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Egg hunt

The Plymouth Lions Club hosts the annual Easter Egg Hunt 10 a.m. Saturday at Plymouth Township Park, located at Ann Arbor Trail and McClumpha.

Participants are being encouraged to bring your baskets, bags and cameras. The event will feature age groups for newborn-3, 4-6, 7-8 and 9-10. There will be collection boxes available for hearing aids, eyeglasses and cell phones. Donations are welcome.

EEF auction

Plymouth-Canton's **Educational Excellence** Foundation is running an online auction with a variety of items designed to appeal to everyone, as well as unique items specifically for district families.

Items include restaurant gift cards, casino trip, car detailing, piano lessons, handyman and plumbing services, sports memorabilia, Tigers and Red Wings Tickets, MSU and U-M tickets, ice skating lessons and kiteboarding lessons.

In conjunction with the online auction, the EEF is selling tickets for its second annual wine tasting event Friday, April 20. Tickets are \$40 per person and are available on the website (www.pccseef.com) as well as at Busch's, Showroom of Elegance and at the Board of Education, 454 S. Harvey St.

For questions, contact Carole Kody at (734) 416-2718 or carole. kody@pccsmail.net.

On the bench

Gov. Rick Snyder announced the appointment of Michael Riordan of Plymouth to the Court of Appeals, 1st District. Riordan has served as an assistant U.S. attorney since 1998. He previously worked as an attorney for the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and as general counsel for Northwestern Mutual Financial.



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Mike Kohlreiser introduces the crowd to Kelly the Macaw.

'Rain'y day

Exotic animals help deliver nature's message

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

Recycling and taking care of the environment has long been an emphasis for students, staff and parents at Farrand Elementary School in Plymouth Township.

That's why the touring environmen-

tal show "Live on Stage, The Rain Forest.' seemed like such a naturai



The tour- Kelly flaps around the Farrand Elementary gym. ing show, which

uses animals such as monkeys, birds, snakes and others to demonstrate problems these animals have in their endangered habitats and the importance of taking care of the environment, did three shows Monday at Farrand in an effort to reach out to as many people as possible.

"I thought it really tied into Farrand being a 'green' school," said Farrand Principal Troy Reehl. "We talk to our kids about recycling, and I wanted them to hear a little about some of the impacts recycling has."

Understanding Wildlife founder and

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Bird hijinks entertain the crowd during the 'Live on Stage, The Rain Forest' assembly Monday at Farrand Elementary School.

Commission keeps liquor license cap

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

Officials are holding the line on the number of establishments that sell alcohol by the glass in Plymouth, as the City Commission voted 6-1 Monday not to raise the two-year-old liquor-license

The vote came 10 months after the cap was raised, for places outside downtown, from eight licenses to 10. In all, there are 24 places in Plymouth allowed to sell alcohol by the glass, including 14 downtown and 10 in other parts of the city. A few other businesses, such as Plymouth Manor, sometimes obtain one-day licenses.

In addition, the commission voted to recommend to the state the renewal of all 24 licenses, making one recommendation conditional.

Commissioner Ron Loiselle cast the only vote against maintaining the cap. He argued that three of the 10 licensed establishments outside downtown are not regular public restaurants, and the city should relax the cap so a restaurateur who might want to open a nondowntown restaurant can serve alcohol.

"Say somebody wants to open a restaurant on Ann Arbor Road. We don't have one (license) to give them," Loiselle said after the meeting, adding he's in favor of increasing the limit by one.

The licenses held by nonrestaurants are at the Knights of Columbus hall and the Veterans of Foreign Wars post, both on Mill, and the Plymouth Cultural Center, where the license is held by the city and used when space in the building is rented for wedding receptions or other gatherings.

Most commissioners sided with City Manager Paul Sincock, who said in a memo that city resources, such as the Police Department and the Department of Municipal Services, are already taxed by the number of places that serve alcohol, and that allowing more would be too burdensome. Sincock noted the city gets regular inquiries from developers about liquor

"I still believe, right now, we should keep the number where

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Parking changes, enforcement take shape

By Matt Jachman **Observer Staff Writer**

Parking regulation changes designed to better accommodate downtown visitors are in the works in Plymouth, and the first was introduced on Monday.

With a 6-1 vote, the Plymouth City Commission limited all parking on the lower level of the 300-spot deck on Harvey to three hours, effective Monday, April 23. The deck's lower level currently has 13 eight-hour spaces, with the rest having a threehour limit.

Also on April 23, police and the city's parking enforcement team will begin enforcing downtown parking regulations until 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday, on a consistent basis. Plymouth's parking ordinance provides for enforcement until 8 p.m., but parking workers haven't consistently been scheduled to work that late, said Tony Bruscato, the Downtown Development Authority operations director.

Officials said the time-limit change for the deck's lower level should encourage employees at downtown businesses and others who need long-term parking to use lots farther from the center of downtown, which will free up more short-term parking for people visiting Plymouth to shop or dine out. Visitors should always get the more convenient spots, Bruscato said.

"It's definitely not to make parking enforcement a moneymaker for the city," he said.

Free eight-hour public parking is currently available on the deck's upper level, on Fralick between Main and Harvey, in the lot off Penniman west of Main, in the lot behind The Gathering,

and in the lot near the corner of Wing and Harvey.

Officials are also working to secure long-term parking at the First Church of Christ, Scientist property on Ann Arbor Trail west of Harvey, just outside downtown. The city is buying about 1.6 acres of church property with a \$775,000 land-contract deal. A purchase agreement was expected to be signed this week and the deal closed as early as this summer.

Church officials are keeping

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Township hires manager for water system upgrade

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By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth Township officials are planning a \$375,000 improvement to the township's water system, and on Monday hired a construction manager for the project.

With a 4-2 vote during a special meeting, the Board of Trustees hired the DeMattia Group, which has managed several major township projects, including the construction of township hall, to oversee the building of a pump house in the area of Five Mile and Beck.

DeMattia's will be paid about \$22,500, or 6 percent of the cost of construction, which has been estimated at \$375,000. DeMattia will prepare bid specifications, send them to contractors, assemble and review the bids received and monitor the work.

Officials hope to have the pump house up and running by the end of May.

The building will contain two pumps, one to more efficiently fill the township's Five Mile water tower to capacity and another to draw down the water at a consistent rate and deliver it to homes and businesses with greater pressure, said township Supervisor Richard Reaume. That will help the township avoid drawing more water from Detroit during times of peak demand, when it is more expensive. The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department is proposing to cut the township's wholesale water rate by more than 14 percent beginning in July, based on the township's lowering its peak demand last year.

"We want to keep these rates down low for everybody," Reaume said.

Voting against the contract were Clerk Joe **Bridgman and Trustee** Michael Kelly. Trustee Steve Mann was absent.

AROUND PLYMOUTH

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

MILLER WOODS TOUR

Date/Time: Saturday, April 7, 2-4 p.m. Location: Miller Woods, Powell and Ridge Roads

Details: Due to the early Spring, Friends of Miller Woods' annual Spring wildflower tour takes place Saturday. Tours start on the half hour and are led by members of the Friends of Miller Woods. The walks will highlight the diverse wildflowers already in bloom in this urban forest and discuss the history of the land and the Miller family. The walks are free to the public and no dogs are allowed. Miller Woods note cards will be available for purchase.

COLLEGE SAVINGS

Date/Time: Tuesday, April 17, 11 a.m. to 7

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: College savings experts from the Michigan Education Trust (MET) will be available to answer questions and help parents, grandparents and others through the process of purchasing a MET contract. Purchasers will need social security numbers for themselves, the contract beneficiary and any third party named on the contract.

Contact: 1-800-MET-4-KID (1-800-638-4543) **NEW HOPE DINNER**

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

Location: Italian American Banquet Center in Livonia

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

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

ART EXHIBIT

Date/Time: Through May 31

Location: Liberty Street Brewing Company, 149 Liberty in Plymouth

Details: David Stanton's artwork will be on view in the "upper hall" gallery. What makes Stanton's painting so engaging? Exhibit organizers said, "They aren't just windows into his own soul, they're invitations for the viewer to open up their own and maybe let their inner child come out and play for a bit.

Contact: (734) 207-9600



Paws in town

Detroit Tigers mascot Paws clowns around with Deb Baudino, the sales manager at Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth Township, during an appearance Monday. Paws was on hand to mingle with staffers and customers during a promotional event at the dealership.

MAD HATTER TEA

Date/Time: Sunday, April 15, 2-4 p.m. Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, 155

Details: The Plymouth Historical Museum hosts its annual Mad Hatter Tea where ladies wear their craziest hats. "Contain Yourself: Container Gardening Basics," will be presented by Sue Paulin, a Master Gardener in northwest Illinois. Tickets for the Mad Hatter Tea are \$20 for Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum members and \$25 for non-members, if purchased by April 6 (add \$5 to the ticket price after that date), and can be purchased at the Plymouth Historical Museum during open hours, or on the website at http://www. plymouthhistory.org/Events.html using

Contact: For further information, call (734) 455-8940

PROM DRESS SALE

Date/Time: Saturday, April 21, 9 a.m. to

Location: Plymouth High School

Details: The second annual Prom Dress Sale is looking for donations of long or short formal dresses, shoes, jewelry and purses. Any items to be donated can be dropped off in the general office at Plymouth High School, 8400 Beck Road, Canton. Last year, more than 100 girls went home with a

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Auctioneer Dan Stall (right, with microphone) of Dan Stall Inc. and his assistants handled the live auction for New Morning School at Laurel Manor on Saturday. Auctioned off were trips, theater and sporting events tickets, restaurant meals and more.

More than 400 turn out to support New Morning School

More than 400 people gathered in Livonia Saturday to support an independent Plymouth Township school that's about to mark its 40th anniversary.

The annual auction for New Morning School, held at Laurel Manor, benefited from more than \$120,000 in contributions, event and program advertising and donations of auction items; organizers had not finished totaling net proceeds as of earlier this week.

It was the 36th annual auction for the school, which claims it is the longest-running such event in western Wayne County.

"I am continually humbled by the generosity of our local community," said Elaine Kennedy, founder and head of school, in a press release. "They have shown that they value quality education and they recognize that New Morning School delivers on that value.

The theme for the night was Grande Carnevale, the annual pre-Lenten festival in Venice, and some guests attended in traditional Venetian costumes.

There were silent and live auctions, and auction items included computers, theater tickets, bicycles and tickets to athletic events. Vacation packages in the auction included a five-night golf vacation for two in Scotland and a six-night stay for four on the Mediterranean island of Malta.

Event sponsors included Plastomer Corp., Plymouth Dental Associates, Seizert Capital Partners, CVMedia,



New Morning School founder Elaine Kennedy addressed the crowd at Laurel Manor in Livonia on Saturday during the school's 36th annual benefit auction. More than 400 people attended.

Monroe Bank & Trust, Autumn Associates, Crestmark Bank, Laurel Manor, Health Spa of Plymouth, Plymouth Physical Therapy Specialists and Strategic Partners Inc.

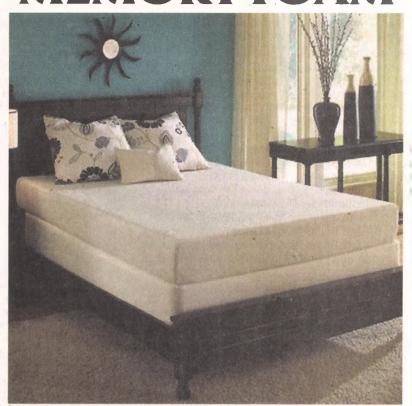
Founded in 1973, New Morning School is a parent-cooperative school for students in preschool through the eighth grade with a current enrollment of about 75 students. The school stresses hands-on learning and is based on the educational philosophy of Swiss psychologist Jean Piaget.







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about 5,000 square feet of the property for church use, and are considering a new building.

Long term, city officials plan to redevelop the city's portion of the property into a permanent lot for parking of eight hours or more, but about 100 parking spaces will be likely available there as soon as the deal is closed.

Monday's move was the first in a series of expected changes in downtown parking regulations that officials hope will ease a perceived shortage. Other changes will likely include the issuing of no-fee "cour-tesy tickets" to firsttime parking violators, a graduated fee scale for repeat offenders, and the use by parking enforcement of handheld devices that would keep ticket records and flag the license plates of repeat offenders.

Commissioner Meg Dooley voted against eliminating the eighthour spaces on the deck's

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it's at," said Commission-

The commission annual-

ly revisits the license cap,

which is part of the city's liquor license ordinance,

to determine whether it

relaxed last year for non-

Brewing Co. and the Gre-

cian Cafe obtained licens-

should be changed.

When the cap was

downtown establishments, Liberty Street

es under the new lim-

it. Liberty Street used a

winemaking license to

open a winery. The Gre-

cian Cafe began serving

alcohol about two months

ago, and the owner there

plans a remodeling and a

name and menu change.

Each of the 24 licensed

establishments were also

given the green light for license renewal Mon-

day in two 7-0 votes. The

er Ed Hingelberg.

lower level. Dooley said she agreed with the reasoning, but thought new parking restrictions should be introduced along with more available parking, such as at the Christian Science lot.

"When we roll this out we should say, 'Here's what the restrictions are and here's where the alternate parking is located," she said. "It would be better if you did it all at once."

Commissioner Ron Loiselle said it could be months before other planned changes, such as parking at the church lot, come about.

"There's dialogue on the commission about what we can do now," said Mayor Dan Dwyer.

The new time limits had been supported by the Downtown Development Authority.

DDA director Bruscato said he plans an informational campaign and signage changes to alert drivers who use the deck of the time-limit change on the lower level.

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Liquor Control Commis-

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ing bills by Thursday.

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of unpaid taxes and

P-CEP robotics team qualifies for state meet

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth-Canton's Lighting Robotics team may have snatched defeat from the jaws of victory over the weekend at their second district competition in Livonia.

And they're perfectly content with it.

Lightning Robotics split the first two matches of the championship final against the top-seeded team from Ann Arbor, but Ann Arbor's robot was malfunctioning, the result of smacking P-CEP's robot around in the first match. Ann Arbor spent a time out between the first two matches to try and fix it, the top seed approached Plymouth-Canton with a request: Call their own time out to give Ann Arbor a chance to fix the problem.

Lightning Robotics complied and used their own time out, then lost the deciding match to Ann Arbor.

But that didn't matter. "FIRST robotics isn't about winning," said Jeffrey Hess, a Canton High School junior driver who is also vice president and electrical leader for Lightning Robotics. "It's about gracious professionalism, about having the best competition. We wanted to go against the best competition, so we gave them the time."

Lightning Robotics struggled during the qualifying rounds. They lost the first match to the second seed, then won the next two to move on. In the semifinal, Lightning Robotics swept the third seed to advance to the championship round against Ann Arbor.

Ann Arbor spent much of the first match crashing its robot into Lightning's robot, causing the damage in the process and setting up the magnanimous gesture from

Lightning. "We knew their robot still wasn't working right ... They looked at us between matches and asked if there was anything we could do," said



The Lightning Robotics drive team has piloted the team to 16th place and a spot in next week's state competition.



Eddie, the robot crafted by Lightning Robotics team members, goes through his paces during the Kettering district.



Lightning Robotics gets an enthusiastic boost from its cheering section.

Jay Obsniuk, creator and faculty mentor to Lightning Robotics, who said he was up in the stands when the decision was made. "Our kids decid-

ed to call time out to give them time out to fix it. It was completely their choice, and I thought they made the right one.

"We're not all about

winning," Obsniuk added. "We're there to teach the kids more about what it takes to live a career in whatever you want to be in. In the beginning of the year, we tell the kids, 'This is your team, you take ownership of it.' They took ownership of it."

The result left Lightning Robotics in 16th place and on its way to the state competition April 12 at Eastern Michigan University. Obsniuk said the world champion has come out of the Michigan competition in nine of the last 10 years.

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Giovanna Dourado (from left) and Mohammad Shafiqur Rashid receiving tutoring from Joyce Silagy, who is coordinator of an English-as-a-second-language program at Canton's Connection Church.

Program gives students confidence

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Mohammad Shafiqur Rashid left his homeland of Bangladesh more than two years ago with his wife, Roxan Ara, and their 5-year-old daughter, Suhaila, to escape political unrest.

"I wanted to get a better society for my daughter," Rashid said.

Giovanna Dourado, a law student from Sao Paulo, Brazil, came to Canton two years ago to care for two local boys, ages 5 and 9, through the Au Pairs in America exchange program. She's returning home in July to continue her studies.

"I really want to see my family, but it will be sad to leave the kids because I am attached to them," Dourado said.

Rashid, 42, and Dourado, 26, had little in common when they moved to Canton, other than their desire to become more fluent in the English lan-

guage. They found the help they needed from Joyce Silagy, one of five tutors involved in an adult English-as-a-second-language program started by Canton's Connection Church.

Rashid was an assistant vice president of a bank in Bangladesh after earning a social science master's degree in economics from the University of Dhaka. His wife had been a doctor in radiology.

Though they had help settling here from Rashid's brother, a General Motors Corp. engineer who has been in America for 30 years, Rashid felt uncomfortable, even embarrassed, because he struggled with simple tasks such as ordering restaurant food, communicating with a barber or interacting at Baker College's Allen Park campus, where he is studying physical therapy.

"At school I was having trouble with my homework," he said.

Dourado had similar difficulties in social situations. "I was shy every time I wanted to talk to someone," she said.

Moreover, she had a professional reason for improving her English skills, saying "it's so important in Brazil for business reasons to speak English these days."

Every Thursday evening, Rashid and Dourado sit with Silagy inside the Jungle Java cafe at the Canton Public Library, poring over English lessons, practicing their pronunciation of words and learning catch phrases as they boost their skills.

Aside from personal tutoring, Connection Church also offers group classes 9:30-11 a.m. Saturdays and 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesdays at the church, located at 3855 S. Sheldon near Geddes.

For more information on E.A.S.Y., call Silagy at (734) 890-2050 or send an e-mail to joycesilagy@ wideopenwest.com.

Officials set hearing for Sheldon rezoning bid

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Residents, business owners and others will again have their say later this month on a bid to rezone a warehouse property on Sheldon Road, on Plymouth's outskirts, for general business use.

The request by Grand/ Sakwa Properties, which owns retail centers in Canton and Northville townships and other neighboring communities, is being criticized by nearby residents and those who say a shopping plaza on Sheldon would threaten downtown Plymouth businesses and bring crime, excess traffic, and litter, noise and light pollution. The Plymouth **Planning Commission** voted unanimously last month to recommend the rezoning be denied.

The request is now with the Plymouth City Commission, which on Monday scheduled a Monday, April 16, public hearing on it. The commission is likely to vote after the hearing.

Grand/Sakwa, which has an offer to buy the 36-acre site on Sheldon near the CSX Railroad tracks, is asking for a general business zoning that would allow for retail, medical, office, restaurant and a variety of other uses. The 500,000-square-foot warehouse building, built in the 1950s as a facility for the former Western Electric, is only partially used.

The developer hasn't specified tenants, but has talked about a regional shopping plaza of 200,000 to 300,000 square feet.

However, residents of the nearby New England Village subdivision, and some in Plymouth Township, which is adjacent to the site, have objected to the rezoning, saying a shopping center could bring crime and noise and light pollution and dangerously increase Sheldon Road traffic. Those who fear more retail space would sap downtown businesses are also against the project.

In an effort to allay opponents' fears, Grand/ Sakwa has proposed several conditions for the proposed rezoning, including a larger-thanrequired buffer zone with a berm and trees and other vegetation, security measures, and a traffic light on Sheldon if increased traffic counts warrant it. The company has also pledged not to locate a Walmart, a Sam's Club, an automobile dealership or an adult entertainment business on the

The April 16 public hearing on the rezoning will be held during the commission's regular meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

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current director of the show, Mike Kohlreiser (and his wife, Marcia), have been educating young people since the early 1990s about these animals facing possible extinction. He uses the show to make the point that everyone is responsible for the environment.

"It's been a common theme here at Farrand, and this brought some real-world experiences," Reehl said. "They can see the impact of some good things. They talked about recycling and preserving nature and wetlands, and not only about the rain forest but in general about protecting the world we live in."

And it wasn't just the students who were impressed.

"A parent said it was the best assembly the building has ever had," Reehl



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Kelly the Macaw picks up a dollar bill from

Julie Tafelski.

said. "Parents were totally engaged with it as well. They felt it was something the whole community gained a lot of knowledge about."

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Titanic: A Century to Remember

One hundred years after the sinking of Titanic, Starring "The Gallery" will host a photography exhibit commemorating the famously doomed luxury liner. Through the month of April, Starring will exhibit "Titanic: A Century To Remember" by Philip Dattilo.

The show opens with an artist's reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 6, during Northville's First Friday Experience. "Titan-ic: A Century To Remember" revolves around present-day photographs that depict scenes related to R.M.S. Titanic's incep-

tion, construction and the epilogue of its short life.

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Philip Dattilo, of Plymouth, Mich., has worked as a professional photographer for more than 30 years. His fine art photographs are on permanent display at the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills; the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor; and the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit. His work also has appeared in publications like the Wall Street Journal, Fortune, Business Week and U.S. News and World Report.

Dattilo became fascinated with the Titanic when a fourth grade classroom lesson evolved into a lifetime of interest and research. Dattilo's photographs reflect his travels to sites and monuments associated with the ocean liner. The display also includes historic photographs of the ship. Dattilo is a longtime member of the Titanic Historical Society.

Titanic was the largest and most luxurious ocean liner at the time of her sailing in April, 1912. Five days out of Southampton, England, the ship hit an iceberg and sunk to the bottom of the Atlantic, taking 1,523 lives with

"I'm excited to have Philip Dattilo again this year, as our First Friday artist," said Mary Starring, owner of Starring "The Gallery." "This exhibit is near and dear to Philip and it's exciting to listen to him talk about the Titanic and all its his-

Starring "The Gallery" is located at 118 W. Main St. in Northville. Call (248) 347-1642 or visit www.starringthegal-



One of several bollards that held R.M.S. Titanic at Ocean Dock, Southampton, England until her maiden voyage departure on April 10, 1912.

Woman from Nepal visits for weight loss regimen

By Julie Brown Observer Staff Writer

Northville Township resident Ken Pumford is proud of his niece's weight loss — through diet and exercise.

"Oh, my gosh, yes," said Pumford, whose niece, Asha Chhantyal, 21, came to visit from Nepal to lose weight through Weight Watchers and Lifetime Fitness. "She's come a long ways. She's done amazing things since she came here."

He tried arranging it over six years, trying for visas at the U.S. Embassy in Nepal. "She was rejected three times and finally got it last year," Pumford said.

'Amazing progress'

"She's made amazing progress." Chhantyal had to start losing in Nepal, about 40 pounds of the 380 she began with on

her 5-foot frame. "Obviously, soup for the rest of your life isn't sustainable. Now she knows how to eat. This is something she can do for the rest of her life."

Chhantyal came in April 2011 on a one-year visa and couldn't walk the distance of the Meijer on Haggerty to get milk -- but she just ran the Shamrock 10K in Plymouth without stopping.

She weighs just over 200 now. "She wants to lose about another 70 pounds. She knows what to do and she knows how to do it," Pumford said.

Weight Watchers doesn't require a special diet. "You watch your portion size, so it can work with any diet. It works with any food, any diet," meaning it will work when she returns to Nepal April 1.

Chhantyal's mom is also overweight, and she's



Asha Chhantyal, 21, of Nepal is proud of her weight loss, recently applauded by Florine Mark (left) of Weight Watchers. Chhantyal traveled to Northville Township to stay with family and lose weight through diet and exercise.

using Skype to coach her mom. "She's got her mom on the Weight Watch-

ers program." The mom keeps a food log and her daughter reviews it.

"She's lost 25 pounds over the last three months' and wants to lose another

20, Pumford said of her mother.

Pumford's a former Peace Corps volunteer in Nepal; Chhantyal's aunt is his wife, Sirjana.

