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### Old Village Sale

The Old Village Community Yard Sale takes place Saturday, April 17. This year the event will also feature a "trunk" show in the lower parking lot at Station 885 (885 Starkweather), where space can be rented for \$15 and sellers will display their merchandise in the trunks of their cars. Many residents have also signed up to sell their goods from the yards of their homes in the Old Village area. For more information or to rent a space, call (734) 347-4100.

### Pops concert

The Plymouth Symphony presents its annual fund-raising concert at 8 p.m. Friday, April 16, at the Penn Theater.

The concert continues the tradition of producing a broadly popular, high-energy and entertaining event with a new twist — this year's concert, "Hooray for Hollywood," features the music of the movies along with vocal performer Lizann Warner, a vocal impersonator whose vocal impressions include Judy Garland, Ann Wilson, Stevie Nicks, Barbara Streisand, Pat Benatar, Marilyn Monroe, Nora Jones, Cher, Cyndi Lauper, Celine Dion, Lita Ford and Grace Slick.

Music from film scores will include *Gladiator*, *Lord of the Rings* and *E.T.*, along with several of the most memorable songs that ever appeared on the big screen, including *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*, *Evergreen*, *Moon River* and *My Heart Will Go On*.

Tickets for the concert are \$50 (tickets that include a pre-concert party at Lotus Arts Gallery are \$75). Tickets are available at the Plymouth Symphony office at 774 N. Sheldon Road in the Plymouth Arts Center or online at [www.plymouthsymphony.org](http://www.plymouthsymphony.org)

### Trail open house

The Michigan Department of Transportation and project team staff will host an open house to provide an overview of the scope and boundaries of the project to fix an approximately seven-mile section of the I-275 Metro Trail.

This section is planned for reconstruction beginning this spring, and this is the last open house planned prior to construction. There will be an opportunity to review the final design selections prior to construction. The public open house runs 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, at Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 Lotz, in Canton.

For more information, contact Gorette Yung at (313) 375-2400, [yunggg@michigan.gov](mailto:yunggg@michigan.gov); Leah Groya at (313) 961-3650, [lgroya@wadetrin.com](mailto:lgroya@wadetrin.com); or Jayson Nault at (810) 220-2112, [jayson.nault@tetrattech.com](mailto:jayson.nault@tetrattech.com).

## Bard bravado



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In a sketch from *Romeo and Juliet*, Juliet (Kelly Filios) does away with herself after Romeo (Jon Peck) does the same during rehearsal for the Second Stage Players production of "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)," which takes to the stage April 22-24 and April 30-May 1. For more on the production, please turn to Page A9.

## Local post office will be sold, but service stays downtown

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The for-sale sign will soon be going up at the U.S. Postal Service station on Penniman, but the post office is not abandoning downtown Plymouth, officials reiterated last week.

"The Postal Service is not packing our bags and leaving the community," Marla Larsen-Williams, a U.S.P.S. real estate specialist, told the Plymouth City Commission during its April 5 meeting.

But the historic 1930s building of 21,000 square feet is going on the market, Larsen-Williams said, as the U.S.P.S. looks to cut costs.

In the best case, the Postal Service would sell the building and lease back about 2,000 square feet of space to continue providing counter service there, Larsen-Williams said. If that could not be arranged, she said, the Postal Service would work with city officials to find another suitable space downtown.

She said there would be no interruption of service in the event the station has to move. The plan would be for a five-year lease with a five-year renewal option, she said.

The current building, much of which is unused, is protected from demolition, Larsen-Williams said, and that would not change under a new owner.

The post office's name, the Pursell Station, will be kept whether it stays in the same building or moves to another location. The station was named in the 1990s for the late Carl Pursell, a longtime Republican U.S. congressman who represented the Plymouth area.

### 'The Postal Service is not packing our bags and leaving the community.'

MARLA LARSEN-WILLIAMS, a U.S.P.S. real estate specialist

That was good news for Phil Pursell, a son of Carl's and a former Plymouth mayor.

"I want to thank you for keeping it in my father's name," he told Larsen-Williams during the commission meeting. "That meant a lot to him the day it was dedicated." The retired congressman died last year.

U.S.P.S. will also preserve the mural, *Plymouth Trail*, that decorates the post office lobby. The mural was painted by Carlos Lopez, a local artist who taught at the University of Michigan.

The mural will remain Postal Service property, Larsen-Williams said, but could stay in place if an agreement can be reached with a new building owner. Or, it could be installed at a new downtown post office, if feasible and if the service counter is forced to move, she said. Or, she has said, it could be loaned to a local organization that could properly display it.

"I won't allow that mural to leave the community," she said.

Larsen-Williams said the Postal Service is in the midst of having the property surveyed and appraised, and doing title research, and that it should be on the market by June.

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## Schools likely to support millage

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The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education is likely to approve a resolution at its April 27 meeting supporting a 1.9-mill school enhancement millage being pondered by Wayne RESA that would be spread to districts across the county on a per-pupil basis.

How much weight Plymouth-Canton's resolution will carry remains to be seen.

Wayne RESA is considering putting the measure, which would be used for school operations, on the August ballot. By law, enough county districts to represent more than half the county students would have to support the election before RESA could put it to a vote.

As of Tuesday, according to information presented by Plymouth-Canton administrators at the board meeting Tuesday night, only two districts — Lincoln Park and Crestwood — have approved such resolutions.

"Districts that haven't (committed) may have other issues on the ballot," said Craig Fiegel, Plymouth-Canton's superintendent. "If someone has a bond or an enhancement on the ballot, they might not want to risk it. And some districts are in the same boat we are — they'd be a donor district."

If approved, the RESA millage would raise some \$11 million in Plymouth-Canton, some \$7 million of which would come back to the district.

Being a "donor" district — raising more money than what would come back to Plymouth-Canton, bothers school board members, but support for the resolution still seems likely.

"It's a difficult thing, because we have to give so much of the money back," said Trustee Dianne Gonzalez. "But it seems like such a great way to bring money in."

Wayne RESA officials reportedly said at their recent meeting they'll need support from at least two of the county's bigger districts, such as Livonia, Plymouth-Canton and Dearborn, in order to get the millage on the ballot. The Dearborn Public Schools board will not vote on the resolution because members don't feel

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## With wife's future uncertain, husband focuses on parenting

BY MATT JACHMAN  
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Six-year-old Jaelyn Hengesbaugh has been using art to express her emotions during a recent difficult period, says her father, Larry Hengesbaugh.

For example, the Canton Township kindergarten might sketch a sad face, he said. "Dad," she'll say, showing him the drawing, "what do you think I'm thinking about?"

The answer is painfully obvious. Dawn Hengesbaugh, Larry's wife and the mother of their children, Jaelyn and Zachary, 11, has been at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital since Jan. 29, when the Chevrolet Trailblazer she was driving was rear-ended by a Lincoln MKX on Ann Arbor Road in



Jaelyn, Dawn, Larry and Zachary Hengesbaugh in happier times.

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## Local schools won't open doors to outside students

BY BRAD KADRICH  
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Families moving to Plymouth or Canton often cite the local school district as a reason for choosing the area to live.

After Tuesday's Plymouth-Canton Board of Education meeting, being a resident of the district is the only way students are going to get in.

School board members voted unanimously Tuesday to approve a resolution stating the district will not become a "schools of choice" district, eliminating outside students as a potential source of revenue.

There's one exception to the policy: Starkweather Educational Center, the district's alternative education building.

The recommendation came from the district's policy committee, members of which felt the issue needed more study.

"We talked about it in detail," trustee John Jackson said. "It's a very complex issue that needs to be thought through. The policy committee talked about the district looking at this in its long-range planning."

Plymouth-Canton Superintendent Dr. Craig Fiegel said adopting a schools-of-choice option would mean opening the district to students from outside its boundaries. And, while he acknowledged that would bring in some \$7,500 per student - the district's state foundation grant - it could also potentially open the district to expenses that might not be an even trade-off.

"When you do schools of choice, you're opening your boundaries to all students," Fiegel said. "Sometimes you open it to students who have exceptional needs, and the cost outweighs the benefit."

Fiegel also has an ethical concern with the idea of opening the district's boundaries and allowing students from other districts - districts that would lose the per-pupil funding for students who defected to Plymouth-Canton - to bring that funding to Plymouth-Canton.

"Are we all in this together, or are we doing this individually," Fiegel said of fighting the budget battle. "Are you going to rob other districts? It's about doing what's right for the kids."

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## SCHOOLS

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comfortable bringing a proposed tax increase to voters at this time, communications coordinator David Mustonen said Wednesday morning.

Livonia school board members Monday voted the resolution down unanimously, citing input received from constituents in the district.

"I heard overwhelmingly they don't wish me to support this," Livonia Trustee Patrice Mang said of voters.

RESA officials believe the 10-year millage, if approved, would generate some \$92 million in school enhancement money that would be redirected to individual districts based on the community's property values and student-count.

According to Steve Ezikian, Wayne RESA's

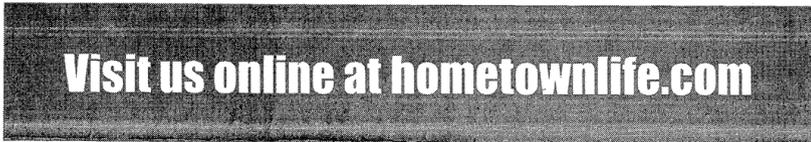
assistant superintendent for finance and administration, RESA is considering the millage proposal to help districts that have no other option.

"We're the only ones who can do it," Ezikian said. "Proposal A took away local districts' ability to levy any millage. The only action left (by state law) is a county-wide enhancement bill."

With Plymouth-Canton facing a potential \$9 million deficit in 2010-11 - including another expected \$268 cut in the state per-pupil foundation grant - and with state legislators showing no willingness to consider changes to Proposal A, district officials believe they simply have no choice but to support such a millage.

"This is the only game the Legislature will let us play," Trustee Barry Simescu said. "To expect the Legislature to change anything in an election year isn't likely. This is the only way to enhance our foundation, so I think we should go for it."

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# Small businesses get the ear of U.S. commerce official

BY STACY JENKINS  
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U.S. Deputy Secretary of Commerce Dennis Hightower, right, and Roger Kilmer, also from the Department of Commerce, were among the officials at Monday's roundtable discussion on Michigan manufacturing and small business challenges.

The company is in a slow rebound and may even break even this quarter, he said.

Others in small business and manufacturing attended the discussion, held at Diamond Moba Americas in Farmington Hills.

"I think it's extremely valuable for small businesses to

have our voices heard," said Doug Mack, president of Diamond Moba, which manufactures equipment to wash, inspect, grade, sort and package eggs, which are delivered to grocery stores throughout North and South America. "I was glad to be able to discuss with Mr. Hightower the things

that the administration has done well to help small businesses and areas I felt they should focus next. Partnerships to help us access credit, favorable tax policies, incentives for innovation and R&D and other initiatives will create a climate in which we can create jobs."

State and federal leaders said they wanted to hear directly from southeast Michigan. It was Hightower's fourth visit to Michigan since October.

### MAJOR ISSUES

Fixing the banking crisis — even beyond the bailout — is the No. 1 issue for E&E Manufacturing in Plymouth, which employs 300 and deals solely in automotive supply with its metal stamping operation.

Wes Smith, of E&E Manufacturing, said access to credit is a major issue facing small businesses right now. He said he likes President Barack Obama's plan to move \$30 billion of TARP funds to smaller community banks, so those banks can make loans to the small businesses. Peters said that program is expected to happen in the next few months.

Dennis Keat, CEO of Su-Dan Corporation in Rochester Hills, described the perfect storm his company found itself in during 2009. They were caught between failing banks and General Motors, its largest customer.

"If you ever want to feel like you're between a dog and fire, that's exactly where I was," he said. "It was very, very difficult."

They had their largest customers not paying, while the banks were going back on loans.

"I signed assets to the bank, so the bank had enough courage to stay with me," he said. "It was a scary, scary situation to be in, in 2009. But, I think we've come through it, with the federal government."

Peters said a bill he authored protects Michigan businesses' ability to take advantage of the 20-year-old Manufacturing Extension Partnership through the U.S. Department of Commerce. The program provides technical and business assistance to small manufac-

turers to help them improve in the short term and gain a long-term competitive edge.

### AN ASSET

Keat said it has helped his company.

"Thanks to the MEP and the business development services it provides, we were able to secure new business from another Michigan company, producing a product for them that they were formerly having made in China," he said.

Currently, the federal government shares one-third of the cost of the MEP program with state governments and businesses, but many states are finding it more difficult to continue to fund their share of the cost.

Peters' legislation would reduce the cost share required and ensure that willing small businesses have continued access to services provided by this program. It has passed the U.S. House and is now in the Senate.

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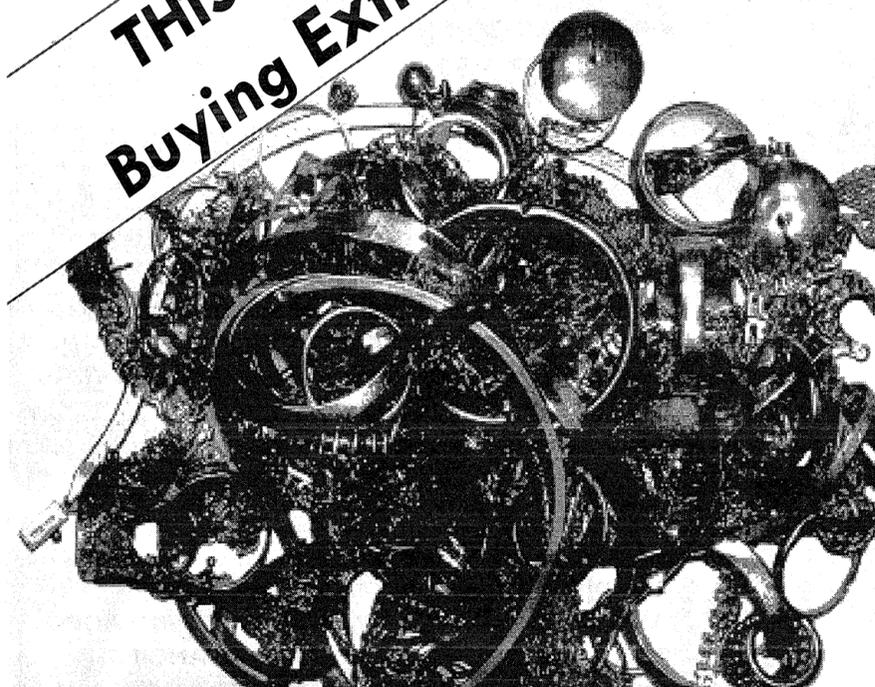
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**Census help**

The Downtown Development Authority will join the United States Census Bureau in hosting, "Plymouth Counts!" at the Plymouth District Library on Monday, April 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Representatives from the Census Bureau and the DDA will be on hand to answer questions, provide census forms and assist with census completion. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call (734) 453-0750.

**University women**

The Plymouth/Canton branch of the American Association of University Women will hold its Spring Luncheon on April 17 at Karl's Cabin, 6005 Gotfredson in Plymouth. Guest speaker will be Maria Dismody, teacher and author of *Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun*.

Attendees will have a choice of Chicken Picatta, Herbed Whitefish, New York Strip Steak, or Salmon Chardonnay as an entrée. Salad and dessert is included. The cost is \$25 per person. Members will be notified via the Catalyst and non-members may email Shirley Zaetta at [szaetta@wowway.com](mailto:szaetta@wowway.com) prior to April 10 if interested in attending.

AAUW is dedicated to advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. AAUW membership is open to all. For more information, contact Esther Nelson at [enelsonic@att.net](mailto:enelsonic@att.net) or (734) 981-4938.

**Hockey fest**

Magic 105.1 (WMGC-FM) celebrates "Hockey Fest" at the Kroger in Canton Saturday, April 17, to benefit The Ted Lindsay Foundation for Autism and families affected by Autism.

Families and hockey fans alike are invited to experience this free event filled with food, games, and hockey history. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet



**Barefoot show**

Kerianne Furgerson will be part of the entertainment when Barefoot Productions, Plymouth's only "theatre for the community" and a nonprofit, volunteer-driven arts organization, hosts its first-ever Variety Show Extravaganza fund-raiser highlighting local talent through acting, singing, dancing, comedic sketches, improv, acoustical music and more. Furgerson is not only a singer/guitar player, she stars as Shelby in Barefoot's upcoming production of "Steel Magnolias." The fund-raiser takes place 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at Barefoot Productions, 240 N. Main (the old Walker-Buzenberg furniture building) in Plymouth. Admission is \$20 and includes a full evening of entertainment and patrons' choice of beer, wine, soft drinks and snacks. The event will also feature two raffles, including a 50/50 raffle and chances to win a Barefoot Productions' 2010/2011 season pass and gift certificates. Barefoot's goal is to raise \$10,000 prior to the June 30 grant deadline. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.justgobarefoot.com](http://www.justgobarefoot.com) or at the door. For more information, call (734) 582-9688.

Detroit Red Wing Legends while helping this wonderful charity. Magic 105.1 will be broadcasting live from "Hockey Fest" with Jim Paolucci from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be excitement for everyone with the NHL "Legends of Hockey" exhibit, fun games like a foam puck shooting range, a fast shot radar cage, and a hockey game in the mini rink. Guests can also take advantage of the Hockey Fest "Meal Deal" from Kroger which includes a hotdog, bag of chips, cookie and a soft drink - all benefiting the Ted Lindsay Foundation.

"Hockey Fest" is being held at the Kroger in Canton located at 45540 Michigan Avenue beginning at 10 a.m. All proceeds from the event benefit the Ted Lindsay Foundation which raises funds to help new and existing research

on the cause and treatment of autism as well as providing funding for programs that aid children with autism.

**Financial seminar**

Community Financial Credit Union hosts "Learn 2B a Millionaire Seminar" 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at the credit union's Plymouth office, 500 S. Harvey, in downtown Plymouth. Participants can expect to gain skills to last a lifetime. Officials expect it to be an informative and fun seminar on managing and investing your money. Everyone will have a chance to win prizes while learning to save for a better future. Activities will include: developing a budget, creating your own mutual fund, assessing stock values over time and defining today's millionaires. There is no cost for the event.

Please RSVP to (734) 582-8702 by April 20.

**Book signing**

Award-winning author Cheryl A. Vatcher-Martin will be autographing copies of her books at the Plymouth Library in Plymouth, on Saturday, April 17 from 1-3 p.m.

She'll be signing copies of "Haiku For You: With Some One Room School House History," her book of Haiku and fine art photographs some of which depict area one room school houses and museum today. There's also a collection of photos of one room school houses from the 1800's.

Her latest release, "The Cornstalks Are Whispering," a children's historical fictional short adventure is popular with adults, children of all ages and educators. Her inspiration was found in a pumpkin patch in Canton.

"I am excited to return to the Plymouth Library as I enjoy presenting information on my books here to those who are interested in my work," she said.

For more information, contact Vatcher-Martin at [peroinc5@comcast.net](mailto:peroinc5@comcast.net) or (734) 397-1626.

**Tiger tickets**

The Plymouth Historical Museum is selling tickets to the Detroit Tigers vs. Chicago White Sox baseball game at Comerica Park on Monday, May 17.

The tickets are in the upper deck. A luxury coach will pick up fans at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main Street, Plymouth, at 5 p.m., with a 5:15 p.m. departure for the ballpark. The game starts at 7:05 p.m. The coach will leave for Plymouth shortly after the game ends.

The \$44 ticket price includes one upper deck seat and a round-trip luxury coach ride to the ballpark and back from the Museum. The tickets are selling quickly. The Museum's hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. There may be someone in the administrative office on Mondays, but call (734) 455-8940 before coming to the Museum on that day. Tickets can also be purchased through PayPal from the Museum's website at <http://www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html>.

**Cuzzins headline Folk Society event**

The Port Huron quartet Lost Cuzzins, playing folk, folk-rock and Americana, will be the featured musicians Saturday during the BaseLine Folk Society's April open-microphone coffeehouse event in Plymouth.

BaseLine is an organization of musicians and fans dedicated to the performance of folk, traditional and other acoustic music. Begun in Northville, BaseLine in September moved to the Plymouth Community Arts Council building on Sheldon Road.

Folk and acoustic musicians can stop in and perform two or three songs during BaseLine's open-microphone events, held at the PCAC building on the third Saturday of the month, September through

May. The events also include a featured artist or group and a host, who also performs. Saturday's host will be Craig Porter.

The show begins at 7 p.m.; signup time for open-mic performers is between 6:15 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. The open-microphone portion of the evening is limited to eight performers.

The PCAC building, also known as the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, is at 774 North Sheldon, at Junction, Plymouth, north of North Territorial and south of M-14. Admission is \$5; refreshments are served.

For more information, call Mike Mullen at (248) 347-6881, or e-mail him at [mjmmullen@yahoo.com](mailto:mjmmullen@yahoo.com).

**PCA to stage 'Millie' musical**

Plymouth Christian Academy High School students will take the stage next week in *Thoroughly Modern Millie Jr.*, a musical set in New York City in the Roaring '20s.

An abridged version of *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, the show tells the story of Millie Dillmount, who has just moved to the city in search of a life for herself. It includes big dance numbers and popular songs from the era, such as "Baby Face" and "Jazz Baby."

The show originated as a 1967 movie starring

Julie Andrews and Carol Channing, and was turned into a stage musical that opened on Broadway in 2002.

The Plymouth Christian Academy production is Thursday, April 22, through Saturday, April 24, at the auditorium at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. Show times are 7:30 p.m. all three evenings, and there will be a 2 p.m. matinee on April 24.

Tickets, available at the door, are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and senior citizens.



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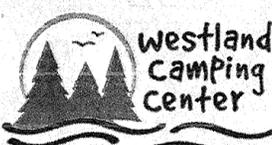
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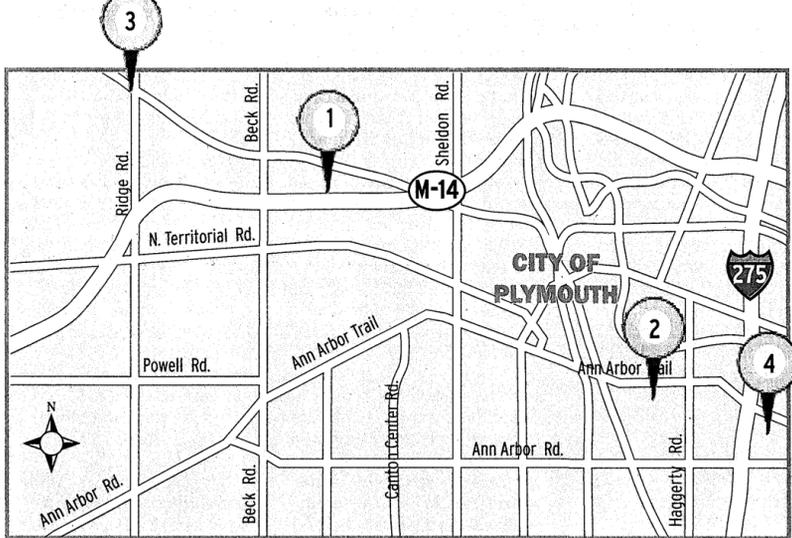
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## Property from car burglaries found, turned in to police

Two bookbags and a navigation system were reported stolen Sunday from a Ford Taurus that was parked in the driveway of a house on Westbrook.

The car had been left unlocked, a Plymouth Township Police Department report said, and the theft occurred between 10 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Sunday.

Someone found the bookbags, according to the police report, in the area of Covington and Westbrook and turned them over to police on Sunday morning. The reporting officer found an address inside with which police were able to locate the victim.

In a separate incident, a citizen found a wallet that had been stolen from a car parked on Covington Drive; the victim was uncertain whether he had locked the car, police said.

It was not reported whether anything had been stolen from the wallet.

### Electronics stolen

A navigation system, a radar detector, an FM radio and a power strip were reported stolen April 7 from a car parked in the driveway of a house on Ann Arbor Trail in the township.

The 1997 Ford Escort had been left unlocked, the victim told police. The incident occurred between 8 p.m. April

### CRIME WATCH

6 and 9:30 a.m. the next day, he said.

### Vehicle vandalism

Two Chevrolet vehicles parked outside a home on E Drive were the targets of recent vandalism.

Both vehicles, a police report said, had been "keyed," or scratched. The damage was reported early Saturday morning.

One was scratched on the hood, a fender and a driver-side door, police said. Details on damage to the second vehicle weren't available.

### Plate swiped

The Michigan license plate from a 1997 Honda was reported stolen in the township on April 8.

The car had been parked outside an apartment complex on Greenview Place at the time, the victim told police. The theft occurred between 3 p.m. April 6 and 9 a.m. April 8, he said.

By Matt Jachman

### FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period April 6-12:

Monday, April 12 - Industrial rescue run on

Eckles; residential rescue runs on Old Pond Circle, on Northville Road, on Dewey, on Red Maple and on Mayflower; vehicle fire at M-14 and Ridge.

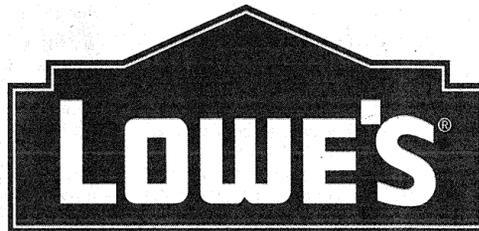
Sunday, April 11 - Rescue runs at a public building on Haggerty, residential rescue runs on Willowbrook, on Fox Ridge, on Washington, on Ann Arbor Trail, on Mill and on Northville Road; smoke investigation on Pino.

Saturday, April 10 - Residential rescue run on Glenview, on Donovan, on Russell, on Winterset Circle, on Ross and on Woodland Court; investigation on Ross; commercial rescue run on Haggerty.

Friday, April 9 - Residential rescue runs on Benjamin, on Northville Road and on Ann Arbor Road; rescue run at a public building on Haggerty; special run on Northville Road.

Thursday, April 8 - Residential runs on Strathmore Court, on Pinewood and on Maple; rescue runs on westbound M-14 at Napier and on Haggerty south of Plymouth Road; commercial rescue run on Haggerty.

Wednesday, April 7 - Residential rescue runs on Haggerty, on Concord, on Brownell, on Academy, at Judson and Oakview and on Woodleigh Way.



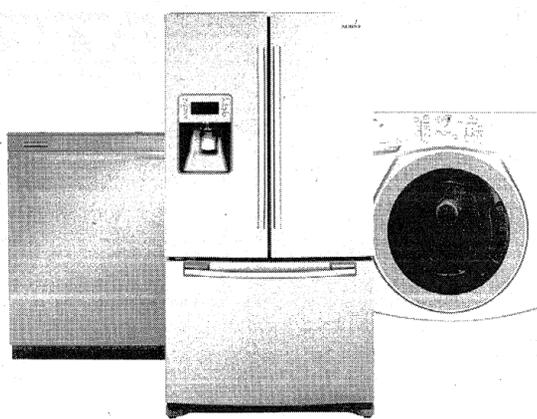
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## Fund set up to help family

Automobile insurance is covering ongoing medical expenses for Dawn Hengesbaugh of Canton Township, who has been at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital since being seriously injured in a Jan. 29 traffic crash in Plymouth Township.

Her husband, Larry Hengesbaugh, has not been able to return to his job because of injuries suffered in the crash, and has been devoting his time to caring for the couple's two children and to visiting his wife in the hospital. Insurance is

paying a portion of his salary because of the temporary disability, he said.

Nevertheless, the family has set up an account with National City Bank that could be used for future expenses or medical needs that aren't covered by insurance.

"Never having dealt with this before, I don't know what to expect," Larry Hengesbaugh said.

The account is in Dawn Hengesbaugh's name and the address is 43124 Ironsides Court, Canton, MI 48187.

## WIFE

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Plymouth Township.

The family was on its way home from a restaurant in Livonia. Police and prosecutors say the man driving the Lincoln was drunk.

Dawn, 41, had been in a coma, her husband said, but her condition was recently upgraded to a step above that. Her eyes are open, and she can follow movement with them, but cannot communicate and shows no signs that she recognizes her family, he said.

"The kids were close to their mom," said Larry Hengesbaugh, 39, in an interview last week. "She did everything for them."

## SHIFT IN FOCUS

With Dawn's prognosis uncertain, the family is adjusting to life without her at home, and Larry is concentrating on parenting, which, he said, has given him a greater understanding of and appreciation for that role.

"They're still happy kids," said Larry, who shuttles Zachary and Jaelyn to and from school, fixes meals, keeps house and spends quality time with them in addition to visiting Dawn in the hospital daily, with perhaps two exceptions, since the crash. "We're still trying really hard to keep it together and work together."

Larry Hengesbaugh, a salesman on a medical leave from an ABC Warehouse

store, said that before the crash, he was more of a traditional breadwinner while Dawn took care of their children and their home — and was an anchor for their extended family.

Now, forced into a larger parenting role, he expects to go back to work at some point, but is not sure when that will be. The crash caused some neck and back injuries he is still dealing with, he said.

"Right now, my No. 1 priority in life is to be a parent," he said. "My priorities changed drastically that night."

Larry cites strong family support, and kind words and deeds from neighbors and even strangers, for helping him and his family.

"We have a very loving family. It's always been that way," said Tara Hays, Dawn's sister. "We all help out. We do what we can."

Zachary, whom his father describes as artistic and possessed of a maturity beyond his years, understands the gravity of his mother's situation, Larry said.

"He knows there's a chance she may never come home," he said.

With Jaelyn, Larry has been providing information about Dawn as he sees appropriate.

"There's only so much you want to say to a 6-year-old," he said.

Jaelyn likes to play dress-up, her father said, and is at a stage where she wants to do more things for herself. They watch *The Simpsons* together, and Jaelyn is good at imitating voices, he said. "She cracks me up," he said.

Jaelyn is in kindergarten at Miller Elementary, while Zachary attends Pioneer Middle School. The schools have been helpful and supportive, Larry said.

## COURT CASE

The man accused of causing the crash, Jason Choos of Canton, is charged with two counts of causing a serious injury while driving drunk, for the injuries suffered by Dawn and Zachary, who is

recovering from rib, pelvic and knee injuries.

Police say they found marijuana and a semiautomatic pistol, for which he did not have the proper permit, in Choos' car, and he also faces a drug charge and a gun charge.

A Wayne County Circuit Court hearing in the case, before Judge Daniel Ryan, is scheduled for Thursday, May 13.

How does Larry Hengesbaugh feel about the suspect? He'd rather not say.

"I just basically want the guy to rot in hell," said Tara Hays. "That's how I feel. He ruined everybody's life."

Choos is a podiatrist who practiced in Westland; a receptionist there said Tuesday that he was no longer with the office.

His lawyer, Todd Flood, indicated Choos has been deeply affected.

"Dr. Choos and his family and children ... are devastated by this case, and their hearts and prayers go out to the victim and her family," Flood said on Wednesday.

He said Choos has wanted to reach out to the family, but that he has advised his client not to speak publicly about this situation.

Will there be a time and a place for addressing it? "I'm very hopeful of that," Flood said.

Larry Hengesbaugh, meanwhile, says he feels like he's spinning 50 plates at once, trying not to let them fall, with his added responsibilities for the children.

"Taking care of them has taken my mind off of other things," he said. "It's good therapy in a way."

Still, he said, he's learning as he goes, and ultimately wants the best for his children. "They don't deserve what happened to them," he said.

As for himself, "I'm doing all right," Larry said.

"There aren't a lot of choices you have. You can't just give up," he added.

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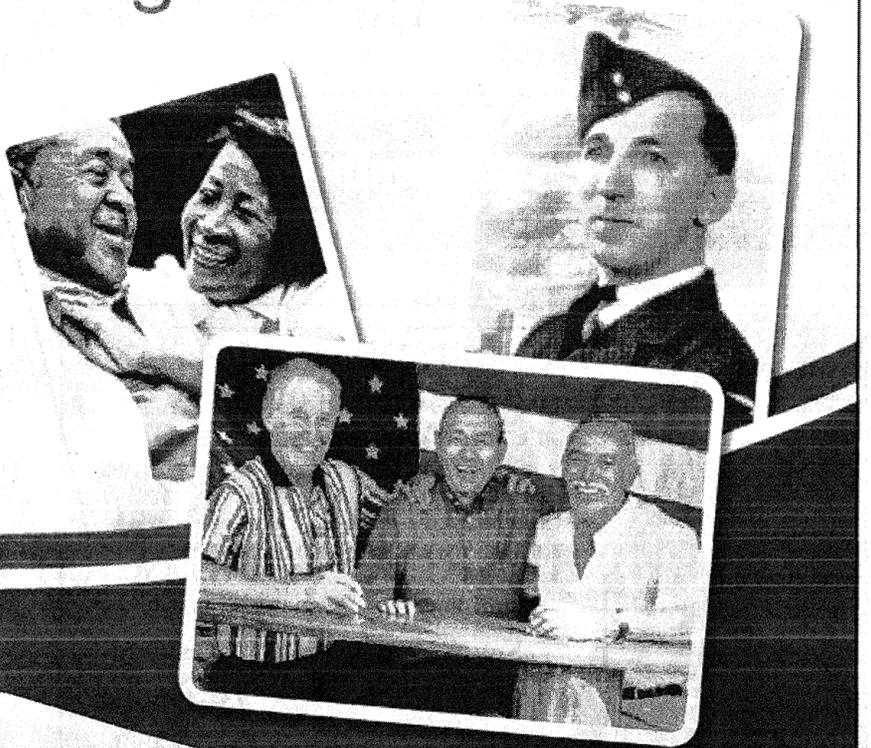
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# Guard against fear, greed in investment decisions

I recently met with a client who last year decided he no longer could deal with the ups and downs of the stock market. He decided to bail out and invest in CDs. His view was that the economy was not going to get better in the near future so he wanted out until things got better. His CDs have recently matured and his question is what now?

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There are a lot of people in a similar situation. Therefore, I thought I would highlight some of the issues that I discussed with my client.

First of all, I told him he shouldn't be kicking himself like he is. One of the worst things that an investor can do is to focus on shoulda, woulda, coulda. It is important to learn from the past, but don't dwell on it. In addition, when investors focus on the past they tend to make mistakes moving forward.

Investors who miss out on an opportunity in the past will tend to get overly aggressive to make up for a missed opportunity. This is a mistake. Whether a good market or bad, investors should stay in their comfort level at all times. I told my client to focus on what his goals for his money are and the timeframe he has to achieve them.

I also explained that it is a mistake to use the general economy as a gauge for the stock market. Many factors influence the gyrations of the stock market. The general state of the U.S. economy is just one of them. After all, many of the companies that are listed on our stock exchange are American companies in name only. Many receive substantial revenue outside of the United States. Therefore, they are not as dependant upon the U.S. economy as they once were. Furthermore, it is important to recognize that in the short-term it is very difficult to predict the direction of the stock market. That is why I always tell investors that it is a fool's game to predict how the stock market is going to perform over one quarter or even a year. The stock market is a long-term investment and unless your goals are long term, you shouldn't be in the stock market.

After a discussion with the client, he realized that his goals were long term and, thus, a portion of his money should be invested in the stock market.

The next question is do you take the money that should be in the stock market and jump immediately back in or do you spread the money out over time? Obviously, this is one of the most difficult questions to answer. The market has had an incredible run and it would not be unusual for the market to have a sell-off. At the same time, with an improving

economy the market could continue to grow

My recommendation to this client was to dollar-cost average back into the market. If he jumped back in and the market had a sell off he may panic again, leading him to once again sell low and buy high. That is the exact opposite of what a successful investor should do.

