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'Nerd' in town

Michigan gubernatorial candidate Rick Snyder, who bills himself as "One Tough Nerd," makes an appearance in Canton noon-1 p.m. Monday.

Snyder takes part in a town hall meeting at Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 Lotz, in Canton. Meeting-goers will learn about "Michigan 3.0: The Era of Innovation," as Snyder talks about his economic development leadership and venture capital work. He'll discuss his 10-point business plan and his real-world economic experience.

RSVP for the meeting to jim@rickformichigan.com or call (734) 277-0078.

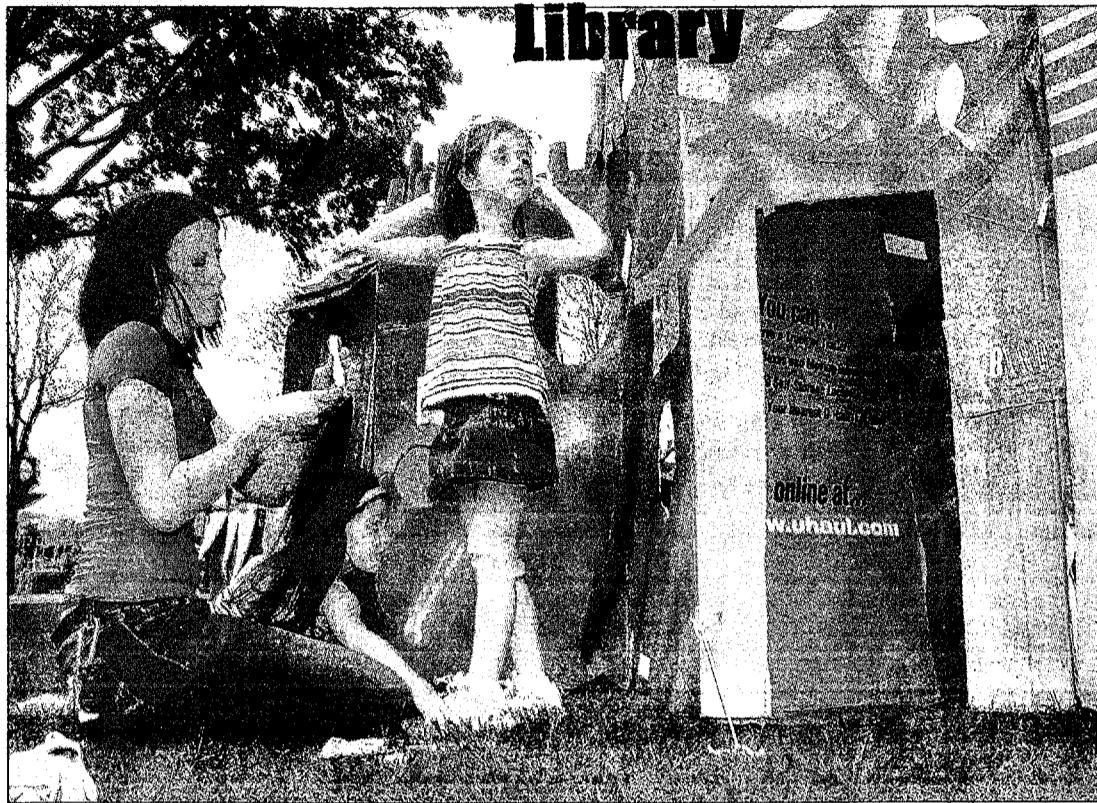
Budget town hall

State Rep. Marc Coriveau, D-Northville, hosts a town hall meeting tonight (Thursday) in Canton to discuss the state budget, the current state of the economy and how state leaders can work to revitalize Michigan's economy.

The meeting takes place from 7-9 p.m. at the Canton Township Hall Board Room, 1150 Canton Center Road.

Coriveau will be joined by Mitch Bean, director of the nonpartisan House Fiscal Agency. Bean will give a presentation and hold a question-and-answer session with residents.

For more information, residents can call Coriveau's office toll-free at (877) 208-4737 or send an e-mail to MarcCoriveau@house.mi.gov.



Hilary Young, of Livonia, brought her three children to the Green Street Fair, where they helped decorate Fort Box. Truth is 3 years old, Moriah is 5, and Kenzi is 6.

Fair hops hurdles in successful weekend

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Despite gray skies and orange-and-white construction barriers, Plymouth's green side came through last weekend.

The city's third Green Street Fair faced extra hurdles in the form of downtown streetscape construction and rain on two of its three days (though not during fair hours), but was a success nonetheless, organizers and fans say.

The street fair with an environmental theme — exhibitors sold organic pet treats and bags made of recycled materials, and there was a demonstration on composting with red worms — was Friday, Saturday and Sunday in downtown Plymouth. It also featured food vendors, information booths, interactive arts opportunities for children and free live music.

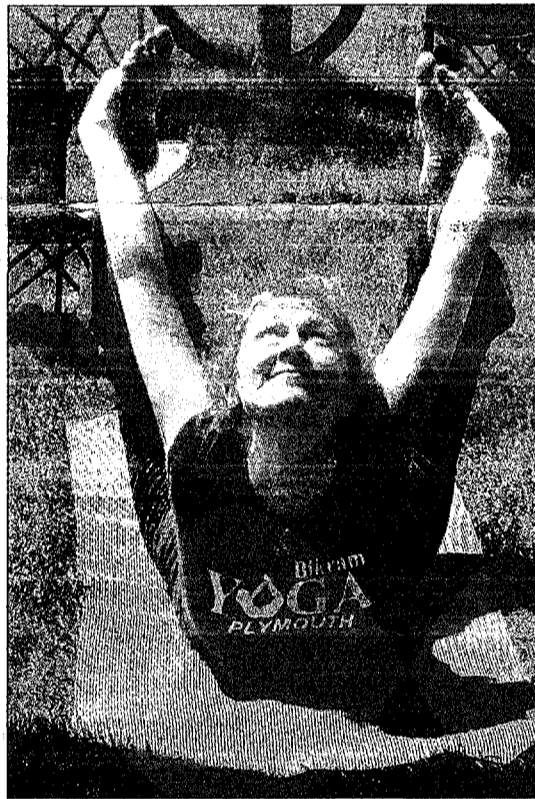
"With all the obstacles, they did an incredible job, and they continue to really try to work with the people, the merchants and everybody in the downtown area," said Chip Falcusan, owner of the Box Bar.

Though she had no official estimates, attendance this year was down, said Mandi Buckland, one of the fair's organizers. She attributed the decline to threatening weather and the downtown construction project that has some streets closed.

"You can just tell by the crowd, walking through. The last couple years, it's been shoulder to shoulder," Buckland said. This year's crowd was a little thinner, she said.

While rains came early Saturday and Sunday, before fair hours, the weather did leave things wet, and also destroyed Fort Box, a child-sized cityscape made from corrugated cardboard boxes that children were encouraged to decorate. There were other arts activities, however, and some boxes stashed away to make a new Fort Box when the weather cleared and the fair started, Buckland said.

High winds Saturday morning also collapsed about 10 of the tents used by exhibitors, she said.



Melissa Curnett and husband Ernie Curnett offered free Bikram Yoga classes during the Green Street Fair.

The tents were back up by fair hours, she said.

Falcusan said the fair boosted business at The Box, though it would be hard to estimate by how much compared to past fairs, because of the construction and the weather, he said.

"Anytime you bring anything downtown, it helps the whole downtown area," Falcusan said.

Not according to George Costos, the owner of the Plaka Mediterranean Grill on Penniman, however. Costos said his restaurant was blocked by an exhibitor's booth, and traffic was down.

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Medicinal marijuana? Not in Plymouth

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth officials aren't going to wait for the state or federal governments to clear up the haze surrounding Michigan's new medical marijuana law.

A new zoning amendment will make medicinal marijuana illegal in Plymouth, at least for now, despite what the state law says.

The Plymouth City Commission unanimously approved a first reading of the amendment Monday.

The amendment, which does not explicitly mention marijuana, bans under Plymouth's zoning ordinances anything that is prohibited under federal law. That would include marijuana, for any purpose.

"Marijuana is illegal according to federal law," Mayor Dan Dwyer said. "There's no medical marijuana in that (federal) statute."

Dwyer said Plymouth is merely patterning what's already been done in Livonia, Troy and other area communities.

"Until they craft a thorough and detailed (mari-

juana) statute, I think what you see is more and more communities saying, "We don't know how to regulate this under the law, so we don't want it."



Dwyer

DAN DWYER, Plymouth mayor

juana) statute, I think what you see is more and more communities saying, "We don't know how to regulate this under the law, so we don't want it," he said.

The zoning amendment was recommended by the city's Planning Commission.

Dwyer said the city commission will revisit the issue in a year. He said that, if the Michigan medical marijuana program's conflict with federal drug laws is resolved, it's possible Plymouth's zoning ordinance could be changed to allow medical

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Pay-to-play hike among budget moves

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Tuesday made nearly \$1.3 million in cuts, added more than \$470,000 in revenue enhancements and, with some \$835,000 in savings from the settlement of the transportation contract, took a \$3.6 million chunk out of a projected \$11 million deficit in the 2010-11 school-year budget.

To do it, though, trustees increased pay-to-participate rates by more than 20 percent and increased the allowable class size at the high school level.

The revenue enhancements and budget cuts were made from recommendations by the administration.

Pay-to-play rates climb from \$180 to \$220 for the first sport (and from \$100 to \$140 for the second sport). Administrators had recommended cutting return transportation from sporting events — opting instead to bus athletes one way — in an effort to save \$37,000. However, board members came up with a plan to charge athletes \$10 per season to provide busing home from events.

Trustees weren't too happy about having to charge students more to play sports, but felt there was little choice.

"We all want to keep the athletic program the way it is, and this was the only way to make that happen," board President Steven Sneiderman said of the increases. "It's frustrating for all of us. I'm a parent who is going to have to pay these rates, as well. I would tell (frustrated parents) to write their legislators and tell them to fund education properly. We need all the help we can get."

The night's biggest discussion came when the administration's recommendations for teacher cuts at the high school, middle school and elementary school level came up. The administration recommended:

- Cutting three teachers at the high school level and raising the allowable student-teacher ratio to climb to 31.5-1 (from 31-1). This cut was approved on a 4-3 vote (Sneiderman, Judy Mardigian and Dianne Gonzalez opposing).

- Cutting 4.6 teachers in the middle schools and raising the class size to 31-1 (from 30.25-1). This cut was voted down 4-3 (Mardigian, Sneiderman, Gonzalez and Adrienne Davis opposed).

- Cutting 4.3 teachers at the elementary level, and raising the class size in kindergarten, first- and second-grade classrooms to 27-1 while leaving third-grade (29-1) and fourth- and fifth-grade classes (30-1) the same. This cut was voted down 5-2, with only Barry Simescu and Nancy Eggenberger supporting it.

Executive Director of Human Resources Ray Bihun pointed out few classes at any of the levels rise to the actual limit and said the district doesn't expect to next year. In supporting the cuts, both Simescu and Eggenberger indicated confidence in the administration's ability to keep class sizes low again next year.

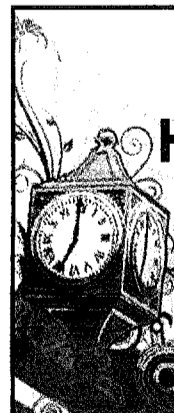
But Mardigian, long a proponent of smaller class sizes, didn't want to take the chance, especially in the elementary schools.

"K-2 is not the place to raise class size," she said. "We know that early intervention is the key, as well as small class sizes. For this amount of money (the elementary cuts would save nearly \$237,000) it's not worth it. We need to get that money somewhere else."

The board must approve the 2010-11 budget by June 28.

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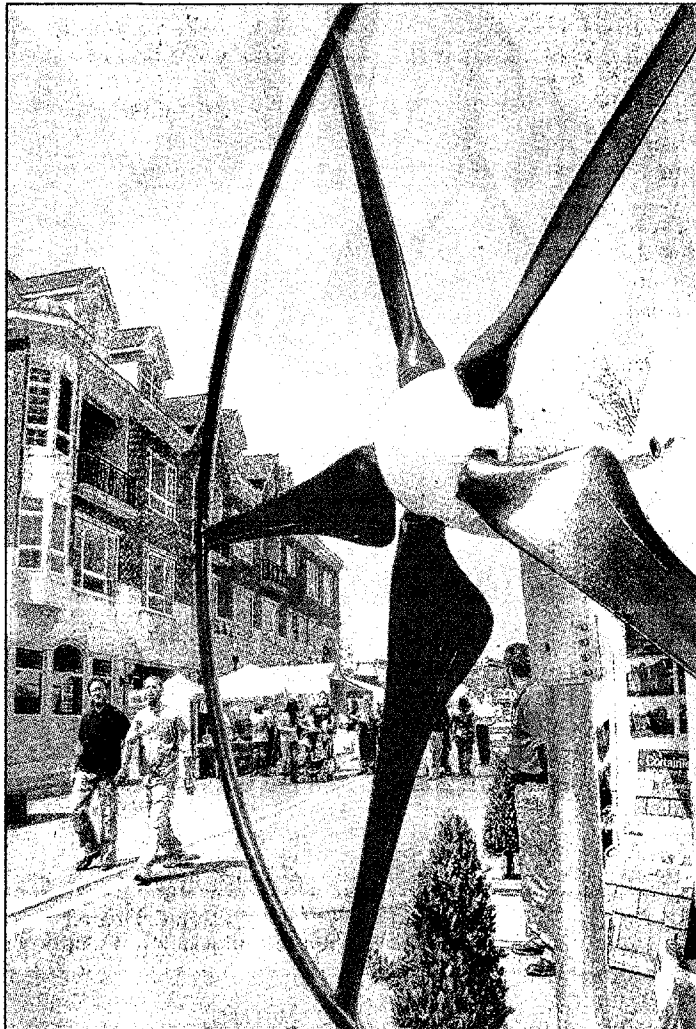
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"It was OK. I would've done better on a regular Saturday," he said.

Downtown visitors could choose from among the fair's food vendors, he said, and regulars may have stayed away. "To pick up dinner at night, it's not as easy when there's a fair going on," Costos said.

Costos said he plans to look into becoming a food vendor at future fairs, and Buckland said she would welcome that.

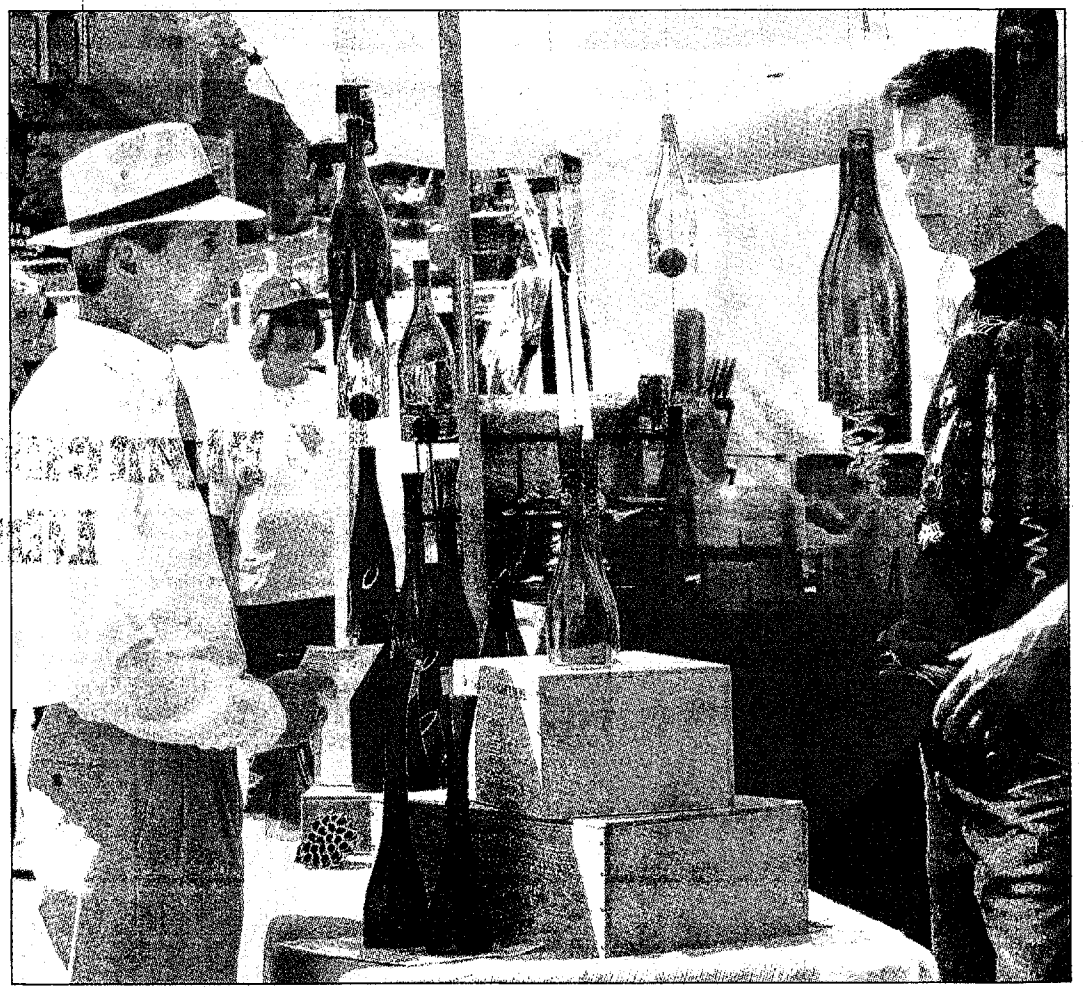
"Our whole goal is to get people inspired to go a little bit greener, and I would love to have the downtown restaurants involved," she said.

First-time exhibitor Teresa Rogers of Brighton, who sells shoulder bags she makes from used burlap coffee sacks and other recycled materials, said her booth did very well.

"I had a lot of interest. There was a lot of excitement," Rogers said.

Buckland said planning will soon start for next year's edition of the Green Street Fair.

"We've got to start thinking about it right now," she said. "Yesterday."



Wine bottle sculpture by David Guilfoose attracts attention from Mike Klement, himself an exhibitor with Architectural Resource.

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Health care forum

The 11th District Congressional Democrats, in conjunction with Organizing for America, District 11 Voters for Affordable Health Care and the Michigan Universal Healthcare Access Network, present a District 11 town hall meeting, "How the PPACA and Health Care Reform Benefit You," at noon (registration starts at 11:30 a.m.) Saturday, May 15, at Northwest UAW Local 163, 450 S. Merriman in Westland. Keynote speaker will be U.S. Congressman John Conyers, who will discuss the bill and what still needs to be done.

The expect panel includes District 20 State Rep. Marc Corriveau, who will answer questions on the state health committee initiatives; Garrett Awra, state director of Organizing for America, who will talk about President Obama's status on the health care bill; John Freeman, director of Michigan for Health Care Now, who will talk about the initiative of his organization and what they are hoping to accomplish.

The event allows audience members to bring questions to the panel and find out what it means to them. Audience members will be able to interact with each other and tell their stories and concerns.

Field fund-raiser

Field Elementary's seventh annual Fun Fair takes place 5:30-9 p.m. on May 7 at 1000 S. Haggerty in Canton. The public is welcome, and food and concessions will be available.

Raffle tickets will sell for \$5, and prizes include \$1,000 Visa Gift Card, Small Flat Screen TV, Lap Top, Xbox and game bundle and a Digital Camera. Raffle tickets will be available to purchase the evening of the event; the drawing takes place at 8:45 p.m. (need not be present to win).

A Silent Auction will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. If you have a business and would like to donate to the Silent Auction, contact Sheila Smith at (734) 637-7891. Ticket drops for opportunities to win themed baskets donated and assembled by each classroom. Tickets are \$1 each or 12 for \$10.

Family events will include a cake walk, pop ring toss, face painting, cash cube, carnival-type games, hospital room, fortune-telling and more. Each child who plays games will win a prize. Wristbands are \$10 at the door or tickets 4 for \$1.

All proceeds to benefit Field Elementary's students, including educational needs (books, classroom equipment, subscriptions, etc) and new playground equipment.

Eat at Zack's

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging members, family and friends are invited to dine at Zack's located at 9648 Main Street in Plymouth on Thursday, May 20.

Zack's will donate 20 percent of food and beverage order (excluding the senior menu), for just mentioning or bringing in a flier (available at Zack's, PCCA Office, Plymouth Cultural Center or Plymouth Township Friendship Station. Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 for fliers or information.

Grief seminar

Harry J. Will Funeral Home sponsors a one-day grief seminar, "From Grief to New Hope," Saturday, May 15, from

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The workshop will be conducted by John O'Shaughnessy, who is on the staff and board of directors at New Hope Center for Grief Support. O'Shaughnessy is a published author and speaker in the area of grief.

All adults who are learning to cope after the death of a loved one are encouraged to attend. There is no charge for the seminar which is open to the public and refreshments will be served. Harry J. Will Funeral Home is located at 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia.

For registration information call New Hope Center for Grief Support at 248-348-0115 or view our website www.newhopecenter.net

Rock Shoppe class

The Rock Shoppe on Godfredson will hold a Free Class on the installation of brick pavers and retaining walls on Saturday, May 15, at 10 a.m. Come see the experts from Allen Block demonstrate the step by step process of installing beautiful brick paver patios, sidewalks, driveways, pillars or retaining walls. Free design help will be available.

Register online at rscustomerservice@gmail.com or call the store at (734) 455-5560. Rock Shoppe is located at 6275 Godfredson Road in Plymouth.

Band meetings

The award-winning Plymouth-Canton Marching Band hosts one more informational meetings for students and parents who are interested in joining the 2010 Marching Band program.

The final meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19, at 7 p.m. in the Plymouth High School band room, 8400 Beck in Canton.

The meeting is designed for existing eighth-graders, but is open to any high school student. Interested students will spend time with the existing marchers, while parents listen to a presentation by band directors, David Armbruster and Sheldon Frazier and the Plymouth Canton Music Boosters on how existing 8th graders can become a member of the award-winning marching band for the 2010 summer/fall season. Future musicians and color guard members are welcome.

For more information, contact Sheldon Frazier, associate director of bands, at (734) 582-5665 or Sheldon.Frazier@pccsmail.net

Liberty meeting

Campaign for Liberty's District 11 presents "The Four Tiers of Nullification," featuring guest speaker Dan Osterman, a candidate for state Senate.

The meeting will explore the four approaches - Supreme Court filing, Attorney General filing, State Constitutional Amendment, state nullification - and their effectiveness throughout the country's history.

The meeting takes place 7-9 p.m. Thursday, May 6, at the Canton Coney Island, 8533 N. Lilley in Canton. The meeting is open to everyone, and admission is free.

RSVPs are appreciated as space and materials will be limited; contact Melanie Collinsworth at thelibertychick@gmail.com

New school opportunity

Plymouth Children's Nursery will be offering a bilingual English/Spanish program for 4- 6 year olds this fall.

This popular co-op school has been in business since 1962 and is now working in partnership with the Bilingual Fun Company to offer an



Growth time

National Junior Honor Society students Kailey DeWeever, Alison Alkire, Sarah Davenport, Coryelle Enright, Carla Horoton, Casey Wing and Alyssa Granowicz joined seventh-grade science teacher Kim Mollick to plant trees around Central Middle School. The project revolved around the school's Earth Day festivities.

enrichment bilingual program.

Contact: membership@plymouthnursery.org or call (734) 455.6250. Membership applications are available at www.plymouthnursery.org

Run for Hope

The fourth annual "Run for Hope," a 5K run/walk at Maybury State Park in Northville, is presented by Northville Roadrunners to benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support Saturday, May 22.

Fitness expert Peter Nielsen will be in attendance. New Hope is a bereavement outreach center located in Northville, and run by Plymouth resident Cathy Clough, with grief support services throughout southeastern Michigan. This fund-raising event will benefit their many services which are provided free of charge to those who are grieving.

The 5k Run/Walk is at 9 a.m., with a one-mile Run/Walk at 8:30 a.m. Pre-register online by May 20 at www.firstgiving.com/newhopecenter. Registration forms and more information are available at www.newhopecenter.net. Registration the day of the event is at 8am. Free T-shirt to all preregistered participants.

Maybury State Park is located at 20145 Beck in Northville. Car fee is \$6. The event will take place rain or shine.

Cost is \$25 for people 16 and over and \$10 for children 10-15. Children under 10 are free. Each entrant can collect donations from sponsors and run for free. See Web site for details; add \$5 for registration after May 20.

For more information, call (248) 348-0115.

Memorial Day concert

The BeckRidge Chorale presents "Because of the Brave - a Memorial Day Concert," May 31 at the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill in Canton.

The Chorale has always had a special affinity for patriotic music and this concert will be one you will never forget. Ticket proceeds, after expenses, will be divided evenly between the Memorial Day Committees in Canton, Plymouth and Northville. Tickets are available at www.beckridgechorale.org or at the door.

Color guard audition

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band Color Guard is holding clinics at Plymouth High School from 6-8 p.m. May 10-12 for anyone interested in joining the Fall Guard. Color guard auditions take place Monday, May 17, from 6-8 p.m.

Color guard members use a combination of dance and ath-

letics mixed with use of rifles, sabers, flags, and other props. Auditions are open to any student in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools grades 9th through 12th.

As members of the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, Color Guard members participate in all competitions including the Grand National Band Championships in Indianapolis in November.

If anyone is interested in further information they can contact Color Guard Director, Jennifer Leseth at Jenifo30@gmail.com.

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.

Call for crafters

The Delta Kappa Gamma Education Society hosts its annual juried handmade-only Craft Show on Saturday Oct. 15, at West Middle School in Plymouth from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event draws some 1,500 customers and features food and drawings.

For information on how to take part, call or e-mail Judy Stone at JBSTONE 716@comcast.net or Alice Chrenko, (248) 348-5561 or dachrenko@hotmail.com

Mom 2 Mom Sale

The Salvation Army is hosting its second annual Mom 2 Mom Sale on Saturday, May 22. The sale runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and costs just \$1 for admission.

At this time, the Salvation Army is looking for moms who wish to sell their gently used baby and kids items by renting a table at the sale. The cost is \$20 for an 8 foot table, and \$3 for extra space to bring a rack.

Those interested can print off an application from the Salvation Army's Web site, www.misalplymouth.org, or call Cassie at (734) 453-5464 for more information. The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main Street in Plymouth.

PLAV members

PLAV Post #166, located at 39375 Amrhein in Livonia (at the southeastern corner of Amrhein and Eckles) is seeking new veteran members (the first year is offered free).

The Post meeting is the second Monday of every month (except July and August) and begins at 7:30 p.m. with a light lunch that follows the meeting. Those interested are welcome; contact Sr Vice Cmdr/Adj Roger L. Kehrier, (734) 453-2031.



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Industrial pioneer co-founded Fox Hills

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In a time when career opportunities for women were limited, Estelle Dul was a pioneer.

She began her work life in a traditional path but soon forged a career in manufacturing as a partner, owner and company founder, and was well established before she married at age 33.

Mrs. Dul later branched out and joined with her husband Alexander, a builder, to buy a golf course in Romulus. In 1974, she purchased another course, in Washtenaw County, now known as Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center. The business is today run by her daughters; a manufacturing business she started, Clips & Clamps Industries, is located in Plymouth Township and run by a son-in-law.

Mrs. Dul, of Livonia, died Saturday at age 97.



Mrs. Dul

"She was a driven woman," said daughter Kathleen Aznavorian. "She had a lot of spunk, she had a lot of determination and she was obviously someone who wanted to make a difference."

"She was a very unique role model to follow" and instilled a strong work ethic, said another daughter, Sandy Mily. Their mother liked to stay busy, the women said. She officially retired from Fox Hills at age 88.

Born Estelle Obloj to immigrants from Poland, she started as a secretary and telephone operator at Western Manufacturing Co. in Detroit and completed a program at the Business Institute of Detroit.

She moved through the ranks at Western and later became a partner in Transmission & Gear Co., and then the sole owner of a metal-stamping

and rubber-coating company, Collord Corp.

She founded another stamping company, now Clips & Clamps, in 1954; Aznavorian's husband, Michael, is the president. Mrs. Dul's firms were involved in making automobile parts; during World War II, Transmission & Gear made machine gun mounts.