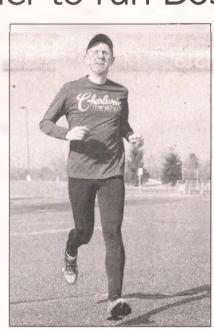
Fitness counts

Monday-Friday morning, Chhantyal is dropped off at Lifetime Fitness for workouts. She's in a boot camp program, said Pumford, an engineer for Ford Motor Co. She was lauded by Weight Watchers President and CEO Florine Mark. "I am so proud of you for everything you've accomplished, and I just know you have what it takes to get to your healthy weight goal," Mark said Feb. 27 at the Metro-Detroit Celebration of Success event, which honors WW members who have lost 50 pounds or more.

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Teacher to run Boston Marathon in colleague's memory

Northville Hillside **Middle School** teacher Greg Lanzi will be running the April 16 in memory of his former colleague (and the school's assistant principal) Heidi Capraro who passed away last November. Lanzi, who has run the Boston once already, will be raising money for the Dana-**Farber Marathon** Challenge.



By Julie Brown Observer Staff Writer

Greg Lanzi of Brighton, a music teacher at Hillside Middle School in North. ville, is preparing for April's Boston Marathon.

Lanzi's among many who'll aspire to cross the finish line in Beantown, but his quest goes beyond personal achievement. He's running to raise money for cancer research in honor of Heidi Capraro, a Hillside assistant principal who lost her battle with cancer.

Capraro of Howell died in November of clear cell cervical cancer. Lanzi will run his second Boston Marathon and plans to raise \$4,000 for cancer research in memory of Capraro as a member of he Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge.

In training

"I'm running about five days a week, six to seven miles a day," said Lanzi, 47, of his training regimen. "On the weekends, I'll do a long run, anywhere from 10 to 16 miles."

He's been able to train outdoors more this year due to mild weather. Hillside students and colleagues are cheering him

"The kids seem to be pretty excited about it. They were surprised to hear I was doing the Boston Marathon. A lot of the teachers appreciate that I'm doing it in memory of Heidi."

Capraro was a sixth grade science teacher at Hillside. In 2004-05, she was selected as Michigan Teacher of the year. After fulfilling her duties in Lansing, she was appointed assistant principal at Hillside where she continued her work with students and educators before becoming ill.

'Really special'

"She was really special. She had a special rapport with the kids, she really did. She was a spectacular science teacher. She always had a great understanding of the kids and a great understanding of her subject material," Lanzi said.

"She was a great assistant principal and great mentor for the young teachers."

The Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge, in collaboration with the Boston Athletic Association, enables people to run the Boston Marathon while raising

funds to benefit the Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. It helps scientists to achieve better cure rates and to enhance patients' quality of life. In 2012, the DFMC team aims to celebrate its 23rd year by raising \$4.8 million. To date, DFMC has raised more than \$52 million, all of which is directed to the Barr Program.

Lanzi has run the Detroit Free Press Marathon three times. In 2009, his time of 3 hours, 27 minutes was good enough to earn him a spot at the Boston Marathon.

You can support Lanzi's run by visiting runD-FMC.org. Go on the website and click on "Support a runner."

Lanzi and wife Michelle have been married almost 20 years. They have two daughters, Gabriella, 16, and Sophia, 10.

"It is kind of overwhelming," he said of the Monday, April 16, Boston Marathon. "It's pretty exciting. It's a holiday there. The entire route is just lined with people. It's a pretty amazing sight."

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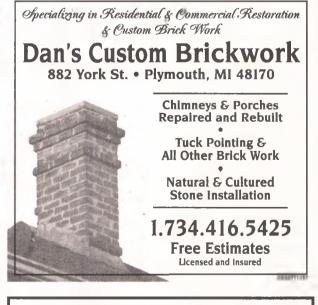
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Annual dinner benefits club's shooting sports

By Sue Mason Observer Staff Writer

For the last three years, the Western Wayne County Conservation Association has hosted a sellout Friends of the NRA dinner and auction in May at its Plymouth Township clubhouse.

This year organizers have decided to move it a few miles down the road to the Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center to let more people attend.

"We're trying to increase the size and raise more money for the kids, it's only four miles from the club," said Robert Haviland, a member of the WWC-CA Friends of the NRA Committee that is putting on the event. "The first three years we sold out at 160 for the dinner. By moving it to Fox Hills we can run it up to 300."

The banquet, which will be held Thursday, May 17, will raise money for the NRA Foundation. Fifty percent of the proceeds will go to the foundation while the remaining 50 percent will stay in Michigan to support boys', girls' and Women on Target shooting sports programs and range development.

The evening includes dinner, games, auctions, drawings and door prizes. Doors open at 5 p.m. to preview prizes and the silent auction. Games start at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and the live auction at 8 p.m.

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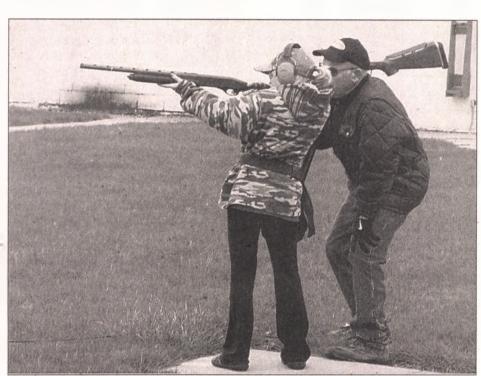


The Western Wayne County Conservation Association had a large group of women turnout for its Women on Target program which helps women learn shooting skills in a safe environment.

cial ladies' merchandise and many items created for the event will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Special raffle ticket packages also will be available.

Dinner tickets are priced at \$40 each and attendees are automatically entered in a drawing to win a .22 riffle with their dinner ticket purchase. Those who purchase dinner tickets by April 30 will be entered in a special early bird drawing.

There also are several packages available, including the \$100 Big Shooter that includes \$160 in raffle tickets and a ticket for a special drawing for "the Big Bang Handgun," along with \$200 Super Shooter with \$400 in raffle tickets and three tickets for the gun drawing. People who purchase either of the shooter packages by April 30 will get a second package free. Sponsorships ranging from \$250 to \$2,500 also are available.



Youth learn shooting skill through the WWCCA's junior rifle and shotgun programs.

"We created the special ladies table for the female shooters and guests with things that would be of interest to the girls," said Haviland. "We created the early bird to raise more mon-

ey and increase raffle ticket sales. It's all about raising money for the kids and the ladies, and we think that's the right way to go."

The WWCCA was organized in 1937 in West-

land and moved to its current location — 80 acres of land on Napier Road in Plymouth Township — in 1965. Haviland has been a member the club since the early 1990s, but has belong to

other conservation clubs since he was 19 years old.

Its members hail from such Wayne County communities as Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Westland and Redford to as far away as St. Clair Shores and the Grosse Pointes. The club also attracts shooting enthusiasts from Farmington, South Lyon, Northville, Novi and Milford.

"We currently have 850 members, our numbers are coming back," said Haviland. "At one point, we had 1,350 members and dropped to 750. We're working our way back up."

The club has been able to get FNRA grants to support its programs. It applied last year and received three, totaling more than \$10,000. The money came in handy, supporting junior shotgun and rifle programs and a Women on Target program which has seen participation increase to the point where the club is offering two classes this year.

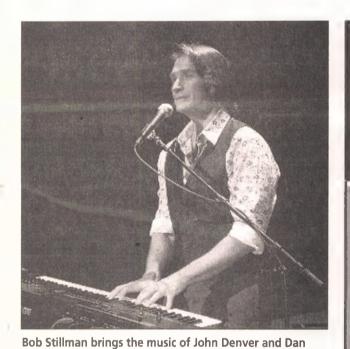
"We've modified the fees and rules to make the WWCCA member friendly," Haviland said. "We're offering new programs and increasing our junior and ladies programs."

For more information about

For more information about tickets and sponsorships, contact Nancy Garneau at (734) 259-3341 or the WWCCA at (734) 453-9843. Tickets also can be ordered online at www.friendsofnra.org/ Events. Click on Michigan.

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Fogelberg to the Village Theater stage April 13.

Singer brings ballads to Village Theater

Bob Stillman brings back the romantic songs of the 70s when he's the featured musician in "Country Roads: The Music of John Denver and Dan Fogelberg," at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill 8 p.m. Friday, April 13.

This tribute concert features songs from two of that decade's favorite music makers — John Denver and Dan Fogelberg.

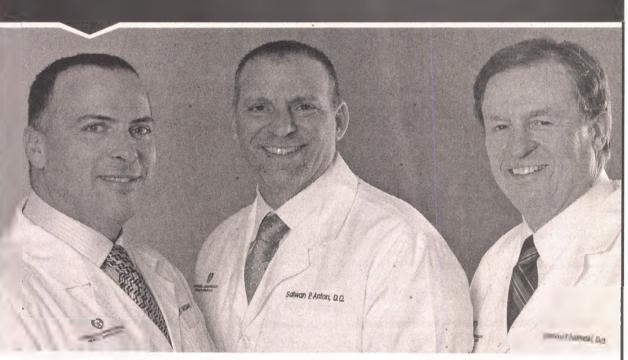
Denver's songs are often celebrations of the natural beauty of the Rockies; Fogelberg's more often tell complex stories of personal relationships. But the sound most common to both, based on acoustic guitar and featuring a soaring tenor voice, is the sound of an era that re-discovered the romance of natural America. This tribute concert will transport the audience back to a time of innocence and fun when country music filled the airwaves of every radio station around the globe.

Stillman has lit up some of New York's bestknown stages as writer, musician and actor, most recently on Broadway in the acclaimed "Grey Gardens." He has been nominated twice for Tony Awards and has gained a large following for his music-directed concerts featuring the songs of James Taylor, Joni Mitchell, John Denver and Dan Fogelberg. Stillman has appeared in works by such new-wave composers as Adam Guettel and Michael John LaChiusa. Stillman's TV appearances include Star Trek: Voyager, Law & Order, Guiding Light and Nickelodeon's Allegra's Window.

Tickets for this tribute concert are \$30 for adults and \$26 for seniors and youth. Get tickets online at www.cantonvillage-theater.org for \$22 with Coupon Code CRDF1 (all

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Catering home

Longtime Plymouth business Jeff Zak Catering moved to a new location in Old Village at 696 Mill Street. Zak treated a large group, including many Chamber Ambassadors, to a wonderful brunch at the ribbon cutting. Jeff Zak Catering can be contacted at (734) 459-7125 or www.jeffzakcatering.com.

Legislative roundtable

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck and state Rep. Kurt Heise meet with Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce members for a roundtable discussion about current legislation and important issues facing the state 3-4 p.m. Friday, April 20, at the chamber office.

Members will have an opportunity to talk directly with them about issues like personal property tax or other issues impacting your business. This event is only for members of the Chamber of Commerce. There is no fee to attend.

To RSVP please e-mail teri@plymouth-mich.org or call the chamber at (734) 453-1540. Due to space limitations, we can only accommodate 25 people or so. The chamber office is located at 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail.

After hours

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts a joint After Hours event with the Canton Chamber of Commerce Wednesday, April 18, from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Red Olive Restaurant.

Plymouth Community Chamber members will be joining our neighbors from the Canton Chamber of Commerce for an After Hours hosted by the Red Olive Restaurant & Banquet Center. This event will again provide you the opportunity to expand your network of professionals from business people in our neighboring community and with many of our members at the same time.

Last year's joint After Hours with Canton drew more than 120 people.

There is no fee to attend this event; RSVP by noon April 16 to teri@plymouthmich.org or call (734) 453-1540.

Diva Day

Ladies are invited to attend the fourth annual Diva Day on Saturday, April 21, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The first 500 Divas will get free DivaGlasses. Little Divas and Diva Dogs are also welcome.

More than 30 shops, boutiques, salons and restaurants will present special offers, unique refreshments, and chances to win Diva Day prizes. Participating shops include Bella Mia, Candy Trail, Creatopia Pottery Studio, Dearborn Jewelers, Genuine Toy Co., Gigi's Mode, Hands on Leather, Home Sweet Home, Isabella's Copper Pot, Kilwins, Magno-

lia – Fresh Flower Market, Merle Norman, Old World Olive Press, Penniman Gallery, R.S.V.P., Razzamatazz, Sharer Design Group, Sun & Snow and TranquiliTea.

The event is free to attend. Look for the balloons. For more information call (734) 453-1540 or visit www.plymouth-mich.org/events.

Showcase Plymouth

Exhibit spaces for the Showcase and Taste of Plymouth, set for 5-7:30 p.m. Monday, May 14, are going quickly. Exhibit space prices are \$110 or \$135 (premium) and includes a 6' x 3' skirted table. This is a great opportunity to market your business to residents and local businesses. If you are interested in exhibiting, please contact the Chamber at (734) 453-1540 or e-mail teri@plymouthmich.org. Cancellations must be received by May 10.

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

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

Home, Tweet Home

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Presents "Home, Tweet Home," a Plymouth Birdhouse Tour through April 20.

Join the retailers in downtown Plymouth celebrating spring with a tour of birdhouses, vote for your favorite and be entered into a prize drawing. Voting forms are available up at participating shops or on the chamber's website at www.plymouthmich.org.

Participating shops include Candy Trail, Creatopia Create Your Own Pottery Studio, Downtown Development Authority, Dearborn Jewelers of Plymouth, Genuine Toy Co., Hands on Leather, Isabella's Copper Pot, Jill Andra Young Photography, Kilwins Plymouth, Magnolia – A Fresh Flower Market, Old World Olive Press, Penniman Gallery, Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, Sun & Snow Sports, Three Dog Bakery and TranquiliTea.

PLYMOUTH BUSINESS NEWS

Business news

From the desk of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority:

 Look for Dazzling Daniela, owned by Daniela Kokalevski, to open in the Mayflower Centre on Main St. soon. Kokalevski plans to sell dresses, shoes and accessories in the new store.

Follow Daniela on Facebook at http://www.facebook.com/pages/Dazzling-Daniela-LLC/306061532788489

• Dearborn Jewelers of Plymouth is celebrating 62 years in business with their "Anniversary Celebration Sale." All in stock merchandise is 20-percent off (exceptions are loose diamonds, adda-pearls, custom work, special orders, repairs, layaways or previous purchases.) There are some select items that are 30 to 40 percent off. Any purchase enters the buyer into a grand prize drawing for a \$500 gift certificate.

• The property management group, Armada, says it has a pending deal to lease 1,900-square feet of space in the former Georgia's Gift Gallery building on Forest Ave. Armada also has spaces of 3,600-square-feet and 6,500-square-feet available in the same building. Contact Darryl Goodwin or Bruce Goodwin at (248) 855-1221.

• The Meeting House Grand Ballroom is looking to hire a door attendant to greet wedding guests upon arrival. This would be an ideal job for a retired/ senior looking to stay active. Contact Randy or Mary at (734) 416-5100.

• Forest Computer Solutions is hosting computer classes for semors: Wednesday, April 11, start menu fundamentals; Thursday, April 19, control panel: what features you can personalize and which features you should avoid; Wednesday,

April 25, setup a free account with Shutterfly. Learn how to upload pictures, crop and frame them. Add your pictures to mugs, blankets, coasters and so much more. Call (734) 259-8611.

Bank honors

The Independent Community Bankers of America named Bank of Ann Arbor a top honoree in the 2012 ICBA National Community Bank Service Awards for the bank's outstanding leadership in its "Sweet 15 Local Charity Drive" social media charity campaign.

"ICBA founded the National Community Bank Service Awards program to help celebrate the outstanding volunteer efforts of the nation's community banks, which exist to serve the needs of their customers and communities each and every day," said incoming ICBA Chairman Jeffrey L. Gerhart, chairman of Bank of Newman Grove, Newman Grove, Neb. "Bank of Ann Arbor exemplifies what community bank service is all about. We commend them for giving their time, expertise and resources to better their communities and the lives of local residents."

Bank of Ann Arbor was named as a National Award recipient in recognition of its "Sweet 15 Local Charity Drive" social media charity campaign. To commemorate the bank's 15th birthday, "Sweet 15" mobilized the power of social media by attracting nearly 17,000 people to direct \$75,000 of the bank's money to 15 local nonprofit organizations. During the campaign, the bank's Facebook page gained over 16,000 new "likes" and created over 3.5 million impressions, which created significant awareness for local nonprofits.

Credit union offers first 'Matters' report

Community Financial Credit Union released its first "Community Matters" report highlighting its support of each of the communities it serves, including banking and philanthropic efforts.

"Community Matters" looks back at 2011 and combines both the traditional financial report typically seen in an annu-



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look into the credit union's support of nonprofits, education and

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other community-based organizations and events.
"As a community-

focused credit union, the work we do goes beyond just helping our members' with their finances," said Bill Lawton, Community Financial president/ CEO.

The "Community Report" is available at all Community Financial branches as well as online at www.CommunityMattersReport.org.

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Eggs-cellent adventure



Two-year-old Nathan Kunka from Dearborn Heights gets a good luck hug from friend Hanna Harwood of Canton before they start their hunt for Easter eggs.



Four-year-old Belle Espinoza of Westland enjoys one of the goodies from her bag.

The Easter Bunny came to town early, much to the delight of scores of squealing, cheering youngsters Saturday at the Summit on the Park.

First it was the two-hour breakfast, where the kids (and their families) shared a meal with their favorite bunny.

From there, the kids (at least, the ones under 11) Easter Egg hunts outside on the grounds of Heritage Park.

They hunted eggs, played games, made crafts and enjoyed a performance from a puppeteer.

An eggs-citing time was reportedly had by



Gabby Kaput, 4, from Garden City was all smiles at Saturday's Easter Egg hunt.

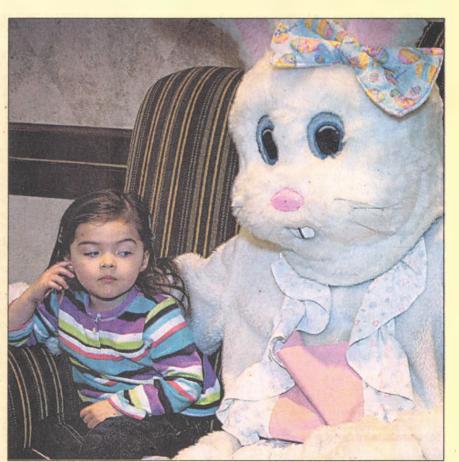


teacher Nichole **Passmore** grabbing a load of eggs to scatter for the 3-andunder age group.

Preschool



Lynda Cunningham from the Kiwanis Club hands out goodie bags at the Easter Eggstravaganza.



Three-year-old Madison Fowler of Canton keeps her eyes on the Easter bunny at the annual Easter Bunny Pancake Breakfast.

OUR VIEWS

Take the pledge

Ask teens to be safe, responsible on spring break

By week's end, scores of young people will be headed south for spring break. What began as the quintessential part of the college experience has become a similar part of the senior year for high schoolers. It's their chance to get away and spend a week hanging out with friends without mom and dad.

Spring break can be a rite of passage, a time when teens are on their own and in charge of the their health, safety and well-being, or turn into a night-mare because of one bad decision. As parents, we send teens off with admonitions to be safe and make good choices, but in the backs of our minds there are those visions of college students gone wild courtesy of MTV. We can only hope - and pray - that they do the right thing and come home safe and sound.

Some have, some haven't. In 2006, a western Wayne County teenager, Jeremy Peer, was involved in a fatal hit-and-run accident in Panama City, Fla. Testimony at his trial indicated he drank beer and several shots of alcohol prior to the accident. He was convicted of leaving the scene of an accident involving death and leaving the scene of an accident involving injury, and sentenced to 12 years in prison.

The sentence was overturned on appeal and returned to circuit court because the judge had not ordered a pre-sentence investigation of the then 18-year-old's background prior to sentencing. That was done, but the judge stuck by her original sentence, and Peer remains in prison. He won't be eligible for release until he serves just over 10 years in prison.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, spring breakers should consider if what they do is the worth the risk. While "the phrase 'what happens on spring break stays on spring break' can imply that it is OK - even expected - to engage in risky behaviors that would not normally consider in daily life," teens should take healthy behaviors on vacation with

It may seem like a cool idea, but the CDC says skip the tattoo or piercing to prevent infections like HIV and hepatitis B. If you just have to have one, consider a temporary tattoo. It costs a lot less and is a lot safer.

It also may seem like a cool idea to drink alcohol, and if you do, do it responsibly. If you're a female, watch your drink. Don't let someone else hold it for you. Someone could try to slip a "date rape" drug in it. And never accept a drink from a stranger no matter how cute he looks.

Practice the buddy system. It worked great in elementary school and can work just as good on spring break. Always stay close to at least one friend, preferably two or three. Don't leave with someone other than your buddies. Don't leave with strangers, even if it seems like a good idea at the time. Always err on the side of caution and trust your instincts.

And never, ever go to an isolated place with a stranger or someone you do not fully trust.

Parents, before your teens head out the door for spring ask your teens to take the spring break pledge to make safe and responsible decisions. The pledge can be found online at www. SafeSpringBreak.org. The pledge asks spring breakers to consider their personal boundaries in regards to the five potential follies - travel, alcohol, drugs, sex and crime.

Teens, make this year's spring break memorable by having fun and helping yourself, your friends, and others stay safe and healthy. Act responsibly and make spring break a time to remember.



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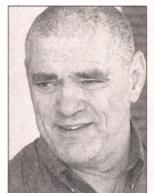
How do you think the Detroit Tigers will do this year?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



"Oh, the Tigers'll do great. ... I think I'd have them as probably the third best team in the American League - and they're right there."

George Kipper Plymouth Township



"They'll do good. They have ... Prince Fielder and (Miguel) Cabrera. I think they'll do really well."

Don MacDonald Plymouth



"Maybe they'll do well. ... I'm from Washington, so I'm a ... Mariners

Jackilyn Hollowell Plymouth Township



"I don't follow them. ... Probably the same." **Shannon Steinberg** Plymouth

LETTERS

Dealing with gas

Well, it took a week of reporting by the national media, but gas prices around, town are now at or above the national average. Surprisingly, I witnessed prices actually dropping 20 to 30 cents in the first couple of days but they are up there now.

And how did the media break this story? By showing businesses and consumers dealing with the increased cost. So how will the oil companies deal with increased prices of the oil product they use to make gas and diesel fuel that we all use? No doubt the same as they always do by simply charging us more. And will the national media be as quick to report the new record profits for the oil companies? (Doubtful.)

Whatever the reason for oil prices going up it means more profit for the oil companies so you have to ask why would they want them to go down?

Let's not forget the first time gas prices in the country went above \$3 and \$4 a gallon, we had two oil men in the White House (Bush and Cheney). Their response was there was nothing they could do, that it was market driven. Bush's statement that America is addicted to oil is still very evident and the dealers supplying that addiction have no intention of doing anything to ease it.

And what is driving the current increases? They say demand is at or below what it was in 2007. Market speculators again, investors who never take ownership of the oil they just bet on the price.

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Maybe even some of the investors that invested and bet on the failure of home mortgages that led to the crash of our financial markets. Or could it be the oil companies trying to remove a president they fear is trying to break their hold on our government?

So what can we do? As President Barack Obama has repeatedly said we must continue an "energy policy that includes all sources of energy."

We can break the addiction, ending tax subsidies and adding an excess profits tax on the oil companies. Extra taxes would be justified because the reason they are making excess profits is they are taking extra money from us and doing nothing different to earn it. Also the extra revenue

could be used to fund research and development of alternative energy sources and end our national addiction.

As gas prices are expected to continue to rise it is being said that gasoline is now our largest manufactured export. It doesn't seem like "Big Oil" is too concerned about America and our economy.

Chuck Tindall

Questions for McCotter

I keep hearing our politicians say that the American people want Congress to get rid of entitlements. I wonder how they know what we want.

Congressman McCotter gets 18 constituent weeks a year to talk to us and discuss his votes. He has not had one town hall meeting since he was elected in 2010. I have called his three offices and been told that he is busy and has nothing is scheduled. I know he voted to make Medicare a voucher system. I want more information about how changing Medicare is going to affect me. I want to know if the voucher will rise with inflation or will it rise with medical costs? What I'm looking for are facts about his votes. It is in the interest of both Republicans and Democrats to expect our elected officials to speak to us and answer our questions on a regular basis. Otherwise the 18 weeks that Congress is not in session is just vacation time.