I wish I could predict the direction of the market. I can't and neither can anyone else. But what I do know is that fear and greed are the two emotions that investors always need to guard against.

Before jumping back into the market, make sure your goals and objectives are what dictate your investment choices in the market, not the idea

of making short-term gains.

Whenever the market is doing well there is a sense of excitement and people want to be part of it. This is something that investors have to avoid. The stock market is not a game and it is not something to take lightly.

Don't underestimate the risk of investing in the stock market but don't fear it. Rather, the

key is to learn to work with it. Recognize the adage, it's not timing the stock market, it's time in the stock market that will lead to success. Good luck!

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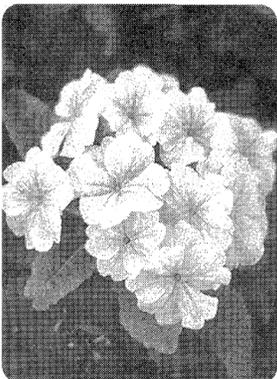
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### Tax breaks require serious attention, not just makeup

Recently — thanks in large part to that nettlesome, drive-by media you hear so much about — a story broke about how the state of Michigan unwittingly awarded a \$9 million tax break to a convicted felon.

Suitably embarrassed, Gov. Jennifer Granholm announced she was ordering more extensive background checks as a requirement before further tax credits are granted.

That's a start. But the governor is missing the point if the new rules only rearrange titles and focus only on preventing future grants to convicts.

While annoying, the applicant's criminal background is getting way too much attention. The Michigan Economic Development Corp. should have uncovered Richard A. Short's criminal background had it done even a cursory background check. But the follow-up emphasis should be on the decision-making process that led the state to decide that his RASCO firm had the wherewithal to carry out its business plan.

The failure to uncover his criminal background could be explained away as sloppy procedure. But the failure to adequately vet the company could also reveal an environment that favors promotion over substance, or a good public relations story over critical analysis.

In other words, when the MEDC glossed over Short's application, it could have been doing exactly what it was expected to do. Indeed, Granholm on Wednesday said that the RASCO case was embedded in MEDC procedures dating back to the administration of former Gov. John Engler.

While that may have been an attempt to deflect blame back on her Republican predecessor, it also suggests that the program has been poorly administered during her seven-plus years in office. In other words, it was broken when she got here and she hasn't done anything to fix it.

In refusing the fall-on-his-sword resignation of Greg Main, Granholm said the MEDC's top official is "an incredibly ethical, stand-up guy." While those are nice-sounding words, they came eight days after she said that Short was "doing phenomenal work" in renewable energy.

No one, other than the governor, has brought up the integrity or ethics of Main and the MEDC. The issue is competency.

One assumes that the "phenomenal work" line came courtesy of the MEDC, which worked more than a year with Short without discovering his questionable background. Last week, a process server from Flint said such information was available via a 15-minute Internet search.

So what exactly was MEDC doing? A clue to that answer is offered by MEDC's vow this week to check previous tax-break recipients to see whether they had questionable backgrounds or whether they produced the jobs they promised.

That's a troubling statement as it implies that once the tax breaks are granted, no one checks to see if they are effective. That, in fact, was the conclusion reached a year ago by a study funded by the Michigan Education Association, the statewide teachers' union that is one of Granholm's biggest supporters.

Did anyone act on that report? Apparently not. Without a thorough investigation into the practices of the MEDC, the public is left with the suspicion that the agency's goal was less to effectively administer a program than to produce public relations events.

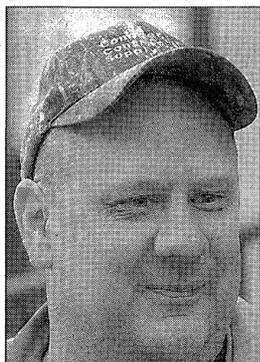
As it is, there are two major questions involving MEDC and tax breaks. First, is there effective oversight to insure that tax breaks are well administered? Second, is there serious analysis to determine that the tax breaks are effective, as opposed to just handing out taxpayer money to those fortunate enough — or connected enough, or devious enough — to win the tax break lottery?

If Granholm is merely applying makeup to the problem, neither of those questions will be addressed, much less answered.

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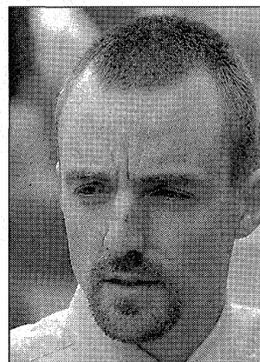
"The Penn Theatre. Lived here all my life."

George Hoffman  
Plymouth Township



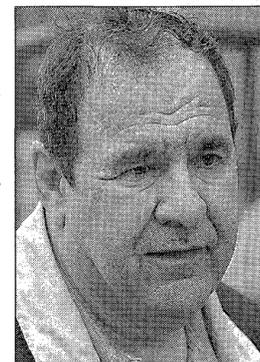
"The concerts. The easy listening."

Julie Colton  
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"The park. Just the amount of people, getting outside."

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"I like the concerts on Friday nights, and also when they have the art shows."

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## LETTERS

### Egg hunt thanks

The Plymouth Lions Club wishes to thank all those community members who participated in the April 3 Easter Egg Hunt at Plymouth Township Park. We believe it was a great success and most importantly, that a good time was had by all.

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Costs not covered by donations were funded by the Plymouth Lions Club.

Thanks again for the great turnout and support for this project. See you next year!

Jo Ellen Hincker  
Easter Egg Hunt chair

### Looking for help

Our biggest food drive of 2010 is planned for Saturday, May 8, and we need your volunteering help. The "National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive" hosts a nationwide food drive for The Salvation Army.

The NALC selected The Salvation Army to receive these food donations and the food donated will remain in the Belleville, Canton, Plymouth and Northville communities. Last year's food drive collected over 70,000 pounds of food.

We will collect nonperishable food at the Plymouth post office (Beck Road location) and the Canton post office on Saturday, May 8, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The letter carriers will collect the donated food items while on his or her route and return those items to the post office.

We will need at least 50 volunteers for each post office location. We ask volunteers to commit to work a two-hour shift. The shifts are 10 a.m. to noon, noon to 2 p.m., 2-4 p.m., 4-6 p.m., and 6-8 p.m.

You will be working indoors or outdoors and standing on concrete floors, bending and lifting canned goods or boxed items and placing those items in cardboard boxes. These boxes are taped up, loaded onto a pallet and moved into a truck.

The mornings are usually slow, but the activity really picks up in the afternoon. We especially will need volunteers at day's end to make sure trucks are loaded, the areas are cleaned up and the food is transported to the Plymouth Corps building.

Youths younger than 18 years of age must be accompanied and supervised by an adult and due to the working environment, please no children under the age of 10.

If you are interested in helping out with this volunteering opportunity, please call (734) 453-5464.

Teresa Moriarty  
Volunteer & Special Events Director  
The Salvation Army - Plymouth Corps

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### Stop wasting money

In response to "Policy shift adds oversight to publications" (*Observer*, April 4), I have to say that I understand and applaud the aim of the board and administrators to preserve and foster responsibility and academic excellence.

What I don't understand is why the gatekeepers of responsibility and the guardians of academic excellence sit behind closed doors and spend taxpayer money on consultants and attorneys instead of making sure that teachers teach those things and that the students learn them.

If the superintendent, principals, and the director of student services, Bob Hayes, already understand and recognize responsibility and academic excellence (as the new policy assumes, of course) then they should be in the classroom and at teacher training days teaching it so everyone else learns it.

I want Bob Hayes in the journalism classroom now. Administrators have teaching certificates. He can join the teacher's union. We hired him and other administrators as the teachers' teachers since they know already what is responsible and excellent. Why put them in an office and keep it a secret? Let's stop wasting time and money asking others to answer questions that people we already pay have answers for.

Some of the students working on student publications are of voting age or will be before they graduate. Why shouldn't they have the best instruction and knowledge now? Why can't they learn what is "defamatory, libelous, obscene, or harmful to juveniles ..." or harmful to the educational process? Why wait until the need for "prior restraint"? That's ridiculous.

I want the people in our district who already know the answers to these questions to teach it to everyone else now. Have the superintendent and principals serve as guest lecturers in the classroom. Have them lead teacher training sessions. Hire them as teachers if we can't find others who are qualified.

I want to hear the answers myself as a taxpayer — maybe I can read about it in the *Perspective*. I want our students to have the best. So let's have our own gatekeepers and guardians get the job now and stop wasting time and money.

David Seemann  
Canton

### One easy answer

Contrary to the recent indictment of radicalism leveled at Obama by Newt Gingrich, congressional ethics violator and one who philandered while his then-wife's body burned with cancer, the President and the Democratic Party are not moving substantively to the left.

Since Reagan, the wealthy minority with their corporatist agenda has used their growing money, power and influence to move the country dramatically to the right. That is why, curiously, Justice John Paul Stevens, a self-professed moderate conservative who denies

that he has changed, appointed by that "wild-eyed radical" Gerald Ford, is now considered the foremost liberal on the current Supreme Court. Using Stevens as a representative benchmark we have obviously regressed to the right. Consequently, today we are re-litigating much of the past (some of it being the distant past) almost on a daily basis.

Is Obama as radical as Nixon, Ford, Bush 1, Bush 2 or even Reagan? What about Romney of the Mitt variety? It has become quite apparent that the radical right of America (radical since no other right seems to exist) again has proved to have been "for" much of President Obama's agenda "before they were against it," much like Sarah Palin and the bridge to nowhere.

Is it that the whole is greater than the sum of the not so radical component parts, many of which were Republican ideas if not policies, or the black wrapping paper that it comes in that has allowed the right to succeed again at getting many members of the white working class and working poor as well as the retired of either stripe, to campaign against self-interest by calling for resistance, repeal and shouting "hell, no" essentially to themselves?

In promotion of the fallacious notion of Obama's radicalism, conservative organizations like the NRA as well as the many Tea Party groups have been successful at convincing their adherents and others looking for an excuse (like the Hutaree) that Obama and the legions of the "world government" are coming for their guns and or "their country." Logically, the NRA as well as the Tea Partiers and other "seekers of liberty" should be commending President Obama for his lack of action on gun control that has earned him a failing grade from the Brady foundation rather than tacitly encouraging greater activism of the not so peaceful variety.

Obama has deftly disarmed the NRA by not touching gun control, laying bare the fact that it is not all about the guns. Tea-based malcontents, on the other hand, continue to exhibit considerable difficulty enumerating all the "liberties" that they have lost because of Obama, sounding much like Porky Pig when called upon to do so. For Gingrich and other spokespersons of the right who are the purveyors of misinformation, is it all about country or does the party come first? Unfortunately, the answer to that question is way too easy!

Mitch Smith  
Canton

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Northville, Plymouth, Canton and Wayne are lucky! This coming November, voters will be asked to vote for an outstanding woman to represent the Michigan House of Representatives 20th District in Lansing.

Joan Wadsworth is a resident of Northville and someone whom I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with for over 20 years. Joan and I served on the Northville school board together and I know Joan to have a high intelligence, a deep caring for all people, an ability to seek out and listen to all sides of an issue and a very large desire to compromise to reach action desirable by all parties.

That last trait alone: the ability to compromise to reach action, is sorely needed in statewide government today.

Please check out Joan's Web site: www.joanwadsworth.com, or attend the Campaign Kickoff on Friday, April 16, from 6-8 p.m., at Station 885 in Plymouth to learn more about Joan Wadsworth.

We need Joan's thoughtful, energetic presence in Lansing. We are lucky to have her willingness to serve us.

Martha Nield  
Northville

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# Taking on the Bard

## Actors tackle Shakespeare in spring comedy

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton High School senior John Peck never even considered drama as a vocation until his junior year and, even after joining the drama curriculum at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, Peck couldn't get over his nerves long enough to try out for a production.

Until now.

Peck, an 18-year-old from Canton, joins a dozen actors in the cast of *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)*, which plays at Canton High School's DuBois Little Theater starting April 22. It'll be the senior's first appearance on stage since joining the program after a junior-year discussion with Second Stage founder and teacher Shannon McNutt.

### TAKING THE STAGE

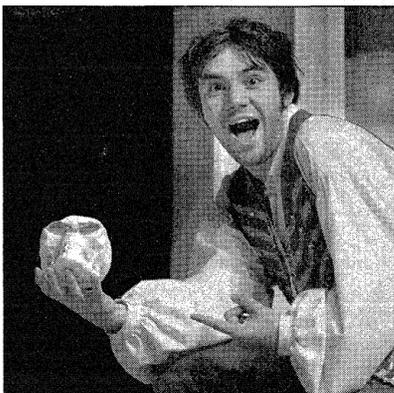
**What:** Second Stage Players' Production, "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)"  
**When:** 7 p.m. April 22-24 and April 30-May 1  
**Where:** DuBois Little Theater, Canton High School  
**Cost:** \$10; tickets available by calling (734) 416-7514; at lunchtimes in the Canton High School lobby; from Second Stage Players members; or at the door

using a 13-actor cast to perform a play originally written for three. The play is a favorite of stage manager Katina Donoghue, an 18-year-old Plymouth High School senior, who pushed McNutt and Katelyn Sigworth, who is directing, to put the show on.

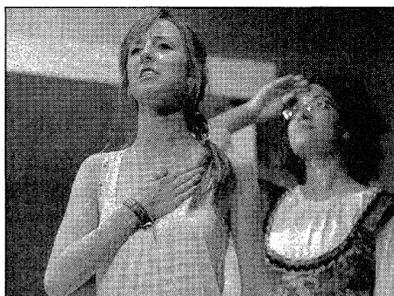
"It's really funny, and I love Shakespeare," said Donoghue, who plans to pursue a career in stage management at either the University of Cincinnati or Columbia College in Chicago. "It's a great opportunity for people to see Shakespeare in a whole new light."

Sigworth, a 2003 Canton High School graduate who spent four years in the theater program in high school, will be directing her first Second Stage Players production (she has directed for other troupes). It's her third show working with Second Stage actors, whom she has come to trust and enjoy.

She made the decision to move from 12 to



Cory Thomas is Hamlet.



Molly Wallace and Bryanna Lahr in Hamlet.

13 actors when understudy Meg Larson made such a huge impression Sigworth decided to add her to the cast.

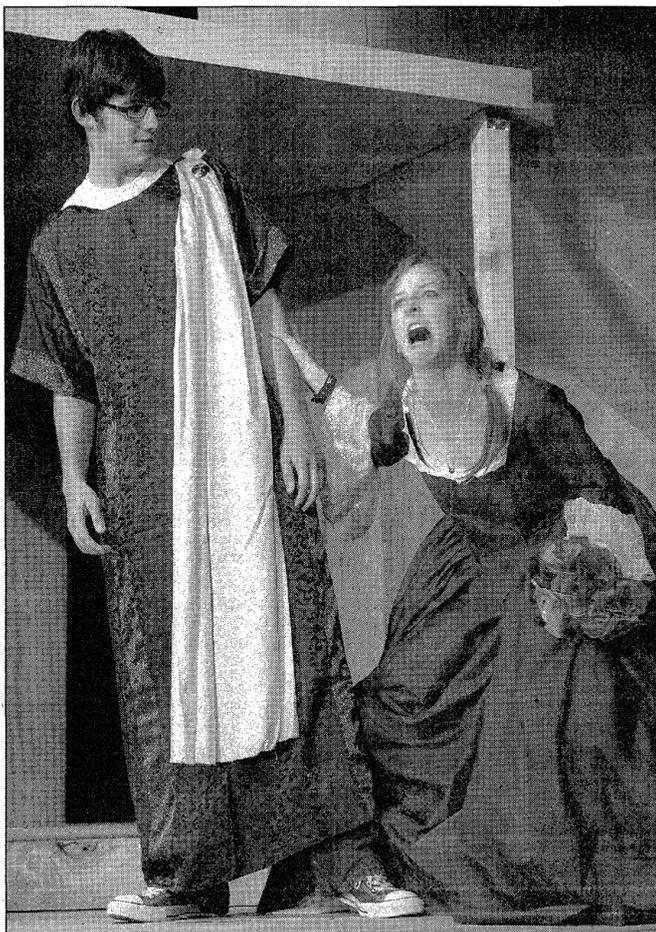
"The parts would be too much for three people to handle," Sigworth said, explaining the decision to expand the cast. "We also wanted to give as many opportunities as possible to as many actors as we could."

The cast and 10-member crew have been rehearsing since early January. But as winter moved into spring, Sigworth said, one of the challenges — aside from resources — has been keeping the actors' eyes on the prize.

"Keeping the focus is difficult, especially when the weather gets nice, and people are taking vacations," said Sigworth, who owns a degree in theater studies from the University of Michigan. "But they're talented enough that they don't get distracted too easily."

The larger cast — "I like that it's an ensemble production," Sigworth said — allows actors the freedom to inject their own personalities into the show (a trait McNutt encourages). That works well for 18-year-old Plymouth High School senior Molly Wallace, who said the play appeals to her for a lot of reasons.

"I get to drown, I get to throw water on



Molly Wallace and Ryan Bardusch in Hamlet.

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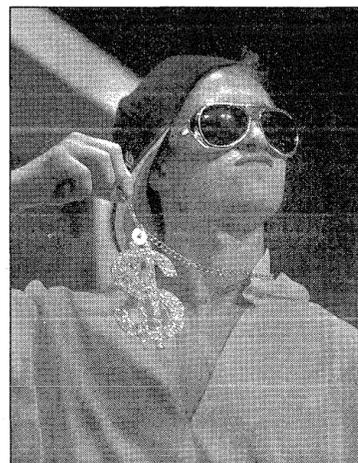
myself, I get to spit water at the audience and I die a dramatic death," said Wallace, who plays Ophelia in the *Hamlet* portion of the play. "I haven't once been told to tone it down."

Cory Thomas' biggest role in the play also comes when the cast takes on *Hamlet*, because he gets to play, well, Hamlet. In the context of the play, Thomas' character has to act as if he's totally uninterested in playing Shakespeare's best-known character. The fact the play is a comedy also puts pressure on Thomas.

"*Hamlet* is such an important play to me, and it's had such an affect on me, it's hard not to play it serious," said Thomas, a 17-year-old Canton High School student. "The hardest thing is pretending I don't want to play Hamlet, because it's like every actor's dream role."

Those kinds of comedic touches are what Sigworth said ultimately make this a great show.

"The posters for the show are very dramatic, but it's a comedy," Sigworth noted. "We all brought our own senses of humor into it. It's really silly."



John Peck, in his first Second Stage Players production, has the moves for Othello.

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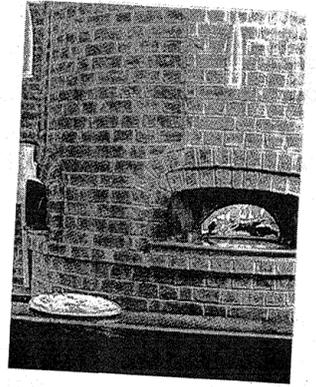
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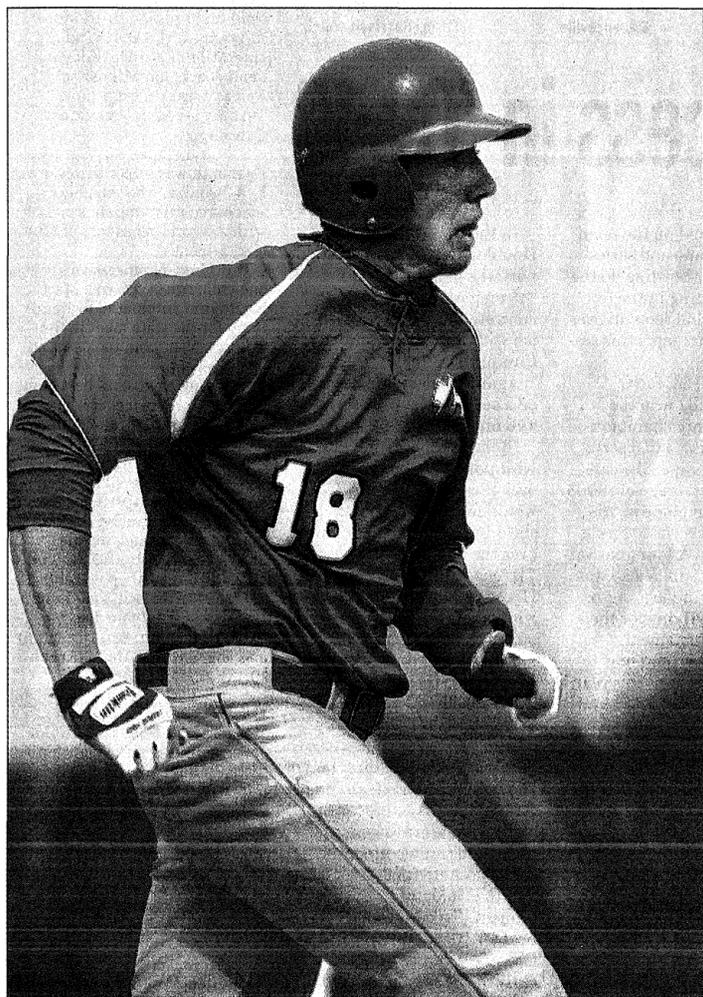
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# HOMETOWN LIFE



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After hammering two homers during Canton's recent Ohio trip, Joe Galanty (No. 18) hit his third of the young season Monday against Salem.

## Chiefs, Galanty stay hot

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Picking up where he left off in Ohio, Canton senior first baseman Joe Galanty smoked his third home run in four games as the Chiefs rolled to an 8-0 win Monday over host Salem.

Galanty sent a high, soaring drive over the 350-foot mark in left to give the Chiefs a quick 2-0 lead against Salem senior pitcher Mike Weingrot.

That turned out to be plenty for Canton starting (and winning) pitcher Andrew Tidwell and Kevin Delapaz, who pitched the final two frames.

The seniors allowed just four hits, two off the bat of Salem center fielder Brad Trublowksi.

"Tidwell did a real nice job," said Canton head coach Mark Blomshield, whose team improved to 3-1 with the non-divisional victory. "And we swung the bats well. For it being the early season in April, we're happy with the way things are looking right now."

Meanwhile, Salem head coach Dale Rumberger had no comment following the contest. The Rocks dropped to 1-3.

Canton added two runs in the second for a 4-0 lead thanks to run-scoring hits by junior shortstop Chris Perkovich and junior catcher Seth Tschetter.

Perkovich ripped his second RBI double in two at bats to key a four-run surge in the fourth to finish the day's scoring.

A sacrifice fly to center by Delapaz and a run-scoring single by senior third baseman Cody Blakita capped

off that rally.

Scoring two runs each for Canton were senior designated hitter Carter Staffeld and sophomore second baseman Ryan Bazner.

### STILL ON FIRE

From start to finish against their campus rivals, the Chiefs were razor sharp Monday. Perhaps Galanty was the sharpest of them all with his third round-tripper of the year.

Galanty had connected twice during Canton's three-game swing in the Cincinnati, Ohio, area on Friday and Saturday. The Chiefs lost to Oak Hills before bouncing back with 9-7 and 8-7 wins Saturday, against Colerain and Milford (Ohio), respectively.

"He (Galanty) hit two on Saturday and one today," said Blomshield. "Obviously that production in the four hole with guys on base, we're happy about that."

"He worked really hard during the off-season and he's getting what he deserved. The payoff's right now."

According to Galanty, the hours hitting off a tee in his basement during the off-season helped him with his technique and he subsequently fine-tuned his timing.

"I've been able to hit it far before, but I haven't really been able to hit it over the fence in a game in a long time (except) BP and stuff," Galanty said. "But I'm finally catching up. ... I want to keep it up throughout the season, work harder so I don't peak early and drop off."

Galanty said the trip to Ohio wasn't just an on-field success.

Please see **CHIEFS, B3**

## GAME WRAPS

### Girls soccer

**SALEM 3, CHURCHILL 0:** Coming out strong Tuesday night, the host Rocks blanked Livonia Churchill to improve to 3-0.

Gina Goble scored twice with Kristina Klusek also finding the back of the Chargers' goal. Drawing one assist each for Salem were Katelynn Krause, Emily Lundh and Lindsey Newton while Jamie Hunley made



JOHN KEMSKI

Salem's Kaylyn Brzys (No. 3) controls play during Tuesday's win over Churchill.

five saves for her second shutout.

"Our back line was solid not giving up many quality chances on goal," said Salem head coach Joe Nora. "And when we did, Jamie was there to make the save."

Midfielders controlled the pace, with forwards managing to take advantage of their opportunities, he said.

### Girls track and field

**PLYMOUTH 79, CANTON 58:** On Tuesday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, the Wildcats defeated Canton in a dual meet featuring Madi Lewis breaking the Plymouth school record in the 100-meter hurdles. She finished the event in first place with a time of 17.69 seconds. For meet results, please turn to B2.

### Boys baseball

**SOUTH LYON 4, PLYMOUTH 1:** Only junior Mike Nadratowski and sophomore Rich Guglielmi managed hits in Monday's KLAAs crossover loss to host South Lyon, dropping the Wildcats to 1-2 overall.

Nadratowski also scored Plymouth's only run (on a wild pitch) and started for the Wildcats, blanking the Lions through four innings before giving up a four-spot in the fifth.

Taking over and finishing up on the mound was senior Jackson Burdette (0 runs in 1½ innings).

Plymouth head coach Bryan Boyd said both pitchers did a solid job but "we just didn't hit today."

He cited a key defensive play for helping keep Plymouth close, as Matt Prieb's relay of a throw from Tyler Goble nailed a runner at the plate.

**LENAWEE CHRISTIAN 4, PCA 1:** After a first-inning, RBI single by Ethan Walker scored Daniel Slater put Plymouth Christian up 1-0 on Monday, the offense fizzled in a MIAC contest.

The Eagles collected just three hits, with a single from Matt Dodson and double from Matt Hagein the only other safeties.

Taking the loss was starting pitcher Walker, who gave up three earned runs in five innings while walking eight and fanning five.

Please see **WRAPS, B2**

## Victory displays PCA strengths

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For Plymouth Christian to have a successful girls soccer season, players will need to battle for the ball, make clean, crisp transitional passes and then stretch the field against opponents.

First-year Eagles head coach Miki Djerisilo, an indoor soccer professional who played for the defunct Detroit Ignition, enjoyed how the team did those things in Monday's 3-0 victory over visiting Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

"We dominated the second half, we won every 50-50 ball," Djerisilo said. "We spread the ball and moved it around well."

Three goals after the halftime break enabled PCA to improve to 2-0 on the season going into Tuesday's contest at Huron Valley.

Earning the shutout was junior goalkeeper Brianna Harris, described by the coach as "one of our leaders, she's always talking to the defense."

According to Djerisilo, also director of coaching at the Plymouth Reign Soccer Club, one of the players for Michigan Independent Athletic Conference teams to watch is sophomore forward Rachel Zandee (who opened the scoring Monday).

"Rachel Zandee is pretty fast and quick," he said. "She has a pretty good skill level."

Another potentially productive forward is freshman Kendall Groenewoud (who can also play midfield).

### YOUTH WILL BE SERVED

Meanwhile, the Eagles boast some strong players at the mid-field position including freshman Jenna Abraham (who put in her own rebound for PCA's second goal Monday).

Dominant in the back against Lutheran Northwest was freshman Lauren Paulson, perhaps a sign of things to come.

PCA's lone senior is stopper Ariel Rock, with outside midfielder Hannah Williams and center-mid Anette Somercik the only juniors.

Other than that, the new coach has a raft of freshmen and sophomores to mold into a competitive squad.

"I already see confidence in them, they're already thinking 'We're going to win,'" he said, emphasizing that his main job as coach is their development.

Rounding out the PCA roster are sophomores Sarah Howard (stopper/outside-mid), Leah Manning (center defender), Jessica Rich (outside-mid), Hayley Wright (right defender) and freshmen Bethany Bucher (outside-mid) and Abigail Aitken (left defender).

## 2010 SOFTBALL PREVIEW – PT. 2

# Rocks want more

## Salem eyes third straight softball crown

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem's first foray into the newly formed Kensington Lakes Activities Association was as good as it could be, with the Rocks winning the first KLAAs softball title.

Many of those players are back as Salem tries to repeat. But head coach Bonnie Southerland — whose team opened 2010 with Wednesday's doubleheader against South Lyon East — is trying to keep those returnees on an even keel.

She knows other teams in the KLAAs won't be rolling over just because Salem is intent on another championship.

"We know it's not going to be easy this season," Southerland said. "What I can tell you is, the girls would like nothing more than a threepeat in the conference."

Salem also won in 2008, the final season of the Western Lakes Activities Association (which then became the KLAAs last year).

"We are really looking forward to this season," she said. "But we will have some serious goals to reach. The teams of the past have set the bar very high."

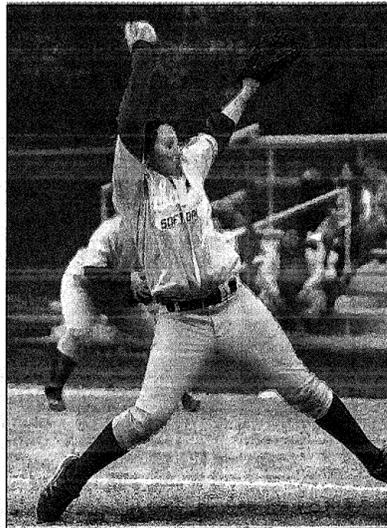
The Rocks went 25-11 overall in 2009, including 12-4 in the KLAAs Central and 16-7 in the conference.

Right off the hop, Southerland knows there are four huge voids to fill entering the season.

Co-captain outfielder Christina Parsons and catcher Emily Pitcole (both four-year varsity players) graduated and are now playing in college.

Also graduating were three-year players Mary Cox (shortstop) and outfielder Emily Meade.

But Southerland still has a solid group of returnees, led by fourth-year varsity player Mary Johnson who will move from left-field to center-field.



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One of Salem's returning 1-2 pitching duo is Heidi Schmidt, shown in this 2009 game. Schmidt and Briana Lee give the Rocks a formidable tandem.

### RETURNING TALENT

"Mary has a lot of knowledge, covers a lot of ground and should fit right without a blink," Southerland said. "She's our veteran outfielder, loves to dive and make that spectacular play."

Flanking Johnson will be returning senior Amanda Dewyer and junior Samantha Maksimovic.

Dewyer is a speedster who covers a lot of

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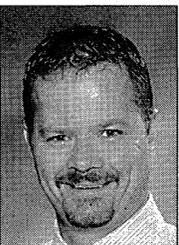
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Bridget Moricz  
Clarenceville



Dennis Hermani  
Farm.-Harrison coach

**WRAPS**  
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PCA head coach Joe Bottorff said Eagles center-fielder Josh Johnston made several brilliant catches.

**Boys track and field**

**EMU RELAYS:** On Saturday, Plymouth's boys track and field team placed third out of 12 teams at the EMU Indoor Invitational, which Wildcats head coach Jon Mikosz said was a "great tune-up" for Tuesday's dual meet against Canton.

The undisputed highlight for Plymouth was junior thrower Kyle Brindza, who set a new school record in the shot put with a second-place toss of 52-foot, 2-inches.

Running an impressive one-mile run (4:27) was Matt Neumann, automatically qualifying for the state meet in the process. Neumann took second in that event.

Enjoying a personal best along with a second-place finish in the high jump was Pawan Dhaliwal (6-0).

Mikosz added that solid races were registered by Jalen Woolridge (3rd, 400 dash, 53.5 seconds) and Brandon Piligian (3rd, 60-meter high hurdles, 8:51) with other top-10 showings by Andy Bihn (4th, pole vault, 11-0), Alex Ruffin (4th, long jump, 19-11 and 6th, 60 hurdles, 7:47), Justin Heck (5th, 800 run, 2:05) and Joe Porcari (7th, 3200 run, 10:16).

**Women's softball**

**MADONNA 3-6, AQUINAS 0-0:** Junior Jess Irwin threw the eighth no-hitter of her career Saturday to highlight Madonna University's sweep of host Aquinas College in a double-header played at Grand Rapids Northview High School.

With the two wins, the No. 21 Crusaders improved to 21-6 overall and 5-1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Irwin struck out 16 and allowed just two runners to reach base — both via the walk — to improve to 12-2 on the year as MU captured the opener, 3-0.

After allowing a two-out walk in the first, the Monroe native set down 18 of the next 19 hitters she faced.

Cat Sidor (Livonia Churchill) and Kelly Lesko each collected two hits in the win. Ashley Shay (Garden City/Dearborn Divine Child) and Lesko each contributed an RBI.

In the nightcap, Canton's Brittney Scero ripped an RBI single to back the shutout pitching of Garden City alum Hallie Minch. Minch (9-4) tossed a two-hit, complete game shutout in a 6-0 win over the Saints (16-11, 4-2).

In addition to the run-scoring safety by Scero, the Crusaders' attack featured two RBIs from Shay and single RBIs from Sidor and Minch.

# Girls bowlers enjoy much success in '09-10

**FIRST-TEAM**

**Alysson Kassab, Sr., Westland Glenn:** The four-year varsity starter and team captain paced the Rockets to MHSAA Division 1 team quarterfinals and a third-place finish at the regional.

Kassab, the Rockets' MVP, was also a state singles qualifier for the second straight year finishing 20th in the qualifying block with a six-game total of 1,086.

She was regional runner-up and individual champion of the KLAAs Kensington Conference and Plymouth-Salem-Canton Tournament.

Kassab went 23-6 in match games and earned All-KLAA and second-team All-State honors in Division 1.

"Alysson set all new school records with a 192 average, 266 high game and 466 series," Glenn coach Jim Bowles said. "She also helped us break a number of team records including high Baker game (220), Baker series (409), and average."

**Samantha Maxwell, Soph., Farm.-Harrison:** Maxwell is a two-time state qualifier who led her team to a Division 1 qualifying berth and a second-place finish in the OAA. As the anchor bowler, Maxwell had a season average of 182.14, and she was fifth in her regional with a 199.8 averaged. She had a high game of 236 and was All-OAA first team with a 190 average. Maxwell was voted team MVP by her teammates. "She's one of the most com-

**2009-10 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS BOWLING FIRST TEAM**  
Alysson Kassab, Sr., Westland Glenn  
Samantha Maxwell, Soph., Farm.-Harrison  
Stephani O'Harris, Jr., Wayne Memorial  
Natalie Brown, Sr., Westland Glenn  
Karla Ziemba, Sr., Farm.-Harrison  
Bridget Moricz, Soph., Liv. Clarenceville

**SECOND TEAM**  
Mackenzie Carlson, Jr., Plymouth  
Amber Cummins, Sr., Liv. Clarenceville  
Tera Warn, Sr., Farm. Hills Mercy  
Erin Fitzpatrick, Sr., Farm. Hills Mercy  
Allison Bosink, Sr., Farm.-Harrison  
Chelsea Priess, Sr., Wayne Memorial

**THIRD TEAM**  
Brittany Jones, Jr., Farm. Hills Mercy  
Jessica Stamper, Sr., Liv. Ladywood  
Ashley Kretschmer, Jr., Salem  
Ashley Cade, Jr., Canton  
Kerry LaValley, Jr., Liv. Ladywood  
Katy Rand, Sr., N. Farmington

**COACH OF THE YEAR**  
Dennis Hermani, Farm.-Harrison

**HONORABLE MENTION**  
Salem: Kristin Peltz; John Glenn: Khiry Sparks; Mercy: Jasmine Wehr; Canton: Charlotte Zimmer; N. Farmington: Emily Mesner, Carolyn Wooden; Farmington-Harrison: Wendy Miller, Melissa King.