Though she was modest and low-key, Kathleen Aznavorian said, people were drawn to her mother.

"When you got to know the woman, who she really was, you would be staggered at her accomplishments," she said.

Her independent side wasn't limited to her career, either; Estelle Obloj had her first car, a new 1934 Ford, at age 22, at a time when not many women drove.

Sandy Mily said her mother was deeply influenced by having lived during the Great Depression. She was a "coupon queen," always hunting

for bargains for the golf course, for which she did a lot of the purchasing, both daughters said.

"When you go through the Depression, I think, you have a different outlook," Mily said.

"She was never one to pass up a bargain. She knew merchandise. She studied it," Kathleen Aznavorian said. She even bought items for the golf course's pro shop, she said, and learned them well.

Outside of work, Mrs. Dul liked to play pinocle with friends and was active in her longtime church, St. Anselm in Dearborn Heights. She was also involved with St. Mary of Orchard Lake and with Order of the Alhambra, which provides support for developmentally disabled people.

When her daughters were young, Mrs. Dul was a Brownie Scout leader. "It amazed me that she could find time to fit that in," Mily said.

In the 1990s, Mrs. Dul was

given an award by the Precision Metalforming Association for her achievements in the industry.

In addition to her daughters and son-in-law Michael Aznavorian, survivors include son-in-law Douglas Mily, granddaughters Jennifer Aznavorian and Alexis O'Brien, and grandsons Nicholas Mily and Jeff Aznavorian.

She was preceded in death in 1986 by her husband.

Visitation was Tuesday and Wednesday at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth Township, and a funeral Mass was to be held Thursday morning at St. Colette Church in Livonia. Entombment was to take place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Drive, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076.

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CRIME WATCH

Arrests on warrants lead to heroin find

Two Westland men were arrested on outstanding warrants April 29 after a disturbance at a Plymouth Township motel. One was turned over to police in Westland, while the other was booked in Plymouth Township on a drug charge after police found him with suspected heroin.

Officers responding to a report of two men fighting outside the Red Roof Inn on Ann Arbor Road, at about 4 a.m., found the suspects, ages 31 and 29, in a room they had rented, along with a 49-year-old Wayne woman, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report.

The men were identified and found to have outstanding warrants, the older man for fraud, drug possession, narcotics paraphernalia possession and driving with a suspended license, and the younger one for fraud, the police report said. The woman also had an

outstanding fraud warrant from the city of Wayne and was detained.

The 31-year-old was in possession of a syringe and material sometimes used to filter crack cocaine, and faces a local charge of possessing narcotics paraphernalia. He told police he was a crack and heroin addict, police said.

Police contacted police in Westland, where each male suspect was wanted on a fraud charge, and arranged to hand the men over at Joy Road and Hix, police said. But a packet of suspected heroin was found in the 31-year-old's wallet just before the exchange, and township police kept him on a heroin charge, police said. The substance later tested positive for heroin, police said.

The 29-year-old was handed over to Westland officers, and the woman was released at the request of police in Wayne, police said.

The 31-year-old later complained of a medical problem and was treated at St. Mary

Mercy Hospital in Livonia, police said.

Paraphernalia arrest

A 25-year-old Ann Arbor man was arrested on a drug paraphernalia charge on the morning of April 29 after admitting to police that he had a marijuana pipe.

The suspect, driving a 1999 Ford Taurus, was pulled over on eastbound Ann Arbor Road near Sheldon shortly before 10 a.m. because the car was improperly registered, police said. The officer who stopped the man noticed the strong odor of burned marijuana coming from inside the car, police said.

When asked, the man admitted he had a marijuana pipe in a car ashtray, police said. The officer found it there, with a bit of suspected marijuana in the bowl, police said.

The man was arrested on the paraphernalia charge and warned about marijuana possession and driving an improperly registered car,

police said. The Taurus was impounded.

Thefts from vehicles

A laptop computer, a cellular phone and a phone charger were reported stolen Sunday from a car that had been parked in the driveway of a house on Ivywood Lane.

The Pontiac G6 had been left unlocked, the victim told police. The incident occurred between the evening of April 29 and early Sunday.

A cellular phone was reported stolen Saturday from a Cadillac CTS. The car had been sitting unlocked in the garage of a house on Ivywood Lane, a police report said, and the garage may have been left open.

In addition, a 12-pack of beer and 30 returnable beer cans were reported stolen from the garage.

The incident occurred between about 5 p.m. Friday and noon Saturday, the victim told police.

A cellular phone was

reported stolen from a Jeep, and a phone charger from a Lexus, on April 29.

Both cars were parked, unlocked, in the driveway of a house on Sycamore Valley Drive at the time of the thefts, which occurred April 28 or early April 29, police said.

- By Matt Jachman

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following emergencies during the period April 28 to May 4:

Tuesday, May 4 - Smoke investigation at Fair and Mill; residential rescue runs on Haggerty, on Parkview and on Pinewood; rescue run on Ann Arbor Road; vehicle accidents at Ann Arbor Road and Pineview, on Northville Road, at Hines and Northville Road and at Powell and Ridge.

Monday, May 3 - Residential rescue runs on E Drive, on Pinewood, on Grant, on Tavistock, on Amelia, on

Forest and on Hartsough; commercial rescue run on Schoolcraft; vehicle accident on southbound I-275 at M-14 and at Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon.

Sunday, May 2 - Vehicle accident on westbound M-14 at Schoolcraft; wash-down on Polaris Court.

Saturday, May 1 - Residential rescue runs on Northville Road, on Ann and on Waverly.

Friday, April 30 - Rescue runs at Hines and Haggerty and on Ann Arbor Trail; residential rescue runs on Clare, on Amelia and on Northville Road; industrial rescue run on Keel; vehicle accident on Ann Arbor Road and at Ann Arbor Road and Massey; downed wires on Penniman; commercial rescue run on Beck.

Thursday, April 29 - Special runs on Main and on Pleasant View; residential rescue runs on Sutherland and on Chandler; vehicle fire on Five Mile; commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road.

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marijuana in some areas.

But, "I'm not interested in having a medical marijuana store in downtown Plymouth," he said.

The medical marijuana

issue, particularly its conflict with federal law, has been causing confusion since it was approved by Michigan voters in November 2008.

Information on the Michigan Department of Community Health website says the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes is restricted to people suffering from

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Mothers, daughters offer messages of love



A wedding shower in July 2009 was the setting for this favorite photo submitted by Laurie Robinson of Plymouth. Showering their 89-year-old grandmother, Ann Dondzila of Westland, with "umbrellas of love" are (from left) Katie Ann Dondzila-Meek of Canton and Kristen Marie Dondzila of Canton. "Katie's wedding shower was last July and we had used the lace umbrellas as decorations," wrote Robinson, aunt to Katie and Kristen and daughter of Ann. "Katie and Kristen, her sister, were posing with my mother after the shower and we took this picture knowing that it would be a great memory," added Robinson.

More photos in today's Hometown Life Woman section

Today is Mother's Day and we asked mothers and daughters to share their favorite photographs and special greetings. Here are a few of the photos we received. For a story on the strong bonds between mothers and daughters and more photos, see Hometown Life Woman.



Ellie Steves of Northville (from left) and her four daughters, Linda Quigley of Plymouth, Sandi Rogers of Northville, Janet Goldberg of Northville and Nancy Spirt of Fountain Valley, California enjoy a celebration at Tavern on the Green in New York City. The photo was taken June 11, 2006. The restaurant closed Jan. 1, 2010. Located in Central Park on the Upper West Side, the restaurant was a frequent stop for actors, writers politicians and mother/daughter celebrations.



Gayle Robinson's husband, Russell P. Robinson Jr., died April 2009 and this year will be her first Mother's Day without him. Her one request was to visit his grave at Great Lakes Cemetery in Holly. She has nine living children in the metro area and two made her wish come true. Shown escorting their mom, who lives in Westland, to their dad's grave are Kathy Robinson Law of Wayne (left) and Debbie Robinson Fox of Garden City. Debbie's husband, Gary Fox Sr., drove the women to Holly and took this photo.



Three generations of women who live on Arcola Street in Garden City (from left) Lisa Mihal, Shirley Olson and Nancy Bowman. The photo was taken by Ruth Olson on April 20, 2010, in honor of Shirley's 80th birthday. Clifford and Shirley Olson have lived on Arcola Street for 56 years.



Mothers and daughters enjoy a spring break trip to Mexico. A group of mothers from Plymouth and Canton joined their daughters, all seniors at Plymouth, Canton or Salem high schools, in April 2010 for a senior trip south of the border. Pictured are (from left daughters and mothers) Emily and Sarena Bouse, Alex and Louise Brekke, Eva and LouAnn DeBeliso, Kirsten and Julie Holland, Hillary and Diana Genrich, Courtney and Cindy Simpson, Lexie MacDiarmid and Laura Santamauro and Katie and Helen Javahirian.



Pam Bushway and her mother, Barb Ptanski, both of Westland. "Every year my husband, Andy, my two daughters, my mom and myself take a weekend trip to Frankenmuth. My mom and I have a shared love of iced cappuccinos. In this photo we are outside a little coffee shop after having sneaked away from the rest of the family. It was a fun, bonding moment for us," wrote Bushway.



Andrea Timreck submitted this favorite photo taken at her granddaughter's first birthday party September 2009. Pictured (from left) are Andrea Timreck of South Lyon, her mother, Mary Bartz of Novi, her daughter, Michelle Kolbusz (holding her daughter, Mira Kolbusz) of Farmington Hills. Four generations of mothers and daughters spanning ages 1 to 85.



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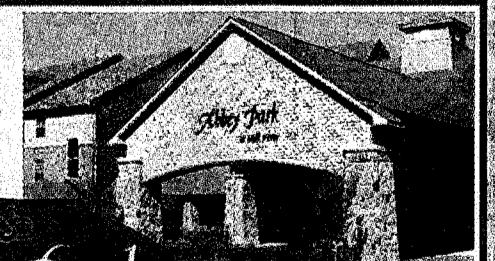
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All-Stars honored at Townsend event



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Susan Rosiek, publisher of the Observer & Eccentric and Hometown Newspapers, begins the program honoring Academic All Stars. Birmingham's Townsend Hotel hosted the 25th annual event.

The *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* honored the 2010 Academic All-Star team at a breakfast awards ceremony April 28 at the Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham.

All-Stars and their parents were invited to the event which recognizes outstanding students from public, private and parochial schools in the O&E circulation area.

The 2010 team marks the 25th anniversary of the O&E Academic All-Star program.

More than 100 students and parents attended the event.

Students received a U.S. Savings Bond courtesy of Huntington Bank, a certificate and gifts from the *Observer & Eccentric* and were treated to a breakfast buffet at the Townsend.

Students will also receive a copy of a special section, sponsored by Madonna University and the O&E (published Sunday, May 9), profiling their accomplishments.

The 25th annual team was selected in cooperation with a high school principals in Oakland and western Wayne counties. This year's committee included Dan Willenborg of Livonia Franklin, Terry Piper of Birmingham Seaholm, Carolyn Witte of Farmington Hills Mercy, Charlie Hollerith of Bloomfield Hills Lahser and DeeAnn Lacy, assistant principal at North Farmington.

The principals examined grade point averages (academic subjects only) and test scores (SAT and ACT) and reviewed transcripts.

The All-Star team is selected based solely on academic credentials.

The principals were impressed by the "amazingly smart and engaged students" who were nominated.

In fact, the newspaper had planned to honor 25 students to mark 25 years. The team was expanded to 31 because of high GPAs and outstanding test scores, which created multiple ties among nominated students.



Austin Buckley of Farmington High School.



Holly Chiang, a senior at Livonia Churchill High School.



Christina Healey of Farmington High School plans to attend the University of Notre Dame.



David Moldenhauer, a senior at Lutheran High Westland, accepts congratulations from Greg Kowalski, editor of the Birmingham Eccentric.



Akshay Amin, from Plymouth Salem High School accepts congratulations from Greg Kowalski, editor of the Birmingham Eccentric.



Lauren Richards, a senior at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, will attend Notre Dame in the fall.



Brian Miller of North Farmington High School accepts congratulations from Pam Iacobelli, vice president, director of Marketing at Huntington Bank. In the background is Susan Rosiek, publisher of the Observer & Eccentric and Hometown Newspapers.



Shan Kothari is congratulated by Pam Iacobelli, vice president, director of Marketing at Huntington Bank.



Nick Wasylyshyn shakes hands with Pam Iacobelli, vice president, director of Marketing at Huntington Bank.



Amy Mathew, a senior at Plymouth High School.



Marian High School's Caitlin Ploch shakes hands with Greg Kowalski, editor of the Birmingham Eccentric. Ploch lives in Redford Township and plans to attend Hope College.



Steven Ball, of Farmington Hills, attends Birmingham Brother Rice High School. He will attend the University of Michigan in the fall.



Churchill High School's Bryce Morgan shakes with Greg Kowalski, Editor of the Birmingham Eccentric.



Ellie Krieg of Mercy High School shakes hands with Birmingham Eccentric Editor Greg Kowalski.



Flora Zhang of Farmington Hills, a student at Detroit Country Day, receives congratulations from Birmingham Eccentric Editor Greg Kowalski.



Twins Dennis and Alexander Ye rode one of the many carnival rides dotting the Family Zone at Liberty Fest last year. This year, festival organizers say they'll double the size of the festival's carnival.

Organizers gearing up for Liberty Fest

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There's good news and bad news coming for Canton's 19th annual Liberty Fest.

First, the good news (especially for those who like carnivals): Festival organizers have doubled the size of the carnival portion of Liberty Fest. Instead of some dozen rides, this year's event will feature more than two dozen, including a roller coaster.

Now, the bad news: Road crews are likely to be in the middle of a construction project to widen Canton Center Road, and Heritage Park is right smack in the middle of it, presenting big access problems for festival organizers. And, while Cantonians are likely to be familiar with the area and will find ways around the construction, the same can't be said for the thousands of outsiders who come from other communities.

"It's hard to avoid construction in the summer,"

acknowledged Canton Leisure Services' Jennifer Provenzano. "If people aren't familiar with the area, if they're coming to check us out for the first time, they're going to have a hard time."

Provenzano said the festival's website (www.cantonlibertyfest.com) will be updated continuously, signage will be used around the area to direct traffic and other steps will be taken to educate the public on how to get around.

"We're trying as much as we can to get out ahead of (the problem)," Provenzano said. "We want people to know what to expect and to be able to find their alternate routes before they head out."

Organizers will also address parking problems by urging festival goers to park in off-site places such as Freedom Park, Griffin Park or the Farmer Jack parking lot and walk in. They're hoping the weather will cooperate and festival goers will get into the spirit of health by walking into the

festival.

Those who do, Provenzano said, will be rewarded by having their names placed in drawings for prizes, perhaps getting T-shirts or other incentives.

"We'll definitely make it worth their while," Provenzano said.

Back to the good news: the expanding carnival. Organizers have switched carnival providers, hiring Wade Shows — the same firm that supplies carnival rides to Livonia's annual Spree festival — to increase the size of the Liberty Fest carnival.

It's a move organizers have been hesitant to make in the past, but one they believe people will not only accept, but embrace.

"For a long time we were scared people didn't want (the carnival) to be huge ... we thought they wanted the small-town thing," Provenzano said. "We've discovered people actually wanted it to be a full-scale carnival."

Life expectancy, other factors to mull in retirement plans

One question I am frequently asked is: How much money will be needed in order to retire?

What people want is a simple, straightforward answer with a set dollar amount. Unfortunately, it's not so easy. After all, when it comes to retirement there are many variables to factor into the equation and some are difficult to determine. For example, one of the hardest issues is how long we're going to live in retirement and what it will cost.

I recognize that living to age 90 and older seems somewhat optimistic. However, think about how much life expectancy has changed over the last 100 years. With advancements in medical science, there's no doubt that life expectancy will continue to increase over the next few decades.

The next issue is whether to factor Social Security into the equation. This is a tough question and I have no doubt that Social Security will change over the years. That being said, those in their mid-50s or older can plan on receiving



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

may be some type of means test. Consequently Social Security is certainly more doubtful for those in their 40s or younger.

The starting point in determining how much you will need in retirement is to get a true and accurate picture of what it costs you to live today. Then determine how much your lifestyle will change in retirement.

For example, many people won't have a house payment. On the other hand, there are also many in southeast Michigan who want to spend part of retirement in warmer climates or just traveling. Once again, these are factors that need to be taken into consideration.

Once you figure your yearly expenses, subtract Social Security and a pension, if any, then as a general rule you will need 25 times that amount to protect yourself in retirement.

Hopefully, whatever the amount you determine you will need for retirement won't scare you but wake you up and allow you to plan so to reach your goals.

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OUR VIEWS

All-Stars boost community pride

On Sunday, May 9, the *Observer & Eccentric* will profile the 2010 Academic All-Star team and runners-up.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the program.

The 2010 All-Stars and runners-up are headed to the University of Michigan, Purdue, Michigan State, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Duke and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, among other schools, to study engineering, science, literature, political, medicine and education.



Kothari



Mathew



Amin



Chen

They are smart, serious and they want to change the world. They are refreshingly optimistic and very determined



Wasylshyn

about the good they can do for society.

In fact, the *Observer* had planned to honor 25 students to mark 25 years. It turned out to be a tough task because of the impeccable grades and test scores of this year's nominees. The team was expanded to 31 because of high GPAs and outstanding test scores, which created multiple ties among nominated students. In addition, 42 other students are runners-up and they are separated from the All-Stars in many cases by just hundredths of a point.

The principals' judging committee was amazed, pleased and proud of the "amazingly smart and engaged students" who were nominated.

But the All-Stars are not only intelligent, they are generous with their time and talent. They are a credit to their families, schools and the communities where they live. They are lavish with their praise about the teachers who have influenced them in their high school careers. Phrases like "changed my life," "cared about me as a person," "took the time ..." were used by all students.

Teachers will be encouraged by and proud of their All-Star students.

We salute the 2010 All-Star team members from the Plymouth-Canton area, including Plymouth High School's Shan Kothari and Canton High School's Nick Wasylshyn, who tied for the top ranking, and All-Stars Akshay Amin of Salem High School, Amy Mathew of Plymouth High School and Lillian Chen of Canton High School.

Be sure to read about them, their accomplishments and future plans in Sunday's special section.

All-Stars excel over 25 years

The 2010 Academic All-Star Team is a milestone for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* as we celebrate 25 years of honoring academic excellence.

We are proud to have honored 1,500 students as All-Stars over the past 25 years. More than 2,100 other students have received honorable mention.

Thanks to our partners over the years — Madonna University, Huntington Bank and the Townsend Hotel — for their part in making the All-Star program a special honor for those selected to the team. Huntington has awarded U.S. Savings Bonds to the Academic All-Stars for the last six years. The Townsend has hosted students and parents in a special breakfast and awards ceremony and Madonna University has sponsored our special section that profiles the All-Stars and their achievements in print for more than 10 years.

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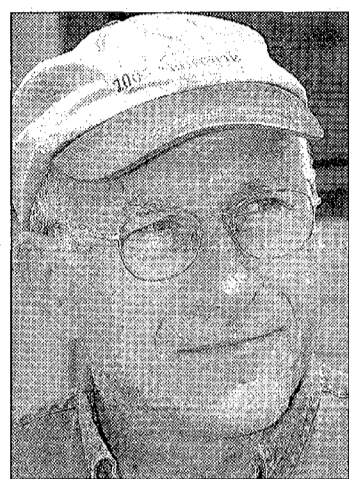
Has the construction in downtown Plymouth – the streetscape improvements and street-paving – changed your routine at all?

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



"Not mine, no. I take the routes where I do have to go through that."

Frances Atkins
Plymouth Township



"It hasn't really mine, because mostly I'm walking downtown rather than driving. ... Besides, it's kind of like a floor show."

Clark Chapin
Plymouth



"A little bit. Not much. Just out of routine, I go the wrong way."

Terri Matheson
Plymouth



"It really hasn't, 'cause I usually don't come downtown that much. I'm usually here more in the summertime."

Jennifer Harper
Plymouth Township

LETTERS

Flawed concept

I want to thank you for your article on "term limits" (April 29).

I served on the City of Plymouth Charter Review Committee and ultimately the Charter Review Commission which was charged with presenting our findings to the City Commission, with the hope that ultimately the voters would have a chance to approve or reject it. A major focus for me was to either eliminate the term limit provision for city commissioners or expand it. The ultimate decision was to expand to three terms. The new charter is now in effect.

However, I do not understand your comment regarding our legislators serving at the public trough. You can't have it both ways: promoting the abandonment of term limits while telling people they should be discouraged for serving for more than a minimal length of time. I think the comment is little more than a convoluted palliative sop to those people who saw term limits as the answer to an ingrained, institutional abuse of power.

One of my favorite movies, "The American President," contains a truly classic line uttered by the "President" at a news conference: "America isn't easy; you have to work at it!" That means to me that I have to know how my representatives are voting, what they believe in, and does that square with what I feel is important. I'm not interested in having some artificial, inane, robotic substitute like term limits do my thinking for me.

If our government is going to continue as a true democracy, then there is surely no place for an illogical and counterproductive law telling a person that somehow they are no long useful and effective at their job based on how long they have been in office. They have to leave.

Unless our society would rather free and absolve our citizens from the responsibility of choosing our leaders based on intelligence, character, and effectiveness, and not longevity of service, then there is no reason to tolerate a totally flawed and ill-conceived concept such as term limits.

Frederick J. Libbing
Plymouth

Many voices, one vision

The 2010 Census responses will provide more evidence of the benefits of living in Canton Township, Plymouth and Plymouth Township: The increasingly rich diversity of our residents!

While the Census can provide much data, we can see for ourselves that our area is fortunate to be home to people of a variety of cultural and ethnic backgrounds. This fact is reflected in one aspect by the diversity of religious institutions in Plymouth-Canton.

Our community is home to a synagogue, many Christian churches, two Hindu temples, two Sikh Gurudwaras and a large Muslim mosque. The followers of these great world religions, and other people of good will, enrich our community with their high moral values and good citizenship.

As we engage in the life of our community, we will now have more occasions to encounter people from many parts of the globe. We urge you to take advantage of public events and invitations to experience our community's diversity of cultures.

One advantage of living in our community is that you may need only look to your next-door neighbor to engage in such an experience and observe just how much we all have in common. Building these relationships will

serve to avoid prejudicial thinking and acting. We look forward to building upon our differences to become an even greater community.

Information on currently scheduled public events, requests for information about specific groups, and assistance in taking us up on our challenge are available from Plymouth Canton Citizens for Diversity and Inclusion via e-mail at plycandci@gmail.com.

Plymouth-Canton Citizens for Diversity and Inclusion:

- Ann Marie Graham-Hudak, Chair
- Loren Khogali, Co-chair
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- Stan Olszewski, Representation in Public Life Committee
- With support from: Dan Dwyer, Phil LaJoy, Richard Reaume

Supports Wadsworth

I am writing this letter to encourage the citizens of the 20th District to elect Joan Wadsworth to be their voice in the Michigan State House of Representatives.

The problems currently facing our state are daunting. We are all well aware of the troubled economy and lack of jobs. Additionally, we have important educational and environmental issues to address to ensure a promising future for our children.

I have known and worked with Joan Wadsworth for over 10 years and I believe that she possesses both the personal qualities and experience we need to represent us in Lansing. Joan has been an active and involved citizen of Northville. She has served 16 years as a member of the Northville Board of Education, 14 of those as an officer. She has served on the board of the Friends of the Northville District Library, as well as the Northville Senior Citizens' Advisory Commission and the Northville Downtown Development Authority. In 2003, she was named Northville's Citizen of the Year and in 2007, she received the Exemplary Achievement Award from the Novi-Northville Optimist Club.

Joan is well-educated and articulate. She possesses an MBA from the University of Michigan. As our representative in Lansing, she will seek the best possible solutions to the challenging problems of Michigan by building consensus. She is open to thoughts and ideas from all people and is hardworking. Joan recognizes that complex problems demand a variety of input and approaches to be solved.

When I heard that Joan was planning to run for state representative, I was thrilled. I am glad she is willing to take on such a difficult challenge and I am happy that, if elected, our state will benefit from her positive leadership.

I urge all of you to visit Joan's website www.joanwadsworth.com and decide for yourselves to support her candidacy. Follow her campaign by joining her groups on Facebook and Twitter. Become a part of helping solve the mess Michigan finds itself in by sending Joan Wadsworth to Lansing to represent us in this November's election.

Marnie Mertz
Northville

Backing Wadsworth

Being a new resident of the city of

Mitch Smith
Canton

Plymouth, I have been attending various functions to meet those running for offices in the upcoming elections. I don't believe that there has ever been a more pressing time in Michigan's history for inspired leadership.

One person that has impressed me with her knowledge of issues is Joan Wadsworth. Although I've only known Joan Wadsworth for a short time, I've learned that she has served on the Northville Board of Education for many years. She has also been actively involved with the Chamber of Commerce board of directors, the Northville Downtown Development Authority, the Senior Citizens Council, and the Library.

The number of hours devoted to helping others shows her commitment to community and her desire to make the area she will serve, as our Representative in Lansing, a better place for all of our district's citizens.

Doreen Lawton
Plymouth

Passive-aggressive e-mail

Have you, too, been the recipient of disturbing, unsolicited, right-wing or anti-government e-mails from numerous friends? My list of senders includes business and education professionals as well as a couple of skilled tradesmen, all of whom are white and middle-aged. Most are married to professional women.

Each unsolicited e-mail came largely free of any introductory statement from the sender like, "Hi, I just wondered what you thought about this" or any other polite, personalized ice-breaker one might expect at the beginning of a correspondence from a friend. It was kind of like, "here, read this!" from each person. Upon receipt of the first message of this type I was surprised that the sender felt as he did and surprised that he had seemingly been taken in by what appeared to be gross exaggerations, mischaracterizations and or outright lies.

I decided to try to correct the misconceptions to prevent my friend from appearing to be uninformed. By accessing some of the fact-checking sites on the Internet I was able to deconstruct the communication I had received and I sent a polite, non-condescending reply in an effort to straighten out the facts.

To my surprise, I got no reply. Within a few days another e-mail, featuring lots of bolded text and many exclamation points and loaded with apparent lies and misconceptions, appeared in my inbox. Again I researched the included claims, fact checked and corrected the errors and replied accordingly. Again, no return reply was forthcoming.

Eventually, I concluded that the sender by now must have understood that I did not agree with him. Since he refused to observe the most basic tenet of intelligent debate, that of insisting upon facts as the basis for argumentation, I requested that he take me off of his "political" mailing list ... Similar scenarios have since played out with several variations where each sender of the unsolicited has been concerned ... Somehow I feel partially responsible for the way things have turned out but logic tells me otherwise. I was just minding my own business, keeping my opinions to myself when these e-mails began arriving. So-called friends should have never put a friend in this position. The cost of the e-mails has been a loss of friendship, a loss of respect for those who e-mailed me, a pervasive sense of betrayal and an uneasy feeling in my gut about the future. Thanks, guys.

Part of Detroit: Program features Hudson's highlights

Workers, shoppers reminisce about Woodward store

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Elizabeth Gribble of Plymouth Township worked at downtown Hudson's from 1964-69 in the pet shop. People would bring animals in a side entrance to be fitted with apparel - including a wrestler who had a pet lion.

Lena Stenrose of Plymouth also has fond memories of the landmark store on Woodward in downtown Detroit. "That was so nice," Stenrose said. "It was the best place in the world to meet people, your friends. I remember eating dishes from Peru and all over the world. It was great."

Stenrose bought her first oil painting and first leather coat there. "I used to take my granddaughter there too. That was our special day," including lunch. "I really miss it."

Some 130 people came together last week for a program at the Plymouth District Library presented by the Friends group and featuring author Michael Hauser.

Hauser gave a lively history of J.L. Hudson's, noting the company still shows up in

popular culture. The recent TV broadcast of *You Don't Know Jack* on the life of Dr. Jack Keovorkian included a character reference, "She worked at it (Hudson's) down on Woodward," Hauser said.

Hauser, marketing manager for the Detroit Opera House/Michigan Opera Theatre, wrote with Marianne Weldon Arcadia Publishing books, *Hudson's, Detroit's Legendary Department Store and 20th Century Retailing in Downtown Detroit*.

