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PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Bike riders

Youngsters who would like to ride out in front of the annual Plymouth Fourth of July parade have their chance.

Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards is looking for young riders for the "pre-parade" bicycle parade, which will start out ahead of the annual Fourth of July parade, whose theme is "Patriotism on Parade" and which starts at 7:30 a.m.

Riders must be 5 years old or older, must wear a helmet and should decorate their bicycles with a Fourth of July theme.

Riders interested in taking part should gather in front of the former Walker-Buzenberg furniture store, 240 S. Main near Theodore, at 7:15 a.m.

For more information, call Edwards' office at (734) 354-3214.

Audition time

The Celebration Youth Orchestras, a sponsored project of the Plymouth Symphony, will be holding auditions for the 2010-11 season Friday, Aug. 27, at Evola Music on Haggerty in Canton.

Under the direction of conductor Nan Washburn, the



Nan Washburn

Celebration Youth Orchestras provide a unique, enriching and exciting musical experience for aspiring young players throughout southeast Michigan, especially in Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi, Belleville, Westland and other areas of western Wayne County.

The CYO currently offers a full program of three orchestras and a flute choir, workshops and master classes with prominent guest soloists and composers and yearly side-by-side performances with the professional musicians of the Plymouth Symphony and Orchestra Canton. CYO students attend many different area public and private schools and homeschool.

Anyone interested in auditioning should contact Jane Libbing at the Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras office at (734) 451-2112 or e-mail her at jane@plymouth-symphony.org.

Trash pickup

Solid waste pickup in Plymouth will be delayed a day by the Fourth of July holiday, according to city officials. Pickup scheduled for Monday will be delayed until Tuesday, Tuesday until Wednesday, etc. Direct questions to the Department of Municipal Services at (734) 453-7737.



Margaret Dunning hugs Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens, executive director of the Plymouth Historical Museum, at Dunning's 100th birthday celebration Saturday. See more photos online at hometownlife.com.

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Museum crowd helps Dunning mark 100 years

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With accolades from around the country and visitors from around the globe, the Plymouth community's newest centenarian, Margaret Dunning, was celebrated on Saturday.

Born June 26, 1910, on her parents' farm in Redford Township, Dunning has lived in Plymouth for most of

her life, working at several careers and contributing for decades to the area's social and cultural scene. She was a factory hand, a bank teller, a Red Cross worker during World War II, and was — and still is — a philanthropist whose work is behind the success of the Plymouth District Library and the Plymouth Historical Museum.

It was on the front porch of the museum that Dunning, with characteristic modesty and wit, acknowledged the many tributes and good wishes she received Saturday.

"I'm very, very overcome, and almost speechless — which you probably wish I was," she told the crowd. "It is a real privilege to live in this beautiful world for 100 years."

It was people, Dunning said, with their ideas and their support, who helped her through.

"I didn't do anything wonderful at all," she said. "I just lived with you."

Dunning was greeted by warm applause — including one sustained



Margaret Dunning arrives Saturday at the Plymouth Historical Museum, where friends, loved ones and community leaders celebrated her 100th birthday.

round for her remarks and a second when she cut the ribbon to open the new museum exhibit, "Margaret's 1910."

Roger Weber, a reporter for television station WDIV, was the master of ceremonies, introducing elected officials who read tributes to Dunning, and offered history lessons about life in 1910 — when William Howard Taft was president, the Titanic was being built, World War I had yet to begin and the average worker earned \$15 for a 60-hour week.

"Just incredible to think of all the things she has witnessed in her life," Weber said.

There was a proclamation (read into the Congressional Record) from Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, another from state Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, on behalf of the state, and a letter from President Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle.

Mayor Dan Dwyer gave Dunning the key to the city, and declared

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Fireworks, parade, picnic mark Fourth

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

From pyrotechnics to pie-eating, marching bands to businessmen marching, and hot cakes to hot dogs, the Fourth of July in the Plymouth community has it all.

The Independence Day celebration kicks off at Plymouth Township Park at 10:15 p.m. Saturday with the township's annual community fireworks show. Township Treasurer Ron Edwards, who raises money for the show, promises a lot of, ahem, bang for the bucks — about \$23,000 for fireworks alone — saying that the fireworks handlers give a discount because the extravaganza is on an off day, not the Fourth itself.

The fireworks will be followed at 7:30 a.m. Sunday by the 14th annual Good Morning U.S.A. Parade in downtown Plymouth. Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth, the parade's theme is "Patriotism on Parade."

The parade begins at Main Street and Theodore and proceeds south along Main, ending at Hartsough. Organizer Fred Hill said there will be some new twists as well as returning favorites for this year's edition.

"There's so much variety in this parade," said Hill, who leads his 16-man Fred Hill Briefcase Drill Team, a parade mainstay. He's labeled the parade "a variety show in motion." There will be more than a thousand people in the parade, and another 150 or so volunteers to stage it, he said.

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The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps will be part of Sunday's Good Morning U.S.A. Fourth of July parade through downtown Plymouth.

Police ready to enforce texting ban

Police officers in both the City of Plymouth and in Plymouth Township, like officers all over the state, will be enforcing the ban against texting while driving when it goes into effect today (Thursday).

The ban, signed into law by Gov. Jennifer Granholm earlier this year, makes texting while driving a primary offense and allows police officers to pull over drivers for that reason alone.

Offenders face first-time fines of \$100 and subsequent penalties of \$200.

Contrary to what motorists may think, police say it's not that hard for an officer to tell if someone is texting while driving. Often, police said, the guilty motorist will give himself away by his erratic driving. Then, when the

officer takes a closer look, he or she will see drivers looking down at their lap or the phone for an extended time.

The ban has had quite a bit of local support. The Student Congress at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park conducted assemblies to gather signatures from students pledging not to text and drive. PCEP students also took part in a rally sponsored by the *Oprah Winfrey Show* backing the ban.

Junior Melanie Gingell watched an Oprah show about the death of a 9-year-old girl killed when a texting driver slammed into her bike, and helped lead a charge that saw hundreds of students sign the pledge.

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DUNNING

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this week Margaret Dunning Week in Plymouth.

"It may sound corny but, you know, she has the key to our hearts, too," said Weber.

But it was a note from William Clay Ford Jr. that touched her the most, Dunning said later. Ford alluded to the acquaintance his great-grandfather, Henry Ford, had with her parents.

"I was very flattered and pleased," she said. Dunning said she has memories of the automobile pioneer visiting her parents' farm.

Inside the museum, visitors strolled "Main Street," populated with mannequins of circa-1910 Plymouth characters for the new exhibit, listened to period songs by Harmony 4 Fun, an all-woman barbershop quartet, and snacked on crackers, cheese, veggies and a variety of toppings.

Dunning greeted well-wishers at the head of a receiving line for at least two hours, posed for many photographs and, in the museum's basement meeting room, continued to socialize. She seemed to

enjoy every minute.

"It's such a pleasure to see people with whom you've had some fun," she said. Visitors included friends from West Virginia and Utah, and two nieces from Europe, she said.

Gordon Eddy, a member of the Plymouth Historical Society, said he's known Dunning for about 35 years.

"I think it's really remarkable that one person has taken such a great interest in our community," said Eddy, a retired art director for an advertising firm. He added that Dunning's involvement has made Plymouth "a wonderful place to live" and that he feels "blessed to know her."

Sanford Burr, president emeritus of the Plymouth Historical Society, said that when Dunning pledged money (more than \$100,000) for the construction of the museum, she was shrewd in making it clear that others were responsible for outfitting the interior. That task, he said, fostered among the volunteers — including Burr and his parents — a sense of personal investment in the project.

"This museum became a part of their lives, a very important one," Burr said.

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Neighbors Jane Libbing and Karen Sisolak, with sons Martin and George, arrive at the Dunning residence to wish Margaret well.

AROUND PLYMOUTH

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

Matinee series

Community Financial Credit Union, Packaging Corporation of America and the Plymouth District Library sponsor the Summer Cinema Matinee Series at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth throughout the summer.

