100 dash: 1. Nate Motta (LC), 11.9; 2. relay: 1. Canton (Jones, Piwowar, Josh Nolen, Buford), 1:40.1; 2. Wayne, 1:41.2; 1,600 relay: 1. Canton (Krolicki, Golles, Tyler Winningham, Sullivan), 3:51.6; 2. Wayne, 3:57.7; 3,200 relay: 1. Canton (Pepper, Owen

Dual meet records: Canton, 6-0 overall, 4-0 in KLAA South Division: Wayne, 0-4 KLAA South.

Ash, Paputa, Jaraad Huq), 9:51.6; 2. Wayne,

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 88.5 PLYMOUTH 48.5

May 2 at Churchill Shot put: 1. Blake Padgett (LC), 49 feet, 3 inches; 2. Paulin Chateau (LC), 45-7; 3. Brian

Discus: 1. Ryan Hall (LC), 137-9; 2. Chateau (LC), 130-7; 3. Jeremy Atkins (LC), 122-6. High jump: 1. Matt Szuba (LC), 5-7; 2.

Chad Evans (LC), 5-5; 3. (tie) Matt Windle (LC) and Billy Roberts (P), 5-0 each. Long jump: 1. Carl Rayford (LC), 18-2.5: 2.

Andy Bihn (P), 17-7.5; 3. Zach Zoltowski (LC), Pole vault: 1. Rayford (LC), 12-6; 2. Bihn

(P), 12-0; 3. Alex Ryktarszyk (LC), 11-0. 110-meter hurdles: 1 Doug Devkes (P) 16.7; 2. Daniel Edgerton (P), 16.8; 3. Szuba

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300 hurdles: 1. Devkes (P), 43.1; 2. Zoltowski (LC), 44.6; 3. Kenzel Jefferson

Lucas Bunting (P), 11.95; 3. Stephen Bank

200: 1. Motta (LC), 24.7; 2. Andrew McEwen (LC), 25.0; 3. M. Windle (LC), 25.9. 400: 1. Bunting (P), 54.27; 2. McEwen (LC), 55.6; 3. Patrick Tremel (LC), 57.5.

800: 1. Ryan Wise (LC), 2:04.8; 2. Stephen Balaze (P), 2:08.4; 3. Evan Johnson (P),

1,600: 1. Tom Windle (LC), 4:45.1; 2. Stephen Charnley (LC), 4:47.4; 3. Brandon Dalton (P), 4:49.9.

3,200: 1. Joe Porcari (P), 10:38.0; 2. T. Windle (LC), 10:39.0; 3. Derek Gielarowski

400 relay: 1. Churchill (Motta, Malik Johnson, Jahmon Maton, Banks), 48.2; 2. Plymouth, no time available; 800 relay: 1 Churchill (Motta, McEwen, Bank, M. Windle), 1:38.4; 2. Plymouth, 1:45.6; 1,600 relay: 1, Plymouth (Max Rogowski, Gielarowski, Balaze, Porcari), 3:42.9; 2. Churchill, 3:43.6; 3,200 relay: 1. Plymouth (Devkes, Bunting, Johnson, Roberts), 8:35.8; 2. Churchill,

Dual meet records: Churchill, 2-2 overall, 2-2 KLAA South Division; Plymouth, 1-3 overall, 1-3 KLAA South Division.

The Wildcats did score a

couple wins in doubles play. Junior Erin MacKenzie and sophomore Marlowe Susselman tallied a 7-5, 6-4 win over Anissa Ciani and Carly Fockler.

Then at No. 4 doubles, seniors Molly Hudgins and Laura Schmid outlasted Grand Blanc's Madisyn Olivo and Haley Harasim by a 4-6, 6-1, 6-2 score.

Despite the defeat, McLaren said he looking forward to the challenge of playing other top

"We're really excited that we won our division, and that was our goal," he emphasized. "Win the division and then take one match at a time in the crossovers.

"We knew we'd be playing some really tough teams, but we knew we were going to have a good season and we were going to compete no matter what."

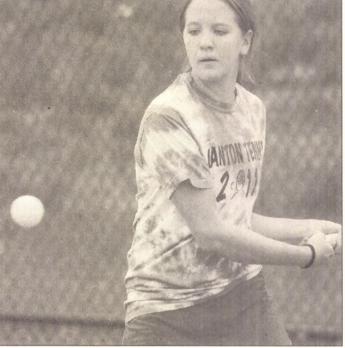
CANTON KUDOS

Canton head coach Barb Lehmann, like McLaren, said the KLAA crossovers are a good way for teams to gauge how they stack up against a range of opponents.

"It's good to play the divisions," Lehmann said, "people that we know and see on a regular basis.

But the crossovers expose the players to different styles and different abilities. It also gives a really good match to every team across the board."

Although results from the Canton-Milford meet were not available as of press time, Lehmann said the team — and several individuals in particular — have shown progress.



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Canton No. 1 singles player Taylor Eppler competes on Tuesday in a conference crossover dual meet against Milford.

Senior Taylor Eppler, the No. 1 singles player, continues to battle.

"We come up against some phenomenal players and that's the hard part," Lehmann said. "She's playing really well."

She also cited the play of junior No. 2 singles player Janani Shanmuga and the No. 1 doubles team of junior Sydney Liedel and sophomore Hannah Feree.

ROCKS ROLL

In the Salem-Central matchup, singles winners for the Rocks were as follows: No. 1, junior Anna Norman over Stacy Indianer, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2, Ashley Walker over Victoria Meeder, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3, Morgan Spencer over Vanessa Pojiaev, 6-2, 6-2; No. 4, Kerry

MacDonald over Nicole Stawacz, 6-1, 2-6, 6-0.

Salem also swept the doubles. Those wins were as follows: No. 1, senior Mallory Rojo and junior Sarah Bellaire over Haley Linkous-Mary Beth Rice, 7-6(2), 2-6, 6-3; No. 2, seniors Emily Simmons-**Emily Borkowicz over Britt** Buchanon-Yuka Yaminishi, 6-7(4), 6-3, 6-5; No. 3, senior Lynne Krutty and junior Narges Pourmandi over Nicole Cervi-Caroline Malmgren, 6-2, 6-3; No. 4, juniors Sushmi Diraviam-Megan Barry over Brooke Feinstein-Katie Penrod, 6-3, 6-4; No. 5, juniors Monica Topolovec-Lily Gonzalez over Rayna Tobin-Miranda Burnett, 6-2, 6-1.

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GIRLS TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

DUAL MEET RESULTS CANTON 112 WAYNE MEMORIAL 25 May 3 at Canton

Shot put: 1. Hart (W), 27 feet, 11 inches; 2. Brittany Granowicz (C), 21-9; 3. Kaylie Lobb

Discus: 1. Lobb (C), 76-3; 2. Hart (W), 74-6; 3. Granowicz (C), 63.4

High jump: 1. Lindsay Lipa (C), 5-0; 2. Boertie (W), 4-3; 3. Chelsea Carmody (C), 4-3. Long jump: 1. Jordan Clark (C), 15-0; 2. Meah Long (W), 14-1.5; 3. Carolyn Benner (C),

Pole vault: 1. Emily Lang (C), 9-9; 2. Bridget Alaniva (C), 6-3; 3. Lopez (W), no mark available)

100-meter hurdles: 1. Lewis (W), 17.59 seconds; 2. Gabby Williams (C), 18.28; 3. Marina Milad (C), 18.43

300 hurdles: 1. Milad (C), 52.81; 2. Williams (C), 53,53; 3, Boertie (W), 57,43, 100 dash: 1. Clark (C), 12.03; 2. Lipa (C),

12.97; 3. Robyn Piwowar (C), 13.1. 200: 1. Clark (C), 24.75; 2. Piwowar (C), 27.37; 3. Long (W), 27.79.

1:06.57; 3. Rachel Martin (C), 1:06.59. 800: 1. Katie Grimes (C), 2:39.69; 2. Chelsea Smith (C), 2:41.32; 3. Cathy Huang

400: 1. Clark (C), 1:03.19; 2. Robins (W),

1,600: 1. Bianca Kubicki (C), 5:28.41; 2. Jessica Siegler (C), 5:56.5; 3. Ellen Grimes 3,200: 1. Kubicki (C), 11:53.0; 2. Siegler

(C), 13:15.22; 3. E. Grimes (C), 13:55.0. 400 relay: 1. Canton, 53.19; 800 relay: 1. Canton, 1:54.06; 2. Wayne, 1:54.68; 1,600 relay: 1. Canton, 4:31.31; 3,200 relay: 1. Canton, 11:08.8; 2. Wayne, 12:29.7.

Dual meet records: Canton, 1-2 KLAA South Division: Wayne Memorial, 0-4 KLAA South

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 100 PLYMOUTH 37

May 2 at Churchill **Shot put:** 1. Mahogany Miller (LC), 33 feet, 9 inches; 2. Williams (P), 30-2; 3. Megan Ling (LC), 29-9.

Discus: 1. Ling (LC), 99-3; 2. Emily Norscia (LC), 98-2; 3. Johnson (P), 90-3. High jump: 1. Senclair McDonnell (LC). 5-3; 2. Ashley Cochran (LC), 4-10; 3. Taylor

Rieckhoff (P), 4-8. Long jump: 1. Leah Heinzelman (LC), 15-10; 2. Becka Knox (P), 15-4.75; 3. Reagan

Engstrom (P), 15-0. Pole vault: 1. (P), no mark available); 2. Lindsey Kreutzman (LC), NMA; 3. (P), NMA. 100-meter hurdles: 1. Paige Farnstrom (LC), 18.3; 2. Sarah Jakubowski (LC), 18.4; 3.

300 hurdles: 1. Molly Jarvis (LC), 48.4; 2. Jessica Fedrigo (LC), 53.6; 3. Jakubowski

100 dash: 1. Heinzelman (LC), 13.0; 2. Demi Crossman (LC), 13.1; 3. Lindsey Russell

200: 1. Madi Lewis (P), 26.1; 2. Heinzelman (LC), 27.6; 3. Crossman (LC),

400: 1. Lewis (P), 1:02.8; 2. Sydney Anderson (LC), 1:09.4; 3. Knox (P), 1:04.1. 800: 1. Bethany Pilat (LC), 2:31.5; 2. Kerigan Riley (LC), 2:35.4; 3. Kyra Neumann

1,600: 1. Pilat (LC), 5:25.3; 2. Riley (LC), 5:33.9; 3. Traitses (P), 5:43.8. 3,200: 1. Megan McFarland (LC), 12:43.0;

2. Sophie Roberts (P), 13:33.0; 3. Kristen Gilley (LC), 28.3. 400 relay: 1. Churchill (Crossman,

Cochran, Ajnia Jackson, Latasha Smalls), 52.8; 2. Plymouth, 54.5; **800 relay:** 1. Plymouth, 1:48.3; 2. Churchill, 1:50.3; 1,600 relay: 1. Churchill (Anderson, Jarvis, Julia Szuba, McDonnell), 4:18.6; 2. Plymouth, 4:19.8; 3,200 relay: 1. Churchill (Anderson, Riley, Vivien Okechukwu, Pilat), 10:01.9; 2. Plymouth, 10:14.0.

Dual meet records: Churchill, 3-1 overall, 3-1 KLAA South Division; Plymouth, 2-2 overall, 2-1 KLAA South.

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a number of schools that are strong in certain areas and maybe not as strong in others because of depth."

Both Richardson and Shaw stressed that teams that can secure third-through sixthplace points will have an excellent chance to be there at the

"You've got to score in lots and lots of events," Richardson said. "If you get blanked somewhere, it (Observerland title) probably won't happen.

"But you just need to score, even if it's fifth place, score in

every event or close to it." Richardson's Chiefs have had a strong start to the season (4-0 in the KLAA South Division) and feature a deep,

talented roster. Canton features strong contenders across the board such as Nick Alaniva (pole vault, long jump), Ben Spreitzer (high jump, hurdles), Ben Poirier (discus) and Alex Marsh (shot put).

The Chiefs also will look to score in relay events, paced by speedsters Ryan Jones, Kevin Buford and Josh Nolen.

Top distance guys, including Bradon Conley, Jeff Molchan, Austin Golles and Charlie Steslick, also should help Canton's cause.

Stevenson distance runners Matt Williams, Joe Urso and Adam Chludzinski should give their team a lift.

DEPTH IS KEY

According to Kyle Meteyer, coach of the host Salem Rocks, his squad has outstanding athletes. But a lot would have to go right for his team to make a serious run.

"Our team will compete well in all events," Meteyer said. "But we frankly don't have the depth we need in some areas to be a team that is likely to win the entire meet."

Plymouth head coach Jon Mikosz said the Wildcats "are not as deep as we were last year but we can still be competitive in a few events." Although there will be open

events (110 hurdles, 1,600 run, 100 dash), the relays are where it's at for the 19 participating teams And there will be a number

of relay events that are not part of standard dual meet

For example, the invite includes relays in the shot put, discus, pole vault, high jump, long jump, sprint medley, distance medley and shuttle

Other events include the 800, 3,200, 400, 1,600 and 4 x 1,600-meter relays.

Schools from all over the Observerland coverage area will be at PCEP. Other participants will include Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Clarenceville, North Farmington, Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Garden City, Redford Thurston, Redford Union, Plymouth Christian Academy, Lutheran High Westland and Northville.

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Stevenson's Marsh scores hole-in-one Ruffino shot a 66 to take indi-**LIVONIA FRANKLIN 168**

Nick Marsh's hole-inone highlighted Livonia Stevenson's third-place finish in Saturday's Pinckney Invitational boys golf tournament held at Rush Lake Hills.

Marsh used a pitching wedge from 131 yards out on the par-3 No. 13 hole. He finished 12th overall with an 18hole round of 77.

Host Pinckney captured the 22-school field with a fourplayer total of 305 followed by Ann Arbor Huron (309), Stevenson (315), South Lyon (318), Howell (318), Tecumseh (319), Birmingham Seaholm (320), Novi (320) and Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (322).

Other Stevenson individual finishers included Dante Cicchelli, sixth (75); Adam Giordano, 28th (79); Cam Tetrault and Nick Barr, tied for 59th (84 each).

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DUAL MATCH RESULTS SALEM 161 **LIVONIA STEVENSON 164** May 3 at Fox Creek

Salem scorers: Eric Duprey, 39; Josh Perrin and Mike Danis, 40 each; Austin Strabay, 42; Brandon Duprey and Brian

Patterson, 44 each Stevenson scorers: Adam Giordano, 39 Nick Marsh, 41: Cam Tetrault, Dante Cicchelli and Nick Barr, 42 each; Marco Yaquinto, 49. Dual match records: Salem, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAA Central Division: Stevenson, 2-1

overall, 2-1 KLAA Central. **LIVONIA STEVENSON 148 SOUTH LYON EAST 163** May 2 at Links of Novi (East)

Stevenson scorers: Adam Giordano. 1-under 33 (medalist): Dante Cicchelli, 35: Conner Humitz, 39; Austin Harris, 41; Nick Collins and Nick Marsh, 42 each.

and Matt Sherry, 42 each; Robert Costanza and Zack French, 45 each Dual match records: Stevenson, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAA Central Division; South

Lyon East, 0-3 overall, 0-3 KLAA Central.

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South Lyon East scorers: Bryan

Hawkins, 37: Conner Kiuisto, Eric Carhsio

May 2 at Idyl Wyld Franklin scorers: Drake Hermann and

Brandon Kozyn, 41 each; Brian Bekkula and Frank Wilson, 43 each; Doug Nagy, 44; Jon Holmes, 46. Wayne scorers: Zach Williamson, 40

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(medalist); Jarret Williamson, 47; Austin St. 54; Shane Schooley, 58. Dual match records: Franklin, 2-1

overall, 2-1 KLAA South Division; Wayne, 0-1

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 175 CANTON 182 April 26 at Hilltop G.C.

overall, 0-1 KLAA South

Franklin scorers: Brian Bekkula. 39 (medalist); Jon Holmes, 44; Drake Hermann and Frank Wilson, 46 each; Brandon Kozyn, 49; Doug Nagy, 55.

Canton scorers: Justin Legel and Frank

Parzynski, 44 each; Brandon Laabs and Alex

Champagne, 47 each; Jox Maxam, 50; Brent Dual match records: Franklin, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA South Division; Canton, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAA South.