Hudson's in the early 1880s replaced Detroit's first retailer on a site now the Detroit Opera House, offering men's and boys' clothing. In 1891, it had an eight-story building.

The company gradually bought up parcels to allow Woodward frontage, expanding its number of floors and square footage.

"That then became one of the largest stores in the world," Hauser said of work completed in 1928.

The store had 32 levels including mezzanines and half floors. J.L. Hudson was civic-minded, helping to found Harper Hospital and get land

for the state fairgrounds. The Hudson-Webber Foundation remains active in work for the arts, women and children.

"A lot of the legacies of the company are still with us today," said Hauser, citing the Santa parade started in 1924 by Hudson's as well as the fireworks over the Detroit River, started in 1959 and now run by Target. "A lot of people didn't realize there was more than one Santa" downtown, the author said.

The downtown store closed in 1983 and fell into disrepair before being demolished. Hauser gave a corporate run-down on the store, noting brief owner the May Co., based in St. Louis.

"May was not a good steward of their history," he said. Materials are now in Minneapolis and Chicago archives.

Target now owns the archives, and about 10 years ago opened a small archive at the Somerset Collection. That later moved to the Oakland site in Troy. "What's left of it is in an employee lounge in Oakland," Hauser said.

When Federated took over in 2005, "virtually everything then became Macy's." Years earlier, Hudson's had pioneered with displayed merchandise, easy to read prices, a bridal registry and a forerun-

ner to the store credit card.

"The basement store saved the company of course during the Depression," Hauser said of the budget store. "The store really catered to all tastes, too."

A program highlight was hearing from former staffers and customers. A woman drew laughs recalling her 1954 wedding and the frequent arrival of the Hudson's delivery truck with gifts. She said that was the best part of the wedding.

Also recalled were dueling ads in Detroit's and St. Louis's daily papers in the 1968 World Series. The Hudson's ad published in St. Louis showed a tiger with a cardinal in its mouth.

Douglas Brush of Plymouth Township worked 39½ years for Hudson's as a carpet installer, out of the warehouse downtown. "It was a steady job and a good trade," said Brush, who enjoyed the program and praised former boss Gregg Packard of Plymouth Township, another attendee.

"I had a lot of different jobs," said Packard, including running the business gift center and a buyer for toys and housewares. He was let go by the company in 1997, the same day as its president.

"So I had good company," Packard said with a smile. "They were just reducing



Author Michael Hauser spoke Thursday, April 29, on the history of J.L. Hudson's department store. His evening appearance at the Plymouth District Library drew a number of former Hudson's staffers, who shared memories.

staff."

He noted auto company staffers had to move around, and he wanted more stability: "I got the stability until they fired me."

"It was very interesting," Packard said of the library program. "I enjoyed all the anecdotes from the people."

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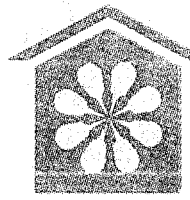
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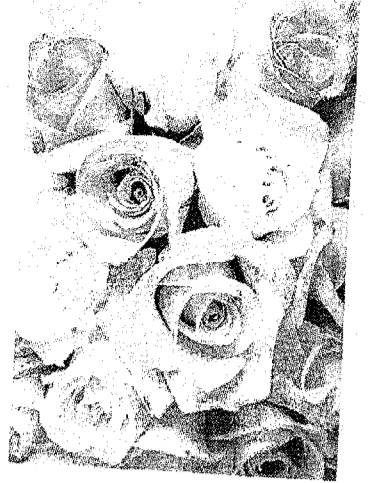
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HOMETOWN LIFE



'Cats make hits count

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth only connected for two hits Monday against Northville, but the host Wildcats made the most out of them with a 3-1 KLAA softball victory.

A two-run homer in the bottom of the first by senior third baseman Amanda Burnard turned out to be all the offensive support required by winning pitcher Lauren Smith, who scattered three hits and struck out 10 batters in a complete game performance.

PREP SOFTBALL "She did a great job," said Wildcats head coach Val Canfield, whose team improved to 10-4 overall and 5-3 in the conference.

Plymouth added an insurance run in the fourth. Senior shortstop Stacey Klonowski (two runs) and Burnard walked, then promptly pulled off a double steal. Freshman outfielder Bri Giordano then drove in Klonowski with a base hit.

Katie Fenech homered for the Mustangs for the only blemish on Smith's pitching record.

"I always tell the team it's important to set the tone in the first inning," said Canfield, about the Burnard home run. "And I'm glad they did."

Also important is how well Giordano and Plymouth's other two freshman starters (pitcher/second baseman Elaine Gerou and catcher Kayla Rebin) continue to adjust to the varsity level.

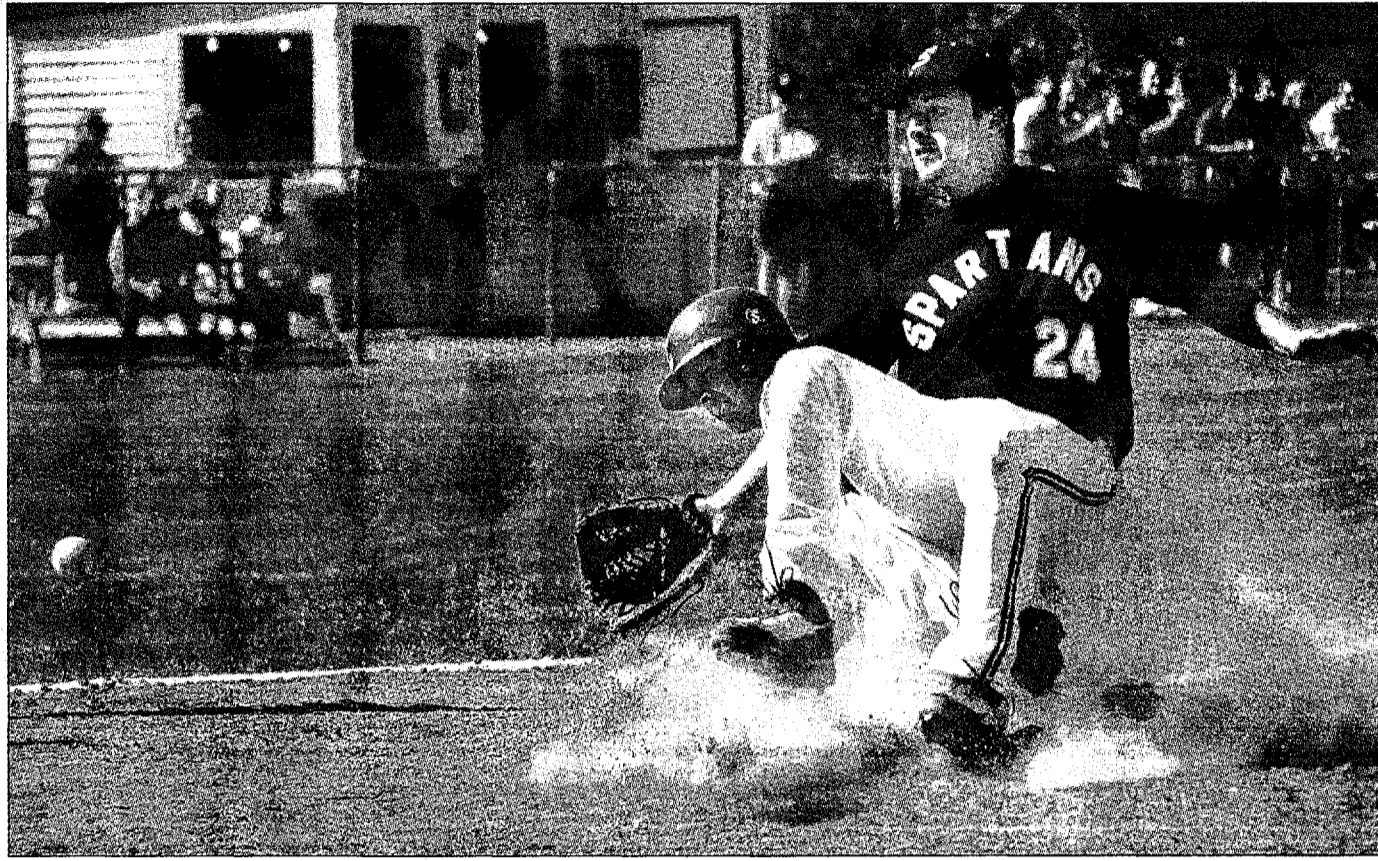
"They're starting to get it," Canfield said.

Plymouth and campus rival Canton will participate in Saturday's "Canton Classic" tournament.

Lee's 16 Ks sparks Rocks

Salem pitcher Bri Lee was sensational Monday at Livonia

Please see **SOFTBALL, B3**



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Sliding safely into home plate Monday for Canton is Garrett Bryden, beating the catcher's throw to Livonia Stevenson pitcher Jeff Sorenson (No. 24).

Chiefs take bite out of Spartans

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was a pretty "cheesy" victory Monday for Canton's baseball team — in a good way, of course — thanks to a kid nicknamed Cheddar, namely junior catcher Seth Tschetter.

The Chiefs knocked off visiting Livonia Stevenson 6-1 in a battle of state-ranked squads and Tschetter had plenty to do with it — going 3-for-4 with three RBI and also playing a stellar defensive game.

"He's just an RBI machine," said Canton head coach Mark Blomshield. "Hats off to him, he played a great game." Exhibit A came in the top of the fourth.

With Canton (13-3, 8-2 in the KLAA) nursing a 3-1 lead, Matt Shain tried to bunt Brendan Hayes to second base in hopes of starting a rally against Chiefs' senior lefty Kevin Delapaz.

Shain bunted a foul ball into the air behind home plate. But Tschetter turned an apparent strike into a key out when he dove head-first to grab the ball just before it hit the ground.

"A big game like this we were all pumped for," said Tschetter following his excellent all-around performance. "We

were all prepared for this game and plays like that are just pure instincts."

One strikeout later, Tschetter ended the inning by throwing out Hayes at second base as he tried to advance on a pitch in the dirt.

"We practice stuff like that," said Blomshield about Tschetter's catch of the bunt. "He's been back there for three years so he'd better be able to make that play. There are just some things that we expect to do."

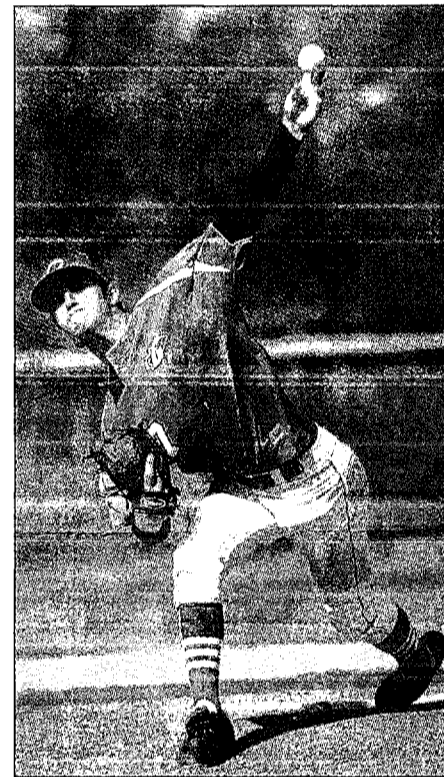
Meanwhile, Delapaz had no problem getting through the next two innings and pitched into the seventh as the Chiefs never trailed against the Spartans (15-2, 8-2 in the KLAA).

Delapaz (six innings, one run, four hits, seven Ks) outdueled Stevenson lefthander Jeff Sorenson, who was victimized by errors and bad luck (two fly balls to center were lost in the sun).

Sorenson gave up three earned runs in 5½ innings and struck out eight.

"He (Delapaz) still has some things he needs to improve on," Blomshield said. "But he's definitely showing some characteristics of how he pitched last year and that's kind of what we're waiting for."

Please see **BASEBALL, B3**



Delivering a pitch during Monday's baseball game is Canton senior Kevin Delapaz, who went six strong innings for the victory.

GAME WRAPS



Salem's Dylan Hatcher scored one of his team's goals Monday against Novi.

Boys lacrosse

NOVI 11, SALEM 5: Despite three goals from junior midfielder Connor Berlin, visiting Salem took it on the chin Monday at the hands of the Wildcats in a KLAA Central matchup.

Other goal scorers for the Rocks were junior attackmen Dylan Hatcher and Garret Berg with one marker each.

Novi outshot Salem 38-26 in the contest, keeping plenty of pressure on the Rocks' defense and goalkeeper.

Prep baseball

PLYMOUTH 10, NORTHVILLE 1: In what Wildcats head coach Bryan Boyd described as his team's best game of the season, host Plymouth ripped 14 hits (including two homers) to rout Northville.

Going the distance on the mound for the victory was pitcher Harrison Michels, who gave up just six hits while striking out five Mustangs.

"Harrison Michels was very good for the second straight start," Boyd said. "He was able to get batters out early in counts."

Michels also contributed two hits and scored twice, but just about every Plymouth player chipped in. Registering two singles, a triple and driving in three runs was Phil Emminger, with Ben Wohl tallying three singles.

Mike Nadratowski singled and doubled while Rich Guglielmi (three RBI) and Matt Priebe (two runs, one RBI) each homered as the Wildcats (8-8, 3-6 in the KLAA) displayed power throughout the lineup.

PCA 12, CALVARY 2: On Monday, Plymouth Christian Academy romped to back the pitching of John Slater, who earned his third Michigan Independent Athletic Conference win of the year while also smacking a three-run homer in the sixth.

Only a two-run home run by Calvary Christian Academy's Kendall Hunley in the first prevented Slater from blanking the Cougars.

PCA's AJ Smith answered the Hunley homer in the top of the second with a two-run homer, coming through with two strikes after head coach Jon Botorff took off the bunt sign. Smith then singled in two more runs in the fourth on a hit-and-run play.

Botorff said Ethan Walker (3B), Matt Hagelin (two hits), JR Hope and Matt Reid (one hit each) all were keys on offense while infielder Hagelin helped turn three double-plays and outfielders Reid and Blake Ringer came through with several clutch catches.

Track and field

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN EXCELS: Both the boys and girls track teams at Plymouth Christian Academy are enjoying success, said head coach Jennifer Lemieux.

Please see **WRAPS, B4**

Rocks, Wildcats teaming up to fight prostate cancer

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Salem and Plymouth baseball programs are uniting Saturday to make a worthy pitch — "Strike Out Prostate Cancer."

Beginning 11 a.m. Saturday, the Salem and Plymouth varsity, junior varsity and freshman teams will all compete as the backdrop for a day-long fund-raiser for "Strike Out Prostate Cancer."

All of the Salem teams will face the Plymouth teams in doubleheaders. But whatever happens on the various Plymouth-Canton Educational Park fields won't be as important as what transpires off of them.

Jointly organized by the Salem

Baseball Dugout Club and Plymouth Baseball Boosters, there will be baked goods, a raffle and a \$3 program/wristband combo available with the hopes of raising more than \$1,000 for the Prostate Cancer Foundation.

"I think it's fantastic," said event spokeswoman Audrey Rodriguez, whose son, Tommy, plays for the varsity Rocks. "I can't think of anyone who hasn't known somebody with cancer."

"If we could donate to a greater cause than just always fund raising for our club, it's great to give back and have the boys give back."

Before Salem's game at Adrian on Friday, May 14, a check from Saturday's event will be presented to prostate cancer survivor and Adrian varsity baseball coach Greg Jackson.

Jackson then will send that money on to the Prostate Cancer Foundation, teaming up with the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association and Detroit Tigers on the effort.

TIMING MADE SENSE

Rodriguez said Jackson is a long-time friend of Salem head coach Dale Rumberger, who was instrumental in Saturday's benefit.

"Coach Rumberger had his fellow coach whose got prostate cancer and he's been a big advocate," Rodriguez said. "(Rumberger) had though 'Wow, let's do this' because the next week (May 14) we go play him."

"...we wanted to do a thing and present him with the check the next week on behalf of the Salem and Plymouth

high school baseball (teams)."

Although admission to Saturday's games is free, Rodriguez said the programs and wrist bands will be available for a combined cost of \$3.

There will be baked goods on sale throughout the campus and some of the raffle items include a baseball autographed by Tigers third baseman Brandon Inge, theater and DVD packs and gift cards donated by Plymouth and Canton restaurants.

Rodriguez said people do not need to be present to win the raffle, which will take place after the second varsity game.

There are between 30-40 high schools in Michigan who are hosting prostate cancer awareness games this spring.

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JOHN KEMSKI

Getting the jump

Plymouth's Jennifer Babcock (No. 13) gains a step on Canton defender Melanie Pickert (No. 22) during Tuesday night girls soccer action at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. The teams battled to a 1-1 tie. Scoring for the Chiefs was Lindsey Winters with Katie Moss answering for the Wildcats. Both squads now are 6-1-3 overall.

Salem wins tournament

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem's varsity boys golf team captured Monday's Dearborn Elite Invitational, an effort that Rocks head coach Ryan Nimmerguth expects to have a positive long-term effect on his squad.

"The fact is they now know they have the ability to win a tournament and that they can compete," said Nimmerguth, whose team finished with a 316 score at par-72 Dearborn Country Club. "A lot of times you go into a tournament to gain experience. Now they know they can win at one of these things."

Salem topped the 14-team field, edging runner-up

BOYS GOLF

University of Detroit-Jesuit (320) and Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (320).

Finishing fifth a 335 over the 18 holes was Canton.

For the Rocks, Eric Duprey led the way with a round of 76 strokes, good for second overall. Dearborn's Evan Bowser was medalist with a 73 for the day.

He was followed by Josh Perrin (78), Patrick Doty (80), Aaron Thompson (82) and Brandon Duprey (86).

"The five guys that have played any time they can be the low guy," Nimmerguth said.

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Senior Night on tap for PCS team

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem Girls Lacrosse team, in the last season as a united team, is sitting at an even .500 with a 5-5 record. Highlights so far have included wins over Saline and Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard with Friday's Senior Night (7 p.m.) at the PCEP JV Field another certain highlight.

During Friday's game against Waterford, seniors Cara Delaney, Lauryn Ebersol, Jennifer Herzfeld, Brittany Lewis, Kylie Miller, Stephanie Poe, Lindsay Schmidt, Rachel Siedlik and Cady Struble will be honored. Many of those seniors have played lacrosse all four years of high school, helping the sport grow throughout the district, said head coach Steve Nyquist. "Friday night will be a great time for our

GIRLS LACROSSE

fans to come out and support this team, honor our seniors and greet our returning players and coaches," Nyquist noted. "It will also present an opportunity to learn more about this up and coming sport in this area."

According to Nyquist, top players have included Ebersol, Lauren Allard, Kaitlyn Hill, Stephanie Bower, Miller, Kaitlyn Allard, and Sarah Coleman. They have been ably assisted by Shannon Lubin, Becca Majszak and Rhianna Fleisher.

Nyquist said the defense has been anchored by Taylor Birman, Lauren Manner, Katie Meagher, Taylor Martin, Herzfeld and Schmidt with Meaghan Eldridge strong in goal.

The Whalers didn't have to go far for their first pick in Saturday's Ontario Hockey League Draft. In fact, they selected a Plymouth season ticket holder.

In the first round (15th overall), the Whalers stayed with their theme of picking local players in selecting Belle Tire U-16 defenseman Max Iafrate.

Max Iafrate is used to being at Compuware Arena. Besides playing against the Compuware teams as a member of Belle Tire, he also has season tickets to the Whalers. Iafrate - the son of former National Hockey League defenseman Al Iafrate - scored 15 goals with 14 assists for 29 points and 167 penalty minutes in 63 games last season.

Central Scouting had this assessment of Iafrate: "Iafrate is a high risk-high reward defenseman who has a ton of physical tools and competes at a very high and consistent level. He has good size, which he uses to take the man and finish his checks, generally playing the game with an edge."

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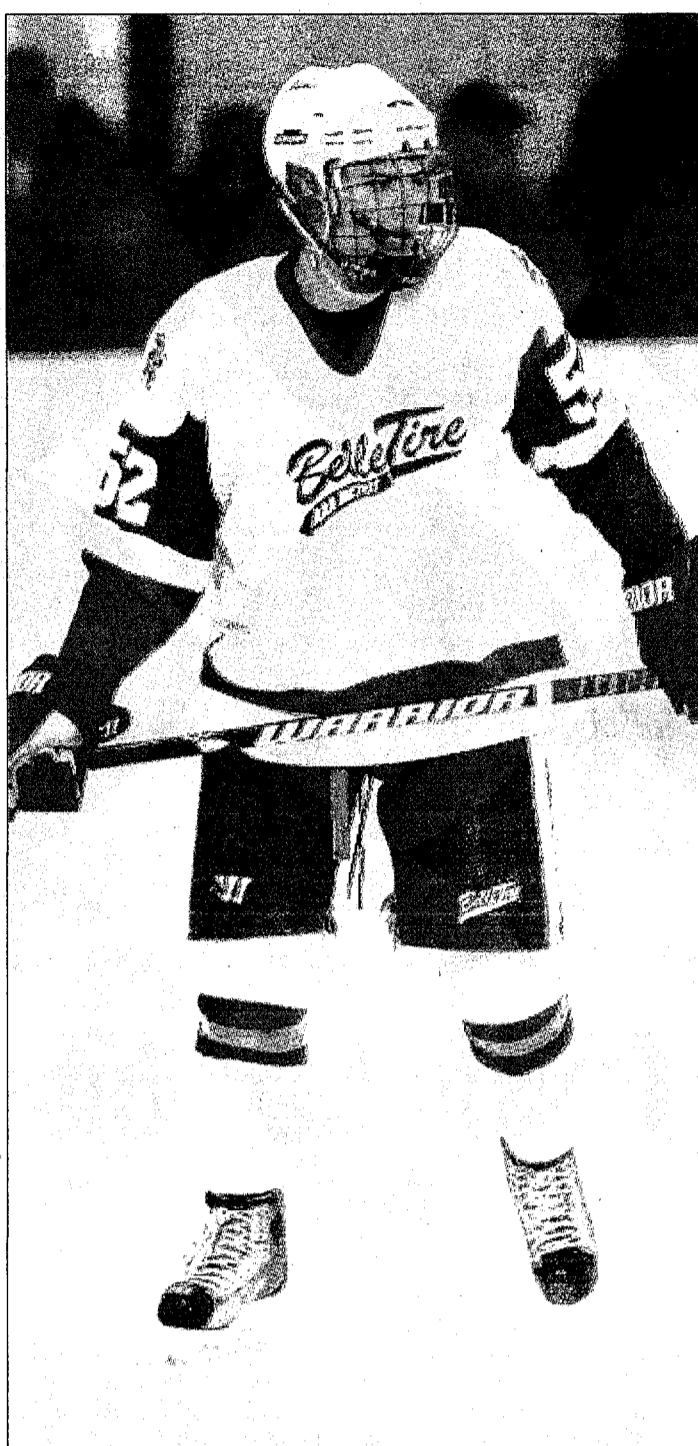
Plymouth President, General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci played with Al Iafrate with the Belleville Bulls in 1983-84.

Al Iafrate's mother, Alice, worked for the Whalers back in their days in Detroit as the Compuware Ambassadors and Jr. Red Wings and the team's Overage Player of the Year award is named in her honor. Iafrate met the Whalers staff Saturday morning.

"My main goal this year was to get drafted into the first round in the Ontario Hockey League," said Max Iafrate. "I worked hard for this. It's even better that I was taken by Plymouth. There's some real history here with Mr. Karmanos, the fact that

To the Max

Whalers pick young Iafrate in first round of OHL draft



The Plymouth Whalers next season will feature Livonia's Max Iafrate on the blueline. Iafrate, the son of former NHL star defenseman Al Iafrate, was Plymouth's first pick in Saturday's Ontario Hockey League draft.

OTHER PICKS

In the second round, Plymouth took 6-foot-3, 190 pound right wing Thomas Wilson with the 27th overall pick. He scored 41 goals with 38 assists for 79 points and 130 PIM's in 59 games for the Toronto Jr. Canadiens last season.

The Whalers had to wait until the fifth round (95th overall) for their next selection - right wing/center Ryan Hartman, who scored 25 goals with 19 assists for 44 points and 64 PIM's in 38 games last year for the Chicago Mission. Hartman is 5-foot-9 and 170 pounds from West Dundee, IL.

Remaining picks were as follows: (6th Round) Ryan Ivey, defenseman; (7th Round) Jake Patterson, goaltender; (8th Round) Brodie Tutton, right wing; John Stevens, right wing; (9th round) Mark Yanis, defenseman who was a teammate with Iafrate at Belle Tire; (10th Round) Jared Dennis, center; Joe Cox, right wing from Detroit Compuware U-16s; (11th Round) Gavin Shantz, defenseman; (12th Round) Ryan Lowney, defenseman, Detroit Compuware U-16s; (13th Round) Brandon Pantaleo, left wing; (14th Round) Sheldon Dries, Detroit Honeybake U-16s; (15th Round) Matteo Condotta, left wing.

After 15 rounds, Harkins summarized the Whalers 2010 draft: "We like guys who compete and we took some guys with skill and toughness. Hartman and Ivey are part of the 1995 draft class because they're late 94's, so we like that kind of potential. We took a goaltender for the future in Patterson. We took some chances on some other guys, but on Draft Day everyone likes their draft. That's how we feel."

Plymouth fans will have a chance to see many of the new Whalers during the team's annual Rookie Orientation, held May 15-16 at Compuware Arena.

Mr. Vellucci played with my dad and my grandmother worked here. Because of my grandmother, I have season tickets to Whalers games. I've watched them a lot."

Iafrate gave a self-assessment of his game. "I like to be an offensive defenseman," he said. "I like

to hit. I like to rush the puck a lot. I'll shoot it (the puck) from the point.

Plymouth Scouting Director Don Harkins described Iafrate as "a big, strong kid who skates like an NHLer already. He shoots and passes the puck well. We think he's got a lot of upside."

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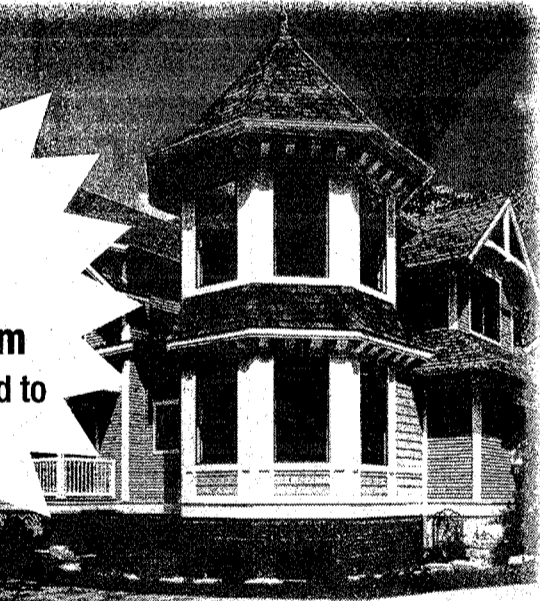
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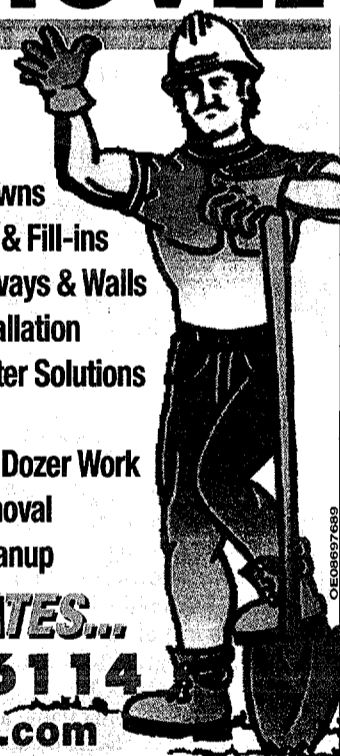
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BASEBALL

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COSTLY MISTAKES

Stevenson head coach Rick Berryman tipped his cap to both southpaws for pitching solid games, but he lamented misplays that put his team in trouble.

"Kevin Delapaz threw well," Berryman said. "The score did not indicate how well Jeff (Sorenson) threw because of the lack of defensive play. But we'll see them again. I'm not disappointed, our kids will get better."

