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Fashion show

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging hosts the 2013 Fashion Show. The show, featuring fashions by Dress Barn of Novi, takes place Monday, March 11, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Doors open at 12:30 p.m., lunch is served at 12:45 p.m., and the show starts at 1:30. Tickets are \$5 for PCCA members, \$8 for non-members and guests. The Plymouth Cultural Center is located at 525 Farmer in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-1234, ext. 236.

City fears loss of revenue from personal property tax repeal

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

The phase-out of Michigan's personal property tax is a work in progress, subject to legislative changes and a statewide vote next year, rather than a done deal. "That was the message Monday evening from state legislators as they heard concerns from Plymouth and Northville officials about the revenue loss their budgets face with the end of the PPT.

Plymouth faces an estimated 2014 loss of \$38,580, while Northville faces a loss of \$59,113, officials said. Those figures are net of state replacement money (which does not apply in Northville because of the PPT's small effect on the overall tax base) and money from local assessments, subject to local votes, designed to replace PPT revenue that goes toward public safety purposes. The PPT's elimination over 10 years was passed by a lame-duck

session of the state Legislature in December and signed into law Dec. 20 by Gov. Rick Snyder. But the law ends the PPT for smaller businesses in 2014, and most businesses in Northville and Plymouth fall into that category, officials said.

No argument

No one argued that the PPT, a tax on business equipment and industrial machinery that's collected at the local level, should be kept as it was.

"I think everybody is in agreement that the PPT is a burdensome tax. It thwarts job growth" by creating a disincentive for companies to invest in new equipment, said state Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township. Heise appeared with state Sens. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton Township, and Mike Kowall, R-White Lake Township, at a joint meeting of the Plymouth City Commission and the North-

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Bee buzz

Plymouth-Canton's Community Literacy Council hosts its 22nd annual spelling bee 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, at Canton High School. This fun evening of spirited competition benefits the council's goal of improving adult literacy in Plymouth-Canton and surrounding areas of Western Wayne County. The Community Literacy Council is a volunteer, nonprofit organization that provides free literacy tutoring to adults via one-on-one instruction or small conversation groups. For more information about ways to get involved, visit www.plymouthcantonliteracy.org or call Amy D'Urso at (734) 416-4906.



Patrick Kelleher with one of Headfirst Printing's T-shirts, this one for a football team from Hermann's Olde Town Grille in Plymouth's Old Village.

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One finalist withdraws from district search

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Adrian Public Schools Superintendent Christopher Timmis has pulled his name from consideration for the soon-to-be-vacant superintendent's position in Plymouth-Canton. Timmis, superintendent in Adrian since July 2008, notified Plymouth-Canton officials Monday he was withdrawing. The day after Timmis, one of four semifinalists interviewed by the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education last week, interviewed, he met with potential international partners on projects his district is considering. He also went on a fundraising trip. The desire to finish those projects, and others like them, caused Timmis to withdraw from the Plymouth-Canton process. "We are doing some exciting things in Adrian," Timmis said Tuesday. "The people in Plymouth-Canton are great people, and it's a wonderful district, but I just thought the timing, combined with the things I still want to accomplish here, made this the best decision." Timmis was one of three candidates invited back for a second interview. He had been scheduled to talk to various interest groups, take a tour of the district, visit the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and sit down for a second interview Tuesday. School board President John Barrett said the board will continue on with the second-interview process with its other two finalists, Plymouth-Can-

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Adrian Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Chris Timmis withdrew from the pool being interviewed for the next Plymouth-Canton Community Schools superintendent.

Parks hearing

Wayne County Parks is holding a public hearing on Monday, March 11, to announce a proposed project that will be considered for grant funding in Hines Park. The public hearing will be at 6:30 p.m. at Nankin Mills, 31375 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Questions regarding the public hearings can be directed to Elizabeth Iszler, Wayne County Parks, at (734) 261-4312.

Partners in prosperity

Businesses combine printing, packaging at new digs

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A workspace-sharing arrangement between a couple of neighbors has become a partnership that's finding growth in two niche markets, specialty printing and specialty packaging. Headfirst Printing, a custom graphics shop, and ATS Packaging, a broker of corrugated packaging for shipping auto parts, recently moved from Plymouth's Old Village neighborhood to nearly 6,000 square feet on Jib Street west of Sheldon, in one of Plymouth Township's industrial parks. The additional space — where electricity is drawn from the sun by 4,000 square feet of solar panels on the roof — gives the businesses room to add equipment, storage and a clothing showroom, plus take on new work assembling specialty packaging for one of the Detroit Three automakers. "Our old place would kind of fit in the front room," said Patrick Kelleher, the public



Patrick Kelleher shows off old-school six-color screen printing equipment at Headfirst Printing on Jib Street. The company recently moved from a much smaller facility in Old Village.

face of Headfirst and a self-described printing geek. "I grew up in print," said Kelleher, who hails from Chicago. "I've had ink on my fingers my whole life." His father sold printing equipment, and Kelleher has worked at several print shops, freelanced as a print designer and Web designer, and managed Kinko's locations.

Sharing space

In September of 2011, Kelleher, who was freelancing at the time, and an Old Village neighbor, Anthony Sebastian, a specialty packaging broker, began sharing space on Davis Street in Old Village, getting a good deal on the lease and some old printing equipment,

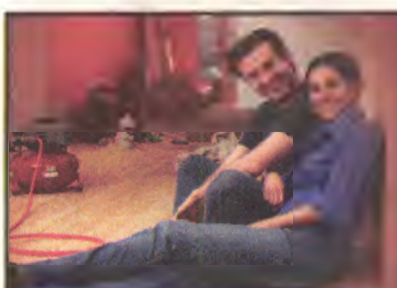
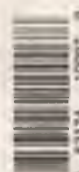
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Local man makes splash on big screen in 'Oz'

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A modest shipping manager from Livonia made his big-screen debut Tuesday in the made-in-Michigan prequel to a classic loved by generations of moviegoers.

Dan Gruenwald, a nearly 17-year employee of Superior Controls in Plymouth Township, plays three Munchkins in *Oz the Great and Powerful*, which tells a backstory to 1939's *The Wizard of Oz* and premiered Tuesday in Royal Oak. *Oz the Great and Powerful*, a Disney movie directed by Sam Raimi, a Hollywood veteran with Michigan roots, will be in wide release Friday.

"I was very pleased with the movie," said Gruenwald, who manages the shipping department for Superior Controls and a spinoff engineering company, Red Viking. "It's a great movie, kind of a little dark. ... It's before *The Wizard of Oz*. It's showing you how the wizard became the wizard."



Dan Gruenwald, left, in a scene from "Oz the Great and Powerful," in which he played three different Munchkins. The Livonia man, who works in Plymouth Township, said he was fortunate to be given a leave from his job to pursue acting. Filming was done in Michigan.

Gruenwald, who had acted before only on radio, was cast as three different Munchkins in the new *Oz*. Filming took place during summer 2011 at Raleigh Studios in Pontiac, where Gruenwald had to undergo two hours of makeup application each day.

Movie making is an amazing and complicated process, he said, expressing admiration for Raimi and others on the set.

"Once you do a movie, you appreciate how much goes into it," he said. "It's a lot of hurry up, hurry up, hurry up and wait." Actors in makeup and costumes might sit for eight hours or more before getting in front of a camera, but they have to be at the ready, he said.

His favorite part, the former high school wrestler said, was doing stunts for the movie. But it was grueling at the same time, he said.

"Your body's not used to that kind of stuff," Gruenwald said. "I'm used to nine to five, a busy work week, but I'm not used to getting my body thrown around." Gruenwald, at 4-foot-2, lost 10 or 15 pounds, he said, to make stunts easier on himself and the actor who had to lift



Dan Gruenwald of Livonia, at left in the middle, in a dance number from "Oz the Great and Powerful," a prequel to the classic "The Wizard of Oz."

him. Gruenwald got a two-month leave from his job to pursue his *Oz* roles, a benefit for which, he said, he is grateful to company management.

"I'm very fortunate," he said. A fellow actor, he said, lost a job because of the movie's demands, while another flunked a semester in college.

Company communications manager Dawn McDonald-Watkins said Gruenwald is excited about the movie's release, but also has "kept it close" and has not been boastful. When he was away making *Oz*, she said, not everyone there knew what he was doing.

"I don't want to say he's been shy about it, but he's been real-

ly humble about it," she said.

Gruenwald said he made many friends and contacts on the set of *Oz* and would like to continue acting, but doesn't want to risk the security of a job he loves. "I don't know what the future holds," he said.

He said he'd like to see Michigan filmmaking thrive and the state government restore tax incentives that helped the industry here. "It's kind of nice to see something that was done in Michigan," he said, adding that the spinoff effect creates a lot of jobs in acting, set building, hotels and more. "If we're not going to give it to them, they just jump to another state."

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ville City Council, held at Northville City Hall.

Heise said many details of how the PPT will be phased out, and replacement funds distributed, have yet to be ironed out.

For example, he said, lawmakers need to address how the law will affect taxing entities

such as downtown development authorities and public library districts. Heise said he hopes details can be pinned down by the fall.

Election issue

In addition, voters will decide in August 2014 on the creation of a state-wide authority that would administer the replacement funds. Heise said if that measure fails, most

other aspects of the PPT phase-out would fall apart.

Kowall said the PPT, along with the now-defunct Michigan Business Tax and its surcharge, which lawmakers did away with two years ago, were the biggest tax complaints he's heard from businesses.

Local officials expressed concern that the PPT phase-out means more revenue will be tak-

en from their communities after years of declining revenue.

"I don't think there's any disagreement on the tax (elimination)," Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock said. "It's, how are you going to replace it at the local level because, frankly, we've taken a lot of cuts."

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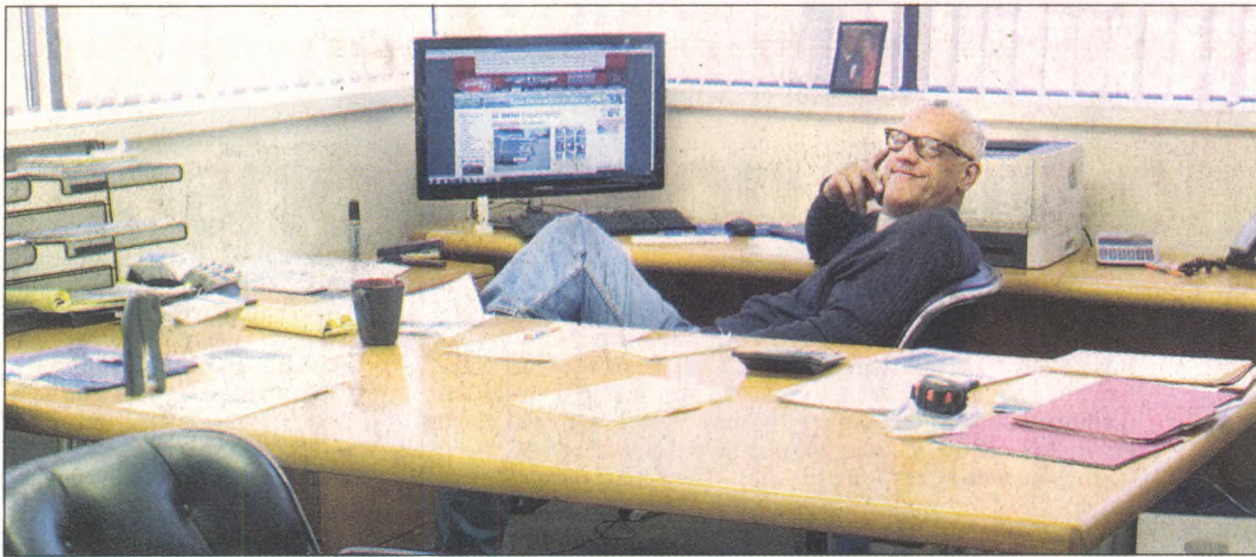
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Anthony Sebastian, who brokers specialty packaging for shipping automobile parts, jokes he is a "not-so-silent" partner in Patrick Kelleher's Headfirst Printing. At a new location in Plymouth Township, the partners are also branching into assembling specialty packaging for one of the Detroit Three automakers.

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they said. Sebastian needed space for his own business, which was increasing with the resurgence of the automobile industry, and became a "not-so-silent" partner in Headfirst Printing.

Headfirst does a limited amount of traditional offset ink-on-paper printing, mostly for customers Kelleher acquired as a printing rep. But its forte is specialty printing — on clothing, bags, caps, banners, mugs and even golf tees — for retailers, athletic teams, clubs and companies' promotional items.

Kelleher is expanding a newer line of work — the custom-forming and cus-

tom-printing of cases for cellular phones, mostly for retailers.

Headfirst, he says, is the only company in the Midwest using a vacuum-form dye sublimation process to shape and print cell phone cases and computer tablet cases. The process uses heat to instantly transform solid inks into gases, which then permanently adhere to the plastic. The process is typically done in China, he said, and Headfirst had to buy a made-in-China sublimation machine.

"We had to do a lot of modifications on it. We had to make hundreds of terrible cases before we made one good case," he said. Doing the printing in house, he said, allows for much faster shipping

than contracting it out to China.

Tech contributions

Headfirst already has a website, www.thegreatcase.com, that customers can use to design their own cell phone cases, and Kelleher is planning a similar site for people who want to create their own shirt designs. Headfirst also uses dye sublimation to print "tech shirts," the breathable mesh shirts favored by runners, which leaves the printed portions of the shirts with the same feel as the unprinted fabric, as opposed to the patchy feel of screen-printed shirt designs.

Sebastian's technological contribution is a custom-designed package, complete with attached

pallet, used for shipping a specific 100-pound automobile part for one of the Detroit Three. There's a limited demand, said Sebastian, who holds two packaging-related patents, but it's a good niche to get into. "All the grove goes into designing this," he said, showing off a sample of the assembly.

Kelleher and Sebastian hope to soon begin assembling the package under a combined name, Headfirst ATS.

"Patrick's been a great partner," said Sebastian, who spends a lot of time on the road visiting auto plants that use his products and the manufacturers that make them. "I needed someone inside."

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VFW Post welcomes MP company home

The public is invited when VFW Post 6695 of Plymouth officially welcomes home members of the 303rd Military Police Group at a celebration Saturday at the Post headquarters.

The 303rd MP Company, based in Inkster, returned home recently from a tour in Afghanistan. Members of VFW Post 6695 adopted the company during their deployment and will welcome its members home in an official ceremony 5 p.m. Saturday at the Post, located at 1426 S. Mill in Plymouth.

According to VFW officials, members of the 303rd Military Police Company earned 12 Purple Hearts, 12 Bronze

Stars for valor, 20 Combat Action Badges and 20 Bronze Stars issued.

According to VFW Post Commander Dennis Bielskis, nine members of the company were caught in an ambush, and four of those are still in the hospital. One MP might lose a leg, another received shrapnel in the eye with the metal still lodged in his brain, and one young lady was hit in both hands "but is doing well," according to Bielskis.

Post officials are serving pasta, but are asking folks to bring a dish to pass, including salads, desserts and breads to share.

For more information, call (248) 912-8825.



Members of VFW Post 6695 will welcome home members of the 303rd Military Police Group at a Saturday ceremony. The post adopted the 303rd while it was deployed.

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ton Executive Director of Business Services Brodie Killian, who had his second interview Monday, and Michael Meissen, currently the district improvement/school improvement and student achievement

supervisor for Milwaukee Public Schools. Meissen's second interview is set for Thursday.

"We're keeping the process exactly as we had it planned from the beginning," Barrett said. "We interviewed (Killian) Monday and we're doing our other interview (Meissen) Thursday."

Barrett said the board will not bring in a replacement finalist for Timmis. Curtis Cain, associate superintendent for educational services for the Shawnee Mission School District in Overland Park, Kan., was the fourth semifinalist, but he will not be invited back in the wake of Timmis' withdrawal,

Barrett said. "Everybody felt when we narrowed it to three that we had three excellent candidates," Barrett said. "We're still confident we have two excellent people."

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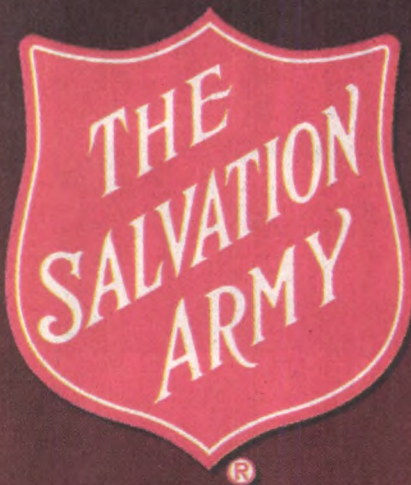
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Knife-wielding thief goes to prison

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Westland man accused of wielding a knife inside a Canton Walmart store and stealing two laptop computers has been sentenced to one to five years in prison.

Sean Thomas Boegler, 46, has started serving his time behind bars after he was recently sentenced by Wayne County Circuit Judge Bruce Morrow for attempted armed robbery, according to the Michigan



Boegler

Department of Corrections.

Boegler's decision to accept a plea to a reduced charge averted a trial for armed robbery — a more serious charge that carries penalties ranging up to life in prison with a conviction.

The case stemmed from an incident that Canton police say happened around 12:30

p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, inside the Walmart store on Ford Road east of Lotz. Boegler had been accused of brandishing a knife when employees approached him about two laptops he was attempting to steal.

Workers told police a man pulled a knife on loss prevention employees, fled and store and got into a getaway vehicle. However, quick action by witnesses helped Canton police trace Boegler to a Westland residence using a license plate

number, Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner has said.

Authorities made an arrest and impounded the vehicle they believe was used during the Walmart incident.

"They did recover the stolen merchandise," Schreiner has said.

Boegler's case was sent to Wayne County Circuit Court for disposition after he voluntarily waived his right to a preliminary examination in late December in Plymouth 35th District Court.

According to the Michigan Department of Corrections, Boegler could potentially be released from prison as early as next Dec. 12, because he has been given credit for time spent in jail while he was awaiting the outcome of his case.

If he serves the maximum sentence, however, he wouldn't be eligible for release until Dec. 12, 2017.

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PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Vehicle thefts

A sport-utility vehicle was stolen late last month from outside an apartment on Brougham Street, in the area of Wilcox Road and Hines Drive, police report.

The theft occurred between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Jan. 27, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report. The victim told police she had left her 2005 Jeep Liberty unlocked and with the keys in the center console.

Bank statements and a laptop computer were in the Liberty, the woman said.

In another reported vehicle theft, a 2008 Chevrolet Impala was stolen from another apartment complex on Newport, in the area of Joy Road and Haggerty, police said. The theft occurred between late Friday night and just after noon Saturday, a police report said.

The victim told police the car had been locked, and she had possession of both sets of keys, police said. Police found no broken glass at the spot where the Impala had been parked.

Fraud

A 52-year-old township man reported recently that someone had filed a 2012 income tax return using his name and Social Security number. The Internal Revenue Service is investigating.

The victim told police Feb. 26 that he had received a letter from the IRS the day before stating that his 2012 return had been received and was under review. But the man hadn't yet filed a 2012 return, he said.

In addition to going to police, the victim filed a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission.

Vandalism

A brick was thrown through a window at a building on Main Street, south of Ann Arbor Road in the township, on the night of Feb. 27, police said.

The complainant told police she locked up the building late in the afternoon of Feb. 27 and returned the next morning to find the window broken. Police said entry into the building was not gained.

— By Matt Jachman

Business break-in

Canton police were investigating a break-in that occurred around 4 a.m. Sunday at the Country Deli & Wine Shop, in a shopping center on Lilley just north of Warren.

A 28-year-old man reported receiving an alarm when the incident occurred. A witness also told police he had seen a small group of people near the front of the store — and then he heard a loud noise.

Police went to the store and found the entry glass door had been shattered, with glass covering the sidewalk. Authorities brought in a police dog but didn't immediately locate a suspect.

A police report indicated cigarettes had been taken during the break-in.

Airport intruder

Canton police were investigating reports of a break-in at a storage shed at Mettetal Airport, southeast of Joy and Lilley roads on Canton's north side. The incident happened sometime prior to 8 a.m. Tuesday. Nothing appeared to be missing.

iPhone stolen

A 24-year-old man told Canton police his iPhone was stolen while he was working Feb. 21 at the Dollar Tree store on Joy Road east of Morton Taylor,

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The man reported he had taken his new \$500 phone to work and was told by a manager to put it away or it would be locked in the office, a police report said.

The employee placed the iPhone near an area of the checkout lane and later noticed it was missing. The manager denied taking the phone, police said, and it wasn't clear who may have taken the phone.

Laptop lifted

A Canton High School teacher reported a laptop computer was missing from her classroom Friday morning, southwest of Joy and Canton Center roads.

A police report indicated the missing laptop was brought to her attention during second hour, raising questions about whether it had been stolen during first hour, a police report said.