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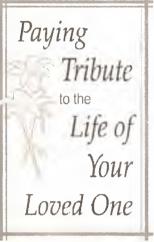
COMETTO, MARILYN SUELLEN

Age 69, of Plymouth, passed away on May 1, 2011. Born in Detroit to parents Alvin and Donelda Sass. Moved to California and became a well respected horse trainer and than moved back to Plymouth after her retirement. Loving sister of Dale Sass and his wife Idelle Hamond-Sass and George (Leslie) Sass. Dear aunt of Katherine (Chris) Slicker, Jennifer (Brett) Fry and Casey Sass. Great aunt of Matthew Slicker, Madison and Kaitlin Fry. Also survived by her uncle Ron Stanton and his partner David Martindale and by aunts Eldora Waters and Donna Jean (Carl) Seely and last but not least her beloved dog Hershall. Suellen was a accomplished artist and gardner. Services were held on Wednesday, May 4, 2011 from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth. She will be buried next to her parents at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Diabetes Association. Share memories at

DIVIDOCK, ANDREW T.

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Age 97. May 2, 2011. Beloved Husband of the late Pauline for 43 years. Dearest Father of Lawrence (Susan) Dividock, Kenneth Dividock, Elaine (Stephen) Murad, and Kathleen (Andrew) Davis. Loving Grandfather of 15 and Great-Grandfather of 15. Funeral, Saturday, 10am at McCabe Funeral Home, 851 N. Canton Center Rd. Canton. Visitation Thursday, 5-8pm and Friday, 2-8pm. Interment Grandlawn Cemetery. Memorial Contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. www.mccabefuneralhome.com





SHOWERMAN, **ELIZABETH J. "JANE"** Of Northville. Jane was born July 13,

1927 in Howell, MI; died May 2

2011, at the age of 83. She graduated Howell High School before moving to Washington D.C. where she worked at the Pentagon. She was married to Donald Joseph Showerman for 49 years. They owned and operated Showerman's Party Store, in Livonia, for over 30 years and then moved to Glen Lake. Friends remember her as a sharp businesswoman, loving mother and grandmother, with a kind heart. Jane enjoyed reading, crosswords, and puzzles and was a fan of all the Detroit sports teams. She was active in her church and had a very strong family orientation. Jane was preceded in death by her husband, Donald, in 1998; son, Mark, in 2009; and her siblings. Surviving are her daughters, Kay (Leonard) Zuckerman and Pam (Brian) Fazzio; sons, David (Bonnie) Showerman and Paul (Cheryl) Showerman; 12 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Jane King, Ruth (Jack) Borden and Irene Showerman. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, May 6, 2011, at 11 a.m. at St. Philip Neri Church, Highway/M-22, Empire, MI. The Rite of Committal will follow in St. Philip Neri Catholic Cemetery, The family will receive friends at the church 1-hour prior to the service. Those desiring may make contributions to the American Heart Association, Memorials and Tributes Lockbox, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL, 60674, in memory of Elizabeth "Jane" Showerman. The family is being served by the Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes, East

Lansing.
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SPENCER, MARION G.

Carsonville- Marion G. Spencer, age 91, a resident of Carsonville passed away unexpectedly at her home on Wednesday April 27, 2011. She was born on February 19, 1920 in Detroit a daughter of the late Henry and Ella (Engelhardt) Hamel. Marion was preceded in death by her husband Marshall Spencer. Marion was a Marshall Spencer. Marion was a retired school teacher from the Farmington Hills District after 30 years of teaching. She was a beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend to many. Per Marion's wishes there will be no services. Memorials in memory of Marion may be made to St. John Lutheran Church in Port Sanilac. Arrangements were by the Pomeroy Funeral Home in Carsonville.



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Churches offer prayer, resources at festival

BY SHARON DARGAY O&E STAFF WRITER

Everything from clothing to food to music and games will be free at Blessfest, Saturday, May 7, at Handy Park, 26650 Capitol, in Redford.

'We'll have three big jumpers for the kids. Forgotten Harvest is providing 7,000 pounds of food for families in need. We'll have a clothing tent. We're going to have a few haircutters and several different bands," said Kurt Gendjar, a Redford resident. "We'll have a whole area with kids games. We'll have a host of ministries and we'll have a prayer tent where people sit with experienced ministers.

"Our main focus is to give people what they need and figure out what their needs are to help in the future.

Gendjar helped found the Christian Alliance of Redford, which consists of 15 churches that have signed up to participate in the Everyone A Chance to Hear (E.A.C.H.) initiative led by the Rev. Bob Shirock at Oak Pointe Church in Novi.

"We're trying to reach 3.5 million people with good works and good news for 40 days. It started Easter Sunday," Gendiar said, describing the E.A.C.H. mission. Planning for the evangelistic campaign began in October 2010. Churches and faith organizations signed up on the eachtoday.com website, pledging their involvement, networking with other churches and training members for the "Gospel saturation campaign" that will end June 3.

When Gendjar discovered that only four Redford churches had signed up, he prayed and then "started making calls" and rounded up 11 more to create the Christian Alliance of

"I really enjoyed partnering with the other churches in Redford," said minister Deborah Hayes of El Bethel Church. "So often we stand on our own and work around our own community, but it's been great to partner up with other denominations, as well, and come to one com-

She hopes Blessfest will become an annual event. Gendjar said the Redford churches that are involved in E.A.C.H. want to continue spreading the Gospel message and good works locally after the 40-day campaign ends.

Blessfest runs noon to 5 p.m. In addition to food, clothing, games, music and haircuts, visitors can receive referrals to the E.A.C.H. dental and medical vans that will be stationed from 9:40 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 11 and 12 in Claude Allison Park, 18250 Beech Daly.

Hot dogs, beverages and chips also will be

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send calendar items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife. com. Feel free to include relevant photos as attached jpgs. Or mail items to Dargay, Observer, 615 Lafayette, level 2, Detroit, MI 48226.

MAY 5-11

Clothing bank Time/Date: 5-6:30 p.m.,

Wednesday, May 11 Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton

Details: Free clothing and shoes to anyone in need Contact: (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

Grief class

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. six Wednesdays, beginning May 11 Location: First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, 1589 W. Maple, between Southfield and Cranbrook in Birmingham

Details: Life After Loss: A Journey Inrough Grief is a six-session grief class for people who have experienced the loss of a loved one. They'll explore the various stages

of grief and the various techniques for coping with grief, working through grief, and even growing through grief. Register with Bev Richardson by Friday, May 6, at brichardson@fumcbirmingham.org or call her at (248) 646-6407 Ext. 3156, by Friday, May 6-

Contact: The church office is (248) 646-1200

Health seminar

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. May 7 Location: Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville

Details: The class will first focus on overcoming limitations in the mind that act as an obstacle to health. Chris Niedzinski will give practical guidance on results-oriented exercise, nutrition, limiting toxicity and balancing hormones, taking proper care of body structure and function, managing stress and building peace. Register at Wardchurch.org Contact: (248) 374-7400

Rummage sale Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 5-6

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Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. Thursday, May 5, is presale; regular sale is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 6, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 7

Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

Details: Presale admission is \$2 per adult. Saturday everything is half

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MAY 12-18

Breakfast

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to noon, Sunday, May 15 Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland Details: All you can eat French toast, pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice and milk. Sponsored by

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BY SHARON DARGAY O&E STAFF WRITER

When Daniel Boone Daniel fills his secondhand tea pot with water, he's ready to make

When he brings out a washboard, he's thinking rhythm, not soap suds.

And his saw? You'll hear it sing before you see

it cut any wood.

Daniel and his band members in the Deep Fried Pickle Project, can coax a melody from stuff found lying around the house, going for pennies at rummage sales and in heated bidding wars on Ebay.

"I have a really great enamel tea pot I found at a garage sale. I fill it with a little water and I have a mouth piece. I play it. It sounds like a drowning duck, but one that can play melodies," Daniel said.

He promises to have it on hand when the band plays the Green Street Fair in downtown Plymouth this weekend. The band also will teach kids how to make their own homemade instruments, possibly some "singing straws" and kazoos, out of recyclable materials.

"We might build some sort of percussion instrument. We'll have to wait and see what else is up our sleeve," Daniel said.

PARADE

The Observer & Eccentric is a sponsor of the Green Street Fair, which will run noon-7 p.m. Friday, May 6, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, May 7 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, May 8. Two Deep Fried Pickle Project members, Daniel and Alan Selvidge, along with Daniel's son, Max, who often plays with the band at children's shows, will perform from noon-1 p.m. Saturday and from 12:30-1:30 Sunday on the Eco-Beats

The instrument building play shops will run from 1:30-3 p.m. Saturday and 10-11:45 a.m. Sunday. Daniel and Selvidge will show kids how to play the colorful instruments that they'll use to lead the Mother's Day parade from noon-12:30 p.m. on Sunday. Festival attendees may bring their own noisemakers, pans, bells, drums and pots, along with decorated tricycles and bikes to participate in the parade.

"It will be a blast. It gets kids involved and they feel a part of what's going on," Daniel said, explaining why the group teaches instrumentbuilding. "A lot of the festivals we play are jam band festivals. The children need a good musical experience, too. They learn something about music and they are able to have some ownership in what is going on."

ARTISTIC MUSICIANS

The children's workshops come easily to both men, who both teach art in Coloma Community playing festivals nationwide.



The Deep Fried Pickle Project makes music from jugs, washboards, saws, tea pots, boxes and even the occasional manufactured instrument, such as the banjo.



Daniel Boone Daniel plays the saw for guests at a music

Schools, northeast of Benton Harbor. They play jug band style music when they can during the school year and extensively during the summer.

We have a lot of fun and we joke around a lot. We don't take ourselves too seriously and that has worked pretty well for us. We've been able to travel all over the country, play cool places and take our families on adventures."

They've been on the Bravo network and appeared in an episode of the PBS animated show Postcards from Buster, in addition to

About 80 percent of their instruments are homemade and most of the tunes are original. They play cover songs in "old time style" with a 20s- or 30s-era twist. In addition to tea pot, Daniel makes music on

washtub bass, washboard, jugs and flamingo

and swan yard ornaments. Selvidge turned a cookie tin into a "canjo," which is played like a banjo and he is building a guitar out of a box that will replace his manufactured guitar. "There is a lot of trial and error. My approach

is different than Alan's. He is a perfectionist and spends time and money finding the perfect box," Daniel said. "It pays off. It looks great. All of my stuff is duct taped and bolted on." Deep Fried Pickle Project fans will recognize

favorites like Pickle Juice and Rubber Legged Jim when the group performs at Green Street Fair. A few lucky audience members will be invited on stage during Rubber Legged Jim to



Youngsters work on homemade musical instruments at a music festival. The Deep Fried Pickle Project will lead a similar workshop at the upcoming Green Street Fair in Plymouth.

play a percussion instrument "made out of his leg" while the rest of the audience sings "argh, argh" during the pirate-inspired tune. They'll also play songs from their new children's CD.

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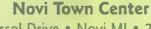
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Northville Art House

Time/Date: May 6-14; artist reception 6-9 p.m. May 6; gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville Details: Annual Northville High School Senior Class Art Exhibition Contact: (248) 344-0497 or www.northvillearts.org

VAAL

Time/Date: Through May 27; awards presentation and reception 7-8 p.m. Thursday, May 5 Location: Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive

Details: Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL) presents its spring art exhibit, "Artistic Expressions." The exhibit will feature the art work of VAAL members in watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel, mixed media and more. Show juror is Leslie Masters of the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.

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Time/Date: Various show times
Wednesdays thru Sundays
Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale
Details: Improv most nights. Open
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Contact: (248) 327-0575; 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,



Off to see the wizard

Forever After Productions' cast rehearse a scene from the "Wizard of Oz" in preparation for shows May 19-25 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. Performance times are 7 p.m. Thursday, May 19, Friday, May 20 and Sunday, May 22 and 2 p.m. Saturday, May 21. Shows at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 21 and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 22 have sold out. Tickets are \$15 and available from the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5460 or at www.ForeverAfterrPoductions.com or at the door. The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill, at Ridge Road. Forever After Productions is a youth theater company for children and young adults ages 6-21. Upcoming shows include Improv Off the Hook, June 10-12 and Disney's "Camp Rock The Musical" July 22-31. The 2011-2012 season includes Disney's "Aladdin" in November, "Little Women" in December, and "Grease" in January 2012.

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: Mike Green, May 4-7; Rob Little, May 11-14; Drew Thomas, May 18-21; Jef Brenan, May 25-28; Carlos Mencia, May 31; Bike Bobbit, June 1-4; Steve Lott, June 8-10; Dave Dyer, June 15-18

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

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Time/Date: Kathleen Madigan, May 5-7; John Pinette, May 12-14; Harland Williams, May 19-21; Erik Allen, May 26-28; Jessi Campbell, June 2-4; Allan Goodwin, June 9-11; Nathan Timmel, June 16-18; James Johann, June 23-25; Dwayne Gill, June 30-July 2

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak **Contact**: (248) 542-9900, www. comedycastle.com

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Time/Date: Natalia Zukerman, May 5: Greg Brown, May 6: Josh White Jr., May 7; John Prine and Sara Watkins, May 7; Shape Note Singing, May 8 and June 12; Bettye LaVette, May 8; The Paul McKenna Band, May 9; Copper Box, May 10; Open Stage Showcase featuring Magdalen Fossum and Steve Kovich; Marcia Ball, May 12; Girlyman and Coyote Grace, May 13; The RFD Boys, May 14; Dan Hicks and The Hot Licks, May 15; Raul Malo and Seth Walker, May 17; Lynn Miles, May 18; Eddie from Ohio, May 21; The Greencards and ChessBoxer, May 22; Crash Test Dummies, May 26; Take a Chance Tuesday featuring Dragon Wagon, May 31; Gaelic Storm, June 1; Suzanne Westenhoefer, June 3; Lipbone Redding and the Lipbone Orchestra, June 4; Leo Kottke, June 5; Stacey Earle and

Mark Stuart, June 6; Joe Ely, June 7; The Hillbenders, June 8; Eliza Gilkyson and Sunny War, June 9; Bell X1, June 10; The RFD Boys, June 11; Mississippi Heat, June 12; The Hot Club of Cowtown, June 14; The Boxcars, June 15, Ivan & Alyosha, June 16; Paul Thorn, June 17; Christine Lavin and Don White, June 18; The Deanna Bogart Band, June 19; Guitar Shorty, June 20; Jimmie Dale Gilmore and the Wronglers, June 22; Lloyd Cole, June 23; Livingston Taylor, June 24; Annie and Rod Capps and Jason Dennie, June 25; The Waymores, June 26; J.D. Souther and Jill Andrews, June 27; Sara Swenson and Red Tail Ring, June 28; Stewart Francke, June 30 Location: 316 South Main, Ann

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 mjm-

mullen@yahoo.com

Community Chorus of Detroit

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. May 21 and 4
p.m. May 22

Location: Detroit Waldorf School, 2555 Burns, Detroit

Details: "Serenade to Music" includes music of Handel, Brahms, Vaughan Williams, Copland, Barber, Lauridsen, and others. The conductor, accompanist, and guest artists are from the University of Michigan music school. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at door Contact: info@communitychorusofdetroit.com; or visit www.communitychorusofdetroit.com

Farmington Community Chorus
Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-

Saturday, May 6-7
Location: Mercy High School,
29300 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: The singers, under the
direction of Steven SeGraves, present "Rodger That! The Music of
Richard Rodgers." Tickets are \$12
in advance at the Costick Center,
28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
or by phone; or for \$15 at the door
Contact: (248) 682-6562 for
tickets; (248) 250-1447 for Chorus
information

Jazz @ The Elks
Time/Date: 7-10:30 p.m., every
fourth Tuesday
Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge
#1780 at 41700 Ann Arbor Road,

Plymouth

Details: Jazz musicians perform;
no cover, but donations accepted.

Complimentary hors d' oeuvres.

Contact: (734) 453-1780 www. PlymouthElks1780.com

Michigan Philharmonic
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 6
Location: Village Theater at
Cherry Hill, 40500 Cherry Hill in
Canton

Details: The orchestra, under the direction of Nan Washburn, along with Indian percussionists and soloists, perform the music of the Indian film industry known as "Bollywood." This high-energy, multi-media performance wraps up Canton Culture Week, May 1-6, and is sponsored by the Canton Commission for Cultural, Arts and Heritage, celebrating the arts and diversity of the Canton community. Tickets are \$25 and include a pre-concert reception at 6:30 sponsored by the Partnership for the Arts & Humanities in Canton and Station 885.