> **Terry Cannon** Livonia

STAFF COLUMN

Hair today, gone tomorrow for cancer research

know I need a haircut. I just didn't think I'd have to suffer through an extreme case of

deja vu to get one. But that's what'll happen Sunday, April 29, when I sit in a barber's chair to get my head shaved in a charity fundraiser for the St. Baldricks Foundation to benefit children's cancer research. It's the baby of Plymouth Township Deputy Clerk Eric Bacyinski, on whom I

will blame all the jokes and laughter

Brad Kadrich

at the sight of my shaved head. St. Baldricks has been doing this since 2000, when they raised \$104,000 in a first year in which they were shooting for \$17,000.

I did this one other time, back in

the late 1990s, when I made the mistake of writing in a column that the Oxford High School girls' basketball team had little chance to beat Lapeer East in a district championship game, and that I would let them shave my head if they won.

Of course, Oxford led by a wide margin at halftime and, when I tried to sneak out the gym door, the players corralled me and put me back in my courtside seat. After the game, I sat in a chair in the middle of the gym and let them take turns using

clippers provided, at great personal joy, by my editor at the time, Gerry Frawley.

Luckily, my hair grows quickly, and the shaved look wasn't around all that long. And, truth be told, it was fun.

When Bacyinski asked me about this last month, I told him I'd have to think about it. Truth is, though, I didn't really. My hair will grow back, and the sting of the barbs tossed my way in the meantime will fade.

What won't fade is the struggle for kids with cancer, and if they can suffer through that with all the grace with which they battle, I can surely do this.

Besides, St. Baldrick's does good things. Since 2005, the foundation has funded some \$79 million in research grants. Research is the only way to cure cancer, and if I can have any part in that at all, I'm happy to do it.

And, of course, I won't be alone. Nick Stonebrook, who works at the Plymouth Community United Way, and his sister, Abby, who works at the Dairy King (the best ice cream place ever), are going to be shavees and had raised more than \$3,000 as of Monday morning.

We'll all be at Claddagh's Irish Pub in Livonia, and Plymouth businesses are helping out. Sideways donated a gift basket for the raffle, Sun & Snow is selling donation badges in their downtown Plymouth location

and posters are up at Morse Dental, Panera Bread, Dairy King and the Coffee Bean.

The Plymouth Whalers allowed Bacyinski to run the 50/50 raffle and "Chuck-A-Puck" sales during last Tuesday's playoff game (netting \$641 for our event). Not only that, they're donating a gift basket to the raffle and are donating \$100 toward the fundraising goal.

Plymouth resident and business owner David Keefe is donating the services of his photo-booth company for the day of the event, and the host venue, Claddagh Irish Pub, will be donating 8 percent of food sales that day toward the fundraising goal.

The local event raised \$10,000 last year and hopes to hit \$15,000 this

"I've been very blessed in my life and the least I can do is give back to help the less fortunate," Bacyinski said. "These kids are going through far worse than I can imagine, the least I can do is give up my vanity and shave my head to help their

What the heck, all I have to lose is

Brad Kadrich, the editor of the Plymouth and Canton Observers, is offering fair warning he'll be walking around with a shaved head most of May. He can be reached at bkadrich@hometownlife.com or by calling (313) 222-8899.

Don't confuse gambling with real investing

Guest Columnist

ast week, I did something that I haven't done in years and years — I bought a lottery ticket. Like millions of Americans, I thought, why not?

I put a few dollars down and Friday night I watched the results. As expected, just like you, I lost. No big deal, the fantasy of winning the \$640 million was well worth the

few dollars that

Money Matters

Rick Bloom

I spent. However, one thing I didn't do was think of it as an investment.

think just because there is a

chance to make money, that must mean it's an investment - it is not. In fact, buying a lottery ticket isn't even gambling because with gambling you have to have at least a fair chance to win. We know when we buy a lottery ticket, there is no realistic chance of winning.

The problem many people have is that they don't know the difference between gambling and investing.

It would be easy if when you. purchase a stock, you call it an investment. But when you put money down on the blackjack table, it's gambling.

While putting money on a blackjack table is clearly gambling, depending upon how you use it, the stock market can be an investment or a gamble. For example, if someone buys a stock based upon a tip or a

to buy a stock or a mutual fund after doing research, and because it fits into their overall portfolio and strategy, they are making an investment. The gambler and the investor may be buying the same product, but the reason they are buying it is what distinguishes between an investor and a gambler.

Gamblers are thinking short term. They are looking to get in and out of investments in a relatively short period of time. An investor is generally looking longer term and is not looking at making a "killing," but rather they are focused on how their entire portfolio is performing.

Is there anything wrong with gambling? No. However, you shouldn't fool yourself into thinking that just because you're buying a stock or a mutual fund it means you are

Entertainment

I've always considered gambling a form of entertainment. When I put \$10 down on the blackjack table, I assume that I will lose it. On the other hand, when I put \$10 in an investment, I expect a return on that investment.

The reason so many Americans lose when it comes to investments is that they have the gambler's mentality. Gamblers look short term and focus on how they can double their money over a short period of time. Investors also want to double their money, but they realize that it's not going to happen overnight. It will take a considerable length of time. Both gamblers and investors recognize that they can lose monmoney on the blackjack table, there is no hope of recovering that loss without putting more money down. When you take a loss on a stock or a mutual fund, like many people did in 2007 and 2008, with patience and discipline, that investment can come back without adding new money. A loss can turn into a gain.

There is a time and a place for gambling and a time and a place for investing. When it comes to saving for your retirement, or a child's college education, that is the time for investing, not gambling. Good

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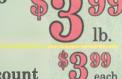


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Celebrating one of Plymouth's six first-period goals Saturday night are (clockwise, from left) J.T. Miller (No. 12), Rickard Rakell (No. 24), Stefan Noesen and Nick Malysa (No. 4). Noesen scored three goals and assisted on two others in the first period of Game 5 against Guelph.

Noes-en easy

Whaler scores first-period hat trick to spark Game 5 win

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

Stefan Noesen and the Plymouth Whalers Saturday night treated 3,207 fans — and another 15 NHL scouts - to quite a stunning playoff spectacle at Compuware Arena.

Perhaps Noesen and his teammates knew about the scouts being on hand to watch Game 5 of the Ontario Hockey League Western Conference first-round series against Guelph because they put on one major-league display.

All Noesen did was score three goals and assist on two others in the opening 20 minutes as the Whalers rolled to a 6-2 lead after one frame against the Storm

Plymouth went on to a 9-3 victory, sparked by four shorthanded goals, to take a 3-2 lead in the series. (The Whalers went on to clinch the series Sunday night.)

'No I haven't, maybe in minor hockey," said Noesen about whether he'd ever scored a first-period hat trick.

The Whalers, the second seed in the conference, can clinch the series Sunday night — rallying after losing games 1-2 to the Storm.

"We weren't good enough the first two games," Noesen, an

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TRACK & FIELD PREVIEW

'We have a smaller team this year but a more focused team. I think we will be able to compete for the division championship this season.'

JON MIKOSZ Plymouth track & field coach

Veterans to set pace

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

Derek Gielarowski enjoyed an all-state season in cross country last fall, and now he hopes to bring that level of success to Plymouth's varsity boys track and field team.



Gielarowski

should again "be one of the top distance guys in the area," said Wildcats head coach Jon Miko-**But Plymouth**

The senior

also features senior sprinter

William Askew II, who the coach said "is set to have a great senior season to end out a good sprint career."

Add to the mix Max Rogowski, a returning sophomore who has all-state potential, along with a number of returnees.

Seniors Nick Eiben, Evan Johnson, Garrett Neumann, Daniel Edgerton (hurdles), juniors Lucas Bunting, Alex

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'Elite' season for St. John Neumann

Canton St. John Neumann's sensational boys basketball season came up just short of a championship in the Catholic Youth Organization, falling 45-33 to Livonia St. Mikes in the recent "elite eight" regional championship.

The loss was the only one suffered all season by the SJN eighthgraders. They finished 19-1 — shattering the parish's former record

Despite the defeat, SJN center Kenny Topolovec led all scorers with 20 points. Chipping in with five points was forward Trevor Molenda while Jacob Donnelly scored five.

Rockin' Rockettes

The Salem Rockette Show is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, April 20, in the Salem High School auditorium.

Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the

Euro Stars gymnast wins state vault

Erin Freier, who trains out of Euro Stars Gymnastics, Inc. in Plymouth, captured the Level 10 vault title with a score of 9.875 at the USA Gymnastics Michigan State Championships held last weekend in East Lansing.

The Livonia Churchill senior also placed sixth on beam (9.375) and was eighth in the allaround (37.650). He other scores included a 9.35 on the uneven bars and a 9.05 on floor exercise.

Freier, who carries a 3.866 grade point average, has been a five-time state allaround champ and has captured one at least one event in each of her 10 years competing in the state meet.

She will attend the University of Arkansas on a full-ride scholarship.

Salem success pays off for MU-bound Stewart

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

Salem basketball standout Tyler Stewart Tuesday signed to play basketball at Madonna University, firming up the next four years of his life.

That the 17-year-old senior shooting guard who spearheaded Salem's recent drive to the KLAA championship will continue his basketball career after graduation is no surprise to those who know him best — parents Rob and Kristi Stewart and grandparents Russ and Kathy Kittleson.

All were on hand for



Salem senior guard Tyler Stewart Tuesday morning signed his national letter of intent to play mens basketball at Madonna University. Taking part in the signing ceremony were (from left) MU assistant coach Adam Kerfoot and head coach Noel Emenhiser, Salem coach Bob Brodie, Stewart and his parents, Kristi and Rob Stewart of Canton.

Tyler Stewart's official signing ceremony at Salem High School,

as were longtime Rocks head coach Bob Brodie, PCEP co-athletic direc-

tor Sue Heinzman and Madonna head coach Noel Emenhiser (along with assistant and former MU player Adam Kerfoot).

When he was a toddler, Tyler gave pretty good clues about what his favorite sport to play was. His dad said the young boy "had a basketball from the time he was 6 months old.'

"One of the first things that we remember Tyler doing was dribbling when he was probably under 2," chimed in his mom, Kristi. "And going out to the little Fisher-Price basket and going 'Shhhaaqqq!""

He can't wait

Tyler now stands 6-5, but love of the sport hasn't wavered in the years since. Now all that the scholar athlete (3.5 grade point average) with the sweet perimeter shot wants to do is combine books and baskets.

"I'm just happy to get it done with and I'm excited to start a new season with a new team," said Stewart, an all-conference player in 2011-12, when he averaged 15 points per game. "I think it will be tougher, but just keep doing what I was doing this year and improve on it."

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BASEBALL PREVIEW

Mound trio key for Chiefs

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

The "drive for five" Class A district titles begins on the mound this spring for Canton's varsity baseball team.

Despite the graduation of six regulars from the 2011 team that finished 23-5 overall and 13-3 in the KLAA South Division (co-champions with Livonia Churchill), Canton's hopes are bolstered by having returning pitchers Ryan Bazner, Michael Stafford and David Blythe.

That trio combined to collect 20 of the Chiefs 23 wins last season. Bazner, an all-conference and all-district selection, went 9-0 with a 1.43 earned run average.

Augmenting the senior righty, who will pitch next year at Saginaw Valley State University, is lefthanded junior Stafford (6-2, 1.63, allconference) and righthanded

Smythe (4-0, 3:30). They will have to again be at the top of their game in order for the Chiefs to contend.

"We have several gaps to fill on defense from last year at catcher, short and centerfield," veteran Canton head coach Mark Blomshield said. "But our starting pitching is very solid and should be able to give us quality innings on the mound and a chance to compete for a fifth straight district title.'

There are other pitching hopefuls to help share the load. One of them is returning southpaw Nick Hazergian, who pitched 17 innings as a freshman, giving up just 1.65 runs per contest.

Sophomore Brett Mattson and juniors Alex Cole and Jake Miller also will be called upon to throw some innings.

Reinforcements

The 2011 graduates referred to by Blomshield are catcher Seth Tschetter, shortstop Chris Perkovich and centerfielder Braden Price. Looking to step into those vacancies in the lineup will be junior Chad Russell behind the dish and speedy sophomores James Hall and Weston Price at shortstop and center, respec-

Bazner won't just be the main man on the mound. He also batted .506 last season, earning team MVP honors. This season, when not pitching, he will play third base as well as catcher.

Stafford, described by Blomshield as "one of the top junior left-handed pitchers in the state," also can hit. He registered a .411 mark last sea-

Another top returning starter is senior outfielder Mitch Clinton. He batted .341 in 2011 "and is a key defender for us who can also bunt and run well. He will be looked upon to contribute.'

On the right side of the infield will be senior returnees Nick Tata (first base) and second baseman Greg McCurry, who missed a chunk of 2011 with a broken ankle.

There's big potential in 6-6 Mattson, also an infielder

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Ryan Bazner crosses the plate during a 2011 game for Canton. The senior will be looked upon to lead the Chiefs on the mound and at the plate.

STEWART

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Tyler Stewart still has fun with a basketball, of course.

But he knows when to take things seriously, and that is something that the Madonna coaching staff noticed last summer when Stewart enthusiastically participated in various basketball workouts at the Livonia university.

"He showed a great interest in our school, coming out to open gyms and things like that last year," Emenhiser said. "And then our ability to follow him ... and watch him end his standout career here, those are all things that really contributed into our recruitment of him.

"The things we really look for in our recruits are integrity, character and work ethic. And if he has skill on top of that we've hit a home run and we know he has all of those things."

Emenhiser said he expects Stewart to immediately battle for minutes.

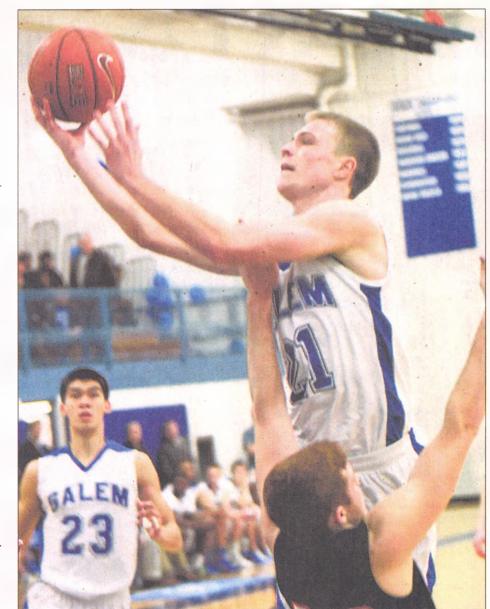
"We return a good group of players this year," he explained. "But we certainly see Tyler as giving us more depth than we've had in the past.

"So we see him coming in and competing for playing time.'

Meanwhile, Emenhiser said the first member of Madonna's 2012 recruiting class will have a significant amount of his college tuition the next four years funded through a combination of athletic and academic scholarships.

Family ties That Tyler opted to

play for a local college



Salem senior guard Tyler Stewart (No. 21) drives to the basket during the 2011-12 season.

team brought a smile to Kristi Stewart's face.

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"We have a lot of family in Plymouth-Canton, so just the fact that he's down the road in Livonia will be a pretty neat thing for us," she said. "... His dad and I went to a small college (Alma) and that's what we wanted for him.

"The fact that it's a liberal arts college that's close is even better. So he gets to live on campus still, but I told him at any point I could drop in

The Stewarts and Kittlesons live in Canton and were frequent spectators at Salem games during Tyler's career. They'll now keep attending, albeit needing to travel a few miles to the east.

Brodie said he has no doubts that Tyler Stewart will contribute pretty much from the get-go at Madonna, where he will

wear No. 24 (instead of his Salem No. 21).

'We're going to miss him a lot," Brodie noted. "His versatility is the big thing. He could play guard, he could go inside for us, play on the perim-

"He's definitely got the tools to play at the next level. I think this will be a good fit for him."

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For the Chiefs, Marina Milad was

"We knew we were deep and I

think today just showed some of that

depth," Plymouth head coach Ricky

Styes said. "The people who did well

we expected to do well, but we had a

lot of freshmen surprise us, which is

victorious in the 100 hurdles.

Canton draws first blood

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

The best is vet to come. vowed Canton varsity boys track and field coach Bob Richardson.

But Tuesday's 88-49 victory over Plymouth in the KLAA South Division opener for both squads showed that the present is pretty good, too.

"They're going to get better, that's the nice thing to think about," said Richardson, following the dual meet at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park junior varsity football stadium. "It was a good meet, but it's not going to be our best meet of the season, believe me."

The Chiefs really put the hammer down early, rolling up a 43-2 score after five field events.

Firsts were turned in by Jamal Dixon (long jump, high jump), Stephen Schacht (discus), Devante Watkins (shot put) and Mitch Nickert (pole vault)

"We also scored well in some of the other events, we won two sprint relays (400, 800)," Richardson said. "But it was, overall, a nice team effort and hopefully we can build on it and get ready for Churchill (April 17) because that will be another division meet."

New contributors

He said several of the team's newer members came up big, including long jumper Andrew Stephens, high jumper Akil Wade and thrower Schacht.

"Colby Morris probably had the meet of his career so far," Richardson said. "He took a second in the 100 meters, won the 200 and he was on the two first-place sprint relays.'

Shean Krolicki (first in the 300 hurdles) and Miles Felton (first in the 1,600 run) also chipped in.

According to Plymouth head coach Jon Mikosz, the outcome was dis appointing — especially because only the distance runners made an impact (scoring 29 of the team's 49 points).

"We just got to work on being a team better," Mikosz said. "Our distance guys are doing what they do and they've done it over the years.

"We just got to get the rest of the team to have the same mentality that they do and have the same hard drive that they do."

Mikosz added that the team as a whole has talent, "it's just a matter of getting them to realize it and take it seriously."

Senior Derek Gielarowski scored first-place points in the two-mile run (10:21) and with the 3,200and 1,600-meter relays. Tallying a pair of firsts

was senior sprinter William Askew II (100 dash, 11.0; 400 dash, 53.2) while Daniel Edgerton

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

(110 hurdles, 16.6) and Max Rogowski (800 run, 2:01.08) also won events.

Plymouth had two sprint relay teams disqualified for running out of order, to the dismay of Mikosz.

"I knew our field events aren't our strong point," he said. "But we knew we should have won at least one of those sprint relays."

DUAL MEET RESULTS CANTON 88 PLYMOUTH 49 April 3 at Plymouth

Shot put: 1. Devante Watkins (Canton), 38 feet, 7 inches; 2. Olaniyi Owagbemi (C), 37-0.5; 3. Stephen Schacht (C), 36-8.

Discus: 1. S. Schacht (C), 103-6; 2. Dev Karn Sandhu (C), 100-6; 3. Will Harrington (Plymouth), 96-0. High jump: 1. Jamal Dixon (C), 6-4; 2. Akil Wade

(C), 5-10; 3. Matt Schacht (C), 5-8. Long jump: 1. Dixon (C), 19-3; 2. Andrew Stephens (C), 18-0.5; 3. Alex Teasdale

(P), 17-5.5. Pole vault: 1. Mitch Nickert (C), 11-0; 2. Kyle Zander (C), 10-0; 3. James Hildreth

(C), 10-0. 110-meter hurdles: 1. Daniel Edgerton (P), 16.6 seconds; 2. Mitch Pepper (C), 16.9; 3. Hildreth (C), 18.8.

300 hurdles: 1. Shean Krolicki (C), 44.1; 2. Edgerton (P), 44.6; 3. Pepper (C),

100 dash: 1. William Askew II (P), 11.0; 2. Colby Morris (C), 11.2; 3. Kendall Scott (C), 11.3.

200: 1. Morris (C), 23.3; 2. Kevin Buford (C), 23.5; 3. Ryan Darish (C), 24.2. 400: 1. Askew (P), 53.2; 2.

Charlie Steslick (C), 53.5; 3. William Nicholson (C), 55.3. 800: 1. Max Rogowski (P), 2:01.8; 2. Miles Felton (C), 2:07.0; 3. Jonny Dalton (P), 2:08.2.

1,600: 1. Felton (C), 4:38.1; 2. Derek Gielarowski (P), 4:39.9; 3. Nick Eiben (P), 4:45.0.

3,200: 1. Gielarowski (P), 10:21.0; 2. Zane Berlanga (P), 10:35.2; 3. Eiben (P), 10:35.5.

400 relay: 1. Canton (Morris, Zach Smilo, Demetre Lopez, Scott), 45.0; 2. Plymouth, disqualified; 800 relay: 1. Canton (Morris, Anthony Tillman, Smilo, Scott), 1:34.7; 2. Plymouth, disqualified; 1,600 relay: 1. Plymouth (Gielarowski, Rogowski, J. Dalton, Evan Johnson), 3:37.5; 2. Canton (M. Schacht, Krolicki, Stephens, Nicholson), 3:45.2: 3,200 relay: 1. Plymouth (Gielarowski, B. Dalton, Rogowski, Eiben), 8:48.5; 2. Canton (Jackson Lytle, Evan Dunklee, Uchenna Ogbonna, Alexander Krul),

Dual meet records: Canton, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA South Division; Plymouth, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAA

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school record (and new mark for Becka Knox (long jump, 200, 400) good, because we have a lot of seniors on this team that have been trying to and Jada Woody (high jump, mile Plymouth-Canton Educational Park) with a mark of 11-feet; 2-inches in pull those girls pretty hard."

Numbers game pays off for 'Cats

Also reaching 10-feet in that event

events for the Wildcats were throw-

er Tionne Johnson (shot put, discus),

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was teammate Jane McCurry.

Winning multiple individual

the pole vault.

Kavulich back to spark Rocks

This year's Salem var-

team will be taken over

by interim coach Dave

DeSilvio in mid-April,

after head coach Dale

Maskill leaves on hia-

team has solid return-

ees, led by sophomore

distance runner Kayla

after recovering from

a knee injury suffered

Kavulich missed the

cross country season,

flight running every-

to two-mile run.

but she's already in top

thing from the 400 dash

She finished first in the

1,600- and 3,200-meter

last summer.

Kavulich - who is back

But DeSilvio said the

Plymouth's strong depth in all

areas of the roster showed itself

Tuesday as the Wildcats' girls track

and field team pounded Canton 108-

29 in the first dual meet of the sea-

One of the standouts was Reagan

Engstrom. She set a new Plymouth

TRACK & FIELD sity girls track and field **PREVIEW**

> runs Tuesday against Livonia Stevenson.

Other top returnees include senior captain Adrianna Beltran (400, 800); junior Dana Blankenship (throwing events), junior Nancy Krutty (pole vault, high jump, sprints) and sophomore Katie Binsfeld, who runs middle-distance events.

Salem is looking to continue last year's success. The Rocks went 4-1 in the KLAA Central Division to finish second.



JOHN KEMSKI

Salem sophomore Kayla Kavulich runs a distance event during Tuesday's KLAA Central Division dual meet against Livonja Stevenson. She won both the mile- and two-mile

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Monday, April 16 at 7 PM

Baptized Catholic, Deb Kinast "tried on" several faiths before becoming a devout Baptist, intent on attending the irst Why Be Catholic program to convince Steve Ray, a devout Baptist convert, how foolhardy his conversion to Catholicism had been.

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PLYMOUTH

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Rogers, Brandon Dalton and Josh Dennard are others back to help Plymouth improve upon last year's 1-4 record in the KLAA South Division.

Throwing the shot put and discus will be senior Will Harrington while junior Alex Teasdale will compete in the pole vault.

Promising freshmen include distance runner Jonny Dalton and

Nathan Harris (high jump, distance). "We have a small-

er team this year but a more focused team," Mikosz noted. "I think we will be able to compete for the division championship this season.

"I am looking forward to getting into dual meets to see how training translates into the meets."

The Wildcats lost 88-49 to Canton in Tuesday's KLAA season opener.