Missing plate

A 52-year-old man who lives on Fordham Circle, northeast of Ford and Morton Taylor roads, notified police after the license plate was stolen off his 2006 Ford Taurus sometime between 11 p.m. Friday and 7 a.m. Saturday, a police report said.

The man told police he had parked the vehicle in front of a friend's apartment. He said he didn't hear any suspicious activity

during the night.

Custody dispute

A man involved in a custody dispute with his ex-wife over their daughter contacted police following allegations the ex-wife may have kicked and damaged the tail-light of his 2003 Chevy Trailblazer while it was parked at the Holiday Estates mobile home park on Geddes west of Canton Center.

Police received a call about the incident about 6:25 p.m. Saturday.

The man told police his ex-wife had come by the house to drop off their daughter when an argument ensued. He told police he didn't want to prosecute the woman but wanted to file a police report as part of an ongoing custody dispute.

Car damaged

A 21-year-old woman contacted police after her vehicle was damaged while it was parked in a shopping plaza on Lilley Road just south of Joy Road shortly before 8 p.m. Monday.

The woman went to the police station to report the incident. She said she went to her car and noticed a large hole with multiple cracks in the rear bumper on the driver's side.

— By Darrell Clem

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Robotics team captures Kettering district

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The Plymouth-Canton Lightning Robotics 862 team picked up last week-end right where they left off.

Lightning 862 won its first competition of 2013, capturing the district title at Kettering University. The team combined with the alliance of Team 70 (More Martians of Goodrich) and 910 (Foley Freeze of Madison Heights).

The team conquered this year's game, building a robot that can climb 90 inches and shoot Frisbees accurately.

While winning the district title, the team also captured the Engineering Inspiration Award, which celebrates a team's outstanding efforts in advancing respect and appreciation for engineering and engineers, both within their school



Plymouth-Canton robotics team members started building their robot in January, and it won the Kettering district last weekend.

and their community. "The robotics team had three great days at Kettering," said Jay Obsniuk, the team's advisor.

The win capped the efforts of the team that started when the build season began in January.

"The robot game this year has been a big challenge," Obsniuk said. "Trying to get a robot to climb 90 inches and

shoot Frisbees took a lot of time to come up with a design, keep the students involved and build many prototypes."

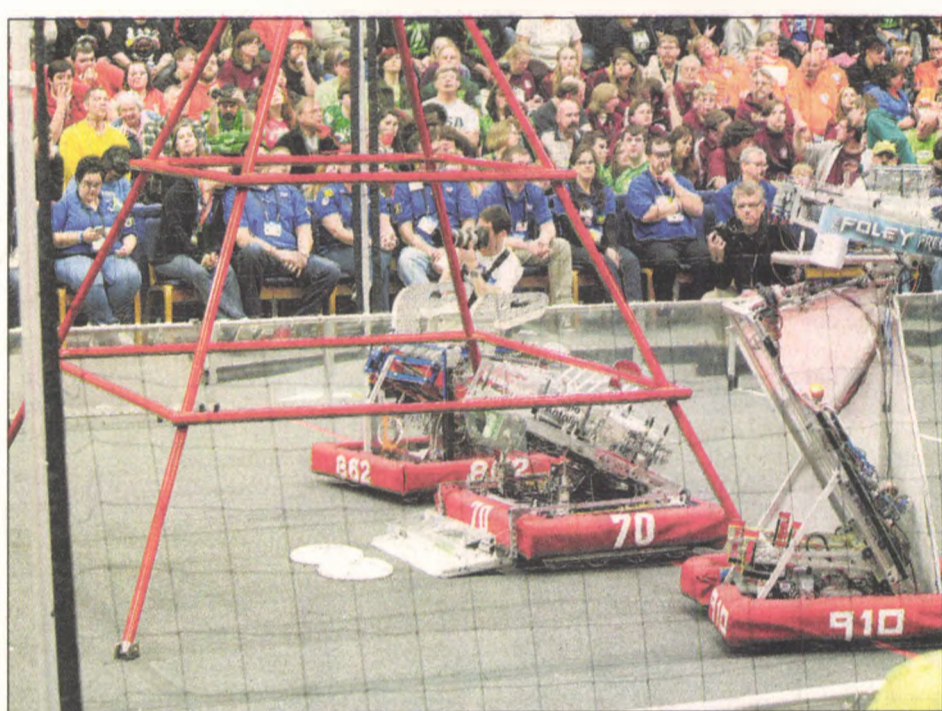
Next up for the 109-member team: District competitions March 22-23 at Grand Valley State University and April 5-6 at Bedford High School.

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Members of the 109-member Plymouth-Canton Lightning Robotics 862 team react to winning the district competition at Kettering University last weekend.



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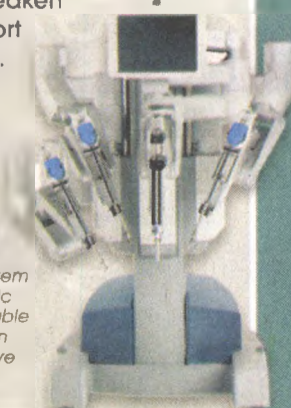
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Homeowners find help at Canton expo

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Kathleen McFall of Livonia has been looking for six months for someone to carve a tree in her front yard into an animal shape of some sort.

She'd had no luck, until Saturday.

That's when McFall and her husband, George, walked up to the Home Expo at the Summit on the Park in Canton. The first person to whom McFall spoke was Tom Fink, and her problem was solved.

"I would go to antique stores and other places and ask if anyone knew someone, and no one did," McFall recalled. "Then I walk up here, and the first guy I talk to is going to come take a look."

It's the kind of service Canton Township officials say the expo provides. The two-day event featured more than 100 vendors, demonstrations and workshops, plus an appearance from Joe Gagnon, "The Appliance Doctor" from WAAM-AM (1600).

And it was the kind of service Fink, owner of Cut & Carve Chainsaw Artistry of West Bloomfield, was happy to provide. Fink said this was his fourth Canton expo.

"I enjoy (the expo), and I've made some sales," Fink said. "Mostly it's another opportunity to carve. It gets me off the sofa," he added, smiling.

Frank and Carly Plescia of Canton were smiling, too. They're considering a re-do of the deck at their Canton home and were looking for product



Frank and Carly Plescia of Canton check in at the reception table at the opening of the two-day Canton Home Expo.

information and contractor contact numbers.

"We're interested in a particular product, and we were really impressed with it," Carly said, to which Frank added, "There was a good variety of products and services available."

While consumers count

on the expo as a source of product and service information, it's a valuable conduit for the vendors, as well. Karen Rysztak of Mechanical Energy Systems, an alternative energy leader based in Canton, said the expo is a great teaching tool.

"It's about educating

people, that's the main thing," Rysztak said. "While we want to make sales, we want to educate people so they can understand" options about energy savings.

Heidi Wong of Canton just bought a house, which is heated by propane. She was at the expo

looking for ways to save on energy.

"My new house is prime for solar panels," Wong said. "We're getting ready to retire and we were looking for a way to lower our utilities."

Stacey Kim, a designer for Accent Remodeling of Canton, said her

company takes part in a variety of similar shows, but likes staying close to home, too.

"We get quite a few referrals," Kim said. "A lot of our work is in the area, so this is more localized."

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Jordan Cockrum of Canton spins the wheel to win a prize at the Kroll Construction booth at Canton's home expo. That's Justin Murphy of Kroll watching her win. Kroll Construction is based in Garden City.



Mandy Wilkinson of Livonia kept the popcorn flowing at the Handy Pro booth.



Esha Kalsi of Canton took time out from browsing the Canton Home Expo vendor booths to give a hug to a dinosaur.



Heidi Wong of Canton hears advice on alternative energy from Livonia resident Karen Rysztak and Daren Griffith of Owosso, representing Mechanical Energy Systems in Canton.



Julia and Michael Kyle of Canton stopped by the Accent Remodeling booth, where designer Stacey Kim gave them some advice.



Tom Fink of Cut & Carve Chainsaw Artistry of West Bloomfield did a variety of carving demonstrations.



George and Kathleen McFall of Livonia talk with Handy Pro renovation specialist Michael Macunovich at the Canton Home Expo Saturday.

Growth Works presents annual awards

Growth Works Inc., a nonprofit comprehensive youth services agency active in Western Wayne County, recently held a dinner for the recognition of volunteers, community members and young people who have been lauded for their efforts over the past year.

Since 1970, the Plymouth-based agency's focus has remained the provision of services for at-risk youth, helping to change immediate behavior while promoting long-term commitment to responsible choices while building stronger families. Growth Works' primary programs include Aftercare & Residential Treatment (ART), Community Intervention & Treatment (CIT) and the Western Wayne Care Management Organiza-



Brett Campbell, a youth honoree, poses with his parents and Growth Works staffers Denise Dornton (far left) and Erin Ennis (next to Brett Campbell).

tion (CMO).

Volunteers Janet Volante and Ken Brooks are being recognized for milestone years, 15 and five, respectively, serving on the Board of Directors and bringing their expertise and support to the agency. Former Wayne

County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, a Democrat, received a community award for her efforts aimed at improving the lives of young people, serving on the Youth Services Committee and supporting programs to bring drug education

and community initiatives to Livonia. A former employee, April Wyncott was also recognized for her time and commitment to the CMO since its inception in 1999.

Youth program awards have been received by Brett Campbell, Marena Siladi, Juan Hernandez and Anthony Browne for their special achievements and outstanding efforts over the past year.

Awards were presented at the Growth Works' 24th annual Recognition & Awards Dinner, held Feb. 28 at the Fox Hills Golf and Conference Center near Plymouth.

For further information about Growth Works, its program and events, call (734) 455-4095.

Society looks at local history at conference

The 55th annual Michigan in Perspective: The Local History Conference will be held March 22-23 at the Holiday in Detroit-Livonia Conference Center.

The conference is one of the Historical Society of Michigan's four major history conferences. Organized by the Michigan in Perspective Planning Committee, the conference will feature several keynote speakers and breakout sessions focused on local history in Michigan.

Open to anyone interested in state or regional

history, registration for the two-day event is only \$39 (\$49 after March 13). Meals that feature keynote speakers, including lunch on both days and breakfast on Saturday, are available by reservation on a space-available basis. The luncheons are \$22 per ticket, and the Saturday breakfast is \$17 per ticket. Register online at www.hsmichigan.org or by calling (800) 692-1828.

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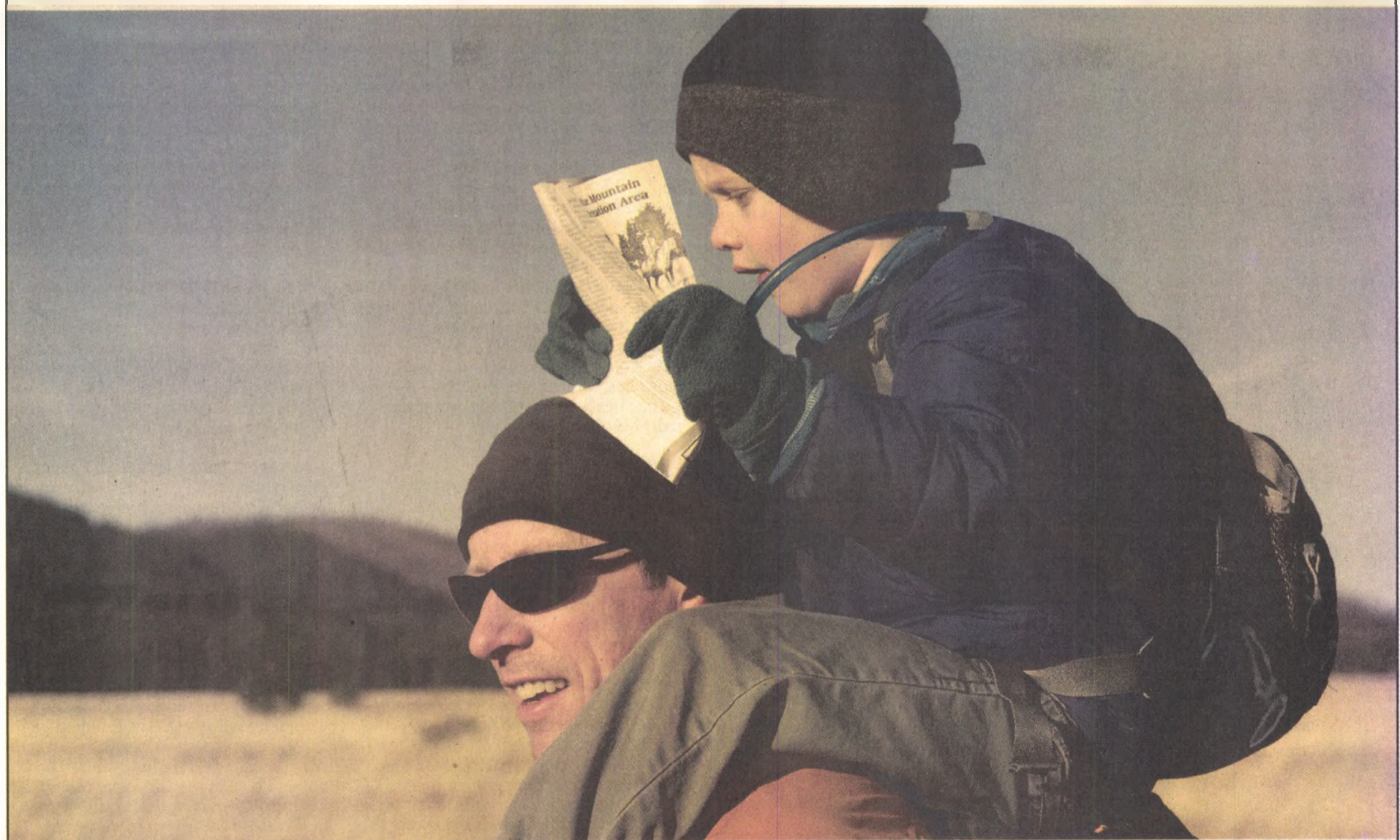
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Easier mobile gaming with Moga

By Jon Gunnells
Guest Columnist

One are the days of hooking up large, expensive video game systems to your living room team. There's now a much easier way to play video games and it's a lot easier and more intuitive than simple touch screen gaming on your mobile device.

Using Moga, a portable, powerful gaming control, gamers can play a wide variety of games from their Android or Apple smartphone or tablet. The controller, which costs \$49.99, can pair with your existing games, but also comes with "an amazing" library of titles.

Some of the games pre-loaded on the Moga controller are arcade and game system classics such as Pac-Man and Sonic the Hedgehog. Additionally titles can even be downloaded courtesy of the Moga Pivot app. New titles are added to the gaming library each month.

I recently tried the Moga controller, pairing it with a Samsung Galaxy Tab 7.7. Both items were provided courtesy of Verizon Wireless. Playing games on the Moga was seamless and the only true downside was my lack of Pac-Man skill.

The Moga controller, which is about the size and shape of an Xbox 360 controller, has an impressive battery life of about 18 hours. The controller



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

runs on two AAA batteries — so your mobile devices must charge and recharge separately.

One of the best features about the Moga is how easily it connects to your device. The controller is Bluetooth enabled so there is no need to use cords between the controller and mobile unit. Secondly, moga has a stand that smart phones can be set on. Instead of holding a phone, you can simply hold the control and have access to both devices.

Moga can be purchased online, through a variety of big box retailers or at Verizon Wireless.

New apps to try

Sick of Angry Birds and Words With Friends? There's a laundry list of new (to me at least) mobile apps that will keep you occupied during your lunch break or on a rainy Saturday afternoon.

Temple Run 2: The first installment was fun and addicting and the sequel is just as good — but harder. Navigate temples on foot and in vehicles while avoiding obstacles to get your high score. Temple Run 2 is a free app that is available on Android and Apple devices.

Fun Run: If you like Mario Kart or simply competing with your friends, Fun Run is for you. Race against three other users in real-time, but be careful of lightning bolts and other hazards that competitors put in your way. Invite friends for private races and get points for better finishes. Points can be used to customize your character and upgrade to other characters. Fun Run is also free and available on Android and Apple devices.

Hill Climb Racer: This title isn't necessarily new, but if you haven't tried it you are missing out. This very simple game allows users to drive their vehicles through mountains and other challenging terrains. It's not easy, but the better you do, the more coins you collect to upgrade your car parts and even buy new vehicles. The first few levels can get tiring, but if you can make it to the Moon level, you will have weeks of fun. Hill Climb Racer is another free app available on both Android and Apple platforms.

Now that you have the newest apps and newest in mobile gaming, what are you waiting for? Get gaming!

Jon Gunnells is a freelance writer and social media planner. Comments or suggestions for future columns? Email jonathan.gunnells@gmail.com or follow him on Twitter at @GunnSh0w.

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Charity hopes to prevent tragedy

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

Kevin Fischer: Established to fund scholarships to Detroit Catholic Central High School and support organization that help individuals and families living with mental illness.

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

Kevin Fischer: I lost my son to suicide in 2010 after a three-year battle with mental illness.

Observer: Why did you choose the Plymouth-Canton area?

Kevin Fischer: It's where he grew up and died, and it's where we host most of our fundraisers.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

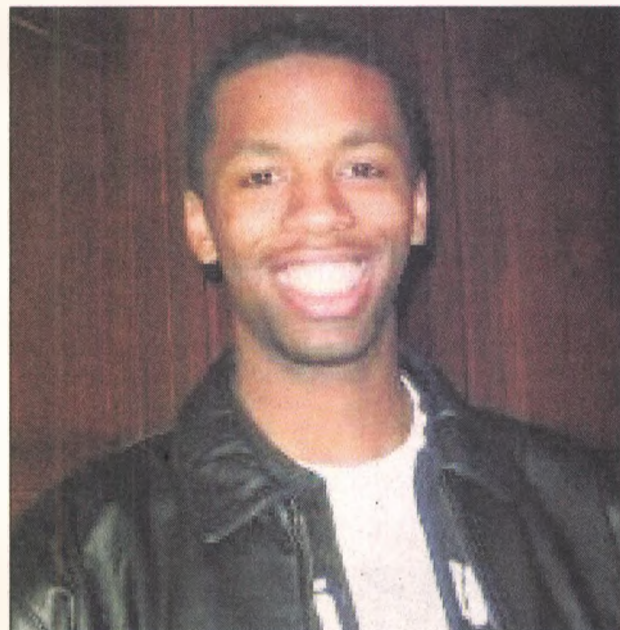
Kevin Fischer: Passion for driving awareness/education, preventing others from suffering the same tragedy.

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Kevin Fischer: We've grown annually in participation and awareness.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Kevin Fischer: Follow your heart.



The Dominique Fischer Memorial Foundation was established in honor of Dominique Fischer. The nonprofit helps individuals and families living with mental illness.

DETAILS

Business name and address: Dominique Fischer Memorial Foundation, P.O. Box 5443, Plymouth, MI
Your name: Kevin Fischer, president
Your hometown: Plymouth
Business opened: June 2011
Number of employees: 3
Your business specialty: Nonprofit charity.
Business phone/website: (734) 667-2475/www.the-nique.com

Observer: What's in store in the future for your business?
Kevin Fischer: Growth!

We just need to help those who need it, but don't know where to go.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Business mixer

Ribar Floral of Plymouth sponsors its monthly Business 2 Business Mixer 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, hosted by Scrambler Marie's Restaurants and Tammy Brown Agency-Farm Bureau Insurance, 43225 Ford Road in Canton.

The event is open to businesses in Plymouth, Canton, Northville and surrounding areas, and is a chance for business-to-business mixing. Participants should bring business cards for exchanging with fellow business areas.

There are no fees or groups to join. For more information, email ribarfloral@aol.com

Grand slam

A local fine jewelry store, Showroom of Elegance, located at 6018 Canton Center Rd, is asking Detroit Tigers fans to take a leap of faith in March for a potential big pay out.

Anyone who purchases jewelry March 12-23 is automatically eligible to receive their merchandise purchases for free if the Detroit Tigers hit a grand slam in the ninth inning at the home opener on April 5th against the New York Yankees. Some restrictions apply as only the first \$50,000 worth of merchandise purchases will be considered for the Grand Slam promotion.

"We love our clients and this promotion is specifically for them," said Showroom owner Linda Robin. "Instead of peanuts or Cracker Jacks, we hope fans check out our selection of diamond rings and colored stone earrings."

For questions about this promotion call (734) 207-1906.

Business News

From the desk of the folks at the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority:

- Dean Sadler Hair and Makeup Studio is delighted to welcome Ashley Maloney and Kathy Gosney to the team. Maloney previously worked at Clover Salon and Gosney came over from Salorn Awesome.

- Several welds have broken on the metal staircase located on the east side of the Central Parking Deck (behind 336). The stairs are no longer safe, and have been blocked off to help prevent pedestrian usage. However, as a reminder, drivers are encouraged to use the pedestrian ramp entrance to the second level of the parking deck that is accessible from Main St. between the Sardine Room and 336.