Contact: (734) 451-2112 or www. michiganphil.org

Monahan's Knights of Columbus

Time/Date: Doors open 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 13

Location: 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: The Birchler family presents "Jammin' to End Famine 2011," a concert benefitting Kids Against Hunger. Performers include a cappella vocal jazz group The Grunyons, 1960s rock band The Paisley Fogg; and 80s rockers 2 Dayz Gone. The event features a cash bar, free pizza, salad and sweets and for the kids, and free face painting by Funtastic Faces. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for students

Contact: www.kidsagainsthungercoalition.com; www.livoniakofc.com

Schoolcraft College
Time/Date: 8 p.m. May 6
Location: VisTaTech Center, 18600
Haggerty, Livonia

Details: Friday evening recital series features Suren Bagratuni on cello and Jen-Ru Sun on piano; admission \$20, students \$10, general seating. Get tickets from www. scb oxoffice.com Contact: (734) 462-4409





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Eat your veggies

Livonia business peddles organic produce, Michigan-made staples door to door

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Door to Door Organics customers will find tomatoes, leaf lettuce, green onions, broccoli, green beans, strawberries, apples, oranges and bananas in their mixed "bitty box" this week.

They'll find the box on their door

"Everything we carry, all the produce is certified organic. We look for whatever is the freshest and the best," said Carlos Collier, Michigan director for the company that offers home delivery of organic produce in and around Boulder, Colo., Chicago, Ill., and Kansas City, Mo. The Michigan office, based in Livonia, delivers to customers in southeastern Michigan — as far north as Flint and as far west as Lansing and Ann Arbor.

"I'm delivering stuff the farmer dug up that morning or the day before. You can't beat that."

The company will be among more than 200 exhibitors promoting ecofriendly products and services at the Green Street Fair this weekend in downtown Plymouth. The Observer & Eccentric is among the sponsors of the fourth annual fair that will run noon-7 p.m. Friday, May 6, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, May 8

p.m. Sunday, May 8.

Visitors will get a chance to sample fresh fruits at Door to Door Organics' booth and check out the variety of box sizes — from "bitty" to large — that they can order for weekly home delivery. They'll also get a \$10 discount on their first box of home-delivered fruits, vegetables or fruits and vegetables, if they sign up for the service at the fair.

"They can try it for one time and we're okay if they walk away after that," Collier said, adding that he's confident they'll return.

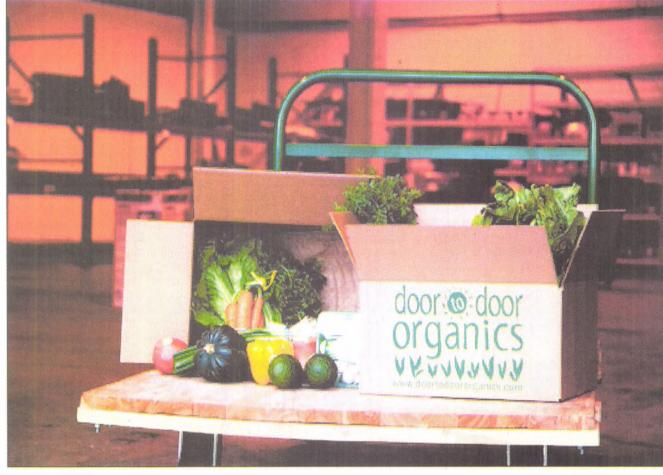
"Organics is really it. People are looking for organics and looking for local."

LOOKING WEST

The company began in 1997 in Pennsylvania and added its Michigan location in 2007. When Collier took over as director in April 2010, the Livonia office delivered 650 boxes weekly. A year later, the company fleet makes more than 2,000 weekly stops. Collier is eager to expand services to the Grand Rapids area, Monroe and Toledo, Ohio. When he began getting requests from the west side of the state, he tried sending produce to customers by UPS.

"I had customers calling and begging me for it because they had no other options (for organics)," Collier said. "We'd pack a box on Tuesday and they'd get it on Thursday."

He discontinued the program because the two-day delivery sched-



 $Door\ to\ Door\ Organics\ delivers\ fresh\ fruits,\ vegetables\ and\ more\ to\ homes\ throughout\ southeastern\ Michigan.$



Strawberry Mousse

The Door to Door Organics Web site offers recipes to help customers use the produce they receive in their weekly delivery boxes. This week, boxes included strawberries and the company offered this recipe for a fruity dessert, courtesy of allrecipes. com:

STRAWBERRY MOUSSE

(Serves 4)
Ingredients

1 quart fresh strawberries

2 tablespoons white sugar

1 pint heavy cream

6 egg whites Method

Method
1. Chop hulled strawberries in a food processor, leaving a few chunks.

2. In a bowl, whip cream until stiff peaks form. In another bowl, whip egg whites until stiff peaks form.

3. Fold whipped cream into strawberries. Fold egg whites into strawberry mixture. Serve immediately.



Door to Door Organics buys local produce from Michigan farms during the growing season and from warmer climates out of state during the winter.

ule couldn't guarantee the produce would be fresh when it arrived on the customer's doorstep.

FRESH, ORGANIC

Freshness is a part of Door to Door Organic's mission. The company buy's from several organic farms in Michigan and obtains organic produce from out of state sources during the off season.

"We deliver all year round and most produce during our non-growing season comes from warmer climates. But we will have a Michiganonly box that will be an option in June.

"Regardless of the growing season, people still want citrus, bananas,

mangos and those are things you can't get in Michigan."

The company Web site lists the origin of all produce. Customers receive a weekly e-mail explaining what's on the menu for each size box and they can look at the firm's Web site for weekly updates on box contents, as well as corresponding recipes. They can substitute up to five items in their box and buy additional foods such as artisan breads, organic meat, fish, soups, condiments, dairy alternatives, Michigan-made items and more.

"We want to do local as much as possible."

Boxes cost \$23 for "bitty," size, just right for two consumers; \$33 for small; \$39 for medium; and \$55 for a large mixed box.

Customers pay as they go. Many community supported agriculture (CSA) programs that deliver locally-grown produce require payment for the entire season up front. Generally,

there's no choice in contents.

"That brings to mind another advantage to our service. You can put delivery on hold or cancel at any time. There's no commitment," Collier said. Customers can order on a weekly basis, bi-weekly, or put the service on hold when needed.

There's no cost for delivery.

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As we move toward spring,

a Belgian IPA is good crossover style to warmer weather. Luciernaga, which loosely translates to firefly, is a good place to start. The hypnotic label will temp the most hardened beer advocate but the oak-aged elixir that lies within is where the experience really begins. Cheers.

Nate Parsons can be reached at modevin@yahoo.com

Take mom to brunch

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8 and brunch reservations are filling fast. It's time to choose a restaurant and reserve a spot. Here are a few suggestions to get you started:

• Andiamo, 38703 Seven Mile, Livonia: Includes a mix of breakfast and lunch items, such as bacon, sausage, crepes, biscuits and gravy, Eggs Benedict, French toast, white fish, chicken, salads, pastries and other desserts. Cost is \$28.95 for adults; \$14.95 for children, 5-10 and free for children, 4 and under. Brunch served 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a limited dinner menu from 4-6 p.m. Reservations suggested. Call (734) 953-3200.

• Fiamma Grille, 380 S. Main, Plymouth: Brunch is served 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and consists of four courses. The first course includes smoked salmon, bagels, pate, pastries, juice and coffee; the second offers salad, oven-baked French toast, soup, shrimp and grits, and Oscar Eggs Benedict; the third is an entree course featuring lamb T-bone, halibut, chicken and steak and the last course is desserts. Cost is \$26 for adults and \$9 for kids. A separate menu is available for youngsters. The restaurant will close from 2:30-3:30. It will reopen at 3:30 and serve its regular menu until 8 p.m. For reservations call (734) 416-9340.

• 5ive Restaurant at The Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth: A plated Mother's Day brunch will be sold from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. with appetizers, a custom entree duet and desserts. Adults, \$39; kids, 6-12, \$11; kids, 5 and under, free. An ala carte menu and featured dinner selections will be available from 4-9 p.m. Make reservations by calling (734) 357-5700 or visit 5ive Restaurant at opentable.com or on Facebook.

• Flemings Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar, 17400 Haggerty, Livonia: Mom gets a \$25 dining card for a future visit to Flemings when you take her to the Mother's Day brunch, served from 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. The brunch includes appetizers, desserts and entrees such as filet mignon frittata, berry-stuffed French toast, smoked salmon, filet mignon on buttermilk biscuits, and crab frittata. Cost is \$32. A separate menu, at \$15.95, is available for children, 12 and under. Call (734) 542 WINE or visit www.flemingssteakhouse.com/locations/mi/livonia.

• Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier, just north of Ford Road and two miles west of Beck, Ypsilanti: Brunch in The Greenside Tavern overlooking the golf course will include prime rib, white fish with dill sauce, chicken

and much more. \$19.95 for adults, \$9.95 for children, 5-12 and free for children under 4. Call (734) 454-1850 for reservations.

• Holiday Inn, 17123 Laurel Park Drive, just east of I-275, Livonia: Made-to-order omelets and other breakfast items along with a prime rib carving station, pork loin, chicken, salmon, shrimp and variety of salads. Special kids station includes macaroni and cheese, spaghetti and cheese sticks. Adults, \$26.95; seniors, \$20.95; children, 12 and under, \$15.95; and children, 5 and under, free. Call (734) 464-1300, Ext. 430.

• Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi: Brunch is served 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Diamond Center and includes made-to-order omelet and waffle station, French toast, grilled chicken with arugula pesto, assorted breakfast meats, roasted sirloin, portobello mushroom ravioli, salmon, redskin potatoes, lentil and rice pilaf, assorted fruits and salads and a sweet table. Complimentary parking. Cost is \$28 for adults; \$26 for seniors, 55 and older; \$14 for children, 4-12 years; and free for children, 3 and under. A cash bar will be available after noon. Reservations required with a credit card guarantee. Call (248) 348-5600, Ext 200.



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Walkable communities and downtowns are home selling pluses

BY JULIE BROWN O&E STAFF WRITER

It turns out many of us would rather work closer to home, given the choice. We like walkable communities where we can get to shops, restaurants and other amenities without driving - at least not too

Americans favor walkable, mixed-use neighborhoods, with 56 percent of respondents preferring smart growth neighborhoods over neighborhoods that require more driving between home, work and recreation. That's according to a recent study, the Community Preference Survey, by the National Association of Realtors.

Walkable communities are defined as those where shops, restaurants, and local businesses are within walking distance from homes. According to the survey, when considering a home purchase, 77 percent of respondents said they would look for neighborhoods with abundant sidewalks and other pedestrian-friendly features, and 50 percent would like to see improvements to existing public transportation rather than initiatives to build new roads and developments.

Tony Bruscato, director of operations for the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, said, "I think communities with downtowns are finding a bit of a resurgence. People like that walkability."

Bruscato finds Plymouth residents and visitors enjoy the downtown restaurants and shopping. "In the case of Plymouth we have Kellogg Park which is certainly the center for a number of activities," he said.

Other nearby communities have had a number of homes in foreclosure. "Plymouth wasn't sheltered from that, but I don't think we had as many." More people remained employed, Bruscato said, and the appeal of a walkable downtown helped to boost home sales.

Bruscato lives in Canton, but often visits downtown Plymouth. "I've hung out for a dozen years or more. You get to know the people, you get to know the fun spots," he said. Such communities are more

close-knit, he finds.

"They don't have to go very far to enjoy family activities." The DDA and Plymouth community in general have a lot of family-friendly acts, like Art in the Park, various concerts in Kellogg Park and the Plymouth Fall Festival.

"The fact that you don't have to go far to get to them to enjoy them with your family and friends is a plus," Bruscato said.

"My commute's 10 feet into my basement so it's pretty close," said Scott Lorenz of Plymouth, who lives about two blocks from downtown Plymouth and owns the Westwind Communications public relations firm. His family had owned the former Mayflower Hotel in downtown Plymouth.

"Where I am is not really important, it's what I do," said Lorenz, who finds he's more productive by not commuting. "You cannot beat being able to work for yourself in your own home office."

He likes to go to the Plymouth farmers market. "We have a dozen restaurants we can go to in downtown Plymouth from our house. We're very happy that we live so close to the community, to the downtown, but it's not by accident."

When the couple's kids were younger, they'd ride bicycles into town for ice cream. "And now of course I pedal my bike downtown to Panera Bread every morning and have coffee," Lorenz said. He hears people talking about commutes to Troy and Southfield in snow.

"It's hard to be productive when you're sitting in a car," Lorenz said. He likes working in his home and having an attractive downtown: 'No question it's a nice lifestyle. We like it very much."

Downtowns like Northville and Farmington are also walkable, a selling point for potential buyers. Farmington Downtown **Development Authority Executive** Director Annette Knowles said, "We do hear quite frequently why many people choose to live close to a downtown is so they will have walkable access.

"There are a lot of neighborhoods that surround our downtown," she said. "Our downtown really starts as a neighborhood gathering place.



People like to meet their friends downtown for a cup of coffee." A lot make a decision to support downtown merchants, she said, and can walk or ride a bike to and through downtown.

She lives in Farmington, and can ride her bike in the summer. "In the winter, it's just a little too far to go" without a car, she said with a chuckle.

"I really think there is a new way of thinking among people to come back to support their local community. What better way to do that than to support your local businesses downtown?" Knowles said. "There is really just a way of thinking that 'We want to support the merchants that are here.'

The Sundquist Pavilion in Farmington's Riley Park hosts concerts, the farmers market, and a number of other events. "The intent is to showcase the downtown as a regional destination," she said. "Hopefully they make the decision at some point later to come back." The number of events appeal to people as does variety, the Rhythmz concert series, Art on the Grand, Founders Festival, Harvest Moon and Holly Days.

"The calendar of events is very, very active," she said.

Uniqueness and charm of the downtown becomes an asset "where they do have walkable streets. Knowles said outdoor seating and window shopping add appeal. "There is a segment of the population that I think does look for that," she said of the "hometown" feel.

Two years ago, Farmington began a new streetscape with brick paver sidewalks and plantings. "We are as a community continually taking steps to improve the walkability

in our downtown," said Knowles. (Plymouth is also working on public downtown improvements.)

The NAR survey also revealed that while space is important to homebuyers, many are willing to sacrifice square footage for less driving. Eighty percent of those surveyed would prefer to live in a single-family, detached home as long as it didn't require a longer commute, but nearly three out of five of those surveyed - 59 percent would choose a smaller home if it meant a commute time of 20 minutes or less.

NAR leaders added the survey showed people nationwide share that desire for a walkable community. "Realtors care about improving communities through smart growth initiatives," said NAR President Ron Phipps, broker-president of Phipps Realty in Warwick, R.I. "Our members don't just sell homes, they sell neighborhoods. Realtors understand that different homebuyers are looking for all kinds of neighborhood settings and that many home buyers want walkable, transit-accessible communi-

The survey also found that community characteristics are very important to most people. When considering a home purchase, 88 percent of respondents placed more value on the quality of the neighborhood than the size of the home, and 77 percent of those surveyed want communities with high-quality schools.

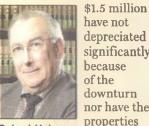
The survey of 2,071 adult Americans was conducted by Belden, Russonello and Stewart from Feb. 15-24, 2011.

The NAR website contributed to this report.

Naples has seen declines in value

Q: Do you have any information on the resale market of the high end side of single family homes in Naples, Fla., as we are wondering if this is the time to

A: In speaking with a number of real estate agents in February 2011, it appears that the properties in excess of



Robert Meisner

significantly because of the downturn nor have the properties selling for less than \$300,000.

Rather, it is properties in the range of \$300,000 to \$1.5 mil that have suffered 20 to 40 percent declines but that in all price ranges, the market is beginning to rebound. Of course, location is always a key factor in determining price valuations and waterfront property is still at a premium.

Q: We live in a condominium and are thinking about putting in an invisible fence outside of our unit. Our units are detached and I am wondering what problems I might have with the association.

A: It depends on your condominium documents. If you are putting in an invisible fence with the electrical system within the confines of your unit, you may have an absolute right to do so unless it in any way infringes upon the common elements. On the other hand, if you have to place any electrical or other systems on the common elements, the association presumably has a right to approve same although it, of course, depends upon your condominium documents. You are best advised to call an experienced condominium attorney to review your documents and assist you in your application, if necessary, to the condominium association for approval.