Come back to the Sunday Observer for the All-Area boys bowling team.

1,079 six-game set and placed 41st overall in the state singles qualifying block.

During the regular season, O'Harris averaged 170.43 in 28 games with a high of 234. She was third in individual match points in the KLAAs Central with 19.

"Stephani always started for us in the few tournaments we had," Wayne coach Traci Skye said. "She was very good team player, always supportive of teammates, both in match and tournament play. She got better as year went along and always had a good attitude. She's an all-around great player. We're glad to have her on team and glad to have her back next year with her talent and experience."

**Natalie Brown, Sr., Westland Glenn:** The senior and two-year varsity starter was a Division 1 state qualifier finishing 37th in the qualifying block after a fifth place at the regional.

Brown took a sixth in singles with a high game of 258 at the Wayne County Invitational and added a seventh at the Ladywood Holiday Tournament. She also placed 12th in the Clarenceville Open Doubles event.

Brown averaged 166 overall and had a high two-game series of 441. She also helped Glenn to team records with a 220 Baker game and a 409 two-game Baker set.

"Natalie had a breakout senior season," Bowles said.

"She was second on the team in average, game and series. Natalie let her bowling do the talking, finishing in the top ten in individual score in over half the tournaments this season."

**Karla Ziemba, Sr., Farm.-Harrison:** Ziemba won the Oakland County championship by shooting a 656 series for a 218.6 average. She carried a season average of 180.15. She had a high game of 268 and a high series of 471 for a 235.5 average. A four-year varsity regular, Ziemba also was instrumental in Farmington-Harrison qualifying for the state team tournament.

"She really learned how to battle adversity well this year," coach Hermani said. "She followed up what was probably her worst day versus Lake Orion by a couple days later winning the Oakland County championship. That tells you a lot about her resiliency and toughness."

"Karla averaged 134 against Lake Orion and averaged 219 two days later to win the county tournament. She can bounce back; she's tough. She just goes back to her old self."

**Bridget Moricz, Soph., Liv. Clarenceville:** The sophomore was runner-up in the Division 3 singles regional with an six-game set 1,153 as the Trojans also qualified with a third place in the team regional.

Moricz placed 21st in the state singles qualifying block with a 1,076 total including a high game of 214. She averaged 184.4 during the season.

In the Clarenceville Open Doubles Tournament, Moricz posted a high series with a 715 on games of 243-215-257 en route to a runner-up finish with teammate Amber Cummins.

Against Salem, Moricz posted a season-best high series of 496 on games of 262 and 234.

"Being a sophomore, and with potential she's displayed over the past two years, I would not surprise me that she'd be a state singles champ over the next two years," Clarenceville coach Phil Horowitz said. "She practices a lot and takes the game seriously. She tries to make corrections when you're helping her out and that's a reason why she is excelling."

**COACH OF THE YEAR**

**Dennis Hermani, Farmington-Harrison:**

Under the direction of Hermani, the girls team qualified for the first time for the state team tournament, and it was the runner-up in the Oakland Activities Association and the Oakland County tournament. Farmington-Harrison beat OAA champion Royal Oak, 21-9, but two close losses early in the season prevented it from winning back-to-back titles.

"It's always nice to be recognized as an individual," Hermani said, but he added it's all the people behind the scene who support the team and bowlers who deserve the real credit.

"I would not be in this position without our assistant coach, Mike Clarahan, and the folks at Country Lanes and the pro shop there with Aleta Sill and Michelle Mullen who work with me and our kids, increasing their skill set."

"The majority of the credit goes to the kids and assistant coach and ladies at the pro shop. I pretty much get to sign the score sheet at the end of the day. I get to enjoy the finished product."

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# SOFTBALL

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ground while Maksimovic brings a tireless work ethic to the outfield. Also vying for playing time is power-hitting junior Katie Kinney, a newcomer to the Rocks.

The Rocks will heavily rely on juniors (all third-year starters) Heidi Schmidt, Kelli Janiczek, Lizzy Mazarowicz and Briana Lee to help in the quest for another championship. All are household names as far as Salem's softball program is concerned.

Schmidt will play shortstop, although she is talented and versatile enough to play any spot on the field.

"Heidi has a great arm, range and she will be our back-up pitcher as well," the coach said.

Janiczek and Mazarowicz, both co-captains, are slated to start at first base and second base, respectively.

"Kelli continues to fine tune every part of her game," Southerland said. "She is a leader on the field."

Janiczek also will get playing time at catcher, to take advantage of her strong arm and "great bulk coverage."

As for Mazarowicz, she is described as "quick and fearless. She takes away the big plays and is a smart player."

## DOUBLE PLAY COMBO

According to the coach, the smooth double play combo of Mazarowicz and Schmidt will be a strong one.

Their defense undoubtedly

will help another junior with a huge role to play — No. 1 pitcher Lee, who was All-Region as a sophomore and could continue on a record-setting pace.

"She leaves the batters standing in the box with her ability to read them, stunning speed and change in pitches," Southerland said.

Sophomore starting catcher Alexis Powell works very well with Lee, being able to block balls in the dirt and throw to any base.

"She (Powell) reads the field, is extremely vocal and will be calling the pitches," Southerland said. "Bri and Alexis also have a lot of experience working together in the past which showed last year and will continue this season."

Sophomore Brianna Berberet is working on becoming the regular third baseman, taking over the slot vacated when Schmidt moved to short.

Another sophomore trying hard to get into the lineup is Jennifer First, who can play either first base or the outfield and swings a good bat.

A trio of freshmen will be part of the roster, including Mary Johnson's younger sister Megan.

Megan Johnson "has been working hard and has strengths in both the infield and outfield with second and third being her strong points."

Katie Meade ('09 grad Emily Meade's sister) and Lexy Epley are the other ninth-graders. Both are versatile enough to play anywhere Southerland wants them to.

## GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 6**  
PLYMOUTH 3  
April 13 at Plymouth  
No. 1 singles: Paige Fallu (LC) defeated Sarah Mitchell, 6-2, 6-1; No. 2: Nicole Kruse (LC) def. Priya Joshi, 7-6 (7-5), 6-2; No. 3: Lindsay Stemberger (P) def. Ani Cooper, 6-2, 6-3; No. 4: Mara Karagozian (LC) def. Kirithi Duraiswamy, 7-5, 6-2.  
No. 1 doubles: Val Rose-Kristi Walker (LC) def. Allison Santori-Lauren Jeong, 6-0, 6-1; No. 2: Quincy Banini-Nikki Fata (LC) def. Kayla Griffey-Britta Swanson, 6-2, 6-1; No. 3: Caitlin Griffith-Jayde Schultz (LC) def. Andrea Haidar-Brittany Rose, 6-5 (default); No. 4: Lulia Fratila-Annie Mackenzie (P) def. Kristi Fata-Maria Paul, 6-3, 6-2; No. 5: Jahny Patel-Mariah Teszar (P) def. Lauren Patla-Becky Snyder.  
Plymouth's dual match record: 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAAs South Division.

**NORTHVILLE 9**  
SALEM 0  
April 13 at Salem  
No. 1 singles: Joanne Weber (N) defeated Allie Carpenter (S), 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Erin Doud (N) def. Anna Norman, 6-2, 6-1; No. 3: Jessica Yu (N) def. Morgan Spencer, 6-2, 6-1; No. 4: Mackenzie Powers (N) def. Kerry MacDonald, 6-0, 6-1.  
No. 1 doubles: Laura Taylor-Caiti Darish (N) def. Rachel Norman-Ashley Davis, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2; No. 2: Amy Bernstein-Jenna Grezlik (N) def. Ashley Walker-Mallory Rojo, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Ali Weaver-Jackie Kjolhede (N) def. Olivia Gonzalez-Sarah Bellaire, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Megan Foland-Christy Morgan (N) def. Emily Simmons-Lindsay Spaulding, 6-0, 6-1; No. 5: Elizabeth Sakorafis-Ria Barad (N) def. Ewa Zajac-Bansari Patel, 6-0, 6-0.  
Salem's dual match record: 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAAs Central Division.

# CHIEFS

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"It was great for team bonding," Galanty said. "We're already a close team, there's a lot of seniors on this team, a lot of juniors too."

Another noteworthy performer for Canton in the early season is Blakita, whose pinch-hit double lifted the Chiefs to the victory over Milford.

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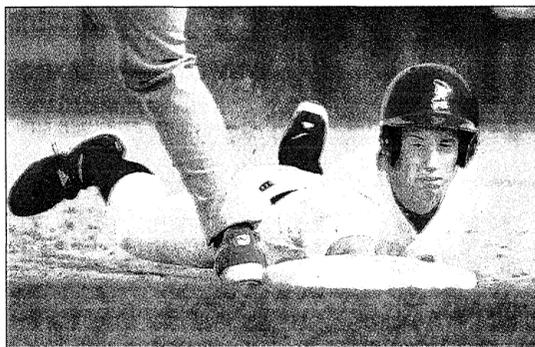
Blakita hadn't been penciled in to play the Milford game because he was busy taking a standardized test, the coach said.

"We were down and I told Cody to get dressed because I might need him to pinch hit," Blomshield said. "With a guy on second he hit a double off the fence."

"He's hitting the ball pretty good, Joey's hitting well. I'm real happy with our offensive production."

Blomshield said he expected pitching and defense to be the calling cards for his team, so the solid hitting has been a bonus.

"Usually pitching dominates in Michigan early on," he explained. "Hopefully, that's a



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With a dive, Salem's Brad Trublowski beats a throw to first base during Monday's KLAAs baseball opener against Canton. Trublowski, with two hits, was one of the Rocks few bright spots.

sign of things to come. We've got to keep going and not get complacent."

Canton squared off Wednesday against Wayne Memorial in a KLAAs South game that took place after this issue of the *Observer* went to press.

## Salem goes 1-2 in Ohio

Meanwhile, the Rocks went 1-2 during their trip to the Cincinnati, Ohio, vicinity.

The opener was promising, as Salem pounded out 12 hits for a 11-7 victory over Chaminade.

Chris Kordick was the win-

ning pitcher, allowing just three hits over five innings and helped his own cause with three hits of his own, driving in two runs.

Senior catcher Nick Leventis chipped in with two hits, including an inside-the-park home run. Driving in three runs was senior Tate Theisen.

But the wheels then fell off, with lopsided losses of 7-1 to Chaminade and 8-1 to Cincinnati Milford. Knocking in Salem's lone run in each game was Kordick.

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## PREP TRACK AND FIELD

### BOYS RESULTS

**SALEM 70**  
**LIVONIA STEVENSON 67**  
April 13 at PCEP  
Shot put: Dana Baltazar (Salem), 50 feet, 4 inches; discus: Jon Aneel (LS), 134-2; high jump: Zachary Gaskell (Salem), 6-2; long jump: Will Burek (LS), 19-4.5; pole vault: Krutty (Salem), 12-0; 110-meter hurdles: O'Connor (Salem), 16:29; 300 hurdles: O'Connor (Salem), 40:98; 100 dash: John Pauley (LS), 11:56; 200: Anderson (Salem), 23:46; 400: Gaskell (Salem), 50:84; 800: Martin (Salem), 1:59:87; 1,600: John Lynch (LS), 4:51:41; 3,200: Joe Urso (LS), 10:35:24; 400 relay: Stevenson (Pauley, Adam Duncan, Jon Gudeman, Alex Law), 44:89; 800 relay: Stevenson (Law, Pat Smith, Stephen Pollard, Matt Williams), 1:33:66; 1,600 relay: Salem, 3:27.3; 3,200 relay: Stevenson (Urso, Travis Gosselin, Scott Brewer, Adam Chludzinski), 8:34:08.  
Dual meet records: Salem, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAAs Central Division; Stevenson, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAAs Central.

### GIRLS RESULTS

**PLYMOUTH 79, CANTON 58**  
April 13 at PCEP  
Shot put: Isis Haywood (Plymouth), 26-feet, 9.5-inches; Jess Bihn (P), 24-3; Lydia Plencner (P), 22-9; discus: Haywood (P), 79-11; Bihn (P), 76-9; Kalli (Canton), 62-3; high jump: L. Lipa (C), 4-10; T. Bradley (C), 4-8; Taylor Reichhoff (P), 4-3; long jump: Becka Knox (P), 15-1.5; M. Lu (C), 14-7.5; P. Winans (C), 14-1.5; pole vault: Jane McCurry (P), 7-6; Lindsey Russell (P)/K. Bongiovanni (C), 7-0; 100-meter hurdles: Madi Lewis (P), 17:69, school record; G. Williams (C), 20:03; Jenna Hamed (P), 20:35; 300 hurdles: Williams (C), 54:8; M. Mika (C), 55:5; Hamed (P), 56:6; 100 dash: Lipa (C), 13.4; Russell (P), 13.7; C. Bradley (C), 13.8; 200: Lewis (P), 26.3; Russell (P), 27.7; C. Bradley (C), 29.3; 400: B. Swanberg (C), 1:03.3; Knox (P), 1:03.5; Lipa (C), 1:03.6; 800: Kelly Hahn (P), 2:43.1; K. Grimes (C), 2:48.8; Jordyn Strahm (P), 2:50.9; 1,600: B. Kubicki (C), 5:47; Nicole Trailtes (P), 5:48; Grimes (C), 6:09; 3,200: Kubicki (C), 11:53.8; Trailtes (P), 12:45.3; Kyra Neumann (P), 14:02.6; 400 relay: Canton, 56.2; Plymouth, 56.9; 800 relay: Plymouth (Rachael Burnard, Lewis, Knox, Russell), 1:50.4; Canton, 1:59.7; 1,600 relay: Plymouth (Lewis, Knox, Carissa Buttermore, Rachael Hillie), 4:18.3; Canton, 4:34.5; 3,200 relay: Plymouth (Hille, Neumann, Trailtes, Hahn), 10:27.3; Canton, 11:50.  
Dual meet records: Plymouth, 1-0 overall; Canton, 0-1 overall.

### SALEM 74, LIVONIA STEVENSON 63

April 13 at PCEP  
Shot put: Hendrian (Salem), 28 feet, 3 inches; discus: Kayla Branton (LS), 96-2; high jump: Monika Rudis (LS), 4-10; long jump: (tie) Jordan Verleye (LS) and Klusek (Salem), 14-3.5 each; pole vault: Paruta (Salem), 7-6; 100-meter hurdles: Marci Becky Adamcheck (LS), 17:5; 300 hurdles: Marci Kovsky (LS), 52.7; 100 dash: Deja Wright (Salem), 13.1; 200: Wright (Salem), 27.7; 400: Adamcheck (LS), 59.9; 800: Victoria Tripp (Salem), 2:37.4; 1,600: Moore (Salem), 5:47.2; 3,200: Tripp (Salem), 12:23.7; 400 relay: Salem, 53.9; 800 relay: Stevenson (Erin Erickson, Verleye, Stephanie Batshon, Adamcheck), 1:53.6; 1,600 relay: Stevenson (Verleye, Batshon, Brenna Gabrielson, Adamcheck), 4:21.7; 3,200 relay: Salem, 10:38.2.  
Dual meet records: Salem, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAAs Central; Stevenson, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAAs Central.

## Wildcats baseball clinic

The Plymouth Wildcats Youth Baseball Clinic is set to take place 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 1 for youngsters in grades 3-8. Weather permitting, the camp will be outside at the Plymouth High School Baseball Complex. If it is raining, it will be moved to the gym.

There is only room for 100 campers, so early registration is urged. To do so, contact John Nadratowski of Plymouth Baseball Boosters at (734) 844-3212. The cost to sign up is \$60.

Aspiring young ballplayers will work on age-appropriate skill development in areas such as hitting, pitching, baserunning and fielding. They will receive instruction

## CAMPS AND CLINICS

from 2010 Wildcats coaches and players.

### Canton girls hoops camp

Canton's state semifinalists will be on hand for the upcoming Canton Girls Basketball Camp, set from June 7-10 at the high school gym. The fee is \$60. For more information on how to sign up for Course No. 156, please call (734) 416-2937.

Head coach Brian Samulski

and his staff will work with prospective future players. Helping out will be team members, who reached the Final Four this season.

### Michigan Dragons hoops

Parents, it's that time again to register your 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grader for summer basketball. Go to [michigan-dragons.com](http://michigan-dragons.com) and register. The registration period ends on April 16.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH
ORDINANCE #2010-02

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 78, THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ZONING ORDINANCE IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEMS.

Section 1 The City of Plymouth Ordains:

Section 78, "Zoning" in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth is hereby amended by adding the following described text revisions.

Section 2 Add Definitions Article II - Section 78-21

Wind Energy Conversion System (WECS) shall mean any device such as a wind charger, windmill, or wind turbine that converts wind energy to a form of usable energy.

- a. Private WECS shall mean any WECS that is accessory to a principal use located on the same lot, and is designed and built to serve the needs of the principal use.
b. Commercial WECS shall mean any WECS that is designed and built to provide electricity primarily to the electric utility's power grid.

Section 3 Modify Accessory Use Definition - Section 78-21

Accessory Use or Accessory means a use which is clearly incidental to, customarily found in connection with, and located on the same zoning lot, unless otherwise specified, as the principal use to which it is related.

- (1) Garages, storage sheds, radio/television antennae.
(2) Residential accommodations for servants and/or caretakers.
(3) Outdoor swimming pools, hot tubs and saunas for the use of the occupants of a residence, or their guests.
(4) Domestic or agricultural storage in a barn, shed, tool room or similar accessory building or other structure.
(5) A newsstand primarily for the convenience of the occupants of a building, which is located wholly within such building and has no exterior signs or displays.
(6) Storage of merchandise normally carried in stock in connection with a business or industrial use, unless such storage is excluded in the applicable district regulations.
(7) Storage of goods used in or produced by industrial uses or related activities, unless such storage is excluded in the applicable district regulations.
(8) Accessory off-street parking spaces, open or enclosed, subject to the accessory off-street parking regulations for the district in which the zoning lot is located.
(9) Uses clearly incidental to a main use such as but not limited to: offices of an industrial or commercial complex located on the site of the commercial or industrial complex.
(10) Accessory off-street loading, subject to the off-street loading regulations for the district in which the zoning lot is located.
(11) Accessory signs, subject to the sign regulations for the district in which the zoning lot is located.
(12) Common household gardening in a residential district when located only in the rear yard and/or non-required side yard areas.
(13) Solar panels, wind generators, private wind energy conversion systems, television reception antennas and air conditioning units, and satellite dish antennas.

Section 4 Modify Section 78-260

Section 78-260 Regulations.

Accessory buildings, structures, and uses except as otherwise permitted in this chapter, shall be subject to the following regulations:

- (1) Where the accessory building is structurally attached to a main building, it shall be subject to, and must conform to, all regulations of this chapter applicable to the main building.
(2) No detached accessory building shall be located closer than ten (10) feet to any main building.
(3) An accessory building shall not be erected in any front or required yard except as allowed by this Article.
(4) No accessory building, structure or use in residential districts shall be occupied or utilized unless the principal structure to which it is accessory is occupied or utilized.
(5) An accessory structure may be occupiable as defined and regulated by this chapter.
(6) An accessory structure which is occupiable shall meet the same setback requirements as a primary structure as listed within the city's schedule of regulations and contained within Section 78-190 of this chapter.
(7) The height of the accessory structure having a dormer which occupies ten (10%) percent or more of the total roof area, shall be determined by measuring the average height between the eaves and the ridge of the dormer.
(8) All accessory buildings, structures and uses combined shall cover no more than thirty-five percent (35%) of any rear yard.
(9) The height of the accessory structure having a shed (flat or non-gabled roof) dormer which occupies ten percent (10%) or more of the total roof area, shall be determined by measuring the average height between the eaves and the ridge of the shed (flat or non-gabled roof) dormer.
(10) No more than two (2) detached accessory buildings in residential districts shall be permitted on any lot.
(11) No detached accessory building in residential districts shall be located closer than three (3) feet to any side or rear lot line.
(12) No detached accessory building in any residential district shall exceed one and a half (1-1/2) stories or fifteen (15) feet in height.
(13) When an accessory building is located on a corner lot, the side lot line of which is substantially a continuation of the front lot line of the lot to its rear, such building shall not project beyond the front yard line required on the lot in rear of such corner lot.
(14) Accessory buildings within all other nonresidential districts shall comply with applicable setback and height restrictions specified for the zoning district wherein the accessory use or structure is located.
(15) Detached accessory buildings shall not be used as habitable space.
(16) Detached accessory structures must be located a minimum of ten (10) feet from the principle structure on site.
(17) Private Wind Energy Conversion Systems shall be subject to regulations contained in Section 78-261.

Section 5 Add Section 78-261 Wind Energy Conversion Systems

- A. Intent - It is the intent of the City of Plymouth to promote the effective and efficient use of Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS) by regulating the siting, design, and installation of such systems to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.
B. Approval Required - Except where allowed as an accessory use or as a special use as listed in Article XII and XIII, it shall be unlawful to construct, erect, install, alter, or locate any WECS project within the City of Plymouth.
C. Accessory Uses - Private WECS projects located on lots within the City of Plymouth, and within any zoning district shall be allowed as an accessory use.
D. General Standards - The following standards shall apply to all private and commercial wind energy conversion systems in the City of Plymouth:
(1) Design Safety Certification.
(2) Controls and Brakes.
(3) Setbacks.

the structure to the highest reach of its blade. This shall include WECS structures attached to a garage or residential unit.

- (4) Height. Private WECS structures shall not be greater than forty (40) feet in height.
(5) Interference. All private or commercial WECS structures shall be designed and operated to minimize or mitigate interference with existing electromagnetic communications.
(6) Noise Levels. The noise level for a WECS structure shall comply with the standards set forth in Section 34-89 of the City of Plymouth Code of Ordinances.

Section 6 Modify Article XII I-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS

Section 78-120 Intent.

The I-1, Light Industrial District is designed so as to primarily accommodate wholesale activities, warehouses, and industrial operations whose external, physical effects are restricted to the area of the district and only a minimal affect in a detrimental way any of the surrounding districts.

Section 78-121 Purposes.

The general goals of the light industrial district include, among others, the following specific purposes:

- (1) To provide sufficient space, in appropriate locations, to meet the needs of the City's expected economy for all types of manufacturing and related uses.
(2) To protect abutting residential districts by separating them from manufacturing activities.
(3) To promote manufacturing development which minimizes the danger of fire, explosions, toxic and noxious matter, radiation and other hazards.
(4) To protect the most desirable use of land in accordance with a well considered plan.

Section 78-122 Principal Uses Permitted.

In a light industrial district, no building or land shall be used and no building shall be erected except for one (1) or more of the following specified uses unless otherwise provided in this chapter.

Permitted Uses

- (1) Any use charged with the principal function of basic research, design and pilot or experimental product development when conducted within a completely enclosed building.
(2) Any of the following uses shall be permitted when the manufacturing, compounding or processing is conducted wholly within a completely enclosed building.
a. The manufacture, compounding, processing, packaging or treatment of such products as, but not limited to: bakery goods, candy, cosmetics, pharmaceutical, toiletries, food products, hardware and cutlery, tool, die, gauge and machine shops.
b. Warehousing and wholesale establishments.
c. The manufacture, compounding, assembling, reassembly, packaging or treatment of articles or merchandise from previously prepared materials.
d. The manufacture of pottery and figurines or other similar ceramic products using only previously pulverized clay and kilns fired only by electricity or gas.
e. Manufacture of instruments, plastics or plastic molded products.
f. Manufacture or assembly of electrical appliances, electronic instruments and devices, radios, and phonographs.
g. Laboratories: experimental, film, testing, or production.
h. Manufacturing and repair of electric or neon signs and light sheet metal products.
i. Central dry cleaning plants or laundries provided that such plants shall not deal directly with the consumer as retail.
j. All public utilities, including buildings, necessary structures, storage yards and other related uses.
(3) Warehouse, storage and transfer and electric and gas service buildings and yards.
(4) Trucking facilities.
(5) Storage facilities for building materials, sand, gravel, stone and lumber, and storage of contractor's equipment and supplies.
(6) Mini warehouses and storage buildings for lease to the public including the dwelling and office of a caretaker.
(7) Municipal uses such as water treatment plants and reservoirs, sewage treatment plants, and all other municipal buildings and uses.
(8) Greenhouses.
(9) Trade or industrial schools.
(10) Printing plants and distribution centers.
(11) Other uses of a similar, and no more objectionable, character to the above uses.
(12) Accessory buildings and uses customarily incident to any of the above permitted uses.
(13) Wireless Communication Facilities as permitted on the City Wireless Communication Zoning Map Overlay.

Section 78-123 Special Land Uses Permitted after Review and Approval.

The following uses may be permitted by the Planning Commission subject to Article 23, the review and approval of the site plan by the Planning Commission, and the imposition of special conditions which, in the opinion of the Commission, are necessary to ensure that the land use or activity authorized is compatible with adjacent uses of land, the natural environment and the capacities of public services and facilities affected by the land use, and subject further to a public hearing held in accord with Section 78-281:

- (1) Major automotive repair facilities when completely enclosed.
(2) Lumber and planing mills when completely enclosed and when located in the interior of the district so that no property line shall form the exterior boundary of the I-1 District.
(3) Metal plating, buffing and polishing, subject to appropriate measures to control the type of process to prevent noxious results and/or nuisances.
(4) Uses which serve the convenience needs of the industrial District (such as, but not limited to, eating and drinking establishments, banks, savings and loan associations, credit unions, union halls, automobile service stations, motel or bowling alleys) and shall abut a major or secondary thoroughfare.
(5) Outdoor sales space for sale of new or used automobiles or house trailers subject to the provisions of Section 78-287.
(6) Commercial kennels when within a completely enclosed building and when located in the interior of the I-1 District so that no property line shall form the exterior boundary of the I-1 District.
(7) Commercial Wind Energy Systems, subject to Section 78-261.
(8) Other uses, which in the determination of the Planning Commission, are of a similar character to the above uses.

ARTICLE XIII I-2 HEAVY INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS

Section 78-130 Intent.

The I-2, Heavy Industrial District is designed primarily for manufacturing, assembling and fabrication activities including large scale or specialized industrial operations, whose external physical effects will be felt to some degree by surrounding districts.

Section 78-131 Principal Uses Permitted.

In a heavy industrial district, no building or land shall be used and no building shall be erected except for one (1) or more of the following specified uses unless otherwise provided in this chapter:

Permitted Uses

- (1) Any use charged with the principal function of basic research, design and pilot or experimental product development when conducted within a completely enclosed building.

# Plymouth Strictly Business

## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



Plymouth Nursery moved from its Livonia location to its present spot at Plymouth/Ann Arbor Road past Gotfredson in 1973.

## Plymouth Nursery tends to area lawns, gardens

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

**Plymouth Nursery:** We offer friendly, educated advice on all lawn & garden issues. We also offer deliver service, plant installation, landscape design and installation service.

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

**Plymouth Nursery:** My father, Wayne Jones, armed with a BS in Horticulture was selling lawn fertilizer to Golf Courses and Garden Centers in the late 50's and early 60's. When the opportunity to purchase "Christensen's Plymouth Nursery" in 1963 he decided it would be an excellent opportunity to use his talents more effectively. He dropped the "Christensen's" and "Plymouth Nursery Inc." later to be known as "Plymouth Nursery Home & Garden Showplace" was born.

**Observer:** Why did you choose Plymouth?

**Plymouth Nursery:** The original Nursery was located on Ann Arbor rd. in Livonia just east of I275. This was the home of the Plymouth Nursery from 1931 until 1972. The Nursery was moved to the present location in 1973. The 42 acres the Nursery is now located on was chosen for its proximity to current customers in the Livonia-Plymouth area as well as being close enough to Ann Arbor to attract new customer. The extra land also made possible an increase in outdoor sales area, greenhouse construction, and greater parking.

**Observer:** What makes your business unique?

**Plymouth Nursery:** While plant goods have become increasingly present in a variety of retail stores, few can compare with the vast selection in variety and sizes at Plymouth Nursery. When combined with comprehensive services of delivery, design, and installation, Plymouth Nursery ranks in the top of the industry as was recognized by receiving Today's Garden Center Revolutionary 100 Award in 2009.

**Observer:** How has your business

### PLYMOUTH NURSERY

**Business Name and Address:** Plymouth Nursery Home & Garden Showplace, 9900 Ann Arbor-Plymouth Rd. at the corner of Gotfredson Rd.

**Your Name and Title:** Jeff Jones, president

**Your Hometown:** South Lyon Township

**Business Opened:** 1963

**Number of Employees:** 15-60, as the seasons demand

**Hours of Operation:** Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with extended hours April 15 to June 15 and Nov. 1 to Dec. 15

**Your Business Specialty:** We specialize in a huge selection of top quality Trees, shrubs, perennials, annual flowers while providing a complete selection of Outdoor Living products such as Patio Furniture, Weber Grills, Decorative Glazed pottery and more.

**Business Phone and/or Web site:** (734) 453-5500 | www.plymouth-nursery.net

**Special event:** Plymouth Nursery Home and Garden Expo April 24-25. Vendor reps will be present to answer questions, there'll be door prizes, refreshments, and a raffle for a free \$1,000 garden makeover. On Saturday, April 24, Nicholas Staddon from Monrovia Nursery speaks at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. On Sunday, April 25, Janet Macunovich, Advanced Master Gardener and Michigan Gardener Magazine columnist, speaks at 1 p.m. Then at 3 p.m. Nancy Szerlag, Master Gardener and lecturer, speaks.

### changed?

**Plymouth Nursery:** Plymouth Nursery has made many transitions over the years. As markets changed and customers demanded more we adapted to serve these needs. The first phase was simply the retail of landscape plants. Next we added the design of home landscapes to facilitate the sale of the plants. We then started to deliver and install single plants and later full landscapes. The landscape department is now a complete design build firm including brick walks, retaining walls, water features and more. The retail business expanded to non-plant products like fertilizer and garden tools to at first. Products and whole product groups kept being added over the years. We now offer vast array of outdoor living products including such things as furniture, grills and garden art, trellises, glazed pottery, fountains, and much more.

**Observer:** Do you have an anecdote or funny tidbit about your business?

**Plymouth Nursery:** We changed the name from "Plymouth Nursery" to "Plymouth Nursery Home and Garden Showplace" after years of calls asking how much it cost to enroll their child in the next semester or do you

take children under 3 years of age. I think we had an identity problem.

**Observer:** How has the economy affected your business?

**Plymouth Nursery:** The recent economy has affected us like most in this market. First the Landscape department dropped off significantly in 2007 and 2008 (not many new homes were being built). In 2009 the retail business dropped as well. We found our traffic counts were steady but the average sale was down. People just weren't spending as much as they had in previous years.

**Observer:** Do you have any advice for other business owners?

**Plymouth Nursery:** Most people that get into business have a skill or a product they know and want to sell. Most do not have an understanding of accounting, budgeting, inventory control, cash flow, and the like. My advice is to learn as much as you can about these so you can control your business and not the other way around.

**Observer:** What does the future hold for your business?

**Plymouth Nursery:** We are making an effort to engage our clients with educational and community involvement as well as expanding our products and services.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Miracle League board

Southfield-based Maddin, Hauser, Wartell, Roth & Heller P.C., announced shareholder George V. Cassar, Jr., has been named to the Board of Directors of the Miracle League of Plymouth. He will serve on the planning committee.

The Miracle League of Plymouth ([www.miracleleagueplymouth.org](http://www.miracleleagueplymouth.org)) removes the barriers that keep children



Cassar

with mental and physical disabilities off of the baseball field and allows them to experience the sport, build self-esteem and make new friends. There are more than 200 organized Miracle Leagues throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. The field in Plymouth,

which will include a custom-designed, rubberized turf to accommodate wheelchairs and other devices, is slated to break ground in late April 2010.

In his position, Cassar will be assisting the Miracle League with raising public awareness, fundraising and planning needs.

Cassar focuses his practice in the areas of estate and business succession planning, taxation and probate.

## CHAMBER CHAT

### Hazardous Waste Day

Plymouth and Plymouth Township residents can take their hazardous waste to Compaware Sports Arena, 14900 Beck Rd., from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on April 24. For a list of acceptable items, go to <http://www.plymouthtp.org/Community/SpecialEvents/HHWDay2.htm>

### Reform timeline

With the passage of the health care reform legislation, there are many questions businesses and people have on how the changes could effect them. Go to [www.cnn.com/2010/POLITICS/03/23/health.care.timeline](http://www.cnn.com/2010/POLITICS/03/23/health.care.timeline) to find a CNN article that provides a timeline for implementation of the new reforms.

On April 28, the chamber will have a panel of local health care experts discuss the future of healthcare at our Good Morning Plymouth Community Breakfast.

Will you pay more or less for health care coverage? What will the quality of care be in the future? Will you need to change your insurance plan?

To help answer these questions, the Chamber has assembled a group of experts to discuss their views on the new health care legislation and the effect it will have on businesses and individuals. This panel features experts from each sector of healthcare:

- Provider: Tina Grant, director of State Advocacy, Trinity Health Systems, St. Mary Mercy Hospital and St. Joseph Hospital - Aside from providing the view of our largest local healthcare provider, she also is on the frontlines regarding public policy issues.
- Insurer: A representative from Blue Cross and



Wes Graff

Blue Shield, Michigan's largest health insurance provider with 65 percent market share, will provide their company's prospective.

• Benefit Consultant: Elaine Coffman, principal, Practice Leader, McGraw Wentworth - Michigan's leading employee group benefit consulting and brokerage company who solely focus on group benefits for mid-sized public and private organizations.

This knowledgeable panel of experts will provide their insights and then take questions from our audience. Make sure you or a member of your staff who is in charge of health benefits attends this breakfast to see what is "On the Healthcare Horizon."

Since seating for this breakfast is limited to 90 people, please RSVP as soon as possible to [teri@plymouthmich.org](mailto:teri@plymouthmich.org) or call (734) 453-1540. The breakfast will be from 7:30-9 a.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn and the cost is \$12. Cancellations must be received 48 hours prior to the event, since the Chamber is liable for all meals. The Hilton Garden Inn is located at 14600 Sheldon, just north of the Sheldon exit off of M-14.

### See the Tigers

The Plymouth Historical Museum is selling tickets to the Detroit Tigers vs. Chicago White Sox baseball game at Comerica Park on Monday, May 17. The tickets are in the upper deck. A luxury coach will pick up fans at the Plymouth Historical Museum at 5 p.m., with a 5:15 p.m. departure for the ballpark. The game starts at 7:05 p.m. The

coach will leave for Plymouth shortly after the game ends.

The \$44 ticket price includes one upper deck seat and a round-trip luxury coach ride from the museum to the ballpark. Tickets can be purchased at the Museum (155 S. Main Street) or by using PayPal at <http://www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html>

### Fourth Tuesdays

New Liberty Bank at 1333 W. Ann Arbor Road hosts casual information coffees on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 7:30-9 a.m. Join them for free coffee, donuts and their panel of experts who will be on hand to answer banking and financial questions. Registration is not necessary, just stop by.