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Saturday is

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Whalers

forward

Stefan No-

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11).

scoring one of three

WHALERS

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Ottawa Senators prospect, said following the game. "So it's nice to get things going and get things going the way we know how to play."

Plymouth head coach and general manager Mike Vellucci said it took a while, but his team woke up in time to take over the series.

"We took them too lightly for sure, our players did and I kept trying to remind them that you can't take these games lightly," Vellucci said. "They (Storm) work hard. We didn't play the right kind of game, either. We were trying to make plays up the middle instead of using the boards.

"We were making plays at their blueline instead of putting it behind their

The recurring theme of the night began just 2:11 into the contest when Noesen scored a shorthanded goal.

Defenseman Austin Levi (Canton) cleared the puck out of the Whalers' zone and Noesen collected it, skated into the Guelph zone and ripped a shot high inside the left post past starting goalie Garret Sparks.

Trapper Scott

Guelph evened things up with 12:48 left in the frame when forward Francis Menard scored and the Storm nearly went up by a goal a minute later.

A cross-crease feed to Zack Mitchell was onetimed at the right post, but Plymouth goaltender Scott Wedgewood (31 saves) sprawled and flashed his glove to snag

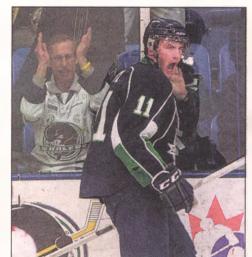
"It's huge on the 2-on-1, it (Wedgewood's save) was awesome," Vellucci said. "He's got to make those saves and he usual-

ly does." Just two minutes later, the Whalers tallied their second shorthanded goal when Noesen sent a pass right into the wheelhouse of linemate Rickard

Rakell on the right wing. Rakell (one goal, one assist) snapped it under the crossbar for a 2-1 Plymouth edge.

The Storm tied things up again on a goal by Kyle Pereira, on a screen shot that got past Wedgewood, but once again Plymouth responded.

With 6:08 left, Sparks gave up a juicy rebound on Rakell's routine shot from below the right circle that Noesen buried.



WHALERS CLINCH

The Plymouth Whalers defeated Guelph 2-1 in overtime Sunday night to win their OHL Western Conference firstround series four games to two.

Forward J.T. Miller tapped in a rebound at 5:58 of overtime to finish Plymouth's fourth straight win, which followed two series-opening losses.

Assisting on the series winner were defenseman Dario Trutmann and forward Stefan Noesen, with the latter tying for the OHL playoff scoring lead with 14 points. Also scoring for the Whalers was forward Tom Wilson (PCEP) who tipped in a blueline blast by defenseman Austin Levi (Canton) at 10:06 of the second period. With the Game 6 victory, the Whalers advanced to the second round. They will host Kitchener, with the first game set for 7 p.m. Friday at Compuware. Call (734) 453-8400

assists) also earned a helper on the tally.

for ticket information.

"I think one of the papers called us some dynamic duo, or something silly like that," said Noesen with a chuckle, about his red-hot play with Rakell. "It's just working. And we really know each other on the ice and that's a big thing in hockey."

Scoring surge

The Whalers struck for three more goals in the next four minutes to make it 6-2 and really blow the game open.

Forward Mitchell Heard (two goals) scored on the power play, with assists going to defenseman Dario Trutmann (three assists) and Noesen.

At 17:29, Noesen registered his third of the night

(he has 13 points through five games). Center Alex Aleardi (Farmington Hills) forced a turnover, then threaded a pass to Noesen just in front of the blue ice.

From a ridiculous angle, Noesen roofed the shot, signalling time for a Guelph goalie switch (to Brandon Foote).

Guelph scored on the power play to slice the lead to 6-3 with 8:12 to play in the second period. Mitchell tapped in a goal-mouth pass by Cody McNaughton.

But Plymouth forward Jamie Devane's shot from the short side eluded Foote with 5:08 to play to make it 7-3

The Whalers' third shorthanded marker came on a breakaway by center Andy Bathgate at

17:45. Bathgate stretched to poke the puck out of the Plymouth zone, and then saw a big opening in front of him. He raced down the ice, and slipped the puck through the goalie's five hole after a forehand/ backhand deke.

Finishing the scoring with about eight minutes to play in the third was Devane. It was Plymouth's fourth shorthanded goal.

Vellucci wasn't sure if that set a new team record, but he thought it might be close to one.

That's pretty wild, but I've seen wild things this whole series," Velluc-ci continued. "A couple of them were fluke plays, bounces.'

Although the game was a big one for Noesen and his team, he emphasized that there's a lot of work to be done if the Whalers are to get to the OHL finals and, hopefully, beyond.

"I mean, this is just one game and many to come," Noesen said. "To get to the finals it's like 20 more games or something like that. We're just going to go for the next one and go from there."

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Natalie Puckett gracefully and confidently skates during her gold-medal routine at the state individual competition.

Good as gold

Plymouth figure skater cut above competition in Traverse City

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

When Natalie Puckett steps out onto the ice ready to do a figure skating routine, life is golden.

Now it literally is golden. The Plymouth High School junior on March 25 won a Michigan High School Gold Medal as ice dance champion at the Traverse City-hosted state individual competition.

"Being on the ice is unlike any other feeling," Puckett said. "And it has almost become an addiction. Instead of becoming tired, skating energizes me and leaves me feeling on top of the world."

Puckett, also on the Plymouth girls track and field team, competed last weekend as an individual representing the Plymouth-Canton high school team. She won the gold medal for the Viennese Waltz ice dance, which



Plymouth junior Natalie Puckett is all smiles after winning a Michigan High School Gold Medal for ice dancing in Traverse City.

all other skaters competed in.

To be eligible, she passed over 23 test levels in ice dance.

According to the United States Figure Skating Association, less than 1 percent of its skaters pass the gold test among the "best of the best."

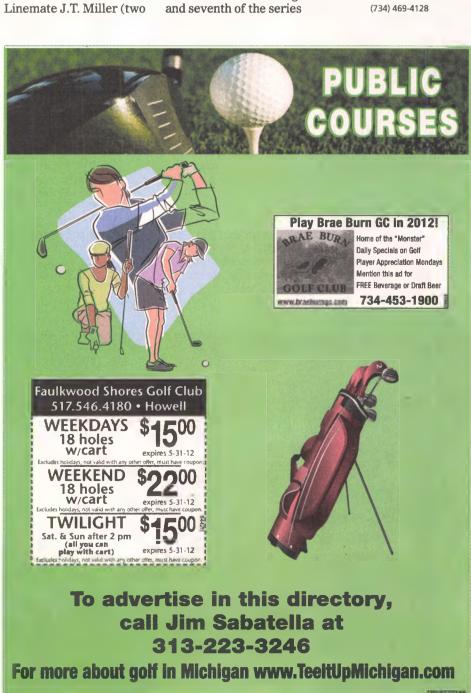
One reason for her success is her love of the

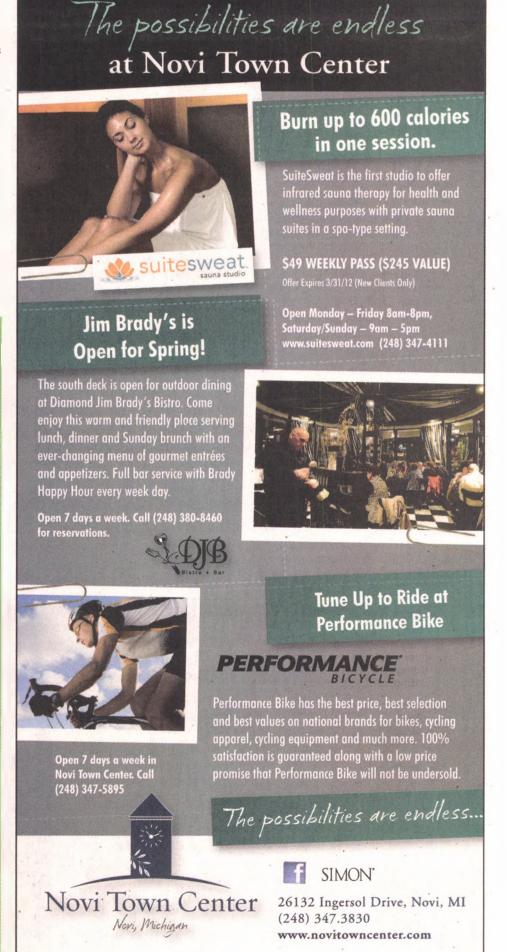
"Figure skating has been a passion my whole life, ever since I started at the age of 4," Puckett said. "I have had other accomplishments with figure skating and synchronized skating, but winning this award was truly an honor.

"I definitely see myself skating or coaching for the rest of my life, because it's a part of me that I will always make time for."

She trains out of Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township and is coached by Sheral Voelker.

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Ladywood sweeps tourney

Observer & Eccentric | Thursday, April 5, 2012

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Ladywood proved to be dominant team Saturday winning all three games handily in its own invitational tournament hosted by Madonna University.

The Blazers defeated Trenton (7-0), Riverview (7-0) and Madison Heights Lamphere (7-2) to improve to 5-0 overall on the season.

Lamphere (2-2) downed Riverview, 3-0, and Trenton, 2-1, to finish second overall, while third-place Trenton (3-2) defeated last place Riverview (1-4) for its only victory, 1-0.

Ladywood boasted four all-tournament picks led by senior midfielder Paige Brennan (six assists), senior forward Kelly Capoccia (four goals, four assists); junior forwards Domenique Sarnecky (four goals, two assists) and DeYana Walker (five goals, three assists).

The Blazers enjoyed wide shot margin totals over Trenton (17-1), Riverview (46-0) and Lamphere (17-6) en route to the title.

"We were extremely

sharp from the very first minute today," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "We were unselfish in our attack and did a fantastic job getting everyone involved. We're excited about the quality minutes we are getting from our bench."

Also getting into the scoring act for the Blazers was Emily Huddleston (two goals, two assists); Erin Cronyn (two goals, one assist); Abby Pelon (two goals); Brenna Wright (one goal); Shelby Walsh (one goal); Catherine Garber, Sara Even and Liz Danger (one assist each).

Whitney Bauriedl and Even shared time in goal for the Blazers as the pair combined on the two shutouts.

Other all-tourney picks included from Lamphere included junior defender Chelsea Thompson, junior midfielder Alexis Hilliard, junior midfielder Bri Smith and junior forward Kelsey Madigan.

Trenton's junior defender Megan Benoist and junior forward Natalie Reghetti also made the team along with senior goalkeeper Meaghan Bonadies of Riverview.

Jenna Urso scored her first goal of the year off a cross from DeYana Walker in the 23rd minute to give Livonia Ladywood (6-0, 2-0) a Catholic League Central Division win at Farmington Hills Mercy (1-2,

Ladywood goalkeeper Sara Even made two saves to post her second shutout of the year, while Monica Mackie had five stops for the Marlins.

"This was a huge league win for us on the road against a good Mercy team," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "Mercy is as good defensively as any team we will see this season. I thought the field conditions made it tough for us to connect passes and do the things we are accustomed to doing. I was very pleased with the play of our two centerbacks Lauren Wandzel and Catherine Garber."

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 5. HARPER WOODS 0: Senior Taylor Wiemer, along with freshmen Allie Lange and Sabrina Morrison, each tallied a goal and assist Monday as Lutheran High Westland (1-0-1) blanked the Pioneers (0-2) in a non-conference match. Junior Angela Morrison and freshman Michelle Greening rounded out the goal scorers for the Warriors, who led 3-0 at halftime.

Angela Morrison (first half) and freshman Sadie Schlitz (second half) combined for the shutout in goal.

"The team showed improvement from the last game, Lutheran Westland coach Sara Schafer said.



varsity girls tennis team is shown after winning Saturday's quad meet at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The Salem

Rocks win Salem Quad

Home cooking proved quite tasty for Salem's varsity girls tennis team, finishing first at Satur-

day's Salem Quad meet. The Rocks and Plymouth were deadlocked with one match left to play at No. 3 doubles and Salem prevailed in a third set tiebreaker to capture the match and tournament.

Salem tallied 19 points, followed by Plymouth (18), Hartland (12) and Canton (11).

For Salem, earning wins were Morgan Spencer (No. 1 singles, 2-1), Ashley Walker (No. 2 singles, 3-0), Sushmi Diraviam (No. 3 singles, 3-0), Sarah Bellaire-Kathy Kemp (No. 2 doubles, 3-0), Meghan Barry-Monica Topolovec (No. 3 doubles,

GIRLS TENNIS

3-0) and Kaaia Gavlas-Tiffany Chan (No. 6 doubles, 2-1).

Gold medals were first place were won by Salem at No. 2-3 singles and No. 2-3 doubles:

> DUAL MATCH RESULTS LIVONIA CHURCHILL 5 **PLYMOUTH 4 April 2 at Plymouth**

No. 1 singles: Nicole Kruse (LC) defeated Lindsay Stemberger, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Quincy Banini (LC) def. Keerthi Chekuri. 6-0. 6-1; No. 3: Rylie Fallu (LC) def. Krithi Duraiswamy, 6-4, 6-2; No. 4: Mara Karageozian (LC) def. Sarah Gamble, 6-3, 7-5. No. 1 doubles: Krisi Fata-

Rujuta Patil (LC) def. Erin MacKenzie-Marlowe Susselman, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2; No. 2: Lauren Chipman-Sarah Dillon (P) def Sneha Patil-Becky Snyder, 6-1, 6-4; No. 3: Carly Curvin-Lindsey

Dean (P) def. Claire Rose-Erin Strayhorn, 6-4, 6-2; No. 4: Ellie Anderson-Callie Kiethler (P) def. Allison Hill-Kelly Snyder, 6-1, 6-3; No. 5: Nisha Gopal-Nisha Patel (P) def. Maggie Trinka-Lexi Fata,

CANTON 9 WAYNE MEMORIAL 0 April 2 at Wayne

No. 1 singles: Janani Shan-muga (C) defeated Stephanie Tomlin, 7-6 (8-6), 6-1; No. 2: Hanna Ferree (C) def. Lil Reid, 6-4, 6-0; No. 3: Hayley Cook (C) def. Janae' Strickland, 6-3, 6-0; No. 4: Maddison Johnson (C) def. Destiny Bullock, 6-3, 6-1. No. 1 doubles: Sydney Liedel-Erin Fowler (C) def. Angelia Baker-Kaise Macairan, 6-2, 6-1; No. 2: Claire Babala-Jennifer Ghandour (C) def. Sarah Shurge-Jennifer Tyson, 6-3, 6-0; No. 3: Kristen Hollingsworth-Emily Erley (C) def. Kara Burton-Michelle Hunt, 6-0 6-0; No. 4: Jamie Emens-Kinari Shah (C) def. Breanna Pate-Rosebelle Silvera, 6-0, 6-0; No. 5: Jasmine Henry-Alexis Madau (C) def. Sarah Marshall-Korinn Pintar, 6-2, 6-0.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Tin Cup time

The inaugural "Train with Tami Tin Cup" is planned for Saturday, April 28 at Hickory Creek Golf Club. Formerly known as the Tin Cup since its debut in 1999, the 2012 tournament is scheduled for an 8 a.m. shotgun start.

PGA pro Tami Bealert, working out of Hickory Creek GC, has agreed to sponsor the Tin Cup starting in 2012 - thus the name change. The tournament is an 18-hole, stroke-play, net-score event for Mulligan Tour members that have a handicap established.

Guests are welcomed and are encouraged to register to play in the tournament in the same way as tour members. They can mail in the entry fee or use the PayPal option on the tour's website (www.themulligantour.com), where they can also learn about the tour's origins and purpose. The entry fee is \$45 and includes a cart. The deadline to sign up is April 19.

Also in the works is a pre-tournament party at the Greenside Tavern (the restaurant inside Hickory Creek) on Friday,

Hickory Creek Golf Club is located just west of Canton at 3625 Napier Road in Superior Township. Call (734) 731-0238 for more information.

Hole in ones

Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth already is announcing that several hole-in-ones have been registered. The first came on March 16, when

Reggie Mock of Bloomfield aced the 198yard No. 12 hole at the Golden course. Mock, 46, used a 5-iron and Titleist and went on to score 81 for the round.

 On March 21, Livonia's Bob Johnson used a 7-iron and Nike golf ball to shoot a hole-in-one on the 114-yard No. 14 hole, also at the Golden course.

Johnson, 74, shot a 97 for the round.

Canton football camps

Football players of all ages have something they can benefit from thanks to a trio of camps being run in mid-late June by the Canton High School football program. All of the camps will take place at the varsity turf stadium at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. All participants will receive Chiefs football Tshirts.

• Kicking it off from June 11-14 is the "Football Skills Camp," for youngsters entering grades seven-nine. Prospective participants must pre-register by May 21 (\$45), although latecomers to sign up will owe \$55.

Sessions will run from 5-7:30 p.m. and focus on improving fundamentals while learning the Chiefs' football philosophy.

• Next up, June 18-21, is the "Wing T/3-4 Camp" for those going into grades 10-

Times are 2-5 p.m. June 18 and 5-8 p.m. June 19-21 with registration fees \$25 (if pre-registered by May 21) and \$30 (for

On the agenda will be become a "tough and agile back or an efficient passing and throwing quarterback."

• Wrapping things off June 25-28 is the "Fundamental Football Camp," for kids entering grades three-six. Times are 9 a.m. to noon all four days. Fees to sign up are \$75 (if signed up by June 1) and \$100 for those who register after that date.

Campers will learn about blocking, running, throwing and catching on offense and "proper footwork and techniques" on defense.

For more information, e-mail Enza Lanava of the Canton Chiefs Booster llub at elanava@wowwav.com or cal her at (313) 300-1173. All checks must be made payable to the Canton Chiefs Football Boosters Club.

Play GCYBSA ball

Registrations are now under way for the Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association's baseball and softball programs.

The GCYBSA offers progressively developmental recreational baseball and softball programs for players age 4-18 from Plymouth and Canton. GCYBSA is also is home to a Competitive League and travel programs (Boys Cardinals, Girls Pride Fast Pitch).

For more information, go to www.gcybsa.com or contact Coralee Ott at (734), 394-5358, via e-mail at cott@canton-

YMCA spring leagues

The Plymouth Family YMCA is accepting registrations for spring co-ed soccer and girls volleyball leagues.

Both leagues run from April 16 through June 9. There will be one practice and one game each week. The cost is \$84 for program members or \$115 for community members. The registration deadline is March 30.

If interested in participating or coaching your child's team, call the YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or visit www.ymcadetroit.

PCA ready to make noise

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

Several key players from last year's 18-6 team are back for Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity baseball team.

And that qualifies as good news for head coach Joe Bottorff, who would like to see the 2012 Eagles build on last season's runnerup in the Michigan Independent Athletics Conference Blue Divi-

It means Bottorff, whose squad starts the '12 season this week, can again throw their top pitcher (senior Daniel Slater) and feature a lineup with 2011 hits leader Daniel Jipping, among other returnees

Slater, a tri-captain, not only got it done on the mound (5-1, 3.75, 62 strikeouts in 52 innings), he batted .440 with 12 doubles and two homers

One of the other tri-captains is sophomore Jipping, who will bat in the cleanup spot. When he isn't playing shortstop, he will spend time behind the plate and on the bump.

"He's been putting on quite a display of power in practice, even with the new (BBCOR aluminum) bats," the coach

PCA's third captain is junior catcher and third baseman Matt Read, slated to bat fifth.

"Matt has improved each year and is much more aggressive at the plate this season," Bottorff noted.

Versatility abounds

Helping set the table at the lead-off spot will be sophomore John Lauch,

whose versatility will see him play infield, outfield and be the team's No. 2 pitcher.

baseman Michael Slater. He also can pitch and play third if needed. Sophomore Ben Cockrum and junior

In the 2-hole will be freshman first

Trevor Gogola will play second base and outfield, respectively. Anchoring the outfield will be senior

Jon Beauchemin, slated for centerfield. "This is only Jon's second year playing baseball, but he really has a feel for

center," Bottorff said. "At the plate, I expect a lot of improvement with signif icantly more playing time." Rounding out the team are juniors

Brandon Marker, Reuben Galang, sophomore Josh Fitzpatrick and freshmen Torre Crown, Tanner Hay, Jordan Talbott and Lucas Albrecht. Two seniors who Bottorff might not

have this season due to injuries are 6-7 first baseman Eric Jipping and outfielder Dillon Rahill.

"With such a young team, it would be nice to have their leadership," Bottorff

After visiting Oakland Christian Tuesday, PCA opens the home season 4:30 p.m. Thursday against Lutheran High South.

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BASEBALL

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when not pitching. "Brent has been showing he will be able to contribute on the mound and offensively this season as he continues to improve," Blomshield said.

Other players include junior Bill Adams (first base), Andrew Stafford (second), sophomore Jake Boucher (utility) and junior Riley Regner (infield).

Although the Chiefs will be young, with five sophomores candidates to be in the starting lineup, strong pitching and team

speed will hopefully help

during any transition. Canton opens the regular season with a doubleheader Saturday at Dexter (11 a.m.) followed by

Tuesday against Orchard Lake St. Mary's. tsmith@hometownlife.com

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a home twinbill 3:30 p.m.



RELIGION CALENDAR

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April

AUCTION

Time/Date: 6-10 p.m. Saturday, April 21

Location: St. Mary Parish Activity Center and School, 34516 Michigan Avenue,

Details: St. Mary 1st Annual Auction A Night on the Town will include a silent auction, live auction and more. All proceeds benefit the St. Mary Parish and School. Tickets are \$25 and include a strolling buffet, dessert and two beverages. Pre-registration is a must Contact: auction@stmary-

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BLOOD DRIVE

Time/Date: 1-7 p.m. Friday, April 20

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland

Details: Walk-ins are welcome

Contact: (734) 722-1735

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, April 14 Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: All you can eat pancakes and French toast, ham, sausage, applesauce, scrambled eggs, coffee, tea, juice and milk. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, 2-10. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club

Contact: (734) 425-4421

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 11 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 28 Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy Road, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton **Details:** Free clothing to anvone in need

Contact: (734) 404-2480 or (734) 927-6686

EASTER SERVICE Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday,

Location: Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman,

Details: "The Thorn Easter Experience" worship service features realistic videos of the Easter story, live drama and inspiring music

Contact: 248) 476-8222;

www.kenwoodchurch.org

EASTER SERVICE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 6 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday,

Location: New Life Church, . 33111 Ford Road, Garden City Details: Worship, communion and the "Silent Praise" sign team on Friday; worship,

music and "Silent Praise" sign team on Sunday Contact: (734) 326-7000;

www.newlifegardencity.org **EGG HUNT**

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 7

Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Mer-

riman, Livonia

Details: Includes the Easter story, crafts and an egg hunt, with prizes and treats. Youngsters should bring a basket to collect their eggs. The church encourages parents to join in on the fun with their children

Contact: pastor Roger at (313) 682-7491 **EGGSTRAVAGANZA**

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 7

Location: First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty,

north of Eight Mile, east of Haggerty, Northville **Details:** Youngsters in age groups 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, and 9-11, will hunt for more than 12,000 eggs at this Easter event. Ben Spitzer will enter-

tain and the Easter Bunny will be on hand to pose for photos. Includes games, prizes and gifts for anyone who brings a friend, hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks. Bring your own Easter basket. Pre-registration is required at www.dfcnazarene.org. Registration closes after 600 children have signed up or on April 4, whichever comes first

Contact: (248) 348-7600 **GRIEF SUPPORT**

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, beginning April

Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: "From Grief to New Hope," is a free, eight-week workshop open to the community. Talk about one aspect of grief followed by small-group participation led by trained facilitators. You will be placed in a group with others who have had similar losses. For registration infor-

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ALLEN, DONALD C.