The Chiefs received a gift to open a three-run second when Stevenson's centerfielder couldn't track Garrett Bryden's fly ball. Bryden (2-for-3) tallied a triple on the play and scored on a wild pitch to make it 1-0.

Mark Main (2-for-4) laced a double to left and Chris Perkovich walked. With two out, Tschetter jumped on the

first pitch and drove a liner to right to score a pair, opening up a three-run cushion.

Stevenson cut the lead to 3-1 in the third on a single by Mark Wagner.

But the Chiefs got that run back in the fourth. Perkovich reached first on a dropped third strike and subsequent wide throw by the Stevenson catcher.

Berryman argued, to no avail, that Mike Vomastek was interfered with on the play by Perkovich.

Sorenson promptly picked Perkovich off first, but a low throw to second enabled the Chief to reach safely.

GOOD THINGS HAPPEN

That brought out Tschetter, who with two strikes singled to center for his third RBI of the game.

"I was just thinking about getting on top of the ball, not popping up," Tschetter said. "I was pretty much just putting

it in play. Good things happen when you put it in play and our guys were on base so I just had to come through for them."

Two wild throws contributed to a two-run sixth for the Chiefs, with Bryden knocking in one of the tallies with a single.

Delapaz walked the lead-off batter in the seventh, so Blomshild brought in senior Andrew Tidwell to finish the game.

"I thought we both played pretty well today, we took advantage," Blomshild said. "We had some opportunities come our way and we cashed them in just enough to get us a W."

According to Berryman, "It was a big game and we just made a few miscues. The centerfielder lost a couple fly balls, or whatever happened. If that doesn't happen, those are two outs and it's a different game."

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SOFTBALL

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Churchill, striking out 16 Chargers and nearly throwing a no-hitter as the Rocks earned a 2-0 win.

A double with two out in the seventh by Abby Jewell spoiled Lee's no-hit bid.

"Bri was very focused today and pitched her best game so far this season," said Salem head coach Bonnie Southerland. "I am confident there will be plenty more this season."

Salem (9-6, 5-4 in the KLAAs) broke the scoreless tie in the sixth. Alexis Powell

walked and scored on a triple by Lee and Jenny First followed with a textbook squeeze bunt for the second run.

Other Salem contributors on offense included Kelli Janiczek (two singles), Katie Kinney and Heidi Schmidt (one single each).

Southerland said the win was a nice response to Saturday's tough loss at the Salem invite.

After a Wednesday game against undefeated South Lyon, the Rocks will square off 7 p.m. Thursday at Massey Field against undefeated Canton.

Capping off a busy week is a home doubleheader on Saturday against Dexter (11 a.m.).

Salem Invite

Livonia Franklin won all four games, including a 2-1 win over the host Rocks in the semifinal of Saturday's Salem Invitational and 1-0 win over Flat Rock in the championship game.

In pool play, Franklin opened with a 6-0 win over Lincoln Park as Lambie allowed just two hits, walked none and struck out four. The Patriots then defeated Salem in a game decided in the eighth inning by the international tiebreaker rule.

Tiffany Lambie scattered six hits, walked one and struck out nine to outduel the Salem tandem of Lee and Schmidt.

GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

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No. 1 singles: Abby Haughe (H) def. Megan Leung, 6-3, 7-6(4); No. 2: Kelsey Retich (H) def. Taylor Eppler, 7-5, 6-3; No. 3: Hope DesJardins (H) def. Jaclyn Hollingsworth, 6-1, 6-4; No. 4: Sydney Liedel (C) def. Melanie Leonrad, 6-2, 7-5.

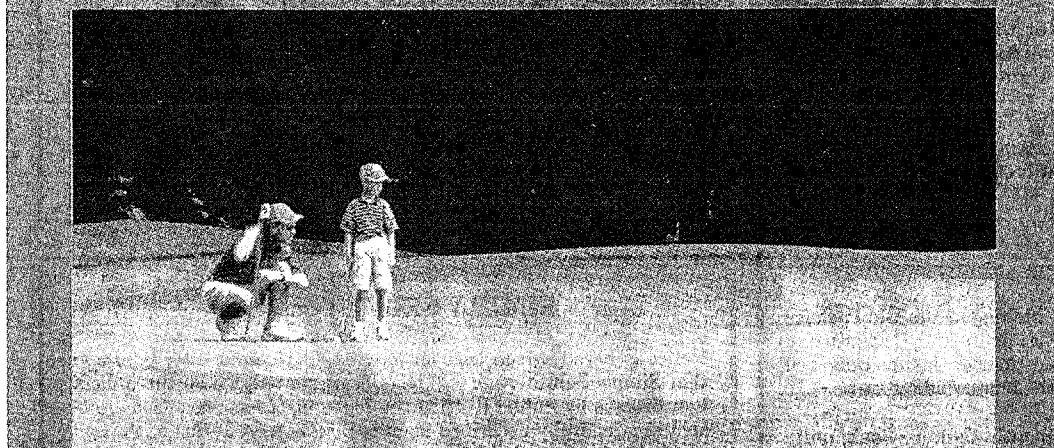
No. 1 doubles: Erika Paajanen-Elizabeth Jaros (H) def. Kayla Davis-Brittany Vance, 6-4, 7-5; No. 2: Mary Villerot-Kaitlyn Ratliff (H) def. Catherine Sanctorum-Kelsey Mason, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Lauren Hill-Jenna Christensen (H) def. Janani Shanmuga-Kaitlyn Bunyak, 6-2, 6-3; No. 4: Kaitlin Slack-Caitlin Distelrath (H) def. Samantha Klot-Hayley Cook, 7-5, 6-2; No. 5: Hannah Ferree-Erin Fowler (C) def. Reghan Moore-Endija Vosa, 6-3, 6-4.

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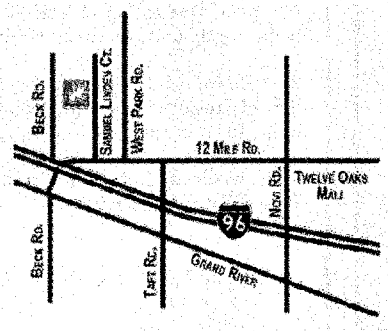
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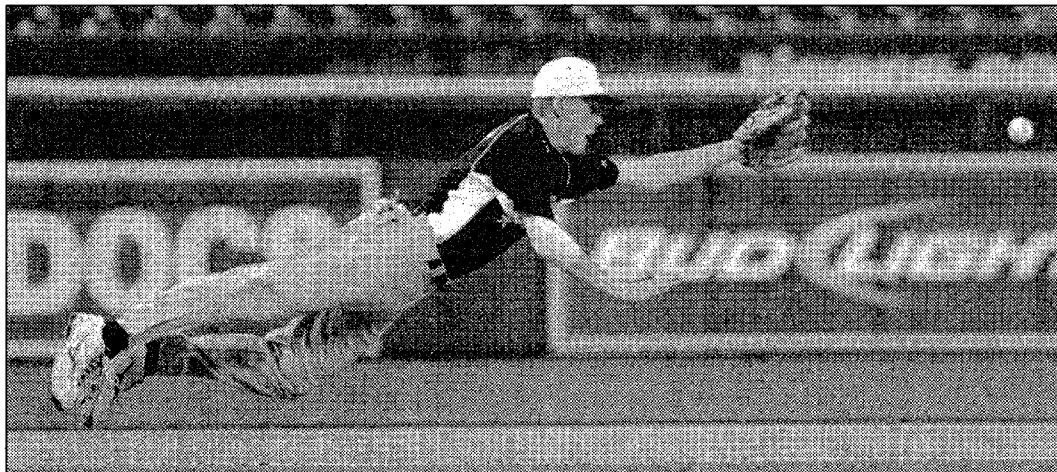
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Plymouth High School grad Brad Lineberry, shown making a defensive play in the 2009 East-West All-Star Game at Comerica Park, is one of the local products stepping in to spark Madonna's offense.

CC edges Wildcats at Observerland Relays

BY DAN O'NEARA
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The 40th Observerland Relays had a repeat champion in Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, which won its second consecutive title Saturday night at Farmington High School.

The Shamrocks retained the crown based on the strength of their performance in the field events and sprints, racking up 80 team points.

Farmington, earning a team trophy for the first time in many years, and Plymouth tied for second place with 53 points apiece.

A mere nine points separated the second- through seventh-place teams, the other four being Salem (50), Livonia Stevenson (49), Farmington Harrison (46) and Northville (44).

CC didn't bring its full team as coach Tony Magni chose to rest his distance runners after they competed Friday at the Jackson Invitational.

The Shamrocks won the discus and high jump, and they were third in the long jump and shot put.

Though better known for its proficiency in the distance events, CC demonstrated superb speed by winning the 800- and 400-meter relays.

"The sprints and field events really came through today," Magni said. "We took two firsts and two thirds in the

field events, and that put us over the top."

CC's 800 relay team won with a record time of 1:28.35, eclipsing the standard set by Harrison eight years of 1:28.5.

"All those kids competed last night and came back today," Magni said of his sprinters. "Their legs weren't as tired as the mile and two-mile kids. In this kind of meet, if you're good enough in the sprints, you're going to win it."

CC benefitted from the competition among the other schools, Magni added.

"What helped us was that everybody else was cutting each other up," he said. "That pretty much took points away from everybody else. We scored well in the field events, and we knew, if we just hung in there, we'd do well."

Jake Spuller anchored CC's sprints relays, and Billy Riga, who was third in the open 100 dash, was a member of both teams, too.

Dylan Young had the best throw (153-5) in the discus, and Mike Shearon tied Salem's Zack Gaskell for the best high jump (6-1).

"Dylan and Mike were the keys to winning two field events," Magni said.

Josh Gatt, a senior soccer standout and first-year track runner, has been a nice addition to the sprint relays.

"He'll probably play (soccer) in Europe next year, and he's really making the relays go,"

Magni said, adding Gatt is part of the 400, 800 and 1,600 teams. "Before the year is over, we'll put him in the open 400, too."

Andy Campbell, who competed in the hurdles, high jump and long jump, is another one of the CC senior leaders, Magni added.

Farmington didn't win any events, but the Falcons scored in all but four of the 16 events. They were second in the 800 and 400 relays and third in the high jump.

Charles Anthony, who anchored both sprint relays, was nipped at the tape in the 100 dash by Westland John Glenn's Jeremy Langford. Chris Ryba and Nimantha Herath were third in the high hurdles and 1,600 run, respectively.

Plymouth's second-place effort was led by senior Warren Buzzard, who won the 1,600 and anchored a Wildcats victory in the 6,400 relay.

Plymouth also was fifth in the 3,200 with Buzzard running the anchor leg.

Salem won three events (shot put, 3,200 and 1,600); Harrison (long jump and shuttle hurdles) and Livonia Stevenson (distance and sprint medleys) two each. Other winners were Northville's Ali Arastu in the high hurdles and Livonia Churchill in the pole vault.

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Madonna keeps on rolling

Chalk up two more wins Monday for the No. 13-ranked Madonna University baseball team.

The Crusaders improved to 41-7 overall by downing visiting Walsh University (Ohio) in a double-header at Ilitch Ballpark, 6-3 and 5-4.

Jeremy Gooding (7-1) went all seven innings in the opener, allowing one earned run on six hits in seven innings. The Livonia native struck out seven and walked three.

Senior center fielder Ted Toune went 2-for-3 with an RBI to pace MU's offensive attack.

Also driving in runs for MU included Spencer Sarel, Brad Lineberry (Plymouth) and Drew Fry.

Junior right fielder Matt Kay (Canton) belted his team-leading 10th home run of the season in Game Two, while driving in four runs. Mike Gansser added a solo homer, his second of the year. Winning pitcher Trent Pohl

(2-1) went 6.2 innings, allowing four earned runs on six hits. He struck out six and walked three.

Reliever Andy Omilian came on to get the final out, his first save of the year.

Dustin Lancy homered for Walsh, which falls to 21-25 overall.

Madonna sweeps

The newly-crowned Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference champion Madonna University baseball team honored its five seniors Saturday with a double-header sweep of visiting Siena Heights University at Ilitch Ballpark, 11-4 and 13-7.

The Crusaders, 39-7 overall and 17-3 in the WHAC, recognized its 2010 class consisting of John Ballarin, Kyle Bolton, Ted Toune, Zach Flavin and Drew Fry.

In the opener, Matt Kay (Canton) belted his seventh homer of the year and Fry added his second as MU out-

hit the Saints, 12-10.

Jeff Bultinck was 3-for-3, including a triple with an RBI, while Fry went 2-for-4 with four RBI. Mike Gansser also added two hits.

Winning pitcher Tom Hansen (5-1) allowed four earned runs on eight hits in five innings. He struck out five and walked two before giving way to reliever Brian Diroff, who pitched two scoreless innings.

In the second game, MU overcame an early 5-run deficit as Kay homered twice – his eighth and ninth of the season – in a 3-for-4 outing with six RBI.

Dan Harder also hit a pair of homers going 2-for-3 with three RBI. Fry also contributed two hits and two RBI, while Tarik Khasawneh went 2-for-3.

Winning pitcher Kyle Bolton (7-0) allowed seven earned runs on nine hits and three walks in six innings. He fanned six before Andy Omilian finished up.

SUMMONS AND NOTICE

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Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT DATED: April 20, 2010 Steven J. Baum, P.C., Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s), 220 Northpointe Parkway Suite G, Amherst, NY 14228 The law firm of Steven J. Baum, P.C. and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose.

PLYMOUTH CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PLYMOUTH, MI 48170

SECTION 00010

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for Plymouth Canton Community Schools' Bid Package #28:

SALEM HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM SOUND SYSTEM REPLACEMENT AND ACOUSTIC SHELLS will be received until 1:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, May 13, 2010 at which time they will be opened and read publicly at Plymouth Canton Community School, E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 464 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170. Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened.

Faxed proposals will not be accepted. This Bid Package will consist of a separate sealed bid for the following Bid Divisions:

Bid Division Description
134: Stage Equipment and Rigging
176: Sound System

Bidding documents prepared by TMP Associates, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335; FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit; Builders Exchange, Lansing Construction News Service, Grandville; and Reed Construction Data, Novi, MI.

Bidders may obtain one (1) set of bidding documents by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc., at (248) 427-8400. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. The bid division being bid is to be identified on the outside of the envelope.

All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00300) and the Proposal Execution Form (Section 00400). The Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted.

There will be a pre-bid meeting at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, May 5th in the Salem High School Construction Trailer, located at 46181 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the bidding requirements, schedule, project scopes of work, and to answer any question that bidders may have. Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.

Any and all questions in regards to the bidding or the Bid Package Documents should be addressed in writing to the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. Questions or clarifications will be promptly answered and returned to the bidder/bidders.

The Board of Education for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

This project is to be bid and the work performed at the Prevailing Wage Rates.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
Nancy Eggenberger, Secretary

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

40TH OBSERVERLAND BOYS TRACK & FIELD RELAYS May 1st at Farmington H.S.
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 80 points; 2. (tie) Farmington and Plymouth, 53 each; 4. Salem, 50; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 49; 6. Farmington Hills Harrison, 46; 7. Northville, 44; 8. Livonia Franklin, 36; 9. Livonia Churchill, 33; 10. Canton, 22; 11. Westland John Glenn, 18; 12. Redford Union, 9; 13. Wayne Memorial, 1; 14. (tie) Redford Thurston, 0 each.
FINAL EVENT RESULTS
Shot put: 1. Salem (Ed Merhi), Dana Balazsar, Ethan Walsh, 147 feet, 8.25 inches; 2. Franklin, 144-9.75; 3. Catholic Central, 139-0.5; 4. Plymouth, 138-8.25; 5. Churchill, 130-2; 6. Farmington, 124-10.75. Top individual: Mehri (Salem), 51-10.25.
Discus: 1. Catholic Central (Dylan Young, Justin D'Agostino, Mike Stilo), 427-11; 2. Salem, 372-2; 3. Churchill, 370-11; 4. Franklin, 366-4.5; Farmington, 346-1; 6. Wayne, 312-3. Top individual: Young (CC), 153-5.
High jump: 1. Catholic Central (Andrew Campbell,

(Farmington), 15-6.4; 4. Brandon Piliqian (Plymouth), 15-6.6; 5. Josh Kyles (CC), 16-1.3; 6. Mike Sharp (Franklin), 16-3.2.
Distance medley: 1. Stevenson (Travis Gosselin, Zaid Shareef, Adam Chludzinski, Joe Ursol), 11:02.96; 2. Franklin, 11:00.04; 3. Canton, 11:02.4; Plymouth, 11:02.53; 5. Northville, 11:08.82; 6. Farmington, 11:39.56.
800 relay: 1. Catholic Central (Josh Gatt, Spencer Hall, Billy Riga, Jake Spuller), 1:29.35; 2. Farmington, 1:29.88; 3. Franklin, 1:31.43; 4. Northville, 1:31.65; 5. Harrison, 1:32.03; 6. Plymouth, 1:32.59.
1,600: 1. Buzzard (Plymouth), 4:37.92; 2. Frank Griffiths (Northville), 4:45.1; 3. Nimantha Herath (Farmington), 4:48.36; 4. John Lynch (Stevenson), 4:49.92; 5. Alex Slavsky (CC), 4:51.22; 6. Steve McEvilly (Salem), 4:52.67.
3,200 relay: 1. Salem (Jimmy Daniels, Gaskell, Shawn Quinn, Dan Martin), 8:22.17; 2. Canton, 8:24.99; 3. Stevenson, 8:28.26; 4. Farmington, 8:30.32; 5. Plymouth, 8:33.75; 6. Churchill, 8:40.26.
100 dash: 1. Jeremy Lankford (Glenn), 11:18; 2.

Charles Anthony (Farmington), 11:2; 3. Riga (CC), 11:32; 4. Will Ferguson (Harrison), 11:52.5; Richard Duncan (Franklin), 11:58; 6. Keith Marshall (RU), 11:67.
Sprint medley: 1. Stevenson (Shaaref, Alex Law, Stephen Pollard, Matt Williams), 2:29.93; 2. Farmington, 2:30.14; 3. Franklin, 2:31.56; 4. Plymouth, 2:31.72; 5. Catholic Central, 2:32.19; 6. John Glenn, 2:33.85.
Shuttle hurdle relay: 1. Harrison (Lukwago, Beneth Aklelia, Denzel Owens, Kenton Janzen), 1:01.01; 2. Catholic Central, 1:02.93; 3. Northville, 1:05.95; 4. Plymouth, 1:06.69; 5. Churchill, 1:06.76; 6. Stevenson, 1:07.52.
400 relay: 1. Catholic Central (Josh Kyles, Anthony Capatina, Dominic Salinas, Ryan Majsak), 4:27.8; 2. Farmington, 4:28.6; 3. John Glenn, 4:32.4; 4. Stevenson, 4:39.6; 5. Plymouth, 4:47.8; 6. Franklin, 4:51.1.
1,600 relay: 1. Salem (Brian Maksimovic, Quinn, Martin, Gaskell), 3:27.87; 2. RU, 3:30.9; 3. Northville, 3:31.67; 4. Stevenson, 3:32.74; 5. Catholic Central, 3:33.87; 6. John Glenn, 3:34.47.

WRAPS

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Last week at Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, PCA's Riley Groenewoud broke a 21-year-old school record in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.37 seconds. Then at Saturday's Whitmore Lake Invitational, the Eagles held their own against schools from a higher division.

In the girls race, Karen Windle set a school record in the 300-meter hurdles (57.3) on her first-ever run in that event, Lemieux said. She also was sixth in the mile-run, missing a school record by two seconds.

Jessica Soblesky took fifth in the 200-meter dash (28.6) while the 400-, 800- and 1,600-meter relay teams each placed eighth.

Also faring well was the PCA boys team, with two firsts (Jordan Allen, high jump, 6-

foot, 3-inches; Groenewoud, long jump, 19-6.25). Those just fell short of new school records as did a fifth-place finish by Chad Ibach in the 300 hurdles (46.6) and a fifth-place finish in the 400-meter dash by Allen.

Groenewoud was sixth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 24.9. Turning in a season's best was the 3,200-meter relay team of Trevor Baloga, Jacob Nichols, Ian Rose and Jimmy Parks) finishing with a 9:38.4, good for eighth place.

At Tuesday's MIAC meet, PCA's boys team placed third overall. The highlight was the 800-meter relay team of Groenewoud, Ibach, Collin Kieft and Allen breaking the PCA record with a time of 1:38.4.

Victorious for the Eagles was Allen in the high jump (6-2) with second-place finishes going to Groenewoud (200 run and long jump) and Baloga (1,600 run, 5:15; 3,200 run, 11:47).

CANTON POLICE AUCTION

These vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction. The auction will be on Tuesday May 11th at 10:00 am. The auction will be held at 6375 Hix, Westland MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, the starting is for towing and storage.

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	VIN
1997	Mercury	Villager	4M2DV1119VDJ58668
2001	Pontiac	Montana	1GMDU03E91D334837
1999	Oldsmobile		1G3NL12T3XC315805
1995	Ford	Contour	3FALP653XSM134342
1993	Dodge	Intrepid	2B3ED56F4PH523323
1994	Lincoln	Mark 8	1LNLM91V6RY729971
2001	Saturn		1G8JW84R01Y518777
2005	Dodge	Dakota	1D7HW48K65S338843

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SIMPLY SELF STORAGE

Notice is hereby given that on May 14, 2010 on or after 9:30 a.m. that Simply Self Storage will be offering for sale under the judicial lien Process by Public Auction the following units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. Terms of the sale are preferred cash only but will except debit/credit. Simply Self Storage reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: 34333 E. Michigan Ave. Wayne MI. 48184 (734)728-8204.

A155	Ed Wilson	Shop Vacs, 2 TV's, 20 boxes, tools
A200	Rosalind Morgan	Washer, Dresser, Big Screen TV
A318	Ronald Parson	Table Saw, Tools, File cabinet
B102	Donald Hickman Jr.	Mattress, Vacuum, Couch

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Plymouth

Strictly Business

Plymouth printer helps fight cancer

Hope Drogmiller will be walking in her third Novi Relay for Life event next month with the first "all-kids" relay team, which she formed to honor her mother's 10th anniversary as a cancer survivor.

And when Hope needed some printing services - flyers, a banner, etc. - she reached across borders and into the Plymouth business community for help.

Tony Grech, one of the owners of Greko Printing, is helping Hope with projects related to her fight against cancer.

"Greko Printing made me feel like one of the family and provide me with a great product," Hope said. "The people of Plymouth should be proud to have such a talented and caring group of people working in their city."

Hope's "all-kids" team consists of 10 children ages 3-12 who will honor Hope's mother's 10 years as a cancer survivor. The team will walk in the Novi Relay for Life, scheduled to start 10 a.m. Saturday, June 12, and go through 10 a.m. Sunday, June 13 at Novi Middle School.

Grech donated business cards and the banner, and said he'll help Hope with "whatever marketing materials" she needs. Hope came to Greko Printing through word of mouth. Once Grech met the youngster, he said, he was hooked.

"We do whatever we can do to give back," Grech said. "I get a lot of calls asking for cash,



Hope Drogmiller got some help for her Relay for Life team from Tony Grech at Greko Printing in Plymouth.

and I can't just cut a check for everything, so when they call (Green Street Fair, Art in the Park, Fall Festival, etc.) and ask, I say, 'What do you need printing wise.'

"You can see this is a special little girl," Grech said. "Any time you get an 11-year-old girl out there doing what she's

doing, you want to help as much as you can."

Greko Printing is located at 260 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. For more information on the company, call (734) 453-0341. To help Hope Drogmiller with her fund-raising campaign, e-mail Hopes_heroes2010@yahoo.com.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Soldier cell phones

What do you think it would be worth to talk to a loved one in the armed services stationed overseas? Maybe they're in combat; you haven't spoken with them for months; don't know if they are safe? Maybe they are a brother, sister, daughter or son?

What price would you pay for a call like this?

RE/MAX Classic has been able to give service members and their families 3,651 hours of peace of mind, happiness and thankfulness for the efforts of all that are donating old cell phones, chargers, batteries, etc., for recycling into calling cards for soldiers.

The company's 2010 goal: Contribute 5,000 hours of talk-time to the troops.

Each phone recycled provides an hour of talk-time to service personnel overseas.

To help reach the goal, RE/MAX Classic sponsors a Mother's Day collection drive of Cell Phones for Soldiers 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at all four locations, including the one at 43435 Joy Road in Canton. Donations are tax-deductible, with donation receipts provided at the time of contribution.

Visit the company's website at www.detroitmetroalestate.com to read about the cause and register your soldier for a their free calling card. For more information, call (248) 987-8610 or (734) 335-0068.

Healthy eating

Hiller's Markets announces nutritionist Gail Posner, RD, MS, will lead one-hour tours to educate shoppers on healthy eating strategies. Posner will also address sensible and strategic choices for weight loss and various health conditions.

There is a \$25 registration fee and space is limited; interested parties must call 248-855-4558 to reserve a spot. Posner will conduct these guided tours 7-8 p.m. Thursday, May 27, at Hiller's Plymouth location, 15455 N. Haggerty.

Ambulance accreditation

Huron Valley Ambulance has received reaccreditation by the national Commission on Accreditation



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of Ambulance Services for its compliance with national standards of excellence. This is HVA's fifth reaccreditation since their original 1993 accreditation. The nonprofit service is accredited through February 2013.

"The public should expect accreditation of their ambulance service, just as they would expect it of a school or a hospital," said Dale Berry, HVA President and CEO. "By meeting this set of standards in all areas, we're showing our community that HVA is a leader in high quality pre-hospital care. Everyone who works at HVA contributes to the success of the reaccreditation process. We couldn't do it without them."

Originally accredited for five years in 1993 and reaccredited in 1998, 2001, 2004 and 2007, HVA was one of the first 21 ambulance services in the nation awarded this distinction. To date, 159 ambulance services in the U.S. are now nationally accredited.

Based in Ann Arbor, Huron Valley Ambulance is the nonprofit community service covering Washtenaw County, western Wayne County and southwest Oakland County.

Dance lessons

Registration is now open at Metro Dance Company for the six-week Summer Dance Session. Classes for all ages, preschool - adult begin the week of July 12 and run through Aug. 20. Wedding

choreography and private lessons in any style also available. Register now by phone at (734) 207-8970.

Metro Dance Company is a full-service dance studio offering classes for all ages, 2 1/2 - adult. The studio is located at 541 S Mill (Lilley), just outside downtown Plymouth. All information, including complete class schedules can be found online at www.MetroDanceCompany.com

Food drive

Downtown Plymouth is undergoing a Streetscape Project to improve the downtown Plymouth community. In conjunction with this, the Downtown Development Authority wants to support underprivileged families within the Plymouth community. In an effort to do so, the DDA is partnering with the Plymouth Community United Way to collect food and supplies to donate to the Salvation Army Plymouth Corps.

Looking for downtown Plymouth businesses to participate, the DDA is encouraging downtown businesses to accept donations through May 17 of non-perishable items. This will afford donors the opportunity to walk the streets of Plymouth and explore downtown establishments. The DDA will provide a donation box that each owner is free to decorate.

Businesses interested in participating can contact the DDA.

CHAMBER CHAT

Showcase Plymouth

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce presents the 21st annual Showcase and Taste of Plymouth on Monday, May 24, from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Inn at St. John's, located 44045 Five Mile in Plymouth.

Showcase and Taste of Plymouth was created to celebrate the Plymouth Community; it's businesses, restaurants, and the people who live here. This year they are again anticipating this event to be a huge success with over 700 attendees.

Admission is \$10 at the door and includes complimentary food, a cash bar and a chance to win over 70 door prizes. For the first time ever there will be a live Chef's Cooking Challenge with three judges and an announcer describing the action.

Also, as part of this event, they are recognizing outstanding citizens from our local service clubs and presenting scholarships to local students.

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

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

Chamber coffee

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce sponsors the Chamber Coffee Connection 8 a.m. Thursday, May 13, at Grand Traverse Pie Co., 41640 Ann Arbor Road (just west of Haggerty).

This is a great opportunity to make new connections with other Chamber members. Grand Traverse Pie Co. is hosting the event with a special section of the restaurant designated for the Chamber Coffee. This will be a great way to start your business day.