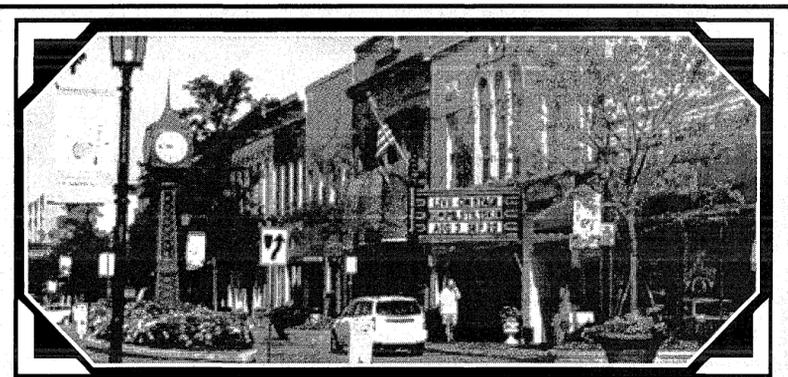
### New member directory

The chamber's new Membership Directory and Area Profile just arrived at the Chamber office. The directory is a high quality, full-color publication that serves as a first class, quality of life piece for the community and as our printed membership directory. Members are listed alphabetically and by business category.

The new guide incorporates our Plymouth Rocks community marketing campaign into the design and has the same appearance as our web site, street map and social networking sites. We are excited to now have another excellent marketing tool to promote this community as a great place to live, work and visit.

Directories will be mailed to all members during the first full week of April.

Wes Graff is executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. He can be reached via e-mail at [wes@plymouthmich.org](mailto:wes@plymouthmich.org) or by calling (734) 453-1540.



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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Livonia Civic Chorus sings Motown and more at April, May concerts

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Get ready for a little rock and roll with soul at Livonia Civic Chorus' upcoming concerts.

"We've got (Bob Seger's) *Old Time Rock & Roll*, Bill Haley — *Shake, Rattle and Roll* — there's *I Heard it through the Grapevine*, *Ain't No Mountain High Enough* and the ladies are doing an Aretha Franklin medley," said Gary Prevo of Livonia, a member since October 2009. "It's fun and everyone is familiar with the songs."

Fans of the 55-member chorus will hear a preview of its May 8-9 show, "Smitten with the Mitten," this weekend when it guest performs at the annual Industry Sings, a free concert at Thurston High School in Redford. The May concert includes songs that were written or performed by Michigan natives, as well as tunes about the state. The chorus will sing a few selections at this weekend's show, which also will include the DTE Singers, Ford Motor Company Chorus, Gentleman Songsters and American Liberty Pop Singers. All of the groups will come together in the second half of Industry Sings on Sunday to perform five songs as one group.

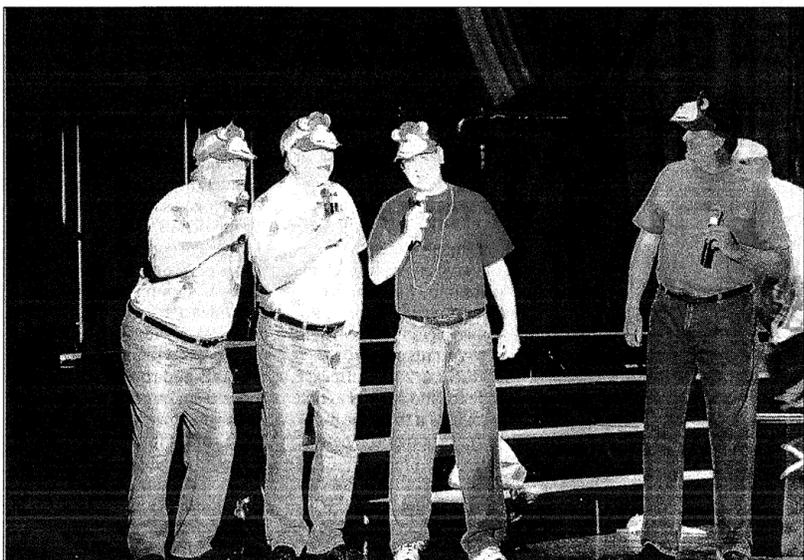
Donna Gleason, a Farmington Hills resident and director of the Livonia Civic Chorus, will lead the mass choir in singing *God Bless America* at Industry Sings.

"For Industry Sings we're doing three songs from our show (in May) and we do five numbers as a mass choir," Gleason said. "This is our first time at Industry Sings. It's kind of exciting and we're looking forward to it."

She said the five-choir show is good publicity for the Livonia Civic Chorus, which stages two major performances during its September-May season.

"We're always trying to make people aware that we exist and having an audience like that will help us."

Combining choreography,



Jim Hovey, (left) Mark Gleason, Kurt Meyer, and Mark Greenleaf belt out a Phil Collins song, 'Trashin' the Camp,' at the Livonia Civic Chorus' spring concert last year.

### LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS

**Industry Sings:** Free concert featuring DTE Singers, Ford Motor Company Chorus, Gentleman Songsters, and special guests, the Livonia Civic Chorus and American Liberty Pop Singers, 4 p.m., Sunday, April 18 at Thurston High School, 26255 Schoolcraft, Redford; (734) 968-9358  
**Smitten with the Mitten:** The Livonia Civic Chorus' annual spring show, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 8 and 3 p.m., Sunday, May 9, at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia. Tickets are \$35 for a family of two adults and two or more children, \$12 for adults, and \$6 per child/K-12 student; (734) 542-1937

**Become a member:** Livonia Civic Chorus, sponsored in part by Livonia Parks and Recreation, meets 7:30-9:30 p.m., Tuesdays, September-May, at Frost Middle School, 14041 Stark, Livonia  
**Web site:** www.livoniachorus.org

video and upbeat, popular music into its shows makes the group memorable, as well. Gleason, former music director at Redford Baptist Church, works as an accompanist at Western High School in Walled Lake, where video often is used as a backdrop for music performances.

Although she won't prepare a video for the Industry Sings performance, Gleason will match images to music for a portion of Smitten by the Mitten next month.

the choir, but we try to do programs the audience will enjoy."

The first half of the Smitten show will focus on the state and its products. The second half is all about Motown. Gleason has added choreography to the mix and requires singers to memorize the material, removing the folders, papers and music stands that might form a barrier between them and the audience.

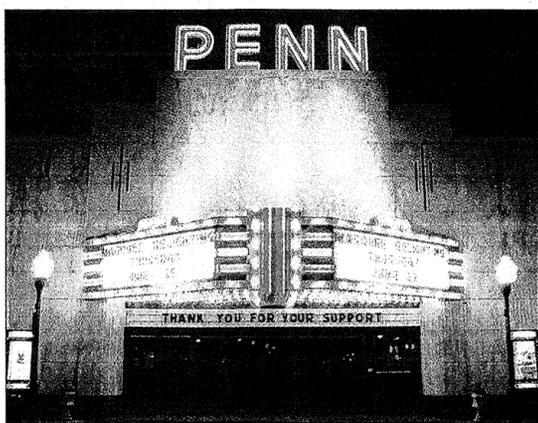
Her biggest challenge is making sure chorus members watch and follow her lead while singing the familiar Motown tunes.

"In one of the Motown songs, you can keep repeating a section. I never do it the same way twice and it guarantees they watch me."

Several thousand baseball fans may get a chance to watch Gleason and her group perform this summer, too. Prevo, contacted the Detroit Tigers, hoping the group might sing the National Anthem at Comerica Park. He sent in a tape recording and is in the process of firming up a date in early August.

### MICHIGAN, MOTOWN

"We try to be unique. We just started in the last couple of years using video. In this upcoming (May) show there will be quite a bit of video to go along with the singing. The opening number is a fairly obscure piece written by a member of the staff at Interlochen. As we're singing the song we'll show scenes of Michigan," Gleason said. "Our goal is to be entertaining. We want to be a good chorus and I bring in clinicians to help improve



Proceeds from the Friends of the Penn's spring dinner and auction last year paid for a new marquee at the theater. Proceeds this year will buy new doors.

## Hit the Hawaiian 'beach' and help the Penn

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Carrie and Warren Phillips go to the movies three days a week, but rarely see any of the films.

Carrie is too busy scooping popcorn and Warren is too preoccupied with running the projector to pay much notice to the big screen.

But the Plymouth couple wouldn't have it any other way.

"We love it," says Carrie, who knows most regular customers by name and can recite their popcorn, soda and candy order before they do. "We feel lucky to be a part of this."

"And I have a confession to make. I've always loved film and this opportunity for hands-on doesn't come along often," Warren added. "These multiplexes are automated. But our system here, it's still a dual projector and you have to operate it. You have to be alert and switch it over."

The Phillips are among 153 volunteers who help the Friends of the Penn, a seven-member board led by Ellen Elliott, keep the 68-year-old Penn open and showing films. The Friends organized in 2005, two years after the theatre was shuttered. The group reopened it a year later when a local businessman recruited supporters to form Penn Theatre Realty, LLC. The company bought the building and leased it to the Friends for \$1 a year.

### FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT

"We're not just a movie theater," said Elliott, a Plymouth resident who saw films at the Penn while growing up. "You're greeted like we've known you forever. A lot of the elderly people we know by name. That's something you don't get in other places, personalized service. It's a safe environment. Parents can drop off their kids and can walk to get dinner."

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra has made the theater its home for concerts. Its upcoming show, "Hurray for Hollywood" show is set for 8 p.m., Friday, April 16 at the Penn.

"We've had weddings, private film showings for birthdays," Elliott said.

Ticket sales — at \$3 per person — for Thursday night classic movies and weekend first-run films, pay for operational expenses at the

### FIFTH ANNUAL PENNEDONIUM DINNER AUCTION

**What:** The fund-raiser benefits the Friends of the Penn

**When:** 6-11 p.m., Friday, April 30  
**Where:** Meeting House Grand Ballroom, 499 South Main Street in downtown Plymouth.

**Details:** Hors d'oeuvres, plated dinner, open bar, desserts, raffle, music, dancing, live and silent auction

**Tickets:** \$75 each; deadline for reservations is Friday, April 16  
**Contact:** For reservations, e-mail to tickets@friendsofthepenn, stop by the Penn Box Office at 760 Penniman Ave. during movies hours, or call (734) 453-0870.

volunteer-staffed theater. Annual spring dinner-auction proceeds fund major renovations.

"We've replaced the boiler, the roof. Our biggest renovation was the new marquee we did last year," Elliott noted. "This year we plan to replace the front doors — they are really old — and update or restore the murals on the side of the building."

Friends of the Penn encourages supporters to "shake off that winter chill" at this year's fund-raiser, Blue Hawaii Beach Party, slated for April 30 at The Meeting House Grand Ballroom in downtown Plymouth.

"We've had lots of different fun themes. Last year it was a movie mobster theme. We had a Saturday Night Fever theme one year," Elliott said. "It's a fun time."

Beach party visitors are encouraged to wear cocktail or luau attire, such as Hawaiian shirts, sarongs and sandals for the evening of dinner, hors d'oeuvres and dancing. The auction will include jewelry, a big screen television, golf packages, restaurant gift certificates and other items donated by local businesses.

"These fund-raisers are so important," said Carrie, who is on the auction committee with her husband. "It's a nice event," and Friends of the Penn's only fund-raising event each year.

"And it's a little closer than going to Hawaii," Warren added.

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The cast of 'Fame' includes Holly Knick (left), Gary Clayton, Abigail Hill, John Ellett, Jen Schinker and Caleb Kruzal.

## Canton community theater performs musical

Canton's newest community theater troupe, Dynamic Stage Productions, will turn back the clock to the 1980s with its production of *Fame The Musical*, April 22-25 at Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron in Ypsilanti.

Set in a New York performing arts school, *Fame The Musical* follows the students through the highs and lows, the romances and sheer hard work as they search for the success that will make them 'live for ever.'

The cast includes Canton residents Jen Schinker, Briana Bradley, Keshia Oliver, Christine Coreless, Nick Rapson, Mollee Chown, Redi Shorter, in addition to featured dancers, Kasily Shepler, Jordyn Shepler, and Stefanie Shepler, all from Livonia.

"I started the group as Canton Premiere Players in 2007. It was a small theatre program run out of a dance studio. When the dance studio closed, we became Dynamic Stage Productions in 2009," said Jami Krause, executive director.

"This has been our first full season. We did *Dear Edwina* as a children's musical in August followed by *The 25th Annual Putnam County*

*Spelling Bee* in November and *Cheaper by the Dozen* in February. *Fame* is our full scale musical for the 2009-2010 season."

The troupe will present *Bare: A Pop Opera* this summer, along with *Pinkalicious*, a musical aimed at young audiences.

"We are technically based out of Canton. We rehearse at the Cherry Hill United Church in the Cherry Hill Village but we do typically do most of our shows at the historic Riverside Arts Center in Ypsilanti down in Depot Town. One of the things that we aim to provide with DSP is a welcoming, comfortable environment for all those involved, while at the same time maintaining a professional atmosphere."

*Fame* is directed by Kyle M Farr with musical direction by Kyle Phillips and choreography by Craig Nichols. *Fame* is assisted directed by Jake Zinke.

Tickets are \$15 and are available online at [www.dynamicstageproductions.com](http://www.dynamicstageproductions.com) or at the door. Performances start at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, with a matinee at 2 p.m. Sunday.

-By Sharon Dargay

### GET OUT

#### ART

##### Costick Center

**Time/Date:** Thursday-Saturday, April 22-24

**Location:** 28600 West 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** The Annual Festival of the Arts celebrates "Hats Off to the Arts" with displays, events, and activities for all ages. The celebration incorporates a special exhibit featuring the unique, artistic hats of Mr. Song Millinery, in Southfield. Luke Song designed Aretha Franklin's famous presidential inauguration hat. The special exhibit runs April 15- beginning on April 15-May 9, with a meet-the-artist reception 6-8 p.m., April 16. Admission is free

**Contact:** (248) 473-1870

##### Lotus Arts Gallery

**Time/Date:** Through April  
**Location:** 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth

**Details:** Colored Pencil Society of Detroit exhibit; 6-8 p.m., April 10,

meet the artists; light hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served

**Contact:** (888) 889-4ART (toll free) or (734) 453-5400

##### Northville Art House

**Time/Date:** Through April 24

**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville

**Details:** "Mudville USA," an installation by Eric Mésko

**Coming up:** Doll making class taught by Charlie Patricolo, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., April 24-25. The two-day class costs \$100, along with a \$10 kit fee. Registration is available now

**Contact:** (248) 344-0497 or visit [www.northvillearts.org](http://www.northvillearts.org)

#### COMEDY

##### Go Comedy!

**Time/Date:** Various show times  
Wednesdays thru Sundays

**Location:** 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

**Details:** Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays

**Contact:** (248) 327-0575; [www.gocomedy.net](http://www.gocomedy.net)

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(2) Any of the following uses shall be permitted when the manufacturing, compounding or processing is conducted wholly within a completely enclosed building. That portion of land used for open storage facilities for materials or equipment, shall conform to the provisions of Section 78-296.

a. The manufacture, compounding, processing, packaging or treatment of such products as, but not limited to: bakery goods, candy, cosmetics, pharmaceutical, toiletries, food products, hardware and cutlery, tool, die, gauge and machine shops.

b. Warehousing and wholesale establishments.

c. The manufacture, compounding, assembling, reassembly, packaging or treatment of articles or merchandise from previously prepared materials.

d. The manufacture of pottery and figurines or other similar ceramic products using only previously pulverized clay and kilns fired only by electricity or gas.

e. Manufacture of instruments, stamps or molded products.

f. Manufacture or assembly of electrical appliances, electronic instruments and devices, radios, and phonographs.

g. Laboratories: experimental, film, testing, or production.

h. Manufacturing and repair of electric or neon signs and light sheet metal products, including heating and ventilating equipment, cornices, eaves and the like.

i. Central dry cleaning plants or laundries provided that such plants shall not deal directly with the consumer as retail.

j. All public utilities, including buildings, necessary structures, storage yards and other related uses.

(3) Warehouse, storage and transfer, and electric and gas service buildings and yards. Public utility buildings, telephone exchange buildings, electrical transformer stations and substations, and gas regulator stations. Water supply and municipal sewage disposal plants. Water and gas tank holders. Railroad transfer and storage tracks railroad rights-of-way and freight terminals.

(4) Trucking facilities.

(5) Storage facilities for building materials, sand, gravel, stone and lumber, and storage of contractor's equipment and supplies, provided such is enclosed within a building or within an obscuring wall, fence or berm on those sides abutting all residential, office or business districts, and on any yard abutting a public thoroughfare. Open storage shall meet the provisions of Section 78-296.

(6) Mini warehouses and storage buildings for lease to the public including the dwelling and office of a caretaker. Buildings shall be spaced not less than thirty (30) feet apart on those sides having entrance doors.

(7) Municipal uses such as water treatment plants and reservoirs, sewage treatment plants, and all other municipal buildings and uses, including outdoor storage.

(8) Greenhouses.

(9) Trade or industrial schools.

(10) Printing plants and distribution centers.

(11) Other uses of a similar, and no more objectionable, character to the above uses.

(12) Accessory buildings and uses customarily incident to any of the above permitted uses.

(13) Major automotive repair facilities when completely enclosed.

(14) Lumber and planing mills when completely enclosed and when located in the interior of the district so that no property line shall form the exterior boundary of the I-1 District.

(15) Metal plating, buffing and polishing, subject to appropriate measures to control the type of process to prevent noxious results and/or nuisances.

(16) Uses which serve the convenience needs of the industrial district (such as, but not limited to, eating and drinking establishments, banks, savings and loan associations, credit unions, union halls, automobile service stations, motel or bowling alleys) and shall abut a major or secondary thoroughfare.

(17) Wireless Communication Facilities as permitted on the City Wireless Communication Zoning Map Overlay.

(18) Commercial kennels when within a completely enclosed building and when located in the interior of the I-1 District so that no property line shall form the exterior boundary of the I-1 District.

(19) Other uses, which in the determination of the Planning

Commission are of a similar character to the above uses.

(20) Heating and electric power generating plants.

(21) Any production, processing, cleaning, servicing, testing, repairing, or storing of materials, goods, or products which shall conform with the performance standards set forth in Section 78-202 and which shall not be injurious or offensive to the occupants of adjacent premises by reason of the emission or creation of noise, vibration, smoke, dust or other particulate matter, toxic and noxious materials, odors, fire or explosive hazards, glare or heat.

Section 78-132 Special Land Uses Permitted after Review and Approval.

The following uses may be permitted by the Planning Commission subject to Article 23, the review and approval of the site plan by the Planning Commission, and the imposition of special conditions which, in the opinion of the Commission, are necessary to ensure that the land use or activity authorized is compatible with adjacent uses of land, the natural environment and the capacities of public services and facilities affected by the land use, and subject further to a public hearing held in accord with Section 78-281:

(1) Any of the following uses provided that they shall be located not less than eight hundred (800) feet distant from any residential district, and three hundred (300) feet distant from any other district, and when authorized by the Planning Commission.

a. Blast furnaces, steel furnaces and blooming or rolling mills.

b. Manufacture of corrosive acid or alkali, cement, lime, gypsum or plaster of paris.

c. Smelting of copper, iron or zinc ore.

d. Incineration of garbage or refuse.

(2) Junkyards and places so called for the dismantling, wrecking and disposing of junk and/or refuse material of agricultural and automotive vehicles may be granted permits or licenses for one (1) year periods upon authorized inspection and approval of the Building Official, whose approval shall be based on the performance standards set forth in Section 78-202, provided such use is not closer than three hundred (300) feet from the border of any I-2 District.

(3) Any other use which shall be determined by the City Commission, after recommendation from the Planning Commission, to be of the same general character as the above permitted uses. The City Commission may impose a setback in excess of minimums specified herein and any performance standards so as to ensure public health, safety and general welfare.

(4) Temporary buildings and uses for construction purposes for a period of one (1) year or less.

(5) Accessory uses.

(6) Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems, subject to Section 78-261.

Section 78-133 Uses Prohibited.

No activities involving the storage, utilization or manufacture of materials or products which decompose by detonation shall be permitted within the City except such as are approved by the fire department and are so licensed.

#### Section 7 Rights and Duties.

Rights and Duties which have matured, penalties which have incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this ordinance are not affected or abated by this ordinance.

#### Section 8 Validity.

Should any section, clause or paragraph of this ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or part therefore, other than the part declared invalid.

#### Section 9 Ordinances Repealed.

All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are to the extent of such inconsistencies hereby repealed.

#### Section 10 Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective one day after publication.

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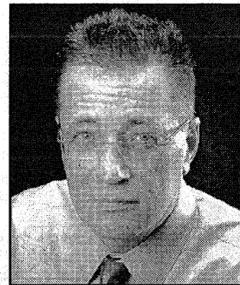
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# Giving: Women-only prom raises money for families in need

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Betsy Crapps wore her 1988 pink prom dress to Mass Sunday.

She turned a few heads, but many parishioners at St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church in Canton know the formal wear signals the approach of Mom Prom, an annual "ladies night out" and charity fund-raiser that is expected to draw at least 150 women — most in their tackiest bridesmaid and prom gowns — to the church gymnasium Friday, April 23.

"I always wear a prom dress while selling tickets," said Crapps, who staffed a ticket booth between Masses at the church last weekend. "More and more parishioners are going to the prom. It's so much fun. Fr. Pat (Casey) thinks it's the funniest thing ever. But then, he's a guy."

No guys are allowed to attend the upcoming night of dancing, games and female camaraderie that will raise funds for two parish families struggling with the cost of caring for their disabled children.

"The husbands stay home with the kids," she said. "This is just for us to have fun. Although Fr. Matthew (C. George) says he's going to sneak in one day."

## GIVING BACK

The church's MOMS group has raised money for St. Vincent de Paul, First Step, breast cancer research and the Wayne County Family Shelter since it began sponsoring the event in 2006. Crapps, a Canton resident who works part time in religious education at St. Thomas a' Becket, founded Mom Prom.

She donned the puffy sleeve gown — first worn at the Pittsford Mendon High School 1988 prom in upstate New York — for an Academy Awards party a few years ago. That evolved into a friends night out in their gowns.

"I said, why not have a mom prom. Twelve of us dressed up and went to dinner at Bucca di Beppo and then went dancing. Everyone met at my house so we could take prom photos."

It was so much fun, Crapps sought the use of St. Thomas a' Becket's gym for an even bigger prom that would also raise funds for good causes.

## NATIONAL MOVEMENT

"My biggest goal is to have other moms groups across the country do their own mom prom," Crapps said. "I'd love for women to come and see what we do and then start their own."



Women dance the night away at Mom Prom, a charity fund-raiser and 'ladies night out.'



Betsy Crapps (right) and her sister, Katie Long pose for a prom photo with a John Wayne cardboard cutout at St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church, in Canton.

She advised a group in Seattle, Wash., this year and has assisted mom prom organizers in Illinois and Indiana. The Canton Mom Prom Web site, www.themomprom.org also offers tips on staging a Mom Prom.

DJ Diana Korte of Silver Sounds keeps the music going at the Canton prom, a BYOB affair that offers a potluck selection of desserts, as well as games and a raffle. Every partici-

pant may choose a "prom date" from among three cardboard cutouts — John Wayne, Burt Reynolds and James Dean — to pose for photos.

## TACKIEST DRESS

The last woman standing in a dice roll game of chance accepts the prom queen crown and a bouquet of flowers. This year she'll also get a pair of earrings from Showcase of Elegance, in Canton.

The "best accessory" award honors the most creatively-decorated wine or beer cooler.

"The biggest prize of the night is for the tackiest dress," Crapps noted. Last year's winner wore an old prom dress, "zipped up as much as possible — pretty much just to her waist" with a T-shirt underneath. "It was a 1980s peach pink with frillies, with the whole back exposed."

Crapps wears her prom dress with tennis shoes every year, but said tacky attire isn't required. Some participants dress up and some dress down.

"Not everyone wants to dress up. Some women wear jeans. Don't stress about dressing up. Come and have a good time. It all goes to a good cause."

The Mom Prom is open to all women, both parishioners and non-members, moms and nonmoms. It runs from 8-11 p.m., April 23, at the church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Tickets are \$20 and available in advance at the church or at the door. Raffle tickets are \$1 each. (734) 981-1333



FRED WHEELER

Three couples each celebrated 65 years of marriage at St. Aidan's annual Jubilarian Mass, Sunday, April 11. They are Rose and Walter Skynar (left, standing), the Rev. Kevin Thomas, Bill and Kathy Dillon and Francis and Deloris LeBlanc (seated).

# Parishioners mark anniversaries at Jubilarian Mass

Thirty-two couples renewed their wedding vows in celebration of their anniversaries April 11 at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia.

The Rev. Kevin Thomas, St. Aidan's pastor, gave them a special blessing and led them in renewing their vows during the 11:30 a.m. Sunday service. The "Jubilarian Mass" annually marks the anniversary milestones of St. Aidan's parishioners.

**The Rev. Kevin Thomas, St. Aidan's pastor, gave them a special blessing and led them in renewing their vows during the 11:30 a.m. Sunday service.**

Jack and Mary Burkhardt celebrated the longest marriage — 70 years — among participants.

Three couples, Francis and Deloris LeBlanc, Bill and Kathy Skynar, each logged 65 years of marriage.

Tom and Theresa Zakrzewski, and Ed and Yvonne Grudzien have been married for 60 years. Stan and Sylvia Garner, and Gerald and Dorothy Winter cel-

ebrated 55 years.

Marking Golden anniversaries this year were Bob and Joella Belanger, Donald and Sheila Broderick, and Jack and Christine Boitos.

Other participants included:

- 45 years: Bob and Glenda Carinci, and Paul and Fran Mallie
- 40 years: Conrad and Patria Czach, David and Rose Day, Bill and Veronica Braidech, and Ed and Sue Kusnir
- 35 years: Richard and Karen Wilmering, Paul and Sarah Jagenow, and Steven and Barbara McArthur
- 30 years: Jerry and Livia Franchina, Michael and Christine Lysaght, and Dennis and Joan Pawlak
- 25 years: Terry and Judy Bailey, Jeff and Barb Main, Randy and Lisa Myshock, and Ray and Michele Schmidt
- 20 years: Tony and Marge Massimilla, John and Rita Marzec, Barney and Chris Knorp, Brian and Kristi McMullen, and Joe and Deb Corbeill.

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<p><b>CATHOLIC</b></p>	<p><b>UNITED METHODIST</b></p>	<p><b>PRESBYTERIAN (U.S.A.)</b></p>	<p><b>LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD</b></p>	
<p><b>ST. ANNE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> Tridentine Latin Mass St. Anne's Academy - Grades K-8 38100 Five Mile Road Livonia, MI 48154 • (734) 462-3200 Mass Schedule: Fri. 7:00 p.m. Sat. 11:00 a.m. Sun. Masses 7:30 &amp; 10:00 a.m. Confessions Heard Prior to Each Mass Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M. OE0868259</p>	<p><b>Redford Aldersgate</b> 2 blocks South of Plymouth United Methodist 10000 Beech Daly 313-937-3170 9:30 - Trad. Worship &amp; Sunday School 11:00 - Contemp Family Worship www.redfordaldersgate.org OE0868781</p>	<p><b>ROSEDALE GARDENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)</b> 9601 Hubbard at W. Chicago, Livonia, MI (between Merriman &amp; Farmington Rds.) (734) 422-0494 Friends in Faith Service 9:00 am Traditional Service 10:30 am Visit www.rosedalegardens.org For information about our many programs OE0868193</p>	<p><b>Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church</b> 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia Just north of I-96 734-522-6830 Sunday Worship 8:30 &amp; 11:00 am - Traditional Sunday/Bible Class 9:45 am Early Childhood Center Phone 734-513-8413 Staffed Nursery Available Making disciples who share the love of Jesus Christ Senior Pastor: Rev. Dean Davenport Pastors: Robert F. Bayer and Anthony M. Creeden OE0868713</p>	
<p><b>St. Genevieve Roman Catholic Church</b> St. Genevieve School - PreK-8 29015 Jamison • Livonia • 734-427-5220 (East of Middlebelt, between 5 Mile &amp; Jeffries) MASS: Tues. 7 p, Wed., Thurs. 9 a, Sat. 4 p, Sun 11a  <b>St. Maurice Roman Catholic Church</b> 32785 Lyndon • Livonia • 734-522-1616 (between Merriman &amp; Farmington Roads) MASS: Mon. 8:30 a, Fri. 8:30 a, Sat. 6 p, Sun 9a OE0868282</p>	<p><b>ORCHARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 30450 Farmington Road • Farmington Hills www.orchardumc.org 248-626-3620 Worship: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. Christian Education for all ages Pastors: Carol J. Johns, Jim Braid, Margo Dexter OE0868784</p>	<p><b>GREEK ORTHODOX</b> <b>NATIVITY OF THE VIRGIN MARY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH</b> 39851 West Five Mile, Plymouth Twp., MI Sunday Services Mats 8:30 am, Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Rev. Fr. George Vapouris Parish Office 734-420-0131 Office Hours M-F 10:00 am - 2:00 pm www.nativitygocchurch.org OE0868613</p>	<p><b>GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD</b> 25630 GRAND RIVER at BEECH DALY REDFORD TWP. 313-532-2266 Worship Service 9:15 &amp; 11:00 A.M. Sunday School 9:15 &amp; 11:00 A.M. Nursery Provided The Rev. Timothy P. Halboth, Senior Pastor The Rev. Dr. Victor F. Halboth, Assistant Pastor OE0868783</p>	<p><b>Risen Christ Lutheran</b> David W. Martin, Pastor 46250 Ann Arbor Road • Plymouth (1 Mile W. of Skokholm) (734) 453-5252 Worship 8:15 &amp; 10:45 am Sunday School 9:30 • Adult Bible Study 9:30 Nursery Care Available. All are welcome. Come as you are. www.risenchrist.info OE0868191</p>
<p><b>CHURCHES OF THE NAZARENE</b></p>	<p><b>PRESBYTERIAN</b></p>	<p><b>EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN</b></p>	<p><b>LUTHERAN CHURCH WISCONSIN SYNOD</b></p>	
<p><b>PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b> 45801 W. Ann Arbor Road • (734) 453-1525 Sunday School - 9:45 A.M. Sunday Worship - 11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M. Family Night - Wed. 7:00 P.M. NEW HORIZONS FOR CHILDREN LEARNING CENTER (734) 455-3196 OE0868772</p>	<p><b>Fellowship Presbyterian Church</b> Adult Sunday School: 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. • Worship: 10:30 a.m. Childrens Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Dr. Jimmy McGuire Services held at: Saint Andrews Episcopal Church 16360 Hubbard Road in Livonia • South of Six Mile Road Nursery provided • www.fellowship-presbyterian.org OE0868719</p>	<p><b>WARD Evangelical Presbyterian Church</b> 40000 Six Mile Road "just west of I-275" Northville, MI 248-374-7400 Traditional Worship 8:00, 9:30 &amp; 11:00 A.M. Contemporary Worship 9:30 &amp; 11:00 A.M. Nursery &amp; Sunday School During the 9:30 &amp; 11:00 Hours Evening Service • 7:00 p.m. Service Broadcast 11:00 A.M. Sunday WRDT-AM 560 The WNUZ Word Station For additional information visit www.wardchurch.org OE0868614</p>	<p><b>ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH &amp; SCHOOL</b> 17810 FARMINGTON ROAD, LIVONIA (734) 261-1360 WORSHIP SERVICES SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. &amp; 11:00 A.M. THURSDAY: 6:30 P.M. website: www.stpaulslivonia.org OE0868720</p>	
<p><b>LUTHERAN-ELCA</b></p>	<p><b>CONGREGATIONAL</b></p>	<p><b>CONGREGATIONAL</b></p>	<p><b>CONGREGATIONAL</b></p>	
<p><b>ST. JOHN LUTHERAN, ELCA</b> Farmington Hills 23225 Gill Rd. 248-474-0584 SATURDAY WORSHIP • 5:30 PM Sunday Worship &amp; Sunday School 9:00 AM TRADITIONAL/CHORAL SERVICE 10:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL - ALL AGES 11:15 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE NURSERY AVAILABLE BILL &amp; LAUREN KIRSH-CARR, PASTORS OE0867731</p>	<p><b>North Congregational Church</b> 36520 12 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills (bet. Drake &amp; Halsted) (248) 848-1750 10:30 a.m. Worship &amp; Church School Faith - Freedom-Fellowship Ministers Dr. Mark P. Jensen Rev. Mary E. Biedron OE0868727</p>	<p><b>For Information regarding this Directory, please call Donna Hart at 248-437-2011, Ext. 247 or e-mail: dhart@dnps.com</b></p>	<p><b>North Congregational Church</b> 36520 12 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills (bet. Drake &amp; Halsted) (248) 848-1750 10:30 a.m. Worship &amp; Church School Faith - Freedom-Fellowship Ministers Dr. Mark P. Jensen Rev. Mary E. Biedron OE0868727</p>	

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APRIL 15-21

**Birmingham Temple**  
**Time/Date:** 8 p.m., Saturday, April 17  
**Location:** 28611 West 12 Mile, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Vivace Music Series features pianist Ralph Votapek performing works by Copland, Schubert, Ravel and Albeniz. Afterglow and refreshments follow the concert; tickets are \$20 for members and seniors, \$23 non-members. Student and group rates available  
**Contact:** Joyce Cheresch at (248) 788-0338 or Ann Sipher at (248) 661-1348

**Congregation Beth Ahm**  
**Time/Date:** 10:30-11:30 a.m., April 17  
**Location:** 5075 West Maple, West Bloomfield  
**Details:** Shabbat Club for kids provides a morning of parasha play, games, interactive learning and Shabbat fun  
**Contact:** RSVP to Amy Newman at relschool@cbahm.org or (248) 851-8820

**The Corners**  
**Time/Date:** 5 p.m., Saturday, April 17  
**Location:** 2075 Walnut Lake Road, just west of Inkster, in West Bloomfield  
**Details:** Enjoy a "Moment of Shabbat" with your 2- through 6-year-olds and celebrate Shabbat with songs, stories, arts and crafts and a special Havdalah service, sponsored by Temple Shir Shalom; no charge  
**Contact:** (248) 406-4255

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m., Saturday, April 17  
**Location:** 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington Road and Newburgh, Livonia  
**Details:** "Spring Fling" dance designed for adults with developmental disabilities, special needs, and their caretakers includes music, fun, and friendship. Snacks and beverages will be served  
**Contact:** RSVP no later than April 9 to Judy Cook at (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to judy@emmanuel-livonia.org

**Holy Trinity Lutheran**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, April 16 and 9:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 17  
**Location:** Church fellowship hall, 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty, Livonia  
**Details:** Rummage sale with \$2 bag sale on Saturday

**Leon's**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30 a.m., April 17  
**Location:** 30149 Ford Road, south side (next to Tim Horton's) in Garden City  
**Details:** Bethany Suburban West monthly breakfast meeting; all

separated, divorced and singles may attend  
**Contact:** Kathy at (734) 513-9479

**Merriman Road Baptist Church**  
**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Sunday, April 18 and 7 p.m., Monday-Wednesday, April 19-21  
**Location:** Merriman Road just south of Ford Road, Garden City  
**Details:** "Festival of Hope" with Jim Wilson, guest speaker associated with Billy Graham Ministries  
**Contact:** (734) 421-0472

**Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 6-7 p.m., April 18, 25  
**Location:** 9601 Hubbard, Livonia  
**Details:** Ballroom dancing lessons, followed by a practice session, with music. A dance party will be held 7-9:30 p.m., April 25. Light refreshments will be served. Cost is \$6 for each lesson and \$6 for the dance. Attend the class and dance for \$10. Pay at the door in Fellowship Hall. The proceeds from the March classes will go to the Cancer Relay for Life; April's proceeds will go to the Capital Improvement Fund  
**Contact:** (734) 751-1957 or (734) 422-0494

**St. Aidan**  
**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m., Thursday, April 15  
**Location:** 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** David J. Conrad, M.A., Theology is the presenter at a program called "The Church: Its Essential Qualities and Purpose"  
**Contact:** RSVP by noon the day of the event to (734) 425-5950

**St. Theodore Catholic Church**  
**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m. to noon, Sunday, April 18  
**Location:** 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland  
**Details:** All you can eat pancake and French toast breakfast also includes ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, tea, coffee, milk and juice. It's sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, age 2-10  
**Contact:** (734) 425-4421

APRIL 22-28

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, April 23 and 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 24  
**Location:** 28000 New Market, just north of 12 Mile, east of Farmington Road in Farmington Hills  
**Details:** The Woman's League of the church sponsors a rummage and bake sale. In addition to clothing and homemade baked goods, the sale will feature small appliances, furniture, books, bedding, linens, toys, jewelry and much more. \$3 and \$5 bag sale on Saturday  
**Contact:** Lucille Ehlers at (248) 553-2889

**April 29-May 5**  
**Antioch Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** Rummage sale 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, April 30, and 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 1  
**Location:** 33360 West 13 Mile, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** The church also is collecting items for the sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, April 26-28  
**Contact:** Judy Glass at (248) 476-9074

**Congregation B'nai Moshe**  
**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m., May 2

**Location:** 6800 Drake, West Bloomfield  
**Details:** "Torah, Technology and the Future of Israel," will explore the relationship of Torah values to the applications of modern technology. There will be a panel presentation with Steven Bekhor, on "Israel's Nuclear Horizon," Ellen P. Rosenberg, on "Water Resources and Conservation in Israel," and Steven H. Schwartz with "Torah Values and the Environment. The B'nai Moshe Choir will perform and there will be a question and answer period followed by a social hour with refreshments. Admission is free  
**Contact:** RSVP to (248) 788-0600

**Our Lady of Loretto**  
**Time/Date:** Check-in at 6:15 p.m., game begins at 7 p.m., Saturday, May 1  
**Location:** In the family center, behind the school, 17116 Olympia, Redford  
**Details:** Adult Trivia Night, with proceeds benefitting youth programs and youth outreach. Register in groups of eight - \$80 per table or \$10 per person. Answer numerous questions - as a group at each table - on a variety of categories. Cash prizes for top three tables, cash bar, and lots of items to be raffled off.  
**Contact:** Register by calling (313) 534-9000 or visit http://ourladyoflorettopre.webs.com/trivianight.htm for more information.