Q: What is your attitude towards the development of a mixed use project?

A: The ideas and reality of mixed use as a preferred urban forum are still in their relative infancy. The driving forces behind the attraction to the mixed use model include current trends and attitudes toward a more urban lifestyle, changing demographics and psychographics, the sustainable design trends and codification of the mixed use form in our development ordinances. Yet the current economic environment may provide even more significant challenges to planning and implementing successful mixed use projects that require a complex matrix of skill sets and collaborations between design professionals, developers, leasing agents, tenants, municipal planners, land use and community association attorneys, local government and communities. In short, there are opportunities and constraints to mixed use development that should be considered with a team of consultants before engaging in the project.

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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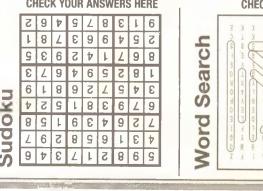
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By Dale Buss

With gasoline prices having put \$4 a gallon in the rear-view mirror and headed quickly toward \$5 a gallon, Detroit-area car buyers are looking sometimes frantically - for relief. And if they look toward Chevrolet, they can find a number of handy answers to their fuel price dilemma, especially the new Chevy Volt and the new Chevy Cruze

In the space of less than a year, automotive fuel economy suddenly is at something of a premium for buyers browsing showrooms. Industry sales have recovered significantly in Michigan and everywhere else, increasing demand on their own. Rising gasoline prices, of course, have forced consumers to put fuel efficiency at the top of their shopping criteria.

And now, on the supply side of the equation, the earthquake and tsunami in Japan have slashed the number of small cars being produced by Japanese brands from their homeland to North America. Even non-Japanese producers including Hyundai, Kia and Ford are dealing with various degrees of supply constraints that prevent them from taking advantage of the problems of Japanese makers.

That leaves Chevrolet in a really strong position to take advantage of the situation with its own small-car offerings. And fortunately, Volt and

Cruze Eco are two big solutions.

Volt and Cruz represent two different approaches to fuel efficiency, of course. The Volt extended-range hybrid isn't for everyone, given that not every consumer can or will take advantage of the allelectric capability of the car up to a range of 25 or 30 miles at a charge. And yet Cruze, especially in the Eco version that I drove recently, provides a fantastic mainstream alternative for buyers who really want to emphasize fuel economy.

Volt is the only idea in the entire electric-vehicle universe so far that makes any sense to me. It's like learning to ride a bicycle with training wheels. What happens if you remove training wheels when a rider doesn't know how to propel a bike? It stops sometimes, messily. So the training wheels stay.

So, too, with Volt. Because, after decades of development, battery makers still can only produce an all-electric system that is worth 25 or 30 miles on a charge in a car, it's silly to think that most Americans would or should buy a completely electric vehicle like the Nissan Leaf (though Leaf's electric-only range is a bit longer). "Range anxiety" driving a Leaf would be a very real and present feeling. So your office is only 10 miles away; what happens to you if you end up in a traffic jam on a hot summer

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The Chevrolet Volt uses the only sensible approach to all-

Delivering 42 mpg on the highway, Chevrolet Cruze Eco is a car for the times.

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Fortunately, Volt has an on-board, 1.4liter internal-combustion engine that gives you a range of an extra 300 miles beyond the battery charge. Permanent training wheels. You can have a great time trying to run Volt only on the electric charge, and there are plenty of devices and metrics on board to help you be the eco-friendliest driver on the planet. That's all good stuff.

But if and when you run into that two-hour traffic jam, in Volt you needn't worry about being stranded. Plus, the transition from all-electric to engine power is virtually seamless and can be accommodated no matter what the car is doing. It's really about the only solution that sensibly encompasses allelectric power in a nation where very few people could take the risks that currently are entailed by relying on an all-electric vehicle.

Whether electric- or engine-powered, Volt's got some giddy-up to it. This is not like driving a golf cart on the freeway. It's plenty spacious as well for a small car and can serve reliably as one of the mainstay vehicles in the household garage. There's nothing gimmicky or impractical about it. And charging it up really is as easy as plugging a thick electrical cord into your garage outlet. General Motors took the smart path with Volt.

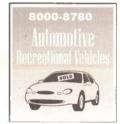
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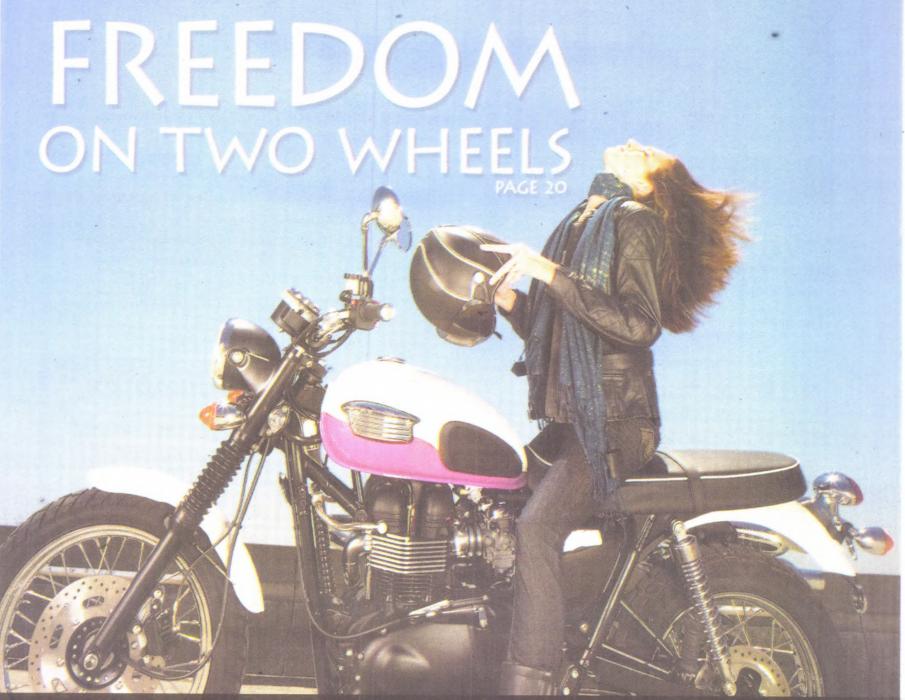
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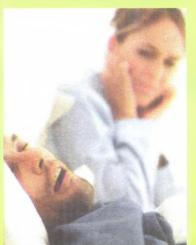
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Our readers had an important hand in today's section sending in photos and writing about the best advice they ever received from their mother. Be sure to read their contributions. Some are funny, others offer some very poignant remembrances of moms who have since passed away.

You'll want to share these stories with those you love. So read them with or to a daughter, a son, a sister, a brother, father, husband, partner or a close friend.



Then, for a real change of pace, turn the page and check out women who ride motorcycles. After all, May is Women Riders

Our story may just get you interested in owning your own bike. Read why local women love and crave the freedom of the ride. And check out the chic biker clothes and accessories. Even if you don't ride, biker fashion — which emphasizes safety first — is stylish and lots of fun.

On a more serious note, May marks the 20th anniversary of the Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure. It's a call to action for women and their families throughout the state. The Detroit event — the largest in Michigan and among the largest races nationwide — is presented by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Contributing writer Linda Chomin details the triumphs and sorrows of local women and their families as they fight on. More important, read about how you can get involved in this year's anniversary event as a participant, volunteer or sponsor. And learn about the advances in treating the disease.

Getting involved does make a difference. Since Detroit's first race in 1992, nearly \$20 million has been raised and invested to fight cancer and find a cure.

Get involved, get inspired — be part of this year's Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure.

As always, I welcome your comments via e-mail or on Facebook

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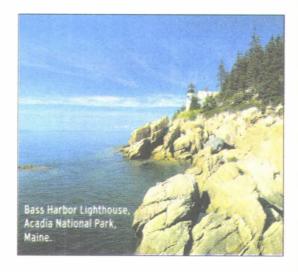
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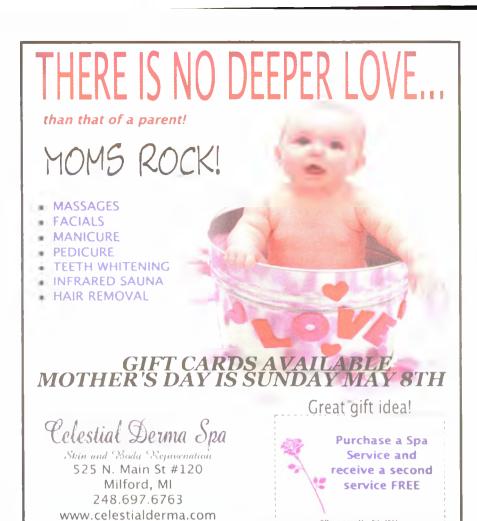
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Special gifts for special moms

By Bill Emerick

Moms are special every day of the year, but likely never more than on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8, this year. Trying to find the perfect gift to express your feelings for mother can be challenging - candy? flowers? clothes? - but many local businesses have plenty of options for giving mom a present she'll cherish for a lifetime.

JEWELRY

One of the hottest pieces in recent years has been the charm bracelet designed by Pandora. Available at Benson Diamond Jewelers (35000 Warren Road, Westland, 734-525-4100), the Pandora line features several newly created charms for this season.

"They've created quite a few new beads for this year," said Ken Hauser, Benson sales manager. "One is the mother's heart bead. Birthstones are always popular, and they're also redesigned this year."

The lure of the Pandora bracelet is that each one can be customized for any person. Charms come in many designs, colors and shapes are can commemorate birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions.

"A lot of beads will have special meanings for people," Hauser said.

• Mastercraft Jewelers (37643 Six Mile, Livonia, 734-464-3555) also carries the Pandora bracelet, but store manager K.C. Charara said he has other big sellers, too.

He mentioned the new Scott Kay line of silver jewelry — moderately-priced bracelets, earrings and necklaces — and the fashion watches from manufacturer Michele.

"Mother's Day is always our secondbest holiday, behind only Christmas," Charara said.

• A&E Gold and Silver Exchange (26410 Ford, Dearborn Heights, 734-914-3759) has to hot sellers for this season, according to sales associate Laura Leix.

The store is now stocking Hershev Kiss jewelry- necklaces, bracelets and earrings that feature the iconic candy in the design. Another popular item is the Chamilia charm bracelet. Right now, A&E is offering a buy-three, get-one-free promotion for Chamilia beads.

• Waterfall Jewelers (340 Town Center Boulevard, White Lake, 248-698-1200) has several new items this season,



including laser-inscribed "I Love You" diamond earrings and a string of freshwater pearls.

SPA PACKAGES

Nothing says pampering like a day at the spa. Celestial Derma Spa (525 N. Main, Suite 120, Milford, 248-697-6763) is experiencing its first Mother's Day since opening in February. Spa coordinator Marti Carroll said the biggest sellers this season are hydrafacials and deep tissue massages.

"Some people say they feel like they've gotten a facelift" after one of the hydrafacial treatments, she said.

- Gjeto's Salon & Day Spa (44325 12 Mile, Novi, 248-349-9003) has a complete listing of Mother's Day gift packages, all of which include some variation of facials, massages, manicures and/or pedicures. Two of them even include lunch.
- Gina Agosta Haircolor Design & Spa (39831 Grand River, Novi, 248-477-2266) is offering a Mother's Day special of free services with the purchase of a \$100 gift certificate. Customers can get a 30-minute facial and a 30-minute massage if they buy at least a \$100 gift
- Customers can choose from a wide variety of massages and other treatments at LaVida Massage (42142 Ford, Canton, 734-844-1402 and 30985 Five Mile, Livonia, 734-855-4942), including hot stone, couples and chair massages. It also has the typical facial treatments, aromatherapy and waxing services.

A beautiful bouquet can brighten anyone's day, but cut flowers typically last only three to five days. Larry Pinter, owner of Pinter's Greenhouse & Flowerland (27233 Eight Mile Road, Redford, 313-538-7580), says the most popular choices are those that will last a longer time, such as hanging baskets, urns or other garden-type items.

"Petunias, geraniums, anything that will last for the whole season," he said.

• At Heidi's Flowers (748 Starkweather, Plymouth, 734-453-5140), owner Robert Hall is busy filling orders for all varieties of outdoor plants — "tulips, lilies, iris ... anything coming into bloom right now." Customers are buying outdoor planters for use on decks or patios, as well as the usual corsages, centerpieces and colored







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Mother knows best

How your mom's advice shapes your life today

Whether you're fortunate enough to still have your own mom, or remember her presence through the "nuggets" of advice she offered — mom's advice has a big influence on the woman you have become today.

Her inspiring words and thoughtful actions had the power to make you feel like you could conquer any life situation, bolster your self-esteem and empower you to make better choices in your own life.

For those whose mothers weren't always the finest example in words or in deeds, Mom still had the power to influence, mold and change a daughter to perhaps improve herself and her own life situation.

Whether the advice is given in a thoughtful discussion or in a tone of admonishment, Mom's "way with words" always shines through to make a strong impression that will likely be remembered for a lifetime.

What thoughtful advice from your mom do you remember?

As we get ready to honor moms on Sunday, May 8, read the words of area women who shared the best advice they received from their mom.

-SALLY RUMMEL



Jessica Gold (right) and her mom, Esther Gold, live in Farmington Hills. Jessica is grateful for the life lessons she has learned from her mom.

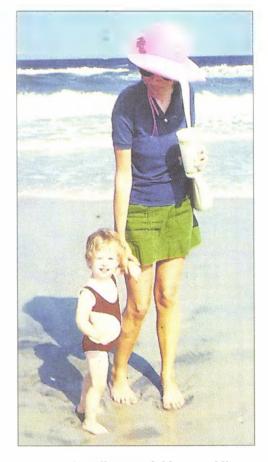
"In my 24 years so far, my mom has taught me so many great life lessons," wrote Jessica.

"The best thing she taught me has been to always stand up for myself and to be my own hero. Her motto was 'Always go for the sure shot' because she wanted the best for me. My mom is my best friend and has instilled in me the courage and strength to be my own person. On top of all of the life lessons, she's taught me to always run the hot water before turning on the dishwasher to warm it up, how to be a great caregiver, how to fold fitted sheets, and all the secrets to great baking. I learn something new from her every day."

Ann Kennedy is all smiles with daughters, Kelley Lowney, a cosmetologist and Patient Care associate at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, and Jennifer Kennedy, director of marketing and public relations at the hospital in Livonia. Ann is mom to five grown children. Besides Kelley and Jennifer (the youngest of the five), she has three sons and seven grandchildren. Jennifer offers her mom's words of wisdom: "My mom has been the most influential woman in my life. The best advice she has given me is to apply my talents, and assured me with doing this, I could accomplish whatever I set my mind to. So far, I am living a fulfilled, successful life according to that advice."

Ann, Kelley and Jennifer are Novi residents.





Pictured is Ellice Engdahl as a toddler in the mid-'70s with her mom, Hope S. Engdahl, on a beach in Jacksonville, Fla. More than 30 years later, Ellice said: "My mom gave me lots of advice over the years — she was never shy about that! The one thing that most sticks with me is her favorite saying: 'Do, do and overdo.' Whenever there was an opportunity for celebration, she seized it! I still do the same thing today," said Ellice.

"My mom lived in Jacksonville, Fla., from the early '70s until she passed away in 2008. My husband and I have lived in Livonia for about eight years," wrote Ellice.

"Right after my mom passed away, it was hard to find a reason to celebrate — holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. lost a lot of their meaning. But as time continues to pass, I find that in really celebrating these occasions like my mom would have — with over-the-top decorations, tons of food, fancy drinks and other family traditions — it makes them even more special, because I feel like I'm keeping her legacy alive. It may seem like silly extravagance to some people, but the family and friends who knew my mom definitely understand!"



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Nicole M. Prinzevski of Canton and her son, Kai, 2, are pictured at a Mother's Day celebration with Vivian Lughermo (Nicole's mom of Canton) and Mary Camilleri, her grandmother.

"The best advice I received from my mother was to always cherish family and the memories with them. My mom always made sure to plan fun things with my 86-year-old Nana who would always make us laugh and I will never forget those times with both my mother and grandmother!"