If you are interested in attending, contact the Chamber at teri@plymouthmich.org or call 734-453-1540. There is no fee to attend this event. Sponsored by Grand Traverse Pie Co.

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



Showcase Plymouth is expected to again draw hundreds to the Inn at St. John's May 24 from 5-7:30 p.m.

by using PayPal at <http://www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html>

Golf outing

Reservations to golf or to be a sponsor at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's annual golf outing are now being taken. The event takes place Monday, July 12, on the Golden Fox course at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center. Tee off is at 10 a.m.

The golfing package includes lunch, refreshments on the course, cocktails/beer and dinner. Foursomes also receive a tee sign, sponsor recognition and one free \$25 raffle ticket.

For more information about golfing or being a sponsor, call (734) 453-1540 or e-mail web@plymouthmich.org. Cancellations must be received by July 1, 2010.

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 website, 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.

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.

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Country music singer will rock the stage at Hoedown

BY SHARON DARGAY
OSE STAFF WRITER

Playing at the annual 99.5 WYCD Downtown Hoedown never gets old for Austin Scott of Redford.

"This is my fourth year at the Hoedown but my first ever Saturday and I am very excited. Ever since I was young I wanted to be part of the Hoedown and I really had to jump through hoops to start with but I never gave up."

The 99.5 WYCD Downtown Hoedown runs Friday-Sunday, May 14-16 on Hart Plaza in Detroit. Musical acts on the main stage are scheduled from 2-10:05 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-10:20 p.m., Saturday and 11 a.m.-9:15 p.m. Sunday. Dierks Bentley will headline opening night, hometown favorite Uncle Kracker wraps up the musical roster on Saturday and Zac Brown Band finishes the Hoedown on Sunday night.

Scott will perform his rock- and folk-influenced country music at approximately noon, Saturday, May 15, on the Lower Stage, with Front Porch Romances and the Urban All Stars.

"It was tough to get a foot in the door," said Scott, recalling his first appearance at the Hoedown. "But I went through another way. I went through the Colgate Country Showdown and beat out 30 people."

The Showdown is a national contest that begins with local competitions across the country.

"I think country music has the ability to speak to a lot of people. It has its roots in old blues, rock, a little bit of everything. But it still sounds country."

CLASSICALLY TRAINED

Scott, 28, has been paying his dues as a performer since he was 16. The Redford Union High School graduate took piano lessons as a child and then graduated to guitar and vocal classes in high school.



Austin Scott of Redford will play May 15 at the annual Hoedown on Hart Plaza in Detroit.

"I was doing solo shows at 16, duos and trios and that kind of thing, but I didn't have a full band until I was about 20."

He began performing at open mics, church, coffeehouses — anywhere he could — while at the same time honing his songwriting skills. After recording an album of original pieces, Scott headed to Nashville, Tenn.

"I lived there for about a year when I was 20, 21, and tried to make it in the town. I wasn't terribly happy there. I'm not knocking it, but I found a group of people in Tennessee I'd have much rather been with than in the smoky dive bars on Broadway," he said, referring to a section of the town known for its nightlife and bars.

"There were hippie kids, punk rock kids, Indie kids. It was refreshing. I

was playing music at Kung Fu Coffee — we'd answer the phone with Aiee Ya! — and we had three or four bands every night."

They ran the gamut of musical styles, from rock to bluegrass.

"I think my music now represents that. If I do a set it's not just country songs. It's trying to be more original... maybe it's new country," he said.

STAGE CAREER

When he returned to Michigan he continued to perform throughout the state. He took on a landscape job in Rochester just to bring some "balance" to his life. Since then he has taken a job with a company that builds and sets up stages for shows and then removes them when the performance is over. He'll not only perform on a Hoedown



Austin Scott of Redford plays "new" country music.

stage, but will help create it three days before the festival begins.

"We go all over the country. We do the Electronic Music Festival, Jazzfest. I get to be involved in the whole process instead of just performing."

Scott, who will marry girlfriend/manager Rachel van Rossum, in September, generally plays week nights at restaurants and bars in southeastern Michigan and has opened for many groups, including The Orbitsuns. Scott's lengthy performance resume includes shows abroad as well as major festivals in Michigan. He has sung at Arts, Beats and Eats, the Great Lakes Chili Cookoff, at the American Cancer Society's Cattleman's Ball, and the Michigan State Fair, to name a few.

"It's a lot of fun. I love being on stage and sharing my music."

Catch his act Aug. 5 at Farmington's Stars in the Park concert series.

For more about Scott and his music visit www.austinscottmusic.com

GET OUT

ART

Lotus Arts Gallery
Time/Date: May
Location: 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth
Details: Exhibit of figurative works, from minimalist and abstract to detailed
Contact: (888) 889-4ART (toll free) or (734) 453-5400

Northville Arts House
Time/Date: May 7-15
Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
Details: Annual Northville High School Senior Class Art Exhibition
Contact: (248) 449-8361

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.go-comedy.net

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

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia
Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays
Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Erik Griffin with Jeff Dwaskin, May 5-8; Ian Bagg and Nathan Timmel, May 12-15; Marc Ryan and Johnny Beehner, May 19-22; Elliot Branch and Mary Ann Demoss, May 26-29

Coming up: Comedy for a Cause sponsored by Zonta Club of Western Wayne County, 8 p.m., May 17. Tickets are \$15. Call Sally Randall at (734) 464-3728
Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kicker-complex.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle
Time/Date: Kathleen Madigan, May 6-8; Jeff Jena, May 13-15; Rocky LaPorte, May 21-22; Mike Green, May 27-29
Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak
Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

CONCERTS
The Ark
Time/Date: Pete Seeger tribute, May 6; Crooked Still, May 7; John McCutcheon, May 8; Sharpe Note Singing, May 9; The Holmes Brothers, May 10; Colin Hay, May 11-12; The Spring Standards, May 13; Vincent York's Jazzistry, featuring Marcus and Joan Belgrave Experience, May 14; Ralph's World, 11 a.m. May 15; Josh White, Jr., 8 p.m., May 15; Natalia Zukerman, May 16; Sue Foley and Peter Karp, May 17; Dan Bern, May 18; Crash Test Dummies, May 19; May Erlewine and Samuel Seth Bernard, May 20; Suzy Bogguss, May 21; Eilen Jewell, May 22; Dala, May 23; Matt Andersen, May 25; Diane Birch, May 27; Gaelic Storm, May 29
Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor
Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

Detroit Institute of Arts
Time/Date: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 and 8:30 p.m.
Location: 5200 Woodward Ave
Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

Detroit Symphony Orchestra
Time/Date: 3 p.m., May 3
Location: Orchestra Hall, 3663 Woodward Avenue, Detroit
Details: Garrison Keillor, host of "A Prairie Home Companion," will focus his gentle storytelling and whimsical musical skits on the subject of motherhood, while conductor Philip Brunelle leads the DSO in a program of short and uplifting orchestral works; tickets from \$22-\$73
Contact: (313) 576-5111

Music Hall
Time/Date: MotorCity Special Label Launch Concert, May 8, \$10; Ben's Friends, May 13, \$5; First Flight, May 14; Discovery Series with Judy Adams, May 18 and 25; High Profile, May 19 and 26; Hatian Benefit CD release party, May 20; Tim Reeves, May 21-22, \$5; Music Hall Star Search Finals, May 27
Location: 350 Madison Ave., Detroit
Details: Jazz Cafe performances
Contact: (313) 887-8500

Jazz fans show support for festival at fund-raiser

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Just when Midge Ellis was having her doubts if the Michigan Jazz Festival could survive another year, nearly 500 fans showed up for the April 11 fund-raising concert in the VisTaTech Center at

Schoolcraft College in Livonia. A total of 125 tickets were sold at the door alone for the concert that featured Jerry McKenzie's Just Jazz and singer April Tini of Farmington Hills.

The \$5,600 it raised will go toward the annual festival that costs approximately \$35,000.

The free public event is entirely staffed by volunteers.

Jerry McKenzie's Just Jazz trio and a variety of guest artists pack the house Thursday nights at Nikola's in Southfield. McKenzie on drums, Matt Michaels, piano and Dan Jordan, bass have built up a following over the years they've

played in the Detroit area. Ellis hoped at least 400 of these jazz lovers would turn out for the April 11 concert to raise funds for the Michigan Jazz Festival. She definitely got her wish.

"I couldn't believe it," said Ellis, a Livonia jazz promoter who serves on the Michigan Jazz Festival committee. "Because our jazz friends showed up we took in \$5,574.88 in ticket sales in addition to \$800 for the DVDs we sold from a Two Pianos concert with Matt Michaels and Dennis Tini, the fund-raiser last year. We need it so badly. We've lost all of our automotive sponsors due to the economy, except Inmart and Steinway, and the Music Performance Fund through the musicians union. We're really hurting."

Ticket sales from an annual Father's Day Brunch helps to make sure the jazz festival continues to entertain audiences in the future as well, but Ellis still needs sponsors if the event is to survive into 2011. The Michigan Jazz Festival spotlights 200 local musicians. This year's event takes place Sunday, July 18, at Schoolcraft College.

Ellis hopes match or exceed the April 11 crowd for the Father's Day Brunch. The Sunday, June 20 concert features the Cliff Monear Trio with vocalist Kelly Broadway from 3-5 p.m. at the VisTaTech Center. Tickets are \$27.50.

For information on sponsorship of the Michigan Jazz Festival or tickets to the Father's Day Brunch, call Ellis at (248) 474-2720.

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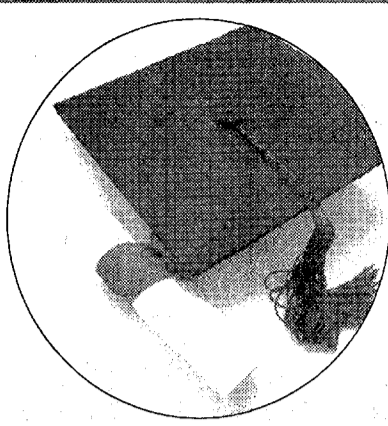
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Rotarians learn about Capuchin outreach

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Brother Vincent Reyes recalls Oct. 1, 1998, when he arrived at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit.

"That experience was in some ways shocking," the Capuchin Franciscan brother said Thursday, April 29, speaking at Westland Rotary.

The Connor kitchen, which serves a lot of children and families, had a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Reyes, who lives at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Detroit, sat and talked with families.

One father said, "I wanted my son to have the same experience I did with my dad. Where did we screw up? We were feeding the third generation."

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Reyes and others began to collect children's books from area parishes, and now have a 5,000-book library at that site, one of four operated by the Capuchins in Detroit.

"We want to feed people, but we want to fill their hearts with hope," Reyes said.

He spent 11 years as an emergency room chaplain at a Chicago hospital, and burned out on that. "It gave me an appreciation for life and all its many facets."

The soup kitchen has operated since 1929. The Meldrum kitchen serves many homeless, including those with alcohol or drug problems, as well as mentally ill people.

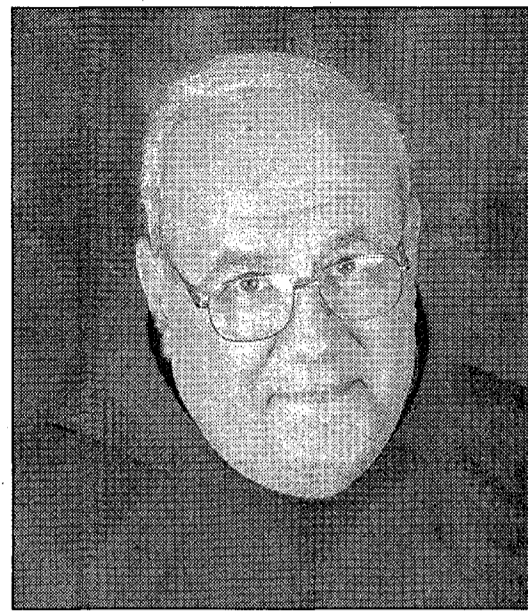
Reyes is asked why people don't get off their butts and work. "I'm sorry, they can't. They don't know how." They haven't had such models, he said.

"They have so little hope, so little hope. We were only poor because we didn't have very much money," Reyes said of his growing up years. "We had everything else."

HIS PHOTOGRAPHY

He brought two copies of the book *My Name Is ...* which has photos and profiles of those who use the Capuchin services.

"I got to know them as human beings. It changed me in a beautiful way," said Reyes, one of the photographers for the 2007 book, along with two Detroit News and two Detroit Free Press photographers. "I was trying to



Brother Vincent Reyes spoke recently to the Westland Rotary about work at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit, which has been open since 1929.

humanize the poor. They're very much like us."

Clothing and appliance help is also offered, with the main focus on food. At the Capuchins' Jefferson House, men out of prison usually with addictions train as bakers with the On the Rise effort.

"It's an opportunity to take care of people and we've been doing it since 1929," the brother said. "We have learned a lot," and benefit spiritually from the experience.

Donations may be sent to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207. Reyes noted they serve more than 2,000 hot meals daily.

"Everybody wants to feel like they've got some sort of dignity," he said. When asked

by Rotarian Margaret Harlow about similarities to the Salvation Army, Reyes said, "I think we're very much alike. I never really thought about the differences."

He met Capt. Derek Rose, corps commander with wife Joanna, of the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army. "A lot of people need help out there," Derek Rose said, noting there's poverty in Wayne-Westland as well as Detroit.

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MAY 6-12

His Church Anglican
Time/Date: 6:30 p.m., Thursday, May 6-June 24
Location: 36163 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Alpha class
Contact: To register call (734) 367-0422

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 Emmanuelle 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. 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

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Friday, May 14
Location: 9083 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Healing Light for Pain Relief demonstration featuring Q-Laser
Contact: RSVP at (248) 203-7744

Italian American Banquet Center
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Thursday, May 13
Location: 39200 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: The ENDOW study program of St. Michael the Archangel Church of Livonia will host its 3rd Annual "Ladies Night Out" featuring ENDOW Co-founder and Executive Director, Terry Polakovic. ENDOW (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women) is a Catholic women's educational program established in 2003 to aid women in discovering their God-given dignity and to understand their role in humanizing and transforming society. Ladies Night Out is open to all women. Tickets are \$25 per person and include the family-style dinner, beverages, and dessert. A cash bar will be available. Tables can be reserved for small groups of women. Tickets

can be mailed or held for pick-up at the door.

Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207, or www.livoniastmichael.org.

Kenwood Church
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., May 15
Location: 20200 Merriman, Livonia
Details: "Free Stuff Give Away" offers donated, gently-used items to the community at no cost. The church is collecting donation of items for the event up to May 15. Collection boxes are placed under the canopy by the main doors
Contact: (248) 476-8222

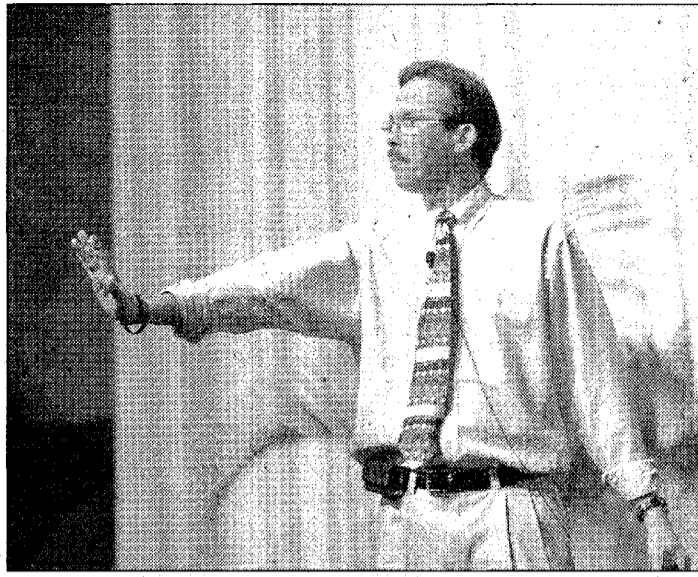
Lola Park Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m.
Location: 14750 Kinloch, Redford
Details: Ascension Day worship service with the choir; free ice cream social will follow the service
Contact: (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523

SS Simon and Jude Church
Time/Date: 11 a.m., May 13
Location: 32500 Palmer, Westland
Details: Bon Appetit Salad Luncheon; tickets \$8 available only in advance of the event
Contact: (734) 722-1341

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 deserts. The evening includes dinner music. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$3 for children 5-12, and children under 5 are free. Family tickets are available for \$20
Contact: (734) 427-1680

St. John Neumann Catholic Church
Time/Date: 6-7:45 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, May 17-19 and Friday-Saturday, May 21-22; and 2-3:45 p.m. Sunday, May 23.
Location: 44800 Warren Road between Sheldon and Canton Center, Canton
Details: St. John Neumann will feature Going the Extra MYLE with inspirational speaker Mike Patin using humor, sacred stories, and life experiences to affirm the goodness of God's presence while inviting others to take the next step in the journey with God. The cost is \$6 per person - children 4 and under free - includes hearty hors d'oeuvres as well as materials to use at home to continue the experience.
Contact: Call (734) 455-5910 to reserve a spot

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church
Time/Date: 1 p.m., Saturday, May 15
Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: The church invites all area Catholics recovering from a serious illness, recovering surgery, or suffering



Mike Partin will speak this month at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.

from a chronic health condition to attend a special Mass of Anointing. Anyone interested in receiving anointing should call the parish office so that the church will be able to prepare for the number of participants
Coming up: Pray a Living Rosary 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 19, at the church. The church invites all to participate in this uniquely Catholic experience in which a person or small group represents each bead of the rosary and leads the prayer each represents. The ceremony is held by candlelight and as each prayer is offered, a candle is lit to represent that particular bead. The ceremony, which commemorates May as the month dedicated to Christ's Mother, will follow the parish's monthly day of Eucharistic Adoration in which the church is open for adoration from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or visit www.livoniastmichael.org

St. Thomas a'Becket
Time/Date: 2:30 p.m., Sunday, May 16
Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton
Details: Widowed Friends, a support group for widows and widowers, plans a special Mass, followed by refreshments and social time
Contact: Pat at (734) 895-6246

Temple Shir Shalom
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., May 15
Location: 3999 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield
Details: Ma-at Shabbat - enjoy a "Moment of Shabbat" with songs, stories, arts and crafts and a special service with your children. 2-6; no charge and open to the public
Contact: (248) 737-8700

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

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

Clothing bank
Canton Christian Fellowship
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday
Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty
Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need
Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

Fellowship dinner
St. James Presbyterian
Time/Date: 6 p.m., the first Thursday of the month
Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford
Details: Cost is \$8 and includes dinner, beverage and dessert. The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, provides the meals
Contact: (313) 268-7780. The church phone number is (313) 534-7730

Food Bank
New Hope Church
Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only
Location: is 44815 Cherry Hill Rd., Canton
Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528

MOMS
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday and 7-9 p.m., fourth Tuesday
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers. Aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Angie at (248) 427-1020

Dunning Park Bible Chapel
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope
Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

Prayer
Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesday
Location: 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City
Details: Prayer, spiritual healing
Contact: (734) 427-3660

Nardin Park United Methodist Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday
Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests
Contact: (248) 476-8860

St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia.
Details: Enter through the back of the church
Details: Music, singing, prayer
Contact: Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906

St. Michael's Church of Livonia
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. third Wednesday
Location: Corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia
Details: Parish prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. Benediction service follows. (734) 261-1455

Singles
First Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program
Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville
Details: Single Place Ministry meets; cost is \$5
Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m., Sunday
Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville
Details: Single Point Ministries, for ages 30 and older, offers fellowship and related topics. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation
Contact: (248) 374-5920

Song Circle
Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m., every Shabbat
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Sing zemirot (traditional Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.
Contact: (248) 737-1931 or e-mail nancyellen879@att.net.

Support
Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 202
Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling
Contact: (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August
Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile
Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group
Contact: (248) 433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church
Time/Date: 1-3 p.m., second and fourth Thursday
Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City
Details: Metro Fibro-Myalgia support group meets; no dues, but donations are accepted
Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Lucy with questions at (734) 462-1768

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday morning
Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available. There are no requirements, this a service the church wants the community to be aware of and use if needed. Donations of nonperishable items also accepted for the cupboard.
Contact: (734) 421-8451.

St. John's Episcopal Church
Time/Date: 10 a.m., the first and third Friday
Location: 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets. Respite care is provided. The group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association
Contact: Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426

Thomas a' Becket Church
Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group meeting starts at 7 p.m., Thursday
Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton
Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly encourages members to lose weight and keep it off
Contact: Margaret at (734) 838-0322

Unity of Livonia
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia
Details: Overeaters Anonymous
Contact: (313) 387-9797. www.aa.org

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Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. praise/worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts)
Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville
Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free
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MARJORIE A. HOAG
 A long time resident of Redford Township and Livonia, passed away on March 24, 2010 in Boise Idaho. She was born September 21, 1928 in Detroit. She grew up mostly in Flint, Michigan and graduated from Flint Junior College. She went on to earn a Bachelor's degree in English from Wayne State University and a Master's degree in Library Science from the University of Michigan. She worked for 25 years in Detroit area libraries and was the head librarian in Dearborn Heights and Redford Township. She was preceded in death by her son David. She is survived by son Steve, daughter in law Lisa, sisters Susan Hammond and Carol Vargo, and brothers Herb Shubick and Bill Shubick. A memorial service will be held on May 15 at 1PM at Holy Cross Lutheran Church at 30650 Six Mile Road in Livonia. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, make donations to the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society.

JAMES T. PARROTT
 Age 49, May 1, 2010. Son of James A. (Jennie) and the late Karen Midgett. Step-son of Jerry Midgett and his wife Kim. Father of Jesse and Jennifer. Brother of Lori, Kim, Kelly, Billy and Mike. Also survived by many nieces and nephews and 3 great-nephews. Generations Funeral & Cremation Services.

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Unity of Livonia
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday-Saturday, June 11-12
Location: 28660 5 Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt, Livonia
Details: Rummage sale
Contact: (734) 421-1760

AWANA
Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays
Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills
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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 interdenominational 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
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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

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

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Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., second and

Farmer's markets sell more than produce

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

If you're looking for the perfect gift for Mom or a unique way to celebrate on Sunday, May 9, look no further than the Canton Farmer's Market.

"We've got master gardeners coming out. We've also got a plethora of crafters as well. We have great local artists," said Stephanie Pavlo, recreation specialist for Canton Leisure Services. "We have a perennial exchange happening this Sunday. People will have fresh flowers and plants if Mom is into that."

Canton kicks off its third annual market from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Mother's Day in Preservation Park, located at 500 N. Ridge. It will be open rain or shine through Oct. 17, and is among several area markets opening this week, including Plymouth, Farmington, Northville and Garden City.

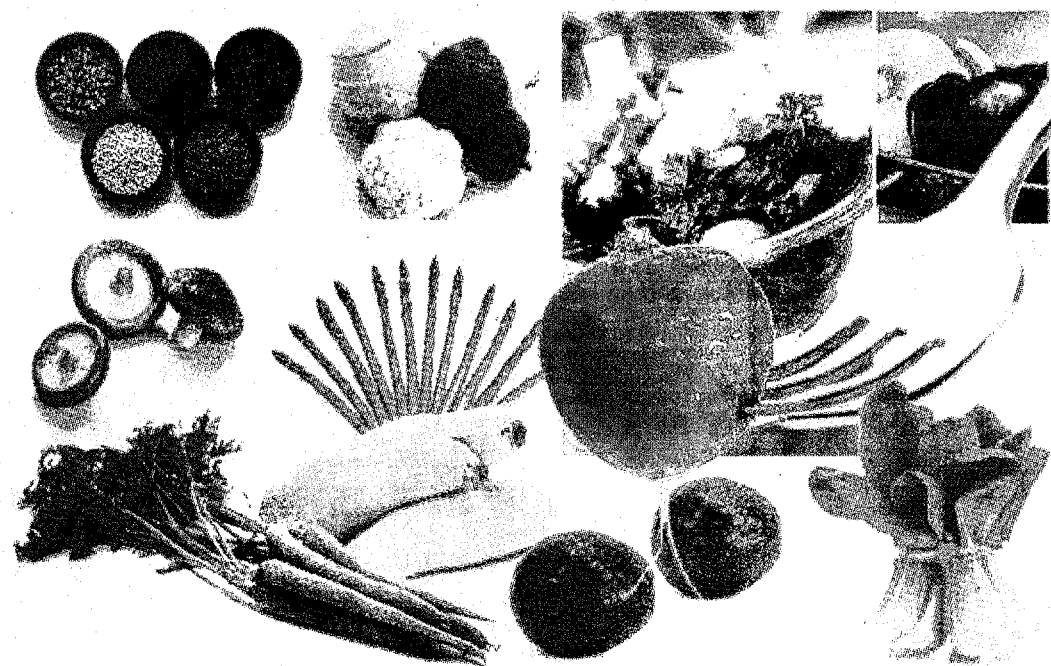
Shoppers in Livonia and Redford Township will have to wait another month for markets in those communities.

"We did move the market back a couple of weeks. We found the weather was not as cooperative as we had hoped," said Michael Dennis, Redford Township community development coordinator. Redford Township's second annual market will run 10 a.m.-2 p.m. every Sunday, June 13-Oct. 24 at the Marquee, located within the Town Hall complex, 15145 Beech Daly, a block south of the Five Mile and Beech Daly intersection, in the heart of downtown Redford Township.

"We are going to plan on doing special events. What makes us unique is that we're doing it on Sundays," said Dennis, adding that the market will be extended by an hour this year. "And we'll have craft shows, but they'll be on Saturday, the last Saturday of the month. Last year we did them at the same time as the market."

Dennis expects bigger crowds this year and said planning for each weekly market is underway now.

"We had entertainment when we started out last year. We had some giveaways," he



said. "We're looking at we had entertainment started out last year at the end of each market. We're talking about a kids' day and looking at a flower day."

Pavlo said the Canton market will include more vendors this year, weekly entertainment and cooking demonstrations.

"The number one feedback we got last year was that people wanted more options. We have better variety. We have some new farmers and potential farmers for pesticide-free. We've got a meat vendor coming back, a creamery," she said. "We're trying to expand the market and make it more of an experience."

New vendors this season with Michigan-made products, include The Plymouth Popcorn Company, offering a variety of gourmet flavored popcorn; Farmington Soap Works with natural hand-made cold process soaps and Prochaska Farms from Tecumseh offering annuals, vegetable and herb plants, seasonal produce and organic cheese from the Four Corners Creamery.

Guitarist Mark Reitenga will perform an acoustic folk mix live on the Bartlett-Travis Porch and the first 150 families will receive a purple coneflower seed packet, while supplies last, on Mother's Day. Chef Paul Penney will grill fresh asparagus from market vendor

Kapnick Orchards, topping it with white balsamic vinegar glaze. He'll also whip up asparagus omelets and frittatas.

"He's working locally and partnering with HAP. He's also offering cooking classes. They're happening at the Summit on the Park."

The first class, Grilling and Barbecuing with Chef Paul, starts June 24. Visit www.leisure.canton-mi and click on recreation and classes for more information.

For more about the market, contact Market Manager Tina Lloyd at (734) 398-5570, ext. 5 or visit Cantonfun.org and click on farmer's market under the community events tab.

For more information about the Redford Township market, call Downtown Development Authority at (313) 387-2771.

Other local farmer's markets include:

FARMINGTON - The Farmington Farmers & Artisans Market opens Saturday, May 8 and will feature a wide selection of flowers and plants, seasonal fruits, vegetables and bakery goods. Crafts from selected local artisans also will be on display.

On opening day, the first 100 visitors will receive free Michigan "mitten" cookies. Youngsters will get a chance to decorate a map of Michigan with sidewalk chalk and work on a plaster art project. Miss

Farmington will ring the Market Bell at 9 a.m. to officially start the market season, which runs through Nov. 20. Genot Picor will tell Michigan stories and musician Bob Montelone will perform. Both are scheduled from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. In celebration of Mother's Day, a drawing will be held to select "Apple Blossom Mother

of the Market." The winner will receive a basket filled with Michigan products and donations from Farmington DDA businesses.

The market runs 9 a.m.-2 p.m., every Saturday at Sundquist Pavilion in Riley Park, located on Grand River Ave., east of Farmington Road, in downtown Farmington. For more information, visit www.downtownfarmington.org and click on farmer's market.