**St. Aidan**  
**Time/Date:** 6-9 p.m., Thursday, April 29  
**Location:** 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** The Rev. Norm Dickson and Dr. Mary Healy will be the guest speakers at the Endow groups at the church. The session, a reflection on Women of Peace and Love, is aimed at women and girls, age 16 and over. A light dinner will be included. A free will offering will be accepted  
**Contact:** RSVP to the parish office by April 25 at (734) 425-5950

**May 13-19**  
**Birmingham Temple**  
**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m., Sunday, May 16  
**Location:** 28611 W. 12 Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills  
**Details:** DSO Concertmaster Emmanuel Boisvert, along with Karl Pituch, principal horn player of the DSO, Hai-Xin Wu, DSO's assistant concertmaster, and Zuihua Tang, pianist, perform in the final Vivace Music Series concert of the season. An afterglow follows the concert when the audience will have the opportunity to mingle, sample delicious refreshments, and meet the artists. Tickets are \$23 general admission and \$20 for seniors and students  
**Contact:** To order tickets call Joyce Cheresch at (248) 788-9338 or Ann Sipher at (248) 661-1348

**St. Damian Catholic School**  
**Time/Date:** 4:30 p.m., Mass, 5:30-8 p.m. All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner, Saturday, May 15  
**Location:** 29891 Joy, between Middlebelt and Merriman, in Westland  
**Details:** Fiftieth anniversary celebration; dinner menu includes salad, bread, beverage, and desserts. The evening includes dinner music. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$3 for children 5-12, and children under 5 are free. Family tickets are avail-

able for \$20  
**Contact:** (734) 427-1680

ONGOING

**AWANA**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays  
**Location:** Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade  
**Contact:** (248) 426-0096

**Breakfast**  
**St. Michael the Archangel**  
**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m.-noon, third Sunday each month, October through May  
**Location:** 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth, in Livonia  
**Details:** The Ushers' Club presents an "all-you-can-eat" pancake breakfast served in the school cafeteria and featuring pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, and assorted breakfast beverages. Meals are served buffet-style. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, 4-11, free for children under 3, and \$15 for a family with two adults and children  
**Contact:** (734) 261-1455

**Career workshops**  
**St. Matthew's United Methodist Church**  
**Time/Date:** First and third Mondays  
**Location:** 30900 Six Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Workshops are designed to help people in employment transition build a network and use their resources to find that next good job. Workshop leaders are available to work one-on-one with anyone looking for work.  
**Contact:** (734) 422-6038

**Classes/study**  
**Detroit First Church of the Nazarene**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesday  
**Location:** 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile  
**Details:** Tuesday Ladies Bible Study;

\$15 registration fee includes inter-denominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5  
**Contact:** (248) 348-7600

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month  
**Location:** 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia  
**Details:** Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun  
**Contact:** Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net.

**Livonia Unity**  
**Time/Date:** Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** 28660 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine - a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions  
**Contact:** (810) 813-4073 or gary@energeticarts.org.

**Men's Bible study**  
**Time/Date:** Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 p.m.  
**Location:** Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township  
**Contact:** John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491

**Merriman Road Baptist Church**  
**Details:** Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those who want to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to age 18 and over. Tutors available for day or evening.  
**Contact:** (734) 421-0472; leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you

**New Life Community Church**  
**Time/Date:** Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays; reading program for

students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays  
**Location:** 42200 Tyler, Belleville  
**Contact:** (734) 846-4615

**Our Lady of Loretto**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday  
**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford  
**Details:** Scripture study  
**Contact:** (313) 534-9000

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian**  
**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m., Wednesday and 10:30 a.m. Thursday  
**Location:** 26701 Joy  
**Details:** Wednesday study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith. Thursday group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey  
**Contact:** (313) 274-3820

**St. Michael the Archangel**  
**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m., second and fourth Thursday of each month  
**Location:** 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia  
**Details:** Led by Catholic author and apologist, Gary Michuta. The in-depth study of the Gospel of St. Matthew continues, using the Hahn-Mitch study guide. New students of any faith are welcome  
**Contact:** (734) 261-1455

**Seeds of Mercy Mission Home**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., every Friday  
**Location:** 21819 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Bible study  
**Contact:** Nicole Christ at (313) 531-1234

**Ward Presbyterian**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Mondays  
**Location:** Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville  
**Details:** Learner's Bible study is held  
**Contact:** (248) 374-5920

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**LAMAR (Len) BEDGOOD**  
 Born in Tenniel, GA on Feb. 7, 1931. Departed on April 9, 2010 and resided in Westland, MI. Age 79. Beloved husband of the late Joan I. Most wonderful dad of Brian P. (Alice) and the late Sean. Proud "Pops" of Brian Harnos. Dear brother of Vivian, Randall, Robert and the late Billy. Loving brother-in-law of Jack Stinson (Lou) and Barbara (Al) Myers. Special friend of June Porta and her loving family. Also leaves many cherished nieces and nephews. He will be sorely missed by his friends from his Church and Art Clubs. A "special thanks" to the Garden City Hospital doctors and nurses that took such good care of him.



**BEULAH "BEA" CECILE ROSS-PULK-DONATTI**  
 Age 84, longtime resident of Wayne, passed away on April 11, 2010 at home in Wayne, surrounded by family and friends. Bea was born June 14, 1925, in St. Jacques in northern Michigan, the daughter of Henry and Cecile (Groleau) Ross, and was raised in Gladstone, Michigan. She married Alexander D. Pulk and he preceded her in death on November 26, 1977. Bea remarried Daniel R. Donatti and he also preceded her in death on September 1, 1988. In addition, her brothers, William Ross, Robert Ross, infant brother Willard and sister Jane Quinn, preceded her in death. Bea was a longtime parishioner of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne. In addition, she enjoyed dancing, BINGO, crochet/knitting, gardening, and bird watching. Bea was also an avid walker. Survivors include her long time dearest friend James Donnelly of Dearborn; her eight children, Alexander (Sandra) Pulk of Canton, Gwenn (Thomas) Misukaitis of Wayne, Erol (Ann) Pulk of Westland, Richard Pulk (Pamela) of Brownstown, Christie (Ahmet) Zeren of Dearborn, Gene (Julie) Pulk of Port Orchard, WA, Harold (Carole) Pulk of Livonia, and Helen (Patrick) Porter of Howell; siblings Louise Anderson of Grass Lake, Audrey Reese of Rockford, IL, Elaine (Kenneth) DeMars of Rockton, IL, Emily (Milton) Wengert of Rockford, IL, Harold (Jean) Ross of Bark River, James (Stephanie) Ross of Dexter, and Madelyn (Ron) Trekas of Gladstone; also her stepchildren Kathryn "Kay" Monahan of Alta Loma, CA and Joseph "Tim" (Marcia) Donatti of Howell; 16 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. The family of Bea Donatti will receive family and friends on Thursday, April 15, 2010 for a memorial service at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne, with Fr. David officiating. Viewing of pictures will be at 10:00am, Rosary at 10:30am followed by Memorial Mass at 11:00am. A Celebration of Life Luncheon will follow. A private burial will be held at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. Flowers and donations will be accepted at: 34540 Sims St., Wayne, MI 48184. The family would also like to thank, the caring staff at Angela Hospice.

**AMY DeBONO (Leonard)**  
 Age 49, of Belleville, passed away March 13, 2010. Funeral services were held March 19, 2010 at St. Theodore Church in Westland, MI. Cremation has taken place.

**KENNETH LEONARD**  
 Age 48, passed away March 25, 2010 in Fort Meyers, Florida. Griffin Funeral Home, Wayne Rd., Livonia, MI. Memorial service April 18th, visitation 1-9pm, service 7pm. Cremation has taken place.

**MARY ANNE KOZLOWSKI**  
 Age 80. Passed away peacefully surrounded by her children on March 30, 2010. She was born on March 3, 1930 in Bellefonte Pennsylvania, graduated from Grosse Pointe High School and later from Michigan State University. She was a dedicated teacher in the Detroit Public Schools. She is survived by her children Mary Ann Kozlowski (Kip), Richard Kozlowski, Kim Pantaleo (Bruce), William Kozlowski (Ann), Alan Kozlowski, and grandchildren Kristen, Matthew, Sara and William. Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association National Headquarters, 1301 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 800, Washington D.C. 20004 or [www.lungusa.org](http://www.lungusa.org)

**JOYCE J. ROTH**  
 Passed away on April 10, 2010 at the age of 68. Former nurse and administrative assistant at the University of Michigan Hospital - Department of Dermatology. Beloved mother of Steve (Michelle) Roth and Erica (Eric) Hughes. Grandmother of Drew, Brenden, Brette and Grant. Private services were held.

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# Health expo offers cooking demonstration

BY SHARON DARGAY  
OGE STAFF WRITER

Judy Swancutt is "pushing" fruits and vegetables. A dietitian for St. Mary Mercy Hospital, in Livonia, Swancutt will join Kevin Green, Embassy Suites executive chef, in a presentation about children and healthy eating, 1:50-2:20 p.m., and 2:40-3:10 p.m., Saturday, April 24, during "Healthy Families Expo," presented by St. Mary Mercy at Embassy Suites, in Livonia.

The expo offers an afternoon of demonstrations, fun activities and information to help families live a healthier lifestyle. Sessions are free, but registration is required.

Swancutt and Green will collaborate on the "Easy, Healthy, Fun and Kid-Friendly Foods" presentation.

"I've talked to the chef and he's going to put together a menu," said Swancutt, who will serve as a "support person," at the presentation. "Whatever angle he takes, let's push fruits and vegetables and get rid of pop."

"We do a lot of diabetes education here. When I first learned about diabetes 15 to 20 years ago, 'type 2' was someone over age 40. Now we are seeing 12-year-olds with type 2."

Individuals with type 1 diabetes are unable to produce insulin. Those with type 2 are "insulin resistant." They need more insulin than the body is willing to produce, Swancutt said. She described type 2 diabetes as the result of lifestyle choices.

"It's a genetic disease but you don't have to get at 12," she



Embassy Suites chef Kevin Green will give a cooking demonstration at St. Mary Mercy Hospital's health expo, April 24.



Judy Swancutt, dietitian at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, will offer tips on kid-friendly foods at a health expo, April 24.

said, adding that a 40-year-old with type 2 diabetes may not begin to experience complications from the disease until they are 60. A 12-year-old already showing signs of diabetes may see those complications emerge at age 32.

"Thirty two isn't old. That is what scares me the most," Swancutt said. "We need to

push those vegetables."

She suggests introducing vegetables to children when they are young "and keep presenting it." Don't force it, but find different ways to present healthful foods. Encourage exercise and emphasize whole fruits, rather than juice or packaged fruit bars.

Other health expo events include:

- Children's health and fitness with Peter Nielsen, a motivational health expert
- Learning how to take your heart rate
- Bone and muscle injury prevention
- Keeping kids drug-free
- Skin health and sun safety
- What shoes are the best fit for you.

• Prescription drug "take back" program will allow participants to safely dispose of expired for unused prescription drugs.

Register for the cooking demonstration and other speaker sessions online at [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org).

# Wine tasting benefits heart disease, stroke research

Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital will host a spring wine tasting on April 23, with proceeds going to the American Heart Association's Start! Heart Walk.

The Spring Wine Tasting will include complimentary tastings of wines from the U.S., France, Italy, Australia and Chile. Wines will be provided by Winebuys.com, along with free sommelier service. The tasting will run from 6:30-9 p.m., in the Ravitz Foundation Main Atrium in Henry Ford West Bloomfield

Hospital, 6777 West Maple, West Bloomfield. Since 2003, Henry Ford Health System has raised \$1.7 million dollars for research, advocacy and education programs sponsored by the American Heart Association. Funding medical research related to cardiovascular disease and stroke is the organization's first priority.

Tickets for Spring Wine Tasting are \$40 per person or \$70 per couple. To purchase tickets and for more information, go to <http://www.winebuys.com>.

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The Mustard-Herb Crusted Pork Loin Roast has only 150 calories and 4 grams of fat. This pork loin roast is trimmed of external fat and it could help you do the same. It also has an amazing 20 grams of protein and nutrients including phosphorus, zinc and potassium, which are all key to keeping the body fit and healthy.

## MUSTARD-HERB CRUSTED PORK LOIN ROAST

Prep Time: 10 minutes  
Cook Time: 60 minutes  
Serves 4 with leftovers for sandwiches

- 1 cup panko
  - 1 1/2 pounds pork top loin roast, trimmed of external fat
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
  - 1 egg yolk beaten
  - 2 tablespoons Dijon-style mustard
  - 1/2 teaspoons fresh thyme, chopped
- Heat oven to 350°F. Place panko on large dinner plate; set aside. Pat surface of pork dry with paper towels; sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Combine egg yolk, mustard and thyme in pie plate. Roll pork roast in mustard mixture, spreading mixture evenly on surface. Then roll mustard-coated roast in panko, patting panko on roast to evenly cover.

Place roast on rack in shallow roasting pan. Roast, uncovered, in heated oven for 1 hour or until an instant-read thermometer inserted near center reads 155°F.

Loosely cover pork with foil. Let rest for five minutes. Transfer pork roast to carving board; Cut half of the pork roast into 1/2-inch-thick slices to serve. Cool remaining piece of roast at room temperature for up to one hour. Loosely cover and refrigerate for sandwiches.

Serving Suggestions:  
Cook once and eat twice — serve half of this savory pork roast with steamed mixed baby vegetables and a wild rice pilaf for the first meal, and use the leftover roast for sandwiches as a second meal.

Nutrition: Calories: 150; Protein: 20g; Fat: 4g; Sodium: 170mg; Cholesterol: 80mg; Saturated Fat: 1g; Carbohydrates: 5g; Fiber: 0g

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**Career Fair for high school students**  
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Professionals in a wide variety of fields will be on hand to discuss career options with high school students and their parents during this free open house from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. For more information visit [www.schoolcraft.edu](http://www.schoolcraft.edu) or call 734-462-4683.

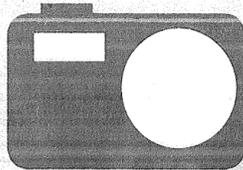
**Scholl & Bylsma perform free concert**  
April 21  
Christopher Scholl, tenor, and Kevin Bylsma, piano, will perform in the final concert of the college's 2009-10 Noon Concert Series. The concert is free and will be held in the VisTaTech Center at noon. More information is available at [www.schoolcraft.edu/music](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/music).

**Earth Day events**  
April 19-22  
A number of events are scheduled throughout the week in celebration of the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. This is the college's 10th year of participation. This year's theme is "Our Great Lakes." Activities are free and open to the public. A schedule of activities can be found at [www.schoolcraft.edu](http://www.schoolcraft.edu).

**James Tocco, pianist, in concert**  
April 23  
A world renowned performer, Tocco will perform as part of the Friday Evening Concert Series at 8 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. Tickets: \$20 per person (\$10 for students) available at [www.schoolcraft.edu/music](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/music) or 734-462-4403.

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April 26  
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**Multiple generations under one roof create challenges for families**

BY JULIE BROWN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

In his work as a professor of counseling at Eastern Michigan University, Perry Francis sees more young adults moving back home after graduation.

"So you have what you call boomerang kids," said Francis, coordinator of counseling services in the College of Education Clinical Suite at EMU. Recent grads either have no job or have graduated to Starbucks and are underemployed, making living on their own impossible.

"People have lost their homes so they're doing it out of necessity," Ypsilanti resident Francis said of increased numbers of multigenerational families.

"The good old times were neither," he said. "We have a tendency to romanticize things."

As people became more mobile in the 1950s, '60s and '70s, families were less likely to live together in multiple generations. The plus is that people were productive, the downside loss of family touch of telling stories and passing down of values.

"We're seeing people compacting into a house" now, Francis said. "They're having to negotiate all that. That creates a lot of tension."

There's an upside as well "Nobody loves you like your family," he said of those who, hopefully, are supportive. "At the same time, you're with people who are supportive of you."

He sees mostly graduate students in his work who are older and married. Francis and his wife have a daughter

in Tacoma, Wash., a recent college graduate whom they supply with a little support. A couple of the daughter's friends have had to move home when they couldn't find work.

He also has a couple graduate students in mental health who've been hired back in some cases as contractors without benefits. Loss of a home is a major concern for them.

Francis has down to earth advice for families now living together as multiple generations under one roof. Parents, for example, shouldn't assume things will go back to how they were.

"You have to negotiate," he said, noting college graduates have been out on their own. Young adults who move back in also need to sit down and negotiate tasks, payment and issues of boundaries and privacy.

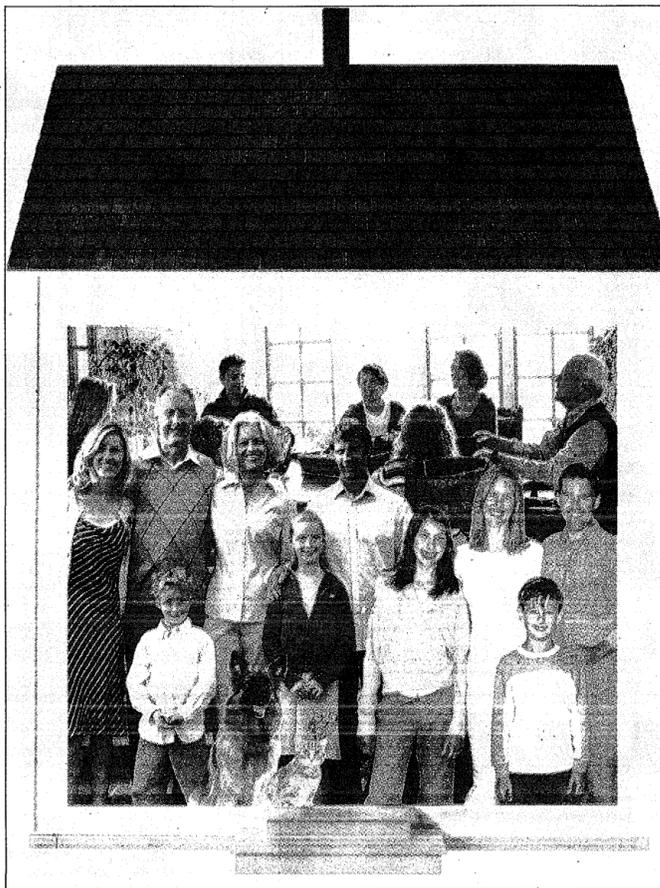
"Don't let things fester that bother you," he said, and be sure all voices are heard.

He's not sure the trend of multiple generations together will continue. "I think that's a question better left to the economists, not a mental health expert," Francis said.

If the economy continues as is, you could see retrofitting of homes for in-law apartments.

Francis emphasizes that families who communicate do better. "It's important that people do that, they communicate their needs and wants, their hopes and joys."

Some people end up with older relatives at home rather than grown children. Mary Denning of Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe in Westland has her mother-in-law, who's 92, at



her Howell home. "She helped out a lot when the kids were little." Her husband's mom lived right down the street, and when Mary went back to paid work she helped.

"Now she needs us and it's a relief I don't have to worry about her," Denning said. "It's a good experience. I would hate for her to be in Tucson and worry if she's eating. She's there for me so I'm going to be there for her."

Denning recommends having some "my space. You need to have a place

where you can hide out." She and her husband have no young adult children at home.

"She's a good lady. She's done a lot for me. It's nice to be able to help her now because grandpa's gone." Her mother-in-law had fallen a couple times and was injured.

She had driven until last year, and Denning agreed it's tough for older people to give up independence. "Now she has to rely on us to take her" to the store, Denning said.

**Avoid any conflict of interest**

**Q: The treasurer of our association is a real estate agent and a property manager. He has been hired by the bank to handle units within the association that are in foreclosure, and, he has told some people that he intends to bid on some foreclosed units. Some board members believe that this is a conflict of interest because, as treasurer, he has information about units that other owners do not have. What do you think?**

**A: I believe that as treasurer he must give the association itself first priority as to whether or not to bid on these units since he owes a fiduciary duty to the association. If the association**



Robert Meisner

itself is not interested in bidding on these units, then I do not see a problem in him doing so since the sale process is, presumably, a matter of public record and everyone is on at least constructive notice of it. However, when in doubt, get a legal opinion from your association attorney.

**Q: Are you aware of any innovative ways in which associations have been able to get their homeowners to pay their assessments in these economically difficult times?**

**A: As a lawyer, I am obviously familiar with all of the remedies available under the condominium documents as well as issues concerning the priority of the association lien against a mortgagee's lien in certain instances. However, I am aware of a situation wherein the board offered a financial incentive to homeowners who submitted proposals for sprucing up their yards. The only requirement was that the homeowners be up to date in their assessment fees and use the money for that stated purpose. It seemed to work in that situation and the board may wish to consider other creative means by which to seek payment of the assessments although self-help remedies, while generally authorized by the documents, are always risky.**

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

**HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND**

These are the residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 28-31, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>Auburn Hills</b>	3881 Hillside Dr \$160,000	3173 Rabeeh Dr \$180,000	2029 Richwood Rd \$23,000
<b>Beverly Hills</b>	22822 Highbank Dr \$229,000		
<b>Birmingham</b>	583 Bloomfield Ct \$215,000	151 E Lincoln St \$237,000	1115 N Old Woodward Ave \$172,000
	759 Purdy St \$407,000	1801 Washington Blvd \$185,000	
<b>Bloomfield Hills</b>	30 Cranbrook Ln \$600,000	2389 Hickory Glen Dr \$325,000	205 Woodberry Dr \$618,000
	1712 Beechwood Way \$360,000	1936 Brookview Ct \$241,000	6551 Cathedral Dr \$226,000
	5645 Crabtree Rd \$170,000	2640 Endsleigh Dr \$535,000	320 Hamilton Dr \$575,000
	2364 Heronwood Dr \$716,000	801 W Long Lake Rd \$36,000	
<b>Clarkston</b>	4742 Cecelia Ann Ct \$225,000	7190 Dark Lake Dr \$225,000	7647 Devins Rd \$730,000
	4350 Elmdale Ave \$75,000	7093 Felix Dr \$65,000	5786 Garnet Cir \$169,000
	652 Hawkmoore Dr \$360,000	5628 Hummingbird Ln \$133,000	5763 Shannon Ln \$155,000
	7501 Stonevalley Blf \$825,000	6400 Wellesley Ter \$167,000	
<b>Commerce Township</b>	716 Andrews St \$128,000	4958 Driftwood Dr \$365,000	3252 Fox Blvd \$85,000
	3155 Newton Rd \$123,000	3543 Oak Mdws \$157,000	
<b>Davisburg</b>	12530 White Tail \$188,000		
<b>Farmington</b>	35565 Tall Pine Rd \$205,000		
<b>Farmington Hills</b>	25273 Briarwyke Dr \$185,000	21510 Hancock St \$345,000	35553 Lancashire Dr \$414,000
	30580 Ramblerwood Club Dr \$158,000	34939 Valley Forge Dr \$151,000	
<b>Lake Orion</b>	497 Bellevue Ave \$240,000	2497 Huntington Dr \$155,000	964 N Conklin Dr \$148,000
<b>Lathrup Village</b>	27751 California Dr NE \$138,000		
<b>Milford</b>	822 Annie Lang Dr \$400,000		
<b>Northville</b>	330 Hill St \$75,000		
	41839 Cherry Hill Rd \$135,000	21835 Clover Ln \$215,000	
	45001 Drocton Ct \$258,000	25051 Sullivan Ln \$220,000	21115 Wheaton Ln \$330,000
<b>Oakland Township</b>	722 Charlesina Dr \$230,000	5175 Colyers Dr \$379,000	135 Homer Taylor Dr \$18,000
	5423 Orion Rd \$325,000	3756 S Creek Dr \$285,000	2447 Selkirk Ct \$445,000
<b>Oxford</b>	1130 Glasslake Cr \$290,000	25 Spring Lake Dr \$205,000	416 Sunset Blvd \$253,000
<b>Rochester</b>	905 Churchhill Cir \$178,000	1798 Flagstone Cir \$80,000	1373 Sunview Ct \$443,000
	312 Wesley St \$128,000		
<b>Rochester Hills</b>	692 Bolinger St \$125,000	2573 Culbertson Ave \$58,000	951 Driftwood Ave \$235,000
	1035 E Tienken Rd \$290,000	3451 Talbert Cir \$50,000	1750 Thomas Ct \$110,000
	2860 Weaverston \$86,000	914 Wexford Way \$150,000	
<b>South Lyon</b>	26081 Daria Cir E \$280,000	61091 Greenwood Dr \$40,000	605 Orchard Ridge Road \$190,000
<b>Southfield</b>	24273 Evergreen Rd \$30,000	30003 Southfield Rd \$205,000	
<b>Sylvan Lake</b>	2208 Garland St \$630,000		
<b>Troy</b>	5898 Dawn Ridge Dr \$163,000	14651 Dequindre Rd \$50,000	1767 Fireside Dr \$550,000
	2098 Garry Dr \$128,000	3732 Horseshoe Dr \$160,000	3405 Kilmer Dr \$71,000
	1051 Picadilly Dr \$430,000	2810 Sparta Dr \$101,000	1875 Stephenson Hwy \$500,000
	5820 Sussex Dr \$260,000	3296 Troy Dr \$110,000	1651 Witherbee Dr \$114,000
<b>Walled Lake</b>	24202 Alexa Dr \$156,000	127 E Bay Dr \$107,000	5202 Tamara Cir \$115,000
	3341 Timberlake Dr \$515,000		
<b>Waterford</b>	6062 Barker Dr \$114,000	3403 Carman St \$55,000	3280 Harbours Blvd \$170,000
	1097 Hendricks Way \$30,000	995 N Cass Lake Rd \$24,000	1442 Rivona Dr \$290,000
	5199 Shoreline Blvd \$166,000	5874 Sutherland Dr \$108,000	2135 Watkins Lake Rd \$350,000
<b>West Bloomfield</b>	2645 Birch Harbor Ln \$195,000	3306 Buckingham Trl \$182,000	4482 Gateway Cir \$136,000
	3317 Lone Pine Rd \$300,000	5240 Mirror Lake Ct \$225,000	4885 Panorama Cir \$395,000
	2270 Shore Hill Dr \$380,000	5215 W Maple Rd \$277,000	
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Organizers are looking for people who are: positive-minded, highly ethical, service-based, self-starting, eager to learn and professional in appearance. Candidates would benefit from previous experience or successes in: service indus-

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Seminar includes: cost vs. income potential, available training, company profit share, commission structures.

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Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a seminar for leasing professionals, "Leasing 101: The 2010 Tour" on Friday, April 23, from 9 a.m. to noon at Association Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills.

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

Registration fees are \$69 for PMC members, \$79 for AAM or Building Industry Association members and \$99 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at [www.builders.org](http://www.builders.org).

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**HOMES SOLD-WAYNE**

These are the area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 21-25, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>Canton</b>	45640 Baywood Blvd \$220,000	42601 Boulden Ct \$143,000	3405 Brooklyn Dr \$208,000	44300 Duchess Dr \$169,000	1363 Kensington Dr \$270,000
<b>Garden City</b>	29124 Bridge St \$51,000	6685 Cardwell St \$92,000	260 Lathers St \$36,000		
<b>Livonia</b>	30432 Bobrich St \$156,000	28249 Clarita St \$190,000	31571 Grenada St \$158,000	14021 Harrison St \$95,000	35264 W Chicago St \$126,000
<b>Northville</b>	18367 Blue Heron Dr E \$335,000				
<b>Plymouth</b>	9114 McClumpha Rd \$244,000	11619 Parkview Dr \$125,000	1381 Sheridan St \$180,000	47249 Timberwood Dr \$340,000	
<b>Redford</b>	19255 Garfield \$90,000	15501 Gaylord \$72,000	9553 Hazelton \$18,000	11738 Virgil \$45,000	8921 Winston \$59,000
<b>Westland</b>	7880 August Ave \$110,000	6760 Emily Ct \$110,000	7441 N Wildwood St \$103,000		

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- 32 Lumber
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**ESTATE AUCTION**  
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Cultural Center  
525 Farmer  
Plymouth, MI  
Antiques/Collectibles  
Furniture/Accessories  
Glassware/China  
Advertising Items  
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**BLOOMFIELD TWP**  
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4584 Covered Bridge Rd. N of Lone Pine, W of Franklin Rd. Fri April 16 - Sat April 17th, 9-3pm. House full of beautiful furniture & decorative items. Check website for details: stefektsld.com, 313-574-3039  
Street #'s honored  
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**CANTON**: 43750 Simsbury. Fri-Sat 9:30-4. Entire Home & Garage. Vintage Coca Cola Cooler, 60's dining room, Queen bdrm. Old Philco radio.

**LIVONIA**- April 15, 16 & 17. 9-3pm. No children's items. Men's x-ig clothing & entire home contents. 33970 Roycroft, N of 5 Mile, W of Farmington Rd.

**7110**  
Garage Sales

**PLYMOUTH'S OLD VILLAGE ANNUAL YARD SALES**  
Sat. April 17, 8am-3pm.  
Over 20 homes & shops.  
TRUNK SALE - Station 885.  
\$15 for 2 spaces.  
[www.oldvillageplymouth.com](http://www.oldvillageplymouth.com)  
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**PLYMOUTH YARD SALE**  
TONS of GYMBOREE, baby stuff, nursery set, and misc. April 16 & 17, 9am-4pm. 40355 Gilbert, Ann Arbor Trail & Haggerty.

**SOUTH LYON**- Builder's model home furnishing sale! Sat & Sun, 1-5pm. 26041 Daria Circle East. Furniture, pictures, accessories, & more!

**7130**  
Moving Sales

**CANTON** Moving Sale! April 15-17, 9-4pm. Tools, auto, shop, furniture, dishes, pots and pans. 7045 Clampton Ct, E of Sheldon, S of Warren.

**CANTON**  
Moving Sale - Everything Must Go! Lots of Tools, Pots and Pans, Silverware, Furniture. Thursday, April 15 thru 17. 7045 Clampton Ct., Canton, MI 48187

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**JOHNS STORAGE**  
12801 Inkster  
Livonia, MI 48150  
May 4, 2010, 12noon.  
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Clare Charles 811  
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Padiyar Satish 1111  
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**FARMINGTON HILLS**- Baby, Baby, Baby. Some Household. Sat. only. April 17, 8-12. 28204 Belcrest, S. of 12, btwn. Inkster & Middlebelt.

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383 Irvin

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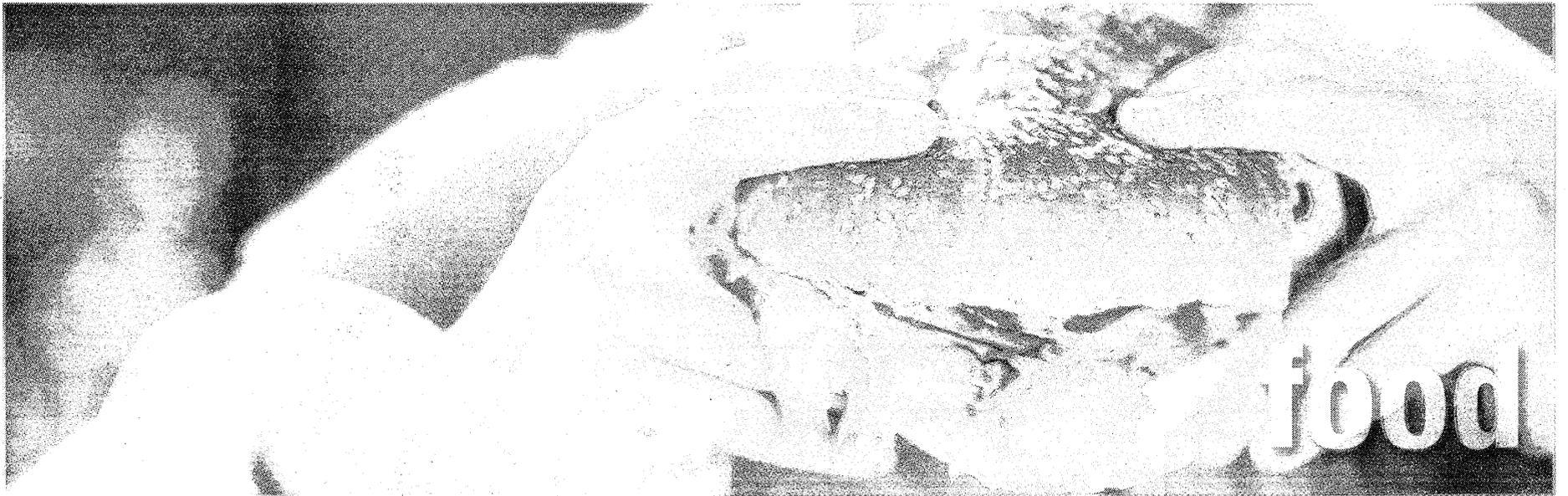
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# Learn how to do it yourself

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Theresa Krueger feels confident about tackling the tiling job in her bathroom after attending classes by The Home Depot at Summit on the Park in Canton. The mother of three young sons always wanted to learn to do it herself and the series made it easy.