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Mother knows best



Pictured are Karen Bartha of Canton and her mother, Carol Brissette of McKinney, Texas

"The best advice my mother ever gave me: 'If things are bad and could get worse, keep a cookie in your purse," wrote Bartha.

Bartha does just that — homemade snickerdoodles. When Bartha told her mom what she was submitting to *Hometown Life Woman* "my mom was horrified."

"She said: I hope that's not really the best advice I ever gave you."

Bartha told her, however, "it's what I remember the most and it's part of family. My sister says the same thing to her children."

The advice or rather story was actually shared by her mom's

"My mom had a friend in high school in the 1950s — Jean Zink — one of the last people to contract polio before the vaccine was available. Jean spent about 18 months in an iron lung. I knew her too. She was a wise and wonderful woman."

Zink, now deceased, lived a lot longer than many thought she would, explained Bartha. "She traveled and lived life to the fullest."

"When I went through a bad time with health in my 20s she was the one who talked to me. She said: 'You can't always worry about your health — go forward and live.' And Jean also kept cookies in her purse," said Bartha, who shares the advice with her two children, daughter, Clara, 21 and son, Regan, 18.

A lawyer by training and graduate of Notre Dame Law School, Bartha is a stay-at-home mom.

Rebekah Pummill (right) and her mom, Justine Pummill of Garden City. Rebekah thanks her mom for her guidance and advice over the years.

Her best advice: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, soul, and mind. In all your ways acknowledge him and he shall direct your paths," wrote Rebekah. "Not only has my mom's good advice impacted me, but her daily example of living a Christ-like life is the best guidance any mother could give her daughter."





Nannette Douglas of Brighton and her "mumzie," the late Pat Goike.

"Mom always had good advice. My favorite is this: 'Always enter a room smiling and be the first to say hello.' This was how she lived her life and I try to also. Mom is in heaven now and I miss her very much. Happy Mother's Day, Mumzie. Love you," wrote Douglas, a former Novi resident who has owned a business in Novi for the last 25 years. Her mom lived in Howell until she passed away in January 2011.



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By Sally Rummel

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With that said, you may just want to start packing, but first, think of a destination that will bring enjoyment and memories to you and your family—then make a plan with a qualified travel agent to make your vacation dollars work best for you.

If you haven't already booked a destination for this year's summer vacation, there's still plenty of time to "get on

board" with travel deals — in spite of this summer's high cost of travel, both on the road and in the air.

"The key in summer travel is to be flexible," said Joan Fries of Carousel Travel in Farmington Hills. "If you have a number of open dates available for travel, I can tell you the best prices, because air fares and hotel prices are dependent upon your travel dates. Some weeks are more expensive to travel than others."

Jim Ehehalt of Brookside Travel in Northville agrees that the best deals in travel are in the planning, not in the "last minute." "You can enjoy a fournight get-away to Jamaica," he said, "but it will cost you less if you buy the package ahead of time."

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Neither earthquakes, hurricanes nor flight delays can stop them ...

By Sally Rummel

"Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet" may be the postal service's informal creed about its level of service, but in the case of travel agents, it has been "earthquakes, blizzards and volcanos."

These natural disasters aren't just catastrophic events to the people who live there — but also for unsuspecting travelers who are often caught offguard, or become "stuck" in situations beyond their control, when traveling

away from home. Not to mention the 'possibilities of civil unrest, drug cartels and even flight delays and cancellations.

But, if you have booked your trip through a travel agent (or consultant, as they are often referred to today), you can take a deep breath amid almost any travel situation, because a real, live, accessible human will be available to "save the day."

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Women at forefront of mobile socialization

By Jon Gunnells

Microsoft Tag released some mobile phone statistics recently and one of the numbers was particularly surprising — women aged 34 to 55 are the most active smartphone users.

So what are women doing on their

phones that makes them more active than text-crazy high school kids, or the connected 20-something male who never puts his/her phone down?



Jon Gunnells

The report also said women and men alike spend nearly 2.7 hours per day socializing on their phone — more

time than they spend eating and about a third of the time they spend sleeping.

All of that time isn't spent texting, e-mailing or phone calling (if people even make calls anymore). One of most popular cell phone activities for women isn't online shopping (how stereotypical of me). According to the Microsoft report, the most popular online activity is mobile gaming, followed by, believe it or not - weather.

About 50 percent of smartphone owners use their devices for mapping, directions and general searching. About 49 percent use their devices for social networking — and more than 25 percent use their phones for entertainment, dining, news and music.

Many of the most popular activities are popular because of the emergence of apps. Before apps, users would have to access a new website or web page to play any game, social network or read up on a news story. Now users can use their Facebook app for example, to quickly converse with their friends and pages they follow. It's safe to say the 49 percent of mobile users who are clicking around on LinkedIn and Twitter aren't doing so directly from those site's web pages — they are doing so through unique apps.

So what apps are you missing out on?



It's a topic brought up almost weekly in this column, but rightfully so — apps are fun, informational, educational and can also save time.

There is an eBay app where you can track items you are selling, bidding on or shipping. Alerts can be sent to your phone and it prevents you (the buyer or seller), from forgetting about items and getting unpaid item strikes from eBay.

Google also has a collection of helpful apps including a Google maps app. There's no need to pay for GPS on your phone or even buy a unit in your car. If you have a strong enough smartphone (a droid or iPhone) you can download the Google maps app for some pretty accurate directions. It may not be trusted to get you from here to California, but if you get lost en route - Google maps could get you out of a

Apps are also a tremendous way to keep up with local or national news. Did you know USA Today has an app? With the click of a button you can have all the top news, sports and features stories right on your smartphone. It eliminates the need for users to boot up their computer to read a story — it also eliminates the need to visit the newspaper web site as an app is customized and easier to use in hand held devices.

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Mother knows best



Cathy Foust (left) of Plymouth and her mom, Grace Augsburger of Jamestown, N.Y., share a happy moment.

Foust says thanks for this special piece of advice:

"Growing up, I was a chronic worrier ... What friends I would play with when I was young, grades in school, and what I would grow up and become. Her words of wisdom, that I have lived by are: Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday!"



Kathleen Kondogiani of Livonia and her mother, Dorothy Reister of Livonia, have a special bond. "More than any one word of advice from my mother while growing up, she was a tremendous role model for me by the way she lived her life. She is a strong, independent, loving mother and has always put her family first in everything she has done. Happy Mother's Day, Mom," said Kondogiani.



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Karin Young of Plymouth and her mother, Virginia Hosmer, also of Plymouth were photographed last month in Myrtle Beach. Young, her husband and their three sons were vacationing with her parents.

"The best advice I have received from my mother over the years has not come from her words, but rather, from her deeds. She has shown me, by example, that one of life's richest rewards can be found in the act of giving to others," wrote Young.

"Throughout my life, my mother has always put others first, especially her family. She has shown me that the art of compromise goes a long way and that being a good listener is essential in a marriage and in raising kids as well as interacting with people in general.

"My mom was an elementary teacher. She is retired now. She was so compassionate with her students and cared about them so deeply that some of those kids, who are now young adults, have contacted her to let her know what an impact she had on their lives. That is very inspiring to me. She has truly touched and positively affected so many around her. I aspire to be like her."



Garden City resident Amanda Quartz (right) calls her mom, Katrina Quartz, a role model. Amanda is her proud daughter.

"Mom, I couldn't be prouder to say that I emulate you and consider you my very best friend," wrote Amanda. "Some of the best advice you've ever given me is to 'Do everything in life with a strong sense of integrity.' Just one of the many things I watch you do every day."

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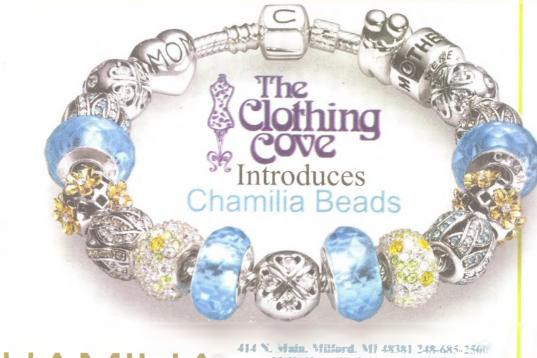
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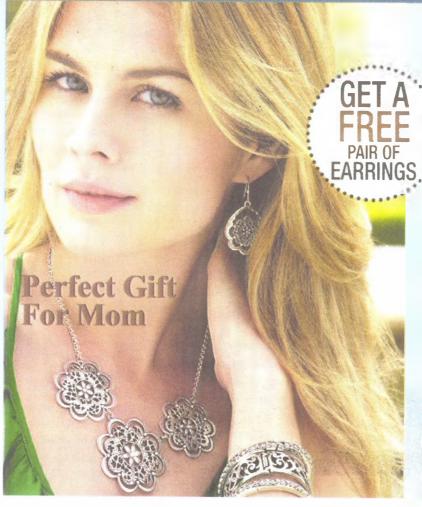


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Mother knows best



Northville residents Christina Zitkus and her mom, Theresa Zitkus.

"The best advice I've received from my mom is to always have confidence," wrote Christina, who is Miss Michigan Jr. Teen 2011, Michigan American Coed Pageants. "Thank you, Mom, for being the best pageant coach and my biggest fan next to Dad, of course. My confidence on stage and in front of the judges at pageants comes from you. I love you."



Karen Curtsinger (right) wants to honor her mom's memory this Mother's Day. Her mom, Laura Lee Curtsinger, died March 6, 2011. "She would have been 77 on March 31. I miss her so much. I am looking for ways to keep her memory alive ... honor her and keep going," said Karen, adding that "the best advice Mom gave me is very simple and very, very true.

"She told me to be myself and to be nice. I don't always succeed at the nice part, but I try. Her main message is 'Be true to yourself."

This photo was taken of mother and daughter in 2009 at Laura Lee's 75th birthday celebration. The dog is Snorkey. "Mom loved animals," said Karen.

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Stephanie Nicholls (right) of Canton and her mom, Jolene Sniderman, a retired first-grader teacher from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Sniderman, formerly of Farmington, now lives in Canton. She taught first grade for many years at Bird Elementary School in Plymouth.

Mom's best advice: "Every night around the dinner table growing up we each had to share three good things and one bad thing about our day," said Stephanie, a nonprofit financial counselor and mother to Corinne. "It may not seem like advice, but it taught me to focus on the positive in the world while still dealing with the negative."

"Your housework will always be there; your children will not."

"This is advice my grandma gave to my mom, and she in turn passed it along to me," wrote Kristen Enlow of Lyon Township.
"This reminds me that I have years to keep house, but I should cherish this time with my children while they're young.

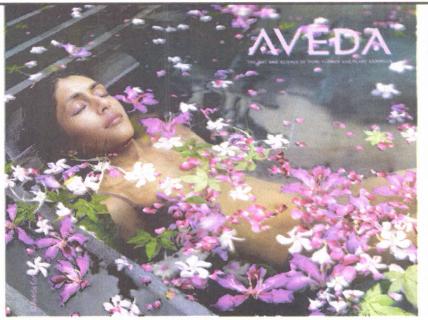
"My mom followed this advice when raising me and my three siblings, and I try to follow it as much as I can with my own children (an



8-month-old son and a daughter who will be 4 years old in June). I admit I can get caught up in the day-to-day routine of running a household, but this reminds me what is truly important in life. It's much more important to me that my children remember an involved mom instead of having the cleanest house on the block! When my children have grown, I know I'm not going to look back and wish I had cleaned more," wrote Enlow who is pictured with her mom, Cheryl Mouchet of Livonia.







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A Mother's Day sunrise surprise

It's true – the kitchen is the heart of the home. Ever notice how people

always gather there? Whether baking treats, making dinner or spending time with family and friends, the kitchen is my favorite place to be. Since my day job is Consumer Test Kitchen Project Manager for the Nestle Test Kitchens, you can bet I love to stir things up. This column lets me pass along to you some of my best recipes, tips and baking secrets.

Mix It Up with Jenny Jenny Harper

Start Mother's Day off right with a beautiful breakfast in bed. A pretty tray set with some of the good dishes and real linens, a fresh flower, and some delicious food will put a smile on mom's face that will last all day.

Golden Sunrise French Toast is made extra special with evaporated milk and

a splash of vanilla extract. Make sure you use firm bread so the toast doesn't end up soggy.

If she loves eggs, making Scrambled Eggs with a little evaporated milk gives them such a creamy texture that she'll want to eat them this way all the time. Add one tablespoon of evaporated milk for each egg used.

Pour her a Mock Mimosa by mixing sparkling lime juice or ginger ale to orange juice.

Garnish with a fresh strawberry on the rim of the glass.

For more delicious ways to surprise mom on her special day, visit www. TheCookingMilk.com.

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GOLDEN SUNRISE FRENCH TOAST

Prep: 10 minutes Cooking: 10 minutes Makes 4 to 5 servings

2 large eggs

1 can (12 fluid ounces)

Nestle Carnation Evaporated Lowfat 2% Milk

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

2 tablespoons granulated sugar

1 tablespoon plus 1% teaspoons alf-purpose flour

¼ teaspoon salt

8 to 10 slices (¾-inch-thick) firm, day-old French bread

Unsalted butter

Maple syrup

Fresh seasonal berries or sliced fruit

HEAT large skillet over medium heat for 3 to 4 minutes.

BEAT eggs in shallow pan or large pie plate; whisk in evaporated milk and vanilla extract. Whisk in sugar, flour and salt. Add several slices of bread; soak without over saturating.

SWIRL 1 tablespoon butter in hot skillet. Remove bread from batter, allowing excess batter to drip off; transfer prepared bread to

skillet in single layer. Cook for 2 minutes or until golden brown. Turn over; cook for an additional 2 minutes or until golden. Serve immediately with syrup and berries. Continue with remaining bread slices, adding 1 tablespoon butter to skillet for each new batch.

Nutrition Information per serving: 450 calories; 120 calories from fat; 14g total fat; 7g saturated fat; 0g trans fat; 140mg cholesterol; 680mg sodium; 67g carbohydrate; 3g fiber; 28g sugars; 15g protein; 15% DV vitamin A; 6% DV vitamin C; 30% DV calcium; 15% DV iron

Jenny Harper is Consumer Test Kitchen Project Manager for the Nestle Test Kitchens and VeryBestBaking.com.



Golden Sunrise French toast



Make mealtime meaningful

(Family Features) — Could lasagna help you improve your relationships? It just might, if it helps get people to the dinner table.

Dinner is a great time for family, friends and couples to catch up with each other, face to face. But when hectic schedules fill up the calendar, it can be hard to find the time to sit down together. Fortunately, with a little planning, some time-saving products and cooperation, even the busiest people can find the time to reconnect over a good, wholesome meal.

Making a weekly meal plan and keeping your pantry and freezer stocked up can save a lot of time and keep you from wondering the age-old question: "What's for dinner?" So take advantage of time-savers such as Stouffer's new line of Farmers' Harvest single-serve and multi-serve entrees. With high-quality ingredients such as sea salt, olive oil and real cheese, and a variety of whole grains and vegetables, you can have good, wholesome food that tastes great.

With the main dish taken care of, try some of these quick side dishes to round out the meal. And with all of that time saved, enjoy spending a little extra with those you love.

Find more quick and easy meal ideas at www.stouffers.com.

THREE WAYS TO HELP MAKE DINNERTIME MORE MEANINGFUL

Even the busiest of people can enjoy quality time at the dinner table. Try some of these tips to help you make more meaningful connections during mealtime:

1. Involve everyone in dinner preparation. Ask each person to be responsible for some aspect of dinner, whether it's tossing the salad, setting the table or pouring milk. These jobs, when age appropriate, teach valuable skills, help everyone feel like an important member of a group, and foster self-esteem and independence. Download a handy Dinner Job Wheel at www.letsfixdinner.com.

2. Ask specific questions rather than the usual, generic questions like "How was your day?" Specific, detailed questions show you are both aware of and interested in what's important in your family and friends' lives. Download colorful Conversation Starter Placemats for kids at www.letsfixdinner.com to help get them excited.

3. During mealtime, get — and stay — unplugged. Turn off the TV and only answer emergency phone calls. No texting, playing handheld games or listen-

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Survivors race for a cure

By Linda Ann Chomin

Thousands of breast cancer survivors, family members and friends, including those who lost loved ones to the disease, have reason to celebrate at the Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure Saturday, May 21, at Comerica Park.

For the past 20 years, the event has raised awareness and nearly \$20 million to support research, education programs and breast cancer screening and treatment. The combination is making a difference, but a cure remains elusive.