- The fifth annual Diva Day takes place Saturday, March 23, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in downtown Plymouth. The first 500 Divas will get free Hot Pink Boas. Little Divas and Diva Dogs are also welcome.

Downtown Plymouth boutiques, salons and restaurants will present special offers, unique refreshments and chances to win Diva Day prizes. Participating shops include: Basket Kreations; Beauty Haven; Bella Mia; Bohemian Home; Candy Trail; Core Sports Pilates Fitness Studio; Creatopia Pottery Stu-



Expo excellence

Dr. Michael Brackney of the Brackney Chiropractic Health Center had Canton resident Sherry Purchase in his massage chair during last weekend's Canton Home Expo at the Summit on the Park in Canton. The annual expo featured more than 100 vendors, demonstrations and workshops. For more information and photos, please see our photo page on page A6.

dio; Dazzling Daniela; Dearborn Jewelers; Eclectic Attic; Genuine Toy Co.; Gigi's Mode; Hands on Leather; Jolary; Magnolia, A Fresh Flower Market; Merle Norman; Old World Olive Press; Opndohr; Pawstive Pet Massage; Simply the Best Boutique; Spa Agio; Sun & Snow; Sunny Js; That's Awesome; TranquiliTea.

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Mad Hatter Tea

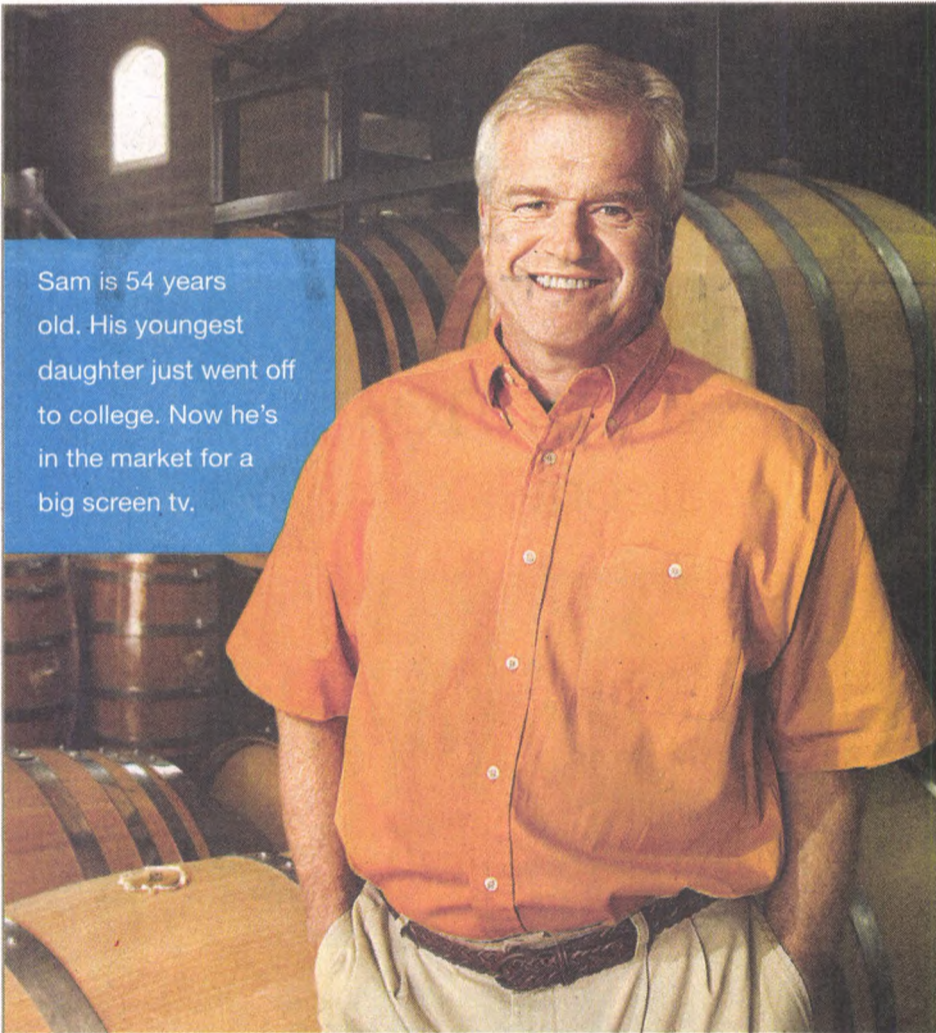
The Plymouth Historical Museum hosts its annual Mad Hatter Tea 2-4 p.m., Sunday, March 10.

"Mad About Hats — 100 years of Wearing Hats, 1860-1960" will be presented by Sandy Root, a Civil War reenactor and period milliner.

Before the presentation, enjoy delicacies from Joe's Deli of Plymouth and the museum's signature "Mary's Blend" tea — a taste bud tingling cherry and almond black tea in honor of Mary Todd Lincoln. This tea is also available for purchase in the Museum's store.

Tickets for the Mad Hatter Tea are \$20 for Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum members and \$25 for non-members, if purchased by March 1 (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 PayPal.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street, a block north of downtown Plymouth. Hours are Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday 1-4 p.m. For further information, call (734) 455-8940.



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Nearly 350 tickets were sold for the Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities fundraiser Saturday at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The event featured food from Antonio's Cucina Italiana and Panache.

Arts party raises \$15,000

Steve King likes playing the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, and if the crowd Saturday was any indication, the feeling is mutual.

Nearly 350 people turned out to see King and his Dittilies, who headlined the fundraiser for the Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities for the second straight year.

The evening featured the music of the Dittilies, along with food presentations from Antonio's Cucina Italiana and Panache 447. Showroom of Elegance handed out cubic

zirconia stud earrings with a \$25 gift card to the ladies in attendance.

All of that led to proceeds of more than \$15,000, including ticket sales and sponsorships, for the partnership.

"It was a great night," said Jill Engel, the partnership's executive director. "Every person leaving the theater told me what a wonderful time they had."

Stacy Hogan, a Partnership donor, said the fact it was a fundraiser was almost secondary.

"They are incredibly talented musicians and

the show was entertaining from start to finish," Hogan said. "The fact that it was a fundraiser for the Partnership was a bonus. We will definitely attend next year."

April Robichaud of Canton said the partnership fundraiser is becoming an annual tradition for her and her husband, Ron.

"We had a blast, both years we saw them," Robichaud said. "The music is great, we love how they are so engaging with the audience and that we can get up and dance like we were at a bar, without it being a bar atmosphere."

Estate planning not only for the wealthy

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

At one of my recent library speeches, I was asked if estate planning is important now that the estate tax exemption has risen to over \$5 million.

The person who asked the question thought that with the high estate tax exemption the great majority of people would not have to pay taxes and, therefore, estate planning was not important.

I want to share my answer with you.

Estate taxes are one reason for estate planning. Although avoiding estate taxes are important there are other things that are more important. I believe that people do estate planning to save on taxes, avoid probate and more importantly, to make sure that there is an orderly distribution of property upon death.

One of the main goals of estate planning is to do what you can so that families do not fight. Unfortunately, we see it all the time. An estate may have avoided taxes but the family is left in ruins because of all the infighting. The goal of estate

planning has never been just to save on taxes, but also to protect someone's loved ones from unnecessary aggravation and costs.

People tend to think that if you avoid estate taxes you also avoid probate. That is not the case. The estate tax is administered by the federal government, while probate is dictated by the state. Therefore, just because your estate is under \$5 million and there is no federal estate taxes issue, that doesn't mean you can't have all sorts of problems with probate. Therefore, in today's environment, the avoidance of probate has become a major benefit of doing proper estate planning.

Most people think that estate planning deals with issues after death. Although that is true, estate planning is also very valuable before death. For example, having medical durable power of attorney and gener-

al durable power of attorney can be valuable documents in cases of family emergencies.

My philosophy is the more you can keep judges, courts and attorneys out of family affairs, the easier life will be. Doing proper estate planning can accomplish this. After all, in cases of a family emergency no one wants to have outsiders involved in the decision-making process. Proper estate planning accomplishes this.

It is a mistake to assume that only the wealthy need estate planning. Under the new estate tax laws, they may be the only ones subject to estate tax, but that is just one element of estate planning. Every adult needs some sort of an estate plan. Not everyone needs a trust. Not everyone needs sophisticated estate planning documents. Everyone, however, need some estate planning.

Good luck!

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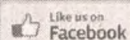
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More than 250 customers learned how diving into the digital age can improve business at a seminar presented recently by Gannett Local, a division of Gannett Co. Inc., the parent company of Observer & Eccentric Media. Gannett Local specializes in helping companies maximize digital advertising and marketing dollars.

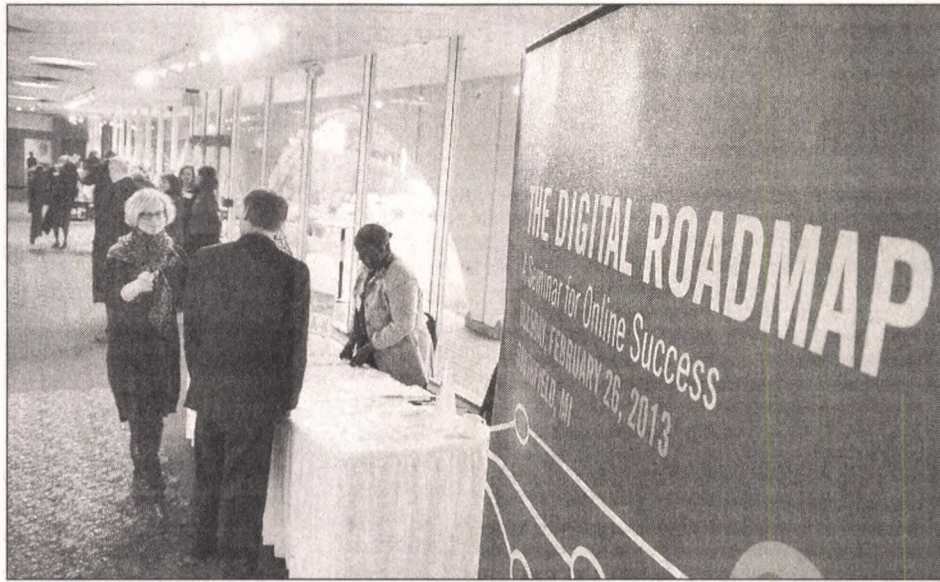
Keynote speaker Brandwyn Coleman, senior executive, market support, for Gannett Local, told attendees that online customer reviews are changing the way people buy just about everything these days. And business growth is now dependent on word-of-mouth via social media. The key is to get the most out of your marketing budget, she said.

"A small business owner can put themselves out there just like Nike, Coca-Cola or Starbucks," Coleman said. "What we want to do is make sure all those large digital marketing tools are available to everybody, no matter how small their business is."

The seminars focused on increasing web traffic and driving conversion through pay-per-click marketing, optimizing search engines like Google and Yahoo, capturing leads and using social media advertising effectively.

Attendees received a free digital media audit of their business.

The Gannett Local seminar served as the official launch of Michigan Media Solutions Digital Marketing Services, aimed at helping businesses with all aspects of their advertising and marketing needs across every platform, from print to tablets to smartphones and desktops, to reach a statewide audience. O&E Media is part of Michigan Media Solutions, a collective of digital properties that spans the entire state.



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Gannett Local's Digital Roadmap seminar was held in Southfield.

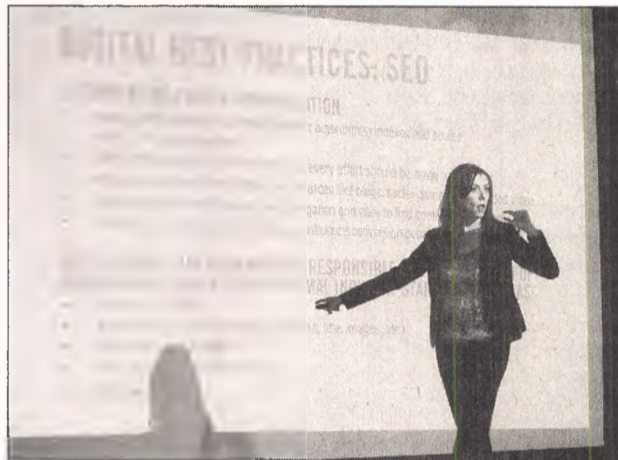
Frank Ruggirello, director of community and media relations for Schoolcraft College, attended the event. "I'm looking for new ideas," Ruggirello said. "We do have a little budget for marketing and I always want to maximize those dollars."

Ruggirello's last job was in a public school district that didn't have enough money to run a marketing campaign. "I wanted to see what Gannett and in particular what Observer & Eccentric has to offer and whether we can work that

into our marketing plan," he said. Frank Cibor, O&E Media advertising sales manager, said going digital is a challenge for businesses that have focused on more traditional marketing techniques. "This

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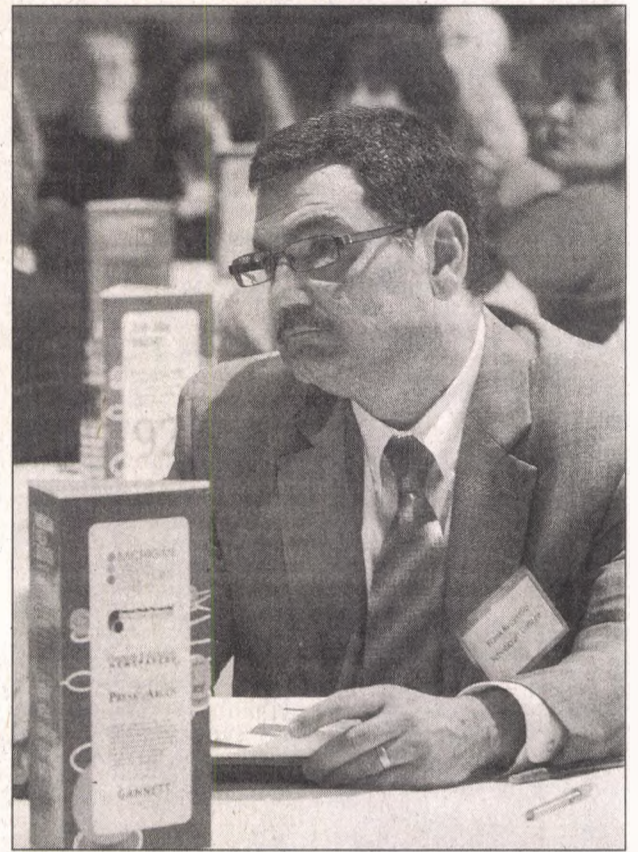
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Attendees filled the room.

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TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of Petitions of property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose front footage constitutes more than 50% of the total front footage of the hereinafter described Special Assessment District and the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth proposes a road paving project in the Ridgewood Hills Subdivision and to create a Special Assessment for the recovery of the cost thereof by Special Assessment against the properties benefited therein.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth has tentatively declared its intention to make the hereinafter described improvement:

The proposed improvements shall consist of milling, and/or pulverization, and/or removal of the existing bituminous road with the placement of a new bituminous pavement course. In addition, select areas of concrete curb and gutter will be removed and replaced as necessary. It is understood that this is primarily a road improvement project and therefore any drainage problems existing prior to the project will not be corrected except where said modification is necessary to protect the life of the road pavement. Existing water problems, such as standing water, etc., outside of the roadway will not be resolved by this program. It is further understood that this alternate, if permitted by the County of Wayne, could be subject to special conditions dependent upon the findings of the soils investigation report, existing subsurface conditions, etc. The proposed improvements to the existing two-lane asphalt pavement shall consist of complete and partial asphalt pavement replacement, as well as miscellaneous driveway and drainage work, which may be needed to facilitate the replacement of the asphalt road pavement. The project commences at the south right-of-way line of Powell Road and proceeds southward on Hillcrest Dr. for approximately 3100 feet to the north right-of-way line of Ann Arbor Road. The project proceeds:

- East from Hillcrest Dr. along Meadow Dr. for approx. 1000 feet to Meadow Ct., and south along Meadow Ct. for approx. 600 feet to terminus
- East from Meadow Ct. along Sunbird Dr. for approx. 130 feet to terminus
- South from Meadow Dr. along Robin Ct. for approx. 250 feet to terminus
- West from Hillcrest Dr. along Plum Tree Dr. for approx. 135 feet
- West from Hillcrest Dr. along Harvest Dr. for approx. 150 feet
- East from Hillcrest Dr. along Harvest Dr. for approx. 900 feet to Meadow Dr.
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- West from Hillcrest Dr. along Pinehill Dr. for approx. 120 feet
- East from Hillcrest Dr. along Pinehill Dr. for approx. 850 feet to Normandy Dr.
- West from Hillcrest Dr. along Woodway Dr. for approx. 150 feet
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- West from Hillcrest Dr. along Winterset Circle for approx. 130 feet

That it has further been tentatively determined that the following described lots and parcels of land will specially benefit from said improvements and will constitute a Special Assessment District against which the cost of said improvement shall be assessed:

The district limit for frontage along Hillcrest Dr., Meadow Dr., Meadow Ct., Sunbird Dr., Robin Ct., Plumtree Dr., Harvest Dr., Hillcrest Ct. W., Hillcrest Ct. E., Pinehill Dr., Normandy Dr., Woodway Dr., Normandy Ct. W., Normandy Ct. E., Chambury Ct., and Winterset Circle consists of Lots 1 through 185 of the Ridgewood Hills Subdivision No. 1, Lot 209 of Ridgewood Hills Subdivision No. 2, and Lot 356 of Ridgewood Hills Subdivision No. 3, located in the Northwest ¼ of Section 32, T.1S, R.8E, of Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall meet on **Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, Michigan 48170**, for the purpose of reviewing said proposed Special Assessment District, and hearing objections to the improvement, creation of the Special Assessment District, and the assessment thereon. All persons may then and there appear and make any objections they may have to such improvement and assessment. Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount, if any, of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal. An owner or party in interest, or agent thereof, may appear in person at the hearing, or may file an appearance or protest by letter. All parties or agents appearing in person at the hearing for purposes of protest should request the appearance be entered into the record of the meeting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the plans, specifications, estimates of cost and recommendations of the engineer for said proposed Special Assessment District have been filed with the Township and are available for public examination at the office of the Township Clerk. The estimate of costs of such construction is in the approximate amount of \$1,193,000.00.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that periodic redetermination of costs for the proposed Special Assessment District may be necessary and may be made without further notice to the record owners or parties in interest in the property.

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Inspire Theatre School is open for spring enrollment

Inspire Theatre School for the Arts will kick off its spring semester with one seven-week class designed to teach students the art of comedy/melodrama.

Theatre for the Advanced Theatre Student, which will be taught on Saturday mornings, will introduce students to many of the aspects of theatre, both on stage and behind the scene. Along the way, they will be exposed to set and prop work as well as training for the stage. Those students who have had stage experience will be given instruction to build on the skills they already possess.

Classes will focus on building characters, tapping into emotion, stage directions, finding their voice, confidence in public speaking, interpreting roles, characterization, projection, as well as improvisation and "being real." This semester's project is the comedy, *The Ballad of Gopher Gap*.

Bunco DeSneer (slicker than lard on hot cornbread) is salting the Spenawampum Mine in *Gopher Gap* with fake minerals. He hopes to snare rich Easterners looking for a good investment. He's aided in his dirty work by Flora Fourfluser, a phony assayer, and Slats, a stupid stagecoach driver. The other full-time resident is Crazy Nanette, whose only child disappeared years ago when she left it in a nice cool spot... under an ice wagon. When the suckers show up, including a waif, a judge, a newspaper-woman and the man-hungry Otillie, Bunco wastes no time in fleecing them.

Two unexpected visitors arrive: Rocky Romantic, a mountain man and "wil-



Kylee Hammond of Farmington, Jamison Irwin of Livonia, MaryRosa Clark of Garden City and Kelsi Fay of Livonia perform in a scene from "Enchanted Forest," a recent Inspire School of Theatre Arts production.



Kelsi Fay and Jacob Robertson of Livonia appeared in the Inspire School of Theatre Arts' production of "Enchanted Forest."

derness poet," and Verlin-da Springblossomy. She's inherited the town from a distant relative, Piute Pete, and doesn't believe in "robbing the earth." She intends to close down the mine and open a hummingbird sanctuary. Naturally, Bunco will have none of this and the hilarity begins.

Inspire Theatre began in 2005 and has produced such plays as the *Wizard of Oz*, *Father of the Bride*, *It's a Wonderful Life*, Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap*, as well as many original productions. IT enjoys the status of being Westland's only live theatre.

Inspire School for Theatre Arts began in the fall of 2010 as an outreach to the community for children to learn the elements of theatre in a safe, nurturing environment. This is ISTA's third season. This past Christmas ISTA presented Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Past classes have presented *A Merry Christmas*, *Charlie Brown*, *It's the Great Pumpkin*, *Charlie Brown*, plus two original productions, *The Wolf Chronicles* and *Enchanted Forest*.