Krueger is a widow and homeowner always with one eye on the budget. She plans to continue to take the free classes beginning May 6, when Canton Leisure Services partners once again with The Home Depot to offer handy tips for home improvement at the Canton store.

The first classes started in January and focused on interior painting, repairing drywall, upgrading lighting, installing pavers, and organic gardening. Krueger is organizing the new series on maintaining lawnmowers, pressure washing and staining decks, and weatherproofing homes for the summer.

"I definitely learned a lot," said Krueger.

"Tiling is a big job and you can get nervous about it. We were shown how to cut a tile, what tools to buy. They allowed us to put grout down and told us how to space your tile, how to lay it out in a straight line."

Once the bathroom is retiled and re-grouted Krueger plans to tackle drywall repairs.

"They brought walls in and showed us how to do small patches, large holes how to cut it out, cage it and mud it," said Krueger.

"We had DTE come in and help with energy efficiency. They told us about the most cost efficient light bulbs, showed us how much you saved and how much longer they last than the one you think you're getting a deal. In this economy it's a great way to save money."

## EXPERTS CAUTION

Experts have a few words of caution though for anyone trying to do it themselves. Joe Gagnon, The Appliance Doctor, recently spoke at a seminar for the Northville-Novu American Association of University Women at ACE Hardware in Novi. He was joined by business owners specializing in furnaces, painting and carpet cleaning.

"Either talk to an expert to give you the advice you need or get a book and read about the product," said Gagnon, a Northville resident and columnist for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

Gagnon has been answering questions about appliance repairs on his radio show for more than 25 years. He can be heard 8-11 a.m. Saturdays on WAAM 1600.

"There's a trick to everything, the easy method," said Gagnon. "You can e-mail or call me on the telephone and describe the problem. Once you explain how to get into the product and explain what's wrong 99 percent of consumers can figure it out. There are many cases where people can fix it."

Gagnon and experts in a variety of areas will be available to talk about easy fixes at the Northville-Novu AAUW home tour in September in Northville.

Valorie, Gagnon's wife, is on the programming committee. She came up with the idea for the ACE seminar after hearing about a similar event in Maine.

"We wanted them to talk about things that would help women maintain their homes so we wouldn't need to depend on the men in our lives," said Valorie Gagnon, a retired school principal.

At a recent DIY seminar, Bob Slack, owner of ACE Hardware in Novi, talked about cleaning out drains. He was a pipe fitter for 30 years in the automotive industry. A Pink seminar with Slack's wife, Karen, and daughter, Kendal, focused on paint color selection and how paint has changed.

## SCHEDULE PROGRAMS

Slack is open to any group wanting to present a similar program at ACE.

Customer education is No. 1 at the family-owned business. One man wanted to replace the entire drain system in his home when he only needed a few gaskets that cost pennies. Another came in and asked how to hook up a dishwasher and disposal. Slack drew him a picture.

"The biggest mistake is they don't know the steps involved. For example in painting, there's a lot of preparation steps before applying paint, cleaning and sanding," said Slack of Milford. "Sometimes people have a lot of problems with simple plumbing repairs. It's really not complicated. Sometimes they over-think it. Most anything you run into around the house, we can help you. We can help with a wall switch, just remember to shut the power off. A panel box it's better to call a professional, same with cleaning out a sewer with a snake."

Hardware stores are frequently a good



Homeowners ask questions during a seminar for the Northville-Novu American Association of University Women at ACE Hardware in Novi.

source of information for do-it-yourselfers according to David Orr, maintenance director for the 35th District Court, Plymouth District Library and Housing Commission. He's been in the business more than 30 years.

Orr says becoming knowledgeable about a product is key to doing a repair the right way. Public libraries have entire sections on do-it-yourself books, an excellent way to learn. Orr also recommends radio shows like Joe Gagnon and Murray Gula heard on 1130 WDFN.

"Safety is No. 1 when it comes to doing it yourself," said Orr.

"Make sure to review all safety regulations. Contact product manufacturers, consult building code books and manuals at the library.

"A building department or tradesperson can even alert you to what you can safely do. Code-wise, if you're doing something, make sure that it's going to meet industry standards for anyone in the future who's going to own the home," said Orr.

The most frequent mistakes a do-it-yourselfer makes are using the wrong material and not researching safety regulations.

"Anything electrical, know how to test a device to make sure it's off," said Orr. "If you want to dim lights in a home, buy the appropriate device for the number of lights you're trying to control. Don't create a larger problem by not having the water shut off when you remove a faucet."

ACO offers do-it-yourself pamphlets. Home centers like Lowe's present workshops. Even with his experience, Orr researches applications and materials for a project beforehand and questions if he has the capability to fix the problem.

"You can get in over your head. It can turn into a costly endeavor and you end up calling a professional anyway," said Orr.

Flooring is a project that homeowners can

tackle. It used to take a skilled tradesman but today's materials make it a project just about anybody is able to complete successfully.

"Knowledge is everything," said Orr.

"TV programs like *This Old House* and *HomeTime* can tell you some of the tricks of the trade that they've learned through the school of hard knocks. Take into account safety of yourself and those around you. Don't take shortcuts. You could end up hurt or with a bad job."

For information about Canton Leisure Services/Home Depot classes beginning May 6, call (734) 394-5360.

E-mail Joe Gagnon at [appldr@mi.rr.com](mailto:appldr@mi.rr.com). Hear Murray Gula on 1130 WDFN. \*

## DIY CLASSES

Canton Leisure Services and The Home Depot team up to share home improvement tips with do-it-yourselfers. Classes begin 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 6, at The Home Depot, 39825 Ford Road, Canton.

Pre-registration required even though classes are free. Call Canton Leisure Services at (734) 394-5460.

- May 6 – Create a container garden for mom
- May 13 – Pressure wash, stain and accessorize a deck
- June 3 – Mower selection and maintenance
- June 10 – Selecting and planting perennials
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# Home improvement: Whether you hire a pro or do-it-yourself this issue is for you

Dear Readers:

This edition of *Hometown Life Inspire* is chock full of information — advertisements, advertorials and stories — on how to spruce up your home.

Look for a special *Spring Home Improvement* section tucked inside today's edition. The business owners are local and available to answer your questions.

In today's economy, it pays to shop locally for products and services. We hope our special section will link you up with the local business owner who has the product or service that meets your home improvement need.

Nothing means spring more than the urge to clean-up, fix-up and improve our homes. And don't forget to stay green while cleaning.

Check out these special pages for project ideas, local landscapers and renovators who can do just about anything — restrain your deck, update your siding, install custom stonework and more.

*Hometown Life Inspire* readers are primarily homeowners, so it's only natural that *Inspire* focus on what means the most to them.

There are lots of do-it-yourself wannabes out there, so be sure to read Contributing Writer Linda Chomin's story on local classes and help available to DIYers.



## TELL US ABOUT YOUR DIY PROJECT

For future editions, tell us and show us your DIY project.

E-mail [inspire@hometownlife.com](mailto:inspire@hometownlife.com) and provide a few details on a project that you completed. Tell us where you bought your materials, why you decided to tackle the project yourself and any help/guidance/advice you received. Take a photo of the finished project and send it to [inspire@hometownlife.com](mailto:inspire@hometownlife.com) (jpg format please). Your project may be featured in an upcoming edition of *Hometown Life Inspire*.

## IN THIS ISSUE

Contributing Writer Diane Gale Andreassi offers up a long list of upcoming events for your summertime enjoyment. Who says you have to travel far to have a good time? Check out our list of local and regional festivals, art fairs, musical offerings and special events.

Tech Savvy Contributor Mike Hogan writes about how to take technology camping and hiking this summer.

Nothing demonstrates the unification of camping and technology more than "geocaching," writes Hogan. Using any GPS device or GPS-enabled phone, participants can take part in a worldwide treasure hunt.

Staying with the outdoor theme, readers looking for a scenic place to work out should be sure to read Sally Rummel's story on Metroparks. A great place for a walk or run any time of year, Metroparks are local jewels.

Rounding out the list of must-reads in today's *Inspire* are stories on how to slim down that fat cat or dog you love, local music events, new DVD and first-run movies releases and burgers on the grill.

Spend some time with *Inspire* in print and online. It's all local and all about you!

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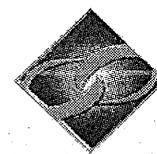
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# Destination: Summer festivals in Metro Detroit and beyond

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Have you ever noticed that when you're on vacation you try to see and do everything you can? Going to a local park and having a picnic is a treat, and there's a real effort to take in all the art fairs, festivals and other local happenings possible.

But, somehow, at home we often take for granted all the wonderful things going on right here in our own backyards.

This spring and summer, communities throughout Michigan are packed with interesting and fun things to do — from kite flying in Lyon Township to Flower Day at Eastern Market in Detroit, the Holland Tulip Festival and Plymouth's Art in the Park.

Some attractions, like the Scottish Highland games at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia, bring thousands of spectators.

Metro Detroit has some of the best parks in

the world, like Hines Drive, traveling along the Middle Rouge River for more than 15 miles from Dearborn to Northville. Kensington Metro-Park in Milford features 1,200 acres of water, hiking, biking and skiing trails with spectacular wildlife, including white tailed deer, fish and birds of all sorts.

Heritage Park in Farmington Hills features 211 acres of hills, meadows, wetlands and forests, including 4.5 miles of trails for hiking and nature study.

Art fairs abound throughout the state promise to please, but if you're looking for something out of the ordinary check out the bat fest at Cranbrook in July or a festival celebrating the asparagus harvest in Shelby Township in June.

Get a head start and fill your calendar early so you don't miss out on fun things to do.

More than 2,200 people showed up for the inaugural Lyon Township Kite Festival last year.

"There are as many adult kite flyers as there are kids," explains John Bell, vice-chairman of the Lyon Township Downtown Development Authority. "It's part of our program to invite people to come visit our city."

That's just what happened when many curious drivers exited on Milford Road from I-96 when they saw the flock of kites filling the skies adjacent to the expressway. There were as many as 100 kites of all sizes and colors flying at any given time, Bell says.

There are plenty a flying objects during the St. Andrews Society of Detroit Annual Highland Games at Greenmead in Livonia. The event attracts 10,000 visitors from around the country and Canada.

You don't have to be Scottish to enjoy a wee bit of Scotland watching athletes toss a 20-foot spruce log weighing about 120 pounds. The contestant runs and releases the caber heaving it forward with the intent of making it bounce

end over end. Every year the Highland Game spectators enjoy numerous other athletic events, the sounds of bagpipes, Scottish foods, a parade of clans and more.

This year is the 161st year of the games, which is the oldest continuous Highland Games in North America, says Cathy Hasse, chairman of the event.

The games attract 10,000 to 12,000 people. The cost is \$10 in advance for tickets and kids 12 and younger are free.

"We want to teach people about Scotland," Hasse says. "It is open for anyone. It is a nice family event."

"We do a number of functions throughout the year," explains Linda Wiacek, Greenmead recreation supervisor. "We try to offer things to people of all ages. This is a park where people can come and spend the day for free. People love walking the nature trails and look at the beautiful flower gardens." \*

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### Green Street Fair

The third annual event in downtown Plymouth is April 30-May 2. The event was founded to educate people about the benefits of green, organic and eco-friendly products and services. Companies, artisans, entertainers, workshops and speakers will be available. Contact Terri O'Brien at 734-454-6605, e-mail [terri@streetmktg.com](mailto:terri@streetmktg.com) or visit [www.greenstreetfair.com](http://www.greenstreetfair.com).



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### West Artist Market

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Enjoy the world's largest free country concert, May 14-16 in Hart Plaza in downtown Detroit. Visit [www.americajr.com/entertainment](http://www.americajr.com/entertainment).

### Livonia Garden Club Plant Sharing

Bring your perennials to share, 9-11 a.m. May 15 at Greenmead Historical Park. Attendees brings their plants, puts them out on the

tables and helps themselves to what they want. Visit [www.ci.livonia.mi.us](http://www.ci.livonia.mi.us) or call Liz for more information at 734-425-6880.

### Art Birmingham

A fine arts festival May 15-16 on South Old Woodward south of Maple. More than 100 juried artists will be involved. Visit [www.theguild.org](http://www.theguild.org) or call 734-662-3382.

### Eastern Market Flower Day

Attended by more than 150,000 people annually, Flower Day at Eastern Market is May 16 and is one of the largest flower shows in the country. Members of the Metro Detroit Flower Growers Association (MDFGA) and hundreds of flower growers from Michigan, Canada and neighboring states attend. More than 15 acres of annuals, perennials, foliage, shrubbery, trees, exotics, tropical plants, flats, hanging baskets and more will be available for purchase. Visit [www.easternmarket.com](http://www.easternmarket.com) or call 313-833-9300 ext. 101.

### World Expo of Beer

This is a festival for beer tasting enthusiasts who can enjoy sampling varieties of beer from 50 breweries while listening to music and browsing souvenir booths, May 21-22 in Heritage Park on Weiss Street in Frankenmuth. For ticket

information call 1-800-FUN-FEST. Visit [www.frankenmuthfestival.com](http://www.frankenmuthfestival.com).

### South East Oakland Arts & Crafts Fair

The Ferndale Secondary PTSA is hosting its inaugural fair to showcase creativity in the community, May 22 at Ferndale High School. Visit [www.seoartfair.com](http://www.seoartfair.com).

### Green Meadows Native Lands

Greenmead in Livonia hosts this annual event May 25-27, showcasing different cultures. Visit [www.ci.livonia.mi.us](http://www.ci.livonia.mi.us), [www.greenmead@ci.livonia.mi.us](http://www.greenmead@ci.livonia.mi.us) or call 248-477-7375 and 248-426-7404.

## JUNE

### Lyon Township Kite Festival

The 2nd Annual Lyon Township Kite Festival is June 5 at James F. Atchison Park, 58000 Grand River Ave., New Hudson. The festival features kite flying of all types and for all ages. Kite kits will be available to decorate and assemble for the children and purchase for adults. Visit [www.mfea.org](http://www.mfea.org) or call 248-437-2240.

### 2010 Art in the Park

This 20th anniversary celebration is June 5-6 in Township Square in downtown Pinckney. More than 140 artists and fine crafters will be on hand along with children's activities and food including a special Michigan Products section. Visit [www.brightoncoc.org](http://www.brightoncoc.org) or call 810-227-5086.

### Art on the Grand

This fine arts fair takes place on Grand River Avenue in downtown Farmington in Memorial Park, June 5-6. This event is part of the 41-year-old Farmington Founders Festival and is intended to highlight the arts. Artists from all over the country exhibit paintings, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, metal, wood and fiber art for sale in their booths. Visit [www.downtownfarmington.org](http://www.downtownfarmington.org) or call 248-473-1870.

### Greenmead Flea Market

Sponsored by the Livonia Historical Society from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 6 at Greenmead Historical Park, this event includes a wide variety of antiques, collectibles and garage sale items excluding clothes. Visit [www.ci.livonia.mi.us](http://www.ci.livonia.mi.us) or call 248-477-7375.

**AUGUST**



Canton Liberty Fest is June 17-19.

**Motor City Pride**

This gay pride festival in downtown Ferndale has a tentative schedule of June 6-7 and attracts more than 35,000 people. Motor City Pride is an annual outdoor street festival celebrating the love, lives and diversity of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender (GLBT) and allied communities in Michigan. The event strives to educate, empower and entertain the broader community on issues facing the GLBT community. Visit [www.motorcitypride.com](http://www.motorcitypride.com) or call 313-537-7000.

**Bavarian Festival**

A German heritage festival with amusement rides and entertainment, June 10-13 at Heritage Park in Frankenmuth. For ticket information call 1-800-FUN-FEST. Visit [www.frankenmuthfestival.com](http://www.frankenmuthfestival.com).

**National Asparagus Festival**

Celebrate the asparagus harvest with an arts and crafts fair, food, farm tours, motorcycle poker run, a parade and entertainment June 11-13 in Shelby. Visit [www.nationalasparagusfestival.org](http://www.nationalasparagusfestival.org) or call 1-800-870-9786.

**No.VI Restaurant in Tour in Novi**

Enjoy buffet style meals, cash bar and networking at local Novi restaurants and pubs June 15 (date is subject to change). Use your own transportation or ride the Party Van. Registration cost is \$35. Visit [www.novichamber.com](http://www.novichamber.com) or call 248-349-3743.

**Canton Liberty Fest**

This annual community festival includes live entertainment, carnival rides, artisans, food and more June 17-19, ending with fireworks Saturday evening. Visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org).

**River Days**

A three day festival celebrating Detroit's maritime and ecological culture June 18-20. Enjoy performance art and a taste of Detroit with restaurants represented. Fireworks are planned for June 21 on the riverfront. Visit [www.detroitriverdays.com](http://www.detroitriverdays.com) or call 313-566-8200.

**Belleville National Strawberry Festival**

This city-wide festival June 18-20 celebrates the strawberry harvest. This year's festival includes Team Extreme BMX stunt show, the Detroit Pistons Year Round Hoops Truck, carnival rides and games, continuous live entertainment and concerts, strawberry treats, a parade, beer tent, car show and swap and more. Visit [www.nationalstrawberryfest.com](http://www.nationalstrawberryfest.com) or call 313-383-8920.

**Target Fireworks**

See the Detroit riverfront fireworks June 21 as presented by the Parade Company.

**Taste of Two Cities**

Participants visit 10 restaurants and are invited to taste entrées June 16. For \$20, the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber is taking participants in a van to the eateries. Traditionally, about 300 people are involved. Visit [www.gfachamber.com](http://www.gfachamber.com) or call 248-919-6917.

**Livonia Spree**

The 60th Annual Livonia Spree is June 22-27. The week-long birthday party for the city features entertainment, carnival rides, art, food, children's activities and more. Visit [www.ci.livonia.mi.us](http://www.ci.livonia.mi.us) or call 734-466-2200.

**Michigan Challenge Balloonfest**

Join the state championship of hot air ballooning featuring 50 balloons

June 25-27 in Howell. The weekend is full of events like, skydiving jumps, kids' activities, dog shows, an arts festival, music, a car show, family entertainment, downtown activities and more. Visit [www.michiganchallenge.com](http://www.michiganchallenge.com) or call 517-546-3920.

**Jazzin' on Jefferson**

Jazzin' on Jefferson in Detroit is a free street festival celebrating jazz, blues and the gospel heritage of the East Jefferson Neighborhood on June 26. The festival will feature a variety of local, regional and national jazz, blues and gospel acts, a juried artist market, a wide selection of ethnic and continental foods and activities for children. Call 313-331-7939.

**Chrysler Jeep Superstore APBA Gold Cup Regatta**

This year marks the 101st year of the APBA Gold Cup, America's oldest trophy in motor sports, June 25-27 in Detroit. There will be a mix of Unlimited Hydroplane, with Offshore Cats, Automotive Powered Hydroplanes, Vintage Race Boats and Superlight Tunnels Inflatables. An air show will be held between races. Call 586-774-0980.

**Arts and Acts /Art in the Sun**

The streets of downtown Northville will shine with a brilliant display of art June 25-27. About 130 exhibitors from across the United States will take part in one of Michigan's best-juried art shows. Enjoy the Victorian atmosphere of Northville, special sales presented by downtown merchants, and experience outdoor dining while listening to entertainment in the newly designed Town Square. Visit [www.mfea.org](http://www.mfea.org) or call 248-344-0497.

**Westland Summer Festival**

A carnival culminated with fireworks will be held June 26-July 4 in the City Hall parking lot at Ford and Central City Parkway. Visit [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com) or call 734-722-7620.

**JULY**

**Orchard Lake Fine Art Show**

The 8th Annual Orchard Lake Fine Art show is July 3-Aug. 1 in West Bloomfield/Bloomfield Hills. This juried fine arts and fine crafts event features 175 award winning artists from around the world. It was voted by "Sunshine Artist Magazine" in the top 100 art shows in the

country the last three years. Food, art demonstrations, children's art activities, youth and teen art competitions will be available. Call 248-685-3748.

**National Cherry Festival Arts & Crafts Fair**

The National Cherry Festival events, July 3-10, in Traverse City include free air shows over the Bay, colorful parades, music shows and lots of luscious cherries prepared every way you can imagine. The event attracts more than 100,000 people to the Grand Traverse Region. It is a juried and invitational fair for about 200 fine artists and craftsmen. The festival is located in downtown Traverse City near West Grand Traverse Bay. Entertainment and food vendors will be available. Visit [www.mfea.org](http://www.mfea.org) or call 1-800-968-3380.

**Plymouth Art in the Park**

Plymouth's annual Art in the Park is stocked with artists, crafters and many other vendors July 9-11 in downtown Plymouth. Visit [www.artinthepark.com](http://www.artinthepark.com).

**20th Annual Metro Detroit Youth Day**

This annual event is expected to draw more than 35,000 youngsters and 1,200 volunteers July 10 on Belle Isle in Detroit. There are some 290 organizational sponsors and more than 250 business sponsors. There will be a variety of games, contests, sports clinics, entertainment and a free lunch at noon. The event is 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Event organizers will give out 45 college scholarships and honor students for academic achievement and community service. Call 586-393-8800.

**Farmington Founders Festival**

Downtown Farmington invites you to "Go Play in the Streets" July 15-17 for a weekend of music, art and fun for all ages. Stroll through the Crafter's Marketplace, visit the main stage for great music and catch a movie under the stars. Cheer on a parade, make crafts with the kids and run around the Go Playground. There's lots to see and do. More than 250,000 visitors are expected. Visit [www.foundersfestival.com](http://www.foundersfestival.com) or call 248-477-1199.

**Michigan Shakespeare Festival**

The Michigan Shakespeare Festival presents professional theater celebrating some of the Bard's most notable works July 15-Aug.

8 at the Boughman Theater on the campus of Jackson Community College in Jackson. Performances include, "The Tempest" and "As You Like It." The festival will also feature "Side By Side By Sondheim." A free family show, "Laffin' School," will be presented each Saturday morning. Visit [www.michiganshakespearefestival.com](http://www.michiganshakespearefestival.com) or call 517-998-3673.



Plymouth Art in the Park is July 9-11.

**The Original Ann Arbor Street Art Fair**

The Ann Arbor Street Art Fair is 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. July 21-24. Established in 1960, the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair is the original of the four Ann Arbor award winning art fairs attracting over 500,000 attendees from across the nation. It showcases innovative artwork and activities, including artist demonstrations, and performing artists, as well as ArtZone activities for kids and families, Emerging Artists from local colleges, Food at the Fountain, guided tours and workshops. Visit [www.artfair.org](http://www.artfair.org) or call 734-994-5260.

**2010 I ART Festival in Redford**

Sponsored by the Redford Parks and Arts Conservancy, this festival is July 24-25 at the Marquis in Redford Township. The "I" stands for interactive theater, drama, spoken word, music and dance. Interactive art stations and a kids' area will be included. Visit [www.rpaconservancy.org](http://www.rpaconservancy.org) or call 313-303-8911.

**Nortville Grub Crawl**

Visit 12 restaurants in Northville and Northville Township July 27. A shuttle bus option is offered. Cost is \$35. Visit [www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org) or call 248-349-7640.

**Highland Games**

St. Andrews Society of Detroit Annual Highland Games are held at Livonia's historic Greenmead at Eight Mile and Newburgh roads. Enjoy a variety of Scottish programs including athletics, dance, bagpipe competitions, food and entertainment from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 7. Visit [www.highlandgames.com](http://www.highlandgames.com) or call 248-477-7375 for more information.

**2010 Brighton Fine Arts Festival**

The Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce's 27th Annual (Juried) Fine Arts Festival offers music, food and free parking & shuttle service Aug. 14-15 in downtown Brighton. Call 810-227-5086 for more information.

**Woodward Dream Cruise**

The world's largest one-day automotive event runs from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Aug. 21 along Woodward Avenue through Berkley, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Township, Ferndale, Huntington Woods, Pleasant Ridge, Pontiac and Royal Oak. Visit [www.woodwarddreamcruise.com](http://www.woodwarddreamcruise.com) or call 248-672-6118.

**Traverse City Wine & Art Festival**

This annual event happens Aug. 21 event at the Grand Traverse Commons, featuring a celebration of food and culture. There will be 25 wineries from the Leelanau and Old Mission Peninsula Vintners Association. Tickets are limited and may be purchased online at [www.traversecitywinefestival.com](http://www.traversecitywinefestival.com) for \$20 each. Visit [www.traversecitywinefestival.com](http://www.traversecitywinefestival.com) or call 231-256-2829.

**Milford Memories Summer Festival**

Enjoy browsing rows and rows of art at Milford's premiere art festival Aug. 13-15 in downtown Milford. Visit [www.milfordmemoies.com](http://www.milfordmemoies.com) or call 248-685-7129.

**AMC Car Show**

Greenmead Historical Park hosts its annual car show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit [www.ci.livonia.mi.us](http://www.ci.livonia.mi.us) or [www.greenmead@ci.livonia.mi.us](http://www.greenmead@ci.livonia.mi.us) or call 248-477-7375 and 248-426-7404.

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# Scenic workouts: Enjoy the backdrop of Michigan in the spring

By SALLY RUMMEL  
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Whether you enjoy a scenic walk through local hills and valleys or prefer a more heart-pounding workout on a fast track, local runners and walkers will have plenty of opportunities this spring to enjoy their sport.

The 13 Huron-Clinton Metroparks in Michigan's southeast counties of Wayne, Washtenaw, Livingston, Oakland and Macomb have dusted off winter's last snow and are ready to greet millions of novice and serious athletes who plan to hit the ground running (or walking).

Totalling 24,000 acres arranged along the Huron River and Clinton River forming a partial ring around the metro area, this regional park system welcomes about 9.5 million visitors a year. The Metroparks include about 45 miles of paved hike/bike trails at nine of their locations for walking, bicycling and in-line skating.

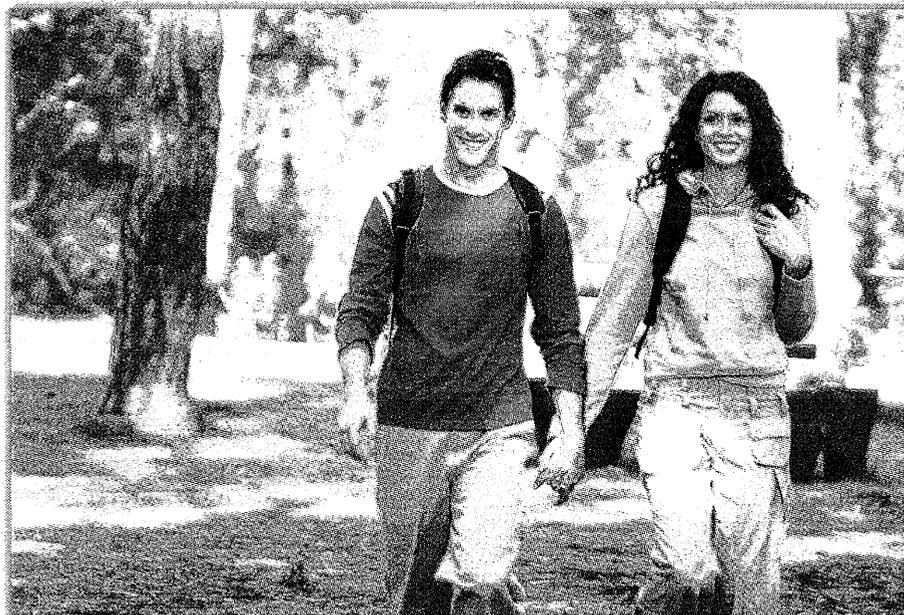
The largest of the parks are Kensington and Stony Creek, with 4,481 acres and 4,461 acres, respectively. Each park has been endowed with wooded, hilly terrains and many have paved paths of gentle hills with a few challenging inclines. What they all have in common are miles and miles of panoramic views.

The views alone, complete with nature's sounds of wildlife and birds, will make the scenic workouts a much more welcome event than the tedium of winter treadmill walking.

If sprinting or walking are not exercise enough, Kensington boasts a fitness track with 20 stations on a turf exercise trail — offering avid exercisers a chance to use pullup bars, balance beam, overhead ladder and more. Other parks offer their own amenities, too, from mountain biking challenge courses to disc golf ranges.

Whether you like to sprint, slide, cycle, paddle or throw, there is a spring activity awaiting at a local metropark.

With spring park hours from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., there are plenty of hours to get in a workout, no matter what your daily schedule. An annual pass of \$25 for unlimited use will provide residents who enjoy the great outdoors with a scenic backdrop to their regular exercise program.



Whichever sport you choose, part of the joy of pursuing the sport and increasing your skills is joining other individuals who share the same passion.

The 13 parks in the Metroparks system include:

- Delhi Metropark, 53 acres
- Dexter-Huron Metropark, 122 acres
- Hudson Mills Metropark, 1,549 acres
- Huron Meadows Metropark, 1,540 acres
- Indian Springs Metropark, 2,215 acres
- Kensington Metropark, 4,481 acres
- Lake Erie Metropark, 1,607 acres
- Lower Huron Metropark, 1,258 acres
- Metro Beach, 770 acres
- Oakwoods Metropark, 1,756 acres
- Stony Creek Metropark, 4,461 acres
- Willow Metropark, 1,700 acres
- Wolcott Mill Metropark, 2,625 acres

Whether you prefer to walk or to run during a scenic workout is an individual choice, each with its own benefits. While low-impact walking is considered safer for one's joints and a good cardio workout, runners will expend more calories in a shorter amount of time, making permanent weight loss a more natural outcome of the sport. The high-impact nature of running may cause joint inflammation for some, while others will appreciate its long-term effect on bone density.

Whichever sport you choose, part of the joy of pursuing the sport and increasing your skills is joining other individuals who share

the same passion. There are walking and running clubs throughout southeast Michigan, for serious devotees of the sport to more casual, occasional participants who walk or run "for the fun of it."

Most clubs have their own Web site with specific information as to meet times, training events, special race dates, etc. (see sidebar for the names of a few area groups, plus Web sites to get you started).

If you have led a more sedentary lifestyle and would like to get more active, active.com offers a "Couch-to-5K Running Plan" that offers a beginner's schedule to get new runners "off the couch" and onto the roads — running three miles in just two months.

Many people get turned off to running, simply because they start off too fast, said Josh Clark on the active.com Web site. You should ease into a running program gradually. This "Couch-to-5K Running Plan" is actually more of a walking/jogging program than a running regime. Each session should take about 20-30 minutes, just three times a week.

Whether you walk or run to the nearest park or pavement, it's strictly up to you. The important thing is to get out there and enjoy a Michigan spring. ☀

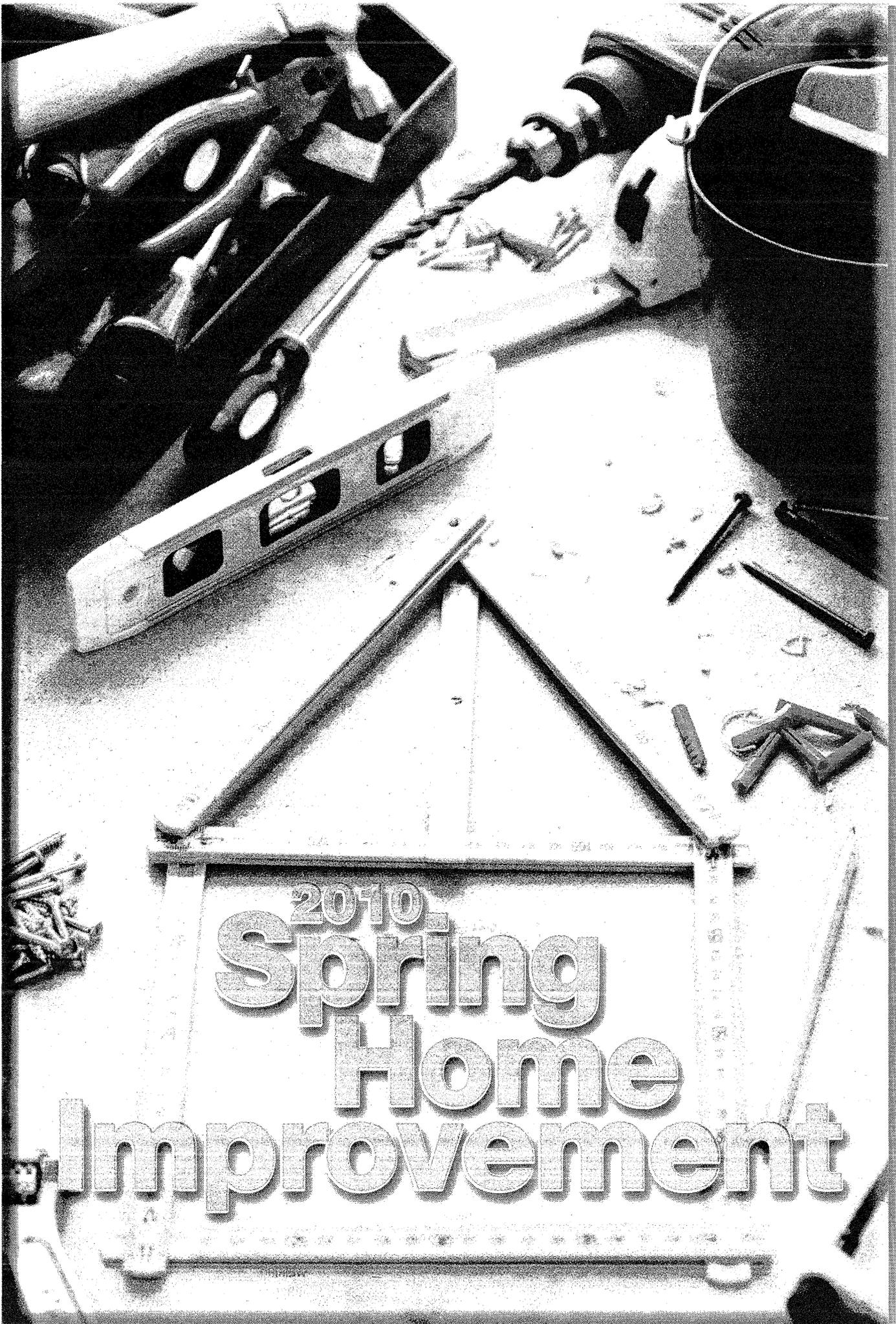
## WORKOUT GROUPS

There are literally dozens and dozens of groups that meet for running and/or walking. Here are just a few to get you started:

- Canton Connection Dirt Road Divas — A fun running club with a "no one gets left behind" policy. Members primarily run the dirt roads of the Canton/Plymouth area, and also sponsor guest talks on nutrition, racing, shoe fittings, etc. The club sponsors a "fun run" every July to benefit the Post Partum Support Group of Ann Arbor.
- Stony Creek Running Club — Its goal is to promote running as a healthy lifestyle for members of all ages and abilities while encouraging friendship and social interaction. Members often meet as a group to train for and race major events such as the Crim and Detroit Marathon and often meet for a postrace party. Year-round club runs are Saturdays and Sundays with some members running together Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Northville Road Runners — They meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings, welcoming runners and walkers of all abilities.
- Huron Valley Running Club — It meets for Tuesday night runs at 6 p.m., choosing between three- and six-mile runs. It also sponsors the 10th annual Labor Day 30K Race in Milford on Saturday, Sept. 4.
- South Lyon Area Striders Running Club — It runs every Wednesday for varying distances at 6:30 p.m. out of the Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists of South Lyon (11 Mile and Pontiac Trail, next to Rite Aid). Members also host field trips and run most Saturdays at Kensington Metropark.