Age 89 of Livonia. Beloved husband of Doris. Loving father of Sharon L. (Kenneth) Snodgrass, Patrick R. (Lynne) Allen, Rebecca M. (David) Blossom, Dr. Sybil A. Allen, Jennifer Jo Allen, Jeffrey J. (Kim) Allen, and Sara K. (John) Grivas. Dear grandfather of 13, great grandfather of 4. Donald leaves behind many other friends and family. A Memorial Visitation will be held Monday April 9th at Fred Wood Funeral Home Rice Chapel, 36100 5 Mile Rd (E. of Levan) Livonia. 1pm to 3pm with the funeral service at 3pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Angela Hospice, or the Humane Society of Huron Valley. Please share your memories at



LEWIS,

CHELLA ABBOT Age 86, March 30, 2012. Loving mother of Diane (Dan) Costlow, Don (Pam), John, Mary (Steven) Kaercher, Mark and Jane (Bruce) Riddle. Dear sister of James (her twin) and Jessie Abbot. Also survived by 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Chella is Retired from the Detroit Public Schools and the City of Livonia. A Funeral Service for Chella was held Monday, April 2 at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home in Livonia. Memorial contributions be directed International or the Alzheimers Assoc. Please share a memory of Chella at: www.rggrharris.com

MURRAY,

SHIRLEY MYNATT Age 85, April 3, 2012. Lifelong resident of Farmington. Beloved wife of the late Orbie Mynatt and the late Robert Murray. Loving mother of Sue (Francis) Zelinko and Bill (Donna) Mynatt. Cherished grandmother of Brian (Carol) Mynatt, Jeff (Stacy) Mynatt, Jennifer Zelinko and the late Aaron Zelinko. Great-grand-mother of Natalie Mae Mynatt. Dear sister of Frank (Marie) Barber and the late Tom (Helen) Barber. Also survived by many special nieces and nephews as well as good friends. She was dearly loved by her family and friends. Funeral service Saturday a.m. at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Visitation Friday 2-8 p.m. at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.) Downtown Farmington. Memoria

contributions may be made to

Michigan Leukemia Foundation.



McLONE,

ROSEMARY (MILLER) Passed away March 30, 2012.

Rosemary was born November 8, 1922 in Farmersburg, Indiana and was raised in Flint. She married Joseph McLone in 1939 and began what was to become a large family. They and their seven children moved to Grand Blanc in 1955. From the 1940's through the 50's, she was a telemarketer. In the late 50's and early 60's she was in sales for the Musical Tent. The highlight of her career was escorting movie star, John Ireland and Broadway and television star, Molly Goldberg on touring trips of Flint and GM facilities. She later worked outside the home selling furniture for Ross and Manny's People Furniture stores. She was named a "First Lady in Business" in the Flint area in 1975 and became the first female furniture store manager for People's. She managed the Clarkston store until she retired and moved to Florida in 1979. She returned to Michigan in 1998 and most recently resided in Plymouth. If there is one word to describe her, it is "determined". A trait that led to her personal success and longevity and one which she has passed on to her children. Surviving are 6 daughters and 1 son: Rosemary Wilson, Ann Arbor; Marcia (Joe) Sayles, Plymouth; Dr. Joanne Price, Fenton; Susan McLone, Arcadia, Ca; Joseph McLone, Ottawa Lake; Margaret McLone, Grand Blanc; and Catherine Amorose, Davison; fifteen grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Joseph on April 16, 1999. Funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, 2012 at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 1227 E. Bristol Road, Burton, Rev. Fr. Steve Anderson officiating. Mrs. McLone will lie in state at the church at 1 p.m. Interment at New Calvary Catholic Cemetery. The family will also receive friends Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Hill Funeral Home, 11723 S.

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

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Service will be held 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

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the family at www.hillfh.com

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OLDAKER, **ELIZABETH (BETTY)**

Age 86, beloved wife of the late Floyd Oldaker. Loving mother of Roseann (Jim) Ludwig, Gary (Maryanne) Smink and the late Keith William Smink. Dear grandmother of 3. Great grandmother of 5. She had 4 brothers and is survived by many nieces and nephews. Memorial service Thursday April 5th at 11:00 am at St. Raphael Catholic Church 31530 Beechwood, Garden City 48135. Family suggests donations be made to the church or to the American Heart Association.



PASCOE, DEBRA ANN Age 54 of Canton, MI. April 1, 2012. Loving wife of Thomas E Dearest mother of Thomas L. Dear sister of Mary Carlson, Ella Fuhrman, Donna Borg, Tammy Lang and the late Lowenstein. Survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and in-laws. Visitation Wednesday 2-8 pm, and Thursday from 12 noon to 4:00 pm. Funeral Services Thursday 4:00 pm at R. J. Nixon Funeral Home 2544 Biddle Ave. Wyandotte (734) 284-1600.

Online obituary at www.nixonfuneralhome.com



TUPAJ,

LOTTIE Age 88. Beloved Wife of the late Stanley. Dear Mother to Tom of Colorado, Patricia Robak, Laurie (Kerry) Banka, Gary (Teresa) of Virginia, and Carol (Jim) Sheehan. Much loved grandma of 7. Dearest Sister of Walter Macek and the late Helen Roland and Sophie Gacek. Famously known for her "Lottie Tupaj Cakes" with her secret buttercream frosting. Visitation will be held at Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel 36100 5 Mile Rd. Livonia (E. of Levan) Friday 3-9pm with 7pm Rosary. Funeral Service Saturday at St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Rd. Livonia.

In-State 9:30am Service 10:00am. Please visit online guestbook fredwoodfuneralhome.com

WARD, (NEE: WHITE) HELEN BLANCHE

Of Farmington Hills and formery of Livonia & Novi. Cherished Wife of the late Robert G. for over 65 years. Loving Mother of Thomas (Frances FitzGerald) of Farmington Hills, Bill of Laurium, MI, Nancy Mininger of Christoval, TX and Betty (Ron) Rainville of Westborough, MA. Proud Grandma of Wesley, Keely, Andrew, Scott, Ward and Yulia, and Great-Grandma of Clinton and Trevor. Also survived by many other loving family and friends. Helen was preceded in death by her parents Thomas and Dorothy White and her brother Jack White. Helen will be laid to rest at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI. with her husband Robert. Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army and/or The Gleaners Food Bank. The family would like to extend their special thanks to the staff of St. John's Hospital and Hospice and the great many family and friends for their kindness, care and concern. A Celebration of Helen's Life will be held at a later date. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel Livonia, MI.





WELDON, PAULA

March 30, 2012. Loving wife of Winfred. Mother of Michael (Kate) Rogula and Michelle (Mark) Waranoski and Win's children, Stephen Weldon, Gregory (Anita) Weldon, Thomas J. Weldon, Mark (Jill) Weldon, Victoria Weldon and Lisa (Dave) Mobus. Also survived by 8 grand children and 3 great grandchildren. Funeral Mass was held at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 16101 Rotunda Dr. Monday, April 2nd at 11:00 am. Visitation was Sunday at the Dearborn Chapel of the Howe-Peterson Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Oakwood Center for Exceptional Families or Charity of your choice. www.howepeterson.com

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ENTERTAINMENT

Ready, set, go!

Youngsters scramble for eggs at local hunts

By Sharon Dargay O&E Staff Writer

Nine hundred bags of candy, thousands of eggs and the Easter Bunny await youngsters Saturday, April 7 at Rotary Park in Livonia.

The annual egg hunt, sponsored by Livonia Rotary Club, Livonia Parks and Recreation and Busch's Fresh Food Market in Livonia, will start at noon, with registration from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the park, located at Six Mile and Hubbard. The Easter Bunny will be on hand to greet youngsters and pose for photos.

"The kids get so excited and antsy," said Amy Walker, recreation supervisor. "The hunt itself doesn't take that long. Once you say 'go' it isn't long. But it's fair. Everyone gets the same bag of candy at the end."

Last year, organizers counted more than 500 registrations but figured at least 800 egg-hunters actually showed up for the free event, which is aimed at children, age 10 and under.

Rotary Club members gather a week before the hunt to bag candies and pitch in on site with crowd control and egg distribution. Busch's Fresh Food donates hot chocolate and doughtnuts.

"Every egg hunt is different, but the way we run ours is that we use the same eggs every year. We separate the kids by age divisions," Walker said. "We flag off sections (by age) and put the eggs out. It's a time-sensitive way



of doing things but it seems to work."

Children trade in their collected eggs for candy.

"If you promise a reward at the end, kids will pick up anything," Walker said, adding that participants manage to find and retrieve all scattered eggs every year.

Here's a sampling of other local hunts:

• Egg-hunters will meet both Smokey Bear and the Easter Bunny Saturday, April 7 at Maybury State Park in Northville. The action starts at 11 a.m. on the soccer field at the park, 20145 Beck. Friends of Maybury State Park and the Department of Natural Resources co-sponsor the free event, which

will include games and

other activities in the Concession Building. Admission to the park is a \$10 annual recreation pass, which can be purchased at the park; (248) 349-8390

• Collect eggs and see Farmer Brown and The Barnyard Express animal show at "The Great Egg Hunt," Saturday, April 7 at Maple Beach in Kensington Metropark, off I-96 near Milford. Animal shows start at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. with egg hunting at 11 a.m. The Easter Bunny will be on hand to pose for photos, too. Bring your own camera and arrive early. Cost is \$3 per child, payable at the event. Admission to the park is \$5 or \$25 for an annual permit; (248)

• If you prefer marshmallows to eggs, head to Nankin Mills in Westland. The annual Marshmallow Drop starts at 11 a.m. Friday, April 6 when a helicopter distributes more than 20,000 marshmallows over the park, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail. Kids trade their finds for a prize; (734) 261-1990

 Don't forget to bring used eyeglasses, hearing aids and cell phones to the annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 7 at Plymouth Township Park, located at Ann Arbor Trail and McClumpha. The Plymouth Lions Club sponsors the event and will have collection boxes on hand. Monetary donations will be accepted, too. Youngsters will bring their own baskets to search for thousands of candyfilled eggs. The Easter Bunny will be on hand and hunting will be conducted by age group.

• Redford Township is still registering youngsters for its annual Bunny Brunch that will include refreshments, crafts and the Easter Bunny. The emphasis will be on spring at the event, which runs 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 14 at the Redford Community Center. Tickets are \$6 per person free for age 2 and under and must be purchased before the event. They're available at the Leisure Services Department inside the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway. The Redford Jaycees egg hunt starts after the brunch in nearby Handy Park. The annual event is free and open to all.

Art

CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, through April 13 Location: In the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Unique, edgy paper dress creations made of entirely recycled materials by artist Matt Richmond. Richmond's materials vary from plastic Kroger bags to Target holiday wrapping paper. The exhibit also features a wide array of fashion images by various photographers, starring Richmond's designs

Contact: (248) 473-1856
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Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays **Location:** 5200 Woodward, Detroit

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

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

FARMINGTON ART FOUNDA-TION

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 19-20 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, April 21; opening reception, 6 p.m. Thursday, April 19

GET OUT!

Location: William M. Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Spring exhibit and sale;

free admission Contact: (248) 473-1800

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE Time/Date: April 6-21

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville **Details:** All-media, juried show from the Ann Arbor Women Artists kicks off with an artist reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 6

Contact: (248) 344-0497 or e-mail to arthouseoffice@northvillearts. org

STARRING "THE GALLERY"

Time/Date: Artist recention 6-9

Time/Date: Artist reception, 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 6; exhibit runs

through April

685-1561

Location: 118 W. Main St. in Northville

Details: "Titanic: A Century To Remember" features photos by Philip Dattilo of Plymouth. The photographs depict scenes related to R.M.S. Titanic's inception, construction and the epilogue of its short life

Contact: (248) 347-1642; www. starringthegallery.com

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday, through May 20 **Location:** University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 S. State, Ann Arbor

Details: "Fluxus and the Essential

Questions of Life," includes more than 100 works by major artists, such as Yoko Ono, Nam June Paik and George Maciunas; admission is free

Contact: (734) 764-0395

Benefit

C.S. MOTT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, April 6 **Location:** Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor

Details: J. Cole, 2012 Grammynominee for Best New Artist performs a high-energy hip hop show to benefit C.S. Mott

Please see GET OUT!, B7





Women's show brings fashion, food, crafts to Novi

Five dresses from Princess Diana's wardrobe will be on display during the Michigan International Women's Show, Thursday-Sunday, May 3-6 at Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., in Novi.

"Showgoers will see a replica of Princess Diana's wedding gown as they enter the show and the gown she wore dancing with John Travolta at a White House state dinner in the exhibit," stated Beth Anderson, executive show manager of Southern Shows. "The display has photographs and video covering a retrospective of her life as princess, mother, fashion icon and humanitarian."

Guests will get a chance to meet Maureen Dunkel who purchased the five authentic gowns before Princess Di's death.

Other activities at the show will include:

• A craft area designed for beginners to experienced crafters with more than 50 exhibits, maken-take demonstrations, craft and hobby indus-



Dresses worn by Princess Di will be on display next month at the Michigan International Women's Show in Novi.

try experts, door prizes and workshops covering

sewing, knitting, beading, needlework, scrap-

booking, paper crafts, home decor and other hobbies. Expert crafters teaching new techniques will include wire crafter Julianna Hudgins; The Crafty Chica Kathy Cano-Murillo; Pattiewack Pattie Wilkinson; Super Simple Crafts Terri Oullette; and Cool2Craft Network founder Tiffany Windsor.

• Women will learn to balance it all at the "Balance Your Life" pavilion exhibits and Balance Your Life Stage educational workshops. They'll feature such topics as wellness, fashion, skincare, leisure, cancer research and more. Kristy Villa, host of *The Balancing Act* on Lifetime Television will be on hand.

• Author of Eat Cheap but Eat Well, celebrity chef and actor Charles Mattocks will explain how to shop for and prepare healthy and delicious meals without breaking the bank. Cookbook author Lisa Shively will share quick cooking techniques and classic favorite recipes from her southern cooking and children cookbooks prepared with normal ingredients and simple directions. Henry Ford West Bloomfield hospital's chefs will demonstrate gourmet nutritious food recipes designed to help with diabetes, cancer and menopause.

• Ice cream sampling and makeovers will be available at the Kroger Experience exhibit along with free health screenings for blood pressure and glucose.

 Josh Elledge of SavingsAngel.com will teach how to cut a grocery bill in half.

 Macy's beauty experts will offer Spring makeup trends and helpful cosmetic tips.

 Author, relationship therapist and professor Terri Orbuch, "The Love Doctor," will present "Finding Love Again" with six simple steps to a new and happy relationship.

• The Novi Fire Department's charity fashion show will heat up the runway Friday and Saturday

with firefighters modeling their dress blues and bunker gear. The American Heart Association will display The Red Dress Tour and present the "Go Red For Women" fashion show featuring local survivors. Additional fashion shows include swimwear designer Carol Wior "Swimsuits Slim Secrets" with tips to enhance and maximize any woman's figure and tricks to hide flaws and new spring style collections. Salvation Army Thrift Stores and Donation Centers will have a bargain boutique featuring collectibles and fashion wear for sale.

The 17th annual Michigan International Women's Show will run 10 a.m.-8 p.m. May 3, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. May 4, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. May 5 and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. May 6. Admission is \$10; youth 6 – 12 pay \$5 and children 5 and under are admitted free with a paying adult. Advance tickets are \$9 online; www.InternationalWomenShow.com or call (800) 849-0248.

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Children's Hospital. Tickets

are \$25-\$50 **Contact:** (734) 763-8587; www.michiganmusicmat-

ters.com/tix
VISTA MARIA

Time/Date: 7-11 p.m. Friday, April 6

Location: BlackFinn, 530 S. Main, in downtown Royal

Details: "A Night for Women Empowerment," will benefit Vista Maria. A minimum \$10 per person donation includes music by DJ Rob Spencer, emcee Sean Willey, a photo booth from Shutterbooth, raffles

and \$4 drinks Contact: (248) 582-9460

Comedy

GO COMEDY!

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays through Sundays

Location: 261 E. Nine Mile,

Ferndale

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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

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Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays
Location: 36071 Plymouth
Road, Livonia

Details: JR Brow, through April 7; Mike Smith, April 11-14; Saints N' Sinners, April 18-21; Michael Kosta, April 25-28

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

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: Jay Black, April 5-7; Craig Shoemaker, April 12-14; Paul Mercurio, April 19-21; John Caparulo, April 26-28

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 9 p.m. Friday, April 13

Location: Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser, Detroit Details: Kevin Smith and Jason Mewes, popular for their roles as Jay and Silent Bob in "Clerks," "Mallrats," "Dogma," "Jay and Silent

Bob Strike Back," and "Clerks 2," will perform live, recording their comedy podcast "Jay and Silent Bob Get Old." Presented by The Crofoot, tickets are \$45, \$25, and \$20

Contact: www.thecrofood. com or www.redfordtheatre.com

Dance

CONTRA DANCE

Time/Date: Beginner instruction at 12:30 p.m.; dance starts at 1 p.m., Sunday, April 22

Location: American Legion Hall, 31775 Grand River Ave., Farmington

Details: Farmington Contra Dance; cost is \$10, \$5 for students, with all proceeds benefitting a charity Contact: American Legion at (248) 478-9174

MOON DUSTERS

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

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LANCE LUCE AND COLLEEN MUENCH

On stage and screen

Alexa Roberts (Royal Oak), Kristen Zublick (Royal Oak) and Randi Hamilton (Ferndale) are three Irish lasses named 'Kate,' waving their tickets before boarding the ship in the Stagecrafter's production of "Titanic - The Musical," April 13-May 6 at the Baldwin Theatre, located on Washington, south of Fourth in downtown Royal Oak. Tickets are \$18 and \$20, available by calling (248) 541-6430 or visiting www.stagecrafters.com. The 3-D movie version of "Titanic," the 1997 James Cameron film, sailed into theaters on Wednesday, April 4. See it at the AMC Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty, Livonia; Emagine Canton, 39535 Ford Road, Canton, the Emagine Entertainment Novi, 44424 W. 12 Mile, Novi; and MJR Westland Grand Cinema 16, 6800 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Wine tasting, jazz set for art event

The Farmington Art Foundation will offer more than 200 pieces of art for sale during "Art After Dark," the annual wine, jazz and art event, 7-10 p.m. Friday, April 20, at the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills.

Bella Vino Fine Wine and Spirits will present the wine tasting that will feature a variety of the store's finest wines, along with a chance to learn about each wine from the experts. A prize raffle will be held for those who order wine that evening and an array of foods from a variety of area restau-

rants will top off the evening.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Buy them online at https://recreg.fhgov.com or by phone at (248) 473-1848. Tickets also are available at the Costick Center or at the Greater Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce, 33425 Grand River Ave., Suite 101, Farmington.

Dress is your choice, from casual to dressy. The event is for age 21 and older. For more information on "Art After Dark" and other upcoming events, call the Cultural Arts Division at (248) 473-1856.

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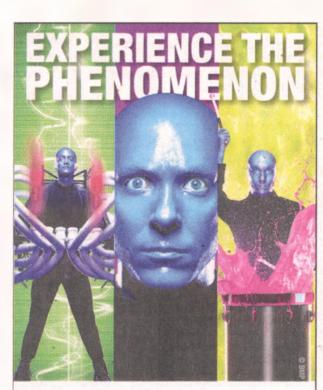
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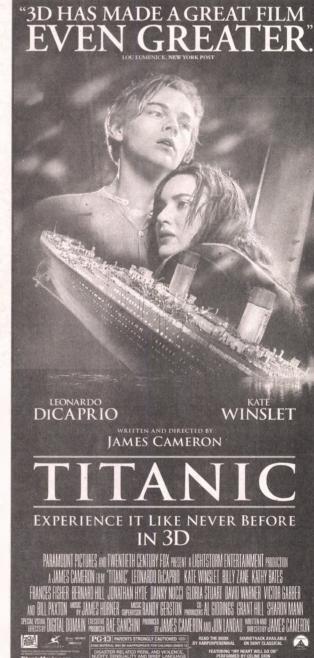




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Location: Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia Details: Singles and couples; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon **Dusters** members

Contact: Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197

POLKA BOOSTERS

Time/Date: Doors open at 1 p.m.: dancing from 2-6 p.m. Sunday, April 22

Location: Msgr. Hunt K of C Hall, 7080 Garling, Dearborn Heights

Details: Admission is \$15 and includes beer, wine and pop. Food will be available for purchase. Music by Squeezebox Band with Mollie and Ted Lange and Bobbie Earl

Contact: Terry at (734) 422-1901or Joanna at (313) 561-8389

Film

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 6-7; and "The Artist," 7 p.m. and 9:10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 13-14 and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, April

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "Joyful Noise," \$3 Coming up: "The Artist," 7 p.m. and 9:10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 13-14 and 4:30 and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 15; "One For the Money," 7 p.m. Friday, April 20, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, April 21, and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 22; "Secret World of Arrietty," 7 p.m. Friday, April 27; 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 28-29; "Albert Nobbs," 7 p.m. and 9:10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 4-5 and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 6; "Safe House," 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 11-12 and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 13

Thursday classics: "Pride of the Yankees," April 5; "Field of Dreams," April 12; "Bull Durham," April 19; and "For the Love of the Game," April 26. Box office opens at 6:30 p.m., with screenings at 7 p.m. All seats \$3

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

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, April 21

Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit

Details: Mary Pickford in "Suds," a silent film accompanied live by Dave Calendine," tickets \$12 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under

Coming up: James Cagney double feature includes "The Public Enemy" and Angels with Dirty Faces," 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 28; tickets \$5 Contact: (313) 537-2560

Museums

CHARLES H. WRIGHT

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

Details: Regular museum admission is \$8 for adults, 13-61; and \$5 for youth, 3-12, and seniors, 62 and over. Members and children 2 and under are admitted free.

Exhibits: "Mixing Metaphors: The Aesthetic, Social and Political in African American Art includes more than 90 works by 36 artists, through June 3; "Moving to His Own Beat - Fela: The Man, the Movement, the Music," celebrates the life and music of Fela Anikulapo-Kuti, through June 17; "The Chris Webber Collection: Exceptional People During Extraordinary Times, 1755-Present," includes rare artifacts collected by Detroit native Chris Webber, through September; "Witness: The Art of Jerry Pinkney," through Sept. 9

Contact: (313) 494-5800

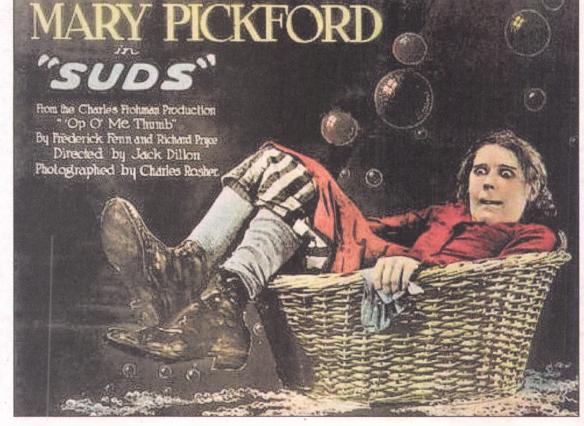
PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday and Friday-Sunday; current exhibit runs through June 17

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth Details: "Ration Stamps & Bombers. WWII at Home" is the current exhibit. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students, 6-17

Antique Appraisal: Ernest DuMouchelle of DuMouchelle Art Galleries will appraise antique furniture, art and small items by appointment only, from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18. No jewelry will be appraised. Oral evaluations will be given for \$10 per item; written evaluations will cost \$15 per item. There is a maximum of four items to be appraised per 15-minute time slot. Call (734) 455-8940 or sign up at http://www.plymouthhistory. org/events/dumouchelle-evalua-

tion-clinic.html. Contact: (734) 455-8940



The Redford Theatre presents this silent film, with live organ accompaniment, on Saturday, April 21.



Mia Heard (left) plays the Scarecrow, Gabrielle Kosiba is the Wicked Witch and Lauren Kelly plays Dorothy in the Farmington Hills Youth Theatre production of "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz," this month at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills.



"Wetlands" by Gayle S. Sanchirico, is among the art on display by Ann Arbor Women Artists April 6-21 at Northville Art House.