The schedule of movies includes "The Goonies," July 1; "Pee Wee's Big Adventure," July 15; "Herbie Goes to Monte Carlo," July 22; "Back to the Future," July 29; "The Wizard of Oz," Aug. 5; "American Tail 2: Fievel Goes West," Aug. 12; "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World," Aug. 19; and "Muppet Treasure Island," Aug. 26.

Shows are at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.; the box office opens a half-hour before each showing. All seats \$3. The Penn Theatre is located at 760 Penniman in downtown Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 453-0870 or visit www.penntheatre.com

Evoking summer

Officials are calling the Plymouth Community Arts Council's new exhibit, which begins July 6, "a celebration of summer and its many pleasures."

Ypsilanti artist Bill Knudstrup spent his childhood on the beaches and dunes of Lake Michigan's eastern shore. The memories of that experience are the impetus behind "Children of Summer." His oil paintings of children playing in the sun, sand and water are bold, vibrant and joyful. The subject matter of the work plays on timeless memories.

Knudstrup has a Fine Arts degree from the University of Michigan and has had many solo and group shows in the area.

The exhibit runs through Aug. 5 and can be viewed Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The public is invited to an Ice Cream Social on Friday, July 23, from 6-8 p.m. to meet the artist and celebrate summer.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is located at 774 N. Sheldon (at Junction) in Plymouth. Contact the PCAC at (734) 416-4278.

Pottery painting

New Hope Center for Grief Support, in cooperation with the Plymouth Community United Way, is offering an evening at Creatopia in downtown Plymouth July 27.

This event is for parents with children who are interested in painting a pottery piece in memory of someone who has died. Dinner will be at Subway (next to Creatopia) starting at 6:15 p.m. After some brief instructions, painting will begin at 7 p.m. and will conclude at 8:30.

The event is free, but space is limited. Call New Hope at (248) 348-0115 to register.

Class reunion

The Plymouth Canton/Plymouth Salem Class of 1990 hosts its 20-year reunion Saturday, July 17.

For more information, e-mail pepsclassof1990reunion@gmail.com

Summer of Service

The YMCA Youth Volunteer Corps Program will once again be supported by the Wilcox Foundation. The YVC Summer of Service program is made possible through the support of the Wilcox Foundation.

The Summer of Service program includes eight one-week sessions that provide participants with an extensive service-learning experience as well as having some fun. "Our goal is to help every participant understand and believe in the difference their service can make in their commu-

nity, and the difference it can make within them," explained Plymouth YMCA Community Program Director Jenny Paffi. "In addition to gaining community service hours, participants interact with a diverse group of individuals as well as learn more about themselves and their community."

"Jack Wilcox supported the Plymouth YMCA and its objective of teaching young people the importance of their leadership and involvement in guaranteeing a successful future for the Plymouth community," explained Wilcox Foundation committee member Dan Herriman.

For more information about how to become involved with the program as a participant or an agency, please contact Heather Jones at the YMCA office, 734-453-2904 or hjones@ymcamedetroit.org.

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

Host families

AYUSA International is a non-profit high school foreign exchange student organization which welcome teenagers from more than 65 countries worldwide and provides a host family placement and ongoing supervision for 5- and 10-month academic programs.

These young people look forward to a warm bond of friendship with host families and a rewarding cultural exchange. Host families are asked to provide meals and a bedroom either shared or private. Students pay for all other personal expenses while in the U.S.

For more information, call Sue McGrath, (313) 278-8424.

Grief workshop

Ward Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a one-day grief seminar, "From Grief to New Hope," Saturday, July 17, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The workshop will be presented by Cathy Clough, Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. 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. Ward Church is located in Northville at 6 Mile and Haggerty Roads. Registration is not necessary, but if further information is needed call Barb Brace at Ward Church at (248) 374-5943.

For information about New Hope Center for Grief Support's other age and loss specific groups call (248) 348-0115.

New Morning camp

New Morning School offers summer camps for children ages 3-11. Science themes include beginning and advanced Lego NXT Robotics and K'Nex, Disaster Science, and Sports Science. Discovery Days classes for the preschool set include Castles and Dragons, Construction Zone, Firefighters, and Outer Space.

For dates, times, and registration information, download the school's brochure at www.newmorningschool.com/summercamps.htm or call (734) 420-3331.

Preschool Enrollment

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Early Childhood Department is enrolling for fall preschool. Classes are taught at various schools throughout the district. We offer classes for two-, three- and four-year-olds. All classes are half days and are taught by credentialed teachers and experienced paraprofessionals. The program focuses on kindergarten readiness with strong ties to the district's kindergarten curriculum.

Call the Early Childhood Office now for more information at 734-416-6190 or visit web.pccs.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood.

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"I was watching with my mom, and it touched me because I couldn't believe so many people are dying," Gingell said of Winfrey's show, which quoted studies showing some 6,000 people die — and another 500,000 are injured — every year in distracted driving incidents. "Just the numbers of people dying ... I couldn't believe a mother had to lose her child because of that."

In a very informal poll taken by the *Observer* for its "Community Voice" section, respondents said they support the ban. A poll by *The New York Times* and CBS News found that 90 percent of adults supported a legal ban on texting while driving.

FOURTH

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New this year will be the marching band from Detroit's Martin Luther King Jr. High School, joining a host of other musicians, including a marching folk band, the Plymouth Five and Drum Corps, Civil War re-enactors the Fifth Michigan Regiment Band, a bagpipe band and local high school marchers.

Paws, the Detroit Tiger mascot, will be making a return appearance after an absence of several years, and the Yankee Air Museum in Ypsilanti will provide a flyover of a military plane for the first time in about a decade, Hill said.

Newcomers, in addition to the band from King, will

include a stilt-walking Statue of Liberty, a Segway-riding Uncle Sam and the title character from the *Shrek* movies.

"We haven't had a big green ogre in the parade before," said Hill.

Floats, balloons, pompon teams and walkers — such as World War II veterans and Special Olympics athletes — will round out the parade.

Parade goers who want breakfast before or after the parade can head to The Gathering, on Penniman next to the Penn Theatre, for a pancake breakfast. The cost is \$6 a person, and the profits will benefit the marching band from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. The hours are 6-11 a.m.

Next on the lineup Sunday is Plymouth Township's annual Fourth of July picnic at Plymouth Township Park.

Food will be served from about 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Hot dogs, chips, pop and ice cream are on the menu.

Like the fireworks, the picnic is a township function, but public funds don't pay for it, said its organizer, Trustee Bob Doroshewitz. It is funded largely through donations, and picnic goers are asked to chip in whatever they think is fair — a suggested minimum of 25 cents per item.

Picnic activities include a bicycle-decorating contest at noon, games for children at 12:30 p.m., and a pie-eating contest at 2 p.m.

The picnic will also offer face-painting for children, plus live music from 1-3 p.m. Picnic goers should bring lawn chairs and blankets.

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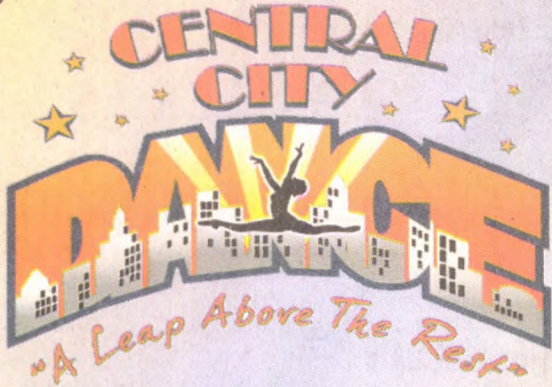
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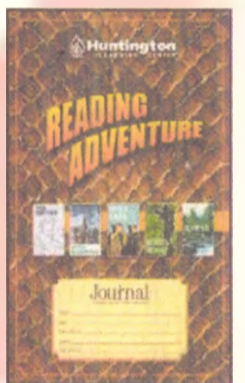
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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Vehicle break-ins

An alert citizen who immediately reported suspicious behavior helped Canton police nab suspects accused of breaking into vehicles in the area of Hanford and Haggerty.

The incident happened around 11:30 p.m. June 22.

A man who had stepped outside of a building to smoke a cigarette noticed suspicious behavior by a group of young males and called police. The man had noticed one male trying to open the door of a vehicle.

According to a police report, authorities took two male teens into custody and recovered items including a GPS unit and video games.