"Mortality rates are dropping, treatments have improved yet around the world every 69 seconds someone dies from breast cancer," said Maureen Meldrum, who was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1991.

Meldrum is grateful for the crowd of 35,000 that raised \$2.3 million in 2010. In 1992, she walked her first race. It was the year the event started and she was bald and in the midst of chemotherapy treatments after discovering a lump in her breast. Twenty years later, she is chairing the event presented by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute and proud of metro Detroiters supporting the cause.

"So many are having tough times, but perceived the need is great," said Meldrum, a Lathrup Village resident. "Our slogan is 'Times are tough. Breast cancer is tougher and metro Detroiters are the toughest of all."

TEAMS STEP UP

Stephanie Bourdon is among those leading one of the more than 600 teams raising funds for the cure. The Livonia woman was 37 when diagnosed with breast cancer during a routine exam and mammogram. Bourdon chose to have a bilateral mastectomy after genetic testing revealed she has the harmful BRCA mutation from her father's side of the family. Her father's sister died from breast cancer and his mother was diagnosed in her 70s.

Eight surgeries later, Bourdon is leading a team of family members including her husband, Andrew, children Gavin, 8, and Sydney 5½, along with friends and co-workers at JGA Architectural Firm in Southfield where she is a designer. Last year, \$11,339 was raised by more than 35 of Steph's Stompers.

Bourdon has found support everywhere from her mother who moved in to care for the family during treatment and reconstruction to a girlfriend in Chicago who started the team in 2010 and Rob Emery, another friend. Emery



Jodi Whitmore (left) with family and friends at the 2010 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. Her daughter-in-law, Tamika, passed away in April 2008, just after she turned 32 and just two weeks after Tea's second birthday. In 2010, Jodi and her family raised more than \$20,000.

What: The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute presents the 20th annual Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure, a 5K Run/Walk and 1-Mile Walk

When: 7-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 21 Where: Comerica Park, Detroit

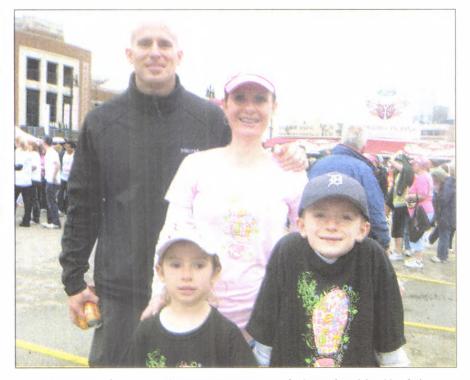
Details: Opening ceremony takes place at 8 a.m., race and walks at 9 a.m., closing ceremony at 10:30 a.m. For information or to register, visit www.karmanos.org and click on Race icon or call (800) KARMANOS (527-6266).

who owns five Verizon stores, including one in Canton, designed the T-shirt and printed 150 for team members.

"I think it's important because of my age to bring awareness to young people because they think it only happens to people in their 70s," said Bourdon, 40.

Karmanos and the Komen organization recommend women know their risks, learn about family health history and discuss it with their physician. Women at average risk should have a

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Stephanie Bourdon, of Livonia, and her husband, Andrew; son, Gavin now 8, and daughter, Sydney now 5½. In 2010, the Bourdons were among the more than 35 members of Steph's Stompers team raising money for the Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure.

May is Women Riders Month

Women riders enjoy excitement, freedom and 'me time'

By Sally Rummel

Lisa Myer of Waterford calls herself a "Homemaker on a Harley," hopping on her Harley Sportster as she travels from errand to errand as part of her daily work.

This 51-year-old motorcyclist loves the freedom of the ride, taking off after work on many spring and summer evenings to enjoy a carefree ride before fixing dinner for her family. On weekends, she'll often join her husband on his bike, for a stress-free ride enjoying the scenery.

But when she's hopping on her own bike, usually with girlfriends, it's a whole different ride. "I love the freedom," said Myer. "I'm doing it myself. I feel like I'm accomplishing something, it's a rush." She also loves sharing the experience with other women who have the same passion. "It's something we have in common, something we can do together."

When she's riding with "the girls," it's usually with fellow members of a female cycle organization known as the Lady Riders of Michigan — formed in 2008 by Colleen MacShara of Milford, to encourage other women riders to have fun and enjoy the sport, without any of the drama sometimes associated with social riding groups. They usually plan about four events a year, leaving it up to each group to organize rides for the season.

Currently, there are four chapters in Michigan, including Wind Chasers in Milford, Blue Jean Ladies serving the Downriver area, Iron Divas in Waterford and Leather Divas in Inkster. Myer serves as chapter director for Wind Chasers, which serves female riders in Oakland, Livingston and Washtenaw areas.

With May designated as Women Riders Month by Harley-Davidson Motorcycles, the growth of women as an increasingly large segment of the riding population is observed and celebrated — encouraging women to "just ride." The first significant event of the month is International Female Ride Day on Friday, May 6.

"We encourage women to 'grab life by the handlebars!" said Jennifer Loberman, marketing director for Motor City Harley-Davidson in Farmington Hills. "Women are now working more and earning more. Women are outpacing the growth in motorcycling more than any other group. Men have traditionally ridden motorcycles for years."

But it doesn't take a special observance to get Myer out on her Sportster. "As soon as it hits 50 degrees, I'm out on my bike," said Myer.

That feeling of independence, the "me time," is one of the biggest draws for women riders, according to Loberman. "Women who have ridden as a passenger for years sometimes decide they don't want to have to wait to ride — they want to decide when they are going to ride, and where," said Loberman, 40, an avid rider herself.

Marleta Barr, 55, of Livonia loves the feeling of the wind in her hair, especially after a busy day at work as the office manager for Plymouth City Hall. "Sometimes, just me and my girlfriends will decide to go on an impromptu ride and whoever wants to go, goes!"



This Lady Riders of Michigan 'Wind Chasers' group demonstrates safety and socializing in numbers, as these women riders all look out for each other while having fun on the four organized trips they take each season.

said Barr, who is single. "There are a lot of really nice gals who ride, through the Lady Riders of Michigan group. We sometimes do other things together, too, because riding together brings us closer."

Barr has been riding for eight years now, after taking a motorcycle safety course with her daughter at Schoolcraft College. "I had a feeling a long time ago that I might like to ride," said Barr. "When a guy encouraged me to take the course, I took it with my daughter and we had a blast." Barr has been riding ever since, taking her bike as far as Ohio, but mostly on nearby jaunts with girlfriends. She'll even ride to work occasionally, especially now that the price of gas is so high.

Women are also catching up to their male counterparts in customizing their rides.

"Customizing is very big," said Harley-Davidson's Loberman. "A bike is kind of like a blank slate. If you can dream it, we can do it." While traditionally, men have been more into performance cus-

tomization than women, women are more likely to customize their bikes by changing the fit with the seat or handlebars, or making an aesthetic change.

For Nancy Natter of Westland, that meant having her husband, Bob, give her Honda Gold Wing a two-toned paint job of orange at the bottom and white at the top. Now she finds herself riding her own cycle more often than riding on the back of Bob's. "Last summer was the first time I didn't ride as a passenger," said Nancy. "This year, I'll probably do a little bit of both."



Lisa Myer is actively involved with the 'Wind Chasers' group of the Lady Riders of Michigan, but likes her "me time," too, as she runs errands, rides after work and takes weekend trips on her bike.

A total of 23 percent, or 5.7 million, of the 25 million Americans who now ride a motorcycle are female. - Motorcycle Industry Council

Biker 'chic' — today's biker fashions not only for the open road

By Sally Rummel

Whether you're riding a motorcycle as a passenger or solo rider, you'll want to leave your shorts and stilettos at home.

Biker fashion is all about style, but safety always comes first, according to Jennifer Loberman, marketing director at Motor City Harley-Davidson in Farmington Hills.

That means that the clothing a female rider chooses to wear has to be all about function, then fun and fashion. At Harley-Davidson, most of their clothing and accessories fit all of the above.

"First and foremost, you want to be protected while riding," said Loberman. "Your clothing has to serve as a piece of armor. But that doesn't mean it can't be fashionable at the same time. Your cute, hot pink Harley T-shirt will look stylish underneath a fashionable leather jacket for protection."

Protective footwear is highly recommended while riding, especially over-the-ankle, skid-resistant boots. For after the ride, Harley-Davidson also has fashionable footwear that completes the rider's stylish look.

The No. 1 fashion accessory for women riders, according to Loberman, is their bike. "It says a lot



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Jennifer Loberman, 40, strikes a stylish pose in Harley-Davidson apparel from the Motor City Harley-Davidson store in Farmington Hills, alongside her 2011 Street Glide in Psychedelic Purple.

about you — your personality, how you like to ride, where you like to go."
After the bike itself, the No. 1 clothing choice for men and women bikers is

their jeans. "Harley has jeans for fashion, jeans for riding, and also jeans with any kind of accessory pockets, etc.," she added.

Leather is the most popular material for jackets, vests, etc., because of its ability to act as a "second skin" for riders, offering better protection than any other clothing. Even on a hot summer day, many riders will be wearing leather — at least a vest — as superior protection.

Loberman suggests that riders dress in layers, because what feels warm when they're off the bike may feel cold when riding. "Your clothes need to make it easy for you to adjust to the environment," she added.

Protection from exposure to the sun is very important, as well as protection from an unexpected rain. "When you're on a bike, you're totally exposed to the elements," said Loberman. "Dress like it's going to rain — make sure you have a poncho with you."

Many of the fashionable clothing items and accessories found at Harley-Davidson stores throughout the world aren't meant to be worn only when riding. Chains, jewelry, patches, rhinestones, purses, tees, jackets and more can be all part of a "fashion biker look," whether you're on a bike — or just dreaming about owning one.

Motorcycle safety is top priority for women

One of the most important aspects of motorcycling for women riders is the issue of safety.

There are several class sites available for riders who need to take a motorcycle safety course before they are able to ride. In Michigan, the Motorcycle Safety Program is administered by the Michigan Department of State, Office of Traffic Safety.

Michigan's program uses safety standards established by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation to ensure consistent and comprehensive training. All motorcycle riders must take a knowledge test and successfully complete a motorcycle safety class or pass a rider skills test. A motorcycle endorsement is required to legally ride on public streets and highways.

Classes at three different levels are available through

Schoolcraft Community College: Basic Rider Course, Performance Based Course and Advanced Rider Course. Courses are held on-site at Oakland, Monroe, Macomb, St. Clair, Wayne and Henry Ford community colleges. For more information, visit: www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd/

motorcycle or call (734) 462-4452, www.michigan.gov/sos Harley-Davidson Motorcycle also offers "Rider's Edge" safety classes at its Motor City Harley-Davidson location in Farmington Hills — now ongoing through October with several spring classes already having waiting lists. A New Rider Course and Skilled Rider Course are both offered. For more information, contact www.motorcityharley.com.

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mammogram every year starting at age 40. Women, starting at age 20, should have a clinical breast exam at least every three years and every year starting at 40. Monthly breast self-exams are recommended beginning in the 20s.

Jodi Whitmore lost her 32-year-old daughter-in-law, Tamika, to breast cancer. The Farmington Hills woman walks the race with her stepson, Carlos Jr. and Tea, the daughter of Tamika and Carlos. Tamika died from an aggressive form of breast cancer two weeks after Tea's second birthday.

Like Bourdon, Whitmore is trying to raise awareness about breast cancer in young women. As an African American, Tamika had a higher risk for breast cancer. According to the American Cancer Society more Caucasian women are diagnosed, but more African American women die of the disease. Tamika went through genetic testing but had no BRCA mutation even though her grandmother was a breast cancer survivor.

"Tamika was in her 20s when diagnosed, had a mastectomy, chemo then radiation and went into remission and then found another lump," said Whitmore, vice president/financial adviser. Morgan Stanley Smith Barney in Farmington Hills.

Over the years, the team in memory of Tamika has grown with families,



Jodi Whitmore surrounded by granddaughter Tea (front) and nieces Izzy and Georgie.

friends and co-workers. Last year, they raised \$20,000.

'AN AMAZING DAY'

"The race is really important for people to see the support system they have and take advantage of it," said Whitmore. "People go too long after diagnosis to connect to support they should have. The race is an amazing day. It's very powerful. For all of us there's a huge group of support around Tai to make sure she grows up happy."

Like Whitmore, Bob Binson

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Researchers make progress in fighting breast cancer

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By Linda Ann Chomin

Advances in breast cancer treatment have reduced mortalities and side effects over the last 20 years thanks to

fundraisers like the Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the

When Dr. David Gorski. M.D., Ph.D., finished training as a breast cancer surgeon in the late 1990s, the standard for invasive cancer was to remove all lymph nodes under the arms. That changed short- David H. Gorski, ly after with surgeons performing biopsies of the sentinel node and removing one or a few instead. The advantage for the patient is less incidence Cancer Institute of lymphedema or swelling.

"The trend in surgery is less is more, less disfiguring surgery, fewer mastectomies," said Gorski, a breast cancer surgeon at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute in

'Radiation therapy made a lot of this possible because if you do a lumpectomy radiation is necessary to reduce recurrence."

One major trend that involves Gorski directly is coordinating patient treatment. The Plymouth resident is the Breast Multidisciplinary Team Leader at Karmanos.

"It's no longer just the surgeon and passing it on to the medical oncologist or radiation oncologist, but nurses, genetic counselors," said Gorski, a professor of surgery at Wayne State University. "We see the patients and have a conference and discuss more complex cases. We try to coordinate care between specialties to come up with the best scientific care."

Along with his role as MBT leader, Gorski co-directs the Comprehensive Breast Center and co-leads the Breast Cancer Biology Program at Karmanos and Wayne State University School of Medicine. He's especially proud of the research work being done there.

"The closest to being used is SoftVue ultrasound tomography developed at Karmanos and commercialized by Delphinus Medical Technologies

in Plymouth Township," said Gorski. "It uses ultrasound to construct a 3D image of the breast that is getting close to the quality of MRI. It's a lot cheaper, doesn't involve radiation and produces

good images of the breast as an adjunct to mammography."

CLINICAL TRIALS

Gorski is equally excited about a breast cancer immunotherapy for HER2 (a protein that is associated with more aggressive forms of breast cancer and drives their growth) going into clinical trials soon. Two years ago, his motherin-law died of breast cancer so the search for a cure has hit home

"With medical therapy we're seeing the move toward targeted therapies," said Gorski. "In terms of the future I think the next wave is going to be based on genomics of breast cancer to try to understand the genes that drive breast cancer growth and metastasis or spread," said Gorski, who envisions the development of several targeted therapies in the next 10 years. "It will be more personal-

ized medicine in the future, taking a piece of tumor and testing and designing a treatment regime tailored to that tumor."

Twenty years ago, genetic testing for breast cancer didn't exist. It wasn't until scientists discovered BRCA 1 and BRCA 2 in 1994 and 1995 that women and men with a family history could confirm whether they carried a harmful mutation of the genes.

As a senior genetic counselor/coordinator at Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, Nancie Petrucelli helps women and men determine if these genes, known as tumor suppressors, are defective. Harmful mutations of BRCA 1 and BRCA 2 are linked to hereditary breast and ovarian cancers. About 5 to 10 percent of cancer cases

"Genetic counseling is a process of risk assessment to analyze personal and family history," said Petrucelli, who sees patients at Karmanos loca-

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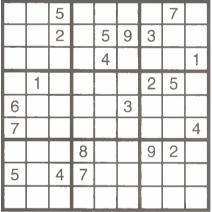


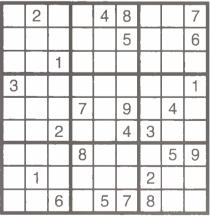
Sudoku

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

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Level Beginner





Level: Advanced

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watched a loved one battle the disease. It's one of the reasons Binson's Home Health Care supports the race by providing trucks to move tents and a place for participants to pick up T-shirts before the race. The Binson family began helping Karmanos patients back in the 1970s when it was known as the Michigan Cancer Foundation. The supplier of home health care products fixed donated items and delivered them to those in need. Binson's maintenance of the Loan Closet led to the support of the race 15 years ago.

"Being a home medical equipment supplier we've seen first hand what people go through when fighting this disease," said Binson. "Anything we can do to help we want to. My grandmother had breast cancer and we walked for her and it's a great thing for our employees to get involved with having fundraisers, bake sales and car washes, to raise money for our team. It's a pride thing now for employees."