GARDEN CITY - The market opened this week and runs 9 a.m.-2 p.m., every Wednesday, rain or shine, through Oct. 27 at the northeast corner of Ford Road and Middlebelt in the Garden City Town Center Plaza. The Garden City Garden Club will present a perennial plant exchange on May 12 and Garden City Hospital will sponsor "Healthy Celebrations - Celebrating Nurses Week" on May 26. For a list of other weekly market events visit www.gardencity.org/FarmersMarket/farmersmarket.htm. The site also includes market recipes.

The Garden City Chamber of Commerce and Downtown

Development Authority co-sponsor the market. For more information call the Chamber office at (734) 422-4448.

LIVONIA - The market runs 8 a.m.-3 p.m., June 19 - October 9, at the Wilson Barn, 29350 West Chicago Road. Visit www.wilsonbarn.com or call (734) 427-4311 for more information.

PLYMOUTH - Just in time for Mother's Day, the 2010 market will open at 7:30 a.m., Saturday, May 8, in The Gathering across from Kellogg Park. It will continue from 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., every Saturday through Oct. 30, excluding July 10 and Sept. 11.

The market will feature a variety of fresh produce, eggs, meat and poultry, baked goods, popcorn, cherry products, salsa and BBQ sauces, vegetable plants for the garden, flowering plants, fresh herbs, fresh flowers and dried flowers. Look for a variety of handmade items including aromatherapy candles, soaps, hand-painted furniture and frames, children's clothing, aprons, purses, pottery, jewelry, birdhouses and garden and holiday décor.

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Bieske represents clients from all over the state of Michigan. Call him at 1-800-331-3530 for a FREE consultation if you have been denied. Or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits call him for FREE advice. www.ssdfighter.com

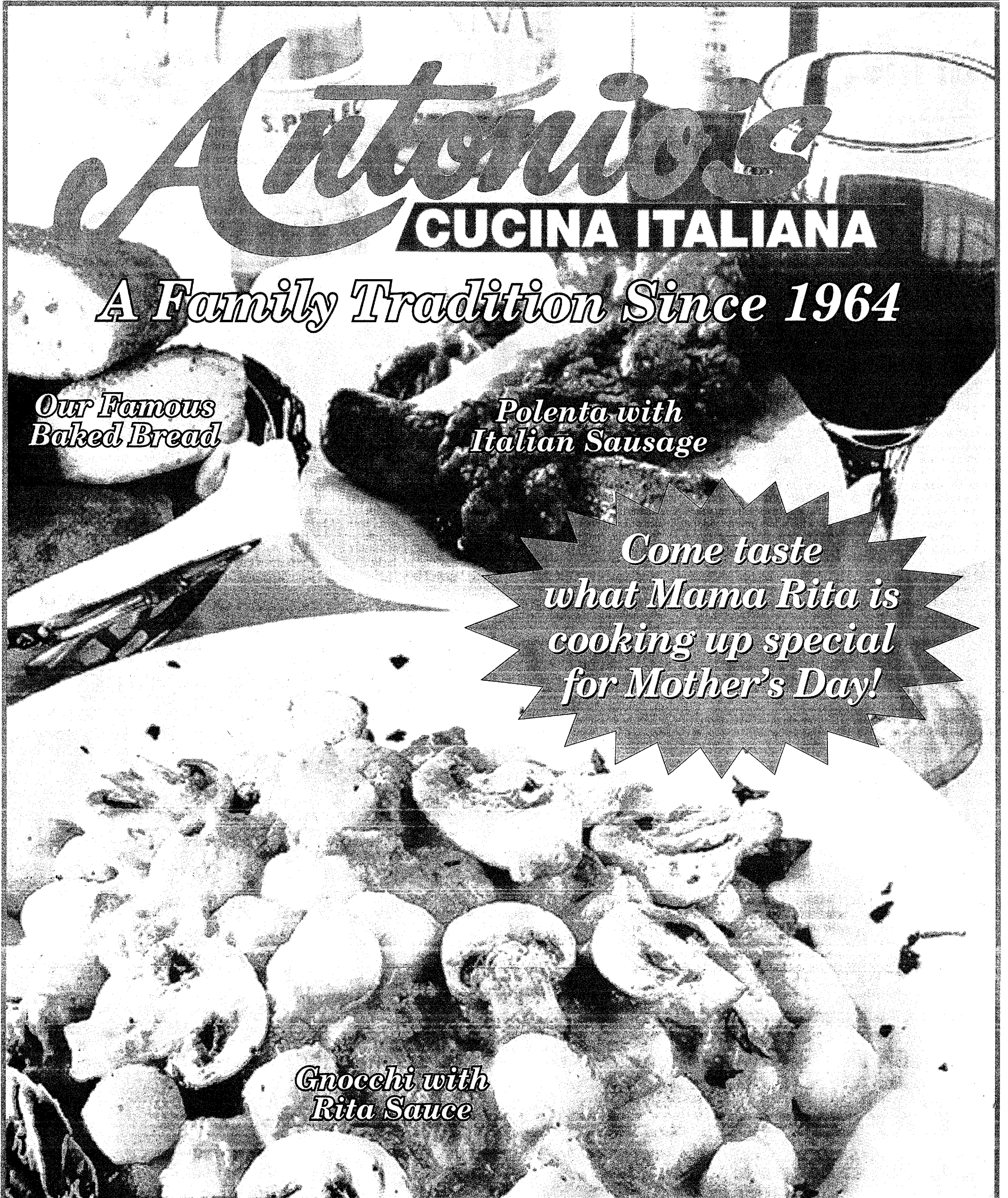
The tragedy is that less than half of those persons who are denied benefits file an appeal. Thus, many thousands of people who deserve benefits never receive them.

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Attorney J.B. Bieske has represented only Social Security Disability clients for over 20 years. That is the only type of law he practices. And, he personally meets with all clients and appears himself at all court hearings. Many large firms assign clients to young associate attorneys with much less experience.

In addition to practicing only Social Security Disability law Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject. He also has been interviewed on various radio and television programs and has given speeches to many groups.

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Amy Miller of Canton, left, and daughter Brooke Miller, 15.



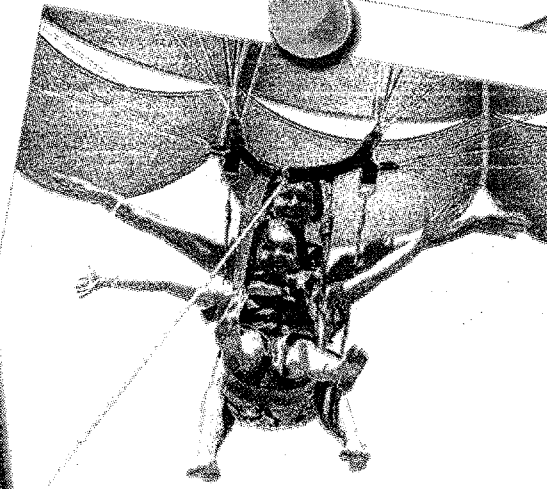
Brittany Kalep of Garden City and her "Nanny," Gerry Fein.



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Melanie Cross of Canton and her daughters, Chloe, 13, and Abbey, 10.

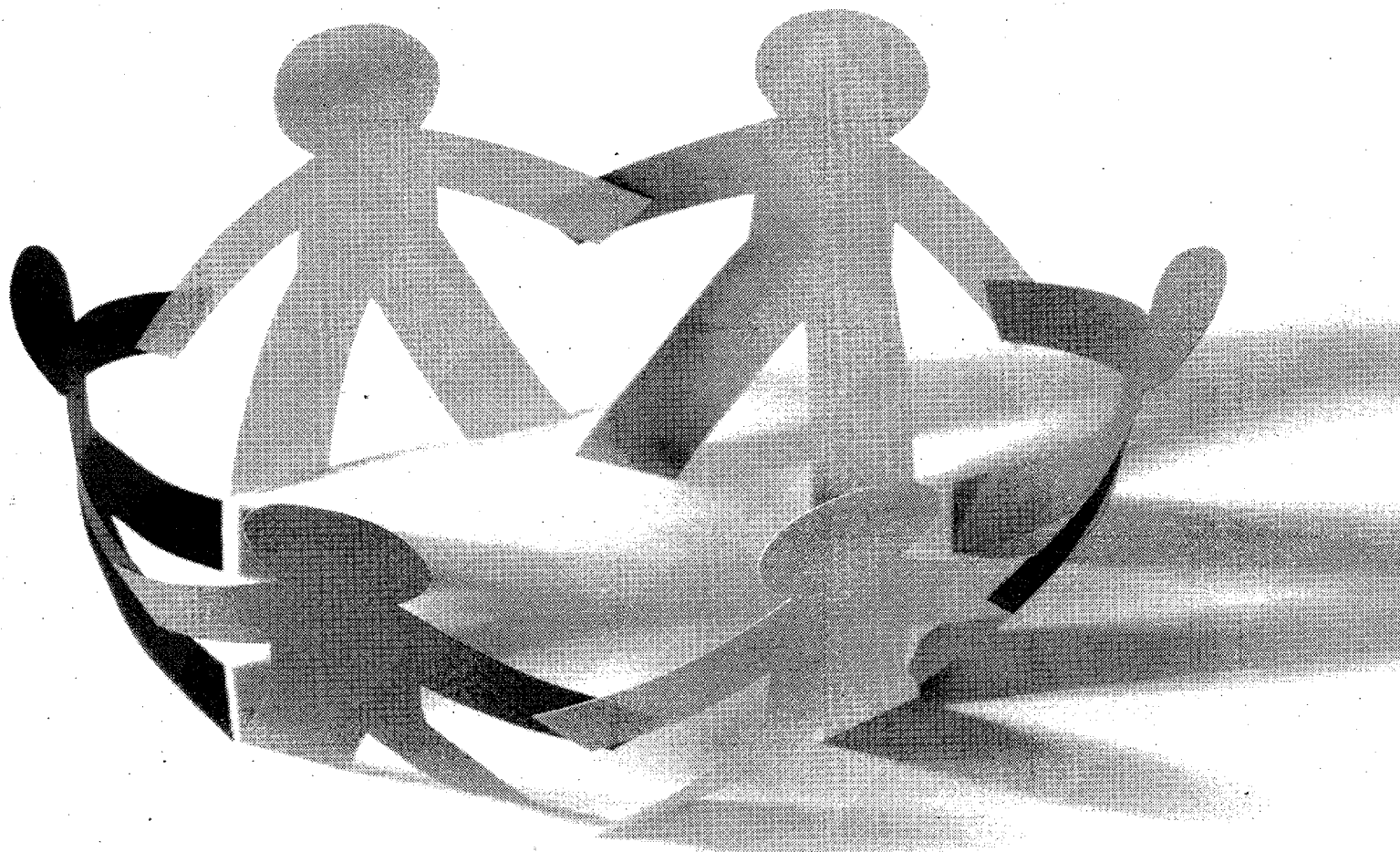
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We salute mothers, daughters and more ...

Welcome to May and our Hometown Life Woman edition celebrating mothers and daughters!

As you will see and read, we had a tremendous response from readers who e-mailed their favorite photos of mothers and daughters. The photos — past and present — are all very special. The expressions of joy, love, devotion and thanks are heartwarming — a perfect yet simple gift for Mother's Day.

Thank you to all the moms, daughters, stepmoms, foster moms, aunts and grandmoms who sent photos.

And happy Mother's Day to my mom, Wanda Rosiek of Canton, who is always patient, always kind and, like the many other daughters have expressed in today's edition, "always there for me."

Mother's Day is celebrated in many countries (46 at least), including the U.S., U.K., India, Denmark, Finland, Italy, Turkey,



Susan Rosiek

Australia, Mexico, Canada, China, Japan and Belgium. However, the special day in the U.S. is the result of efforts of Anna Jarvis and Julia Ward Howe. The resolution for having a dedicated Mother's Day on the second Sunday in May was signed May 8, 1914, by President Woodrow Wilson.

Howe, an activist, writer and poet (known for her Civil War song *Battle Hymn of the Republic*), had originally suggested the day to celebrate mothers and peace.

Jarvis is recognized as the founder of Mother's Day in the U.S. Jarvis got the inspiration of celebrating Mother's Day from her own mother, who wished that someday all mothers, living and dead, be honored and that their contributions be recognized.

Anna's mother got her wish. Today, Mother's Day is a special time — special meals, cards (store bought and homemade), flowers, family get-togethers, celebrations — all in honor of mom.

RACE FOR THE CURE

If you care about the women in your lives, be sure to read about the 19th annual

Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure, Saturday, May 22, at Comerica Park.

Contributing Writer Linda Chomin profiles some very special women who are keeping the spirit of their loved ones alive by participating in the race. Read about Nan's Fans and Julie's Angels in Chomin's story on "Pink Warriors: Sisters race for breast cancer cure."

Check out this month's Shop Local feature and beauty tips from our Lovely Locals who hail from South Lyon, Plymouth, Livonia and Royal Oak.

As promised when we launched Hometown Life Woman, it is all about real women, close to home — your friends, neighbors and you!

As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions for upcoming issues of Hometown Life Woman at woman@hometownlife.com.

Enjoy this month's offerings!

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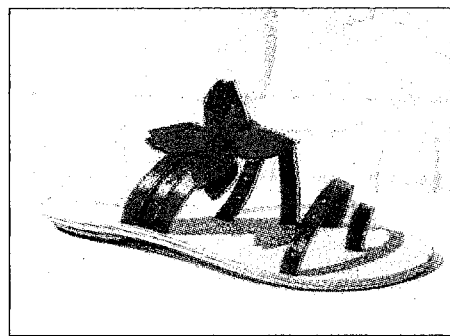
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On the cover

1. This Mother's Day portrait was taken May 2009 of Tiffany Netter-Henderson of Garden City and her daughters. Netter-Henderson is also mom to two boys (not pictured). "I love you ladies," wrote Netter-Henderson to her lovely little girls.

2. Amy Miller (left) and her daughter, Brooke Miller of Canton have some fun on the beach as the sun sets in Jamaica. The photo was taken last month during Brooke's Easter week break. "I am blessed to have a teenage daughter (15) who still likes to spend time with me," said Amy. Brooke is a freshman at Salem High School.

3. Brittany Kalep of Garden City sent in this photo of her and her "Nanny," Gerry Fein. "This is my favorite picture of me and my great-grandmother. Her name is Gerry but everyone calls her Nanny. She is 82. She is my best friend, my whole life. I love you Nanny," wrote Brittany.

4. This favorite photo of the Cross family was taken at a family wedding in October 2009.

5. Lori Levi wrote about parasailing in Hawaii with her daughter: "My mom always tells me to strike out and be different, try new things and enjoy the adventure." The picture was taken during a lifelong dream trip of Nadine Binkleys, Lori's mother.

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Bandals Footwear 2010 collection.

A Shoe Inn

DSW is nice, but local shoe lovers prefer **Village Shoe Inn**, which began offering aisles of choices long before DSW came to town. According to manager Eve Cinato, the shop has something for everyone, at every price point, with an emphasis on top-notch service.

When it comes to spring shoe trends, neutral colors are still chic, Cinato said, but there are also a lot of bright choices.

The high fashion Jon Josef line, made by Birmingham's own "J.J.," offers the best of both worlds in a gorgeous pump that comes in beige with a black bow at the back of the ankle, or pink with a fuchsia bow.

Village Shoe Inn is located at 33224 Grand River Ave. in **Farmington**, with other locations in Rochester and Eastpointe. Call (248) 474-7105.

Made for Walking

Across town, another family business has been lacing up footwear for the entire family since 1946. For women, **Hershey's Shoes** offers a wide selection of comfy options by Rockport, Naturalizer and LifeStride; and walking shoes from classic white Keds to Skechers Shape-Ups, designed to burn calories and tone muscle. In addition to UGG boots and slippers, Hershey's also has UGG sandals in leather and patent leather. Visit **Hershey's Shoes** at 29522 Ford Road in **Garden City**; **Hershey's Too** at 47750 Grand River Ave. in **Novi**; or www.hersheysshoes.com.



"I LOVE Village Shoe Inn. It was one of my fave places when I was little and I always go there when I am in town because I can walk from my parents' house. It is like a magical fairyland of shoes. I love how they categorize them all by color and by function — the casual room, the dressy/wedding room — it is kind of amazing!"
Miss Meghan
Farmington native and shoe expert
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Ready to Rome

When it comes to sandals, gladiator-inspired looks are still the rage, but they've been toned down with fewer straps and more embellishments. Look for sandals adorned with coins, chains, crystals, and natural elements like stones, feathers, cork and coral at **Manic**

SHOP LOCAL

Shoes at Westland Center; Parisian Laurel Park Place and the new SHI by Journeys at Twelve Oaks Mall.

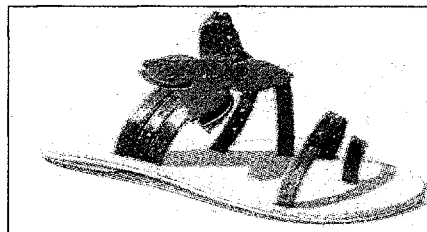
If you simply can't decide on a color, try the new Roman Bandal made by Rochester-based Bandals Footwear. Bandals have interchangeable straps to suit any mood or destination, from textured leather to leopard and everything between.

The Roman Bandal is new for 2010, but you can't go wrong buying classic Beach Bandals, with 20 fun Velcro straps to choose from including the flower print Elizabeth.

Bandals are available locally at **Kathleen's Upscale Gifts**, 131 North Lafayette St. in **South Lyon**; and **Nana's Niche and Corner**, 436 N. Main St. in **Milford**.

Shop from Home

If you prefer to browse barefoot, you now have the chance to order online and still support a local boutique. **Lorla's of Northville**, a



Chocolate Blu's Sally Red, \$59, at Lorla's in Northville.

favorite destination for "fashion candy" in the region, recently launched a new and improved Web site "to reach women around the world that love shoes and handbags." Visit Lorlas.com for sporty Tsubo, retro Seychelles, and sexy Franco Sartos. If you prefer to try on

shoes in person the store is located at 142 South Center St. Call (248) 348-9270.



Hot and Spicy by OPI at Spa Julianna in Plymouth.

Hang Ten

No discussion about spring shoes would be complete without mention of a proper pedicure. Get your feet ready for their debut with an indulgent Pomegranate Lime Pedicure at **Spa Julianna in Plymouth**. If you don't have time or money for a full treatment, pop in for a \$35 Mini-Pedi at **Lucky Hair**

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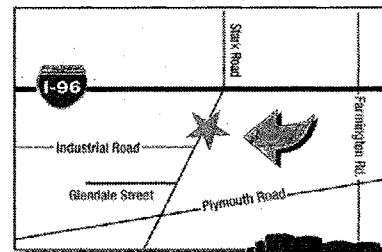
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TOPSOIL, SAND & UTILITY			
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Mason Sand (per ton)	2900	\$18.00	110 sq. ft. @ 2" deep
Slag Sand (per ton)	2400	\$19.95	110 sq. ft. @ 2" deep

	Weight Per Cu. Yard	Price Per Yard	Approx. Coverage Per Yard
GENERAL AGGREGATES			
Pea Pebble	2280	\$20.50	80 sq. ft. @ 2" deep
21 AA Crushed Stone	2600	\$21.50	80 sq. ft. @ 3" deep
6A Stone	2600	\$22.50	100 sq. ft. @ 3" deep
4" -8" Oversize Rock	2280	\$60.00	30 sq. ft. @ 2" deep
Egg Rock/River Rock	2800	\$52.00	80 sq. ft. @ 3" deep
Boulders 1' -2'	3000	\$65.00	1" high 20" long

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Contractors	25 lbs	\$42.50	8 lbs./1k sq. ft.
Shady	1 lbs	\$2.19	
Premium Sunny	1 lbs	\$2.39	
Contractors	1 lbs	\$1.99	
Fertilizer 19-19-19	50 lbs	\$25.00	
Seed Aide	50 lbs	\$16.95	
Herbicide	25 lbs	\$35.00	
Hydromulch		\$11.75 per bale	
Supersand Beige/Gray (Polymeric)	50 lb	\$25.00	

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BLACK DIAMOND EDGING	
Black Diamond 20' Edging	\$12.50
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RACE FOR THE CURE

Julie Sim (center) has the pink breast cancer survivor shirt on. Her mom, Thelma Sim of Northville, is to her left (holding a sign) and sister Dr. Audrey Sim is to the right with her hair pulled back. The family continues to honor Julie's memory and celebrate her life by organizing their team, Julie's Angels, each year.



DETROIT RACE FOR THE CURE

What: The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute presents the 19th annual Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure, a 5K Run/Walk and 1-Mile Walk

When: 7-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 22

Where: Comerica Park, Detroit

Details: Opening ceremony takes place at 8 a.m., race and walks 9 a.m., closing ceremony 10:30 a.m. For information or to register, visit www.karmanos.org and click on Race or call (800) KARMANOS (527-6266). Volunteer and sponsorship opportunities still available.

Pink warriors

Sisters race for breast cancer cure

By Linda Ann Chomin
Contributing Writer

Tears overcome Dr. Audrey Sim as she remembers the promise made to her sister, Julie, before she died of breast cancer.

Julie was teaching political science at Schoolcraft College in Livonia when diagnosed with the disease at age 35. In less than five years the cancer recurred, spreading to her bones and brain, leaving Julie unable to continue raising funds and awareness through Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure.

A graduate of Farmington High School, Julie formed her first team in 2001 but was physically unable to walk in the race until 2002. In 2005, she was pushed across the finish line in a wheelchair and died months later.

This year, Audrey Sim, her mother, Thelma, and friends carry on as Julie's Angels.

"I told Julie I would keep her team alive and I will walk this walk for you," said Sim, a family physician in Royal Oak. "It's amazing to see all of these people and know we're making a difference."

Sisters are a powerful force in raising money to beat breast cancer. Nancy Brinker founded Race for the Cure after promising her sister, Susan Komen, that she would do



Dr. Sharon Helmer, Medical Director, Karmanos Cancer Center Breast Imaging.

everything possible to end the disease.

Breast cancer took Komen's life just as it did Anita Tebelman's sister, Nancy, in 2000. Nancy was diagnosed in 1997 after discovering a lump at age 47.

"Her and I lived together and we were very close," said Anita Tebelman of South Lyon. "We did everything together. I lost my best friend. I do the race to make sure no one else has to go through what we did."

This year, Nan's Fans return to compete for the largest family-generated team. The Sim and Tebelman families have won the title in the past. In addition to Anita, her sisters, Jan and Carol, come together for the local race presented by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute Saturday, May 22, in Comerica Park. Their sister Linda does the Komen walk, one of about 125 nationwide, in Maryland.

Last year, 30,000, including 1,576 survivors, participated in the Detroit event. Since the beginning, race supporters raised more than \$17.5 million for breast cancer

screening and treatment programs in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties and the Komen for the Cure Award and Research Grant Program for breast cancer. The \$2 million from 2009 went to local grants, the national research grant program and a local research grant.

"It's inspiring," said Tebelman. "The first couple years was very emotional for us. Now you go down and see all those pink shirts and it's amazing. You just have to go down and experience the support."

"It's important to not take life for granted cause you never know when it's going to hit you or someone you know. In our family there was no one with breast cancer, 41 first cousins and none have cancer."

Julie Sim called her sister hysterical when she was diagnosed with no family history. Audrey was in residency at St. John Hospital in Detroit and still learning about the disease.

"It was very aggressive, widespread in her lymph nodes," said Sim. "She fought really hard for a long time. She decided to do whatever it takes to find a cure. She wanted to do the race so others don't have to go through what she was going through."

Until a cure is found, early detection is critical to survival. The release of new recommendations from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) late last year left women in a state of confusion over mammography screening guidelines.

Sim believes women should begin annual mammography screening at 40, earlier with a family history or if a lump is detected by self-exam.

"No one is too young to get breast cancer," said Sim. "Follow up on anything you feel. Go to your doctor and check it out."

Dr. Sharon Helmer, medical director, Karmanos Cancer Center Breast Imaging, agrees with Sim and urges women to ignore USPSTF guidelines. Of the 147 breast cancers diagnosed in 2009 at Karmanos, 22 percent were under age 50. As stated in the USPSTF recommendations, studies show mammography reduces breast cancer mortality among women age 50 and older as well as women age 40 to 49 although to a lesser degree.

She recommends that women with a mother, daughter or sister with cancer begin receiving mammograms 10 years earlier than the age at when their relative was diagnosed.

"The biggest risk is being female and increasing age. The genetic risk issue is a very small percentage. About 75 to 80 percent that we diagnose don't have a strong family history. We know that the screening mammography has been the most successful. Since guidelines were established in late '80s, early '90s we've seen a 30 percent drop in the U.S."

Julie and Nan never had mammograms,

Please see RACE, 7

LOVELY LOCALS

We asked several hometown women "What's your beauty secret?"

"Homemade body scrub made fresh from sea salt, olive oil, honey, essential oils and grated orange zest."

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Beckie Thompson,
regional
director,
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"Always dress up as if you're going to a party. If you look good, you feel good."

Mida Giragosian,
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RACE

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but detected the cancer themselves. Monthly self-exams are recommended for women age 20 and older. If detected early, the five-year survival rate for localized breast cancer is 98 percent, according to the American Cancer Society. While men can develop breast cancer, the disease is about 100 times more common in women.

The ACS estimates 6,120 women would be diagnosed and 1,310 women die from breast cancer in 2009 in Michigan.

"Many women find their own cancer," said Helmer. "When women find something we urge them to come in and get it checked right away."

Race chairwoman Maureen Meldrum is a 19-year breast cancer survivor. She found a lump through self-exam. The Lathrup Village resident has been involved with the Detroit race from its inception.

"I've seen so much progress and met so many inspiring people. The opening cer-

emony is all about survivorship and treasuring the memories of those we've lost," said Meldrum from her office in Southfield.

"This year in the U.S., over 41,000 will die from it all because it is not discovered early. Regular self-screening and mammography are our best protection."

Last year, over 500 teams gathered along with Nan's Fans and Julie's Angels. Thelma Sim will be there again this year in memory of daughter, Julie.

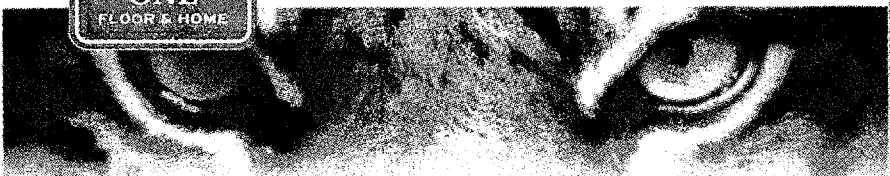
"Finding a cure for cancer was foremost in Julie's mind and ours too," said Thelma Sim of Northville.

"Julie said she felt less alone in this journey when she had so many other people involved. It's uplifting to see 30,000 people and a sea of pink and the tears when you see people walking for those they have lost. It's beautiful and it's sad."

The 19th annual Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure takes place Saturday, May 22, at Comerica Park in Detroit. For information, visit raceforthechcure@karmanos.org or call (800) KARMANOS (527-6266.)



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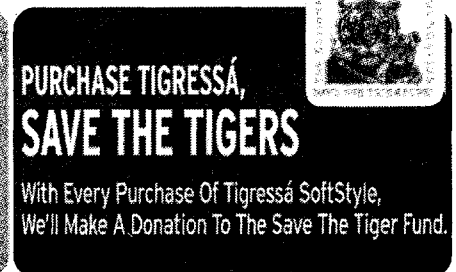
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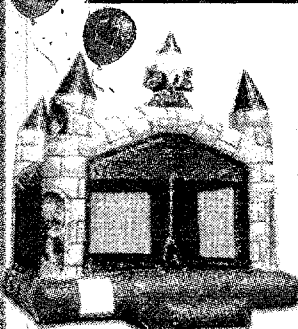
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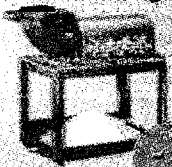


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Prenatal yoga conditions moms-to-be for labor

By **Diane Gale Andreassi**
Contributing Writer

Imagine planning to run a marathon and not training before the event.

That's how Todd Tesen, owner of Rasa Yoga in Novi, describes pregnant women who don't take prenatal yoga classes before going into labor.