## RUNNING/WALKING WEB SITES

runmichigan.com  
walkers.meetup.com  
runningfit.com  
active.com  
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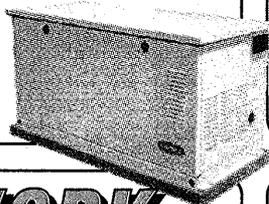
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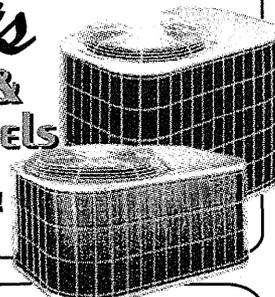


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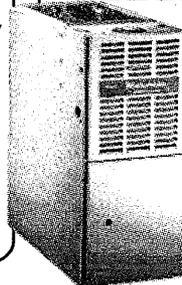
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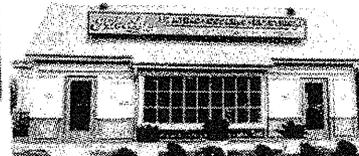
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# Spring Home Improvement

ADVERTISING FEATURE — BY SALLY RUMMEL

## Ready, Set, Spring!

Refresh your home with ideas from local experts

Spring is the time for fresh beginnings, and there's "no place like home" to get started on projects that have hibernated all winter.

From the wear and tear of winter on the inside of your home to sprucing up outdoors, there are plenty of activities to keep homeowners busy this spring.

And you aren't alone — there are a number of local professionals who can either do the work for you or get you started on your own do-it-yourself project.

### Start inside with floor updates

If your flooring is in need of spring home improvement, prices have never been better for many of the most popular flooring options.

"Our prices are down 20 to 30 percent on wood floors, compared to what they were two or three years ago," said Ron Williams of Perfect Floors in South Lyon and Rochester. "Whether you purchase the wood from us and install it yourself or let our experienced installers do it

for you, the prices are better than they have been in years. We're continuing to offer our 'free labor sale,' as well."

People who enjoy the durability and the comfort of carpeting will really appreciate the extended warranties now available from most manufacturers.

"Warranties used to expire after four or five years, but now many manufacturers are guaranteeing their products against stain and wear for a 'lifetime' of the carpet, however long you own the home," Williams said.

D.E. McNabb Carpet in Milford knows a thing or two about the importance of durability in flooring. As the supplier of carpet/flooring for 30-40 auto shows throughout the country, including the North American Auto Show in Detroit, they have the experience and knowledge to provide homeowners with the same levels of quality and wearability through their residential division.

One of the newest features of carpeting is "SmartStrand" tech-



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Turn your dining room space into a larger, more functional kitchen/dining area that serves as both.

nology, a fiber made by DuPont and trademarked by Mohawk. Made with renewably sourced polymer, SmartStrand features break-through stain protection in each fiber with no chemicals to apply.

"Hardwood floors are also becoming more stain-resistant, with manufacturers adding Scotchguard, which is also bacteria-resistant," said Chris Hart, director of retail sales for McNabb. "Companies are becoming more and more conscious of the importance of pet and child stain-resistant flooring, because that's what homeowners are asking for."

D.E. McNabb Carpet is helping to re-invent the Michigan economy by using all union installers who are licensed and experienced.

"We're proud to be keeping Michigan workers employed," Hart said.

### Kitchen and bath updates

Have you ever thought about taking your dining room space and creating a larger, more functional kitchen/dining area that serves as both?

If so, you're in good company. "More and more people are deciding to expand their kitchen space by eliminating their dining room. A dining room is obsolete in most of today's building plans," said Jim Seghi of Seghi



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Renovations in South Lyon.

"People are opting to create a larger kitchen area in which their family can gather and dine in one space."

Seghi is seeing the same trend in bathrooms, with many homeowners deciding to remove the bathtub and replace it with a large, more functional shower. An on-staff designer and computerized drawings help people visualize what some of these changes would look like in their own homes, according to Seghi.

### Revitalize your deck

Before you rent a power washer and carve out an entire weekend of beautiful spring weather to revitalize your deck, consider the maintenance-free possibilities of re-facing your deck.

At Vargo Building & Remodeling, Inc. in South Lyon, deck specialists can re-face the deck using the same structure but changing the boards into composite decking materials that require almost no maintenance.

This family-owned home remodeling and "handy man" company employs two full-time building specialists who can perform many of the tasks that homeowners don't have time to do — from decking to drywall, even hanging pictures.

"We're seeing more and more people make high-end improve-

ments on their home because they know they will be staying in them for a long time, and they want to enjoy their home," said Johnny Vargo.

### Use better mulch

How would you like to use a mulching product that you wouldn't have to replace year after year, that would retain its same color and not disintegrate?

Iversons Lumber, which moved to its new Highland location in spring, 2009, offers this mulch, which is manufactured by Rubber Resources under the name "Everlast." It comes in 1.15-cubic-foot bags and is easy to handle and spread.

"A little goes a long way," said one homeowner who used this product for the first time last year. "It may be more expensive per bag than regular mulch, but it goes much farther and lasts 'forever.'"

"This rubber mulch comes in black, cypress, and dark brown," said store manager Bob Brown. "Not only is made from recycled materials, but its durability will keep it in place without blowing away. Because there aren't any sharp pieces, it's ideal for children's playground areas, too."

These are just a few ideas to "jumpstart" your spring home improvement imagination.

ADVERTISING FEATURE — BY ALISON BERGSIEKER

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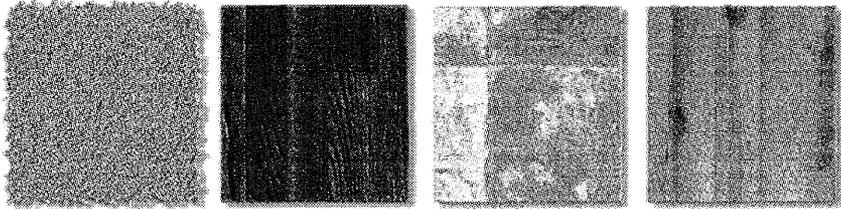
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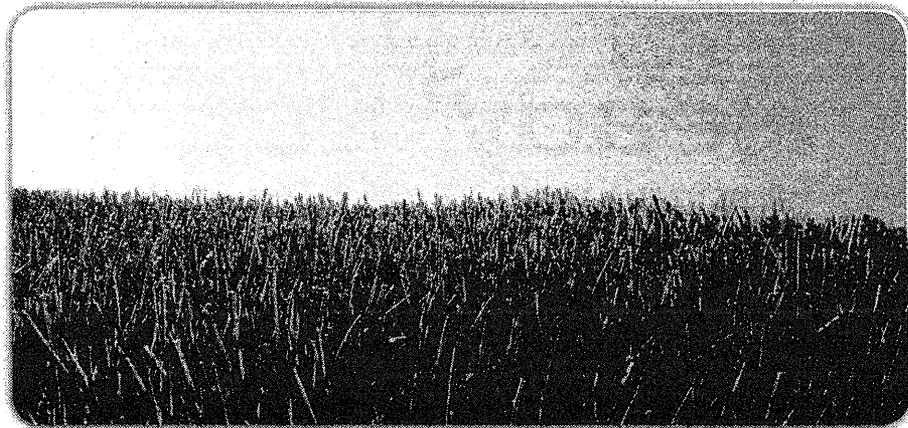


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# Green-spiration

Taking care of your little patch of planet earth

A thriving lawn is more than a soft, friendly playground. It can help cool the environment and clean the air. And it's not hard to practice a little backyard environmentalism — here's how it works and what you can do to take good care of your lawn.

### Keeping it cool

Through its natural processes, grass releases water to stay cool, much the same way our bodies stay cool through perspiration. Water evaporating from your lawn absorbs excess heat to keep a constant cool temperature. Because your lawn stays cool, the air above it can be as much as 30 degrees cooler than it is above your driveway, patio or sidewalks.

### Cleaning the air

An average lawn has over 11 million individual grass plants. These little green machines work 24/7 to trap dirt, dust and impurities from the air. And like all plants, grass absorbs carbon dioxide and releases oxygen, making it possible for us breathe a little easier.

### How to have a people and earth friendly lawn

• Well-fed lawns are strong and vibrant. In general, feeding two to four times a year will build a lawn that is ready to stand up to weeds, heat, drought and insects. If your lawn doesn't get much activity from the kids, pets or parties, 2 to 3 feedings is enough. Feeding a couple of times a year also applies if the spring and fall seasons where you live are only a few months long. If your grass is used for ball games or parties, you'll want to feed 3 to 4 times a year so the grass can regenerate and withstand wear and tear.

• Choose a fertilizer that says "for lawns" on the bag and has a spreader setting.

All-purpose fertilizers don't have the right nutrient balance for lawns and may not even have spreader settings to apply the right amount.

• Set your mower to one of the highest cut settings to give your grass an advantage over heat, drought, weeds and bugs — and make lawn care simpler. Mowing high means more grass leaves and therefore more deep roots that reach water in the soil better. Longer grass blades crowd out weeds, capture rain water better and reduce moisture loss from the soil.

• Mow and feed your lawn at the same time by leaving grass clippings on your lawn. These break down quickly and recycle nutrients back into the soil.

• Sweep any fertilizer and grass clippings that land on driveways and sidewalks back into the lawn to keep nutrients where the grass can use these for food.

In many parts of the country, Mother Nature provides enough water for your grass to survive. These tips should guide you to deciding if you need to water.

• Sometimes when it's hot and dry, the lawn will go dormant and turn brown. Don't worry. Grass will bounce back again once it rains, especially if you've fed it well and mowed high.

• If you use your lawn as an extension of your living space, then your grass will let you know when it needs a drink. It will turn dull in color and footprints appear.

• If rain isn't expected soon, water using a sprinkler that shoots the water in a jet fashion, low across your lawn, and in the morning to reduce water loss from evaporation.

• Compared to unfed lawns, properly fed lawns tolerate heat and dry weather better than unfed, weak lawns. That's because they have better roots and stored energy reserves to bounce back when rainfall or water returns.

Get more green-spiration at [loveyour-lawn.us](http://loveyour-lawn.us).

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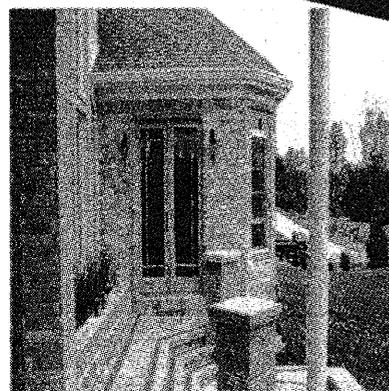
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ADVERTISING FEATURE — BY RACHEL FALLERT

## Landscapes that last all summer long

The saying, “April showers bring May flowers” is undeniably true, especially in Michigan. Now is the perfect time to assess your scenery and consider a landscaping makeover. Check out these local landscapers, who offer experience in your area and ideas for gorgeous foliage.

### Bell's Landscaping

Bell's Landscaping is a complete construction and landscape company. Their services include remodeling, landscaping, renovations and irrigation. As summer approaches and the weather begins to warm up, it is important for homeowners to prepare their lawn and landscape for the new season. Starting early will allow homeowners to fully enjoy your yard throughout the entire summer.

Bell's Landscaping offers the perfect services to jumpstart the season with spring clean up and ongoing maintenance. Clean up is important

throughout the entire yard. Debris such as dead leaves and branches should be removed from the lawn and from flower beds to allow new growth throughout the spring. New mulch can be placed in beds to freshen up appearance and keep unwanted weeds from popping up. Bell's Landscaping provides any service for a homeowner to prepare their yard for an enjoyable summer.

*Bell's Landscaping is located at 28401 Haas Road in South Lyon and can be reached at 248-486-0960. Visit [www.bellslandscape.com](http://www.bellslandscape.com).*

### Milarch Nursery

Milarch Nursery has been providing the community with quality nursery products and an extremely knowledgeable staff for more than 30 years. Milarch's is a wholesale nursery open to the public that offers a wide range of products. Customers can choose from shade trees and evergreens to

shrubs and perennials, as well as landscape supplies and ground coverings. The nursery carries mature stock and everything in between.

Proper plant selection is important for successful landscaping. Trees have multiple uses, shading, dividing, fencing and even erosion control. Homeowners need to identify the purpose of each plant, shrub, flower or tree that they want for their yard in order to make the right choice. Milarch's experienced staff is waiting to help

make the right choice on what products will fit any unique landscaping project.

*Milarch's Nursery is located at 28500 Haas Road in New Hudson and can be reached at 248-437-2094. Visit [www.milarchnursery.com](http://www.milarchnursery.com).*

### A&R Soil Source

A&R Soil Source carries a wide range of landscape coverings and stones for any landscaping design. Top soil, peat, sand, decorative stones, wood chips and brick pavers are available to pull together any project. Ground coverings in flower beds, as well as retaining walls made of stones can create a finished look.

Mulch and shredded bark can be used in multiple beds throughout the yard and will not only improve the



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Using the right landscape cover, whether it is wood chips or decorative rock, can enhance the look of your home, according to Bob Krawiec of A&R Soil Source in South Lyon.

appearance of a yard, but the overall health of the soil. It will keep the soil from direct sunlight, which will help prevent weeds and it will keep moisture in the soil. Bob Krawiec, the owner of A&R Soil Source, recommends changing out mulch and shredded bark every couple of years. Stones can also be used for ground

coverings. Stone, compared to mulch, lasts longer and is low maintenance. Both will keep beds looking fresh and allow any homeowner to enjoy all the benefits of using ground coverings.

*A&R Soil Source is located at 23655 Griswold Road in South Lyon and can be reached at 248-437-8103.*



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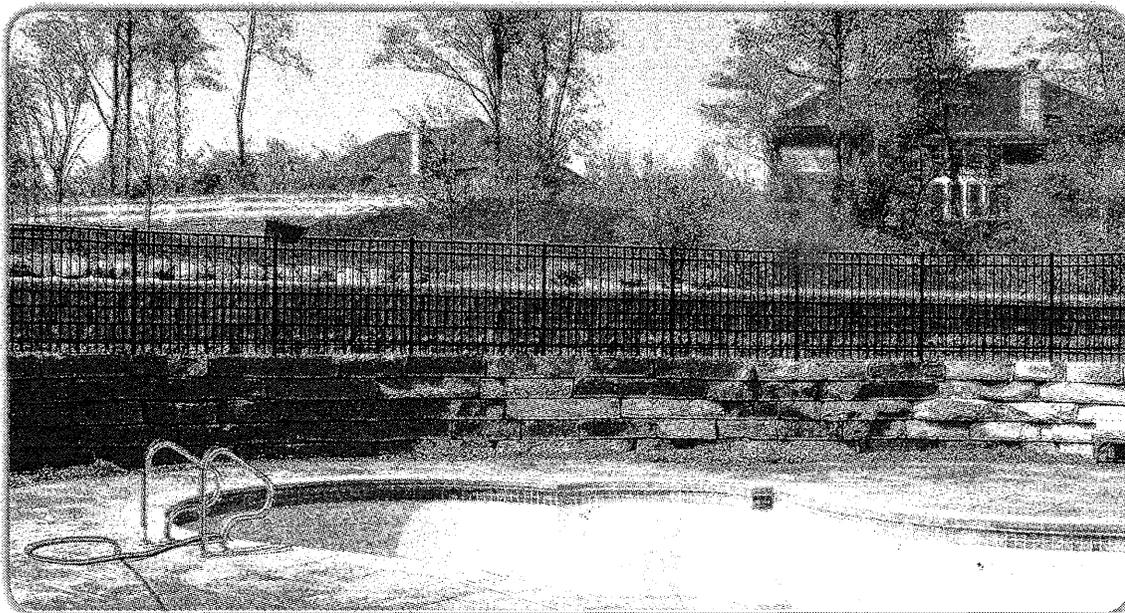
A Japanese water feature with pond and stream edging creates a non uniform look, with Japanese plants, boulders, stepping stones and a unique layout. Project by Bell's Landscape, South Lyon.



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Milarch's Nursery in Wixom has a large nursery stock and 25 acres of plants of foliage.

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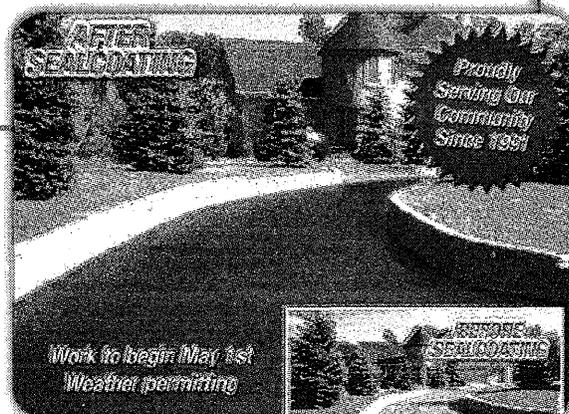
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## Ann Arbor Landscape

Ann Arbor Landscape provides a full range of outdoor services for both residential and commercial projects, from landscaping to construction and renovation.

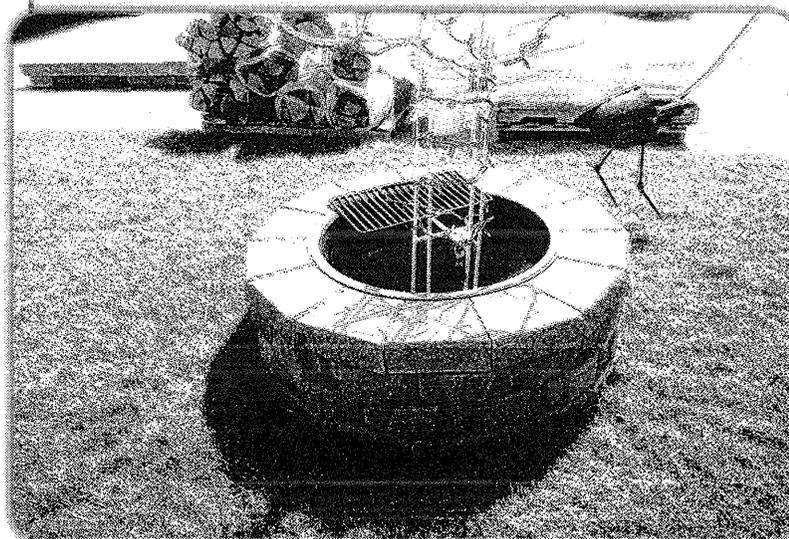
When renovating an entire yard, it is important to plan every aspect of the landscape. Starting in the corners of the house and property lines and slowly work inward. Natural foot paths should be used when placing flower beds and trees. Brick pavers and retaining walls can be placed to go along with the natural flow the yard is being used for. The design should not only be appealing to the eye but functional and comfortable to use. Design should never exceed a homeowner's practical maintenance level to create maximum use. From a clean slate to renovation, Ann Arbor Landscape provides services for any outdoor project.

Ann Arbor Landscape is located at 3200 E. North Territorial Road in Ann Arbor and can be reached at 734-665-3311.



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Moll's Asphalt provides a full line of asphalt services including sealcoating and resealing.



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Stone Depot of South Lyon supplies pavers, mulch, stone, gravel and soil for any landscaping project.

## CUSTOM STONE WORK AND ASPHALT SERVICES

### Stone Depot

Stone Depot supplies pavers, mulch, stone, gravel and soil for any landscaping project. Along with their good quality products, they carry many styles and colors. Cheaper products can sometimes be found but often they are of lower quality and may have less concrete in them and colors can typically fade more quickly. Retaining walls and pavers are very popular and will add a lot of design to a yard.

Homeowners can find professional help at Stone Depot and knowledgeable staff that will walk them through any project they are looking to do. The products they carry are homeowner-friendly and will allow any do-it yourselfer to complete a project. Do not be intimidated by landscape projects. Most can be done in a weekend and are definitely worth the hard work.

Stone Depot is located at 23423 Griswold in South Lyon and can be reached at 248-437-1719. Visit [www.stonedepotmi.com](http://www.stonedepotmi.com).

### Moll's Asphalt

Moll's Asphalt provides a full line of asphalt services. Asphalt driveways have many benefits including increased curb appeal and better parking. Asphalt is very tolerant in extreme temperatures. It is very forgiving compared to concrete driveways and also works well for sloping driveways.

Moll's Asphalt provides expert resealing services. Resealing is extremely important to do in order to reap all the benefits of an asphalt driveway. Resealing keeps the sun from oxidizing the asphalt, and driving can cause the asphalt to be dry and brittle if not resealed. Resealing also stops oils from vehicles from penetrating the driveway.

It is also important to fix cracks, as water can get underneath the driveway and wash away the soil, causing sinking. Resealing overall makes an asphalt driveway look better and increases its value and longevity. Moll's Asphalt recommends to seal the first two years and to resealed every other year after that.

Reach Moll's Asphalt of South Lyon at 248-486-3518.

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ADVERTISING FEATURE — BY MIKE HOGAN

## Spruce up your scenery with outdoor improvements

Under sunny skies and pleasant temperatures, it's a great time to spruce up the exteriors of your home before the weather turns. Local business owners have a few tips and services that could help keep your house in shape.

### Maintaining the grounds

Rose Excavating in South Lyon provides top soil, gravel and septic tank maintenance. Rose says now is the best time to apply new gravel and top soil.

"It's the best time," Rose said. "That way the gravel settles before winter, and top soil can be down before the grass grows through the summer."

Rose also recommends that residents have their septic tanks pumped every few years. Rose Excavating can provide that service. If septic tanks are not maintained regularly, they could overflow or produce a smell.

### Upgrade your pavement

For homeowners looking to liven up a typical approach to pavement, Unilock offers a different kind of paver.



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### Doors and windows

It's also a great time to make sure your garage door is working



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properly. Jeff Becker, owner of Beckway Door in South Lyon, can provide a free in-home inspection of garage doors, as well as household doors and windows.

"It's a good time of the year to make sure all the parts aren't worn," Becker said. "We also check the safety adjustments for all garage door openers."

Beckway Doors checks infrared and pressure sensors for garage doors, to make sure doors won't close too fast or if something is in the way of the door.

Through 2010, a tax credit is available for homeowners who update their doors and windows to green products.

"Homeowners can get a tax credit from the government for using energy-saving products, like insulated doors and garage doors," Becker said.

### Protecting the exterior

Winter weather takes a toll on any house, so homeowners should take this opportunity to check for weather damage to their home. Siding World can provide almost replacements to damaged siding, roofing, gutters and downspouts.

"You want to go out and check your gutters and make sure nothing was damaged by ice," said Bob Paquette, the President of Siding World. "You want to make sure nothing has been loosened, because that can allow water to enter the house."

Paquette says loose siding can cause more damage than just water leakage.

"If anything has come loose, you want to replace it or secure it before those big winds start," Paquette said. "Once those winds come, it can catch and peel right off the house."

Siding World has many locations throughout the Midwest. Paquette says everyone in our area is no more than 15 minutes away from a Siding World location.

### Roof relief

Mark McDaniels of Weathercraft Contracting in South Lyon has seen his share of damaged roofs.

To prevent damage, McDaniels recommends that homeowners check the roof for problems.

"Make sure you remove all debris, like leaves, branches or pine needles," McDaniels said. "Look for loose or missing shingles."

McDaniels also recommends that homeowners flush out their downspouts to clear them of any dams or debris. Homeowners should also check the areas where the roof

meets skylights or chimneys. These areas should be checked for cracked or peeling caulk.

### GET STARTED

- Put down new gravel or topsoil
- Pump septic tanks
- Update pavers
- Start building a patio or deck area
- Inspect your garage door for safety
- Upgrade your doors and windows to energy-saving options
- Check for loose siding or roofing

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ADVERTISING FEATURE — BY ALISON BERGSIEKER

## Safe and entertaining backyards

South Lyon's 3R Pools and Invisible Fence® can help create an entertaining backyard that is safe for the family and pets too.

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In-ground pools can be designed for entertainment, family fun, exercise or whatever your lifestyle desires. Your pool can become the focal point of your backyard experience.

"We will work with you to decide the best size, shape, design and location to fulfill your vision," said Jim Pietila, owner. "We pride ourselves on customer service and have been with the community for 35 years."

At 3R Pools retail location, customers can purchase everything from skimmers nets and chemicals to inflatable toys and water testing kits.

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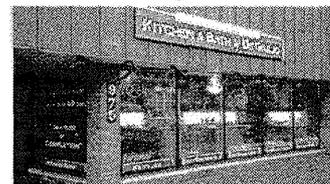
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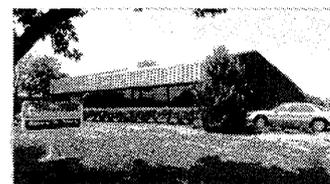
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## Helpful hints for the handy homeowner

Homeowners across the country are loading up their tool belts and taking on home improvement projects on their own. This DIY crowd is looking for ways to make the home better while keeping expenses down.

The experts at Black & Decker have some tips and tools to make four of the most common projects a little easier.

### Rejuvenate Cabinets

Instead of replacing your kitchen cabinets, stain them for a fresh, new look.

- Wash cabinets with mild detergent. Let dry, then scrape off loose paint.
- Sand all surfaces. Try Black & Decker's all-new Complete Sanding Kit with Smart Select Technology. Then wipe away sanding dust and prime all bare wood with sealer.
- Paint cabinet interiors back walls first, then tops, sides and

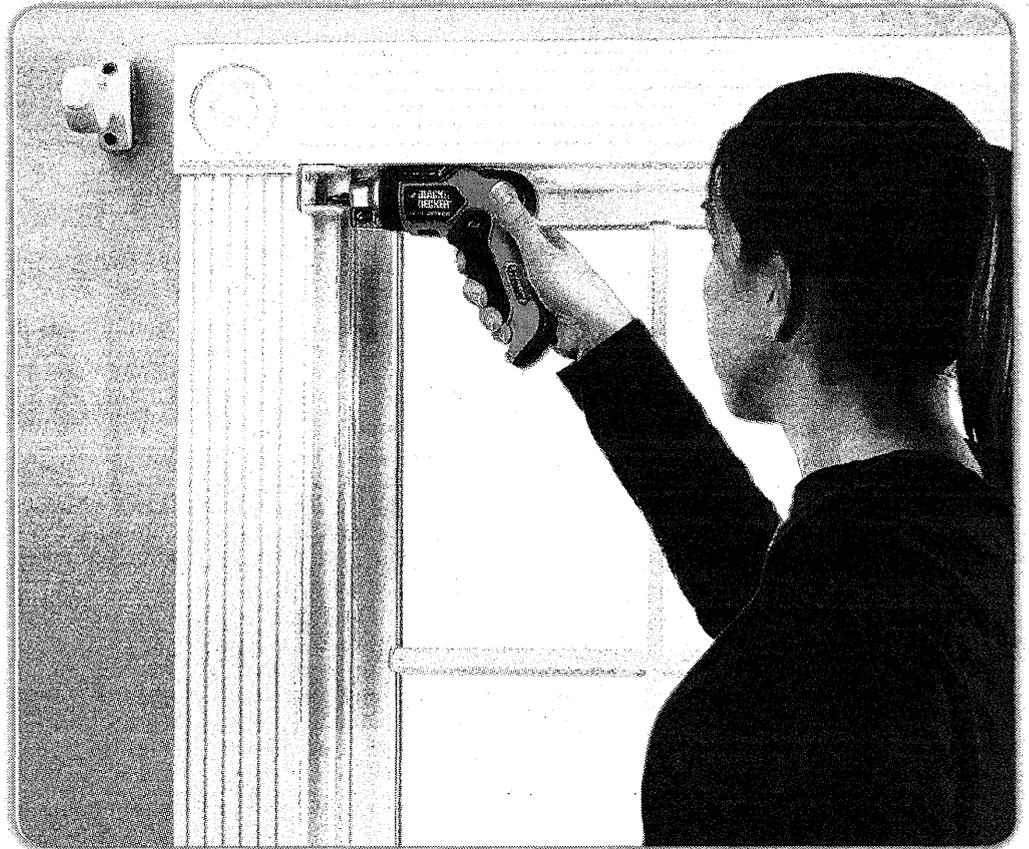
bottoms. Paint bottoms, tops, and edges of shelves last.

- Paint both sides of doors, beginning with inner surfaces. With panel doors, paint in this order: 1) recessed panels, 2) horizontal rails, 3) vertical stiles.

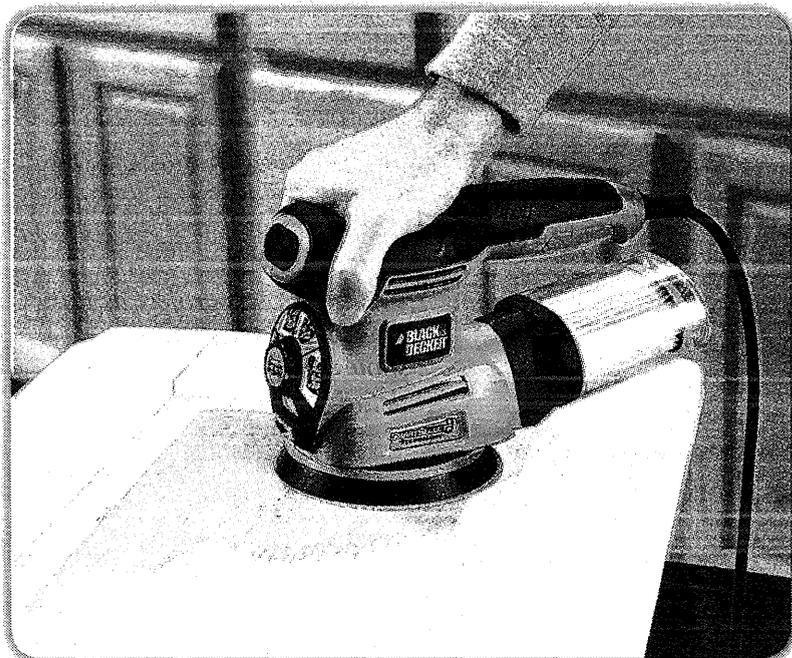
### Assemble Furniture Yourself

Adding even one new piece of furniture, like a bookshelf, can help transform a room. To help eliminate some of the frustration that can come with following assembly instructions, follow these tips:

- Set aside a work area that's big enough for unpacking and maneuvering the preassembled pieces.
- Spread out all the furniture pieces and hardware. Compare what you have with what's listed in the instruction manual. Make sure you have everything before you start.



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- Be ready with the basic tools. Some furniture is simple enough that no tools are required, but more complex pieces will probably call for a hammer, screwdrivers, wrenches and maybe even a power drill.

### Install New Blinds

New blinds can help change the look of a room in no time. They also add privacy and can be an added form of insulation in the cooler months.

- Take accurate measurements before you buy. Inside and outside mounted blinds are measured differently. You can find measuring guides online to help

you get just the right fit.

- Open the package carefully. Don't use a razor blade or knife to open the boxes because you could accidentally cut a cord.

- Pre-drill pilot holes for screws to avoid splitting the work piece. Use a slower speed and moderate pressure. A steady and patient approach works best with wood, to avoid slipping and misaligning holes.

- Screwdriving in difficult to reach areas is made simple with the Black & Decker Cordless Lithium-Ion Screwdriver.

### Add a Chair Rail

It's the perfect way to create a new look in any room without the pain of painting the entire space.

- To determine how high the chair rail should be, divide the height of the ceiling by three.

The general rule is that the chair rail should be about 1/3 of the way up from the floor (between 32 and 36 inches for an 8-foot ceiling).

- Following a cutline with a saw can be difficult, especially in poorly lit work areas. One tool that can make the job easier is a jigsaw.

- Using a jigsaw can be tricky when you first start out. Practice on a piece of scrap wood to avoid costly mistakes on the actual project and get you acquainted with using the saw and what to expect.

For more information and other DIY project guides and tools, please visit [www.BlackandDecker.com](http://www.BlackandDecker.com).

Tools mentioned will be available October 26, 2009 at major retailers where Black & Decker is sold.

— Courtesy of Family Features

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# Spring Home Improvement

## 2010 color decor and design trends: influenced by life's richness

Indicators are implying that the U.S. economy is finally showing some signs of improvement. The markets are rising, and overall consumer confidence goes up every day. To the relief of people across the country, one area that is at last seeing some light at the end of the tunnel is the housing market.

As the economy stabilizes, homeowners are expected to begin investing more money into their homes, particularly the aesthetics of their homes. But the recession did have a profound impact on the manner in which people approach design and decor.

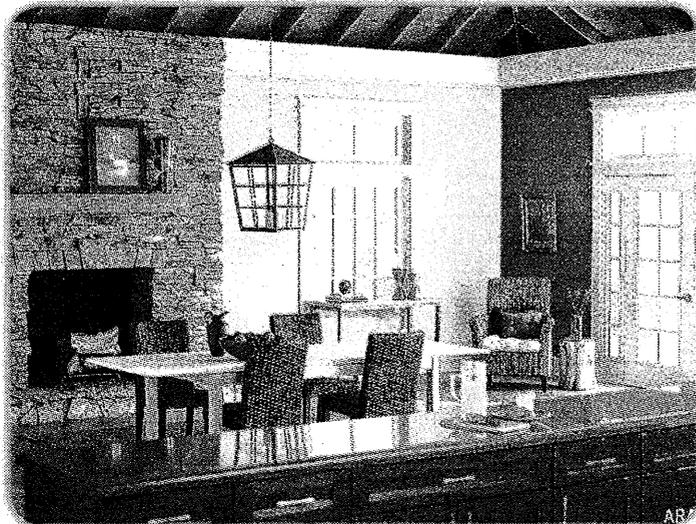
In economically prosperous times, design and color trends tend to be heavily influenced by tangible, worldly items that are created or manufactured by people and businesses. These items represent the more affluent lifestyles we enjoy during those times.

Correspondingly, during more difficult time periods, design influence returns to holistic, spiritual and simplistic elements that represent the richness of life that abounds in nature, relationships and spirituality.

This year's color trends are rooted in that richness, says Dutch Boy Color Marketing and Design Manager Donna Schroeder.

"Colors that provide hope and affirmation that the greater economic market will continue to improve are at the forefront of decor for 2010," Schroeder says. "People are much more introspective about color this year and will be painting in a way that not only is aesthetically pleasing, but also 'saturates the senses' and is reflective of a society eager to reconnect with education, nature, spirituality and world culture."

According to Schroeder, Dutch Boy's 2010 design trends have been categorized into four different "personali-



Many people will combine the four palettes and blend them all into distinctive personalities.

ties." These "personality" palettes are composed of colors that embody a homeowner's personal style and taste. Each of the trend personalities, along with images of the paint colors, can be found at [www.DutchBoy.com](http://www.DutchBoy.com).

### Purist

This trend reflects the elements of nature: colors of branches, grasses and dark earth underneath the feet. It's a soothing relief. A retreat from the hectic. It's terra firma ... brought indoors. Purists are concerned about their impact on the world and care deeply about finding balance. Purist colors are natural shades of herbal teas, the stones in the river as the water rushes over them, and the yellow-green of buds as they push up through the springtime earth.

Colors in the Purist palette include: Urban Nature, Naturalist Stone, Lemon Balm, Gingered Root, Catalyst Steel, Natural Canvas, Repurposed and Budding Fern.

### Seeker

Seeker goes beyond the ordinary to showcase shades

brought forth by history and architecture. Rich, complex hues give this color personality rooms that have a carefully curated, beautifully symbolic touch. What matters to a Seeker is creating meaning, spirituality and beauty in life. Colorful objects made of precise, hexagonal tiles to stylized, architectural furniture are quintessential to the Seeker.