Students come from Garden City, Westland, Livonia, Canton, Farmington Hills and Redford. Inspire Theatre located at 33445 Warren Road, east of Wayne Road, in Westland.

Registration will be 10 a.m. Saturday, March 9. Classes will run for seven weeks and conclude with the production. Auditions will held the first week of class and parts will be assigned the following week. Classes are \$20 per class or \$105, if paid at registration. Class size is limited.

For more information, contact Len Fisher at inspire@inspiretheatre.com or by calling (734) 751-7057.

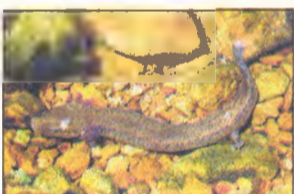
Belle Isle Zoo celebrates all things mudpuppy

"Snot otter" and "slime dog" may sound like names that kids might call each other on the playground, but they're actually alternative monikers for the mudpuppy - a large, permanently aquatic salamander native to the Detroit River.

The Belle Isle Nature Zoo will host an event to celebrate the mudpuppy 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 10.

Mudpuppypalooza will feature fun and educational activities such as mask making, games and mudpuppy cookie decorating. Admission to the Belle Isle Nature Zoo and all Mudpuppypalooza activities are free.

In 2006, the Detroit Zoological Society (DZS) embarked on a program



Unlike its amphibian cousins, the mudpuppy never forms air-breathing lungs, but rather relies on the bushy red gills behind its head to breathe under water.

to monitor the Detroit River mudpuppies, conducting catch-and-release surveys to track populations and better detect declines. Mudpuppies are measured, weighed and implanted with computer chips for identification before being returned to the river.

The Belle Isle Nature Zoo is located at the east end of Belle Isle near the

Blue Heron Lagoon. The Nature Zoo is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday November through March and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April through October. It's closed Mondays and Tuesdays. Admission is free.

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OUR VIEWS

MEAP scores not political fodder

Despite outpacing the state average on the annual MEAP tests, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' students had unusually low science scores this year. That's a dangerous fact considering Gov. Rick Snyder and his charter school supporters make no secret in their belief that public schools are ineffective.

Based on Snyder's well-publicized commentaries that public schools have failed students and his 2012 duck session push to revamp public education, low science scores are easy fodder for his push to send public dollars to charter schools.

But there's more to the story on those science scores. As can be imagined, science scores historically fall in behind the higher reading, writing and social studies scores on MEAP.

In the MEAP world, only fifth and eighth graders are tested in science. Reading and math, however, are tested in each grade level (third through eighth). It appears that even MEAP does not consider science as basic a subject as reading, writing and arithmetic for consis-



Plymouth-Canton's Lightning Robotics 862 won the district competition last weekend at Kettering University.

tent grade-to-grade testing.

In 2012, the percentage of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools fifth-graders testing proficient in reading was 81. In math, it was 72. That compares with 17 for science.

The same story goes for eighth-graders, who scored at 77 percent in reading and 59 percent in math, compared to 23 percent in science.

Parents of Plymouth-Canton students can breathe a sigh of relief - the statewide average for

fifth-graders in science this year was 13 percent and 16 percent for eighth graders.

Plymouth-Canton students are not alone in decreasing science scores. It seems the entire state of fifth- and eighth-graders appear to struggle with science, based on the cut scores system.

MEAP has never been a favorite among educators. It is administered in the fall of the academic year. That means teachers spend the start of each school year reviewing last year's

material and so are, in essence, teaching for the three days when MEAP is administered.

In a world in which science and math are stressed more than ever, it is curious that the cut scores process seemingly targets students' apparent lack of science knowledge.

But are students really without a knowledge of science? Just look at the group of students in Plymouth-Canton high schools who built a robot for the 2013 FIRST Robotics Competition,

and went out and won the district competition at Kettering University with it last weekend. Their story is chronicled in this newspaper.

If Gov. Snyder and his supporters who believe that public education, particularly in science, fail students and leave them ill-prepared for a high-tech world, then why make attempts to gut public education in favor of the more costly charter schools. Of course, it has yet to be proven that charter schools are more effective in preparing students for their futures.

Perhaps the time has come for Gov. Snyder and his compatriots to support public education rather than demean it.

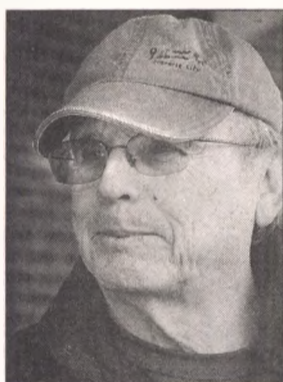
Perhaps it's time that Snyder's administration stop making public education and standardized tests, such as MEAP, a political football to be tossed at will for whatever is the ideological whim of the moment.

Public education is not a failure and to treat it as such, particularly based on skewed test scores, is a path on which Snyder and his administration should not tread.

COMMUNITY VOICE

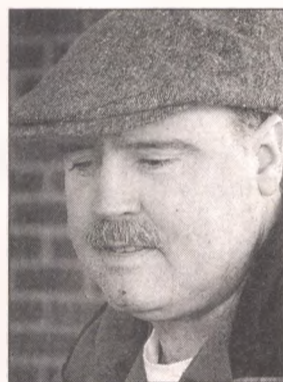
The city of Plymouth is mandating that sidewalk dining areas have video cameras for security purposes. Is this something you agree with, or do you have a problem with it, and why?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



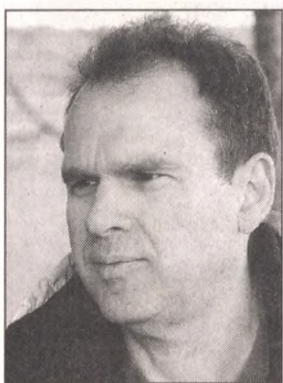
"With all the trouble they've had. ... If there're charges filed, I guess it's good to have that on film."

Michael Sheedy
Plymouth



"I would take issue with that, actually."

Dennis DeWitt
Plymouth Township



"I think that's an invasion of privacy. Just the fact that people are at their leisure. ... I think it's a little much."

Robert Miller
Plymouth



"That doesn't bother me. I don't have anything to hide and I don't have a problem with it."

Cathy Darling
Superior Township

OUR VIEWS

In March, celebrate women who dared to dream

Women's History Month sheds light on the many contributions women have made to life in the U.S.

Abolitionist and suffragist Sojourner Truth delivered her "Ain't I a Woman?" speech December 1851 at a Women's Convention in Akron, Ohio.

"That man over there says that women need to be helped into carriages, and lifted over ditches, and to have the best place everywhere. Nobody ever helps me into carriages, or over mud puddles, or gives me any best place! And ain't I a woman? Look at me! Look at my arm! I have ploughed and planted, and gathered into barns, and no man could head me! And ain't I a woman? I could work as much and eat as much as a man - when I could get it - and bear the lash as well! And ain't I a woman? I have borne 13 children, and seen most all sold off to slavery, and when I cried out with my mother's grief, none but Jesus heard me! And ain't I a woman?" Truth asked her audience.

Truth has ties to Michigan, having lived the final 27 years of her life here. She

died at age 86 in 1883 and is buried in a Battle Creek cemetery. The National Congress of Black Women was instrumental in having a bust of Truth placed in the U.S. Capitol's Emancipation Hall in April 2009. At the dedication, first lady Michelle Obama honored Truth in her role as the first black first lady.

During World War II, many Michigan women went to work in defense plants as "Rosie the Riveter." Women also served with distinction in the military, and just recently the combat ban for most military women has been lifted.

Obstacles remain, but it's hard to imagine a time when girls thought their options after graduation were limited to teaching, nursing or being a secretary. Such work remains valuable, but women have broken through many barriers, entering law, medical and engineering schools in record numbers.

Some children and teens, in fact, don't recall a time when the U.S. Secretary of State wasn't female, up until just recently.

Barriers have fallen, but

some remain. There's a notable pay gap between men and women, even adjusting for family responsibilities. Many women are breadwinners, and our nation as a whole suffers when women face pay discrimination.

New career opportunities are emerging for young people of both genders, especially in STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. We need to guarantee our young people have these skills and take courses that will prepare them for the future, which will have technology likely barely dreamed of today.

Celebrating Women's History Month allows the community to collectively shed light on the impact women have had on our society, culture and economy. The stories of women who have had an incredible impact can provide excellent role models for today's teens and children.

Stop by the Plymouth District Library and read about women in history and encourage children and teens to do the same.

Explore women's history - it's an interesting journey.

LETTERS

Just fix Central

We do not need to spend millions of dollars to build a new middle school. Central Middle School's structure is solid. There isn't anything wrong with it that it can't be fixed or repaired.

One teacher awhile back wrote in the Observer that she needed more outlets in her class, problems like this can be fixed. Money should be spent to update any problem we have at the school. The school has a swimming pool and recreation area.

There are homes in Plymouth that are over 100 years old and people live in them and keep them up. All across the U.S. older buildings are being used. The children are being sent to school to be educated and it is what is being taught in the classes that is important.

We should save where we can

due to the poor economy. The Greatest Generation graduated from that school and you didn't hear them complain about the school and they didn't even have a swimming pool.

Connie Fitzner
Plymouth

Figures and lies

I just finished reading the article (Observer, Feb. 24) that named Sen. Patrick Colbeck the most "conservative" official in Lansing. And, evidently, he is wearing this title as a badge of honor.

It's funny how the definition of words change with the political climate. Once, before the advent of the tea party, a conservative was defined as being moderate, frugal and believing in tax fairness. Democrats were referred to as the tax-and-spend party.

The new "conservatives," i.e., Patrick Colbeck, are now justly

called the shift-and-reward party - shift the tax burden to people of modest means and reward the rich.

Now that tax season is upon us, we can see the true effects of the new "conservative" party's policies. The average family will be paying from \$500 to \$1,500 more, while the good senator's backers reap billions in cuts. And, as I have stated before, not one new job can be attributed to these corporate gifts.

In fact, last week an independent report released by Comerica showed a net loss of 15,000 jobs in our state last year.

So, when these new "conservatives" start spouting their propaganda, remember that old adage, "figures don't lie, but liars figure."

James Huddleston
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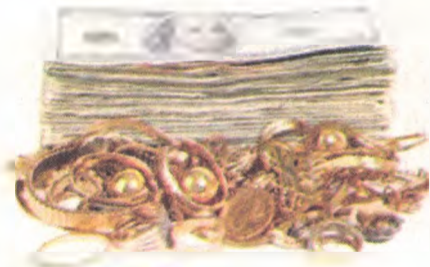
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CLASS A BOYS BASKETBALL DISTRICTS

'Cats finally taste success

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

When Josh Priebe and the rest of the Plymouth Wildcats tipped it up Monday night in a Class A boys basketball district contest at Northville, they were aware that the bleachers at one end of the gymnasium were filled with noisy, orange-clad home fans.

That didn't get them seeing red, however. Instead, they put their blinders on and went to work, earning a 48-37 win.

"The whole game we were trying to tune it out," said Priebe, a senior guard who led the Wildcats with 17 points. "We knew it was going to be loud, we knew it was going to be crazy. We knew we just got to do our thing, keep grinding."

Priebe was far from a one-man show as the Wildcats (10-11) won a district game for the first time in history. Plymouth advanced to face Novi-Detroit Catholic Central in a Wednesday night district semifinal.

He had plenty of hard-nosed help from senior backcourt cohorts Jake Divens (15 points) and Brendan Swanson (five

points, eight rebounds) and senior forwards Sid Acharya (five points) and Brian Schmid (four boards), among others.

"This is the first district win in Plymouth history," Priebe said. "So we were really pumped. We know Northville's a good team, we knew there was going to be hype and we just came out really tough."

Work pays off

Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup said his senior leaders set the tone, but he emphasized the entire squad followed his game plan to perfection.

"We've won three (in a row). We're getting rolling at a pretty good time," Soukup said. "We've been so close all year long, it's nice to finally see some of the hard work that nobody else gets to see pay off in a big way, in a big win for us."

"We executed the game plan we had, which was to try to limit (Andrew) Meacham as much as we could. He's one of the best players in the KLA. And limit (Stewart) Henzi, if we could, and

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Taking the ball to the basket Monday night against Northville in the Class A boys basketball district game is Plymouth senior guard Josh Priebe.

BRIAN QUINTOS

Boys bowling MHSAA recap

Salem junior Brandon Allison reached the round of 16, but was eliminated in a first-round match play opener Saturday at MHSAA Division 1 Singles Bowling Finals held at Northway Lanes in Muskegon.

Allison, the 14th seed coming out of the qualifying block with a six-game total of 1,223, lost to third seed Alex Zarbaugh of Belleville, 396-386.

Unable to make it out of the qualifying block were Canton junior Josh Pozan (27th, 1,166), Salem senior Kevin Williams (32nd, 1,138), Canton sophomore Aaron Madsen (48th, 1,082) and Canton junior Michael Richards (58th, 1,014).

Allison and Williams, part of Salem's D1 team championship, won Friday in Muskegon.

Girls bowling MHSAA recap

In the MHSAA Division 1 Individual Singles Bowling Finals held Saturday at Muskegon's Northway Lanes, Salem senior Kristin Larkins and Plymouth junior Caitlyn Webb emerged out of the qualifying block but were subsequently defeated in the Round of 16.

Larkins, who was the fifth seed with a six-game total of 1,216, lost to 12th-seeded Barbara Lawson of Grand Ledge by a 399-371 tally. Lawson eventually won the state championship.

Webb, the top finisher at the previous weekend's D1 individual girls regional at Super Bowl in Canton, was 14th out of the qualifying block (1,175) but fell 391-378 to second-seeded Heather Baur of Davison.

Salem senior Bridget Maul placed 30th in the qualifying block (1,120) while Canton junior Bri Baily finished 58th (918).

Greg Williams (No. 22) of Canton splits Salem defenders Nate Sass (No. 12) and Kevin Mack (No. 11) during Monday's district game at Northville.



BRIAN QUINTOS

Canton dunks Rocks

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Canton knocked off some early rust Monday, knocked down a few shots and knocked Salem out of the postseason tournament with a 57-49 victory at Northville.

The Class A district boys basketball game opened with the Rocks going up 7-0 with about 3:30 remaining in the first quarter. But Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy called a timeout, inserted senior guard Ryan

Planey and junior forward Davon Taylor into the lineup and the Chiefs started to get on track.

"I thought Planey and Taylor off the bench were huge for us," Reddy said. "Especially when we needed to make shots early. Those guys came in and gave us some energy."

"Planey especially, and then Davon in the second half finishing around the rim. Davon did a great job on the glass (16 rebounds) and guarding defensively, as well."

It took the Chiefs a little while to take off, however.

Salem still held a commanding 20-10 edge with 3:45 left in the opening half following a three-point play by Rocks senior forward Chris Dierker (14 points, eight rebounds) and a trey from the left flank by senior guard Kevin "KJ" Mack (16 points).

The Chiefs (15-6) came storming back, with 6-8 junior forward Jor-

Please see DISTRICT, B3

Wildcats nab 1st regional crown

Plymouth became the first school from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park to claim a regional hockey title Saturday with a resounding 8-0, mercy-

shortened victory over Dearborn Heights Crestwood-Garden City Unified at the Dearborn DISC.

With the regional crown, the Wildcats advanced to the Division 1 state quarterfinals at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday against Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, at the University of Michigan's Yost Ice Arena in Ann Arbor. Results were not available as of press time.

"These boys worked hard all year long, accomplished a lot of things, and they deserve that trophy," said head coach Gerry Veneto. "It is a great accomplishment for the program, but we still have some work to do."

The Wildcats (22-5-1) blitzed Crestwood-GC (13-10-4) with seven first period goals. Junior forward Mike Schultz led the way with two goals and two assists. His brother, senior forward Nick Schultz, finished with one goal and two assists.

Junior forwards Corey Smith and Michael Scarpello, who were called up to the varsity team two weeks ago after spending most of the season with Plymouth's prep team, each found the net. Smith scored twice.

Junior Zach Tavierne and senior Ryan Theisen (power play) closed out the scoring for the Wildcats, who outshot the Chargers 31-2. Sophomore goaltenders Jared Maddock and Erik VandenBosch combined for Plymouth's eighth

Please see WILDCATS, B4

Park sweep

Chiefs lead campus parade to D1 team gymnastics finals

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

This time around, Canton varsity gymnastics coach John Cunningham hopes he doesn't have another Bill Murray *Groundhog Day* moment at the Division 1 team finals.

Cunningham's team Saturday won the Region 3 championship at Plymouth High School, with 145.95 points. It marks Canton's fourth consecutive regional title — the first three times it was Grand Ledge to come between the Chiefs and a state title.

Even so, winning Saturday was just one of the to-do items for the Chiefs as they embark on some unfinished business.

"This is that step," Cunningham said. "This is our fourth regional championship, and hopefully it's not our fourth second place at states."

He chuckled slightly when making that comment.

"We have the ability to win states," Cunningham added. "I just hope they can put it all together."

PCEP prowess

The Chiefs will have plenty of company from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park when they return to the Plymouth gymnasium for the D1 finals, which begin at 2 p.m. Friday.

Also qualifying were Plymouth and Salem, placing second and third overall with 140.775 and 140.325 points, respectively. Making the cut as the state's 13th-ranked team



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Canton sophomore Jocelyn Moraw, shown preparing Saturday for her routine on uneven parallel bars, tallied the highest all-around score of the regionals.

was fourth-place Livonia Red (140.075).

"There's no other region that (four teams) can score 140, there's just no way it can happen," Cunningham said. "I've looked at the scores from around the state and there are some 140 teams, but it will be 1-2, not 1-2-3-4."

The Park also will be well-represented at next Saturday's individual finals (also at Plymouth). The top eight D1 and D2 finishers in each event automatically qualified. Also mak-

ing the cut were the top six all-arounders in each division.

Canton had medal winners across the board, including the top 4 in Division 1 all-around — led by Jocelyn Moraw's 37.15. In places 2-4 were teammates Maddie Toal (36.025), Melissa Green (35.925) and Nicole Lasecki (35.65).

But Cunningham emphasized that some sharpening up will need to take place if the Chiefs are to finally scale the Grand

Please see GYMNASTS, B4

Salem hosts baseball clinic

Youngsters wanting to spruce up their baseball skills can do so at the 2013 Salem Varsity Baseball Clinic, set for Saturday, March 23, in the Salem High School gymnasium.

Session 1 is 9 a.m. to noon, for kids ages 7-10; Session 2 will take place from 1-4 p.m., for those ages 11-15.

Cost for three hours of instruction from the 2013 Salem coaching staff (led by Dale Rumberger, 2012 Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame Inductee and veteran Rocks' varsity coach) and current varsity players is just \$30. That includes a snack and T-shirt.

For more information, e-mail salemrocks-baseball@gmail.com or contact Jeff Vergolini at (734) 612-7027.

Dynamo 1st

The Livonia YMCA Dynamo, an under-11 girls soccer team, posted a 7-0-1 record to win the second indoor session at High Velocity Sports in Canton.

Team members include: Andrea Abramson, Jamie Colling, Allison Esker, Emily Esker, Alexis Gibbons, Mandy Liacono, Olivia Pelle, Julianna Racette, Riley St. Ledger, Abby Woods and Emily Woods.

Dexter puts clamps on Canton

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Canton played a typical solid defensive game Tuesday night in a Class A girls basketball regional semifinal at Novi High School.

Unfortunately for the Chiefs, they were up against Dexter — another gritty squad, albeit with more size and experience — and the Dreadnaughts' defense was enough to snuff Canton in a 26-17 victory.

"They're a pretty big group and they're a pretty experienced group," said Chiefs' head coach Brian Samulski about the Dreadnaughts, who started five seniors. "They really packed it in the lane and when we struggled we struggled to get around the rim and score around the rim. That's my fault. I got to do a better job of finding a way to get the girls opportunities around the rim."

The first half was a defensive struggle for both teams, with Dexter

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(21-3) hanging on to a 3-2 edge after eight minutes of play. Dexter upped that edge to 9-2 at halftime, as the Chiefs (16-7) could not consistently gain entry into the post.

Canton was unable to score a field goal until a putback by junior forward Paige Aresco (six points, five rebounds, four steals) with about six minutes left in the third (which made it an 11-4 Dexter lead).

A trey from the left corner by junior guard Rachel Winters with 4:30 remaining in the third did cut the deficit to 13-8, but Pisano (eight points) answered with a basket and Kill sank two free throws following an offensive charge called against the Chiefs.

It was 18-11 entering the fourth and the Chiefs did rally on successive field goals by sophomore guard Alanna Brown (four points) and junior cen-

ter Taylor Hunley (four points, five rebounds, three blocked shots) to pull to within 20-15 with 3:50 left in regulation.