Bob Stillman plays a tribute concert to John Denver and Dan Fogelberg April 13 at the Village Theater in Canton

U-M KELSEY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY

Time/Date: The museum is open 9 a.m.- 4 p.m., Tuesday- Friday, and 1-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday; exhibit runs through May 6 Location: 434 S. State, Ann Arbor

Details: Part II of the Kelsey Museum of Archaeology's special exhibition - "Karanis Revealed: Discovering the Past and Present of a Michigan Excavation in Egypt" - explores the story of the site's excavation, which was initiated by the University of Michigan in the 1920s and 1930s

Contact: www.lsa.umich.edu/ kelsey; (734) 764-9304

Music

THE ARK

Time/Date: Peggy Seeger, April 5; Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys, April 6; Seth Glier and Stolen Silver, April 7; Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, April 9; Mississippi Heat, April 10; Galant tu perds ton temps, April 12; Mr. B's Piano Celebration, April 14-15; Shape Note Singing, April 15; The Tannahili Weavers, April 16; Good Old War and The Belle Brigade, April 17; The Guggenheim Grotto, April 18; Anais Mitchell and Cuddle Magic, April 19; Loudon Wainwright III, April 20; The Elders, April 21; James Hunter, April 22; Lambchop and Kelly Jean Caldwell, April 23; Johnny Winter, April 25; Dougie MacLean, April 26; Horse Feathers, April 27; Heywood Banks, April 28; Caroline Herring, April 29

Location: 316 South Main, Ann

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

BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. the third Saturday of the month; sign up for open mic from 6:15-6:45 p.m.

Location: JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plym-

Details: The show includes open mic performances and a featured performer. Admission is \$5. Annual memberships are \$25 for individuals and \$50 for families. Members may attend monthly concerts free of charge.

Contact: Mike Mullen at (248) 719-3464 or e-mail to mjmmullen@yahoo.com

JAZZ AT THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. last Tuesday of the month

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

Details: There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors

Contact: (734) 453-1780 or e-mail to plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Time/Date: 7 p.m. April 30 **Location:** The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill

Road, Canton **Details:** "Celebrates the music and dance of China. Tickets are \$8 adults; \$4 for youth

Contact: (734) 451-2112; (734) 394-5300, ext. 3; www.michiganphil.org; www.canton-mi.org/village theater/

PLYMOUTH COFFEE BEAN Time/Date: 8 p.m. Monday,

Friday, Saturday Location: 884 Penniman, Plym-

Details: Open mic on Monday; live music Friday-Saturday. Americana, folk, rock, pop, country and soul by solo singers, duos and

bands Contact: (734) 454-0178

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia; Benefit concert on April 20 is at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Chris Trapper, April 13; Grievous Angel, April 14; Trinity House Benefit Concert featuring Jill Jack and Mary Seelhorst, John Latini and Jamie-Sue Seal and the Potter's Field, April 20; Tracy Kash Thomas Trio, April 21; The Choir featuring Derri Daugherty and Steve Hindalong, April 22; Wayward Roots with Adam Plomaritas, April 27. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are accepted

Contact: (734) 464-6302

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, April

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Bob Stillman plays the music of John Denver and Dan Fogelberg. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$26 for seniors and youth Contact: (734) 394-5460; www.

cantonvillagetheater.org **VIVACE MUSIC SERIES**

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 21

Location: The Birmingham Temple, 28611 12 Mile, between Inkster Road and Middlebelt, **Farmington Hills**

Details: University of Michigan Gilbert and Sullivan Society perform songs and scenes from Gilbert and Sullivan favorites, such as "The Mikado," "Pirates of Penzance" and "HMS Pinafore." Tickets are \$23 general admission and \$20 for seniors

Contact: Joyce Cheresh at (248) 788-9338) or Ann Sipher at (248) 661-1348

Something different

DETROIT ZOO

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

Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak Details: Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free

Exhibit: The Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibit runs through June 17 and includes 108 photographs chosen from more than 40,000 entries by aspiring amateurs and established professional photographers; free with Zoo admission

Contact: (248) 541-5717

STORY SLAM Time/Date: 8 p.m. Wednesday,

April 11

Location: 316 South Main, Ann Details: The Moth GrandSLAM

Championship features winners from the last 10 Michigan StorySLAMS in a battle of wits and words; tickets \$16 available at www.themoth.org Contact: (734) 763-8587; www. theark.org

Theater

FARMINGTON HILLS YOUTH THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 26-27 and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 28-29

Location: The Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington

Details: "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" features more than 170 children in two casts. Tickets are \$10; children 3 and under are admitted without charge Contact: (877) 785-7763;

https://recreg.fhgove.com **INSPIRE THEATRE**

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. April 20-21, 27-28 and 3 p.m. April 22 and 29

Location: 33445 Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Neil Simon's "Rumors;" tickets, \$12

Contact: (734) 751-7057; inspiretheatre.com

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE Time/Date: 8 p.m. April 13-14 Location: Liberal Arts Theatre, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia

Details: "Romeo and Juliet" with tickets available at the campus bookstore or by calling (734) 462-4596. Cost is \$12

Contact: The college theater department at (734) 462-4400, ext. 5270

SPOTLIGHT PLAYERS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. April 20-21, 27-28 and 2 p.m. April 21-22, 28-29

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

Details: "Into the Woods," a Stephen Sondheim musical fairy tale; tickets are \$15-\$18 Contact: (734) 394-5300; www.

spotlightplayersmi.org

ciabetes without

Chef Sam Talbot's new cookbook offers recipes that diabetics and nondiabetics alike can enjoy.

or the more than 25 million Americans living with diabetes, food choices are critical to maintaining their health. Chef Sam Talbot, who was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes when he was 12 years old, understands those challenges. But with his new cookbook he proves that diabetics don't have to sacrifice flavor in order to follow a healthy eating plan.

Talbot is the executive chef at the Surf Lodge in Montauk, N.Y., and earned national recognition as the runner-up in Season 2 of Bravo's hit TV show Top Chef. In his new book, The Sweet Life: Diabetes without Boundaries, he shares how diabetes has affected — but has not compromised — his life and career, and offers 75 fresh, all-natural recipes that can be enjoyed by both diabetics and non-diabetics.

Cooking to manage diabetes

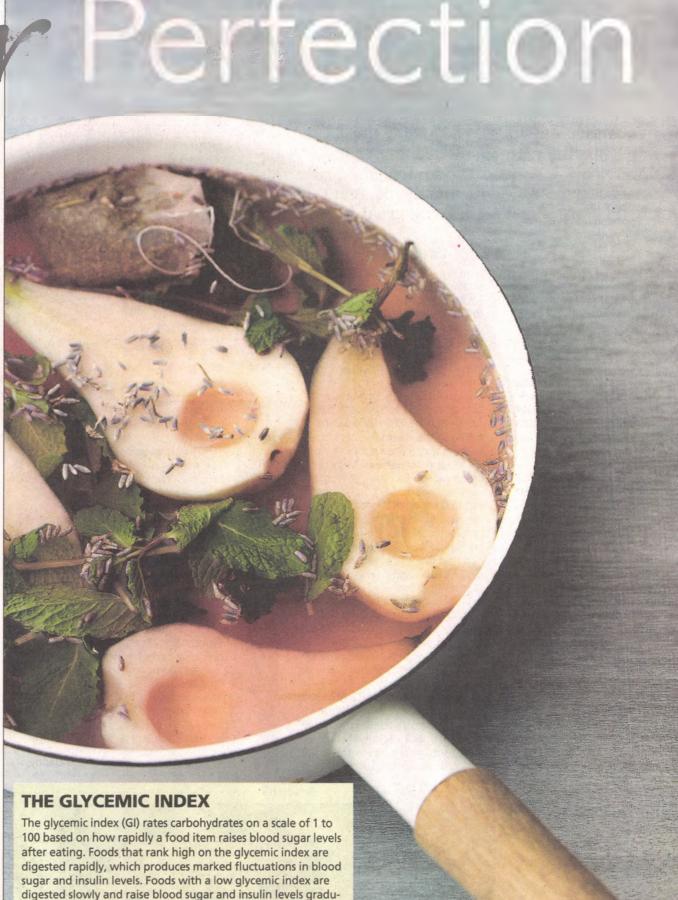
Doctors recommend that people with diabetes follow a healthy, well balanced diet that includes plenty of fiber-rich fruits and vegetables and carbohydrates that rank lower on the glycemic index (GI). One medium pear provides 24 percent of your day's fiber, and 10 percent of your day's vitamin C - for only 100 calories.

"Pears are one of my favorite fruits to use in recipes," says Talbot. "They are a low GI fruit, they're high in fiber, and the flavor of a ripe pear is just out of this world. They are incredibly versatile in sweet and savory recipes in all types of world cuisines. They can be part of any meal of the day.'

There are ten different varieties of USA Pears, each with its own color, flavor and texture. More than 80 percent of the fresh pears grown in the U.S. are from the Pacific Northwest states of Washington and Oregon. USA Pears are in season from early fall through early summer.

Ripeness is the key to enjoying pears at their sweetest and juiciest. To judge a pear's ripeness, USA Pear growers advise you to "check the neck." Press the neck, or stem end, of the pear. If it yields to gentle pressure, it's ripe, sweet and juicy. If it feels firm, simply leave the pear at room temperature to ripen within a few days. Don't refrigerate your pears unless you want to slow their ripening.

Celebrate spring with three recipes from www.usapears.org. Two other recipes here are from Talbot's book, and showcase the fresh, sweet flavor of Anjou and Bosc pears. For more information, visit www. SamTalbot.com, and for additional pear recipes visit www.usapears.org.



digested slowly and raise blood sugar and insulin levels gradu-

Source: University of Sydney Glycemic Index Group, Human Nutrition Unit, School of Molecular Biosciences.

Lavender Poached Pears

TARA DONNE

Lavender Poached Pears

From Chef Sam Talbot Makes 4 servings

2 large ripe pears, such as Bosc or Anjou, slightly firm to the touch

- 3 tablespoons granulated stevia extract, or to taste 1 tablespoon dried lavender
- 2 blossoms dried hibiscus
- 1 chamomile tea bag

1/2 cup loosely packed fresh mint leaves Peel, halve and core pears using a melon baller to scoop out seeds.

In large pot, combine 3 cups water, sweetener, lavender, hibiscus, chamomile tea and mint. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, then reduce heat to medium-low. Add pears and simmer until you can easily pierce pears with the tip of a knife, about 20 minutes.

To serve, transfer pear halves to 4 individual bowls and ladle some of the cooking liquid over the top.

Per Serving: 72 calories, 1 g protein, 19 g carbohydrates, 0 g total fat (0 g saturated), 0 mg cholesterol, 4 g fiber, 2 mg sodium

Yogurt with Pear and Coconut From Chef Sam Talbot Makes 4 servings

Juice of 1 lemon

- 1/3 cup unsweetened shredded coconut
- 2 tablespoons graham cracker crumbs 1/2 cup Grape-Nuts or granola cereal
- 1 tablespoon granulated stevia extract, or to taste
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 ripe pears, such as Anjou or Bosc, slightly firm to the touch

3 cups 2 percent plain Greek yogurt In medium bowl, combine lemon juice, coconut, graham cracker crumbs, cereal, sweetener and cin-

namon. Peel, core and finely chop pears. Spoon yogurt into 4 bowls and top with fruit and coconut mixture, or sprinkle directly onto each individual container of yogurt.

Note: This recipe can do double duty as a dessert if you serve it up parfait style. Spoon 1/8 of the pears into the bottom of each of 4 bowls or parfait glasses. Add 1/8 of the cereal mixture, then 1/2 cup of yogurt. Repeat with the remaining pears, cereal mixture, and yogurt.

Per Serving: 265 calories, 15 g protein, 38 g carbohydrates, 8 g total fat (6 g saturated), 8 mg cholesterol, 6 g fiber, 157 mg sodium



Pear and Brie Quesadilla with Fresh Pear Chutney

From usapears.org Serves 6 as an appetizer

Pear Chutney:

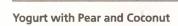
1/4 cup dry white wine

- 1/2-inch wedge of red onion, sliced thin 2 tablespoons chopped red bell pepper
- 1 tablespoon dark brown sugar
- 1 Bartlett USA Pear, peeled, cored, and cut into 1-inch chunks
- 2 tablespoons of water, or more if needed
- Red pepper flakes
- Quesadilla:
- 1 12-inch flour tortilla 1/2 of an Anjou USA Pear, cored and cut into 1/4-inch slices
- 6 1/4-inch slices of Brie cheese
- 2 tablespoons shredded mozzarella cheese

For chutney: Place all ingredients in a small saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring frequently, until pear is crisp-tender and most of the liquid has evaporated. You may add water if liquid completely evaporates before pear is cooked. Transfer mixture to a blender or food processor and add water. Pulse quickly, just until chopped together as a chunky mixture, with ¼-inch chunks of pear, onion, and pepper. Add more water if necessary to achieve the consistency you desire. Place pear mixture in a bowl, and stir in pepper flakes to taste. Let chutney cool completely before serving. Chutney can be stored in the refrigerator, covered, for up to 3 days.

For quesadilla: Heat oven to 425 degrees. Lay tortilla on a flat surface. Spread pear slices across half of the tortilla. Lay Brie across the top of the pear slices. Sprinkle mozzarella over the Brie. Fold other half of the tortilla over the pear and cheese mixture. Transfer tortilla to a lightly greased or parchment-lined cookie sheet and bake until cheese melts and bubbles, about 3-5 minutes. Remove tortilla from oven, cool slightly, and cut into 6 wedges. Serve on a plate or platter with

a small bowl of chutney on the side.



Soyfoods help families step up healthy eating

f you're looking for ways to make meal times healthier while still keeping your family happy, why not try soyfoods? April is National Soyfoods Month and the perfect time to try these great tasting and great for you foods.

Packed with high quality protein, soyfoods are an excellent option to keep your family energized and satisfied all day long. Besides being delicious, you'll enjoy fewer calories, less saturated fat, and low to no cholesterol.

Luckily, incorporating soyfoods into your daily diet is easy. The Soyfoods Association recommends a simple way to start is to serve soyfoods alongside traditional foods. From snacks like whole soy nutrition bars, soy yogurts, or soymilk smoothies, to great meals like Parmesan mustard soy burgers, tofu hummus wraps, and shelled edamame salads, the options are endless. Have fun experimenting to see which products and recipes work best for your family.

Soyfoods 101

With companies offering discounts all month long, finding delicious soyfoods at affordable prices will be easier than ever before. Get familiar with where soyfoods are stocked in your grocery store and you'll be sure to find a bargain.

• Soymilk: Soymilk comes in two forms; one can be found in the refrigerated section and the shelf-stable soymilk can be found in the health food section, the

cereal aisle, or near other shelfstable beverages.

• Soy Yogurt: Soy yogurt is generally found alongside traditional dairy yogurts and is offered in similar flavors and sizes as well.

• Tofu: Firm, silken-style, sprouted, high protein and baked tofu can be found in the refrigerated meat section, produce section or natural foods section. Shelf-stable silken tofu can be found in the Asian food section or in the natural food aisles.

• Meat Alternatives: Veggie burgers, soy sausage, soy crumbles and edamame can be found in the freezer section. Edamame may also be found in the fresh produce section.

• Whole Soy Nutrition Bars: You can find these protein packed bars in the health and energy bar section of the store.

This recipe for a Beef Salad with Ginger Soy Dressing is full of healthy vegetables, edamame and lean, flavorful beef. It's topped with a tangy ginger soy dressing that will make it a family favorite in no time.

For easy ways to add soy to your diet, information about National Soyfoods Month, and more delicious recipes to help you step up your family's healthy eating, visit www.soyfoodsmonth.org.



Veggie Taco Salad

From MorningStar Farms Makes 4 servings

2 cups MorningStar Farms Meal Starters Grillers Recipe Crumbles™ 3/4 cup salsa

5 cups shredded lettuce

1 cup corn kernels 1 cup black beans

1/4 cup sliced green onions

1/4 cup shredded reduced-fat cheddar cheese

Spoon dollops of sour cream on top.

2 tablespoons sliced ripe olives

2 tablespoons fat free sour cream In large nonstick skillet coated with cooking spray cook MorningStar Farms Grillers Burger-Style Veggie Recipe Crumbles and salsa over medium heat about 5 minutes or until heated through, stirring frequently. In large bowl toss together lettuce, corn and black beans. Arrange on 4 serving plates. Top with Crumbles mixture. Sprinkle with green onions, cheese and olives.

Nutrition Information: calories 180, total fat 4 g, sodium 600 mg, total carbohydrates 26 g, fiber 8 g, protein 14 g

Henry Ford Chocolate Chip Soynut Cookies

3 cups light brown sugar, firmly packed 2 cups vegetable shortening or margarine

4 large eggs

3 cups all-purpose flour 1 cup soy flour

1 teaspoon sait

2 teaspoon baking soda

2 tablespoon vanilla sovmilk

2 teaspoon vanilla

2 cups roasted soynuts, coarsely chopped 4 cups semi-sweet chocolate morsels

Preheat oven to 375°F. Beat shortening and sugar in a large bowl. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Mix in baking soda, salt and soy flour. Add all-purpose flour gradually along with soymilk and vanilla. Stir in soynuts and chocolate morsels. Drop rounded teaspoonfuls onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes or until golden brown. Cool 1 minute and remove to wire rack to cool completely.

Bar cookie version: Prepare dough as above. Spread into two greased 15- by 10-inch jelly-roll pans. Bake in preheated 375°F oven for 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown. Cool in pan on



Henry Ford Chocolate Chip Soynut Cookies

wire rack before cutting. Cut into 36 bars. Nutrition facts per bar will be double one drop cookie. Nutrition information per 1 cookie serving size: 83 calories, 4 g fat (0.05 g sat fat), 1 g protein (0.75 g soy protein), 10 g carbohydrate, 73 mg sodium, 6 mg cholesterol, 0.5 g dietary fiber.

Cinnamon Rolls with Cinnamon Tofu

From Michigan Soybean Promotion Committee Makes 16 rolls

Cinnamon Rolls:

3 cups unbleached white flour

1 cup sov flour

2 tablespoons wheat gluten

4 teaspoons (2 packages) active dry yeast 1 1/4 tablespoon sugar

1 teaspoon salt 4 ounces firm tofu

1 ½ cups warm water ½ cup brown sugar, lightly packed

Cooking spray

1 cup raisins Cinnamon

Cinnamon Tofu Frosting: 1/4 cup (about 2 ounce) firm tofu

2 tablespoons margarine 2 teaspoons vanilla

3 tablespoons vanilla soymilk 1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon

2 cups powdered sugar or more as needed

Cinnamon Roll directions:

Stir together both flours, gluten, yeast, sugar and salt in a large mixing bowl. In a small bowl, mash tofu with a fork and whisk together with water. A few small lumps are okay. Make a well in the center of the dry ingredients and pour in water/tofu mixture. Stir together quickly to mix. Combine ingredients well with spoon or fork so that all of the flour is moistened. Place dough on counter very lightly dusted with flour and knead five times. Transfer to a plastic container or bowl with a tight fitting lid and enough room for rising. Refrigerate overnight. (You can let dough rise the traditional way at room temperature. Simply place in large bowl and cover with a towel. It may take several hours for proper rising).

In the morning, lightly coat a baking sheet with cooking spray. On a very lightly floured surface, roll half of the dough into a 10 1/2 inch square. Sprinkle with half of the brown sugar and raisins, leaving a margin of ½ inch along the edges. Then sprinkle with cinnamon - as much or little as desired. Starting with the near edge, roll up tightly, then pinch along the far edge to secure the roll. Repeat with the second half of the dough and filling ingredients. With seam side down, slice each roll into 8 equal pieces. Place on prepared baking sheet with spiral side up. For single rolls, place about 3 inches apart on baking sheet; for pull-apart rolls, place about 1/2 inch apart. Cover with a cloth and set aside to rise in a warm place about 45 minutes. Preheat oven to 400°F and bake about 20 minutes, until golden brown on edges and bottom. Transfer rolls to a cooling rack and cool before frosting.

Frosting directions:

In a medium bowl, mix tofu, margarine, soymilk and vanilla with electric mixer. Add cinnamon and half the powdered sugar slowly and mix well. Add remaining sugar and mix until good spreading consistency. Add more powdered sugar

Nutrition information per roll without icing: 187 calories, 7 g protein, 35 g carbohydrate, 2 g fat (0.3 g sat fat), 141 mg sodium, 0 mg cholesterol.

Nutrition information per roll with icing: 264 calories, 8 g protein, 50 g carbohydrate, 3.5 g fat (0.6 g sat fat), 160 mg sodium, 0 mg cholesterol.

- Family Features

Tea and hats

PLYMOUTH - Got a crazy hat? Wear it to the Plymouth Historical Museum's Mad Hatter Tea, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 15, at the museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth. Sue Paulin, a Master Gardener, will present "Contain Yourself: Container Gardening Basics," the museum's signature "Mary's Blend" tea will be served, along with delicacies from Fancy Food Catering. Tickets are \$20 for Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum members and \$25 for non-members, if purchased by April 6. Ticket prices go up \$5 after that date. Buy tickets

at the museum or on its website at www.plymouthhistory. org/Events.html using PayPal. For more information call (734) 455-8940.

VegFest

NOVI - Buy advance tickets for VegFest 2012 and you'll save \$3 off the regular admission price. Veg-Fest, a vegetarian tasting and expo presented by VegMichigan, will run from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, April 29 at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave. Advance tickets are available until noon, Wednesday, April 25 online at vegmichigan.org.

CITY BITES

General admission is \$10 at the door or \$7 in advance; students pay \$5 at the door or \$3 in advance. VegMichigan members and children, 5 and under, are admitted free of charge. Speakers this year include Wayne Pacelle, president and CEO of the Humane Society of the United States; John Salley, vegan, entertainer and athlete; Dr. Richard Oppenlander, author and researcher; Dr. Joel Kahn, Wayne State School of Medicine; Jim Corcoran, co-founder of VegMichigan; and Kerrie Saunders, author and coordinator of Michigan's Engine 2 Firefighter Challenge. The

event will include food tastings, food demonstrations and exhibitors.

Gluten-free FARMINGTON HILLS

- Get the low-down on glu-

ten-free foods at Tri-County Celiac Support Group's annual Gluten-free Food Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at Farmington First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, at 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills. Gluten-free product vendors and stores that carry gluten-free foods will be on hand. Admission is \$10; free for Support Group members.

Wine tasting

LIVONIA — Winemaker Alberto Erbrice from Verona, Italy will be on hand to sign bottles at a meet and greet strolling event, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 21 at d.vine fine wines, 17386 Haggerty. Guests will have a chance to taste the entire portfolio which includes Amarone, Valpolicella superiore, Ripasso superiore, Vigneto Panvinio, and Soave Superiore. Wines will be available for signing and purchase. They'll be paired with a variety of Italian meats and cheeses. Cost is \$25 per person. Wine Club members pay \$20. Call (734) 432-3800 for reservations.

(313) 222-6755 FACEBOOK: HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

BBB: Beware of timeshare scams

It is a common scenario. Someone receives a mailer or email offering a free trip or other fantastic prize and all he or she has to do is sit through a half-day seminar. Once the victim is there, the company turns on the high-pressure tactics in an attempt to sell a timeshare.

Often, the offer is legitimate, if unwanted. Other times, the offer is a scam meant to bilk honest people of thousands of dollars. Such scams have prevailed for decades, and most savvy consumers are wise to them.

So, the con artists have changed their game, prompting new warnings from the Federal Bureau of Investigations, and enforcement efforts from the Federal Trade Commission.

The Better Business Bureau received more than 2,600 complaints nationally about timeshare resell companies last year, and almost 200 more in January 2012. Some complain about available dates or other management issues, but many allege that companies collected money for fees or other charges and then disappeared.

Corpus Christi resident Thurman Huddleston complained to BBB after wiring more than \$10,000 to a Dallas company promising to sell him a timeshare in Mexico.

"The people were good," he said. "I really beat myself up, because I should have known better. It just sounded like a viable thing."