Todd Tesen, owner of Rasa Yoga in Novi, says prenatal yoga classes are a great way for pregnant women to get in shape for labor.

A pregnant woman undergoes major transformations during the nine months before her baby's birth and the prenatal classes can help her deal with the changes and possibly have a better labor.

"The baby is going to take up all your space," said Tesen, a certified Anusara yoga instructor. "The lower back is going to shorten and your femur heads will pop forward."

The prenatal class works on conditioning the legs, getting the femur heads back in place, as well as giving more space to the front of the pelvis and lower spine.

"The bigger you get it will be even more trying," he said adding that the classes help pregnant women breathe more deeply and gives them a chance to center themselves and feel nurtured. "It's time for yourself and to look inside," he said. "They're connecting on all levels with the baby internally from how they're carrying the baby and how it's growing."

Gerryanna Luscri, a registered nurse at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement, says prenatal yoga increases the circulation and oxygen for both mom and baby.

"It also increases the depletion of toxins stored in the liver and it improves the discharge of those toxins," Luscri said.

The exercises can help control blood pressure and high blood sugar levels, too, she said.

If the mom to be doesn't have any medical conditions that would prevent her from taking prenatal classes, Luscri said, the exercises will increase muscle integrity and give her more control during labor.

Obese women and those who haven't exercised often have longer and more tedious labors, Luscri said adding those women also run the risk of requiring Caesarean sections. Keep in mind, too, she said, that over-exercising while pregnant isn't good either.

Heather Foster, a yoga instructor at Rasa Yoga, describes prenatal yoga as physically opening up the body in preparation for labor.

"There's this whole mental, physical and spiritual aspect to relax deeply," said Foster, who practiced prenatal yoga while she was pregnant with her two young children.

Separate from the prenatal classes, Foster also serves as a doula helping women deliver their babies.



Health experts say yoga and meditation are good ways for woman to prepare for the birthing experience.

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A secondary benefit from taking the classes, she said, is giving women a chance to meet regularly with other pregnant women and share their concerns and thoughts.

"It's a wonderful, safe way to prepare yourself for your baby," Foster added.

Women take prenatal yoga classes during all three trimesters and many achieve a lot of relief from the strain their bodies endure during the pregnancy.

For eight years, Tesen describes himself as a "backpack yogi" who travelled from California to Turkey, practicing yoga throughout Europe and Greece where he lived for awhile. When he returned home to be near his "beloved," he felt it was the right time to open Rasa Yoga less than a year ago.

"My heart brought me here," he said. "And my yoga brought me here. The great thing about our approach is we are huge believers of community. When women come in we want them to get comfortable with one another. We're supportive of them sharing what's happening with their bodies.

"We continue to help them feel secure, and to deepen the alignment, the way the body is," Tesen said. "We have a great optimal blueprint. As the body takes on a different shape, we give support, setting legs, getting space in the lower spine and teaching them to breathe. It's a time for them to be with themselves — you look into yourself. The best thing you can do is become that authentic parent for your child. Also, through the yoga, you connect with that baby — visualizing, feeling and supporting."

Rasa Yoga offers prenatal classes 9:30-10:45 a.m. Saturdays. Call (248) 344-9642 or go to www.rasa-yoga.com for more information.

Women need detailed knowledge of family financial affairs

By Ken Bloom
Contributing Writer

It's a scenario I see all the time. One spouse seems to be in charge of the family's financial affairs, and the other spouse is only involved on the surface. Then, when the financially aware spouse passes away, the widow or widower is lost regarding insurances, investments, and other critical financial matters.



Ken Bloom

And in my experience, it's often the husband who is in charge of the financial responsibilities in the household. Today, it is more important than ever for women to be fully involved in the family finances to ensure that in the event their husband dies, or they get a divorce, they will have the knowledge to continue to make sound financial decisions.

For many people, their knowledge of financial matters revolves around the checkbook and credit cards. But if you stop to think about it, there are many more financial details that people need to be aware of to help manage their money and family finances.

Organize: The first place to start is by gathering all your important financial documents and keeping them easily accessible in the event you need them. Among the most important financial documents are recent tax returns because they are the central point for some key information, including your spouse's Social Security number, W-2 form, and 1099 statements from your bank accounts, mortgage statement, investment accounts and retirement plans. You should also gather other key financial documents such as insurance policies and credit card accounts.

You should then gather all your family's other important documents, list them and secure them in a safe place. These should include marriage licenses, wills, trusts, car titles, deeds, stock certificates or bonds, insurance policies, medical powers of attorney, birth and death certificates and other legal documents.

Inventory: Inventory all items in your home that have both sentimental and collectible value, such as photos, family jewelry or heirlooms, antiques, musical instruments, art, stamps and coins.

Documenting these items on a video, along with their location, would also be a good idea to assist a surviving spouse or other family member in locating the item and determining its potential sentimental or monetary value.

Fire-Proof Box: Keep all information and documents in a fire-resistant home safe or a safe-deposit box. Keeping financial information only on a computer is always risky, because a crash

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could lose all the information. For important documents, scan them into your computer and then copy them onto a CD and save in fire-proof box or safe deposit box.

Key Contacts: Develop a list of names and phone numbers of your attorney, accountant, investment adviser, banker, insurance agent, and other important individuals who your spouse may need to contact if you pass away. Because many families have numerous bank or credit union accounts, you should list the name bank or credit union where you have accounts, each individual account numbers, and who each account is registered under.

Know All Passwords: If you are also using online banking and online access for financial accounts, you need to know how to access those online Web sites and accounts and have the user name and passwords so you can log in and manage the accounts.


If you use a software program such as Quicken or Microsoft Money to manage all your finances, you should know how to access the file on your computer and provide an orientation on how to use the program and what accounts you are managing with the program.

Meet to Discuss Estate: As you are organizing your account information and files, it is a good time to discuss all the details of your financial and legal matters with your spouse and to agree upon a place to keep all this information and documents so both spouses will have easy access to the information. In addition, it is also advisable to share this information with people in your family so they can find the information and documents they need in the event that both spouses are deceased.

You should also talk about your investment portfolio, your financial goals and your investment strategy. In the event one spouse passes away, the other spouse should understand how your portfolio is doing and the investment decisions she or he may need to make in the future.

The old saying, "knowledge is power" is never more true than providing both spouses with information regarding a family's financial and legal matters. It is hard enough for a woman to deal with the loss of a husband or a divorce without having the added burden of trying to determine who to call to claim an insurance policy or retirement benefit or to get information about financial accounts.


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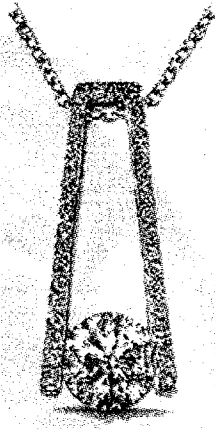
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Plan now for a perfect summer vacation

By **SALLY RUMMEL**
Contributing Writer

Breckenridge, Vail and Aspen may conjure up images of Colorado's snow-packed mountains, but savvy summer travelers will find them to be family-friendly destinations for people who enjoy hiking, white water rafting, "land lugging" and dude ranches.

"Colorado isn't just for skiing," said Beth Conway, owner of Beth's Vacation & Event Planning in Livonia. "There are tons of activities that families and kids will enjoy, and it's a much more affordable destination in the summer."

With summer vacation only about five weeks away, families are beginning to plan how they will spend their leisure time, with about 75 percent of families expected to "hit the road" on a family vacation this summer — if travel numbers are similar to 2009.

According to trekaroo.com, a Web site which offers reviews of kid-friendly hotels, activities, and travel tips for family fun, 40 percent of U.S. families will plan a vacation spanning five days or more.

That means you may want to be making plans for a family trip, and if you're thinking about heading west to popular national parks, you may have to forget about this year ... and make reservations for summer 2011.

It's not too late to make plans for most destinations, but some — like Yellowstone National Park or the Grand Canyon — are solidly booked already this summer.

"You've got to make plans about a year in advance," said Shelly Diehr, travel agent at Milford Travel Services.

But there are many "cool" destinations ready for a family to explore, from the historic and patriotic national monuments in Washington D.C. to western states like Colorado, Montana and Texas.

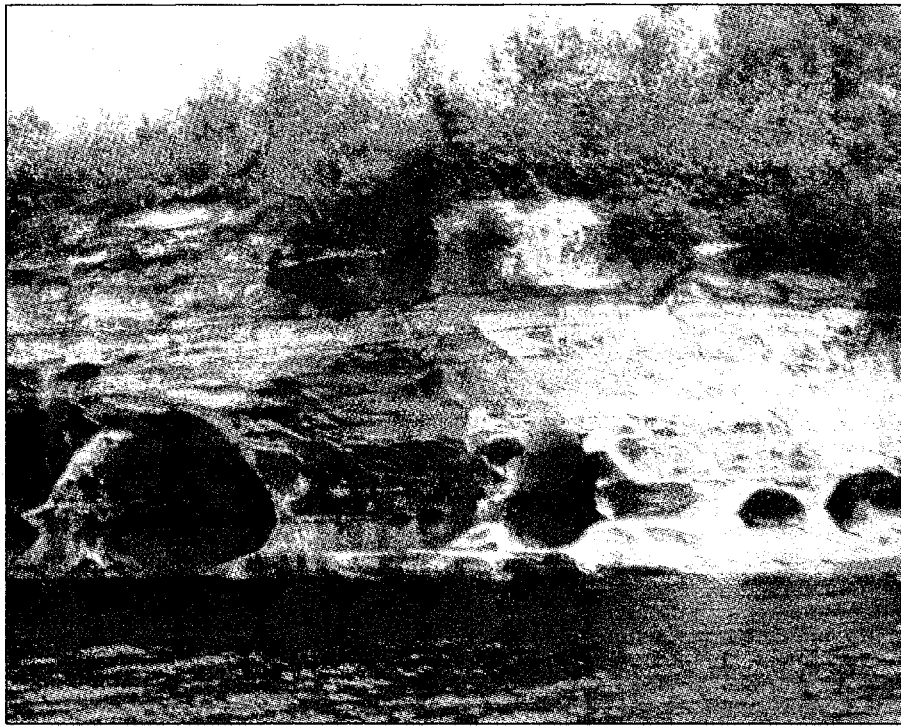
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"A trip to Washington, D.C., is a very affordable family vacation," said Conway. "Airfare is under \$200 per person and it's free admission into monuments and museums."

Other vacation spots she recommends include renting houseboats in Tennessee, flying affordably to Las Vegas, then visiting Hoover Dam, the Grand Canyon and Sedona from there, experiencing The Alamo and San Antonio in Texas.

For families who may enjoy a more intimate, less commercial cruise experience, a river cruise in the south of France makes a memorable vacation with visits to a number of ports to the countryside.

Sharon Ferrara, owner of It's Time to Travel in Northville, recommends summer traveling for extended families, experiencing a common destination while enjoying activities geared to each generation.



The Pictured Rocks along Michigan's Lake Superior lakeshore provide an amazing display of color and beauty.

Travel facts & figures

- Approximately 62 percent of families traveled to another state or abroad in 2009.
 - The top three destinations were Florida and California in the U.S. and the most popular international destination was Canada.
 - Beach vacations and theme parks were the top preferred vacation destinations.
 - Cars were the vehicle of choice. Nearly 68 percent of families preferred driving to flying or train travel.
- from trekaroo.com

"An escorted tour trip to Italy might provide a wine-tasting side trip for adults, while the children see how gelato (ice cream) is made," said Ferrara.

"Cruises also work very well for multi-generation travelers, because there's something on the cruise ship for every age group."

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Michigan also offers a number of scenic trips for families who want to travel closer to home this summer.

"The lakeshores of Michigan provide wonderful travel opportunities," said Milford Travel's Diehr. "The beaches at Muskegon, plus their waterparks, are a very family-friendly destination, and it's hard to surpass the beauty

Take a trip with these tips

1. Buy flights and hotels together through a travel agent for the best price. There may be "freebies" thrown in to sweeten the deal, from free ground transportation to two-for-one deals on tours.

2. Book that cruise ASAP — by booking early, you'll get your choice of cabins and the cruise lines may add incentives. Making reservations for other kinds of trips three months in advance is enough to qualify for early-bird deals, but cruises are another matter altogether.

3. Consider an all-inclusive package to save money, especially if traveling with children. At an all-inclusive resort, meals, snacks, activities, entertainment, and tips will be covered for one price.

4. Don't follow the crowds — travel to an off-peak destination. Summer is a busy travel time across North America and in Europe, but it's not high season everywhere. It may be cheaper to travel in the Caribbean in the summer, for example.

5. Fly on a holiday when no one else wants to travel. Flying on the Fourth of July or Labor Day may save families significant money, since most travelers want to be at their destinations on those dates.

6. Make your own "meal plan" by staying in resorts with a kitchenette so that every meal doesn't have to be eaten out in a restaurant. Map out potential spots for picnic lunches and make it fun, yet affordable.

7. Do your research online but check with your travel agent for the best deals, plus as a support system. If you booked everything online, who are you going to call when you have a travel problem or situation?

8. Many times, trips booked through an agent go down in price over the course of the waiting period, and those savings can only be passed down if you booked your trip with a travel agent. You can also put your trip "on layaway" through a travel agent, paying an initial deposit, then making payments until the final payment is due.

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Colorado has activities that families and kids will enjoy.

of the Sleeping Bear Dunes, the UP's Pictured Rocks and of course, Mackinac Island."

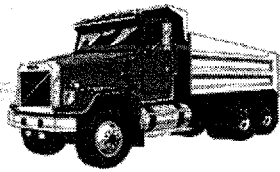
Mike McCusker, owner of Fun & Adventure Travel in Westland, specializes in Caribbean cruises and destination weddings, but will make travel plans for just about any vacation.

"Look for 'add-ons' of value that will make your trip more affordable," suggested McCusker. "Right now, there are '2 for 1' specials for swimming with the dolphins in Mexico. These are some of the details we learn about as travel agents, that the general population doesn't know. Travel agents have the most current access to vendors. No matter where you go, you should use the services of a good travel agent."

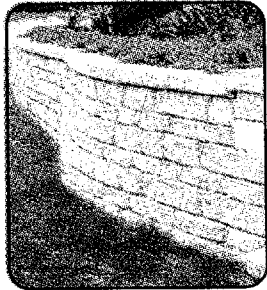
Even if you're planning a driving vacation this summer, a travel agent can help with the planning of the route, offering a number of sightseeing suggestions along the way. They know the hotels, the attractions and the best routes to take.

"People can't be specialists in every area," said Shelly Diehr of Milford Travel. "Use the Internet to familiarize yourself with your destination through the local Chamber of Commerce office, Visitor's Bureau, etc., but when it comes to finding cheapest way to get there and the best places to stay, let us help you. We have access to the best deals and are likely more familiar with the area. That can be very important when choosing a hotel."

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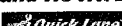
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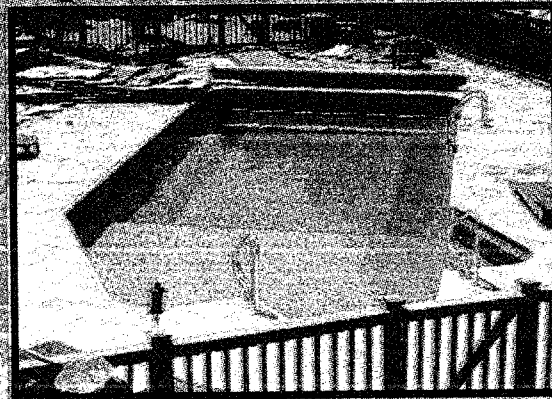
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Mothers and daughters ...



Cathy White and her daughter, Ashley Moran, on Ashley's wedding day Aug. 11, 2007. White is an account executive (Garden City and Westland territories) in the advertising department at the Observer & Eccentric/Hometown Newspapers. "I can't express the joy and pride I felt that day. We are quite close. They have since moved to Arizona to find work and I miss her and her husband immensely."



Niki Bagdady Horn of Plymouth calls this favorite photo "the beak face." Taken in 2005, the photo is of Bagdady Horn and daughter, Samantha, who was 5 years old at the time. "We are making what my sisters and I (as children) called the 'beak face.' This is how I used to smile when I was a little kid. My sisters and I still do it to make each other laugh," wrote Bagdady Horn, who grew up in Livonia but moved to Plymouth in 1994. Bagdady Horn and husband, Chris, have three other children — son, Mitch, 8, and 5-year-old twin daughters, Ella and April. "This is my favorite picture because it always makes me smile. It makes me happy to see something from my childhood (even as silly as a style of smile) carried out by my children. It's actually an awful picture of me — I was tired, as the twins were infants at the time — but I still love it."



Mothers and daughters representing four generations in this photo taken Christmas Eve 2009. Garden City residents Kelly Perkins (left) had a chance to snap this picture with her mother, Donna Hodges (center) and her daughters, (from left) McKenna Laurie and Cally Perkins and (front row) granddaughter Ella Perkins and daughter Shannon Geldhof.



"My mother (Karen Bronkhorst) is the most amazing person I know," wrote Kerri Bronkhorst of Canton. "She has been there through everything. This picture was taken at my baby shower (November 2009). Now I hope I am as good as a mother to my son as she was to me."

Messages of love, ad

Every so often, Mary Ann Mountain of Plymouth will call her mother's phone number, just so she can hear her recorded voice. Sometimes, she'll even run her hand over the worn, faded handwriting from one of her mom's treasured recipes — and wonder if she'll ever get over losing her mother.

The bond between mother and daughter is one of those human relationships that is strong, yet fragile at the same time, because it is so filled with emotion. How we as women feel about ourselves can so easily be traced back to the relationships we've had with our mothers, and the lessons and legacy we pass on to our own daughters can be just as life-changing for the next generation of women.

"She taught me love and tenderness," said Mountain, who has two grown daughters, a son and a granddaughter of her own to cherish. "Hang on to your mom and treasure her every day."

Women who enjoy a closeness with their adult daughter(s) have a special relationship that can't be equalled by any other relationship.

Mothers and daughters usually enjoy talking about all the emotional issues that women consider important and men don't like to talk about. They also build their relationships around common activities such as shopping and dining out.

Shelly Skladzien, now in her 50s, of Livonia, says of her two grown daughters: "We have a special bond, we are best friends. I cherish it — I couldn't imagine my life without them," speaking of daughters Michele, 26, and Danielle, 30.

Not all mothers and daughters have this kind of closeness. One family therapist, Laura Tracy, Ph.D., suggests that "storm clouds" in the mother-daughter relationship often arise over the question, "Will the mother accept the daughter as an adult, trusting

her to run her own business as an independent.

The best gift a mother can give an adult daughter is a mission to be herself, trying to change each relationship experts. With her own place in the world, it's easier to find her own special as she goes through life.

"My mother always taught me to be myself," said Jan Felder. "My mother also taught me to be a person and to believe in myself. I might not have careers and have the same today."

Jyll Bender, 35, of Garden City as a professional credits her mom with dreams — even if it's to attend a gemology class. "I should be thanking her that's where I met my mother."

Sometimes actions do come down to passing on a mother to a daughter.

"My mother's best advice at all," said I in Brighton and works in the field.

"My mom showed me how to come in many shapes and sizes, do just about anything," said Rondeau, a registered nurse. "My own daughter, Alecia, has strength in her own right. I truly believe she is her own mom, I hope to be a good mother to her."



Proud mom, Laura Santomauro (right), and daughter, Lexie MacDiarmid, a senior at Canton High School.



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“My husband, my daughter's father and my granddaughter's papa passed away in October 2006. Four months later was our granddaughter's bat mitzvah. When this picture was taken, I truly felt the love and support of my girls ... and knew we would treasure this picture always,” wrote Mary Fazakas. Pictured are (from left) Karyn Fazakas of Ferndale, Kelly Warren-Green of Canton, Kristin Oliver and Karlee Goodwin of West Bloomfield and, in the middle, Mary Fazakas of Plymouth.



Grandma Jean Lemanski and “the apple of her eye,” granddaughter, Gabriella.



Proud mom Debbie Keller of Westland (center) and daughters Rebecca Keller of Westland (right) and Denise Dietz of Oxford. “This photo was taken at my grandson's fifth birthday party, April 8,” Debbie Keller wrote.



This picture of Carol Ann Manzo (center) and daughters Christina Rose Manzo (left) and Carly Ann Manzo was taken 20 years ago in the JC Penney photo department. “I took the girls in their Easter outfits. I wanted to preserve the memories of Mother's Day and Easter,” wrote Carol Ann Manzo of Westland. “My youngest daughter says: “Mothers are the only women in your life that will never stop being your best friend!”



Garden City residents Diane McCreery (left) and daughter April McCreery are all smiles in this photo taken at the Annual Women's Expo in Dearborn. Mother and daughter have modeled bridal gowns, mother-of-the-bride dresses and bridal party dresses at the annual event for the last two years. “April is a full-time student at Eastern Michigan University and I'm so excited that she finds time to have fun with her mom,” Diane wrote.



Ted Betley sent us this photo of his daughter, Melissa Freil, and granddaughter, Mia Freil, taken last summer at a wedding in which Mia was one of the flower girls. Melissa and family (Mia and her twin brother, JT, and another brother Brody, who is 17 months old and husband Erin) live in Plymouth. Mia is 3 years old.



Bethann (left) and Tina Gerlach of Canton. "Congratulations Bethann on your graduation from EMU," wrote mom, Tina. "You are beautiful, creative and conscientious. I am so proud of you."



Vincent Cracchiolo of Westland sent this photo of wife Maire (back to camera) and daughter Isabella. "We had taken Isabella in to get pictures taken, but she was not in the mood. This photo was taken of Maire comforting (Isabella), which I think turned out to be one of the best pictures."



After a long day of shopping at the Mall of America in Minneapolis, Minn., (from left) Laura and Jenna Beauchamp of Canton and Rebecca and Nancy Brooks of New York, take a rest to regroup. Jenna Beauchamp sent in the photo of her mom, cousin and aunt. The trip was a surprise birthday trip for her mother, Laura, last May.



Mom, Margaret Karns (right), and daughter, Sharon Hensley, both of Westland, are pictured at a family baby shower in February 2009. "My mother has taught me everything I know," wrote Hensley. "I still learn from her every day and enjoy her company. I am so grateful that she is with us today."



Tricia Trombley sent this photo of her and daughter Rachel Trombley. "We are celebrating Rachel's 14th birthday," wrote Tricia Trombley. "The time we spend together is very special to both of us."



Georgia Becker (left) of Westland sent this photograph of her and her daughter, Terri Waterkamp of Garden City, taken at a wedding in November 2004. Becker's husband died in September 2004 just two months before her friend's wedding. She wasn't going to attend, but daughter Terri convinced her to go and said she would escort her mom to the event, which took place at Hawthorne Valley Golf Club. "It was a lovely wedding," wrote Becker, adding that her friend is now 80 years old. "My friend has since lost her husband, so I am glad I made her wedding."



Rain couldn't spoil the Bahr family trip to Mackinac Island last summer. Pictured are (from left) Erin Bahr, Megan Bahr and Shelly Bahr. "We decided to re-visit Mackinac Island, a favorite vacation trip when the girls were young," wrote Shelly Bahr of Westland. "It was a cloudy and rainy day as we boarded the ferry, but we sill opted to ride on top, in the open air. Laughing, acting silly, yelling: 'We're on a boat!' Enjoying each other's company, we make our own fun no matter what the weather is."



Mom, Cindy Gembarski, and daughter, Rebecca, enjoy each other's company at a Gretchen Wilson concert last year.



Rosemarie Rembisz of Westland sent this favorite photo of her and daughter, Maria Rembisz, 2½, taken Halloween 2004 at the Detroit Zoo Boo.



Kathy Mabbot of Canton sent this photo of her daughter, Krista Piwko (standing) and granddaughter, Emily Piwko, 8, from their yearly "girls only" vacation on the Disney Wonder last August. All are Canton residents.



Chris LaPointe of Canton sent this photograph "special to my heart" of his wife, Janine LaPointe, and daughter, Nora Hope LaPointe, taken last fall. "This photo captures the love, laughter and innocence that my wife and daughter provide our family," wrote Chris. "I get so much joy just being with them and this photo captures our fun in the fall at Three Cedars."



Jill (left) and Carly Engel are all smiles in the front yard of their Canton Township home after church on "a beautiful" Easter morning April 4, 2010. Jill is the special events coordinator at Parisian in Laurel Park. Carly, her daughter, is 13.



Jodi Wasik of Canton sent in this favorite photo of her and daughters, Lily Wasik, 6, and Hailey Wasik, 9, taken Feb. 14, 2010. "Every Valentine's Day my daughters receive a special surprise from 'Cupid,'" wrote Jodi. "In this photo we are dressed in our Valentine clothing and ready to share a mommy-daughter day together. We pick a special restaurant for lunch and then we go shopping or to the movies."

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Level: Advanced

Answers found on page 22

Our 'love affair' with shoes

Shoe news: What's hot

The biggest shoe trends for spring 2010 are:

At Nordstrom — Caged sandals: strappy and sexy, this shoe instantly updates spring's staple dresses and skirts for a fresh new look; Clogs: these old-school heels provide the perfect anchor to spring's more delicate silhouettes.

At Parisian — spring shoe trends are showing a lot of embellishment, girly ballet flats, wedges and espadrilles, trendy sneakers for casual wear, "shooties" — open-toed boots, animal prints/ginghams/florals.

At The Clothing Cove, Milford — "the brights" in splashy colors like turquoise, lime and red as well as bright whites, plus spectator contrasts and the popular neutral palette. Sandals with "changeability" — offering straps of different colors to provide endless fashion possibilities.



By Sally Rummel
Contributing Writer

If the shoe fits ... buy it!
Shoes, quite literally, have come out of the closet.

Ever since Carrie Bradshaw (played by Sarah Jessica Parker) on *Sex and the City* shared her love affair with a pricey pair of Manolos on national TV, women have bared their soles when it comes to their own love affair with shoes.

What is it about shoes that ignites women's passion?

Suzy Brown, store manager for Parisian at Laurel Park Place in Livonia, believes that shoes are one way a woman can update her look and make herself feel sexy without worrying about size. "Your clothing sizes always change, but your shoe size, for the most part, remains the same," said Brown. "You don't have to worry that this fashion piece may not fit next season because you may lose weight or gain weight. Shoes always fit!"

It's also because shoes can allow a woman to be trendy without having to commit to an entire look.

"You can easily pick up a certain trend with just a single pair of shoes," said Brown, noting that Parisian also has locations at The Mall at Partridge Creek and The Village of Rochester Hills.

LOCAL FASHION

Women, on the average, own about 19 pairs of shoes, according to a Consumer Research survey conducted throughout the U.S. in 2009, but that doesn't mean there aren't a whole lot of women who skew that average.

"Many of our associates at Parisian have 50-plus pairs of shoes in their own closets," said Brown.

"Because we are so client-driven and let our clients know about special sales and promotions, it's not unusual for some women to come in and buy an entire season's worth of shoes in one sitting. I've seen some women walk out with 10 to 15 pairs of new shoes."

It also helps if you have a husband in the shoe business.

Katie Welch, whose husband, Tom, owns and operates Hershey's Shoes in Novi and Garden City, boasts over 100 pairs of shoes in her closet, and she admits her love of shoes started long before she met and married her husband.

"My friend once told me it was a good thing I married a 'shoe guy,'" said Welch, 53,

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Katie Welch, whose husband, Tom, owns and operates Hershey's Shoes in Novi and Garden City, boasts over 100 pairs of shoes in her closet.

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with a smile. "He calls me 'Imelda Marcos,' but it's really not quite that extreme!"

Welch is a professional woman who enjoys wearing shoes, purses and jewelry that match her outfit. But she also appreciates the comfort of her UGG Australia slippers and the SAS shoes that have comfortably taken her all over Europe.

She likes trendy shoes with a bit more style, including her favorite this season — an ankle boot with a ruffle. Unlike some women who mostly "collect" shoes, she actually wears the ones that are taking up all that space in her closet.

Genise Horsley, owner of The Clothing Cove in Milford, notes a trend for this spring and fall in shoe manufacturers "stepping it up" with unique features and designs to give customers a reason to buy. "I'm seeing really unique lines, especially for this fall, with patchy leathers in traditional mule and mary jane lines," she said.