Purse stolen

Canton police offered a tip after a woman's purse was stolen Saturday afternoon while she was putting groceries into her car outside the Wal-Mart store on Ford Road east of I-275.

Police Sgt. Mark Gajeski has urged women to put their purses inside their vehicles before they load their groceries.

The tip came after a woman told police she put her groceries in her car, drove off, realized her purse was missing and returned to the scene. A witness had seen a man take the purse from the grocery cart — before the woman drove off — but thought the suspect was

Forgery arrest

The woman's purse contained personal items such as her driver's license, checkbook, credit and bank cards, a cell phone and \$150 in cash.

Forgery arrest

Canton police arrested a woman wanted on a felony warrant for forgery after an officer spotted a vehicle speeding 54 mph in a 40 mph zone on Joy Road near Walton, east of I-275, according to police reports.

Police stopped the vehicle after it was seen speeding, then learned one of two women was wanted in Livonia for forgery.

Canton police turned the 20-year-old woman over to Livonia authorities.

Lost wallet

An employee of Lifetime Fitness, on Haggerty south of Ford Road, told police he lost his wallet after arriving for work June 22, and he later learned someone had started using his debit card to make purchases at a sporting goods store and a gas station.

The man reported he had gone to put his wallet in a locker, but he said it could have fallen on the floor.

They said, they said

Police were investigating conflicting reports following an altercation that occurred about 5:15 p.m. June 23 on

Honeycomb Circle, southeast of Joy Road and I-275.

One woman told police she and her boyfriend were assaulted when they went to visit a female friend, saying a male acquaintance of the friend used a broom handle to assault them.

However, the female resident told police the visitors were the aggressors after arriving, pounding on the door and saying they were owed money. The resident said the visitors punched her boyfriend and used a racial slur against him.

The investigation was continuing.

Pickup problem

A woman reported that her husband's 2000 Ford pickup was broken into while it was parked in a driveway on Longfellow, northwest of Sheldon and Saltz, between 5:25 p.m. last Thursday and 8 a.m. Friday.

A wallet and a GPS unit were reported missing from the truck.

Wall falls

A man who lives on Delancy Circle, southeast of Cherry Hill and Denton, told police a brick retaining wall on his property was knocked over, causing minor damage to four vehicles.

The incident happened on June 23.

— Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

Men steal beer

Two men shoplifted a case of beer from the Qwik Pik, on Lilley Road south of Plymouth Road in Plymouth Township, on the night of June 21.

It was just after 11 p.m., the complainant told police, when then men walked in, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report. One went to the beer cooler while the other, appearing to be on a cellular phone, held the door open, the report said.

The man at the cooler took a case of Budweiser to the counter, and clerk asked for identification, he told police. Instead, the man took the beer and ran from the store, he said. Both men southward toward the Lilley Apartments, the police reports said.

Police checked the area and found no one.

Larceny from car

Jewelry, a leather purse and a pair of sunglasses were reported stolen June 19 from a car parked outside a house on East Fellows Creek Court.

The 2007 Volvo, sitting in the driveway, had been left unlocked, a police report said. The theft occurred between 1 a.m. and 11 a.m., the complainant told police.

Vandalism

Several plastic chairs were thrown in the community pool at the Rolling Oaks sub-

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division recently. Neither the chairs nor the freshly painted pool appeared to be damaged, police said, but the complainant wanted to file a report in case damage was discovered.

The incident was reported on June 20. The complainant told police the person or persons responsible appeared to have climbed a fence to get to the pool.

A car was heavily scratched while parked at the Red Olive Restaurant, on Ann Arbor Road east of Sheldon Road, on June 20.

The victim, a Livonia woman who works at the restaurant, said she parked the car in back of the restaurant and that when she returned to it in the afternoon, there was an eight-inch scratch on the passenger side. Police said the scratch was down to bare metal. The make and model of the car were not reported.

Another restaurant worker said other employees had also had their vehicles vandalized recently.

Trailer stolen

A black semi-trailer with a blue shipping container atop it was reported stolen from a parking lot on Eckles Road north of Plymouth Road on June 21.

The theft occurred between June 3 and June 5, the complainant told police. The trailer had a Tennessee license plate on it, he said.

— By Matt Jachman

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department made the following emergency runs during the period June 23-29:

• Tuesday, June 29 - Rescue runs on Riverside and on Beck; rescue run at a public building on N. Territorial;

residential rescue runs on Heritage, on Jener and on Northville Road; commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road; fire on Ann Arbor Road.

• Monday, June 28 - Residential rescue runs on Farmbrook, on Newporte, on Hunters Creek Court, on Union and on Pinewood.

• Sunday, June 27 - Residential rescue runs on Haggerty, on McClumpha and on Burroughs; commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road; downed wires on Irvin.

• Saturday, June 26 - Residential rescue runs on Roosevelt, on Pinewood, on Lakeland Court, on Brougham, on Beaver Creek, on Woodlands Court and on Northville Road; commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road; special run on Pinewood; open burn on Charnwood;

• Friday, June 25 - Carbon monoxide detector run on Cassidy Place; residential runs on Cassidy Place, on E Drive and on Hartsough; vehicle accident with wash-down on east-bound M-14 and I-275; industrial rescue runs on Schoolcraft and on Plymouth Oaks.

• Thursday, June 24 - Investigation on Governor Bradford; residential rescue runs on Linden, on Spring and on Haggerty; fire runs on General Drive, on Hackberry and on Haggerty; special run on Penniman.

• Wednesday, June 23 - Residential rescue runs on Plymouth Road, on N. Mill, on Princeton, on Lilley, on Plumtree and on Haggerty; vehicle accident on Sheldon; investigation on Grant; special run on Tyler; mutual-aid-given rescue run on Honeycomb; commercial rescue run on Liberty.

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Cheryl Wilson	C75	5x5	2 Hula Hoops, 2 bag chairs, 2 totes, 1 bag, misc goods
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PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP SENDS OUT WATER QUALITY REPORT

The Plymouth Township Water and Sewer Department has sent out its annual drinking water quality report to consumers.

Among other things, the report discloses the amount of various materials in the water, including microbial and inorganic contaminants, and pesticides and herbicides.

The annual report has been required by law since the U.S. Congress passed the 1996 Safe Drinking Act Amendments.

Most of the Detroit metro area, including Plymouth Township, gets its drinking water from the Detroit River. The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department operates the water treatment facilities and pumping stations that supply water to the township, which operates the pipeline infrastructure and acts as the retailer to area businesses and residents.

Residents or business owners who have not received the report or have further questions can contact the Plymouth Township Water and Sewer Department at (734) 354-3270.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Tuesday, July 20, 2010
Materialise USA, LLC

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 20, 2010, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider the request of Materialise USA, LLC for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for land and building improvements, machinery, equipment, furniture, and fixtures located at 44650 Helm Ct, Metro-West Industrial Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request of Materialise USA, LLC is on file in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. During the public hearing any resident of Plymouth Township or members of the Legislative Board of any affected taxing unit in the Township shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments addressed to the Clerk will be considered.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday July 20, 2010, will be held in the Town Hall at the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Phone Number 734-354-3224. Following the public hearing, the Board may decide on the request by resolution.

Joe Bridgman, MMC
Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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Bank, charge card offers require careful review

Congress passed new legislation in May 2009 that dealt with banks and credit cards (Credit Card Accountability, Responsibility, and Disclosure - CARD - Act of 2009).

Like most new pieces of legislation, the implementation is staggered over a period of time.

In February, new rules went into effect that prohibit credit card companies from arbitrarily changing the payment due date from one month to the next. In addition, credit card companies cannot increase the interest rate or fees (APR) on your existing balance for one year after the account is opened.

Banks and credit card companies are not taking the changes lying down. They are constantly looking for loopholes and ways to take advantage of the law. One example is when the charge card companies raised the interest rates on many consumers before this part of the legislation took effect.

It is important that when consumers receive something from a bank or charge card company, they read it thoroughly and do not just arbitrarily sign a document and send it back.

Consumers who have debit cards are starting to receive notices from banks, credit card companies and even from credit unions with regard to overdraft protection on debit cards.