The Chiefs kept pressing on defense and forced Dexter to turn the ball over a few times down the stretch. But they could not capitalize, putting up errant shots and sending the Dreadnaughts to the free-throw line at the other end of the court.

"Obviously, they're disappointed," Samulski said. "No one wants to lose. But hopefully we learned from it and go from there and see if we can get better. We'll have nine kids coming back.

"The girls should really feel proud of what they got done. I don't think anyone coming into this deal thought they'd be as competitive as they were."

Samulski pointed to how three of the team's losses were to Westland John Glenn (the state-ranked team that defeated the Chiefs in the KLASA Kensington Conference final) and two others were also against top opponents.

"They competed in every game, battled hard, they played in the conference championship game against a really good team (Glenn)," he continued. "They won the district championship and they competed tonight."

Only seniors Kayla Lago and Megan Smith will be leaving the team, and Samulski had praise for them as well. "Kayla and Megan, they had outstanding careers. They're great kids, couldn't ask for better people."

Canton also played shorthanded, without 5-11 junior forward Shannon Perry who injured a knee Friday in the district final against Northville.

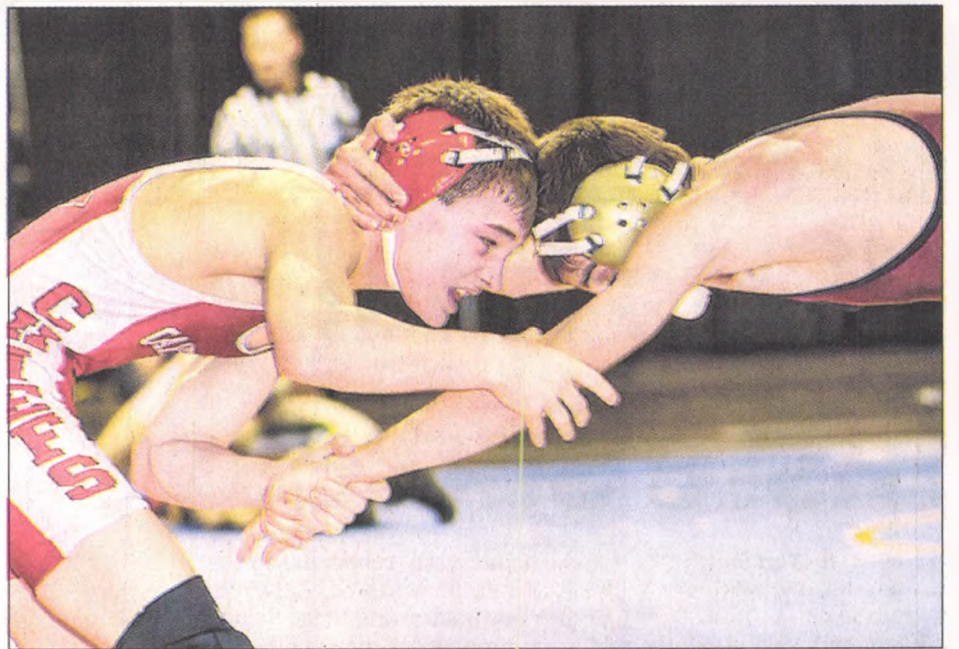
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Canton's Paige Aresco (No. 14, left) faces defensive scrutiny from Dexter's Emma Kill during Tuesday night's Class A regional semifinal contest. In the background for the Chiefs is Natalie Winters (No. 13).

INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING FINALS



DANIEL BARGERSTOCK

Despite suffering from a meniscus tear, Canton junior Ben Griffin (left) takes on Warren Mott's Garrett Strube in the first round of the individual finals at 125.

Griffin, Youssef place at Palace

The top placer among Plymouth-Canton Educational Park wrestlers at the Division 1 individual finals was Canton junior Ben Griffin, who finished sixth at 125.

Plymouth 103-pounder Mohamad Youssef came in seventh while four others from the Park did not finish in the top eight.

But Chiefs' head coach Cory Mancuso cited Griffin's performance despite wrestling with a torn meniscus (sustained at the KLASA Championships).

"I'm very proud of Ben," Mancuso said. "He wrestled really well for having a torn meniscus. Most kids wouldn't even think of competing with that type of injury."

"Ben is one tough kid. He will get the surgery to repair his knee in the next week or so and then get back on the mat and start training for next season."

In the first round last Thursday, Griffin defeat-

ed Garrett Strube (Warren Mott) by a major decision of 11-3. Then came a 4-1 victory over Davison's Derek Humphrey in the quarterfinal before dropping a 4-3 bout to eventual runner-up Martin Rodriguez of Holt.

"The semifinals match against Rodriguez was a tough match up for Griffin," Mancuso added. "He wrestled a really good match. Unfortunately, a questionable call by the official ended up being the difference in the match."

"In my mind Griffin didn't win the match, but he didn't lose it either."

Griffin's 2-3 showing at the Palace gave him a 51-7 record for the season.

Plymouth's Youssef finished at 52-5 with his 3-2 showing in Auburn Hills.

In the opening round, Youssef lost by major decision to Harrison L'Anse Creuse's Brendan Hazelton (13-5) but the Wildcat turned the tables

on Kalamazoo Central's Javis Cunningham in the quarterfinal winning 9-0.

He followed that up with a 6-2 victory over Livonia Franklin's Jack Newa only to fall 4-1 to Ann Arbor Pioneer's Billy Cobb-Gulley.

Youssef's season ended with an 8-1 win over Jackson Renicker of Brighton.

As for the other PCEP state qualifiers, Salem's Tyler Gross (160) and Plymouth's Trey Berry (119) and Jon Conn (135) all went 1-2.

Gross won by major decision over Nate Smith of Hartland, 12-2 and finished 39-9.

Berry decisively won against Chad Medley of New Baltimore Anchor Bay by a 6-5 score and wound up 40-18 for the year.

Conn (45-15) won by forfeit over Grand Ledge's Dylan Steward.

Also at the Palace was Plymouth 140-pounder Alec Breckenridge, who went 0-2 to finish 46-8.

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Plymouth 103-pounder Mohamad Youssef (left) gains position against a second-round foe during the Division 1 individual finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

BOYS WRESTLING RESULTS

MHSAA INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING FINALS AREA FINISHERS
Feb. 28-March 1 at Palace Division 1

Ben Griffin, Canton (125), 6th place: won by major decision over Garret Strube (Warren Mott), 11-3; decisioned Derek Humphrey (Davison), 4-1; dec. by Martin Rodriguez (Holt), 4-3; dec. by Mitch Pawlak (Temperance Bedford), 3-0; lost by injury default to Ben Caladrino (Howell). Final record: 51-7.

Mohamad Youssef, Plymouth (103), 7th place: lost by major dec. to Brendan Hazelton (Harrison L'Anse Creuse), 13-5; won by rmaj. dec. over Javis Cunningham (K'zoo Central), 9-0; dec. Jack Newa (Livonia Franklin), 6-2; dec. by Billy Cobb-Gulley (Ann Arbor Pioneer), 4-1; dec. Jackson Renicker (Brighton), 8-1. Final record: 52-5.

Tyler Gross, Salem (160): dec. by Shon Powell (Brother Rice), 11-4; won by maj. dec. over Nate Smith (Hartland), 12-2; dec. by Carson Whaley (Grand Blanc), 9-5. Final record: 39-9.

Trey Berry, Plymouth (119): pinned by Austin Thompson (Port Huron Northern), 1:07; dec. Chad Medley (New Balt. Anchor Bay), 6-5; p. by Trevor Zdebski (Catholic Central), 3:15. Final record: 40-18.

Alec Breckenridge, Plymouth (140): lost by maj. dec. to Kaelan Richards (Rochester), 9-0; dec. by Jacob Heaps (Portage Northern), 8-5. Final record: 46-8.

Jon Conn, Plymouth (135): p. by Justin Oliver (Davison), 5:34; won by forfeit over Dylan Steward (Grand Ledge); lost by maj. dec. to Quentin Santiago (Wyandotte Roosevelt), 9-0. Final record: 45-14.

Ramirez HRs as Crusaders split

The Madonna University baseball team split on opening day of its spring trip March 1 in the RussMatt Invitational in Auburndale, Fla.

The 24th-ranked Crusaders fell to Evangel University (Mo.) in the opener, 1-0, before bouncing back to beat Trinity International (Ill.), 12-3, at Lake Myrtle Park.

Evangel (11-3) got a complete game one-hitter

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from pitcher Blake McKnight, who improved to 5-1 overall. He struck out six and walked only one.

Evangel scored its lone run in the bottom of the sixth on Nathan Jones' solo homer: off MU starter Josh Deeg, who slipped to 1-1.

Deeg went the first 5.1 innings, allowing just the one hit, but he walked

eight and struck out five. Austin Demotte finished.

In the nightcap, freshman catcher Brett Ramirez (Salem) went 2-for-3 with a homer and four RBI as the Crusaders routed Trinity International (0-2).

Designated hitter Jeff Beckles also knocked in two runs, while Steve Pelletier (Farmington Harrison) added two hits and an RBI.



A young Peter Ostrum portrays Charlie Bucket, the boy who finds a golden ticket in the 1971 film, "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory."

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Like Charlie Bucket, the role he played in the 1971 movie, *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*, Peter Ostrum has found his "golden ticket" — and it moos.

Ostrum, a veterinarian and former childhood film star, loves working with cows on dairy farms in upstate New York. And although he enjoyed his early film experience — a topic he'll talk about when he introduces the *Wonka* movie this weekend at the Redford Theatre — the senior partner at Countryside Veterinary Clinic in Lowville, N.Y., says he is exactly where he wants to be.

"We travel from barn to barn. I start my mornings at 7 a.m. and I just walked in the door," said Ostrum, talking by phone from his home at around 9 p.m. recently.

"My interest and my expertise is working with dairy cattle, mainly Holsteins, some Jersey. I like the animals, yes, but it's the relationships that you build with your clients that are probably the most meaningful. You become part of their business enterprise and in many cases, a part of their family. You work with the

From actor to veterinarian

Willy Wonka fans, animal lovers get rare treat at film screening

same client time and time again. It's a trust you build up between each other that I find pretty satisfying."

Ostrum got his first taste of veterinary medicine while working with horses during high school. For a brief period in college he explored his chances for re-establishing an acting career, just in case he wasn't accepted to veterinary school. An industry insider told him the *Willy Wonka* credit looked nice on a resume but wouldn't open many doors.

"After that conversation I thought I'd better work as hard as I possibly could to get into (graduate) school," said Ostrum, who earned his vet degree from Cornell University. "It was good advice. The Jodie Fosters and Ron Howards are few and far between. There are a lot of starving actors and it's not because they don't have talent."

"Getting a part in a film, it's like the perfect storm. I was in the right place at the right time. Usually it's out of your control."

Fresh face

Ostrum, who grew up in suburban Cleveland, Ohio, was involved in children's theater at the Cleveland Playhouse. When casting directors for *Willy Wonka* began searching for child actors to fill several roles in the film, they contacted the Playhouse and other theaters known for their children's programming.

"My name was given to the casting agent and that started the process," Ostrum recalled. "The other kids in the film had

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Where: Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser, Detroit

Details: The 1971, 100-minute film stars Gene Wilder and Jack Albertson. Peter Ostrum, who played Charlie Bucket and Paris Themmen, will introduce the film, meet fans and autograph photos and customer-provided items for \$20

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done quite a bit — Broadway, commercials, television — and I didn't have any of that in my background. I was a fresh face and no one knew who I was."

He was cast in a lead role as Charlie Bucket, one of several children who find golden tickets hidden in candy bars. The tickets allow them to tour Willy Wonka's spectacular chocolate factory. The story is based on the book, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, by Roald Dahl. "The director had a



A poster announcing the 1971 film, "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory."

clear vision of what he wanted. He had some great people in the film — Gene Wilder, Jack Albertson — and it worked. We had no idea when we were filming that 42 years later we'd still be talking about it."

On the set

Ostrum was 12 and in seventh grade, when he got the part. He turned 13 years old during filming, which took five months to complete in Munich, Germany. Teachers in Ohio sent school assignments to him. He and other child

actors were expected to be in school a total three hours a day during filming.

"It had to add up to three hours. You'd go back and forth as they needed you on the set," he explained. "Filming is a long process. It's a lot of work. The novelty wears off pretty quick."

His fondest memories are of Albertson, who played his grandfather in the movie and who took him "under his wing" and served as a mentor. Ostrum said he also had a good relationship with



Peter Ostrum is a veterinarian, working primarily with dairy animals, in upstate New York. Ostrum, who played Charlie Bucket in the film, "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," will be on hand when it screens this weekend at the Redford Theatre.

Wilder, who played Willy Wonka. The former child actors from the film also get together once or twice a year. Paris Themmen, who played Mike Teevee, will join Ostrum at the screening, meet and greet and autograph session at the Redford Theatre.

Ostrum, who is married and has a daughter in college and son in high school, said he is too busy with his veterinary practice to make many personal appearances in connection with the movie. For many years he preferred to stay out of the spotlight.

"If people find out about (the film), that's great, but it's just part of who I am. It is what it is. I don't brag about it."

Two years ago, Ostrum found himself in front of the cameras again as one of the featured veterinarians in a reality series, *Vets on Call*. Sponsored by Pfizer Animal Health and shown on YouTube, the series gives viewers a glimpse into the life of a dairy veterinarian. Ostrum is shown examining cows, diagnosing and advising farmers.

"I found my niche," he says in one episode. "It's great fun."

Mystery drama shows local talent, sites

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

John Bosley wants you to see his feature film next week and then post your thoughts on its Facebook page.

"The director of *Paranormal Activity* did this with his film and his career was launched," said Bosley, lead actor and writer-director of *The House That Jack Broke*. "I would rather have audience members post their real feelings about the film on our Facebook page, then to have glowing reviews written by critics. What matters to me the most is what the audience thinks."

He's confident viewers will enjoy his film, which included a local cast and crew, and was shot in fall 2011 throughout southeastern Michigan. It will debut at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 14 at the Main Art Theatre, located at 11 Mile and Main in downtown Royal Oak. Tickets are \$9.25 general admission, \$7 for senior citizens, 62 and over, and for students. Get tickets in advance at landmarktheatre.com. For more information, call the theater at (248) 542-5198.

The House That Jack Broke tells the story of Jack and Anne Peterson, a newlywed couple whose marriage begins to unravel when the FBI investigates the husband's connection to a double murder.

"I didn't want to do the usual 'who dunnit' type mystery. I wanted to explore how a discovery into someone's past effects the rela-



John Bosley, (right) directs Grover McCants of Farmington Hills and Erika Hoveland of Royal Oak.



Debra Christian's house just off Napier Road in Superior Township, doubles as the home of fictional characters Jack and Anne Peterson, in the film, "The House That Jack Broke."

tionships of the people around them," Bosley said. "I also don't like long, slow, talking movies, so I wanted to write it in such a manner that it felt like the pace of an action movie, yet was about relationships and mystery. I wanted it to be a story with many differ-

ent layers that all come together for a grand climax at the end."

Bosley, who lives in Midland County with his wife, is a self-taught filmmaker and scriptwriter who learned the craft by reading books and test-

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ing out techniques by trial and error. He devotes his time exclusively to his own projects and is focused on perfecting his skills as a screenwriter and director, but he isn't working alone.

"I really believe that this film couldn't have happened without the efforts of the cast and crew of this film. I can spend all the time I want to on a script, but it takes the hard work and talent of other people to make it a reality," Bosley said. "Acting talent from people like Erika Hoveland, (of Royal Oak) by far the best actress in the Great Lakes area, and unforgettable performances by actors like Grover McCants, were what made this film come alive."

McCants, of Farmington Hills, owns a production company that creates music videos, political advertising and oth-



Grover McCants of Farmington Hills plays the lead detective in the independent film, "The House that Jack Broke."

er projects. In his spare time he enjoys acting. He performed in *To Kill A Mocking Bird* on the Farmington Players' stage two years ago and has worked as an extra in many Michigan-made films. His role as lead FBI agent in *The House That Jack Broke* is his first feature film appearance.

"I'm excited about this," McCants said. "I saw John as a young man with a vision and I wanted to be part of that vision."

He also portrays a swim coach in a student film that will premiere March 28 at the Detroit Film Theatre.

"I just have fun. There's not a lot of money in this business, but it's fun. When they can't afford Morgan Freeman, they come to Grover," he said, with a laugh.

Bosley plans to take *The House That Jack Broke* on tour, with Maine and Los Angeles, Calif., high on his list of screening locations, rather than submit it only to

film festivals. He said general audiences don't attend film festivals and that the tour allows him to bring the film to viewers.

The House that Jack Broke is set in Maine, but was shot at several locations in the Detroit area, including Debra Christian's house on Napier Road in Superior Township. It doubled as the Maine residence of the fictional Petersons. The crew also shot at the homes of Kelly Karnesky in Livonia and James Sands, executive producer, in Royal Oak.

"The one location that stands out the most is the Hamtramck correctional facility. We used a long hallway in that facility to double as our FBI headquarters hallway," Bosley said. "It's the same hallway that was used in the production of *Machine Gun Preacher*. We also shot our airplane scenes at the Canton-Plymouth-Mettetal Airport."

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Amanda Freitag's tips on cooking with broth:

- Lighten up mashed potatoes by substituting chicken broth for milk or cream and butter.
- Add flavor to rice and couscous by cooking with broth, instead of water.

- Freeze unused broth in an ice cube tray for future use.

These recipes were winners in the College Inn Ultimate Recipe Challenge contest, and are sure to be a hit at your family table. For more recipes, visit www.collegeinn.com. College Inn Broth can be found at all major grocery retail stores.



Cherry Bomb Meatloaf Sliders

Submitted by Richard S.

Servings: 4 to 6

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 55 minutes

Sauce:

1 cup chopped dried cherries
1 cup chicken broth
4 cloves garlic
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
1 tablespoon tomato paste
½ cup extra virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon hot sauce
Salt, to taste

Meatloaf:

1 pound lean ground beef
½ cup panko bread crumbs
¼ cup finely chopped fresh parsley
2 tablespoons minced onion
2 tablespoons pickle relish
1 clove garlic, crushed
Salt and ground pepper, to taste
½ cup beef broth
1 egg, lightly beaten

Spread:

4 ounces cream cheese, softened
4 slices smoked provolone, chopped
2 teaspoons chopped chives
½ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
12 Hawaiian or Portuguese sweet dinner rolls, sliced

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.

2. To prepare sauce, combine cherries, chicken broth, garlic, balsamic vinegar and tomato paste in medium saucepan. Cook over medium heat 15 minutes or until thick and bubbly. Remove from heat and pour into food processor;

process 2 minutes, drizzling in olive oil and hot sauce until fully emulsified. Season with salt, if desired. Set aside.

3. To prepare meatloaf, break up ground beef into large chunks in medium bowl. Mix in the bread crumbs, parsley, onion, relish and garlic; season with salt and pepper, if desired. Add beef broth and egg, mixing until combined.

4. Place meatloaf mixture diagonally into a 9- by 13-inch baking pan, making a long log (15 inches long by 2 inches wide). Smooth the top and bake 30 minutes. Brush with 2 tablespoons of sauce to glaze. Bake an additional 15 minutes and remove from oven. Let meatloaf rest 10 minutes before slicing.

5. To prepare spread, combine cream cheese, provolone, chives and Worcestershire sauce in a small bowl, stirring to create a thick spread.

6. To serve, cut meatloaf into twelve, 1-inch-thick slices. Place each slice onto an open roll and top with 1 teaspoon each sauce and spread.

Creamy Chicken Enchilada Soup

Submitted by Pamela V.

Servings: 4 to 6

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 45 minutes

Soup:

4 to 5 boneless, skinless chicken thighs (1 pound)
½ cup canola oil, divided
½ teaspoon salt, divided
2 soft corn tortillas, sliced into ¼-inch strips
1 small onion, diced
1 clove garlic, minced
1 ½ teaspoons chili powder
1 teaspoon ground cumin
¼ cup lime juice
¼ teaspoon lime zest
1 quart chicken broth
1 can (14.5 ounces) diced tomatoes, undrained
1 can (4 ounces) diced green chilies, drained
4 ounces reduced-fat cream cheese

Toppings:

Fried tortilla strips
½ cup shredded cheddar cheese
2 green onions, sliced into ¼-inch pieces

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.

2. Place chicken in 8- by 8-inch glass baking dish. Brush with 1 tablespoon oil and sprinkle with ¼ teaspoon salt. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until no longer pink inside. Shred cooked chicken meat with 2 forks and set aside.

3. Heat remaining oil in small skillet. Add tortilla strips in 2 batches; fry until golden brown, about 2 minutes each batch. Drain on paper towel-lined plate. Sprinkle with ¼ teaspoon salt and set aside. Reserve 1 tablespoon oil for Step 4.