Huddleston said when he first got the call, he researched the company online and did not find any red flags. When the company asked him for a payment to cover the closing costs, he did not hesitate. He wired the money, leaving no trace for law enforcement to follow later.

Then they came back and asked for more money to cover the annual property taxes.

"So that sounded a little fishy, but I figured they probably won't (let me buy a unit without paying taxes)," he said. "That should have been the last red flag, but once you've got that much money in it, it's hard to walk away."

Soon after, the company he was dealing with became impossible to contact. Huddleston suspects the timeshare never existed to begin with.

Now that people are more



aware of scams like the one Huddleston fell for, scammers have started targeting victims that might not be as diligent: current timeshare owners.

The FTC cracked down on telemarketers claiming to have buyers lined up, then disappearing with the thousands of dollars owners paid to cover fake closing costs or as a deposit that would be later refunded.

The FBI reported a similar scam, with a con artist contacting the victim by phone or email and promising to sell the victim's timeshare in a short time, often between 60 and 90 days. The scammers asked for hundreds to thousands of dollars to cover anything from closing costs to listing fees.

Sometimes, according to the FBI's warning, the victims are then contacted a second time this time by someone claiming to be from a recovery company. The scammer, who may be connected with the original resale company, tells the victim that he can recover the lost money for a fee.

Once again, the scammers disappear after the victim pays.

Huddleston said that though he lost thousands to the con artists who contacted him, and he feels like a dupe for falling for the scam, he is just happy to have learned his lesson.

"I didn't get too angry over it. I hated to lose the money, but I learned a lot," he said. "The next time somebody calls, I've graduated from that class.'

When buying or selling a timeshare, BBB offers the following tips:

 Beware of upfront fees. Though there may be closing costs or other fees associated with purchasing a timeshare, be wary of any company that pressures you to pay any such fees upfront or before reviewing any contracts.

• Read the fine print. Especially when selling a timeshare, make sure to read the contract carefully. Find out if the company is actually selling your timeshare or simply charging you to advertise the listing.

 Start with trust. Visit www. bbb.org to check out the BBB Business Review for a company before paying any money.

Never wire cash. Credit

cards offer a certain amount of fraud protection that you cannot get if you use a wire service. Walk away from any deal that requires you to pay cash or wire money, especially to locations in other countries.

• Get it in writing. Ask the salesman for all information in writing, including all fees, timing and ways the seller plans to advertise the unit.

• Check the license. Ask for licensing information for the seller's agents, and check that information with the Real Estate Commission. Only deal with licensed brokers and ask for references.

• If it sounds too good to be true, it is. Be wary of any seller who promises a big selling price or quick turnaround. High-pressure tactics are always a red flag.

• Know where to turn. Before selling your timeshare, read the FTC's advice on selling a timeshare and report any scams to BBB or the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center.

To check the reliability of a company and find trustworthy businesses, visit bbb.org.

Irate plaintiff may have

By Robert Meisner Guest Columnist

Q: We believe that our developer knowingly sold condominium units to individuals who presented a high risk of foreclosure and abandonment of their homes, provided them with financing, and really didn't give a true story of the nature of our neighborhood. Is there anything we can do against our developer?

A: In the past, I would have said you were out of luck, but in a recent 9th Circuit federal decision, the court held



Robert Meisner

that the purchaser's decreased economic value and desirability were cognizable injuries which could be pursued

against the developer, and if they can establish a sufficient causal connection between any decreased value and desirability and the developer's actions, they should be able to pursue the matter. This is certainly, now something to consider and developers should be clearly put on notice of their potential exposure for selling units to people who have no business buying these units because of economic

Q: Can you give me any ideas with respect to what it is like to purchase property in Lima, Peru, and the Galapagos Islands, which I hear are extremely beautiful?

limitations.

A: Lima is a big city where there are a number of high rise apartments that are newly constructed which, like in most South American cities, are highly expensive. The Galapagos Islands are restricted to residents who are born in the Galapagos Islands, so your opportunity to live there and/or possibly develop parts of it is extremely limited because it is a National Park with many restrictions to preserve the habitat.

Peru has a better exchange rate than Brazil and Argentina, as it relates to the American dollar, so your opportunities for investment are greater in terms of getting the benefit of your dollars' worth.

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

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 19-22, 2011, at the wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
7320 Admiralty Dr	\$150,000
2376 Arcadia Dr	\$66,000
41697 Bedford Dr	\$45,000
4111 Berkeley Ave	\$82,000
6322 Clarendon Dr	\$176,000
41978 Coventry Way	\$130,000
6062 Fairborn Dr	\$335,000
7120 Foxridge Dr	\$198,000
50156 Grant St	\$241,000

48298 Greenwich Ln	\$228,000
49918 Hancock St	\$315,000
50140 Jackson Ln	\$190,000
44223 Richmond Ct	\$197,000
626 Sandalwood Ct	\$317,000
2839 Siever Dr	\$201,000
GARDEN CITY	
31255 Marguette St	\$40,000
LIVONIA	
11307 Brookfield St	\$126,000
17300 Brookview Dr	\$180,000
12020 Cavell St	\$30,000
19513 Gary Ln	\$270,000
9402 Gillman St	\$88,000
18230 Gillman St	\$42,000
9930 Harrison St	\$125,000
33920 La Moyne St	\$150,000
17500 Lathers St	\$33,000
36062 Lyndon St	\$175,000
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29/26 Mason St	\$105,00C
18525 Milburn St	\$125,000
10040 Seltzer St	\$65,000
36329 St Andrews Dr	\$30,000
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19644 Aqueduct Ct	\$65,000
17681 Crestbrook Dr	\$575,000
101 Hampton Ct	\$198,000
18938 Heather Ridge Dr	\$535,000
16049 Pine Valley Dr	\$466,000
42549 Ravina Ln	\$227,000
PLYMOUTH	
42023 Brentwood Dr	\$127,000
12420 Concord Ct	\$215,000
40609 Newport Dr	\$72,000
1075 Sutherland St	\$81,000
REDFORD	
9921 Arnold	\$40,000

15127 Aubrey	\$18,000
15102 Fox	\$92,000
26550 Kendall Ct	\$49,000
9282 Louis	\$69,000
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14301 Mercedes	\$49,000
26911 Santa Maria	\$99,000
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32228 Melton St	\$57,000
8132 Perrin Ave	\$85,000
6649 Quail Run Cir	\$71,000
7812 Rivergate Dr	\$67,000
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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

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1758 Hilltop Dr	\$390,000
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26250 Fieldstone Dr	\$255,000
22480 Havergale St	\$329,000
27887 Hopkins Dr	\$122,000
24775 Reeds Pointe Dr	\$311,000
22756 Renford St	\$50,000
25810 Shoreline Dr	\$800,000
27531 Sloan St	\$218,000
25350 Sutton Ct	\$50,000
25428 Sutton Ct	\$50,000
26991 Victoria Rd	\$250,000
50577 W 10 Mile Rd	\$120,000
SOUTH LYON	
51959 Copperwood Dr N	\$50,000

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27911 Woodstream Dr 28050 Brentwood St SOUTHFIELD	\$425,000 \$25,000
28631 Castlegate Dr 19394 Coral Gables St 20018 Covington Pkwy	\$152,000 \$22,000 \$75,000
28066 Glasgow St 20955 Harvard Rd 28482 Marshall St	\$45,000 \$80,000 \$8,000
28482 Marshall St 28995 San Carlos St 28468 Selkirk St	\$7,000 \$135,000 \$67,000
22940 Shevington Dr 30228 Southfield Rd # A WHITE LAKE	\$146,000 166 \$25,000
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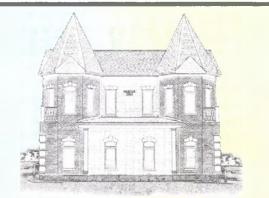
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Energy, optimism and a new season

his month's *Woman* is focused on style — leadership style, that is. We've spent some time observing one of the most prominent and power-

ful leaders on the contemporary corporate landscape: Mary Barra, GM senior vice president of product development. In today's edition, we are putting you in the front row of her "lunch conversation" during a recent Inforum event.



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Barra exemplifies the new attitude of an industry whose leadership until recently was almost totally male.

Local women give Barra high praise for her rise through the ranks, making room for the next generation of female leaders in an industry whose consumers are increasingly dominated by women. Barra credits education, hard work and a great team for her success. She encourages other young girls (and boys) to pursue an engineering degree, recognizing that it offers many opportunities and opens doors.

Turning to other matters of style, I know that today's edition of *Hometown Life Woman* will get you energized and in the mood for a spring makeover.

Check out the hot colors of spring—tangerine, terra cotta and citrus, to name a few. Want to try a new trend or adopt a fresh style? We can help. Just look inside.

And while you're at it, read about cosmetic dentistry and ways to enhance your smile. Technology and new products make smile enhancements affordable, comfortable and convenient. From teeth whitening techniques to veneers and braces, cosmetic dentistry can help you have the smile you've always wanted.

Share a memory

And finally, come back in May to celebrate our "Salute to Women." As part of this edition, we invite readers to share a favorite memory of their grandmother. Tell us about a special memory (in 50 words of less, if possible) and include a photograph (jpeg format attached to the e-mail).

E-mail your photo and special memory to srosiek@hometownlife.com. Be sure to include your first and last name and identify your grandmother with a first and last name, too. Be sure to tell us where you live, and don't forget to provide a daytime phone number where you can be reached.

Then look for your photo and/or memory in the May edition of *Hometown Life Woman*.

Happy spring!

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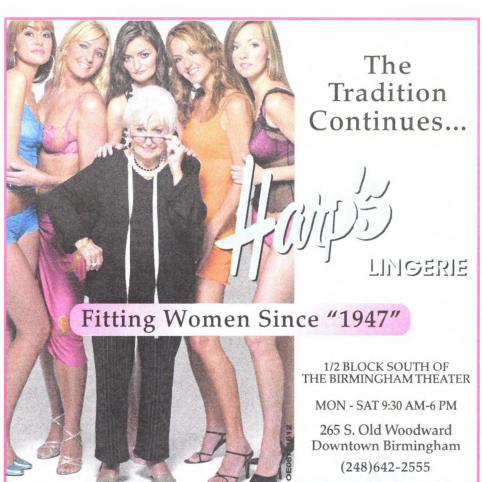
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Look good, feel good with a great Smile

By Jill HalpinContributing Writer

There is no doubt that a nice bright smile can be the most eye-catching feature of your face and can take years off your appearance. Fortunately, these days, brightening your smile is simpler than ever thanks to new developments in cosmetic dentistry.

Recent technological advances in the area of cosmetic dentistry provide numerous options for people who are unhappy with their smile. Now more than ever, people are taking advantage of the progress to help get the smile they want.

"It all starts with the smile. It is not about vanity and Hollywood-style glamour smiles; it's about feeling good about yourself in social situations. That's the real benefit," said Mike DiFrisco of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry.

The smile is such an important part of anything that requires self-esteem: meeting new people, job interviews and more, DiFrisco said.

"When people don't feel comfortable with their smile, they tend to be more introverted and don't always express themselves in the way that they might want to," he said, adding that improving your teeth is about more than just fixing your smile, it is also about "hope, happi-

ness and self-confidence."

Quality of life

Dr. Jeffrey Jaghab, D.D.S., co-owner of Northville Cosmetic Dentistry with his wife, Dr. Stephanie Jaghab, D.D.S., agrees that improving your smile can also improve your quality of life. He added that an increased concern about overall appearance has contributed to growth in the field of cosmetic dentistry.

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"As people age, they want to stay looking youthful. One way to do that is by having a brighter smile," he said.

"When you have a nice smile, you smile more and then people smile back at you. It really can brighten up your existence," Jaghab said. "I have actually had patients say, 'I can't stop smiling,' after they have had work done."

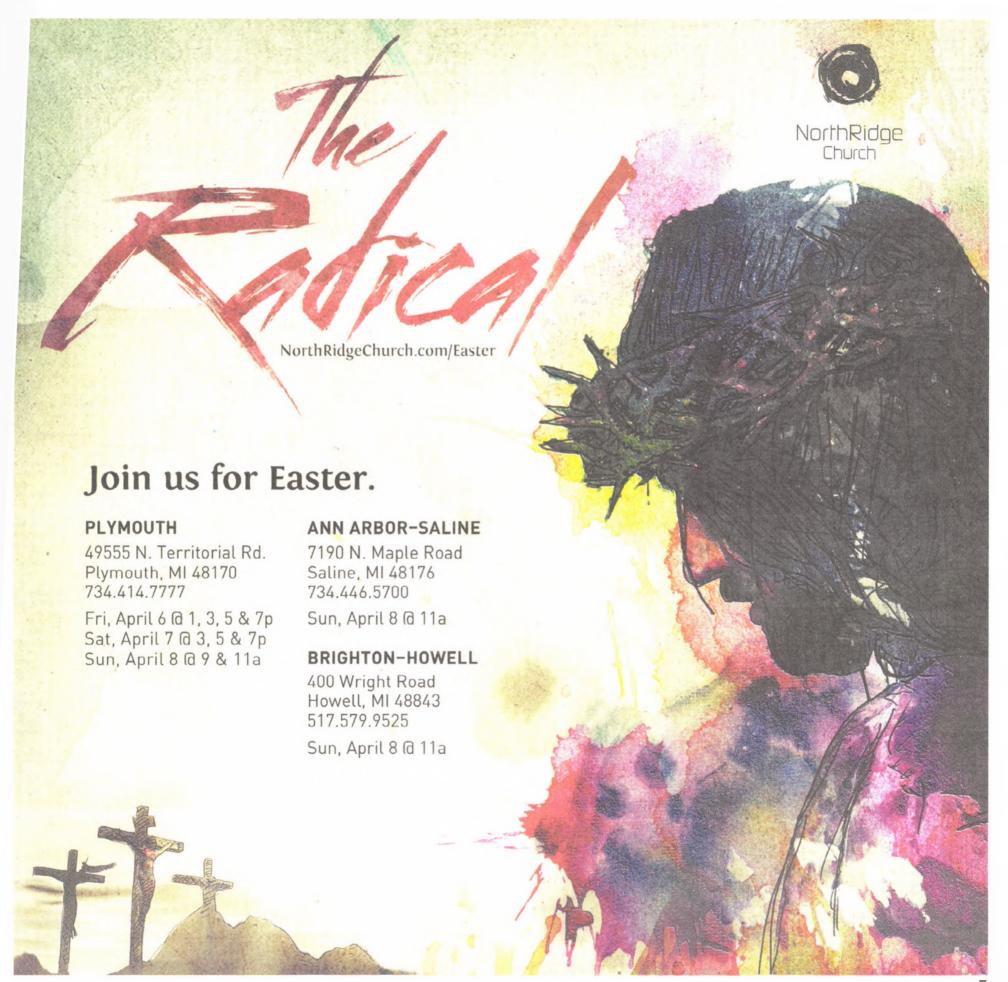
Although most people tend to think only of teeth whitening and bulky metal braces when cosmetic dentistry comes to mind, many other simple options can help you create a smile of which you can be proud.

Techniques

Porcelain veneers, dental bridges, porcelain crowns and a variety of invisible braces options are just some of the possibilities available to those looking to

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The right to bare arms

By Barbara Deyo

Guest Columnist

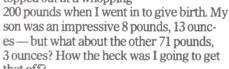
Suddenly the warm weather is here ahead of schedule and I know I'm thinking, "Oh, no! I thought I had more time before I had to bare my arms!" And my legs, for that matter.

So how do we get ourselves in summer shape? Well I don't have any miracle cure or "quick fix," but I can give you some concrete advice that I know works. And if you

stick with it, you can see results faster than you think!



When I was on my weight-loss journey after I had my son four years ago, it seemed like an uphill battle that I was never going to win. I topped out at a whopping



Barbara Devo

I did manage to lose 20-some pounds on my own, but after eight months of covering up and being miserable, I enlisted the help of a personal trainer, Scotty Buck, and we boxed for 30 minutes three times a week and I did cardio and/or voga two or three times a week. The most important thing was, I really liked it. I enjoy doing workouts that leave me feeling empowered and inspired. It was really cool when guys in the gym would turn their heads at the sound of my strikes. Yeah, that was me, a girl. We did two four-minute rounds with 30 seconds to a minute of rest. In other words, interval training. And it worked. I lost 20 pounds in eight weeks.

Intensity matters

Ilyse Aaron, owner of Rock It Fit! in West Bloomfield, said: "I begin most of my client sessions with a form of intensity intervals called Tabata training. The Tabata workouts foundation basically encompasses the concept of high-intensity interval training, followed by a short period of recovery.

"Tabata training has been proven to burn fat more effectively than low-intensity exercise and increases metabolism for up to 48 hours after the workout is completed. This is also known as EPOC (excess post oxygen consumption). After an intense workout, the body experiences an oxygen deficit and must continue to work to replace the debt. Thus, metabolism is elevated and the body continues to burn calories in the process. As you can see, intensity matters."

Working through plateaus

After my initial success training with Buck, I hit a big plateau. And I didn't lose another pound for six months. Although I could see my body changing and my clothes fitting better — not that it's right — I really wanted to see it on the scale.

Buck said to me one day, "Barbara, you don't pay me to lecture you, but you really need to take a look at your diet. You are eating too much."

No I didn't. I didn't eat too much. Did I eat too much? So I got an app for my iPhone called Lose It! I started recording everything I ate into the program. Guess what? I was eating too much. So I stuck to 1,200 calories a day — and I lost another 20 pounds in eight weeks.

It was crazy; it was like the weight was falling off me. I lost a total of 45 pounds in 10 months training with Buck. I was down to a lean mean 120 pounds and had a good handle on my diet and my workouts. Time to fly on my own.

Eventually, I leveled out at a comfortable 130 pounds (give or a take a couple) and I was able to maintain it for about two years. Then it started creeping back up on me. I started to slack a little — OK, a lot. All of a sudden, I was 146 pounds. And this time I couldn't seem to get it off on my own. I did discover that I have an underactive thyroid and vitamin D and B12 deficiencies, and have gotten a handle on that with supplements. But whatever the cause of it, I still need to lose 15-plus pounds.

I feel like Oprah sometimes: "I can't believe I'm still talking about my weight."

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Women's show returns to Novi in May

The Michigan International Women's Show returns Thursday, May 3, to the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi and runs through Sunday, May 6

"Showgoers will find inspiration, feel refreshed and discover the secrets to living well, being healthy and having fun with shopping, makeup tips, fashion shows, cooking demonstrations and entertainment," said Beth Anderson, executive show manager of Southern Shows.

"Roval Dresses of Diana. The People's Princess" exhibit will include the gown she wore dancing with John Travolta at a White House state dinner and display photographs and video covering a retrospective of her life as princess, mother, fashion icon and humanitarian. A repli-

ca of Princess Diana's wedding gown will also be on display.

The CHA Craft Pavilion will feature more than 50 exhibits, make-and-take demonstrations, craft and hobby industry experts, door prizes and workshops covering sewing, knitting, beading, needlework, scrapbooking, paper crafts, home decor and other hobbies.

The "Balance Your Life" pavilion exhibits and Balance Your Life Stage educational workshops will focus on health, wellness, fashion, skin care, leisure, cancer research and all aspects of a woman's life.

Celebrity chefs

Celebrity chefs will educate people how to shop for and prepare healthy and delicious meals without breaking the bank. Henry Ford West Bloomfield hospital's chefs will demonstrate gourmet nutritious food recipes designed to help with diabetes, cancer and menopause. Chefs will prepare their recipes in the Henry Ford West Bloomfield Cooking Theatre presented by Stonebridge Kitchen & Bath.

Spring makeup trends and helpful cosmetic tips will be part of the makeovers offered by Macy's beauty experts, along with an array of new spring scents.

National Sewing Council's Sewing

Lounge will provide make-and-take projects to help teach basic skills as well as to inspire advanced sewing, quilting and embroidery enthusiasts.

Chevrolet will display its Cruze, Equinox and 2013 Malibu Eco cars and let show attendees who test drive them and the Traverse and Volt cars to receive a \$15 Target gift card courtesy of Chevrolet.



Fashion shows

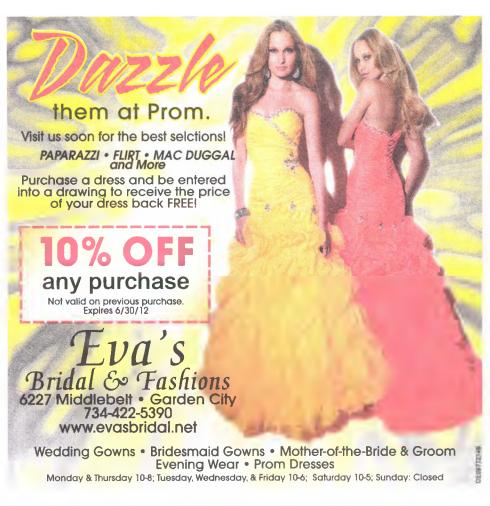
Novi Fire Department's charity fashion show will heat up the runway Friday and Saturday with firefighters modeling their dress blues and bunker gear. American Heart Association will display The Red Dress Tour and host the "Go Red For Women" fashion show featuring local survivors.

Show hours are from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday; from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday; from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday; and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$10; youths age 6-12 are \$5 and children 5 and under are admitted free with a paying adult. Discount tickets are available at Kroger for \$7. On-site parking is available for \$5.

For more information, exhibitor coupons and a schedule of events, see www.InternationalWomenShow.com or call (800) 849-0248.







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improve the appearance of their teeth, said Jaghab.

Porcelain veneers are a non-invasive treatment that involves a wafer-thin porcelain shell that is bonded to the front surface of a tooth, instantly changing the appearance of the tooth. They are an excellent alternative to traditional bonding, which can yellow over time, Jaghab said.

Veneers can also correct teeth that are discolored, chipped, misaligned or irregularly shaped and even serve as a substitute for braces in some instances.

"People who don't want braces sometimes choose veneers for a more immediate result," Jaghab said.

For decayed or unsightly teeth, you may want to consider a dental crown. A dental crown is a metal or porcelain cap that completely covers the problematic tooth. The crown fits tightly at the base of a patient's gum, protecting what remains of the natural tooth and improving or restoring the appearance of the tooth.

Implants

Those missing a tooth or teeth may want to explore the option of a dental bridge or a dental implant, Jaghab said.

Bridges are used to replace missing teeth by attaching a fake tooth to the teeth on either side of the missing one, literally "bridging" the gap caused by the missing tooth. A dental implant is a titanium post that is implanted into the gum through a minor surgical procedure with a false tooth later fit over the implant.

Although many people may have memories of braces complete with thick wires and uncomfortable headgear, options for straightening teeth have come a long way in recent years, Jaghab said.

Invisible or clear braces as well as braces that are affixed to the backs of teeth may be preferable to some looking to correct crooked teeth. In addition, advancements in traditional metal braces involving computer-generated wires have greatly shortened the time needed to straighten misaligned teeth, he said.

One of the biggest developments in cosmetic dentistry is the advent of simple teeth whitening.

"Whitening your teeth can take 10 years off your age almost immediately," said Jaghab.

The simple process involves a few gel applications used in combination with a special light and often has dramatic results. Teeth can be lightened by four-



five shades in some cases, Jaghab said. An attractive smile is about a lot more than just looking good, however.

While a nice smile with healthy teeth and gums will enhance your appearance, it also affects more than just the way you look: it can affect your overall health and well-being.

"Your mouth can be a window to your overall health. There is a lot going on behind a nice smile. We know for a fact that there is a tie between the health of your mouth and the health of the rest of your body," said Jaghab. "By taking proper care of your mouth you are taking proper care of your whole body."

According to the American Academy of Periodontology, researchers have found that people with gum disease are almost twice as likely to suffer from coronary artery disease.

"There is a definite link between gum disease and cardiovascular disease, that is why a lot of cardiologists are recommending that people make sure to take care of their gums," he said. "Both periodontal disease and cardiovascular disease are inflammatory diseases and the inflammation is the common mechanism that connects them."

By simply maintaining the health of your teeth and gums, you control the burden of the inflammation on your body, Jaghab said.