When reading some of the language about overdraft protection on debit cards, it seems financial institutions are looking out for our best interest. After all, just like overdraft protection protects us from bouncing a check with a checking account, with a debit card it allows us to purchase items even if we don't have the money in our account.

OVERDRAFT PROTECTION

On the surface, it sounds good. However, as far as I'm concerned, by allowing overdraft protection on your debit card you're giving your financial institution the right to charge you excessive fees.

When you pay for an item using a debit card, the bank immediately withdraws money from your account (unlike a check that may take a week to



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

clear).

Many people prefer debit cards to charge cards because it prevents overspending. After all, if you don't have the money in your account you can't buy the item. That is not true with charge cards.

Because of how a debit card works, I am fearful that if people sign up for overdraft protection they will find themselves in the same situation as with charge cards - over-spending.

Just like fees on charge cards can be excessive, I have no doubt that fees for overdraft protection will be substantial. In addition, when financial institutions such as banks and charge card companies try to sell me something, my radar automatically goes up.

Under the new legislation, not authorizing overdraft protection means if you use your debit card to purchase an item and you do not have the money to cover the purchase, your purchase will be denied.

Therefore, for most consumers, when they get that letter from the bank, charge card company, or credit union offering overdraft protection, my advice is to ignore it.

Solicitation offers for disability insurance, mortgage insurance or life insurance are numerous. Almost always couched within the terms is the suggestion that the coverage is inexpensive and will protect your family if something unexpectedly happens to you.

When looking at some of the deals from banks, it is true that they are relatively inexpensive. However, the issue is do you need them?

When you get an offer - whether to buy insurance or overdraft protection - be very careful.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at money matters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit his Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Art in the park

With Art in the Park less than a month away (July 9-11), Plymouth Downtown Development officials know many business-ers try to make the most of the big events by providing incentives for visitors to wander inside. Some of the ideas from merchants include putting balloons outside the front door, offering rest rooms for public use, offering refreshments such as coffee, water or treats, hosting a sale, putting festive displays in the window or giving out coupons.

This year, the DDA is planning to set up its tent at Art in the Park, providing there are enough merchants to help staff it. Those who sign up are invited to hand out coupons or samples, display merchandise, etc., at the booth during the festival. The DDA will also help by supplying Visitor's Guides and magnetic clips to hand out.

For more information, e-mail dda@ci.plymouth.mi.us or call (734) 455-1453.

Business news

• Isabella's Copper Pot is hoping to open its doors on Thursday, July 1, in half of the old Gabriel's on Main Street. Owner Stacy Shafto and Doug Fopina said they'll be working hard to get their build-out and inventory ready. They have a store in Gaylord and said they're excited about being in Plymouth. Look at their Web site - isabellascopperpot.com - and see all the things they have to offer.

• The Cup Cake Station will be opening its doors next to Isabella's. Owner Kerry Johnson has stores in Birmingham and Ann Arbor that sell 26 flavors of cup cakes, all made from scratch. Johnson said his signature cup cake is carrot cake, and he was



Grand opening

A ribbon-cutting was held Friday by Green & Glamorous Upscale Resale Shop to announce their grand opening. Green & Glamorous Upscale Resale Shop is located at 42847 Ford Road in Canton. Attending this event were employees, Canton Township officials, Canton Chamber of Commerce members and local residents. The Canton Chamber of Commerce is a member driven organization dedicated to stimulating positive business growth, fostering community leadership and acting as an advocate for the business community. For more information on the Canton Chamber of Commerce, log onto www.cantonchamber.com.

the first to make Bumpy Cake cup cakes. Johnson signed the lease Thursday and expects to be open by October.

• Shasta Fase and Cory DeLong are working to get their Old World Olive Press open in the former B.E. Unique storefront on Forest. The owners hope to be open by Art in the Park (July 9-11). Look for domestic and foreign olive oils and balsamic vinegars. They also have a store in Rockford, near Grand Rapids.

• John Corsi at Cellar 849 on Penniman is now serving true Neapolitan pizza (baked for no more than 2 minutes in a wood-burning oven cranked to a balmy 900 degrees. Working with an imported Italian-built wood-fired oven presents many challenges, but also provides the great potential for reward. Corsi received his training in Italy and will be one of about 20 restaurants to make and serve true Neapolitan pizza.

**7pm Fridays...
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Friday, July 2 in Kellogg Park...Steve King & the Dittilies (rock & roll)

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- Aug. 13 Randy Brock (country)
- Aug. 20 Bluescasters (blues)
- Aug. 27 Mass Transit Band (country)
- Sept. 3 Lady Sunshine & the X Band (R&B)

And...many Plymouth businesses will be open until 9 pm!

Wednesday Children's Concerts At Noon Downtown...Starting July 7

GEMINI...Wednesday, July 7, noon, downtown Plymouth.

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Gemini brings to their concerts a natural ease around children. The twin brothers have an upbeat flair for involving everyone, from tots to grandparents, in the music making.

Since 1988 San and Laz have released six recordings for children and families. These recordings have won a number of awards including ones from Parents' Choice Magazine, the American Library Association, the National Parenting Publications (NAPPA), and the Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts.



STEVE KING & THE DITTILIES...Friday, July 2, 7 p.m., Kellogg Park.

"Steve King and the Dittilies: 'America's favorite rock 'n' roll band and variety show'" showcases hit songs from the 1930s through the present. Traditionally an "oldies" band, the Dittilies' repertoire focuses about 30 years in the past, spiced with current topical comedy and delivered with world-class sizzle.

Since the 1970s, the Dittilies have performed on stage, television and radio in international venues for family clients through Fortune 500 sponsors.

The band is a popular local attraction, playing annually at downtown Plymouth's Music in the Air series, in Plymouth's Good Morning USA Fourth of July Parade and at Livonia Spree, among other local events.



Be sure to look for this article in the Observer every Thursday to find more information about each week's "Plymouth Music in the Air" performance.

**PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a proposal for Basic Life/AD&D Insurance (current inforce coverage), Long Term Disability (current inforce coverage), Voluntary Life/AD&D, Voluntary Short Term Disability, and Voluntary Long Term Disability. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Chris Keller at (248) 502-1125. Technical questions should also be directed to Chris Keller. Sealed proposals are due to the PCCS - E.J. McClendon Educational Center (Attn: Raquel Hunter -Life/Disability Proposal Bid) located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI on or before 11:00 a.m., EST, Thursday, July 15, 2010 where they will be opened and publicly read. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
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OUR VIEWS

A time for pride

Democracy proves worthy of efforts to preserve it

Jacob Turbett knew it. He knew this country was founded on the basis of freedom, that it was a concept and an ideology worth fighting for.

In fact, Jacob Turbett, a Marine corporal from Canton, knew it so deeply he dreamed from a young age of defending those freedoms, as many of his family members did, as his sister is doing now. He felt it so deeply he was willing to die for it.

And, in February, that's exactly what he did, killed serving his country in the war in Afghanistan.

It's what our military members have been doing since Thomas Jefferson authored — and members of the Second Continental Congress signed — the Declaration of Independence. It took a lot of courage, first writing and then signing that document.

Clearly, they had worked to resolve their differences with the British. The list of disputes in the document is extensive.

But given the alternative, the document declares, the signers have the gumption to go to war. That's pretty tough talk, but it is also thoughtful and well-reasoned.

All people have rights, unalienable rights, Jefferson reasoned as he wrote. That means those rights come from a higher order and can't be abolished by any person — not a king of England, an egomaniacal tyrant in Iraq or a common thug hiding in a cave. Nor can any group of men — whether the British Parliament or Al Qaeda — disband those rights.

"Look, we tried," says the document in so many words. "But you folks are taking away our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Our safety is threatened, so it seems better to just go our own way."

That we did and the rest is history. It's a living history being renewed daily, whether by citizen groups such as the League of Women Voters or by men and women serving — and dying — in Korea and Vietnam, in Afghanistan and Iraq.

It's been 234 years since 56 men from 13 states put pen to paper. But we still carry that independent streak declared July 2, 1776, as the British fleet entered the New York harbor. It was declared again on paper two days later.

Independence is inbred in us, part of our genetic makeup.