4. Heat reserved 1 tablespoon oil in Dutch oven over medium heat. Add onions and cook until translucent, about 3 minutes. Add garlic and cook 30 to 60 seconds, stirring constantly. Do not brown garlic. Add chili powder and cumin; stir and cook 15 to 30 seconds.

5. Quickly stir in lime juice, lime zest, broth, tomatoes, and diced chilies. Bring mixture to a boil, and reduce heat to simmer. Add cream cheese. Simmer until cream cheese is melted.

6. Stir in shredded chicken, cook about 5 minutes.

7. Ladle into individual soup bowls, and garnish with tortilla strips, cheddar cheese and green onion.

Savory Honey Mustard Poached Pears and Figs

Submitted by Pamela V.

Servings: 4 to 6

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 25 minutes

2 cups chicken broth
1 cup dry white wine
1 cup water
½ teaspoon Dijon mustard
3 tablespoons honey, divided
1 tablespoon lemon juice
2 bay leaves
4 pears (firm variety such as Bosc), peeled, halved and cored
6 ounces dried figs, stems removed
½ cup chopped hazelnuts
½ cup crumbled blue cheese or goat cheese

1. Trace diameter of large saucepan onto parchment paper. Cut out and set aside.

2. Combine broth, white wine, water, mustard, 2 tablespoons honey, lemon juice and bay leaves in large saucepan. Bring to a boil, whisking occasionally. Reduce heat to low and simmer 5 minutes.

3. Add pears, core-side-up, and figs; cover with vented parchment paper so pears stay fully submerged.

4. Simmer 20 minutes until pears are fork-tender.

5. Toast hazelnuts in small, non-stick sauté pan over medium high heat, about 2 minutes or until fragrant, stirring constantly. Quickly remove nuts from pan onto a separate plate.

6. To serve, remove pears from poaching liquid and place onto individual salad plates. Drizzle with remaining 1 tablespoon honey and sprinkle with nuts and cheese.

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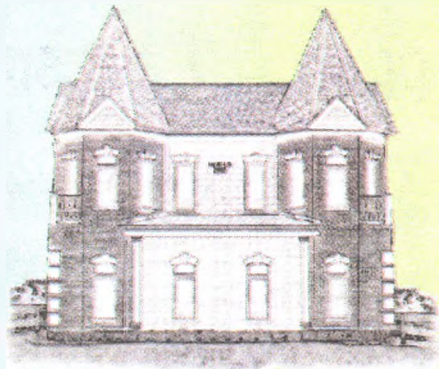
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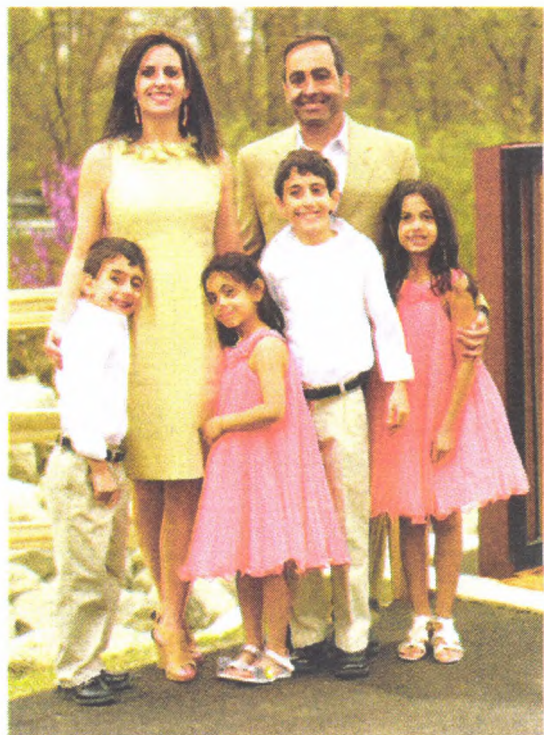
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Plan a party or a wedding and power up this spring

Hurry, spring! That sentiment is shared by many who are tired of commuting in snow and sleet. The beauty of Michigan is our four seasons. I'm ready for another season. You?

Today's *Hometown Life Woman* aims to put you in a festive mood with a cover story on party planning. Wedding and graduation season is almost here, so don't delay if you have a bride-to-be or grad-to-be in your family. Contributing Writer Pam Zinkosky offers up timely information on metro area party venues, food, catering ser-



Susan Rosiek

vices and everything in between.

Don't miss the stories and advertisements for and about weddings. A special time deserves special attention and that's what today's *Woman* has to offer.

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As always, I welcome your comments about today's edition and suggestions for future *Woman*.

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"Another difficult request was hand-cutting a triangular crystal for a special-edition Masonic pocketwatch by Rolex," Miller continued. There's good reason over 172 jewelers in the area rely on Triple Crown and Miller for those hard-to-fix assignments. "I enjoy the challenge of restoring unique timepieces to their original functioning state. It is as much an artform as it is pure mechanics, and it is extremely rewarding to see these old pieces correctly keeping time again."

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Advertorial

Women's Power Breakfast celebrates 20 years

More than 500 of metro Detroit's most prominent female business and community leaders will gather at Detroit's Eastern Market Wednesday, April 10, in Detroit for the 20th annual Women's Power Breakfast in support of Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan.

The event begins at 7:30 a.m. in Shed No. 3 at the market.

Honorary chairs are Eva Tansky Blum, PNC Bank; Joyce Hayes Giles, DTE Energy; Barbara Levin, community leader; and Donya Redmond of Sodexo. This year's event chairs are community leaders Cynthia Ford and Karen Mazo.

This year's event will also recognize Dulcie Rosenfeld, a former board member and longtime Gleaners supporter who founded the Women's Power Breakfast in 1994. Rosenfeld will be honored for her leadership and commitment to feeding hungry children and families for 20 years.

The funds raised from this year's event benefit Gleaners' school-based programs, including: SmartBites, Weekend Back Pack and school-based mobile pantry distributions. The programs reach thousands of children each week with the nutritious food they need to grow and thrive.

DTE Energy Foundation, PNC Foundation, and Sodexo are Hunger Champions for the Women's Power Breakfast campaign. Their support will allow Gleaners to match all donations made leading up to April 9, when Gleaners will host a Double Your Donation Day fundraiser on WJBK-Fox 2.

"We have a big goals this year, but I'm already so impressed by our region's women corporate and community leaders, who are responding to the call to feed our hungry children," said W. DeWayne Wells, president of Gleaners. "Dulcie can feel proud that the event she started 20 years ago has grown to have such a tremendous impact on our mission."

Tickets range from \$120 Friend to \$1,000 Platinum Angel levels. Corporate and individual support opportunities are available from \$1,200 for a table to \$50,000 Champion level. To purchase tickets or learn more about Children's Hunger support opportunities, contact Suzette Hohendorf at (886) 453-GLEANER (2637), Ext. 243, or e-mail shohendorf@gcfb.org. Tickets can also be purchased on line by visiting www.womenspowerbreakfast.org.

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Look 10 years younger in one hour

'The Hour Lift' facelift now most popular cosmetic procedure — lasts for 10 years

"The results will last between five and ten years, depending upon the patient

*~Dr. Eric Seiger
Skin & Vein Center in Fenton*

She eats right, she works out and takes care of herself every day. She wants her face to reflect this same youthful vitality that the rest of her body shows. That's why one local 69-year-old woman, who asked to remain anonymous, is in the preop area of the Skin and Vein Center in Fenton for "The Hour Lift," a mini face lift procedure that's becoming more and more popular. "We've been doing these for about 15 years, but they've become much more mainstream now since makeover shows on TV began to glamorize them about 10 years ago," said Dr. Eric Seiger, board certified dermatologist and cosmetic surgeon. "It's not a 'taboo' thing anymore."



Debbie Purcell is prepped for a mini face lift on Monday, at the Skin and Vein Center in Fenton. Dr. Eric Seiger directs resident physician Kate Johnson. They are assisted by nurse Amy Sowers.

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Dr. Seiger estimates he has done between 2,500 and 3,000 of these procedures, on women as young as 24 and for a couple who was each 86 years old. "I'd say the median age for this surgery is about 58, and 95 percent of my patients are women. The results will last between five and 10 years, depending upon the patient."

The difference between The Hour Lift and a regular facelift is that The Hour Lift involves cutting the skin and tightening the facial muscles, rather than moving the facial muscles.

The areas primarily improved by a facelift are the jowls, cheeks and neck. There's a huge difference in recovery time and price. "It's the difference between a three-day recovery and a two-week commitment," said Dr. Seiger.

The price is also a huge factor in a person's decision to undergo this procedure. Dr. Seiger says he used to charge \$3,800, and he cut the price to \$2,900 when the economy changed a couple of years ago. A full facelift will cost between \$6,000 and \$15,000 — depending upon the scope of the procedure. These elective cosmetic procedures are not covered by insurance.

"The number one thing that patients say to me is, 'I don't want to look 20 years old again. I just want to look in the mirror and be able to look as good as I feel inside. I want to feel refreshed,'" said Dr. Seiger. For the 69-year-old patient who was waiting for her procedure, The Hour Lift was not only for her own self-esteem, but also for her success in the business world. "A youthful appearance validates your professionalism," she said. "This is how we get measured for our success."

Thinking about having 'The Hour Lift'?

Here's what to expect:

Q: What happens before the procedure?

A: Prior to surgery, you may be given a medication to help you relax. Local anesthesia is then administered to minimize discomfort.

Q: How long does the procedure take?

A: One to 1½ hours.

Q: What actually happens during the "One Hour Lift"?

A: A short incision is made in front of the ear. The surgeon gently lifts the tissues under the skin, removing any extra skin. The surgeon re-drapes the overlying skin, leaving the patient wrinkle-free with a firmer, more youthful jaw line.

Q: What can I expect during recovery?

A: Post surgery, patients wear an ice-containing head garment for 24-48 hours. They are likely able to shampoo and wear make-up the day after surgery. Sutures will be removed in six to eight days, resuming normal activities within three days.

Q: Does it hurt? Will I bruise or swell?

A: Approximately 85 percent of patients experience no bruising. There is minimal pain, controlled with oral medication.

Q: How long will the results last?

A: Look five to 10 years younger, with results lasting usually five to 10 years.

Q: Can I talk to anyone who has had the procedure?

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Barbara Deyo

By Barbara Deyo
Guest Columnist

Weddings are a mainstay of my business. I figure I have done easily 1,000-plus weddings in my career. So, suffice it to say, I've pretty much seen it all.

Last month was a new experience. I had a bride trial scheduled, she came in with a full face of makeup on — lashes and all. I said, "Wow, your makeup looks pretty. Aren't we doing a makeup trial today?" Yes, we were. I was her fifth one — and the second one of the day.

She didn't look happy. As I said, her make-

up was pretty, but just not what she wanted. We proceeded to look at pictures of her inspirations, of her previous trials. I was able to inspect what she had done that day, so we could try to figure out what the others did, or didn't do, that she wasn't happy with.

We talked for 20 minutes before I even picked up a brush. After more than two hours with bride-to-be and mother-of-the-bride (who got her makeup done as well), trial No. 5 was complete. She looked in the mirror. She smiled. I exhaled. I'm hired.

Your wedding day is a milestone. No matter how prepared you may be, that all goes out the window when you are the bride. Being the bride tends to bring out tensions

and anxieties you might not normally have, coupled with the fact that all eyes will be on you all day. I know this because it is what I do for a living. Remember — 1,000-plus weddings. Trust me.

So all you brides to be out there, here is my best advice for you: Take a deep breath, exhale slowly ... and let's proceed.

Getting started

Communication is paramount. My first course of action when a client comes to me for her makeup is, ask questions. If you have a particular look in mind, come prepared. Bring inspiration photos from magazines, as well as photos of yourself where you like

the way you look. I may see something different than you do. You may like the photo, but are not sure why — and more than likely, it's the overall feel rather than one specific aspect. For example, you may see the smoky eye and I may see the dewy skin that's really making the look you want. I dig deeper into what you really mean. After all, "natural" to you may not mean the same thing as "natural" to me.

I find out your normal comfort level with makeup to make sure we don't overdo it. In fact, it's not a bad idea to come with your normal makeup on, so I can see what your

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everyday makeup is — and then give you your best bridal version of you.

I want to know what your dress looks like, the overall theme of the wedding and how you envision yourself that day. It all comes into play in determining your final look.

So once we are on the same page and you feel comfortable, there is still another matter to consider: What is right for you? There are so many different looks you can have on your wedding day, and there is no right or wrong one. I don't recommend trying anything too new on the day of your wedding. If you have never worn red lipstick, today might not be the day to give it a whirl. Likewise, if you are a glam red kind of girl, stick to it — a blushy nude will feel unnatural to you.

As flexible and willing as I am to do what makes you happy and comfortable and accommodate your every need, I have some cardinal rules I am not willing to break — 1,000-plus weddings remember? Trust me.

Foundation is a must

You must wear foundation. Even if it's a sheer tint, you need to wear something for longevity and so you don't look "faded" in pictures. And you want it to last all day, so a light layering of foundation, concealer and powder will make it last longer. Evening out the skin tone is one of the key factors in having a polished look. Along with that is proper contouring and highlighting. When done correctly, it will be a subtle thing that you don't "notice" necessarily, but makes a big impact.

Please, get your eyebrows shaped the week before. It saves time and redness on the day of and it is an absolute must for perfect makeup. And on your wedding day, you need to fill in your brows a bit. Even if it's just a light-colored brow gel, it adds balance to the overall look.

Think about 20 years from now. I was an early '90s bride, so I can tell you, my grey/plum ultra-matte lipstick tells the time. Clean, classic, simple makeup is best. And keep in mind, there are certainly many variations that create a timeless beauty.

Last but not least — touch up. You spent all that time, money, blood, sweat and tears, please don't forget to reapply your lipstick.

Your ceremony and reception are over in the blink of an eye, but the video coverage and photo album will last a lifetime. You don't want to be shiny for eternity. Powder your nose. Remember, 1,000-plus weddings — trust me.

Barbara Deyo, health, wellness and beauty writer, owns Deyo Studio for face and body, 576 N. Old Woodward Avenue, second floor in downtown Birmingham. Deyo is an internationally acclaimed makeup artist, having groomed the faces of Paul McCartney, Bob Seger, Kerrie Washington, Shaun Robinson and more. She has been named Best of the Best by Allure, Hour, Real Detroit and WDIV. Call (248) 203-1222 or visit www.deyostudio.com for more information.

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Planning the perfect party

By Pamela A. Zinkosky
Contributing Writer

Whether you're hosting an intimate bridal shower or a grand graduation, the devil is in the details — what to serve, how to decorate, who to invite, how to entertain. Luckily, metro Detroit has its share of party planning resources to help you succeed.

Start with the basics — what are you celebrating, how many guests will you have, will you host in-home or at a facility and what would you like the atmosphere of the event to be?

"I always ask (the client) what's their vision — how would they like to entertain — and go from there," said Joanie Sams, director of catering for The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.

The Townsend hosts formal tea parties for up to 50 people in its lobby, which is a public area, or more private events in a variety of banquet areas that can hold a couple hundred people if necessary. Each room has a different feel, Sams

explained.

If you decide to host at a facility, consider the available space and seating, but also the atmosphere. Many restaurants offer private or semi-private rooms for parties. Also consider banquet halls and even local parks for events.

Unique venues

Amy Jean Thompson, co-owner of The Ideal Bite Catering Co. in Royal Oak, which provides party planning and catering at many local sites, said she recommends unique venues like Habatat Galleries in Royal Oak. It's a glass gallery that offers areas where up to 100 people could be served, she said. "You could also do a strolling meal among the artwork."

If you're looking for an intimate home-like setting, check out Bon-A-Rose Home Style Foods in New Hudson. The food distribution and catering company is located in a 19th century home that makes a nice venue for parties of up to 60 people, or more if it's outdoors.

Anna Hoffman, owner of Bon-A-Rose,

said she's hosted graduation parties with 150 people. The home's first and second floors, which hold about 35 people each for seated meals, were opened up, and a tent extended the party into the outdoor grounds and gardens.

"It's like having it at your house but without all the work and stress," Hoffman said. "It's very home-oriented and loving. People have free rein of the building."

Feeding the masses

Fairly early on in your party planning, decide what kind of food you'll serve and how you'd like it served. If you want it catered, provide at least a month's worth of notice to your caterer if possible.

Again, consider your vision for the event. If you have gifts to open and games to play at a shower, for example, you might opt for a plated or family-style meal, because buffet dining does take longer, Sams pointed out.

On the other hand, food often becomes part of the entertainment. Sharon Juer-

gens, partner and executive chef for Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro in Novi, said dining stations are popular these days, because they prompt guests to take an active part in the food creation and service.

Diamond Jim Brady's creates a lot of seafood bars, noodle bars and potato bars, with guests choosing their toppings and sauces, Juergens said.

Laura Livingston, catering director for Joe's Gourmet Catering & Events in Livonia, said Joe's has done stations with pierogis, sliders and fries, barbecued food and even sushi.

Ideal Bite Catering offers its popular Stations of Detroit, with food stations including Mexicantown, Hamtramck/Polish, Corktown BBQ, Greektown/Coney Island and Dearborn/Middle Eastern to represent various Detroit ethnicities. Clients can choose three stations for approximately \$23 per party guest.


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For a green twist on classic red velvet cupcakes, stir green food color into basic cake mix and add pure vanilla extract, sour cream and cocoa powder. Whip up minty green cream cheese frosting and decorate with green sprinkles or colored sugar to make them fun for kids of all ages.

For more St. Patrick's Day ideas and recipes, visit www.McCormick.com, www.Facebook.com/McCormickSpice, or www.Pinterest.com/mccormickspices.

Easy Green Velvet Cupcakes

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 20 minutes

Makes 24 servings

- 1 package (18½ ounces) German chocolate cake mix with pudding
- 1 cup sour cream
- ½ cup water
- ¼ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- ¼ cup vegetable oil
- 1 bottle (1 ounce) McCormick Green Food Color
- 3 eggs

- 2 teaspoons McCormick Pure Vanilla Extract
- 1 container (16 ounces) cream cheese frosting or Vanilla Cream Cheese Frosting (recipe follows)
- Green sprinkles (optional)

Preheat oven to 350°F. Beat cake mix, sour cream, water, cocoa powder, oil, food color, eggs and vanilla in large bowl with electric mixer on low speed just until moistened, scraping sides of bowl frequently. Beat on medium speed 2 minutes.

Pour batter into 24 paper-lined muffin cups, filling each cup ¾ full.

Bake 20 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center of cupcake comes out clean. Cool in pan 10 minutes. Remove from pans; cool completely on wire rack. Frost with cream cheese frosting. Decorate with sprinkles, if desired.

Minty Green Cream Cheese Frosting:

Stir ½ teaspoon McCormick Pure Peppermint Extract and ½ teaspoon McCormick Green Food Color into canned cream cheese frosting or Vanilla Cream Cheese Frosting.

Vanilla Cream Cheese Frosting:

Beat 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened, ¼ cup (½ stick) butter, softened, 2 tablespoons sour cream and 2 teaspoons McCormick Pure Vanilla Extract in large bowl until light and fluffy. Gradually beat in 1 box (16 ounces) confectioners' sugar until smooth. Makes 2½ cups.

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Local designer debuts new styles

Bloomfield Hills designer Julie Geisinger introduced several new styles to the free to be yoga tees® line earlier this month and announced the arrival of the brand new “free to be baby” line.

The newest additions are available for sale at freetobeyogatees.com under the shop tab.

The new unisex eco hoodie, features the “peace love detroit” design. Made from an organic cotton/RPET blend (RPET is recycled polyester made from recycled plastic bottles), the hoodie is available in heather coal.

In the “free to be baby” collection, a long-sleeve infant one piece, made from 100-percent organic cotton, comes in canary which is great for a baby boy or girl. Sizes are 3-6 months, 6-12 months and 12-18 months and feature the “peace love detroit” design.

A women’s baby-rib tank top is now available in aster blue, a fresh new color just in time for spring. Featuring Gandhi’s quote, “Be the change you want to see in the world,” the tank is made from a blend of organic bamboo/organic cotton/lycra and comes in sizes small through large.

Founded in June 2010, free to be yoga tees, yoga apparel & state of mind offers designs for both men and women. Made in the U.S., the Earth-friendly tees come in a variety of styles and colors and are made from sustainable fabrics.

Visit freetobeyogatees.com for additional information or to purchase a free to be yoga tee.

The entire collection is on sale at Art-in Market at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

Camp Fair 2013 at Michigan Science Center

Metro Parent’s Super Summers for Kids Summer Enrichment & Camp Fair happens noon to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 10, in the newly reopened Michigan Science Center 5020 John R Street in Detroit. Admission is free.