For this spring, a new "Spring Step" line has created a comfort shoe that is so stylish with bright, bold colors that it can easily step in from comfort daywear to more fashion wear, said Horsley.

One name that many women find synonymous with shoes is the department store Nordstrom, which is especially well-known

for its half-yearly sales events, drawing shoppers who drive long distances to shop there every June and November.

At Nordstrom, with Detroit area locations at Twelve Oaks (Novi), Somerset (Troy), and The Mall at Partridge Creek (Clinton Township), shoes are the sole of their business, because that's how Nordstrom began — as a small shoe store in 1901.

Now they have the reputation of offering not only selection plus affordable brand names, but also luxury footwear from renowned names like Tory Burch, Coach, Cole Haan, Burberry, Via Spiga, Hunter and Aquatalia.

Nordstrom takes their role as a shoe store very seriously, with each shoe salesperson taking a certified shoe fitter course before working with customers. Each store also houses a full-service shoeshine stand, charging just \$2.50 for the service, according to John Bailey, Nordstrom spokesperson. Nordstrom takes its commitment to feet one step further for the 60 percent of Americans who have different sized feet. They will split shoe sizes if the size difference is 1 1/2 sizes or more. Their size ranges are vast also, offering women's sizes 4-14 at Nordstrom's Twelve Oaks store.

But besides the mechanics of shoe sizes and services, it's the "fun" part of shoes' ever-changing styles and trends that makes shoe-buying almost a mystical experience for many women.

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95% of U.S. adults report that the recession has impacted their shopping in some way. 76% report doing fewer shopping trips. Adults also plan purchases more (67%). Actual purchases continue to be predominantly made in stores (79%) though shopping information channels have dramatically expanded.

59% of adults rank newspapers first as the media used to help plan shopping or make purchasing decisions in the past 7 days. 80% of newspaper readers report looking at advertising when reading the paper.

41% say newspapers are the medium used most to check out ads, more than all electronic media combined. (TV, radio, Internet)

77% of newspaper readers took an action as a result of a print newspaper ad in the past 30 days. 59% clipped a coupon, 52% bought something advertised and 45% visited a store.

60% of newspaper readers followed up a newspaper ad online in some way. 44% went to a website after seeing a print newspaper ad and 28% conducted an online search after seeing a newspaper ad.

82% of readers used a preprinted insert in the past 30 days. On average, adults keep inserts 4.4 days. 59% used to compare prices, 55% used to compare one circular to another, 52% saved until visiting the store and 43% used to make an unplanned purchase.

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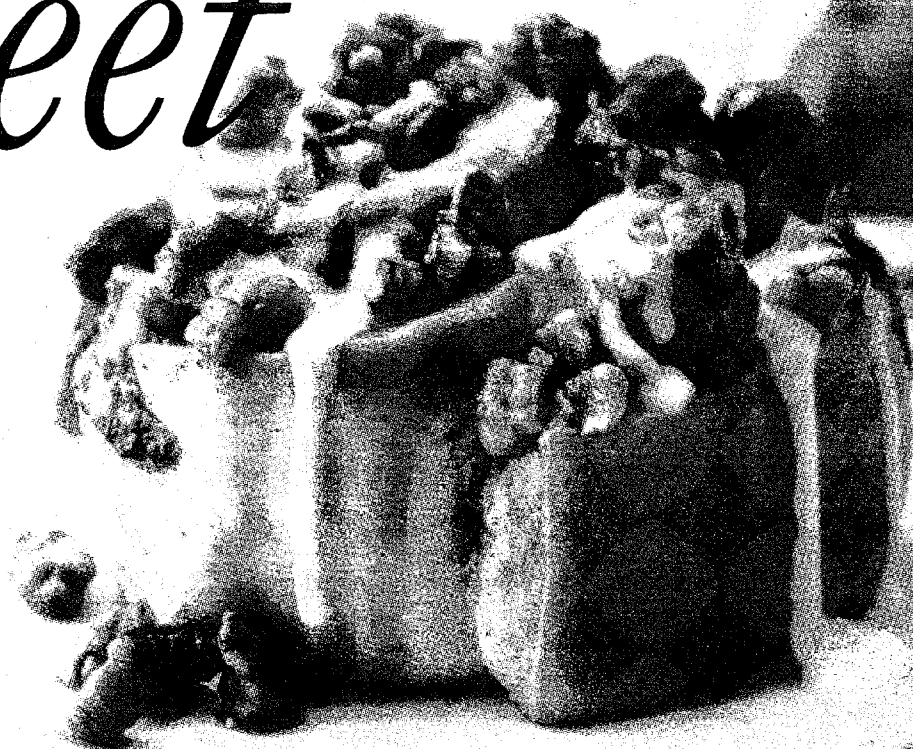
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Sunday mornings are a time to slow down and enjoy being with loved ones. It's the perfect day to relax and create an easy, yet special breakfast for family or friends.

Refrigerated cinnamon rolls are a delicious place-and-bake staple to sweeten up Sunday mornings without a lot of fuss. Semi-Homemade's Sandra Lee knows how to make an incredibly easy, yet special, Sunday morning breakfast. According to Lee, smart shortcuts in the kitchen allow you to create something delicious and still have time to enjoy it with those you love.

"Pillsbury refrigerated cinnamon rolls are a great example of how you can make loads of delicious goodness with hardly any prep time," Lee said. "From my personal experience, there's nothing like pulling a pan of cinnamon rolls from the oven to warm up a home."

For an easy Sunday morning breakfast, bake a batch of cinnamon rolls, or try one of these new easy breakfast recipes from Sandra Lee.

FOOD FUN

CARAMEL PECAN BUNS

5 servings

Prep Time: 5 minutes / Start to Finish: 30 minutes

1 can (17.5 ounces) Pillsbury Grands! refrigerated cinnamon rolls with icing

2 tablespoons butter

1 cup chopped pecans

1/4 cup packed brown sugar

Bake cinnamon rolls as directed on package. Reserve icing.

To caramelize pecans, melt butter in 10-inch skillet over medium heat; add pecans. Cook, stirring constantly, 2 to 3 minutes or until butter just starts to brown. Add brown sugar.

Cook, stirring constantly, until the sugar melts and bubbles, about 2 minutes. Spoon over buns when they are hot out of the oven.

Remove cover from icing; microwave on medium (50 percent power) 5 to 10 seconds or until thin enough to drizzle. Drizzle over warm buns. Serve warm.

Tip: Pecans can burn easily and need to be closely watched as they cook.

CINNAMON ROLL FRENCH TOAST

8 servings

Prep Time: 10 minutes / Start to Finish: 20 minutes

1 can (12.4 ounces) Pillsbury refrigerated cinnamon rolls with icing

2 eggs

2/3 cup milk

4 tablespoons maple syrup, divided

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Warm water, as needed

Bake cinnamon rolls as directed on package. Cool completely. Spray griddle or 10-inch skillet with cooking spray; heat griddle to 375°F or skillet to medium heat. Slice each roll in half crosswise.

In shallow dish, whisk eggs, milk, 2 tablespoons of the maple syrup and the vanilla extract until blended. Dip each cinnamon roll slice into egg mixture, turning to coat completely. Place on griddle. Cook about 2 minutes on each side or until golden brown.

In small bowl, whisk reserved icing, the remaining 2 tablespoons maple syrup and warm water, as needed, to create a pourable consistency. Spoon over French toast.

For more delicious recipes, go to Pillsbury.com. Fans of Pillsbury's Facebook fan page can now get daily recipe tips and ideas at <http://www.facebook.com/Pillsbury>.

— Family Features

Marvelous Mother's Day Brunch

Pamper mom on her special day with a wonderful brunch that all the kids can help make.

—Spiced Granola Pancakes include applesauce as a healthy substitution for fat in this recipe.

—Burrito Bites make a simple appetizer that is easy for kids to assemble. No cooking is required!

—Using a store-bought angel food cake makes preparation of this luscious Angel Sherbet Cake simple. It's low in calories and fat and is as pretty as it is delicious.

—Wheat Berry Tuna Salad is a tasty way to enjoy wheat berries. Wheat berries provide the nutritional benefits of the whole grain and are an excellent source of dietary fiber.

—Round out the brunch with favorite salads, side dishes and some fresh fruit. Follow that with lots of love, hugs and kisses!

These recipes are from the Wheat Foods Council's 35th anniversary cookbook, an ideal gift for Mom at \$3.50.

Please visit the Wheat Foods Council's Web site at www.wheatfoods.org to order this cookbook or to find additional recipes.

ANGEL SHERBET CAKE

Prep time: 30 minutes

Freeze time: at least 1 hour or until hard

Yields: 10 servings

- 1 pint raspberry sherbet
- 1 pint lime sherbet
- 1 Angel Food Cake loaf (store bought, approximately 7 x 3 inches)

Topping:

- 2 cups heavy whipping cream or 12-ounce container frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 3 teaspoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice

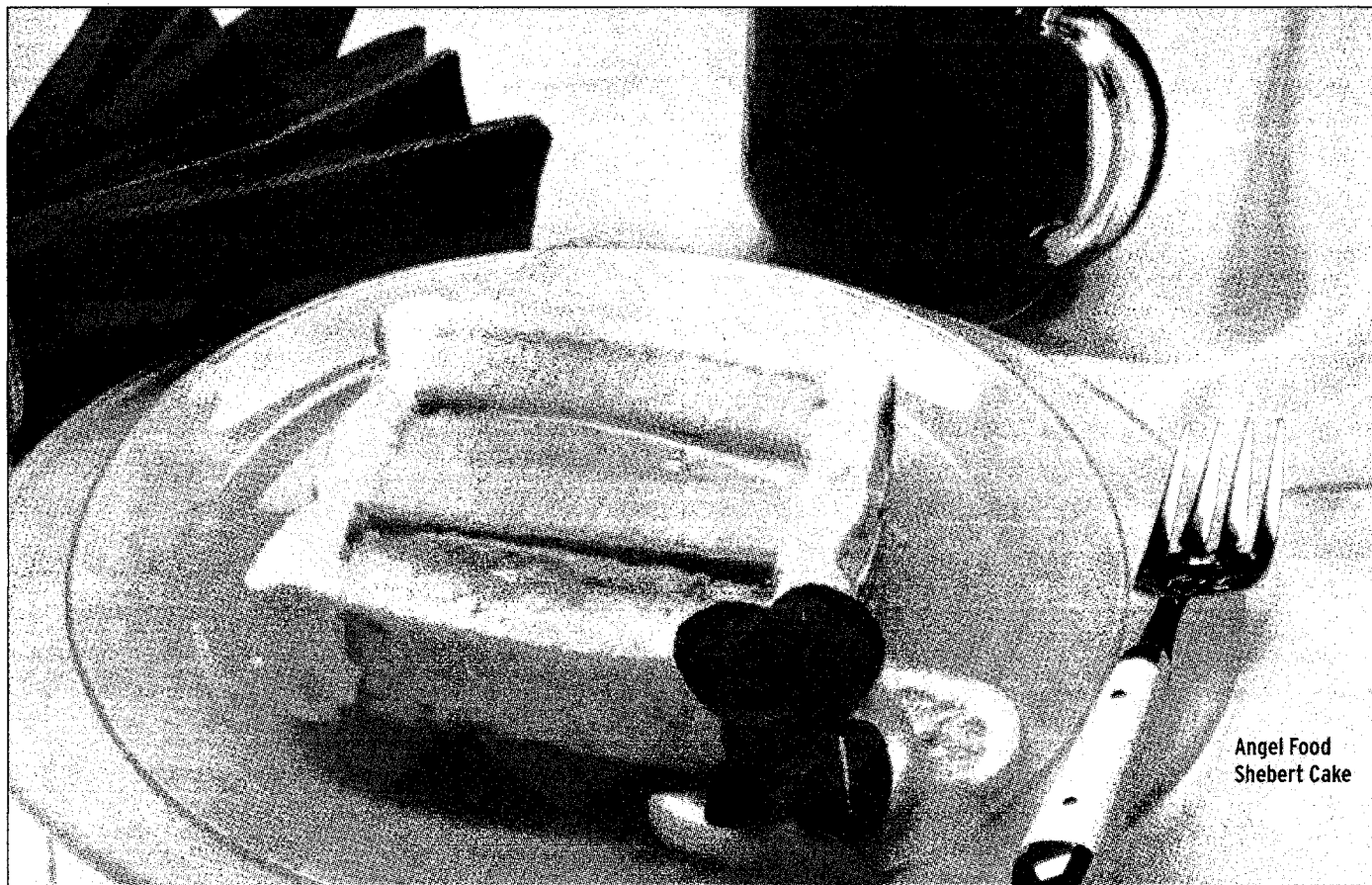
Line two bread pans, approximately the same size as the angel food cake, with plastic wrap. Soften sherbet. Scoop lime sherbet into one pan and raspberry sherbet in the other. Spread sherbet with a metal spatula dipped in hot water. Sherbet should be approximately ½ inch deep. Refreeze sherbet in pans for at least 1 hour or until hard.

Trim edges of angel food cake with a serrated knife to even them; cut cake into three lengthwise slices.

Remove frozen lime and raspberry sherbet from freezer. Alternate layers, cake, sherbet, cake, sherbet and cake. Cut off any oversized sherbet or cake to ensure that cake and sherbet are even on all sides of the cake. Refreeze until solid; can be frozen up to 3 days if wrapped well in plastic wrap.

Before serving, prepare cake topping by whipping the cream until very thick. Add sugar and lemon juice and whip mixture until soft peaks form. Spread whipped cream on cake. Refreeze cake until ready to serve.

Remove cake from freezer and let soften 5



Angel Food Sherbet Cake

to 10 minutes. Slice with an electric knife. If desired, place cake slices on pools of strawberry or raspberry sauce and top with a lemon twist and mint leaves.

WHEAT BERRY TUNA SALAD

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 60 to 90 minutes

Yields: 4 to 6 servings

Serving size: 1 1/2 cups

- 1 cup wheat berries
- 4 cups water
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes, diced
- 1/2 cup celery, diced
- 1/2 cup cucumber, diced
- 2 cans Albacore tuna packed in water, drained
- 2 eggs, hard boiled, chopped (optional)
- 2 tablespoons flat leaf parsley, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 cup Italian dressing
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon fresh ground pepper

Place wheat berries, water and salt in a sauce pan and simmer for 60 to 90 minutes until tender when you bite down on them. Drain well and allow to cool.

In a large bowl, toss together with the remaining ingredients. Serve chilled.

BURRITO BITES

Prep time: 10 minutes

Chill time: 30 minutes

Yields: 4 servings

Serving size: 1 tortilla roll-up

- 4 (9-inch) whole wheat tortillas
- 6 tablespoons smooth peanut butter or reduced-fat cream cheese
- 1 cup fresh spinach or torn romaine leaves
- 1 large stalk celery, cut into thin 3- to 4-inch sticks (12 sticks total)
- 1/2 cup carrots, shredded or matchstick
- 1/2 cup fat-free plain yogurt or low-fat ranch dressing (optional)

Spread 1 ½ tablespoons peanut butter or reduced-fat cream cheese on each tortilla, leaving 1 inch of clean space at the top edge of each tortilla. Layer spinach leaves on top of peanut butter. Place three celery sticks across the middle on top of the spinach; sprinkle with shredded carrot.

Keeping the clean edge at the top, roll tortillas up tightly from the bottom, folding in the sides after the first roll. Wrap each burrito tightly in plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes. Remove plastic wrap. Cut each roll into ½-inch slices, inserting a toothpick into the burrito before each cut is made.

Serve with yogurt or ranch dressing.

SPICED GRANOLA PANCAKES

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 15 minutes

Yields: 12 servings

Serving size: 1 pancake

- 1 cup fat-free milk
- 1/2 cup applesauce
- 1 tablespoon fat-free vanilla yogurt
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons grated orange peel
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup low-fat granola
- 1/2 cup whole wheat flour
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon salt

In large bowl, combine milk, applesauce, yogurt, eggs and orange peel. In medium bowl, combine remaining ingredients. Stir the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients and mix just until dry ingredients are moistened. Do not over mix.

Heat nonstick griddle to 350°F. For each pancake, pour ¼ cup of pancake batter onto hot griddle. Cook each side until puffed and dry around edges. Turn and cook 1 to 2 minutes longer or just until golden brown.

Courtesy of Family Features

SALUTE TO NURSES

Nation recognizes nurses' compassion

By Linda Ann Chomin
Contributing Writer

Pick up a pen and paper this National Nurses Week May 6-12. A thank you note is the best choice to show appreciation for their dedication, commitment and tireless efforts in caring for patients, according to Carol Mahaney of Canton.

Mahaney knows firsthand that Garden City Hospital nurses prefer a few words from the heart. A registered nurse herself, Mahaney is director of patient care services for maternal/children/women. Although her job is to oversee staff, she's always there when an extra hand is needed to deliver a baby.

"Families bring us food and we appreciate that but a thank you note to a nurse is more important than the things. Nurses will tell you they keep almost all of them," said Mahaney. "We started a Kudos program that lets a family member recognize nurses. We have three cases full of notes posted. It has become a real positive thing."

Mahaney knew she wanted to go into the profession at around 8 years old after hearing stories from her mother's friend, a nurse who volunteered for missionary trips to India.

"I had a wonderful mentor. I got to hear wonderful stories of caring for mothers and children," said Mahaney. "I knew I wanted to help care for the sick. You have to be someone who enjoys being around people, an open-minded person to care for people from different cultures, backgrounds. It's your job is to help them move to as healthy as they can be."

Women have been attracted to the profession since Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, cared for British soldiers during the Crimean War in the mid-1800s. Nightingale's compassion led to reform in military hospitals where British soldiers were dying of cholera because of unsanitary practices and conditions. Her birthday, May 12, marks the end of the week recognizing women and men in the nursing profession.

Although historically a female-dominated career, nursing is appealing to an increasing number of men. Of the 120 students entering the nursing program at Schoolcraft

College in fall 2009, 15 percent were males and the number is growing because of the guarantee of employment. The college is one of choice for nursing students from Livonia, Plymouth, Westland, South Lyon, Howell, Novi, Detroit and Ypsilanti.

Joy Pollard, director of nursing programs, said "it's one of the most valuable and rewarding careers anyone could ask for." Pollard earned a Ph.D. in nursing from the University of Michigan.

"It's been a traditionally female role since the times of Florence Nightingale but it's changed over the years, more so in the new millennium and with the economy changes, especially here in Michigan," said Pollard, a Northville resident. "Men are investigating because it's a stable occupation and affords a lot of flexibility in work opportunity from home care to hospice, hospitals to clinics. It's still the No. 1 profession the public thinks of when it comes to trust. We love it and love to be teaching it."



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Keillor's 'Pilgrims' pleasing tale of Minnesota roots, foreign travel

"Pilgrims: A Wobegon Romance" by Garrison Keillor, Viking, 2009.

Garrison Keillor has been telling of his fictitious hometown of Lake Wobegon, Minnesota, for years now, both on radio and in a series of books. In this Lake Wobegon story, 12 people from the small town of Lake Wobegon travel to Italy. Their leader is high school English teacher Marjorie Krebsbach, in her early 50s.



Julie Brown
Margie is inspired to visit Rome after a mysterious phone call from an Italian woman seeking her Lake Wobegon roots. Keillor inserts himself into the

story as one of the traveling 12, to the occasional annoyance of the townspeople who've made the trek. They believe he misrepresents them to the larger world.

Keillor's character takes notes as their tongues are loosened by wine. Margie is concerned that husband Carl is sleeping in the other room. She's hurt by his lack of amorous interest in her.

The pilgrims are 12 middle-aged Lake Wobegon residents, who travel to Rome to honor the grave of Gussie Norlander, a Lake Wobegon war hero said to have died bravely during the liberation of the city in 1944.

That's the story the town is told, but there's more behind the scenes. For Margie, it promises to restore the romance to her marriage. For the others, it's a free holiday, courtesy of Keillor himself, who misspeaks during an appearance at the

Thanatopsis Women's Club.

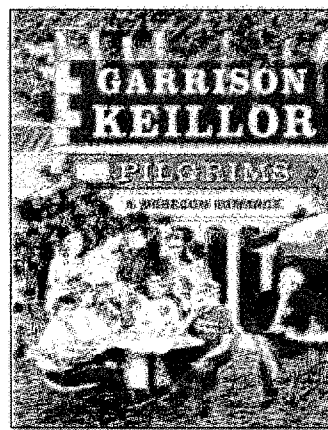
Margie is a likable heroine as portrayed by author-fellow traveler Keillor. In Rome, a whole new world seems to open up for her as she plays out a fantasy borrowed from *Roman Holiday*, ditching her fellow travelers and heading out on her own. She has a fling with a young Italian, confides in Gussie's glamorous Italian daughter and considers investing in a flat. Margie eventually realizes, "you go to Rome for the experience of a lifetime and then it's time to go home and put in the tomatoes."

Margie is the heroine of the story, and I liked the parallels to Audrey Hepburn and Gregory Peck in *Roman Holiday*. Some English critics found Keillor to have a lack of interest in Europe, but that didn't bother me.

I was more interested in the Lake Wobegon residents. I've never seen Italy, only the United Kingdom, but I felt the story of Margie and her fellow travelers was more than sufficient to sustain interest.

The appearances of Keillor or his alter ego in the book didn't bother me either. Self-deprecation is refreshing when so many celebrities have monumental egos, and he carries it off well.

Pilgrims is well worth reading especially for those who enjoy Keillor's books.



Some prefer him on radio, but I've always been more of a Keillor reader.

I was glad to see that 2009 also brought *A Christmas Blizzard* (Viking) from Keillor. In this short book, the well-to-do James Sparrow tells of his humble Midwestern origins. He's made his fortune on an energy drink, 4xPrime, based on coyote grass. The story tells of how he acquired the formula in a bar purely by accident and ended up living in luxury both in Chicago and at the Hawaii estate he owns with beautiful wife Joyce.

James, who hates Christmas, wants to fly to their Hawaiian home for the holidays, but Joyce is ill and prefers to stay in Chicago. She's a Christmas season lover.

James is called to his hometown of Looseleaf, North Dakota, to see his favorite uncle, who is dying. The story parallels Charles Dickens' *Christmas Carol* with James confronting his demons. The wolf, Big-Hair Lady and Chinese wise man help teach him about his life.

At 180 pages, this one's quick and easy, and a lot of fun. If Lake Wobegon's not your thing or if you're tired of it, try *A Christmas Blizzard*.

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4	8	5	2	3	1	9	7	6
5	2	3	1	6	4	8	9	7
1	4	8	9	5	7	6	3	2
9	6	7	3	8	2	4	1	5
8	5	2	4	7	9	1	6	3
3	1	9	5	2	6	7	8	4
6	7	4	8	1	3	2	5	9

Intermediate

8	4	6	5	2	3	7	9	1
7	9	2	8	4	1	3	5	6
3	5	1	6	7	9	8	4	2
6	8	5	4	9	7	2	1	3
9	3	7	2	1	8	5	6	4
1	2	4	3	6	5	9	8	7
4	6	3	9	5	2	1	7	8
2	1	9	7	8	6	4	3	5
5	7	8	1	3	4	6	2	9

Advanced

4	3	1	5	6	2	7	8	9
2	9	5	8	1	7	3	4	6
8	6	7	9	3	4	2	1	5
9	4	3	1	7	6	8	5	2
5	1	8	2	4	9	6	3	7
7	2	6	3	5	8	4	9	1
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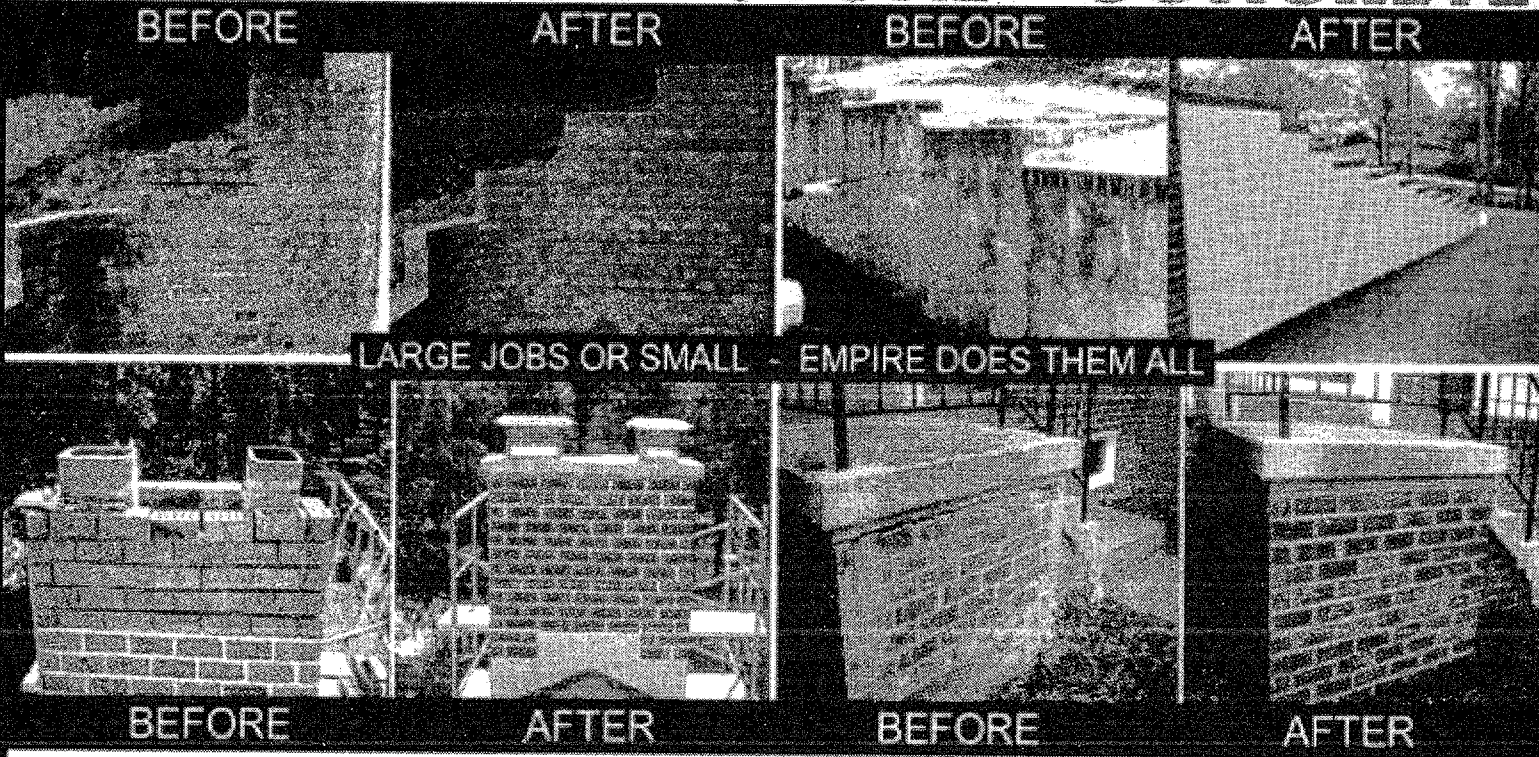
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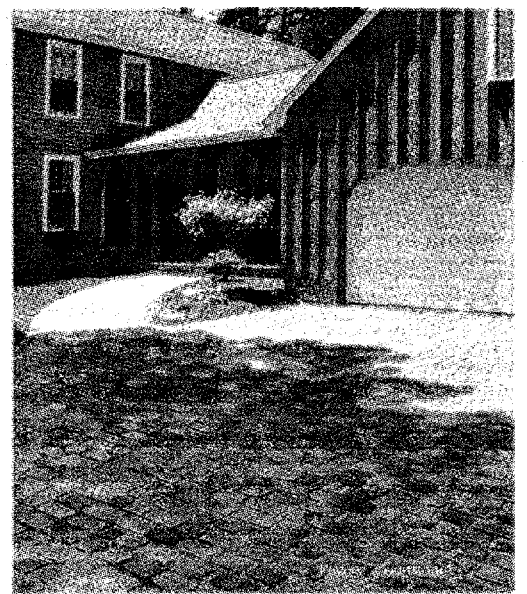
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