That's why we bolt upright at attempts to abridge our civil liberties, and growl over things like foreclosures and the price of gas that threaten our happiness.

Our independence must be nurtured aggressively, if it is to continue. That doesn't mean agreeing with everything that comes out of Washington; it does mean passing along the memories and the message of the Declaration of Independence.

What better way to do so than by taking time on the Fourth of July to celebrate what we have achieved and to renew our will to protect it.

From parades to flying the U.S. flag, there are ample ways to renew our patriotic spirit. Parents will want to go to www.usa.gov for everything from recipes from First Ladies to activities for children and teachers.

We have another right — the right to be proud of who we are as a country. It's the best democracy around, and our history proves it.

Safety first on Fourth of July

Use common sense when lighting fireworks this holiday weekend.

- Never use fireworks in an area where flammable materials, such as dry leaves or dead grass, are present or where they could ignite overhead obstructions.

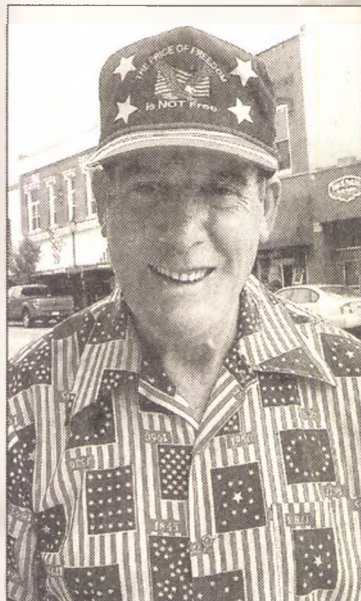
- Don't let young children play with fireworks under any circumstance.

- Always keep water nearby in case of an emergency.
- Never attempt to make homemade fireworks.

The safest way to enjoy fireworks is at a public display conducted by trained professionals.



Boy Scouts traveled the parade route bearing the American flag during the 2010 Canton Liberty Festival parade.



Lee Clair, 73, loves the American flag.

Happy 4th of July

The cement of this union is the heart-blood of every American.

—THOMAS JEFFERSON



Twenty-month-old Mary Dunn waves a flag for the Plymouth Memorial Day Parade as she is held by her mom, Lori Dunn.



Army 1st Sergeant Robert Stants of the 414th Civil Affairs Unit salutes the flag during the National Anthem in Farmington in 2009.

LETTERS

Israel protecting itself

I really get a charge out of some of the letters in your editorial column. One especially criticized Israel in violation of maritime law by extending its authority beyond the limits of its undefined border.

This writer should stop and think how President Kennedy blocked Russian ships that were in the process of unloading rockets in Cuba. Everyone praised Kennedy for taking bold action even if it meant starting World War III. I was not a big admirer of JFK especially when he got us in a war in Vietnam, even though he was warned by outgoing President Eisenhower not to get involved in a land war that eventually cost us 59,000 lives. Israel is doing everything possible to protect themselves just like John F. Kennedy. This writer who wrote this article had better wise up because he's the type who loses wars.

I was raised during the Depression and so many people are under the impression that Franklin D. Roosevelt got us out of the Depression. History and economists will tell you that it was the war that got us out. Obama and Roosevelt both believe that by spending huge amounts of money and getting us in a hole that you will pay for the rest of your life is the solution. These people are in the words of Karl Marx "useful idiots."

By the way, I am of Polish heritage and proud of it. After World War II, Roosevelt and Truman turned Central and Eastern Europe over to the Russians. Like Pope John Paul said, "We had seven years of Nazi rule and thanks to America, we had the next 50 years of Communist rule."

Robert J. Siedlik
Livonia

Don't raid school aid

I am writing to express my deep disappointment and outrage over the proposed "raiding" of School Aid monies to balance other areas of the state's budget. I agree that more fiscal responsibility is needed in this state. I agree that post secondary education is important. But, not on the backs of children.

If we neglect the education of our children, the community colleges and universities will become even more engaged in remedial education than they are today. K-12

education has taken enough hits over the past few years. Stop "robbing Peter to pay Paul."

I have lived in Farmington for eight years. I do not have children in this school system, nor have I ever. But, I am an educated and voting citizen. I read the papers and am engaged with my neighbors, who do have children in this system. FPS is an outstanding example of quality education. In spite of drastic cuts, Farmington has maintained high standards. The innovations and diversity provided by the leadership and teaching staff is second to none. I am horrified at the slashing K-12 education funding. It is unconscionable for Farmington and all the school districts that are suffering.

Following the soap opera of state government is appalling. The childish squabbles are tiresome and have had no effect on Michigan's horrendous budget problems. Legislators need to talk straight to the electorate. No thinking person can continue to believe that cuts alone will make up the budget deficits we are encountering. Elected officials need to tell it like it is ... "Michigan residents, if we want to maintain, sustain, and grow we need new sources of revenue, including tax increases. Let's come up with real, creative ideas for improving the revenue stream in this state. Let's step up to our responsibilities as citizens and do what is right. We cannot continue to cut and expect to retain the quality of service that has existed in this state."

To be clear, I am a 64-year-old senior citizen, living in a middle class neighborhood and driving an eight-year-old car. I live on my pension. I will feel any tax increase. But, I am willing to make some sacrifices. I've had my time. I received a good education and worked hard to be successful in my career. Now it is the children of this state who are entitled to their turn.

Cheryl Willette
Farmington

Better role models

My daughter loves going to Plymouth's "Music in the Park," throwing money in the fountain and cruising into the toy store.

My husband and I are very proud to be part of the Plymouth community. It is evident

that business owners in Plymouth make an effort to connect with their customers and we support local business wholeheartedly. Plymouth offers a safe place to raise a child as well as some of the best schools in Wayne County.

As a teacher, this is an important aspect we considered when moving to the area. Further, as a teacher I have looked forward to summer so my daughter and I can go for stroller rides into town. Recently, we were stopped at a train. Rather than read the graffiti on the train cars I read a shop window in reference to the BP Oil Spill that said, "Screw their pensions," "Lies!"

Based on what I have seen as a Plymouth resident and hard-working American, no one is satisfied and/or unaffected by the tragedy of the oil spill. From what we read and see on a daily basis no American citizen advocates millions of gallons of oil harming our environment. This is common sense.

I consider Plymouth to be a green community. Prior to seeing this poor taste of propaganda, I also consider Plymouth's business owners to model smart community. That is, if one chooses to use their shop front windows to display propaganda then surely they can assume the youth of Plymouth to read it.

As adults, we have a responsibility to inform our youth. Further, we have a responsibility to encourage our youth to find something worth standing up for and how to effectively convey that passionate message to many people. I was disappointed to read this phrase; if I wanted to read profanity I would have expected it from the passing train, not an established business in our community.

For now, my daughter is too young to read. However, when I take her out in Plymouth, I, as well as many other members of our community, expect the businesses in which we spend our money to model good judgment and supply useful knowledge and products.

There is a discerning way to articulate opinions based on facts and not emotions when it comes to current events. As adults, we should consider that what we say and write has value to impressionable youth of our community. We can be dissatisfied with the oil spill and yet choose to do so tactfully.

Rachel Melville
Plymouth

'Margaret's 1910' evokes Plymouth of a century ago

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Visitors to the Plymouth Historical Museum can take a trip back in time with the latest exhibit, "Margaret's 1910."

Designed to evoke the city's Main Street of a century ago, the exhibit includes mannequins made to resemble circa-1910 Plymouth figures, photographs and artifacts from the era, and a wealth of information about Margaret Dunning, for whom the show is named, and her family. Dunning, who turned 100 on Saturday, is a longtime Plymouth businesswoman and philanthropist. During her public birthday celebration on Saturday, she cut the ribbon to formally open the exhibit.

The period characters depicted include a doctor, a dentist, the police chief's son, and several housewives and children. Of course, there's also Dunning herself, as a 10-year-old, examining a 1920 Ford Model T.

"We've brought Plymouth in that timeframe kind of back to life," said Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens, the museum's executive director. "It's kind of our ode to

Margaret."

Most of items on display, Kerstens said, come from the museum's permanent collection, with the exception of the Model T, a few toys of the period and some Dunning family photographs.