This year’s theme is “Childhood passions: Rooted at home. Realized at camp.” Visitors are invited to scout

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Safe, smart ways to slim down before your wedding

Many brides-to-be, and even some grooms-to-be, express concern about their weight in the weeks and months leading up to their wedding. Losing weight is a goal for many engaged couples, but it's important that couples who want to shed a few extra pounds don't sacrifice safety for the sake of slimming down.

According to a Cornell University study of 273 women with a wedding day approaching, 70 percent wanted to lose more than 20 pounds before their weddings. However, reality indicates that a weight loss of 5-10 pounds is more attainable — more so if the weight loss regimen is spread out over several weeks. The term “brideorexia” has entered the vernacular, and it is associated with brides who are taking extreme measures to lose weight. Taking laxatives, engaging in fluid-only diets and even using tobacco or drugs to serve as appetite suppressants are just some of the measures some brides have taken to shed weight before their wedding days.

There is no magic formula to shed pounds, but there are certain ways to jump-start and maintain the process of healthy weight loss so brides can look slimmer and healthy for their big day.

- Eat. Although initial calorie curbing can help shed weight, eventually your body may adapt to your new eating habits or go into “survival mode,” which means conserving fat reserves. Researchers at Penn State University found that fasting signals to your body that it is being starved, triggering a lower metabolic rate. Brides-to-be should never cut out food entirely. Eating anything less than 1,200 calories a day will encourage the body to try to conserve energy by lowering its metabolism. Severe calorie restriction is not an effective way to lose weight.



Concern about fitting into their gowns drives many brides to crash diet in an effort to lose weight.

- Step up your exercise regimen. Reducing food intake alone will not help you lose weight quickly. The goal is to burn more calories than you consume. Therefore, adding more cardiovascular activity to your rou-

tine can help burn calories more efficiently.

- Reduce sodium intake. Sodium doesn't necessarily lead to weight gain, but it can make it appear so. Sodium contributes to water retention in the body, which may make you appear heavier or bloated.

- Identify sources of empty calories. Fruit juices, soda and other beverages are often the culprits with regards to unnecessary calorie consumption. Therefore, choose your beverages wisely and limit them to water, teas and unsweetened drinks. If you want to drink fruit juice, consider diluting it. In addition, most alcoholic beverages have 100 calories or more.

- Hire a good photographer. A camera allegedly adds 10 pounds, a reason many couples panic about their wedding day. A professional photographer will know how to manipulate lighting and angles of the camera to ensure a more flattering shot.

- Eat smaller portions. Oftentimes, it's not a matter of what you are eating, but how much. Most portion sizes served in restaurants or even at home are double or triple the amount that you should be eating. When in doubt, cut everything in half.

- Fill up on fiber or protein. Instead of resorting to pills to suppress an appetite, simply eat foods that will fill you up naturally. High-fiber foods will bulk up in the stomach and keep you feeling satiated longer. The same can be said for lean proteins, which take longer to digest, thus fending off hunger pangs.

While losing weight for a wedding is many couples' ultimate goal, the best way to tackle this task is in a healthy, responsible manner.

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Edible favors are thoughtful, delicious



Edible wedding favors may include cookie baskets featuring gourmet items from a favorite bakery.

A token of appreciation for guests is requisite at wedding receptions. Wedding favors enable attendees to walk away from the event with a memento and also a small thank you for their participation and celebration of this momentous event.

Brides- and grooms-to-be have different ideas when it comes to wedding favors. Guests have their own opinions, too. As customs and trends change, so do the options in wedding favors.

In the past, wedding favors were not much different from the items offered today, and not every guest was privy to a take-home trinket. In the 16th century, wedding favors were a sign of extravagance and showed off the family's wealth to the guests. Only rich and prominent people during those times could afford and provide sophisticated gifts to their guests. Some favors symbolized luck, and sharing them with guests ensured good luck to all as well. Almonds were common favors because they symbolized fertili-

ty, health, happiness, wealth and longevity.

Edible gifts can be as varied as a person desires. Candy-coated almonds are still popular, but many couples have expanded their choices and have created new trends in favors. For those couples seeking a unique edible favor for the wedding, here are some suggestions:

- Cake or brownie pops. Food on a stick has long been a favorite of many, but the concept has been taken to new heights with the creation of cake pops. These are small balls of cake or brownie that are made from cake crumbs and frosting. The balls are covered in candy melts or chocolate and served on a stick. Chocolate artists can transform ordinary cake pops into works of art with intricate piping designs on the hard, outer shell. Clear cello bags and decorative ribbon may be all that's necessary for a classic wrapping.

- Cookies. Pastry arts continue to be popular favors for any occasion. Many bakeries offer intricately designed and decorated

cookies that can pertain to any theme. Think about a wedding couple or a set of rings as the cookie of choice for a wedding favor.

- Petit fours. These bite-sized pastries lend themselves well to wedding favors. They can easily be paired and put in small boxes as take-home treats. Some bakeries create petit fours on demand. If not, petit fours can be purchased through online vendors.

- Chocolate. Gourmet chocolate remains a popular edible favor. Choose among truffles, caramels, chocolate-covered pretzels or any favorite treat.

- Seasonal treats. If a wedding coincides with a particular season or holiday, favors can be coordinated as well. Think caramel-covered apples for fall parties, chocolate bunnies for spring events, spiced cake bars for the winter holidays or lemon tarts for summer weddings.

Edible gifts are thoughtful and flavorful mementos of the wedding day.

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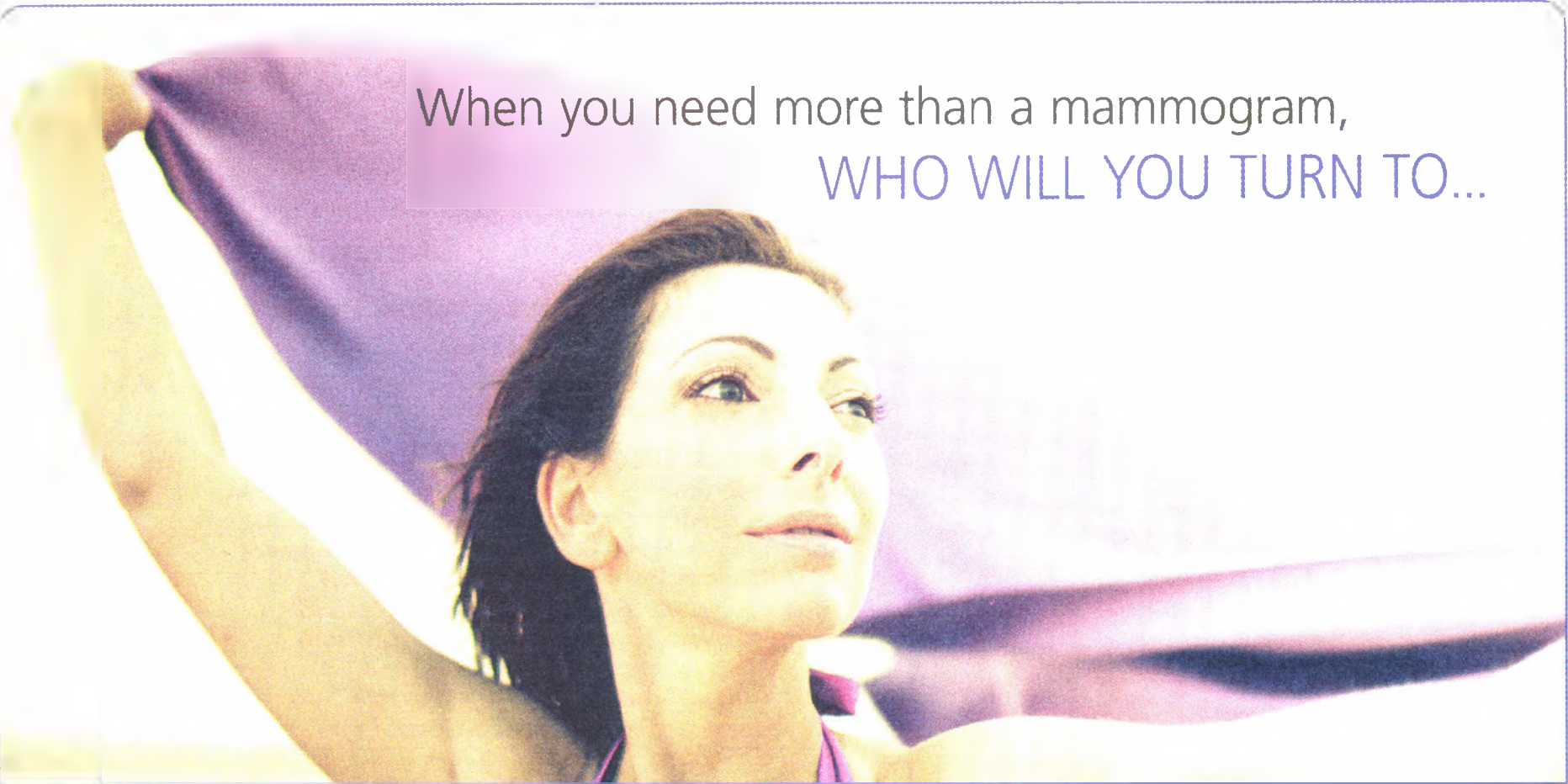
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menu for graduations: slow-cooked barbecued ribs, pulled pork, chicken and wings. Owner Dave Ebner said the ribs — with six different house-made sauces — are the most popular.

“We smoke our ribs for three to four hours, and other meats for up to 20 hours,” Ebner said.

RealBarBQ also offers sides like mac and cheese, cornbread, coleslaw, potato salad and smoked baked beans. Catering packages start at \$6.99 per person and go up to \$13.99 per person, or they can be customized with items that might not even be on the menu, Ebner said.

Lighter fare

For showers, the food trends toward the lighter side. Livingston said Joe’s signature salads are popular. The full-service caterer offers a variety of salads for \$4.95 per person, including fattoush, classic Caesar, Michigan cherry, and Joe’s signature salad with romaine lettuce, spiced pecans, goat cheese and pears.

For dessert, Joe’s offers specialty cakes from its in-house bakery or, for something a little different, s’mores. “We cook them up there,” Livingston said. “You just provide the fire.”

When choosing a caterer, Thompson recommends asking a lot of questions about the food. “Where does it come from, how do they select it, how do they present it? Don’t fall for a caterer that uses frozen or processed foods. Make sure to spend some time getting to know who you are working with,” she said.

“A good rule of thumb when getting pricing,” Thompson said, “is to imagine how much it costs to eat a nice meal at a restaurant. If you get a price per person around the cost of a fast-food meal, you can expect to receive the same quality that you would at a drive-through window.”

How much food to order or prepare is also a big question, and it really depends on a multiple factors. First, consider who you’re inviting, suggested Thompson. Feeding a group of women at a shower isn’t going to require as much food as feeding the football team at your son’s graduation party.

“If you have a lot of high school kids, make sure you have a lot of late-night food because they tend to get hungrier later,” suggested Eliza Wood of The Grad Girls, which provides onsite party staffing.

Especially for graduations, consider how many other parties are scheduled that day and whether your guests may have already eaten, Thompson said. “Sometimes you’re one of five parties a person is attending that day,” in prime graduation party season, Wood said.

All things considered, there are a few rules of thumb in estimating food amounts. Juergens gave the following guidelines: one and a half appetizers per person, four to six ounces of meat per person and half a pound of pasta per person. “We almost always go over because you never want to run out,” she added.

And have a backup plan. Remember, you can always order pizza or another dish from a local restaurant if you run out of food.



Prosciutto and melon prepared by Diamond Jim Brady’s in Novi.

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Unique ideas

Once you’ve nailed down the party basics, you may want to think about some unique touches to make your event shine. For example, depending on your budget, you may rent a photo booth for guests’ entertainment or hire a disc jockey or live band to provide music.

“The big thing for graduation parties are the ice cream carts,” Thompson said. You can rent them by the hour and pay for enough ice cream for your guests. It’s a nice nostalgia item, she said. “How often do you get a novelty ice cream?”

Coffee carts, funnel cake machines and slushy machines also make nice food and beverage items that double as entertainment.

You can also make the cooking part of the entertainment. Thompson said she’s done cooking demos for in-home showers that have turned out really fun. “We cook in your kitchen, and you eat while we clean up,” she said.

Ebner said RealBarBQ can also prepare food onsite upon request. “We can get a portable smok-

er and cook the food there,” he said. “We’ve also talked to a couple people about doing a pig roast. It just depends on your budget.”

You can also choose nontraditional ways of entertaining. Sams, who said The Townsend is known to think outside the box in creating events, once helped a bride create a unique bridal shower based on an idea she read in *Southern Living* magazine.

“We did part sit-down and part buffet,” Sams said. Guests handed in their gifts upon arrival and had a seated meal. Behind a partition, Townsend staff opened the gifts and created table settings incorporating the gifts so that guests could walk around and see the gifts displayed while enjoying a strolling dessert.

“It was so much fun,” Sams said. “This way you could actually see it all put together.”

Sams has also hosted plenty of couples showers, including a tool time shower. “Everybody brought tools,” she said. “That way the guys were able to buy into the shower.”



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Food often becomes part of the entertainment. Sharon Juergens, partner and executive chef for Diamond Jim Brady’s Bistro in Novi, said dining stations are popular these days, because they prompt guests to take an active part in the food creation and service.

Minimizing the stress

No matter how you look at it, parties are hard work. But they should be at least a little bit fun for the hosts, or they’re not worth having.

One way to minimize stress, Hoffman said, is to have the event catered. “People do have a tight budget, but once you consider the time to buy the food, cook the food, prepare it, that is very high-anxiety for people,” she said.

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Wood and Sidney Migoski, originally from Northville but now living in Ann Arbor, provide that service for graduations and other parties through their company The Grad Girls. They charge approximately \$30 per hour for the two of them to be onsite, depending on the number of hours they’re needed.

“We try to make it so the people hosting the party can enjoy it,” Migoski said.

“Some clients are skeptical,” Wood noted. “They think it’s excessive. But by the end of those parties, they’re so glad they hired us.”

Migoski and Wood also noted some ideas for keeping a party manageable. “A lot of people are going simple with a variety of pastas and salads,” Wood said. They’re also cooking up a few family recipes and filling in with specialty items from local caterers or restaurants, or even Costco, she said.

Most caterers also offer a full-service option, with staffing onsite to serve the food and clean up. “I try to encourage people to do a fully staffed event because time is money,” Livingston said.

Joe’s charges \$18 to \$25 per hour for onsite staffing, which could include setup, decorating, serving the food, bartending and cleaning.

Another idea to keep the meal simple is to set a time for dinner instead of trying to serve food throughout the party, The Grad Girls said. Include a timeframe, such as 4 to 6 p.m., on the menu, and then serve appetizers and drinks the rest of the time.

Reining in the budget

Everyone’s watching their dollars these days, but that doesn’t mean you can’t throw a great party. Here are some budget-wise ideas



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from area experts:

- Combine parties. Parties with dual or even triple guests of honor can cut costs and make for more fun, said Hoffman. With multiple hosts, you get more ideas for the party, and also split the expenses. This is a popular graduation party idea, she said.

- Choose entrees instead of appetizers. “People think appetizers are less expensive than dinner, but they’re way more labor intensive for us than creating a large portion of one entree,” said Thompson.

- Make the portions small. “Slice chicken breasts into four equal portions,” said Juergens. “People want to try a little bit of everything. This way you don’t waste food.”

- Put the prime rib last. “When arranging a buffet, place the most expensive or most sought-after thing at the end,” Juergens sug-

gested. Guests will take smaller portions that way, because they’ve already filled their plates with other items.

- Skip the full bar. “A lot of folks, to save money and to make the choices a little easier for guests, they’ll do beer and wine and one signature cocktail like a mojito,” Livingston said. “Or they’ll do all Grey Goose vodka drinks.”

- Go meatless. Vegetarian dishes are a great choice for warm-weather events because they’re light and in-season, plus they’re colorful and make a great presentation, Juergens said.

- Keep decorations simple and natural, Juergens suggested. Look to your yard for flowers or twigs that would make nice centerpieces. Use wicker baskets from home to hold silverware.

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Find a gown they all will love

Close friends and family members are an important component of a couple's wedding day. Individuals who are especially close to the bride and groom are often asked to become members of the wedding party, which means a bride-to-be will be asking one or more women to play an integral role in the celebration. To set these ladies apart from other guests at the wedding, they are often asked to wear coordinating bridesmaid gowns. Selecting a style and color that is fitting to the unique people of the bridal party can be challenging, but it's not impossible.

As if choosing your maid of honor wasn't tricky enough, you now must make a host of other decisions as well, all while playing stylist to the wedding party. Fashion sense is as unique as a fingerprint, and it is unlikely the bridesmaids will be able to agree on every aspect of the gowns they will be asked to wear. However, there are ways to narrow down the choices and be as accommodating as possible to their needs.



A little patience can help a bride-to-be select bridesmaid gowns that are flattering to all the members of her bridal party.

Size matters

The body shapes and sizes of the women in your bridal party will be different, and this should be kept in mind when selecting a gown style and cut. There are certain dress shapes that are universally flattering, such as A-line. Try to avoid gowns that are extremely form-fitting, as only a few of the bridesmaids may be able to pull off this look successfully. The remainder could be left feeling self-conscious and uncomfortable. Plus, form-fitting clothing will be restrictive and can be difficult to move around in — particularly considering the gown will be worn for an entire day.

Flattering color

As a bride, you may have a colorscape in your mind for the wedding. But what looks good in table linens and flowers is not always the right choice for clothing. Take the skin tones and hair colors of your bridesmaids into consideration before choosing a dress. Green- and yellow-hued dresses may not look nice on women with olive skin tones, while very pale colors may wash out women with fair skin. Those with dark skin may need a brighter-colored dress.

Price tag

It is an honor to be asked to be part of a bridal party, but that honor can be expensive. The bridesmaids are expected to pay



for their wardrobe, hair styling and makeup, as well as parties and gifts for the happy couple. As a courtesy to the women who

already will be investing a considerable amount to be a part of your wedding, make every effort to select a gown that is afford-

able. There are plenty of retailers in our area that offer stylish options.

Other tips

Once you've decided on the basic elements, consider the following suggestions to find a gown that the bridal party will enjoy:

- Take one or two bridesmaids shopping with you. Try to select ones with opposite body types so you can see how the gown looks on a woman who is thin and one who may be more full-figured.
- Think about choosing separates. The bridesmaids can mix and match tops and bottoms to find a fit that works. This may enable a woman with a larger bust size to select a top with supportive straps, while another bridesmaid can opt for strapless. Many bridal shops have increased their inventory of separates because of their growing popularity.

- Choose one color and then let the bridesmaids choose the style they like the best for themselves. The look will still be cohesive, but it won't be boring with one type of gown. Also, each bridesmaid will be comfortable with a gown that flatters her shape.

- Go with a tea-length gown. These gowns have become quite trendy and are less formal and cumbersome than full-length gowns. Plus, there is a greater likelihood that the gown can be used again at a later date.

- Purchase the bridesmaid gowns at the same store where you will be purchasing your wedding gown. Most shops will offer a courtesy discount if the bridesmaid gowns are purchased at the same store.

Ensuring bridesmaids are happy in their gowns takes a little work, but will be well worth the effort.

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Wedding themes add up to extra fun

Every couple wants their wedding to be memorable. The goal of planning a wedding is to create an experience that everyone will remember for years to come. For some couples, a theme wedding is the best way to accomplish just that.

When it comes time to select a theme, the day the wedding takes place may dictate the theme. For example, if the wedding takes place on Halloween, the ideas for the theme are easy. Many other couples choose a theme that highlights a specific interest or hobby or something that is dear to them. Here are some popular wedding themes:

- **Holiday.** The Christmas season lends itself well to wedding planning. The colors (red, green, gold) are already established and most churches and buildings are already decked out in holiday finery, cutting down on the amount of flowers and embellishments couples need.



A masquerade theme might be an entertaining theme for a couple's nuptials.

Because the holiday season is so busy and a popular time for socializing, couples who want to tie the knot during this time of year should send save-the-date cards well in advance. Another option is to have a "Christmas in July" wedding, featuring the same holiday themes, but without the hectic nature of the holiday season.

- **Vegas.** Couples who want to tie the knot in Las Vegas, but want to ensure all

their loved ones can attend, can recreate the magic of Vegas wherever they may be. Casino-inspired games and big buffet meals can make guests feel like they have stepped into a casino on the famed Vegas strip. In addition, an Elvis impersonator is essential to a Vegas wedding.

- **TV show.** Some couples elevate certain television shows to cult status. Whether it's *Friends* or *Star Trek*, popular television shows have been transformed into festive wedding themes. Whether the idea is to go daring and exchange vows in costume or simply name reception tables according to characters or show locations, couples can include a little television fun into the event.