Colors in the Seeker palette include: Antique Rosewood, Medieval Cloverleaf, Olde Stone, Soul-Quenching, Alabaster Frame, Kimono Red, Crossing Midnight and Cathedral Gray.

### Muse

Muse is a palette that's all about feeling and experiencing. These are colors that swaddle and soothe the soul. It's a color style that reflects the need for sanctuary. Attention to design detail and just the right sensory colors bring Muse to life. This palette is infused with, and inspires, rich details, fine fabrics and soft twilight shades of blush pinks, rosy peach and lilac.

Colors in the Muse palette include: Quiet Drizzle, Aroma Garden, Melodious Peach,

Silken Raspberry, Blossomed Lilac, Composed Bloom, Nightingale's Song and Meadow Pear.

### Storyteller

The Storyteller collection shows off color that reflects a life well-lived through traveling and varied interests. Furniture and colors from afar add a vibrant touch to the home and bring life to tales from foreign lands. Everything a Storyteller sees in her travels inspires her home design and color choices. The Storyteller is an experiential explorer.

Colors in the Storyteller palette include: Grecian Sea, Edge of Time, Narrative Cream, Clementine Tart, Journey's End, Treaded Grapes, Wide Open Sky and Spanish Door.

Though these four trend personalities will certainly be prolific this year, many people will combine the four palettes and blend them all into distinctive personalities. Recognizing this, Dutch Boy has collected a "Blend" palette. What colors are in this palette? All of them.

Blend is exciting, eclectic and adventurous. Blend is, appropriately, a blending combination of two or more of the previous four trends. A person with a Blend personality has a home that is a reflection of the owner's many moods and styles. An airy, light-filled room might be held to earth by chunky furniture or given flight with watercolor prints. Blend personalities could have a Muse kitchen, Storyteller family room, and a combined Purist and Seeker dining room. Coexistence is at the heart of the Blend personality.

For more information about these color trends and how to choose the perfect paint color, visit [www.dutchboy.com](http://www.dutchboy.com), or call 800-828-5669.

— Courtesy of ARAcontent

## Sudoku

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Level: Advanced

Answers found on page 26

# 'Grate' burgers top cookout menu

There's nothing like the "grate" taste of a big, juicy burger hot off the grill to signify the start of the summer cookout season. It's no wonder that Americans' love affair with burgers has been going strong for more than 100 years.

Burgers always top the menu for every gathering from Memorial Day to Labor Day, and it wouldn't even seem like Father's Day if Dads across America didn't take to the grill to prepare the traditional cookout favorites.

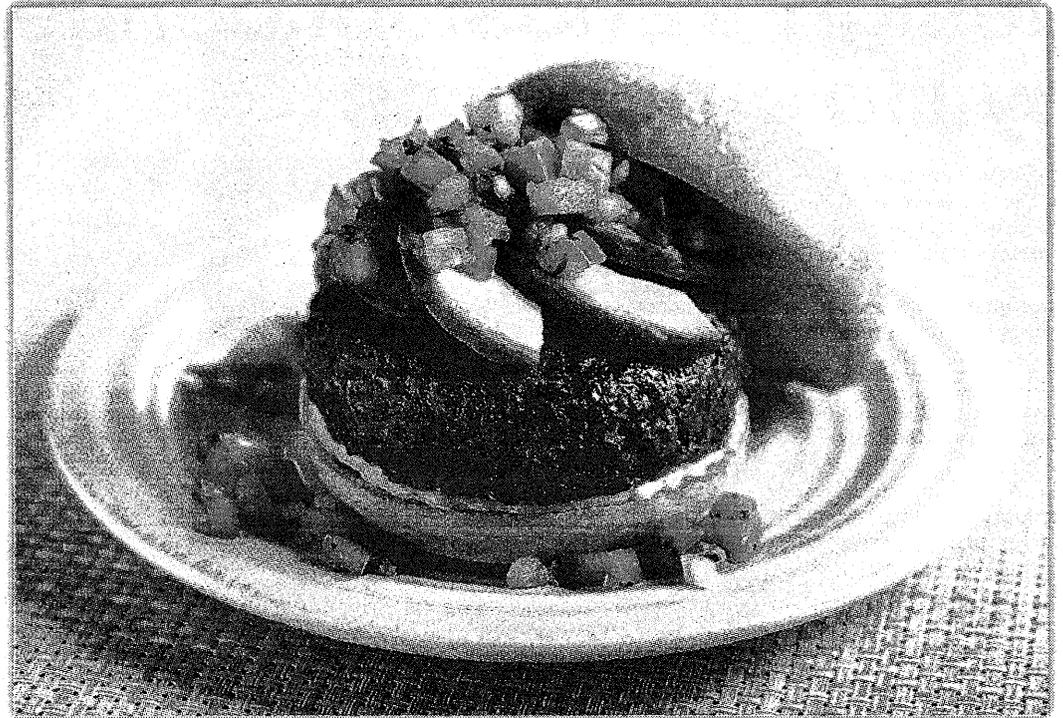
Variety is the spice of life, so why not break away from the traditional ketchup, mustard and pickle burger this year and try something new? Omaha Steaks Executive Chef Karl Marsh offers a few of his favorite recipes for elevating the burger to the next level of cookout enjoyment. Fire up the grill and give these "grate" new burgers a try!

For a free "Great Gathering Guide

and Cookbook" filled with more mouth-watering ways to enjoy great steaks, burgers and gourmet foods from Omaha Steaks, call 1-800-228-9055 or visit [www.omahasteaks.com](http://www.omahasteaks.com).

## SAFE BURGER HANDLING

- To prevent cross-contamination, keep raw and cooked meat separate, using separate cooking utensils and plates.
- Always wash hands, utensils, cutting boards and counters that contact raw meat.
- Cook all burgers until the internal temperature reaches 160°F, as measured with a kitchen thermometer.
- Use a thermometer to take the guesswork out of cooking ground beef. Insert a kitchen thermometer sideways into the center of the burger to ensure the correct internal temperature.



Southwestern Chipotle Burger with Chipotle Mayonnaise and Pico de Gallo.

## Southwestern Chipotle Burger

- 1 Omaha Steaks Burger
  - 1 hamburger bun, wheat or white
  - 2 tablespoons chipotle mayonnaise (recipe follows)
  - 2 tablespoons pico de gallo (recipe follows)
  - 1/4 avocado, sliced
- Omaha Steaks Southwest Chipotle Seasoning, to taste
- Prepare chipotle mayonnaise and pico de gallo.
- Season burger with Southwest Chipotle Seasoning or your favorite blend.

Grill, broil or pan-fry burger until internal temperature reaches 160°F.

Slice bun in half and toast on grill or broiler.

Spread 1 tablespoon of chipotle mayonnaise on each half of bun.

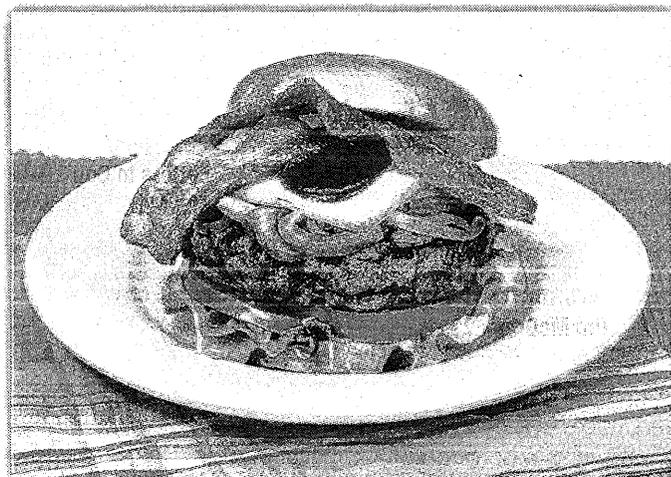
Place cooked burger on bun and top with pico de gallo and avocado slices. Place remaining bun on top.

## Chipotle Mayonnaise

- Makes 8 servings
- 1 cup mayonnaise
  - 1 tablespoon garlic, chopped
  - 1 tablespoon canned chipotle chile in adobo sauce, puréed
  - 2 tablespoons lime juice, freshly squeezed
  - 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- Combine all ingredients and mix well.
- Can be stored for 1 week in the refrigerator.

## Pico de Gallo

- Makes about 3 cups
- 2 cups diced Roma tomatoes, 1/4-inch pieces
  - 1/2 cup diced white onion, 1/4-inch pieces
  - 3 tablespoons cilantro, finely chopped
  - 1 tablespoon jalapeño, minced very fine with the seeds
  - 1 tablespoon lime juice, freshly squeezed
  - 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- Combine all ingredients in a mixing bowl and mix well.



Bourbon Barbeque Cheeseburger with Bourbon Caramelized Onions.

## Bourbon Barbeque Cheeseburger

- 1 Omaha Steaks Burger
  - 1 onion kaiser roll
  - 3 tablespoons Bourbon Onions (recipe follows)
  - 1 slice sharp cheddar cheese
  - 2 tablespoons barbeque sauce
  - 2 slices Omaha Steaks thick cut bacon
- Omaha Steaks All Natural Seasoning, to taste
- Prepare Bourbon Onions.
- Season burger with All Natural Seasoning or your favorite blend.
- Grill, broil or pan-fry burger until internal temperature reaches 160°F.
- While burgers are cooking, heat bacon and Bourbon Onions.
- Place cheddar cheese on top of burger to melt.
- Slice bun in half and toast on grill or broiler.
- Place bacon and Barbeque Sauce on top of cheese.
- Place Bourbon Onions on bun then top with burger. Place remaining half of bun on burger.

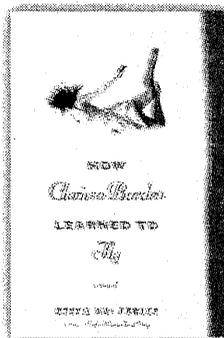
## Bourbon Caramelized Onions

- Makes 4 servings
- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
  - 1 teaspoon butter
  - 1 small yellow onion
  - 1 teaspoon brown sugar
  - 1/8 teaspoon salt
  - 1 shot bourbon\* (optional)
- Heat vegetable oil in sauté pan over high heat.
- Add butter to pan and brown slightly.
- Add onions to pan and sear for about 1 to 2 minutes.
- Add brown sugar and salt. Stir well and continue cooking for approximately 10 minutes or until onions are light brown, stirring constantly to prevent burning.
- When onions began to caramelize add bourbon. Continue cooking until all liquid is cooked off and onions are a nice brown color.
- \*For regular caramelized onions omit bourbon. ❁

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# The latest in books, music and movies

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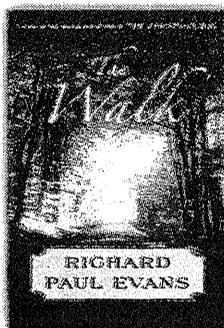
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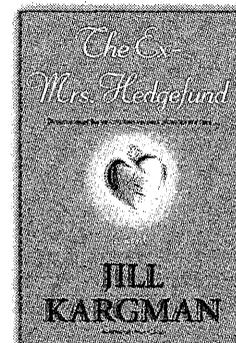
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Richard Paul Evans | Simon and Schuster

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## « LOCAL MUSIC EVENTS »

**THURSDAY • APRIL 15**  
**Drake with K-os and Francis and the Lights**  
» Meadow Brook Music Festival

**Chuck Bradley Band** »  
Mediterranean Bistro,  
Livonia

**Bond & Beyond, Detroit Symphony Orchestra**  
» Max M. Fisher Music Center, Detroit

**Extreme Air Band Karaoke** » Rock Starz,  
Garden City

**Karaoke** » Traveling Fork,  
Livonia

**Open Mic** » Westland  
Public Library, Westland

**FRIDAY • APRIL 16**  
**7 Million Jigawatts** »  
Bayside Grill, Walled Lake

**Hidden Agenda** »  
Andiamo, Novi

**Live Flamenco Show** »  
Tasca de Plata Tapas Bar & Restaurant,  
Canton

**The Detroit Awards** »  
The Fillmore, Detroit

**SATURDAY • APRIL 17**  
**7 Million Jigawatts** »  
Stinger's Bar and Grill,  
Wixom

**Hidden Agenda Band** »  
Billy's Inn, White Lake

**Karaoke with Eric** »  
Weal Inn, Highland

**Live Flamenco Show** »  
Tasca de Plata Tapas Bar & Restaurant,  
Canton

**Southeast Michigan Flute Festival** » First  
United Methodist Church,  
Plymouth

**Wally Gibson & Denny Cox** » Station 885,  
Plymouth

**30 Seconds to Mars** »  
The Fillmore, Detroit

**SUNDAY • APRIL 18**  
**Extreme Air Band Karaoke** » Rock Starz,  
Garden City

**MONDAY • APRIL 19**  
**Extreme Air Band Karaoke** » Rock Starz,  
Garden City

**Karaoke** » Double 00 Pub,  
Redford

**Steve Martin with the Steep Canyon Rangers**  
» Max M. Fisher Music Center,  
Detroit

**TUESDAY • APRIL 20**  
**Benny and the Jets**  
» Wayne Road Pub,  
Westland

**Chris B Acoustic Show**  
» Uptown Grille,  
Commerce Township

**Extreme Air Band Karaoke** » Rock Starz,  
Garden City

**Live Band Karaoke** »  
Bullfrog Bar & Grill,  
Redford

**Open Mic** » Boulders,  
Plymouth

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**WEDNESDAY • APRIL 21**  
**Double Take** »  
JB Bamboozies,  
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Garden City

**John D. Lamb** »  
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Commerce Township

**No Lookin' Back Open Jam Session** »  
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Commerce Township

**THURSDAY • APRIL 22**  
**Chuck Bradley Band** »  
Mediterranean Bistro,  
Livonia

**Extreme Air Band Karaoke** » Rock Starz,  
Garden City

**Hidden Agenda Band** »  
Pi Restaurant & Lounge,  
Southfield

**Karaoke** » Traveling Fork,  
Livonia

**Karaoke with Eric** »  
Weal Inn, Highland

**FRIDAY • APRIL 23**  
**Kimberly Fairchild** »  
Pi Restaurant & Lounge,  
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**Live Flamenco Show** »  
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**Gunless**  
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**Please Give**

# Take technology outdoors this summer

By **MIKE HOGAN**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

With airfare and gas prices rising, an old-fashioned camping or hiking trip has never sounded better. Michigan is full of amazing parks and trails that are perfect for any outdoor adventure. However, some travelers might not be sold on a full "back to nature" vacation. Adding a little tech to your outdoor vacation can help make your trip more enjoyable.

## CAMPING TECH

"A lot of technology just isn't designed to be outdoors," said Kevin Rochette, a sales consultant for Westland Camping Center. "There's a very small niche of things that are."

Rochette recommends investing in a GPS device for hikers or anyone traveling a long distance. But he recommends purchasing some type of protection so the GPS won't be damaged by inclement weather.

"There are a few companies that make water-proof boxes that are crush-proof that are almost a necessity if you're carrying anything that's fragile," Rochette said.

## THE NEW HIDE & SEEK

Nothing demonstrates the unification of camping and technology more than "geocaching." Using any GPS device or GPS-enabled phone, participants can take part in a worldwide treasure hunt. Through [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com), a player can find coordinates for a "cache," or container in a given area. Players find the cache, sign the logbook inside, and move on to the next cache. The entire game is free.

Jim Gajewski, Camp Dearborn's park manager in Milford, says geocaching is pretty common in Michigan parks.

"We have about four or five buried throughout the park," Gajewski said. "We see people here with their GPS walking around."

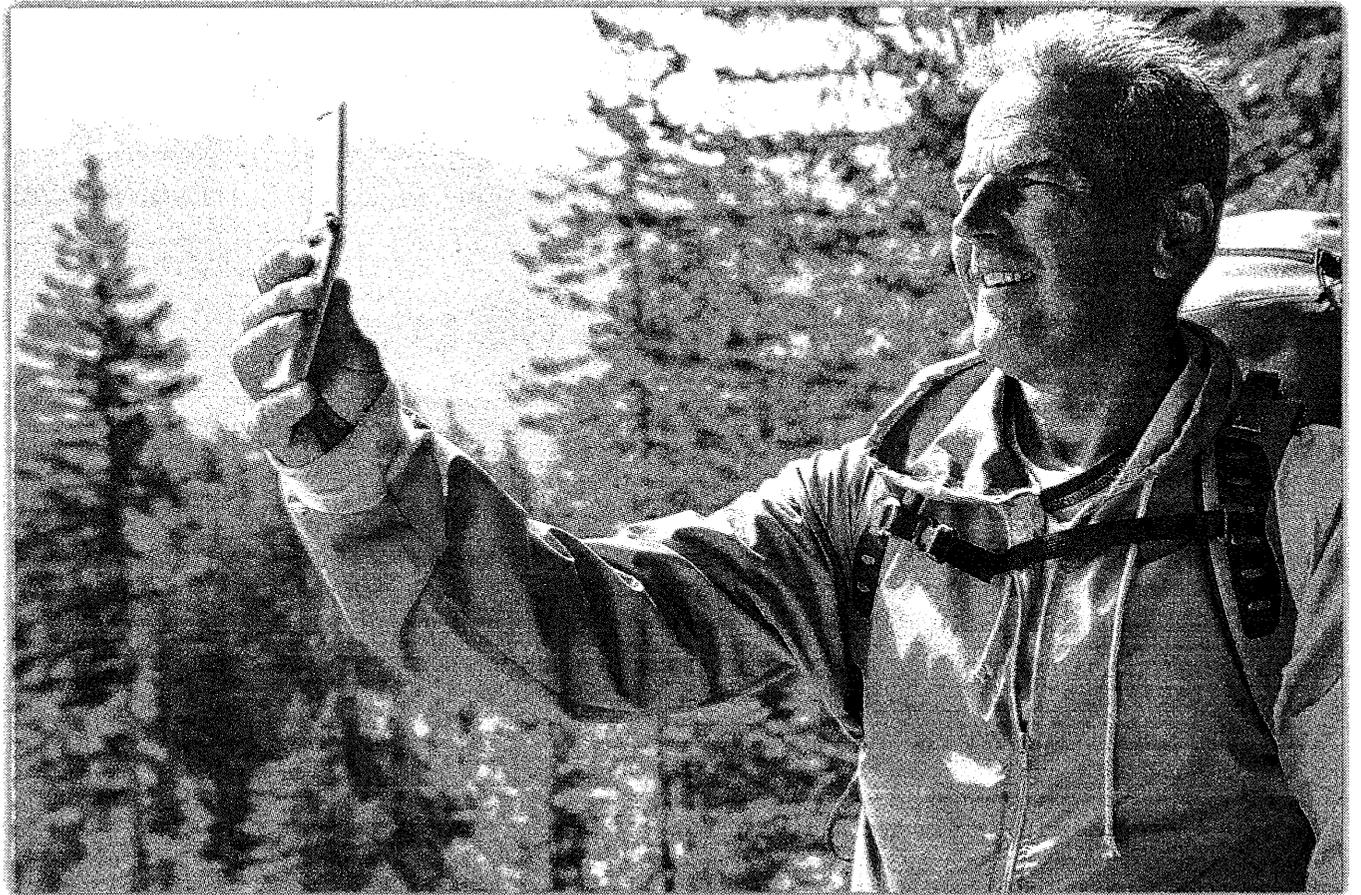
## IN TOUCH WITH NATURE

While it may be tempting to pack your laptop, taking along too much technology can almost negate the purpose of camping.

"The whole thing about camping is getting away from technology," Rochette said.

Gajewski occasionally sees campers arriving in enhanced RVs, some even built with satellite television. He prefers a more natural approach to camping.

"I'd rather see campers sit around the



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campfire and have the family relate, as opposed to everybody text messaging," Gajewski said. "There's hiking and biking, fishing and swimming and tennis out here."

If you're looking for a more rustic outdoor vacation, consider taking along these items:

- GPS: A perfect "in case of emergency" device in case you lose your way. The most-common GPS devices are made for vehicles, but smaller handheld GPS equipment is available for hiking or biking. Lower-end models carry only the basics like locations and directions for \$90, but more advanced models can give elevation and weather information for around \$300.

- LED flashlights: Flashlights are a necessity for any campsite. Most modern flashlights use LED lights, which are less fragile and more powerful than the conventional flashlight. LEDs typically use less energy than older flashlights, so your batteries will last much longer. These range between \$5 to \$10.

- Bug repellent: Bug bites are never welcome, so bug repellent is most likely the second most important item you'll pack. Modern repellents are safer and more effective

than before. Rochette recommends ThermaCELL, a device which slowly emits repellent into the air using a butane burner.

However, if you're looking into a more modern adventure, think about packing these:

- Video projector: At an average price of \$300, the modern projector is more affordable than one would expect. With a generator and a screen, your family can enjoy a classic film under the night sky.

- Portable DVD player: If children are making the trip as well, a DVD player could be helpful to keep them engaged. Models with larger screens can run up to \$250, but the common player will cost as low as \$100.

- Portable speakers: The most common nonpowered portable speakers are a great addition for a picnic or day by the lake. ActiveTrax makes a portable speaker powered by hand crank, and is compatible with any music player that has a USB-device. ❁



Smaller handheld GPS equipment is available for hiking or biking.

# Slim down that fat cat or dog

To his owners, Moby, a 4-year-old Australian Shepherd, was a very healthy, spry dog, so when his veterinarian told them that beneath his thick, reddish-brown coat he had a weight problem, they were a bit shocked.

Apparently, all that baby food licked off the floor, and the lack of activity that came with the two toddlers who had recently joined the family, added about 10 extra pounds on a normally 65-pound dog. The good news is the veterinarian was able to put Moby on a program of diet and exercise, and he was back in perfect shape within a year.



Studies show that pet obesity is an epidemic in this country. According to a 2005 study, approximately 35 percent of American dogs and cats are obese or overweight, and some veterinarians report that they see even higher percentages now.

"I would say that probably more than 50 percent of the animals that we see are overweight," says Dr. Larry R. Corry, a companion animal practitioner in Georgia and president of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). "We say that people are 'killing their pets with caring.' They want to give too much food, table scraps and too many treats. They simply don't realize how unhealthy that can be."

Obesity can cause a number of health problems, including diabetes and heart problems. Diabetes in animals can be treated successfully

with diet and insulin, but treatments are expensive and difficult to undertake successfully with cats. Diabetes treatments require animals to eat on a consistent basis, and cats don't often enjoy following a schedule. Treating obesity before the animal becomes diabetic is a far simpler solution, Dr. Corry says.

"If we can get pet owners to comply with weight-loss plans, usually we don't have any problem getting the animal's weight under control," Corry says. "Weight-loss diets generally involve specially formulated pet foods or simply a reduction of the amount of food the animal receives."

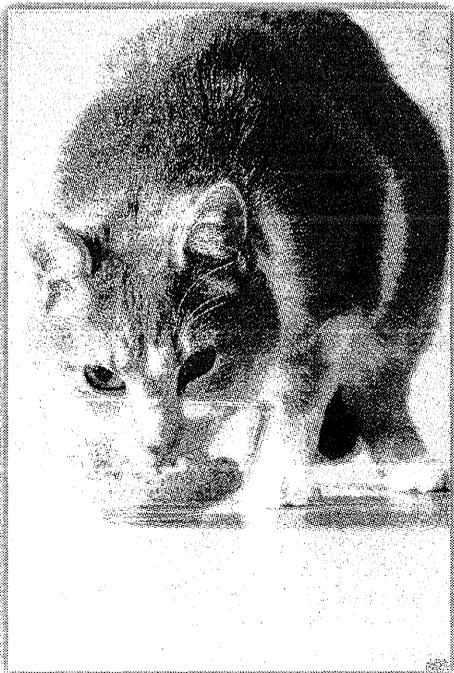
"Every member of the family has to be in agreement, because if one person is slipping the dog scraps under the table, the program won't work," he continues.

For dogs and cats on a diet, one little treat can truly be a diet buster. For example, giving a cat one potato chip may not seem like an extravagant snack, but it's equivalent to giving an adult human half a cheeseburger or half a candy bar. And giving your cat an ounce of milk is equivalent to eating four and a half cheeseburgers. Giving your pet pooch one hot dog is equivalent to you eating two cheeseburgers. Needless to say, giving a pet table scraps is a sure ticket to pet obesity.

The AVMA has partnered with Hill's Pet Nutrition Inc. to combat obesity by sponsoring the Alliance for Healthier Pets - Obesity Awareness and Prevention Program. The initiative's primary goal is to educate the public on how to recognize obesity and to suggest simple solutions. Visit [www.petfit.com](http://www.petfit.com) to see examples of how common pet treats translate into major calories. Watch as personal trainer Gunnar Petersen teaches pet owners how to exercise with their pets and then take the "Pet Fit" Challenge.

For more information about animal health, visit [www.avma.org](http://www.avma.org) and visit [www.avmatv.org](http://www.avmatv.org) for an informative video about pet obesity. \*

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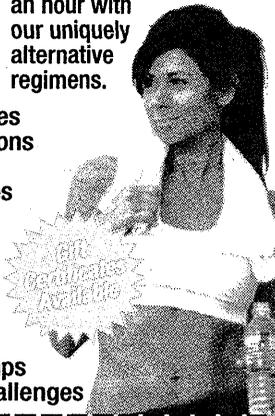
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# Make your house clean and green



Use safe, natural cleaning products to maintain a clean and healthy living space.

When you clean your house in the spring, you really want it to be clean. Dirt, dust and germs are banned, and all appliances, floors and walls are scrubbed clean. But is your house really clean, or have you traded dirt and germs for caustic and toxic chemicals found in most conventional cleaning products?

Even some so-called natural cleansers can contain these same or similar nasty ingredients. And you would know this only if the manufacturer practices full disclosure of ingredients on their labels, which is not required on home care products. Think

about it - when was the last time you saw a full ingredient listing on your spray cleaner?

The best way to make sure your living space is clean and healthy is to use safe, natural cleaning products you create yourself, using natural and inexpensive ingredients you can pick up at any natural grocery store. It's cost-effective, not difficult and, like the task of spring cleaning itself, it's satisfying and rewarding. You can craft your own, home-spun versions of everything from carpet cleaner to furniture dusting polish - and have the satisfying assurance that you really are keeping your home clean and green. \*

Follow these simple recipes for making your own basic homecare products:

## Basic Spray Cleaner

- 2 cups water
- 1/2 teaspoon sodium borate
- 1/4 teaspoon liquid soap
- 36 drops essential oil\*
- \*Cleansing and purifying essential oils: lemon, tea tree, eucalyptus, spike lavender.

## Window Cleaner

- 2 cups water
- 3 tablespoons vinegar
- 1/4 teaspoon liquid soap
- 36 drops essential oil

## Gentle Scouring Cream

- 1/2 cup baking soda
- Liquid soap
- 18 drops essential oil\*
- \*Oils that brighten: lemon, lemongrass, grapefruit.

Add essential oils to baking soda and blend. Next, incorporate the liquid soap, several drops at a time, until a creamy paste forms.

## Wooden Furniture Polishing Oil

- 3 tablespoons vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon jojoba oil
- 10 drops lemon essential oil

## Carpet Deodorizing Powder

- 1 cup baking soda
- 18 drops essential oil\*
- \*Deodorizing essential oils: bergamot, coriander seed, lavender.

## Carpet Cleaner

- 1 cup baking soda
- 1 teaspoon liquid soap
- 18 drops essential oil

For more information and eco-friendly cleaning tips, visit [www.auracacia.com](http://www.auracacia.com).

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Here's a shopping list of key ingredients for making your own home care products:

- Baking soda (Sodium Bicarbonate) — Gently abrasive scouring powder, odor absorber and an excellent base for making your own cleaning preparations.
- Washing soda (Sodium Carbonate)
- Borax (Sodium Borate) — Natural mineral compound, laundry booster, multipurpose cleanser, fungicide/insecticide.
- White distilled vinegar (Acetic Acid)
- Liquid soap (Sodium Hydroxide) - Choose from vegetable oil-based soaps such as olive oil or sweet almond.
- Distilled water — Clean, distilled water acts as a better carrier and dirt solvent. Tap water will often contain salts and minerals that can lead to spotting and buildup.
- Essential oils
- Spray bottles
- Natural bristle scrubbing brushes
- Squeeze bottles
- Cotton dusting cloth
- Hemp or jute fiber scrubbing cloth
- Tote to put it all in



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### Beginner

1	8	3	9	2	6	5	4	7
6	9	5	7	4	3	2	8	1
7	4	2	8	5	1	6	3	9
4	3	1	5	7	9	8	2	6
8	7	9	4	6	2	3	1	5
5	2	6	1	3	8	9	7	4
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2	1	7	3	9	5	4	6	8

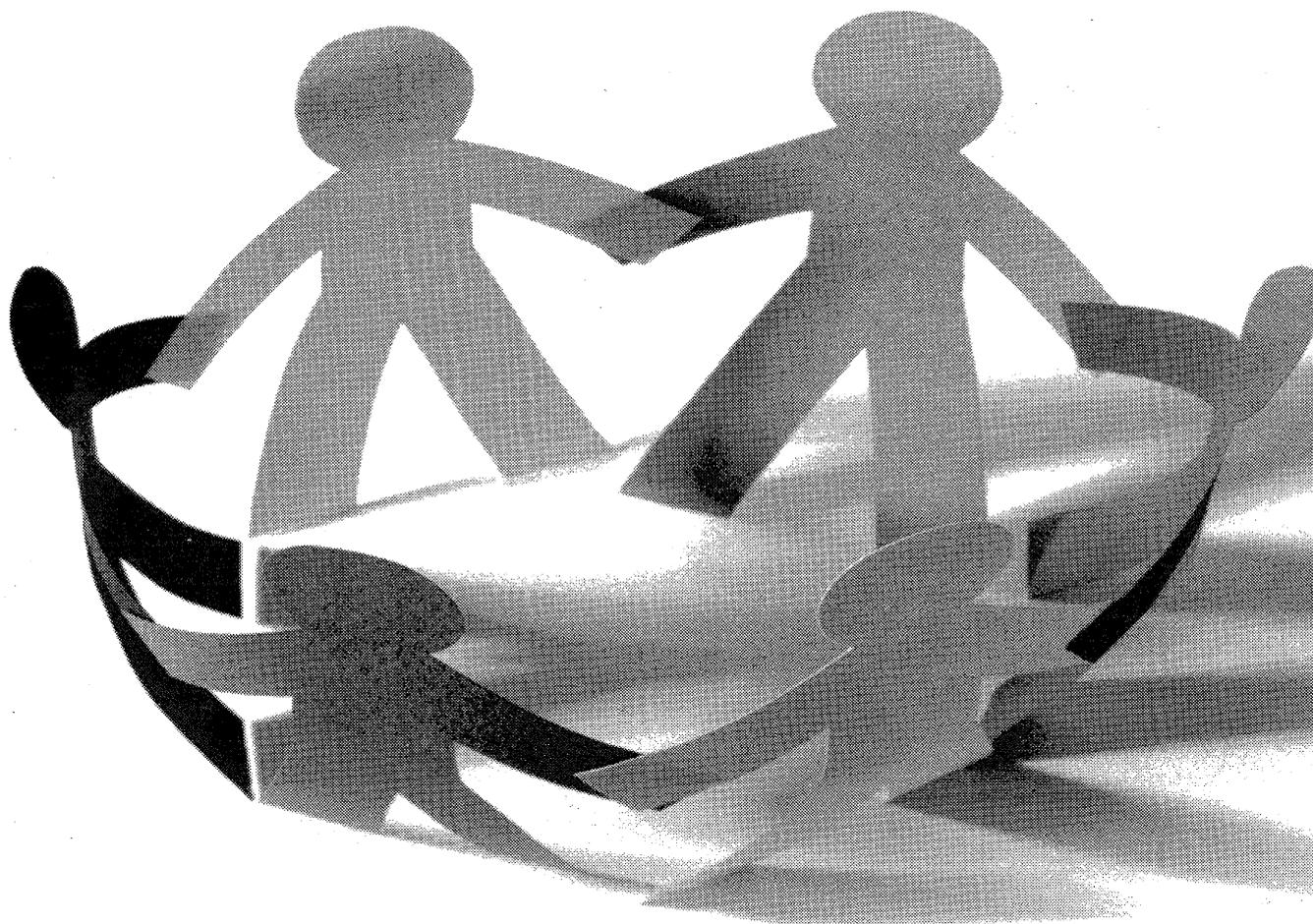
### Intermediate

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6	3	9	4	1	8	5	2	7
5	1	4	2	6	7	3	9	8
3	8	6	1	9	2	7	4	5
4	9	5	7	3	6	2	8	1
2	7	1	5	8	4	6	3	9

### Advanced

3	9	8	2	1	5	7	6	4
5	6	4	3	8	7	9	2	1
2	1	7	9	6	4	5	8	3
9	4	3	5	7	6	2	1	8
8	7	6	1	3	2	4	5	9
1	5	2	4	9	8	3	7	6
6	8	5	7	4	9	1	3	2
7	3	9	8	2	1	6	4	5
4	2	1	6	5	3	8	9	7

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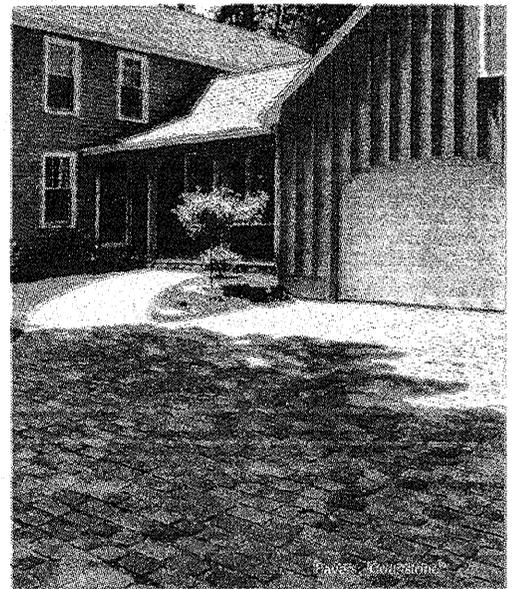
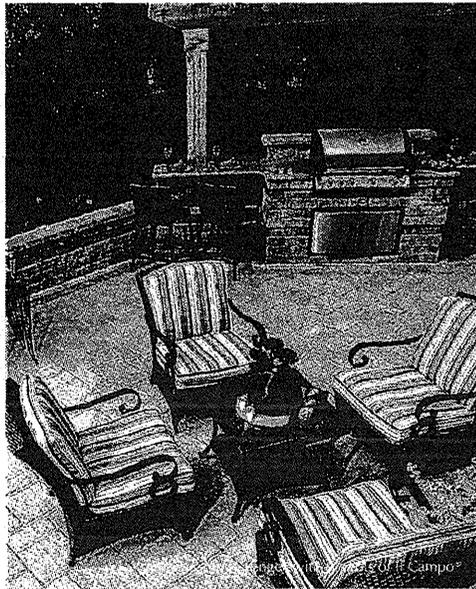
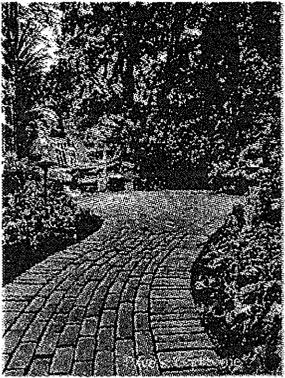
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