There's even a display of items from the Dunning family, including Margaret Dunning's childhood rattle and her father's bowler hat. And there's information about the family's connection to Henry Ford, who used to visit their farm in Redford Township when Dunning was a young girl.

"Margaret's 1910" takes up the museum's entire main floor.

The exhibition runs through Tuesday, Oct. 24, at the museum, 155 South Main. Museum hours are 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for students between the ages of 6 and 17, and \$10 for families. To plan a group visit, call (734) 455-8940.



Margaret Dunning celebrates her 100th birthday.



Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens and Roger Weber watch Margaret Dunning cut the ribbon to open the exhibit "Margaret's 1910."



Barbershop quartet members Carol Caldwell, Terry Mull, Shirley Southgate and Jill Burton serenade Margaret Dunning with 'Happy Birthday.' The group is Harmony 4 Fun and they have sung together for 20 years.



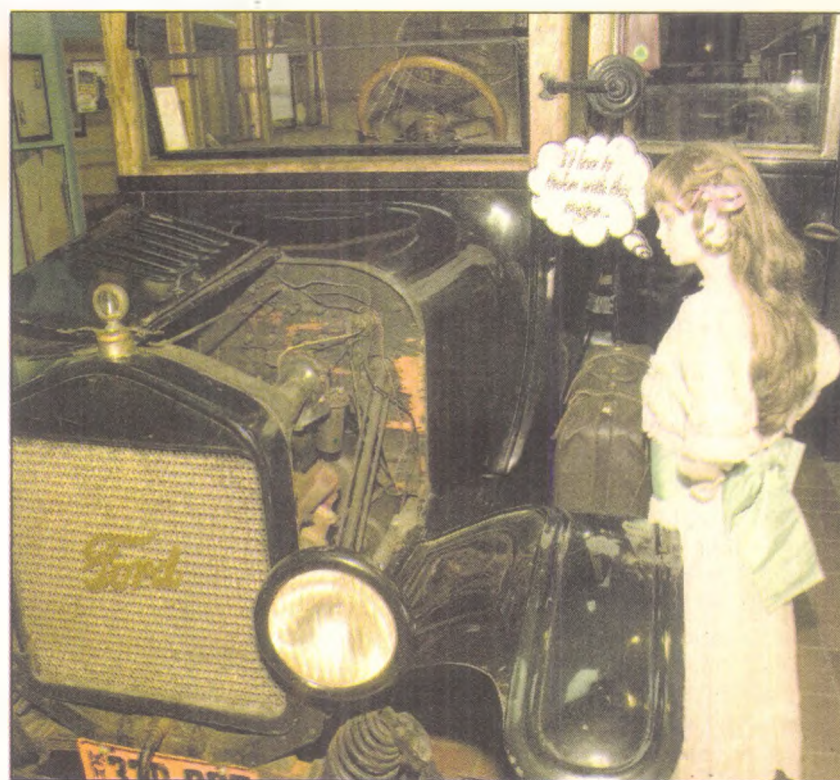
Life in Plymouth around 1910.



Margaret Dunning is off to the museum.



As a young woman, Shirley Southgate (right) worked for Margaret Dunning.



The Margaret's 1910 exhibit shows life in Plymouth. Margaret Dunning developed her interest in automobiles at a young age from her father.

PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Dan Clements prepares to drive Margaret Dunning to the Plymouth Historical Museum. Dunning probably doesn't spend too much time in the back seat; she likes to drive.



Margaret Dunning waves to the crowd.



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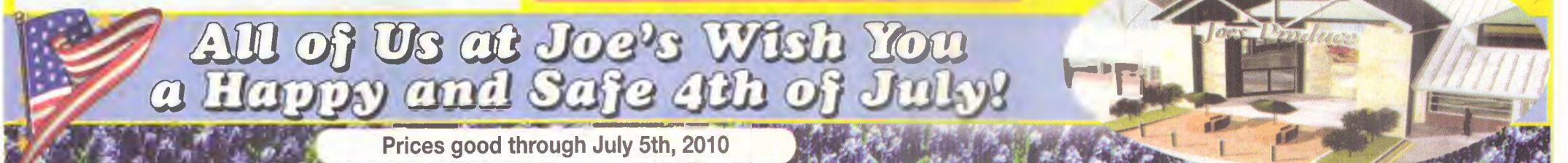
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Camp Shaw

Chicago Bears' linebacker returns to old C'ville gridiron

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tim Shaw was back on the football field where he first launched his NFL career.

And the grass at McDowell Field at Livonia Clarenceville High was never more lush, green or soft as nearly 120 camp participants went through the paces of a four-hour free clinic held Saturday afternoon under the hot, bright sun.

"I would tear this field up right now," smiled the special teams standout from the Chicago Bears. "I'd run up-and-down, and just have a great time. It does look great."

Shaw returned to his alma mater to give back to a Clarenceville community that practically idolized him. It's a place where he once wreaked havoc as a prep football standout, setting MHSAA records — at the time — for career touchdowns and career yards rushing.

"I have a lot of great memories here," said the Penn State grad. "Big playoff games, stands packed, and just really the excitement in the school and in the city. This field means a lot to me. There's a lot of great times here — a lot of sweat, a lot of hard work, but a lot of great memories."

Some of Shaw's former high school teammates came back to work the camp including his younger brother Pete, Kenny Hall and Walter Ragland.

Former assistant coach Kevin Murphy, now Clarenceville's athletic director, along with new varsity coach Ken Fry, also were on hand to help coach the young campers.

NFL players Gerald Cadogan (Colts) and Landon Johnson (Lions) also made appearances. Cadogan, a massive offensive lineman who stands 6 feet, 5 inches and weighs 314 pounds, roomed with Shaw at Penn State and made the trip from Indianapolis.

"Tim is one of those great guys," Cadogan said. "We've



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Bears linebacker and Clarenceville grad Tim Shaw (far right), along with Colts offensive tackle Gerald Cadogan, get the campers fired up for the next drill.

been best friends since college, and continue to be best friends throughout our pro careers. It's a blessing and a privilege to have somebody that understands what you're going through.

"What makes him stand out is his personal relationship with God, his parents, he's a family man. He's real humble and his work ethic is definitely what separates himself from other people."

Campers, ages 7 through high school, each received "Dream it, Do it" grey T-shirts and tote bags courtesy of Eastbay. Granola bars, bananas, Gatorade and ice cream (at the end) also helped fuel the campers.

There were also plenty of water breaks on the hot day

as Jim Kielbraso, Director of the Total Sports Performance Training Center in Wixom, put the them through various conditioning and agility work.

"There's a lot of nice drills to practice for the upcoming season," said Shawn Cummings, who will be a junior this fall at Clarenceville. "I'm going to play D-end and somewhere on the O-line. I went to CMU camp a few weeks ago. We run a lot of same drills. You just have to give your all on every play."

Shaw not only talked to the campers about football, but also about life and taking responsibility for your own actions.

"We are the boss of our-
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Colts lineman Gerald Cadogan (left) watches Doug Wible run a drill during the Tim Shaw Football Camp. Wible lives in Farmington Hills and is a student at Clarenceville.

SIDELINES

Calka at USATF meet

Livonia Stevenson graduate Courtney Calka, who recently completed her freshman year at Eastern Michigan University, reached the finals and finished ninth in the 1,500-meter run for Junior Women in 2010 USA Track & Field Championships held Saturday at Drake Stadium in Des Moines, Iowa.

Calka

Calka placed fifth in Friday's preliminary heat with a time of 4:34.13, and then clocked 4:40.46 in the finals, which was won by Oregon freshman Jordan Hasay in 4:26.38.

This spring, Calka earned a fifth in both the 1,500 (4:33.79) and 5,000 (17:00.33) races at the Mid-American Conference Championships.

During the fall cross country season, the freshman placed 17th in the Great Lakes Regional (21:33.68 at 6K) after a sixth-place finish in the MAC Championships (22:35.6) to earn first-team All-Conference honors.

She was also voted Eastern Michigan's team MVP in cross country and was named a U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association All-Academic honoree after being one of nine in the nation to compile a cumulative 4.0 grade-point average (majoring in Exercise Science).