- **Fairytale.** Many men and women envision a fairytale wedding complete with horse-drawn carriage and the "happily ever after." This is what makes Dis-

ney properties, as well as the various castles around the world, popular backdrops for wedding events. Those planning a fairytale wedding need only look to favorite stories or movies for their inspiration.

- **Interest or passion.** Love to climb mountains? Avid about scuba diving? Couples who share a particular interest can include elements of this sport or hobby into their wedding. Invitations and decor can hint at the theme, and then special activities can further enhance it. Fish bowls as centerpieces may call to mind underwater adventures, while surfboard-shaped invites may set the scene for a beachside party.

Theme weddings can add an extra spice to the festivities and incorporate couples' interests into the event — making it even more special.

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Vintage style returns

Brides-to-be devote plenty of time to thinking about their wedding gowns, and some women spend months scouring stores for their ideal designs. But what if the perfect gown is already tucked away in a family member's closet?

Some brides view a hand-me-down gown with a degree of skepticism. After all, people may poke fun at dresses passed on by well-meaning friends and family that feature styling that is out-of-date (think 1980s shoulder pads). However, in most cases, dresses can be altered and turned into something that fits the new bride's style and physique. Your local Bridal Shop will be more than happy to assist you.

According to About.com, the average machine-sewn wedding gown made of synthetic fabrics will cost \$500 and up. High-end fabrics and special orders can increase the cost of a gown to \$2,000 or more. Designer gowns custom cut and sewn according to a bride's measurements may cost as much as \$6,000. Some brides may not want the added cost but more importantly they might just cherish the historical factor, the history of a vintage gown can prove to be an interesting part of your wedding.

When considering a vintage or hand-me-down gown, there are certain questions brides-to-be should ask before agreeing to wear the dress.

- **What is the size?** It's much easier to take fabric away from a gown than to match it and add fabric to the gown. Therefore, try on the gown and see if alterations will be possible. Do not plan on crash dieting to fit in the gown. You may not reach your goal, and then you may be stuck with an ill-fitting dress. How well a gown fits goes a long way toward the bride's appearance.

- **What is the condition?** Many dry cleaners offer wedding gown preservation packages, and brides have been taking advantage of this service. The gown is cleaned and boxed so it will not discolor. If you are receiving a gown that has undergone this treatment, there is a greater likelihood it will look much like it did when it was first worn. However, some former brides do not store their gowns properly, and they may be stained, torn or discolored. While it is



Certain factors will solidify brides' decisions to use hand-me-down wedding gowns.

possible to do some cleaning, you may not end up with a gown that meets your approval.

- **Is the shape flattering?** If a gown has good "bones" to it, there's a chance that a talented tailor can turn it into something that will enhance your frame and body type. If the gown is of a style that you never would have considered, such as a mermaid cut or princess style, then it may be much more difficult and costly to transform it into something workable.

- **Are you settling?** Every bride wants to feel romantic in her wedding gown, which is why shopping for a gown is often akin to searching for lost treasure. If the hand-me-down gown doesn't give you goosebumps when you put it on and you're settling simply because of the price, then it may put a damper on your entire wedding.

- **What's your budget?** Even though hand-me-down wedding dresses may be no cost initially, you may accumulate a sum depending on the extent of the alterations needed. Get an estimate from a seamstress and find out if it will be financially smart to go with the used gown or purchase something new.

Wearing a hand-me-down gown is something many brides consider, especially if the dress has sentimental meaning or is a family heirloom. Certain questions should be answered before finalizing the decision to go with something vintage.

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Expert tips for hair styles

Special occasions and parties crop up over the course of a typical year. Be it weddings, birthday parties or anniversary galas, friends and families often gather to celebrate especially momentous events.

Part of the excitement of these events is donning formal wear or cocktail attire and enlisting the help of beauty experts to look your best for these memorable events.

Experienced hair stylists and makeup artists can transform your look from basic to glam in a short amount of time, and women often rely on the professional expertise of cosmetologists to help them create the perfect party look.

April Cornelius, a professional stylist and owner of the business Bridal Hair by April (www.bridalhairbyapril.com), says, “Usually the hair stylist and makeup art-

ist work together and have an easy flow of the clients. They work in conjunction to create looks that are not easily executed by an amateur.”

For those with hectic social schedules, Cornelius shares her secrets of hair success to ensure you put your best face forward at the next big occasion.

Preparation and party countdown

Once the decision has been made to use a professional stylist to work on your hair for a special occasion, there are a few things to keep in mind to ensure success. The first step is finding a stylist with whom you will have a good rapport. Ask your regular salon stylist if he or she

does special occasion work, or ask for a referral from a friend or family member who has used someone in the past.

Cornelius warns against taking drastic measures with your hair within two to three weeks of the event.

“Try not to schedule a cut or color right before the party,” she says. “Otherwise you may be stuck with a color or shorter cut than what you wanted. Also, spend time in advance to talk to your stylist about suggested cuts and colors that may enhance your hairdo.”

Once you get your gown, hair accessories and veil, schedule a trial run so that the stylist can walk you through different options.

“Hair styles are usually based on the type of dress you are wearing, and the stylist can suggest different things,” Cornelius says. “If you choose a style that requires more or longer hair, the stylist can often adjust by using temporary hair extensions that are not easily detected.”

Cornelius notes that women with short hair need not worry about having a hairstyle that looks formal and fashionable: “Short hair is easy to style. I like to use side parts and maybe some height at the crown. Using fun, stylish clips, curls and headbands are additional ways to dress up the look.”

The day of the event

Few things can complicate a style further than not being ready for the stylist or using products on your hair that are not conducive to keeping the hair set.

“Hair should not be washed any less than one day before the appointment,” Cornelius says. “It is essential that the hair be completely dry before the stylist gets there in order to make the process run



Work with a stylist you know and trust. Explain what you want and what you expect; bring pictures if possible.

more smoothly. He or she cannot spend extra time blow drying the hair, and if it needs to be done it could incur an extra cost.”

It is advisable to use mousse or hair spray in the hair because they will help set the hairstyle. Avoid the use of hair serums or frizz-fighting oils that can cause hair pins or curls not to hold well.

In most cases, a stylist will come equipped with the items he or she needs. If you have discussed any special hair accoutrements, such as rhinestones, beads or clips, have them at the ready.

It can take about an hour to do a hairstyle, and if the stylist is working with more than one person for the party, it is important to be on time for your appointment, or be home if the stylist is coming to you.

Other handy tips

Cornelius shares more first-hand tips that can also make styling go more smoothly.

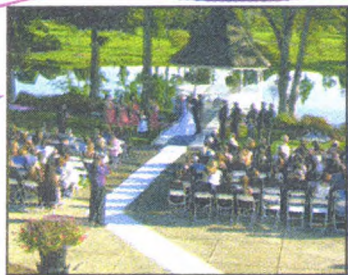
- If you have very curly hair and need it smooth and prepped for your stylist on your appointment date, try going to a hair salon the day before and have it professionally blown out.

- Print out or bring a magazine clipping to illustrate what type of style you want. Small pictures viewed on a mobile phone are not enough for a stylist to rely on.

- Bring fun accessories, including cobs, pins or clips, to enhance your style.

- Wear a button- or zip-down shirt for easy unrobing after your style is done. You don't want to have to pull anything over your head.

- Go to a stylist someone you trust has recommended. You don't want to put a special event style into the hands of someone you don't know.



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Make guests feel special with these extra touches

Wedding receptions run the gamut from small, intimate gatherings in a restaurant to large spectacles featuring hundreds of guests inside a banquet hall. At the heart of any wedding reception is the desire to present a memorable party for all in attendance. That being said, there are some steps couples can take to add extra indulgence to wedding receptions and really set them apart from the mundane.

With the average cost of weddings now teetering around \$28,000, couples certainly are pulling out expensive stops to treat guests to a good party. Although some may argue that spending tens of thousands of dollars on a one-time event is preposterous, there are scores of couples who want to splurge on an event that (hopefully) will be a once-in-a-lifetime occurrence. With this in mind, many want to add special touches to the wedding that will show guests how much they are appreciated. Here are some ways to do just that.

• Butler-passed hors d'oeuvres.

During the cocktail hour, guests are mingling and taking advantage of the opportunity to engage in conversation. Rather than disrupt the flow of conversation to make a trip to the food stations, choose butler-passed hors d'oeuvres to bring food right to the guests. It lends a feeling of indulgence and is also a convenient way to keep guests satiated.

• Valet parking.

Most wedding venues provide on-site valet parking. However, if you're using a restaurant or banquet hall that does not provide this service, you can hire a valet company to do the parking for guests. Being able to exit the car right in front of the venue and not worry about finding a parking space will be convenient for guests.

• Emergency toiletries baskets.

Rather than spending money on an extra floral arrangement for the men's and women's restrooms, purchase items that can be grouped into a handy basket. For women, include items such as extra pairs of stockings, spray deodorant, sanitary items and sewing kits. For

men, mints or mouthwash, dental floss, cologne and stain removal pens may come in handy.

• Specialty courses.

In addition to the cocktail hour and the main meal, you may be able to arrange specialty stations for guests with particular palates or interests. Some couples like to have a cigar smoking area or you can offer specialty cocktails. When ethnic customs are included in a wedding, menu items can be geared around native dishes. Candy and dessert bars are also popular to have at weddings, particularly if children are invited. A flambe dessert presentation is both a spectacle and a treat.

• Overnight accommodations.

For the wedding that will run into the wee hours of the morning, offer guests a place to stay nearby to remove the hassle of driving home at a late hour. Some reception halls have arrangements with nearby hotels. For those that don't, negotiate a discounted rate for wedding guests. Many do and will set aside a block of rooms for your event with a discount code.

• Special seating.

Guests who may have mobility issues or difficulty hearing may appreciate being seated in certain spots for convenience. Seat the elderly or handicapped close to the exits and the restrooms, if possible. When choosing a reception room, confirm the distance to the restrooms to make it convenient for those who may not be able to walk far. Those who may be sensitive to the music can be seated away from the speakers. And, of course, every attempt should be made to seat individuals who may have conflicts with others away from one another.

• Birthday and anniversary mentions.

You can notify the band or DJ of any guests in attendance who may be celebrating their own special events on your wedding day or in close proximity.

There are many extra touches you can take as a couple to make guests feel welcomed and important at your wedding.

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Test out wedding music vendors

Music is an integral element of many of life's special events. The score of a movie can carry a film, while a tender song can bring tears to a person's eyes during a stage production.

Many couples spend lots of time choosing a song for their first dance at their wedding. While that song is significant, couples should devote lots of time to choosing a band or DJ for the reception as well.

Statistics compiled from a variety of sources, including *USA Today*, *TheKnot.com* and *Brides* magazine, point out that roughly 80 percent of guests say the thing they remember most about a wedding is the entertainment. When asked, many couples admit they wish they spent more time and money choosing their wedding entertainment.

Music helps make memories and gets guests on their feet. Those who enjoy themselves most at the wedding are often the people who are on the dance floor. It is important to note that price shouldn't be the deciding factor for wedding day entertainment. It is crucial to see the entertainment provider in action to judge for oneself just how good he or she is.

One of the best ways to witness a DJ or band in action is to attend a wedding where they will be working. Find out if you can spend a little while peeking into a wedding and gauge guests' responses to the music and find out how the entertainer engages the crowd. The entertainer may be able to arrange this with a couple from an upcoming wedding so that you don't necessarily have to crash the wedding. If a musical entertainment company is wary of letting you see players in action, it may be an indication to look elsewhere.

Another good way to see for yourself if the entertainment factor is high is to pay attention to the bands and DJs used at weddings you attend. If you are planning nuptials in a year or the months to come, take the cards or information of the entertainers you come across at weddings and any special event parties. If there is someone who is doing an



Spending time and money selecting the right band or DJ can ensure your wedding is a fun-filled event.

impeccable job, there should be no hesitation to hire that person for your own wedding. Don't be embarrassed to ask a friend or family member for the name and number of their DJ.

If you have specific music requirements, such as cultural music or certain versions of songs you prefer to be played, it is key to discuss this with the DJ or band ahead of time and confirm they can meet your needs. Certain wedding vendors may promise you the world, but fail to deliver. Ask the DJ for a playlist to see his or her selections for the wedding. Find out if the band has a compilation they can send to you so you can see how they sound performing some of the more popular songs typically played at wedding receptions.

If you like a particular band or DJ, double-check that the people you see playing are actually the ones who will be performing at your wedding. Many times performers are part of larger companies that have many people working under one name. If you're not careful, you may not get the same performer you had hoped for. Request specific individuals if you want to guarantee that the music will be what you heard at a previous wedding or during a trial performance.

Music can make or break a wedding reception. Invest ample time into selecting and trying out vendors to ensure fun is to be had by all.

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Advantages of a wedding video



Couples find that having a wedding video to cherish long after the day has passed is well worth the price.

In a financial climate where most people are pinching pennies, it comes as no surprise that many engaged couples seek ways to cut costs with regard to their weddings.

The decision to hire a videographer is one such area couples fret over. After all, with a photographer snapping hundreds of pictures, having a video may seem like an unnecessary luxury. However, people often find that having a wedding video to cherish long after the day has passed is well worth the price.

There are several advantages to hiring a professional videographer to capture the day. A professional video will showcase all moments of the wedding from perspectives not easily captured by photography. In addition to showcasing the images of the wedding, the video will also share the sounds and emotions of the day. Here are some things to think about.

- Choose a videographer who will work in conjunction with the wedding mood and parameters. You probably don't want a videographer who uses bright lights that can be distracting. Nor do you want a videographer who pushes the camera in guests' faces for a less-than-candid interview.

- The videographer often works in tandem with the photographer. Some photographers have a videographer on staff. But it is fine to bring in your own if you like the quality of the photographer's photos, but not the videographer's work.

- A videographer will capture the things you may have missed during the busy day.

- Although ours is an increasingly digital world where people capture photos and videos on their smartphones and other devices on a regular basis, a wedding video

can serve as a family memento.

- Although no one wants to think of a friend or relative passing away while planning their wedding, the fact remains that after a few years some of the people who attended your wedding may no longer be around. Having a wedding video may be the last moving image and sound of a special person who is no longer in your life.

- Sound is a portion of the wedding that photos simply cannot capture. To relive the music and the words of the day, a videographer is a necessity.

- You can work with a good videographer so it's not simply a video with closeup shots of your face or unflattering perspectives.

Although brides and grooms may be cutting costs with regard to their wedding, they may not want to pass on the wedding video.

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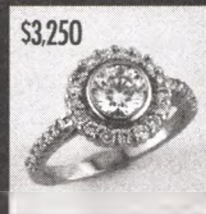
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Tips for a great best man toast

The best man toast can be one of the most memorable parts of a couple's wedding. Sometimes a toast is memorable for its humor and heartfelt sense of appreciation for the groom and his bride, while other toasts are more memorable for all the wrong reasons.

It's understandable to be nervous when asked to give a best man toast, but there are a few tricks of the trade a best man can employ to calm those nerves and ensure his toast is memorable for all the right reasons.

- **Practice makes perfect.**

Few people are capable of standing in front of a crowd of people and speaking off the cuff. A spur-of-the-moment speech may provide an adrenaline rush, but such an endeavor may come off as if you didn't care enough to put the effort into writing a thoughtful toast ahead of time. In addition, practicing the toast once it's been written will make you feel more comfortable and confident in front of the crowd.

- **Avoid alcohol.**

Getting liquored up prior to your toast is a recipe for disaster. Though it may

seem like a good idea to employ alcohol to calm your nerves and lower your inhibitions, it's not a good idea.

- **Get to the point.**

Men and women who have attended their fair share of wedding receptions no doubt have sat through a long-winded toast from the best man or maid of honor. Such toasts can bring a festive reception to a grinding halt. Avoid long-winded walks down Memory Lane in favor of a toast that thoughtfully cuts to the chase and lets everyone get back to celebrating.

- **Connect your thoughts.**

While it's important to be brief, don't be so brief that no one at the reception learns about your relationship to the groom. Share a humorous anecdote from your mutual past to illustrate the type of relationship you and the groom share with one another.

- **Congratulate the couple.** Because nerves play such a significant part in many best man toasts, it can be easy to forget to congratulate both the bride and groom. Don't just toast the groom at the end of your best man speech; toast his new bride as well.



One of the most memorable parts of a couple's wedding usually is the best man's toast to the bride and groom.

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Seating your guests

Weddings are filled with many emotions: happiness, excitement and anticipation, to name a few. With all of the positive emotions a wedding may drum up, in the mix there may be a few negative ones, including feelings of being overwhelmed at all the details that need to be completed on a deadline.

One aspect of wedding planning that tends to send people into panic is wedding reception seating arrangements. The thought of having 200 friends and family members together under one roof — and then attempting to seat them next to an acceptable group of people — can cause some couples to hyperventilate.

Every family has its ups and downs, and there are certain people who get along well and a few who clash. Ensuring that a wedding is memorable for all the right reasons (and not for the brawl at table 3) is why seating arrangements are so important. Many couples can use a little advice when seating guests, while others would love another person to handle the seating arrangements for them.

Here are some guidelines for setting up reception seating arrangements.

- Place yourselves, as well as the bridal party, at a separate table that is in a prime location in the room. Be sure to allow the spouses or dates of bridal party members at the same table so couples remain together.

- Some couples choose to seat both sets of parents at one table together — the parents' table. Grandparents may also be seated at this table, depending on the number of people each table can accommodate.

- If children under the age of 7 are invited, they should be seated with their parents. Children between ages 7 and 14 can be seated at a separate kids' table.

- Be mindful of guests with disabilities or mobility issues. Seat them close to the door, bathrooms or food station.

- Instead of separating the bride and the groom's family to separate sides, intermingle the tables to promote conversation.

- Consider arranging guests by common interests at each table, seating business associates or parents' friends together.

- Take into consideration people who have relationship rifts and try to seat them separately. But don't stress about this too much because it won't be possible to accommodate everyone. You'll have to hope that at your wedding a certain level of decorum will preside.

- It's not unheard of to let guests seat themselves. This takes the pressure of finding a seat for everyone off of you as a couple and enables you to think about the other tasks at hand. This can take place at a buffet wedding or a smaller affair.

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How to find the right banquet hall

Planning a wedding is no small feat, as couples are faced with many decisions seemingly from the moment they get engaged right up until they walk down the aisle as man and wife. One of the biggest decisions a couple will make is where to host the reception.

Couples must consider a variety of factors when looking for the right banquet hall to host their reception. The wedding is a celebration and the banquet hall is where the couple and their guests will let their hair down and hopefully enjoy a festive and memorable night. Because the reception is typically the most lengthy portion of a couple's wedding day, it's important to find a place where everyone can be comfortable and enjoy themselves. The following are a few tips for couples

looking to find the ideal banquet hall to host their wedding reception.

• **Ask around.**

Word of mouth is a great way to find the right banquet hall. Ask friends or family members who got hitched in the same town where your ceremony will be if they can recommend a reception site. These friends or family members can provide a behind-the-scenes look at a reception hall, from how accommodating the staff was to how flexible the banquet hall was with regard to pricing to how open the staff was to suggestions. Wedding planning isn't easy, so if friends, family members or co-workers recommend a hassle-free banquet hall, that recommendation can remove a lot of the stress from planning a wedding.

• **Consider the size of the facility.**

Some couples prefer an intimate affair with relatively few guests, while others will desire a large wedding party with lots of guests. Couples can find a banquet hall that's capable of catering to small or large wedding parties, but find one that fits your party specifically. If your wedding party is small, then avoid a larger facility that will appear empty. If the party is large, make sure there's adequate room so guests won't feel like they're sitting on top of one another during dinner and dessert.

• **Don't downplay decor.**

A banquet hall with an attractive decor is not only aesthetically appealing, but can appeal to a couple's finances as well. Such a hall likely won't need any additional decorations, while a banquet hall that's unadorned and lacks embellishments will, and those decorations can dip into a couple's overall wedding budget. Compare the costs of the more decorated banquet hall with the one that's more plain in appearance, factoring in the cost to decorate the latter, and you might just realize the one with more aesthetic appeal is more affordable in the long run.

• **Prioritize privacy.**

Few couples would be open to strangers having easy access to their wedding reception. When shopping for a banquet hall, look for one that gives you and your guests all the privacy you need. Many couples have taken to hosting the entire ceremony at a hotel, which may handle the bulk of the planning and

Rice toss



Tradition states that couples be covered with tossed rice upon exiting the ceremony. The idea of throwing rice began during the Middle Ages, when rice symbolized fertility. Rice was tossed at the married couple in the hopes they would have many children and be blessed with prosperity as a family.

remove the hassle of transportation for out-of-town guests. However, couples considering a hotel should look for one that can promise privacy from other guests at the hotel who aren't there for the wedding. The reception room should be secluded from the rest of the hotel so other guests walking by aren't tempted to walk in on the festivities.

The banquet hall is where couples can expect to spend most of their time on their wedding day, so couples should exercise their due diligence to ensure they find an inviting and festive facility.

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