For Meldrum, race day is magical because of the effect it has on families touched by breast cancer. New this year is a memorial site inside Comerica Park where participants can stop for a few minutes to inscribe a name or message in memory of a loved one as part of an art project. A wire and bead will connect the small plastic squares.

"It's a way for them to focus on that person who they've lost," said Meldrum. "We have always recognized far too many women die from this disease. Every year families and friends make signs to honor loved ones.

On May 21, thousands of pink ribbons will line the route along with 20 bands and 200 volunteers cheering the crowd on to find a cure. A total of 1,200 people donate their time to make race day a success as teams vie for prizes and awards.

"It takes a lot to throw that big of a party," said Meldrum. "We're really proud that we've sustained the trust of the community and built excitement every year, become bigger every year. For me I've seen the progress we've made in 20 years. We educate people about clinical trials, continue



PHOTOS BY PATRICIA FLUIS

Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure Chair Maureen Keenan Meldrum (second from right) with her staff, (from left) Lisa Braddix, Katrina Studyent and Maggie Walsh. Both Keenan Meldrum and Studvent are breast cancer survivors.

to deliver the message that early detection saves lives to get closer to our vision of a world without breast cancer."

It was Nancy Brinker's promise to her sister, Susan, 30 years ago to end breast cancer that led to many of the advances through research. Susan Komen died of the disease at age 36.

"More and more people are surviving. If found early there's a 98 percent survival rate that they're likely to be alive in five years compared to 74 percent in the 1980s," said Meldrum. "It's important to know your risks. Get screened. Know what is normal for you and make healthy lifestyle

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute presents the 20th annual Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure, a 5K Run/Walk and 1-Mile Walk 7-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 21, at Comerica Park in Detroit. For information or to register, visit www.karmanos.org and click on race icon or call (800) KARMANOS (527-6266.)

RESEARCH

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tions downtown and the Weisberg Cancer Center in Farmington Hills, and through affiliation with Crittenton Hospital Medical Center in Rochester Hills after assessing their family health history questionnaires. "Families that exhibit certain red flags include breast cancer before age 50, male breast cancer at any age, an individual developing two primary breast cancers at any age, breast and ovarian cancer in an individual at any age, two or more breast cancers in a family, one under age 50. Also Ashkenazi (Central and Eastern European) Jewish ancestry could mean hereditary risk."

GENETIC TESTING

Genetic testing is usually recommended at counseling if a woman or man is at risk of hereditary cancer because of family history or a breast cancer patient is less than age 45. If positive for a harmful mutation,



Nancie Petrucelli is a senior genetic counselor/ coordinator at Barbara Ann Karmanos

Parents should be tested as well to find out if BRCA 1 or 2 harmful mutations are inherited from the father or mother's side of the family. If a parent carries a harm-Cancer Institute. ful BRCA there is a 50 percent chance of

tomy.

women should start

annual mammograms

and MRIs at age 25. It

is one of the proactive

options that include

prophylactic mastec-

passing that onto offspring at conception.

The risk goes up to 87 percent with a harmful mutation," said Petrucelli, a clinical assistant professor at Wayne State University School of Medicine. "We may also talk about taking medication, chemo prevention like tamoxifen to reduce their chances.'

Men should have an annual clinical chest exam by their physician and

perform a monthly self-exam if they test positive for the harmful mutation. A baseline mammogram should be considered at age 40. About 1 in 400 in the general population carries BRCA 1 or 2 mutations. The odds for those of Ashkenazi ancestry can be as high as 1 in 40.

The good news is not all mutations are harmful.

"When testing is done of the genes we're looking for a harmful or deleterious mutation and the increased cancer risk associated with it." said Petrucelli. "With the advent of genetic testing one of the benefits is it allows individuals to find out if they have the hereditary susceptibility. Before all had to assume they were at risk because it was just based on family history. Women were having breasts and ovaries removed just based on family history. It's allowed us to tailor surveillance measures, I think it will save people's lives through early detection, genetic testing and enhanced screening."

For information about genetic counseling, call (313) 576-8748.





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SUMMER

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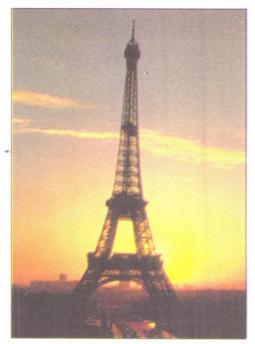
While Europe's "high time" of travel is the summer, this summer is also the high time for air fares to favorite destinations like England, France and Italy. "Europe is very expensive this summer," said Sandy Yono of Glynn Travel in Canton. "Ticket fares to Paris that used to be between \$750-\$1,000 are costing \$1,900 this year. That's because the airlines have cut the number of flights, so there are fewer seats available."

But cruises are still a great deal this summer. Even if it costs more to fly to your port, the savings from some cruise lines themselves might make it an affordable option. Cruises to Jamaica, Alaska, even New England and Canada are worth looking into for travel this summer, although Caribbean travelers should shy away from the hurricane-prone months between July and September.

With the high cost of air travel and the mounting frustrations for flyers, many vacationers opt to stay closer to home. In fact, almost half of all summer travelers this year will choose domestic travel over international travel, according to a recent survey by American Express.

Ehehalt of Brookside Travel recommends summer travel to California, especially the milder, more temperate areas of San Francisco, San Diego, Napa Valley, etc. "A destination like California is a perfect opportunity to use some of the frequent flyer miles you earned throughout the year," said Ehehalt.

For closer, family-friendly destinations, he recommends Cincinnati and Cleveland, Ohio, as well as Nashville, Tenn. — each



The Eiffel Tower at sunset, Paris, France.

of which offers shopping, culture, zoos, vibrant downtowns and lots of opportunities to try different foods.

Sandy Yono of Glynn Travel loves to send guests to Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada — a travel bargain for both time and dollars spent. "It's only 4 hours away and is a great family destination," she said. She also encourages clients to visit Atlantic City and the Jersey Shore, Savannah, Ga., and Washington, D.C., all easily accessible by car with "lots to do and see" when you get there.

Myrtle Beach, New York City and Chicago are other great family destinations that won't "break the bank," according to many travel experts.

PLANS

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"No online booking site can replicate the human touch of travel agents, who time and time again, help save the day for their clients," said Steve Loucks, vice president of Travel Leaders, with Michigan offices in Southfield, Plymouth, Royal Oak, Brighton, Commerce Township and Troy.

The recent earthquake and tsunami in Japan shook up more than just the northeast coastline of Japan, when it came to its rippling effects in the travel industry. Visitors to Hawaii were also affected by the threat of the tsunami, and the fortunate ones who had booked their trips through Brookside Travel in Northville were able to be in constant contact with either owner Jim Ehehalt or one of their travel agents.

"People were well assured that we were here for them," said Ehehalt, who has been serving the traveling public for more than 10 years. "We were able to make arrangements for our clients and move much more quickly on their behalf than if they hadn't had a travel agent to back them up."

Sandy Yono, owner of Glynn Travel in Canton, agrees. "People who book their travel online often call us when they find themselves in trouble," she said. "It's not that we don't want to help them, but we can't, because airlines won't even speak to us if it's not one of our bookings."

So many unexpected situations can arise that would make it very helpful to have a travel agent "on your side." Who will you call if your hotel has lost your reservation, or your car rental agency has run out of cars? When booking travel plans through an agent, one simple call is all that will be required to get your trip back on schedule again.

Even before you step on that airplane, a travel agent can be an invaluable source of pre-trip planning. A well-informed travel agent has all the information about hotel locations and amenities, the best prices on fares and accommodations, actually saving a traveler money by offering cost saving strategies that won't sacrifice the quality of your trip. With years of experience and all the data available, he or she can plan all of the logistics of your travel, saving you not only money, but also the stress of trying to work out important details that can "make or break" your trip.

Then when you arrive at your destination, your agent can be your "go to" person if needed, when an unexpected situation does take place.

When planning a trip for this summer, it's wise to connect with a travel agent who can do all the planning work for you. Sure, research your trip on your own, peruse the virtual hotel website, etc., but let your agent advise you and book your trip. Then you'll have all the "peace of mind" that should come with a perfect vacation ...

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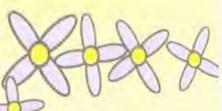
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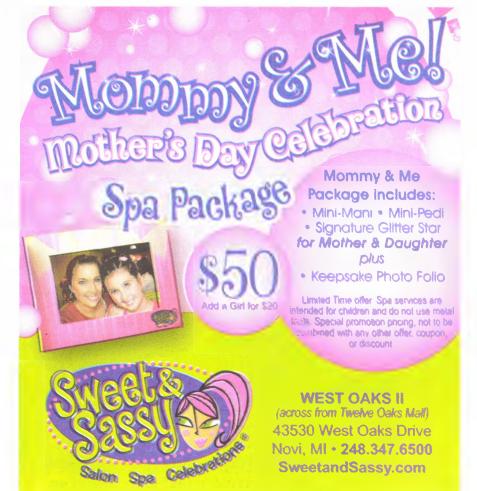
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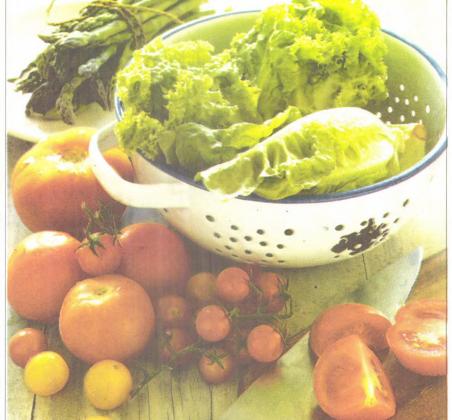


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2 large tomatoes

2 cups string beans

1 cup canned garbanzo beans

a cup lemon juice

2 cloves garlic, chopped

1 cup extra virgin olive oil

₄ cup Dijon mustard

Salt, pepper and sugar

Rough chop lettuce and place in large salad bowl. Small dice tomatoes, about half inch thick. Drain and rinse garbanzo beans and add to salad mixture. Cut raw string beans inch and add to salad mixture.

Dressing: In a small mixing bowl, add lemon juice, Dijon mustard and garlic. Slowly stream in olive oil and season with salt/pepper/sugar to taste. Pour dressing over greens and toss together.

WHOLE WHEAT GARLIC BREAD

1 cup butter

3 cloves garlic, chopped fine

1 teaspoon paprika

2 teaspoons Parmesan cheese, grated

I teaspoon chopped parsley

1 large whole wheat baquette

Soften butter and mix with garlic, papri-

ka, Parmesan and parsley. Cut baguette in half lengthwise and spread butter mixture across generously. Put under the broiler until golden brown and bubbly.

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AVOCADO AND BEAN SALAD

2 ripe avocados diced into 2-inch cubes

1 tomato diced into 1-inch cubes

cup sliced red onion

2 cups canned kidney or white beans

Salt and pepper

2 tablespoons finishing oil (such as walnut oil or a fruity light olive oil)

1 tablespoon sherry vinegar

1 teaspoon chopped rosemary and thyme

Mix all ingredients together and serve.

ASPARAGUS GRATIN

2 heads of asparagus, white or green

1 cup Parmesan cheese

2 cups bread crumbs (seasoned)

Salt and pepper

Extra virgin olive oil

Bring a sauce pot with 8 cups of water to a boil and season with salt. Trim asparagus (peeling may be necessary depending on the skin). Place all asparagus in boiling water for about 3 minutes. Strain and place in an ice bath to stop the immediate cooking process.

Dry asparagus and place on a flat baking sheet with all the tips facing the same way.

Mix Parmesan and bread crumbs together and season with salt and pepper to taste. Sprinkle bread crumb mixture on the base of the asparagus, leaving the tips exposed. Sprinkle with a little olive oil and place under the broiler until golden brown.

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Mother knows best

Mother does know best, says Karol Andree of West Bloomfield, who sent this photo of her mom, Margaret Kustron of Farmington Hills.

"In my early 20s, my boyfriend and I went our separate ways, worrying that this was the right decision. My mom said, 'If it was meant to be, it was meant to be'... Time will tell. As it turned out we got back together and are celebrating our 25th anniversary," said Andree. "It was meant to be!"





Claire Meconi, 20, a student at Michigan State University, hugs her mom, Susan Meconi of Novi. "My mother always told me to keep my head up and keep moving forward. I will contribute most of my achievements partly to her voice inside my head saying, 'Don't be discouraged, and never give up. There will always be something positive in your future.'

"Throughout my years, my mom has acted as my confidante, therapist and life coach, but most of all she is my best friend," wrote Claire.

Sudoku Answers

Beginner								
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Gail Garrity of Livonia (right) and her mom, Marge Sund of Livonia, enjoy being together. "My mother taught me many things," said Garrity. "However, the best driving advice was that pedestrians have the right of way and to 'cover the brake' in a neighborhood as little kids could dart out between cars. I still hear her words and I've been driving for 37 years."

Thank you for these childhood memories and lessons

 $Hot\ break fasts$

Coming home for lunch

Making my clothes, especially

matching shorts for under the dresses

Decorating birthday cakes, especially the "doll" cakes

Making us an ice rink and then serving

hot chocolate and warm chocolate chip cookies

Teaching me how to sew

Driving me to piano lessons

Being a Room Mother at school

Putting up a real Christmas tree with loads of presents

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Dr. Rhonda Bifano has vision for your future

Dr. Rhonda Bifano, optometrist, of Bifano Eyecare in South Lyon understands the importance of time.

She also has experienced first-hand the use of glasses and contact lenses to correct her vision at a young age — eventually undergoing Lasik surgery herself to correct her own vision.

That's why she makes sure to spend an ample amount of time with each patient so that a thorough assessment of a person's visual skills takes place during each exam.

"We take our time to meet your individual needs," said Dr. Bifano, whose practice also includes the skills of Dr. Chris Bifano and Dr. Jo Ellen Dorony. "We listen to you and we care about you."

The services at Bifano Eyecare include eye exams, glasses, contact lenses, co-management laser refractive surgery and the treatment of some diseases. The office also handles low vision care for people who need special magnifying pieces to allow them to perform everyday pleasures such as reading and watching television.

For children and adults who have problems processing visual information, Bifano Eyecare is able to help them with vision therapy, resulting in improved hand-eye coordination.

"We evaluate your visual skills very carefully," said Dr. Bifano. "We take great pride in the accuracy of our eyeglass prescriptions."

This thorough eye exam includes retinal photos. On the same day of a patient's exam, he or she is able to view a digital image of the inside of the eye.

"We utilize the highest level of technology available," said Dr. Bifano. "That way, we are able to more accurately diagnose problems such as glaucoma, cataracts and other eye diseases, as well as high blood pressure and diabetes, which can both affect one's vision."

In addition to owning and operating two successful practices for the past 14 years, including another office in Dearborn Heights, Dr. Bifano is proud of her two children, Michael, 14, and Lauren, 13.

When she's not at work doing what she knows and loves, she's likely found out on the golf course, on a bike, exercising or traveling.

Bifano Eyecare is located at 317 N. Lafayette St. in South Lyon. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- By Sally Rummel

"If you can dream it, we can do it... in cake!" said Sherry L. Williams, owner/pastry chef of Dream Cakes in Commerce Twp.

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Providing delicious, custom-designed cakes for any occasion, Dream Cakes can take a customer's unusual idea and translate it into a fabulous centerpiece cake, or the professional design and decorating team at Dream Cakes can "dream" one up for you.

One-of-a-kind wedding cakes, 3-D cake sculptures (a la Food Network's "Ace of Cakes") and individually wrapped cookie favors are just a few of the unique services that come out of this local, creative kitchen. "Our shop also bakes fresh, mouthwatering 'regular' cookies everyday," said Williams, who has been designing and baking cakes for more than 20 years, now turning it into her second career. "Our Gooey Butter Cookies have quite a following!"

Dream Cakes offers free design consultations at times convenient to customers (days, evenings and weekends). Wedding couples get a complimentary 6" anniversary cake to enjoy on their anniversary, so they don't need to freeze a portion of their wedding cake for a year - "It's a lot tastier and more festive this way!" said Williams.

Williams is a former corporate executive who took an early retirement five years ago and "dreamed" of Dream Cakes while spending a year putting together a solid business plan. She earned her Baking and Pastry Certificate from Schoolcraft Community College's acclaimed culinary program at the same time she was opening her business a year and a half ago.