Kollin qualifies

Max Kollin of Farmington Hills shot 76-74 last week at Davison Country Club to qualify for The Optimist International July 27-Aug. 1 in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Kollin, who completed his sophomore season with the North Farmington golf team, is one of four Michigan boys in the 16-18 age group who will compete at the PGA National Resort & Spa.

Evans at ODP camp

Farmington High School soccer player Kirsten Evans has been invited to attend the USA Region II Olympic Development Program camp in July at the DeKalb (Ill.) Soccer Complex.

Evans, a junior midfielder for the Falcons this year, has accepted a verbal scholarship offer to play for Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.

She chose the Commodores over Michigan State, Northwestern, Ohio State, Illinois, Clemson, Iowa and Indiana State.

Youth football

Redford Catholic Football is holding registration for the fall season from 7-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2, at Our Lady of Loretto (Six Mile Road and Beech Daly) for players in grades 2-8 who are registered parish members of Christ the King, Our Lady of Loretto, St. Alexander, St. Genevieve, St. Gemma, St. John Bosco, St. Mary of Redford, St. Priscilla, St. Robert Bellarmine, St. Scholastica and St. Valentine.

A fee of \$135 is due at time of registration. Fee for additional siblings is \$110 each. Registration forms may be obtained by emailing lancereg@gmail.com.

Practices begin in early August with games scheduled for Saturday or Sunday from right before Labor Day through the middle of October.

For more information, contact John Hebner, football director, at (734) 819-1321 or john.hebner@stryker.com; Julie Kimball-Kubiak, Parent Board president, at (248) 345-2410 or kjkubiak@yahoo.com; or Gail Magdowski, registrar, at (734) 775-3629.



Under the watchful eye of head coach Scott Murray, the Garden City football program is seeking to turn matters around this fall. With more player input and contributions from various clubs and organizations, Murray has seen a spike in participation and adjustment in attitude.

Cougar gridders look to get jump on reversing fortunes

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Certainly no games have been played yet and the official start to the boys high school football season is still some six weeks away. But when you're coming off a winless season — like the Garden City Cougars are — it's never too early to set plans in motion in anticipation of reversing fortunes and achieving the level of success all teams seek.

First-year coach Scott Murray has been on a mis-

sion to do just that ever since he was hired in to direct the program on March 2 of this year. Murray and his staff have spent countless hours during the first half of 2010 trying to separate current members of the program from the hardship that befell the Cougars in 2009 when they failed to win a game in nine starts overall.

"We're going to look forward and not back," said Murray, who served as an assistant under Mike Salter for the

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Hurricanes take Whalers' defenseman in 3rd round

BY DAN O'MEARA
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Austin Levi plans to give it best effort and be better for the experience if nothing else when he goes to camp with the Carolina Hurricanes.

The 18-year-old defenseman from Farmington Hills was selected in the third round of the NHL Entry Draft Saturday.

After one full season with the Plymouth Whalers, Levi figures he'll have everything to gain and nothing to lose at the upcoming Carolina camps.

The first is an orientation camp for all draftees and rookies on July 7. That will be followed by a prospects tournament in Traverse City and the main Hurricanes camp.

"I wouldn't sign anything until after that," Levi said. "That's obviously my goal — to sign a contract. Over the next couple years, that's something I'm going to take seriously and make the most of the move."

"That's up to the Hurricanes association, head coach and general manager. I'd love to play in



Austin Levi of Farmington Hills and the Plymouth Whalers was a third-round draft pick of the Carolina Hurricanes.

the NHL next year. That's up to them.

"I'll definitely be at the camp and trying out for the team. Wherever that takes me is where I go with it."

The 6-foot-3, 192-pound Levi, who had three goals and nine assists last season, will have competition. The Hurricanes, who had two picks in the third round, drafted three other defensemen ahead of him.

"Something they tried to do in this draft was add depth to the blue line for years," Levi said. "It'll be competitive. I'll work hard and try to be better than the other guys. Everyone is just pushing for jobs."

Levi considers himself a stay-at-home defenseman and believes his appeal to the Carolina scouts was his

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majority of his 13 seasons as head coach. "We've changed a lot of things already and it is making a difference."

At the top of the alterations list for the upcoming campaign is a new-look jersey and helmet that Garden City varsity players will don once the season kicks off Aug. 27 at 7 p.m. against Dexter.

"What we have done as a staff here is to give kids ownership of what is going on at Garden City," Murray said. "We have stressed to them that no one is bigger than the program, including me. It's their team and they do have input. They were the ones who had input and decided what the home uniforms and helmets would look like.

"They are the ones who have

been busy working hard," Murray said. "When you give kids ownership of the program and they are able to make decisions of what is going on around them, and they see you have been there everyday from day one working hard, then they can buy into it."

Murray said the Garden City community has also been actively involved as area dealerships, restaurants, recreational venues, and even alumni, have contributed in their respective ways.

"We've held fund-raisers that have been set up through parents and we've also had a former player here at Garden City (Mike Butcher) get involved and donate money for camp t-shirts," Murray said. "We've been blessed to have a fantastic alumni, a great central office of officials, and even the grounds guys taking care of the field."

That show of support has

certainly rubbed off on the nearly 100 campers who have shown up each of the past two weeks to partake in offensive and defensive instructions at the high school.

"You can see it in how hard they are working," Murray said. "We gutted and revamped the weight room shortly after I took over and we've seen probably 80 kids a day in there working out. Back in the day we would be lucky to get 35."

Anyone interested in viewing just how determined the Cougars are in turning matters around can visit the team's website at www.gccougarcountry.com. Located near the top of the home page is a running clock counting down the days, hours, minutes and seconds till that opening-day kick-off.

"I'm living the dream right now," Murray said. "This is what I've wanted to do."

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and we did it. Have the self discipline to say you're going to do it."

Shaw went on to stress that football is all about commitment.

"If you want to make the varsity football team at Clarenceville, you just can't decide to roll out of bed, not work out and not run, and not stay in shape," he said. "That's not going to happen guys. That's a lack of self-discipline. That's just floating with the wind. It's about making choices. It's about what's important and what's not important. It's deciding which people are good to be hanging out with you, and those who aren't good with you to hang out with. Those are decisions we all can make - and it's all on you."

The Bears linebacker and former fifth-round draft pick of the Carolina Panthers was pleased with the response and hopes the camp will become an annual event.

"The turnout has been amazing and it can do nothing but get better," he said.

Meanwhile, Shaw still harbors fond memories when he led the Trojans all the way to the Division 5 state championship game at the Pontiac Silverdome.

He credits his former coach, Greg Hudkins (now at East Kentwood), for making him never feel satisfied.

"I just remember that he made me set higher goals for myself," Shaw said. "One thing is that he taught me was never settle for being the best. I was better than most kids in high school, and he made me never settle for that, and just be what I was. He pushed me so far above and beyond of what I thought I was. The biggest thing I took from him was just not settling, not settling for what I was, but to really reach higher."

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ability to take care of his defensive responsibilities.

If he doesn't make the Hurricanes team or sign with them, Levi said he'll return to the Whalers next season and use the time to work on his offensive potential.

"This coming year, with more playing time, is going to be valuable to show I have an offensive upside and can handle that part of the game as well," he said. "But I'm a defensive guy first, getting the puck out of the zone and being physical."

Levi expected to be drafted and was in Los Angeles with his family for the two-day draft at the Staples Center.

"I just didn't know when or where," he said. "I was a complete nervous wreck Saturday morning. After I was drafted, I was ecstatic. It was a great experience. I'm glad I went and got to experience what the draft is really like.

"I didn't really expect to be drafted by the Hurricanes. While I was texting (Whalers teammate Scott Wedgewood), my name was called.

"It was shocking, incredible. It was probably one of the best moments of my life.

I'm looking forward to this opportunity."

Levi, who was born in Columbus (Ohio), and his family moved to Colorado when he was 4, and he started playing hockey during the 10 years he lived there.

He's been in Michigan since then, attending the University of Detroit Jesuit High School for two years and graduating this June from Plymouth High.

After playing for the Compuware midget minor team, he split time in 2008-09 between the midget major team and the Whalers, and he played in all 68 games with the Whalers in 2009-10.