Jaghab also firmly believes that not only is there a link between oral and physical health, there is a strong link between a healthy mouth and a positive mental well-being.

"A nice smile can affect you mentally, too, and a healthy smile will affect your quality of life.

When you have a nice smile, you have more confidence and you feel better about yourself," he said.

Even the subtlest changes in your smile can have a dramatic difference on your outlook.

"At the end of the day, for a lot of people it really is all about the smile," DiFrisco said.

GM exec is passionate about her role, champions engineering for women

Inspirational, motivational, encourag-

Those were the words most often used to describe Mary Barra and her message at a 50th anniversary event of Inforum last month at Detroit's Marriott

Inforum, which began in July 1962 as the Women's Economic Club, is celebrating this anniversary year as one of transformation and setting the stage for future women in business.

As senior vice president, global product development at General Motors, Barra is widely regarded as one of the auto industry's most influential women. She is responsible for the design, engineering, program management and quality for GM's vehicles around the world. She is a member of the GM Executive Operations Committee and reports to Chairman and CEO Daniel Akerson.

"As a career woman and as the mother of a career woman I found her very inspiring," said Gail Wiener, an advertising executive and Birmingham resident. Wiener's daughter, Marisa Wiener, is an attorney practicing in Oakland

"It's always powerful and exciting to hear from exceptional woman," said Beth Dryden, a Bloomfield Hills resident and director of public affairs at Charter One Bank, a premier sponsor of the Inforum March event.

The keynote speaker at the March 14 event, Barra answered questions in a conversation-style setting from Carol Cain, journalist, senior producer and television host, on topics ranging from career issues to family life.

Barra, 50, began her career with General Motors in 1980 as a GMI (Kettering University) co-op student at the Pontiac Motor Division. She described herself as "second generation GM family." Her father worked as a die maker for GM for 39 years. She graduated with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering then received a GM fellowship to the Stanford Graduate School of Business, where she earned a master's in business administration in 1990.

She has had many roles at GM,

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Amy Martin of Royal Oak (left) and Claire Reichstein of Royal Oak, who both work for General Motors, got a chance to meet Mary Barra (center) at the VIP reception prior to luncheon. Martin and Reichstein work in tax and customs. Reichstein is also an attorney.



Beth Dryden of Charter One, Aindrea Campbell of Ford Motor Co., Katie Meilinger of Magna and Kris Marshall of Winning Futures were "inspired and encouraged" by Barra's remarks at the March 14 Inforum event. Dryden, Campbell and Meilinger are residents of Bloomfield Hills. Marshall lives



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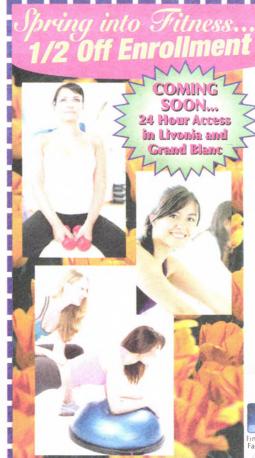
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Look pretty in pastels, hot colors, too!

By Jill Halpin
Contributing Writer

Spring is here, bringing with it fresh new looks for both hair and makeup that make looking great easier than ever. Gone with the past season are heavy face foundations and dull, matte eye shadows, replaced instead with new lightweight, transparent face makeup and soft, shimmery eye shadows that add just a hint of color.

Local makeup experts agree that fresh pastels that add a light, almost muted wash of color on your face, are making a comeback as the "in look" this new spring season.

Tinted foundations that are not as heavy as traditional foundations are a very hot look for both spring and summer.

"They are great because they give you a fresh, dewy finish while still being very lightweight and easy to apply. You can also get them with SPF which is perfect — you can get a little sun protection as well," said Cara Mason, co-owner of Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio in Canton. "You are still getting great coverage while allowing your skin to breathe a little."

Look natural

Mason noted that followers of beauty trends would want to be sure and avoid heavy eyeliner and hard edges: "You want your eyes to be very soft and very natural looking."

She also said, "We're seeing a lot of pale neutrals this spring and summer, like a soft gold or peach paired with a terra cotta, olive or mint for the eyes."

Jennifer Baker, beauty consultant with Clinique at Parisian in Livonia, agrees and added that the new golds and soft, green shades are making a comeback and "really make blue eyes sparkle."

"If you're not sure what color is right for you, plums and soft purples are always a good fallback," Baker said. "Plum and purple shades look good on just about anyone, but they really look great on green or hazel eyes and make brown eyes really 'pop.""

A natural lash that defines the eyes, almost like Vaseline for eyelashes that make them look dewy and fresh, finishes the look, Baker said. Natural colors

Baker said that natural colors with a hint of shimmer — not sparkle — are big this season for women of all ages.

Even though many older women find

Even though many older women find that heavy sparkles get into lid creases and accentuate fine lines, a little bit of shimmer is "wearable by anyone,"

Makeup artist and salon owner Barbara Deyo of Deyo for Face and Body in Birmingham is also a fan of using light, shimmery colors for a youthful look.

"Matte colors are not very forgiving and not as user-friendly," Deyo said. "Soft, satin finishes with a bit of sheen are easier to blend and are light reflective, helping to take off years and are very complimentary."

Spring trends

"You want to your look to be natural and luminous, and a little shimmer on the eyes will do just that," Mason said. She advises looking for eye shadows that give beautiful color and a touch of shine of shimmer for an up-to-date look.

Shimmer products

Deyo said that she also sometimes uses shimmering powders to gently highlight facial features, being aware of the areas of the face that light is naturally going to hit.

"You can totally change your face by adding a pop of shimmer under the brow, across the top of the cheekbone and the across the bridge of your nose," she said. "Your face is all about highlights and contours. Be sure and use makeup to enhance your natural highlights. You can define and sculpt your cheekbones by adding a darker color underneath them. Add a highlighting powder just above and a hint of blush in middle."

Spring looks

For cheeks and lips, another new shade is emerging as the color of the season — tangerine.

Taking off as the hot color in makeup this spring for cheeks and lips, it is leaving other heavier colors behind in "the new orange" may sound daunting for some, it is all about finding the right shade of tangerine to make it work for you, experts say.

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Hot colors

"The corals have really taken over this spring, and a lot of women can wear them beautifully, as long as they are careful in choosing the right shade. Orange is like red; everyone can wear it, you just have to make sure you pick the one with the tinges of color that are right for you," Baker said.

The undertones of your complexion, as well as your eye color and hair color, help determine the shade of tangerine that best compliments your face.

"Some of the tangerines are more pinkish, or pinkish-brown, while others may have a heavier red or even be a true orange or peach. Don't be afraid to try on a few in order to find that right shade," Baker said.

Deyo noted that bold bright lips are a must-do for the spring and has seen many pinks along with the tangerines.

"This season you want an extremely bold big pop of color on the lips," she said. "I'm seeing bright pinks, almost fuchsia ... very glossy, strong pops of color. You definitely want to avoid lip liner."

Deyo said that a great guideline for spring and summer makeup is to let the weather be your guide.

Think of it this way, she said: "If it is bright and sunny, you don't need your jacket, or a lot of makeup. Just be lighter and brighter. Everything is softer in the spring and summer."

The new trend in hair this spring is all about a "refined revival," according to Jessie

Miracle, owner of Salon Posh in Northville.

Hair fashion

"Hair is like fashion, it always varies, but there is really a big '40s-era influence right now, a more sort of polished look," Miracle said.

Miracle said the new look in hair is shorter and sophisticated, with people even going back to setting their hair in pin curls.

"I am also seeing a trend toward the classic looks: a lot of Dorothy Hamill-style bobs," he said, adding that the long popular reverse bob (longer in the front, shorter in the back) is on its way out.

Longer and mid-length hair trends include soft waves and curls, a style similar to that worn by country singer Taylor Swift.

The trend in color had stayed the same as it has for the past few years, with the Ombre color technique, the French-termed hair trend that features darker, more natural hues at the roots with gradually-dyed lightening at the ends, remaining popular with all ages.

Miracle said his recent visit to Chicago's Midwest Hair Show also revealed some new trends for those in search of a bolder look.

"I saw many people with their heads shaved on one side, and some went as far as to shave a design — like a star — into their heads on one side," he said, adding that this is definitely a look for the more "artsy" among us.

Men are also returning to a more polished and refined look, according to barber and stylist Nick Selimi at Merle Norman in Canton.

"Men are wearing their hair short — it is more of a classic look," Selimi said. The sidepart for men is also making a comeback, he added.



Carol Schneider of Highland worked in the cosmetics industry for years, selling a variety of makeup and skin care lines.

Despite her background in commercial skin and beauty products, she always had a strong personal conviction that "God gave us everything on this Earth to heal ourselves."

It took an unpleasant personal skin care problem that led her to follow her own convictions and strike out on her own in an effort to heal her skin naturally.

After using some of the products she was selling, she developed a rash around her mouth that resulted in perioral dermatitis. Eager to heal herself, she began searching the Internet for natural remedies, carefully scanning websites and online journals for information on natural remedies, before she settled on raw, unrefined Shea Butter to help heal her dry, cracked skin.

Now a self-made natural beauty products expert, Schneider makes her own moisturizers, hair rinses, sugar scrubs, bath teas and even perfumes — all from scratch, creating and developing her own products

and home remedies for herself and friends using all natural ingredients

Here are some of her suggestions for those looking for "home remedies"

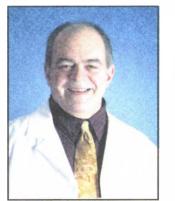
- "The key to younger looking skin is moisturize, moisturize, moisturize ... and use a good sunscreen, of course," said Schneider, who recommends using a cold-pressed macadamia nut oil or an extra-virgin coconut oil as a natural moisturizer.
- For shiny hair, she again recommends coconut oil as the go-to product for blondes: "Just put it on dry hair and let it sit there a bit before washing it out," she said. Brunettes can mix some extra-virgin red palm oil into the coconut oil, but "be careful palm oil is high in keratoids so it will turn your hair dark," if it isn't already, she adds.
- For natural sunscreen products, she recommends chemical-free Mexitan products (sold online at http://www.mexitan.com/) and Keys Solar RX, a natural, organic sunscreen from the Keys skincare line, online at www.keys-soap.com.)

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Gail Wiener, an advertising account executive with the Detroit Media Partnership, and Victoria McInnis, chief tax officer for General Motors, attended the March Inforum event as guests of their respective companies. They live in Birmingham, where they are neighbors.

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including vice president, global manufacturing engineering; plant manager, Detroit Hamtramck Assembly; executive director of competitive operations engineering; and several other engineering and staff positions.

"Once I got here I was hooked," Barra told the audience of more than 500 people - mostly women.

Major role

In her current role, Barra is responsible for 11 GM brands and more than 30,000 employees. Married and the mother of two teenagers (a son and a daughter), Barra credits "education, hard work and a great team" for her success at GM.

Barra told the audience she loves vehicles. Her first car was a Chevrolet Chevette "because I couldn't afford the Pontiac Firebird I wanted."

She spoke passionately about several GM products including the new Malibu and new Camaro ZL1 ("contain some of the highest technology"), the Chevy Spark ("energy, pep and incredibly roomy") and called the debut of Cadillac XTS later this spring "very exciting."

Barra also stressed the importance of encouraging and helping young girls and boys to continue the study of math and science. She champions engineering — "because you can do so many things" with this degree "it creates opportunities for the future."

Giving back

Although busy with career and family, she strives to give back. She serves or the General Dynamics and Inforum Center For Leadership Board of Directors. Barra is also on the Kettering University Board of Trustees and is Key Executive for Stanford University. She is also involved with fundraising for the Karmanos Cancer. Her mother - one of "the most encouraging person in my life" -died of cancer.

She is optimistic about GM's future and said the company is taking the right steps by "producing the best cars and trucks on the road." She acknowledged that going through the recession was a difficult period but the biggest lesson she learned is "if you have a problem solve it, deal with it" a fundamental lesson of business.

Asked if GM would have a female CEO anytime soon, Barra said, "GM has many women in key positions — many talented women are designers and engineers" and like other industries, "it will come but I don't know when."

A theme that echoed throughout Barra's conversation was that you "have to love what you do and work hard."

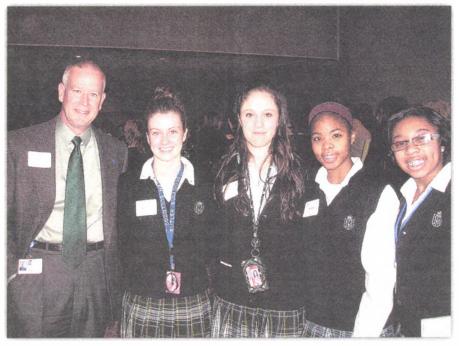
"Find your passion and dedicate yourself to it," she said.

Other tips included prioritizing when if comes to marriage and family – "everyone does a better job when they balance." Her takeaway for the day: "You can do anything you set out to do."

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Mother and daughter: Peggy Barron of Payroll One in Birmingham and Jenny Barron, a student at Marian High School, got a chance to enjoy the event together. Both attended the VIP reception prior to the luncheon. The Barrons are from Farmington Hills.



Jim Davlin of GM hosted (from left) his daughter, Anna Davlin of Birmingham and other students from Marian High School, including Sydney Dunn, Chelsea Wilson and Cherise McAdoo. The students got a chance to meet and talk with Mary Barra, GM senior vice president, global product development, at a VIP reception prior to the luncheon.

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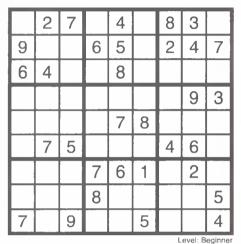
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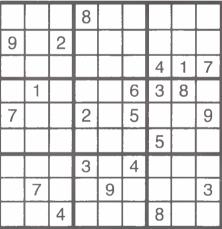
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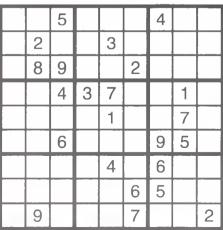
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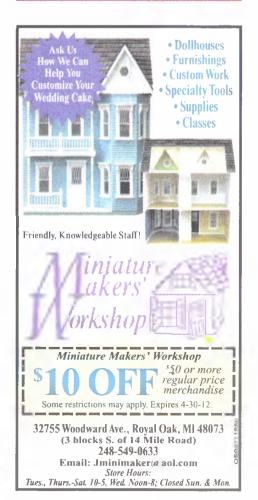
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GETTING FIT

Don't let a setback be more than temporary

By Jill Halpin

Contributing Writer

We may be only a few months into 2012, but for many, those New Year's diet and exercise resolutions are little more than a dim memory. However, you don't have to completely abandon your fitness goals and let them slip away simply because they might have fallen by the wayside.

Getting back on track and ensuring the success of your fitness objectives can be much easier than you think, experts say. Even despite a setback, it is still possible to change your diet and exercise behavior to get and stay fit in the new year.

"If you want to change your behavior, you have to establish it as a habit. If you do something, anything, between 12 and 20 times, it starts to become a habit. After that, it is just a part of your routine behavior," said Maggie Williams, owner of Curves of Birmingham-Bloomfield Township-South.

Applying that idea to diet and exercise can produce powerful results, she added. Even if you have to force yourself to exercise, it is important to stick with it at least 12 times before giving up.

"So many of us have joined classes or clubs, gone two or three times, decided we didn't like it and given up," Williams said. If you can push yourself to stick with something enough for it to become part of your routine, you may be pleasantly surprised at the outcome, she added.

"Work through that initial startup resistance and then see what happens," Williams said. "Pretty soon you'll find that you feel bad about *not* working out rather than feeling bad working out."

Williams said that another way to make sure you are setting yourself up for success is to be sure to incorporate a workout into your daily schedule.

For Plymouth resident and mother of three Laura McHugh, that means making time to exercise a part of everyday life.

"It's important to change your schedule to allow time for exercise; then it isn't a hassle to try and juggle your schedule to fit it in during the day," said McHugh, who works out daily at Lifetime Fitness in Novi.

McHugh admits that although it is difficult at times to stay motivated, "Once you get to the point where your jeans fit better and you find yourself with more energy, it becomes much easier to talk yourself into driving over to work out after you drop the kids off at school."

Pam Ettinger of South Lyon agrees that making it a part of your daily routine is key. She makes sure to hit her local Jazzercise class every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

"I just wake up and go," she said. "Now I'm at the point where I just go without thinking about it. I know that if I don't work out, I'm going to miss it."

Ettinger claims that for her, it is the friendly, fun group dynamic of Jazzer-cise that keeps her workouts on track.

"I love working out with a group," she said. "The classes are fun, and you never get bored because they are always changing the routine. That is really important to me. I'd get bored doing the same thing over and over, like walking on a treadmill."

Like McHugh, Ettinger said that phys-

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ically feeling the benefits helps keep her coming back for more.

"It keeps me healthy and I feel stronger," she said. Williams claims that starting and maintaining fitness goals boils down to a simple formula: Get yourself started with the right exercise program; force yourself to work through the initial discomfort and resistance; start to feel better; and see the results.

"When you start to see and feel the effects, it becomes easy to stay on track," she said.



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Train like you mean it

So two weeks ago, I decided to hire a trainer again. For me, I need to be accountable to someone so I don't skip it because I don't feel like it. This time, I hired Nancy Johnson Chavez of Birmingham. At first, because I hoped that one day I can have a body like hers. But after the first session, I knew it was the perfect fit for me. Chavez is a "no-nonsense, no-sugarcoating, train like you mean it, no-BS kind of trainer."

She prefers to call herself a "fitness catalyst" as she is teaching the skills you need to eventually move out on your own. And rather than labeling or naming her style of training, she's pretty straightforward.

"Train like you mean it," Chavez said. "I believe in hard work and not trying to find short cuts. It takes hard work, dedication and consistency. Not gimmicks. The journey consists of serious weight training with barbells, dumbbells, kettlebells and intense conditioning sessions with sprints, rowing intervals, sandbag runs, jump roping and on and on."

At first, I signed up for twice a week, but after the first week, I increased to four times a week until I get the weight off—and, honestly, because I love it so much. I know that sounds crazy, but I really do.

She also gives me very simple but intense 20-minute circuits to do at home twice a week, and I have a day a week of rest. I feel like I should be doing more, longer periods of time. "It's quality, not quantity," she assure me.

I trust her, so that's what I'm doing! So far, it's working. I have lost four pounds. But more important than that — her style of training makes me feel like a warrior. And it's pretty cool to see what kind of strength I actually have. Who knew I could dead-lift 95 pounds out of the gate? And that's just the beginning. Chavez tells me I will be dead-lifting 120 pounds in a month or so. I can't wait.

You are what you eat

Chavez stresses that "hand-in-hand with the training is a proper, serious diet."

"Women think heavy lifting will make them bulky," she said. "Eating too much makes you bulky. The combination of proper weight training, proper diet and high-intensity interval training is powerful."

And Aaron adds to that sentiment, "Strong is sexy!" I wholeheartedly agree.

"Eat real food," Chavez said. "Avoid processed food and sugar. Don't have trigger foods (that once you start you can't stop) in the house. Eat more leafy greens and colorful veggies. Prepare in advance so you don't come home starving and make bad choices. Going for perfection is a good way to drive yourself insane. If you eat clean most of the time (80-90 percent), an occasional indulgence won't kill you."

"Add citrus to water," Aaron said. "This helps shed toxins from the body, reduces inflammation and aids in digestion. Add fiber to your diet. Apples are full of satiating fiber and are a great fat loss food when paired with protein from nuts. And apples are full of antioxidant phytonutrients. Always eat breakfast and never let yourself get hungry. Eat four to six small meals a day. This will help balance hormones and elevate your metabolism."

You owe it to yourself to make the commitment to your well-being. I don't know about you, but for me there's nothing better than being able to try anything on and it fits and I feel good about it. The best investment you can make in life is on you and your health. And every woman deserves the right to bare arms.

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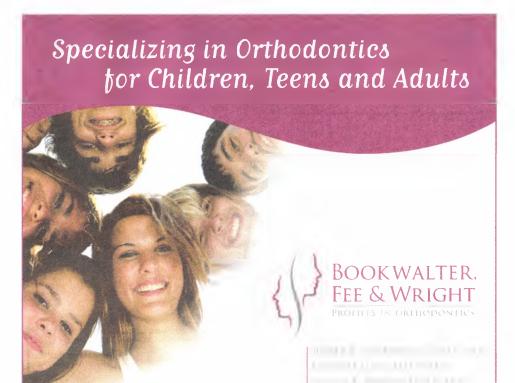
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Brighten up bake sales

A bake sale is a sweet way to support any charitable cause, whether it's raising money for new uniforms or donating to a local animal shelter. These tips and recipes from the celebration experts at Wilton will make bake sale treats that stand out among the rest — it's a piece of cake.

- Baking delicious goodies is just the start to a successful bake sale. Add some dazzling details. The eye-catching finishes on Bake-Sale Ready Cupcakes swirls of colorful icing topped with jumbo sprinkles and butterfly decorations, complete with vibrant wraps will ensure they sell out fast.
- Serve sweets-on-a-stick like Kaleidoscope Cookie Pops and School Star Cereal Treat Pops. Favorite treats are more fun and easier to eat when customers can just grab them and enjoy.
- Offer size options. Sell some cupcakes and mini breads by the "eaches" and cookies by the pop. Have dozens available, too.
- Wrap goodies using treat bags and ribbon, or pack in colorful, easy-to-transport boxes — making them perfect gifts customers will want to keep for themselves.

Visit www.wilton.com for other bake sale ideas and recipes, and for all of your baking and decorating supplies.

Coconut Lime Mini Breads

Breads

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon finely grated lime zest
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- ½ cup (1 stick) butter, softened
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 1/2 teaspoons coconut extract
- 1/3 cup unsweetened coconut milk
- Topping (optional)
- ½ cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 to 2 teaspoons fresh lime juice
- 3 tablespoons toasted sweetened flaked coconut

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line cavities of Petite Loaf Pan with Petite Loaf Baking Cups.

In medium bowl, combine flour, lime zest and baking powder. In large bowl, beat butter and sugar with electric mixer until light and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, mixing well after each addition. Stir in coconut extract. Add flour mixture alternately with coconut milk to butter mixture; mix until well combined. Divide mixture evenly into baking cups.

Bake 25 to 28 minutes or until



toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool loaves in pan 10 minutes. Remove loaves from pan; cool completely.

To make icing, combine confection ers' sugar and lime juice in small bowl to desired consistency. Drizzle icing over tops of loaves, allowing icing to run down sides. Sprinkle with toasted coconut.

Makes 9 petite loaves.

Zucchini & Apple Bread

- 2 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/4 cups granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 3/4 cup vegetable oil
- 3 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 medium zucchini, shredded (about 1 ½ cups)
- 1 medium apple, peeled, cored and shredded (about 1 cup)

3/4 cup chopped pecans or walnuts

Preheat oven to 325°F. Spray 9 x 5-inch loaf pan with vegetable pan spray

In large bowl, combine flour, sugar, cinnamon, baking powder, salt and nutmeg. In medium bowl, whisk together oil, eggs and vanilla. Stir into flour mixture. Stir in zucchini, apple and pecans, mixing until just combined. (Do not overmix.) Turn mixture into prepared pan.

Bake 50 to 60 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool bread in pan 10 minutes. Loosen edges of bread from pan. Remove bread from pan; cool completely.

Makes about 12 servings.







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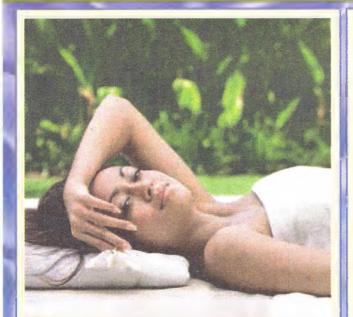
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I told her that I had tried that. I went to Henry Ford Fairlane paid \$1000 for my chin area and had 8 treatments. I then sarcastically said "Clearly it doesn't work." She promised me that after one treatment I'd see a difference. I really wanted to 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!

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