"Our goal is not just to satisfy our customers, but to surprise and delight them!" said Williams, a self-described "people person" who loves

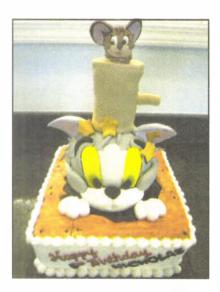
the creative outlet this business provides her. She is thrilled with the team she has assembled at Dream Cakes, including decorators Nora Sanjian and Kari Bingham, plus customer service professional Renee Daugherty.

Williams' family includes her husband, Gary, two daughters, two stepdaughters, two son-in-laws and two grandchildren, Owen, 4 and Kendall, 1. A former fitness instructor for 16 years, Williams still enjoys doing master step aerobics, reading and scrapbooking. "Most of all, I love spending time with my family and doing things with my grandchildren!" she said.

She still incorporates her love of fitness into her new business, partnering with many charitable community events, including Passion for Life Run, Catwalk for Cancer, St. Baldridge and Ride for Autism. "We are as supportive of our surrounding communities as they are of us," said Williams.

Dream Cakes is located at 1050 Benstein Rd., Suite 8 in Commerce Twp.

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Many of the young people Kathy
Tosoian encounters through her position as
a school counselor, motivational speaker,
and Director of Educational Services &
Youth Development for Ralph Nichols
Group, sponsor of Dale Carnegie Training
in southeast Michigan, have not acquired
many of the skills needed in order to move
ahead and be successful in life.

That all changes when they meet Kathy for the first time and begin to learn for themselves "how to win friends and influence people."

In addition to being a certified Dale Carnegie instructor since 1993, Kathy maintains a private counseling practice in Novi, specializing in teen issues and marriage and family counseling. She took the Dale Carnegie Course 18 years ago to boost her own self-confidence and professional worth after being a stay-athome mom, and emerged feeling like a whole new person with confidence, a positive attitude, enthusiasm and focus. These skills also helped me become a better parent, said Kathy, a mother of two grown children. With Dale Carnegie principles as a foundation, my children grew up with stronger leadership abilities, greater self-confidence, positive attitudes, people skills and more. I knew it was important to offer these skills to other teenagers, too.

I really am passionate about working with teens, added Kathy. Watching them come into the class with all of their issues about school, relationships, fears, peer pressure and more - then seeing them 'graduate' 12 weeks later with a positive attitude, selfacceptance and a 'tool kit' of skills for them to use throughout their lives, is such a rewarding experience! This course teaches them skills to cope with whatever confronts them and challenges them in life. It gives them opportunities to practice these new skills, report their results in class, and receive positive feedback and guidance from a trained instructor who can coach them to even greater success. They can't fail! Each class is designed to build the student's self-confidence, improve their communication skills, strengthen their relationships, help them manage stress and worry, improve their attitude, build leadership abilities and help them to reach more of their potential. This all takes place

in 48 hours of class time (four hours, once a week, for 12 weeks). This is especially critical for teenagers because they are so vulnerable at this age.

Kathy encourages parents and teens to attend a free orientation so they can see how this course will benefit them. She also likes to meet with parents and teens ahead of time to assure the teens that this course is like no other they've ever taken - there's no tests, grades or papers - and they will actually have fun being in the class. "Teenagers are often resistant at first because they have little knowledge of what the course is about. After I've met with



Dale Carnegie: Kathy Tosoian, MA, LLPC, NCC them, they actually are comfortable and receptive to attending. It's different hearing about this program from me, rather than their parents. Kids are just that way. When they come to Orientation, they meet other teens and even adults, who are often there for the same reasons. They look forward to coming back each week!"

The course is taught the same way to teens as it is to adults. In fact Kathy enjoys combining teens and adults together to form, what she calls, the "perfect combination." "Putting teens and adults in the same class benefits everyone involved. Teens actually listen to the adults and learn from their life experiences and advice. Adults learn from the teens and their perspective on life. It's magic!"

Dale Carnegie Training is offered by Ralph Nichols Group. Inc. in Novi with free orientation sessions offered in Troy on Monday, May 16, Ann Arbor on Tuesday. May 17 and in Novi on Wednesday, May 25. Contact Kathy for specific times and locations. Students may be able to earn three college credits for taking the course. For more information, call Kathy at (248) 437-7897 or (248) 867-6138. E-mail her at kathy tosoian(a dalecarnegie.com

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Sue Dillon specializes in smart business-building graphics for new and emerging companies. She understands graphic design and signage and said her company, Graphic Visions, Inc., can be an affordable alternative to an ad agency.

Dillon is a native Michigander. She graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a degree in Marketing and Graphic Design. She said, "I have always felt the need to be creative, and enjoy seeing the results of that creativity – great ideas, logos and signs – that work hard for our customers."

Since 1986, Graphic Vision Inc., has been helping companies improve their images with memorable brand identities. They have developed a logo process that can define a company's personality and they offer smart marketing solutions to help their clients sell their products or services. Sue and her talented staff know how to think outside the box and gain maximum impact to get their clients' message out, such as Cari Cucksey's Re-Purpose store's colorful logo, eyecatching signs, and printwork.

Running a graphic house and sign company allows Dillon the creativity she yearns for. Recently her company won an international sign design contest for their signs at Tuscany Reserve home community in Northville, Michigan. Their creative sign team were also profiled in the national SignCraft Magazine. Some of their dimensionally carved signs can be seen in the movie Scream IV.

Yes, they are a small local company that specializes in affordable marketing

and identity programs, yet they have been known to create large-scale productions. Dillon has bragging rights for producing the National Urban League's stage backdrop for a speech by President Bush, and Graphic Visions helped Penguin Toilets brand their groundbreaking no-overflow design, winner of Kitchen & Bath Business Magazine's 'Most Innovative Product' award, with a clever logo, marketing materials, packaging, point-of-purchase displays and more. (The product is currently carried at Lowes.)

Graphic Visions Inc. is your connection for essential marketing needs and signage that can help your business succeed. As a sign consultant Dillon has extensive experience working with local authorities and historic boards on sign laws, restrictions and solutions. Her team can also design, produce and install custom vehicle wraps for individuals and corporate fleet needs, which Dillon said, "is one of the more exciting "rolling billboards" for today's marketplace."

On a personal note Dillon and her husband Mike (the lead signcraftsman at Graphic Visions) are great partners in everything they do including raising two high school aged sons. They are involved with many local non-profit organizations, and encourage others to support their local communities and especially Michigan small businesses.

Graphic Visions Inc. is located at 16857 Northville Road in Northville. Office hours are 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

- By Dennis Zelazny



Photo by Kiya Gibbons

Graphic Visions developed the logo and signs for Cari Cucksey's Re-Purpose and "wrapped" her vintage truck, as seen on HGTV's "Cash and Cari".

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She's a high-tech lady.

Dr. Amy Crissman Head came to Town & Country Eyecare nine years ago. She and partner, Dr. Tim Kirk, have established the Novi optometry practice as a place to go for the newest advances in eye care.

"We stay ahead of the curve with the latest technology," said Amy Crissman Head, O.D., F A.A.O.

One of the best new products are high-def glasses. They're digitally designed to reduce glare, enhance night vision and eliminate blur.

"It's like watching HDTV," said Dr. Crissman Head.

The energetic optometrist is now studying a new type of contact lens that will soon appear at Town & Country Eyecare. "Staying ahead of the curve when it comes to contact lens options for my patients is a priority to me", said Dr. Crissman Head. Areas that often are of special interest to her female patients are

treatment for dry eyes, bifocal contact lenses and a cosmetic prescription treatment for increased eyelash growth. Despite growth throughout the years, Town & Country Eyecare continues to remain a small hometown practice by staying involved in the Novi and Northville community. The doctors are dedicated to supporting local athletics, volunteering in schools and getting involved in area fund raisers.

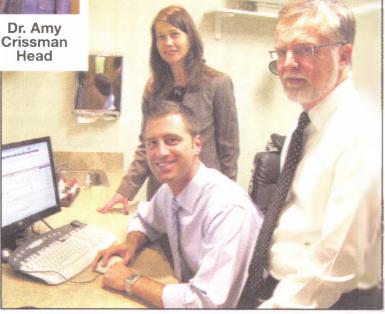
Dr. Crissman Head is preparing for a Sunglass Style Show on May 12 that includes over 300 of this years styles from Diane Von Furstenberg, Michael Kors, Nautica and Sean John.

"We will be partnering with the American Cancer Society to bring to light the importance of sun protection for your eyes and for your skin," said Dr. Crissman Head.

A portion of proceeds from the sale of each pair of sunglasses sold will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

Town & Country Eyecare is located at 22350 Novi Road at Nine Mile Road in Novi. For more information about the Sunglass Style Show call (248) 347-7800 or go www.tceyecare.com.

- By Kate Phillips



Dr. Amy Crissman Head, Dr. Timothy Kirk, Dr. Jared Most

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When Jenelle M. Velarde won a custody battle for a father during a long, emotional six-week trial, just seeing the look on his face after their victory told Velarde all she needed to know about having chosen the right career.

"1'm passionate about the law and understand that changes need to be made," said Velarde, who graduated from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in 2007. "1'm an advocate of reform. My goal is to help people understand and defend their rights."

The Law Office of Jenelle Velarde in her hometown of South Lyon is a general practice, but she specializes in the areas of divorce, criminal law, probate law and estate planning. "It's a well-rounded practice," said Velarde. "I have the ability to positively affect many lives in these areas."

Velarde credits her ambition and drive, along with a commitment to ongoing legal education, with her ability to serve her clients well. "I give each client the attention they deserve, and always put their best interests first. I fight endlessly and have a proven track record of success."

She has already earned a reputation for providing exceptional service at a price most people can afford, handling her practice with the highest level of ethics. "I offer prospective chients a

free consultation," said Velarde.
"When they decide to use

Jenelle M. Velarde

my services, I promise my clients that they will always know exactly what's going on with their cases," said Velarde. "I return phone calls and keep the lines of communication open at all times."

Her prior experience with a medium size law firm prepared her well for the huge caseload of a solo attorney practice. "I had no idea that working on 100 different cases at one time would sometime in the near future put me at a huge advantage in setting up my own practice," said Velarde. "I came into my own practice with a lot more experience in many areas of the law than many attorneys with more years of practice."

She has already tried more than two dozen cases and has won criminal cases in a jury trial. "Whatever your legal situation or issue, I have the experience to guide you through it," she said.

While Velarde is proud to practice law in her hometown, she has set her sights to serving as a judge, at some point in the future.

Velarde is married to Jason Velarde and the couple is hoping to have a baby in the near future.

- By Sally Rummel

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Lisa M. Berch MA, CCC-A

Lisa M. Berch MA, CCC-A has been a board certified licensed audiologist since 1989. She received her Masters of Arts Degree from Wayne State University. Berch opened Healthy Hearing in February of 2010 and is the only private practice audiology hearing care center in the city of Novi. She said, "She wanted her practice to have a friendly and welcoming atmosphere." She wants to be known as the neighborhood audiologist.

May is Better Hearing Month!
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pricing. She said, "it's all about
giving the personal touch and
building relationships of trust with
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Healthy Hearing Center is located at 23895 Novi Road, in Novi.
Business hours are Monday through Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Evening and weekend appointments by request.

By Dennis Zelazny

La Casa del Rio Grande is celebrating its 10th birthday during the whole month of May. Owner Dawn Salvati trans-formed her childhood home in New Hudson into the Mexican restaurant a decade ago. The name, La Casa del Rio Grande means, "The house on Grand River."

La Casa is still like home to the family. Salvati can be found in the kitchen, preparing the food from scratch, while customers are served by her husband, Jeff Clark, and teenage daughters, Samantha and Carmen.

"This place is very meaningful to me," said Salvati.

The recipes come straight from Mexico and can be prepared mild or spicy. The couple travels each winter and brings a taste of Mexico back to New Hudson. Since the food is freshly prepared, any diet or food allergy can be accommodated.

It is also home to a terrific burger, hand-battered onion rings

and plenty of savory American food. The restaurant is hosting one of its legendary American Barbecues on Sunday, June 5 from noon to 9 p.m. The patio will be open for sunny weather seating.

Rio Grande offers healthy family dining with the same price and convenience of fast food. Call ahead seating and carry-out is available. It's a relaxing spot to hang out, with a full bar and free wireless Internet. Both the Mexican and American food is available for custom-catered meals.

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Staff members make dental visits more pleasant for both adults and children. Just one step inside and it is clear that Gateway is not an ordinary dental office. Amy Pietila and Kim Chilson greet patients warmly and offer refreshments. Before long they're one of the family.

"I develop a friendship with everyone here," said Chilson, who laughs with patients on the phone. "It makes my job fun."

These women are passionate about providing the best experience possible. Gateway Dental Care uses

the latest technology to make treatment more effective and less uncomfortable. Patients benefit from cutting edge digital x-rays, laser cavity detection and laser therapy. Some are thrilled to take advantage of laser whitening, new cosmetic dentistry procedures and even anti-aging facial injections such as Botox.

"We care about finding out what our patients really need and want," said dental hygienist Kelly Verran, who teams up with hygientist Lindsay Perry and dental assistant Machille Goss.

They rebuild smiles and change lives for the better.

"At the end of the day people hug us and tell us they haven't smiled like that in years," said Dr. Conforti.

Gateway Dental Care is located at 25660 Pontiac Trail in South Lyon. Call (248) 446-2700 for an appointment.

- By Kate Phillips

Becoming an expert in divorce and family law isn't a simple thing.

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Susan Elkouri and Symantha Heath are just about the only family law specialists in the area. It has taken them 16 years to develop this degree of expertise.

"Family law can be a very difficult and unique because there isn't just one area that an attorney needs to know about," explained Symantha Heath. "You have to understand every aspect of your client's life in order to get them the best possible award."

Any attorney can represent a client in a divorce. But it may take an expertin a dozen areas to receive a fair settlement and an appropriate parenting agreement. Elkouri Heath can spot and deal with the various issues that are key in each case: pay, overtime, perks, business evaluations, investments, retirement plans, child psychology and custody problems.

"A lot of attorneys will tell you they handle family law but few can compete with our level of expertise, depth of knowledge or track record, said Heath.

The partners are familiar with the attorneys and judges in Southeast Michigan. They are active in county and state bar associations. Heath is the president of the family law section of the Wayne County Bar Association. Both are frequent speakers at family law seminars.

But it is more than just business. Clients are real people who are making important life decisions. As wives and mothers, both Elkouri and Heath feel a true understanding and compassion towards the sticky situation.

"Going through a divorce can be very emotional said Susan Elkouri. "We focus on trying to help people through this very difficult time."

Elkouri Heath handles matters such as, divorce, child custody, spousal support, collaborative divorce, military divorce, annulments, child support, post-judgment matters, mediation, paternity and change of domicile.

The firm is located at 39555 Orchard Hill Place, Suite 215, in Novi. For a free consultation call (248) 344-9700.



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Arms	\$1,200	\$600
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Includes:

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Synergie Slimming Treatment

Detox Treatment Infrared Sauna Silk Face Facial Bikini or Brazilian Wax

½ Hour Massage/Reflexology Make-up AND Brunch

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I had laser hair removal on my lip & chin over three years ago with Beth. It changed my life. I had such severe facial hair I shaved my face every morning (like 5 o'clock shadow hairy) After waxing me one day Beth gently asked me "Why don't you have the laser hair removal done?" I told her that I had tried that. I went to Henry Ford Fairlane paid \$1000 for my chin area and had 8 treatments. I then sarcastically said "Clearly it doesn't work." She promised me that after one treatment I'd see a difference. I really wanted to believe that it could work. I had my first treatment and noticed a difference. After 3 treatments my friends and co-workers noticed it too. By the time I was done I finally felt like a girl. My self esteem was restored. It's been three years and I have thanked Beth, Renee, & Fatima every time I see them for taking such wonderful care of me. I referred every woman I know to see them. Laser hair removal is the way to go! I'm having my underarms done now. For less than the price of a Coach purse, I'm NEVER going to have to shave my underarms again. I'm investing in ME!

I've lived in Canton, Northville and now Dearborn. I don't care how far I am from them New Face New Body is my Laser Hair Removal Spot.

The Brazilian wax is awesome too. I think I'll laser that next.

Kimmy K., Dearborn Heights, MI

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