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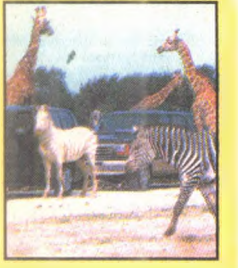
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Whitmore Lake hosts its annual Thunder Road Car Show & Cruise through downtown, followed by an Independence Day parade. A ski show starts at 7 p.m. followed by the Parade of Lights, where thousands gather on the lakefront to see boats float in their glory. Visit www.twp.northfield.mi.us.

JULY 5 Clawson Parade & Fireworks

The Clawson Fourth of July Parade has been a community tradition since 1932. An Arts & Crafts show will be held in Clawson City Park (picnic area on West Elmwood) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The day includes a Firecracker Mile Race, concessions and evening fireworks. Visit www.clawson4thofjuly.org.

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The Detroit Pistons dance team Automotion will hold auditions for team members for the 2010-11 season at 3 p.m., Monday, July 26 at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Finalists will be announced at the end of the night and callbacks will run July 27-29.

New to this year's audition process will be the addition of a live performance held on July 29 at the Crowfoot Ballroom located in downtown Pontiac, sponsored by WRIF radio. All finalists are required to participate in rehearsals and perform in the live Automotion audition finals show in order to be considered for the team. The final team will be announced live at the end of the show. Friends and family be a part of the audience. The live Automotion audition finals will be open to the public.

To audition, female candidates must be 19 or older by October 1 and are required to show proof of ID along with their registration. There is a \$25 registration fee. The fee includes the auditions and a ticket to a select Pistons game during the 2010-11 season. Candidates are required to bring a recent photo and may bring a business/entertainment resume. Aspiring Automotion dancers should have a strong work ethic and strong business and communication skills as a complement to their dancing abilities.

The audition staff will choreograph the session. Dancers should wear dance tops, shorts and tights and be dressed to impress with performance-ready hair and makeup.

Automotion team members will serve as ambassadors of the Detroit Pistons and will represent the organization both on and off the court for the 2010-11 season. Automotion team members are required to dance during every Pistons home game and to represent the organization throughout the year at various team and charity functions. A flexible schedule is a must for selected dancers.

For more information about the Automotion tryouts call (248) 377-0100 or log onto www.nba.com/pistons/dance/automotion.html for all the pre-audition details and to register for the auditions.

Summer concerts are zoo-rific

BY DIANA WING
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

You can't beat a summer concert in the park. And when you add lions, tigers, and bears, oh my, you're in for a wild adventure. Pack a picnic cooler, lawn chairs and a blanket, and head to the main picnic grove at the Detroit Zoo for the Wild Summer Nights concerts, 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays, July 7-Aug. 25.

This year's lineup of local artists includes folk, rock, Americana, and children's performers, with many returning favorites.

Michigan rockers The Verve Pipe will kick off the concert series, July 7, with family-friendly songs from *A Family Album*, a CD that debuted last fall. Veterans of the kids' music scene, Candy Band performs high-energy, punk-style tunes at the Zoo, July 21—a gig that Paula "Almond Joy" Messner of Royal Oak calls a favorite.

"A lot of cities have weekly concerts, but the zoo, everybody loves it. When we play, it's just packed," she said. "It's fun to be at the zoo after hours. The animals are actually awake."

Patricia Janeway, communications director for the Zoo, said the animals are more active in the evening, in part because temperatures tend to be cooler.

"I think they're cooler. They have their routines, and I think some of them can sense people are in the park a little bit later than usual," she said. "We have an enrichment schedule on Wednesdays and that encourages them to hunt around



Candy Band performs July 21 at the Detroit Zoo, as part of the Wild Summer Nights concert series.

in their habitats for treats that the enrichment staff have planted for them. Enrichment encourages behaviors that certain animals would exhibit in the wild, like foraging, stalking, and hunting."

You might see bears "playing with toys," or red pandas searching their habitat for grapes frozen in ice cubes. It's fun to watch the animals' antics, but not all enrichment treats are appealing to people.

"You might see a tiger playing with a piñata in the shape of a zebra," Janeway said. "Tigers are very scent-oriented so sometimes inside the piñata there will be meat, but sometimes it could be something as rhino poop because that would very much interest them in the wild."

If you've been in the out for a Wild Summer Nights concert,

Messner offers some advice.

"Get there early and claim your spot with your blanket if you want a close-up seat. A lot of people get there at five o'clock, lay out their blanket and then they visit the zoo and come back at six-thirty," she said. "People bring pizzas and Kentucky Fried



The Verve Pipe kicks off the Wild Summer Nights concert series, July 7 at the Detroit Zoo, singing tunes from their family-friendly CD.

Chicken, but the zoo also sells food, and their food's really good. Their burgers are really good and they have beer and wine, too."

The Zoo offers a Sunday concert in August as well. The world beat music of Zebula Avenue can be heard 2:30-4 p.m., Aug. 29.

Zoo concerts are free with regular Zoo admission. Visit www.detroitzoo.org or call (248) 541-5717 for more information.

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Time/Date: Through July 31
Location: 15095 Northville Road, south of Five Mile, Plymouth
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Time/Date: Through Aug. 2; gallery hours are noon-4 p.m.
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Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor
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Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Date: Friday Night Live con-

certs, 7 and 8:30 p.m.

Location: 5200 Woodward Ave
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Time/Dates: Scott Morgan & The Irrationals with Howling Diablos, July 9; James McMurtry, July 10; Roger Clyne & The Peacemakers, July 11; Lez Zeppelin, July 13; Sarah Harmer, July 15; Half Light Music record release party, July 16; Natives of the New Dawn, July 17; Louder than Love, July 23; The Mood Elevator and Fletcher Pratt, July 30
Location: 22920 Woodward, Ferndale
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Trinity House Theater

Time/Date: Rachele Eve with the Shams Band, July 10, Krista Detor, July 22

Location: 38840 West Six Mile, Livonia
Contact: (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org

FAMILY

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Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Labor Day
Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak
Details: Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free.
Contact: (248) 541-5717

FILM

Penn Theatre

Time/Date: "The Goonies," 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. July 1
Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth
Details: \$3 admission
Coming up: "Pee-Wee's Big Adventure," 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., July 15; "Herbie Goes to Monte Carlo," 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. July 22
Contact: (734) 453-0870, www.penntheatre.com

Redford Theatre

Time/Date: 8 p.m. July 9 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., July 10
Location: 17360 Lahser, Detroit
Details: "Rear Window," tickets \$4
Coming up: "The Postman Always Rings Twice," 8 p.m. July 23 and 8 p.m. and 2 p.m., July 24; tickets, \$4
Contact: www.redfordtheatre.com

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Contact: (248) 645-3200, http://science.cranbrook.edu

Plymouth Historical Museum

Time/Dates: Opened June 26
Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth
Coming up: "Margaret's 1910" honors philanthropist Margaret Dunning's 100th birthday
Contact: (734) 455-8940, www.plymouthhistory.org

THEATER

8th Wonder Theatre

Time/Date: 8 p.m., July 23-24 and 2 p.m., July 24-25
Location: At the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill
Details: A new musical retelling the story of Orpheus and Eurydice, set in the bayous of 1932 New Orleans. Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students
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St. Paul Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. to noon July 19-23
Location: St. Paul, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: \$5 per child for the week

school is planned for children grades kindergarten-fifth grade. Fee: \$20 - one child; \$35 - two children; \$45 for three or more. Contact: Religious Education Office at (734) 421-5240

First Presbyterian Church of Farmington
Antioch Lutheran Church
North Congregational Church
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. to noon Aug. 9-13

Bell Creek Community Church
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. to noon July 26-29
Location: McKinley Elementary School, 9101 Hillcrest St., Livonia
Contact: To register, call (734) 367-4632.

Location: First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road (at 11 Mile), Farmington Hills.
Details: Children entering kindergarten through fifth grades in the fall of 2010 are eligible. Cost is \$15 per child for registration received before Aug. 4; \$30 after deadline. Contact: (248) 474-6170 or www.farmington-pres.org

Orchard United Methodist Church
Time/Date: 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. July 12-16
Location: 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills
Details: Age 4 through those who have completed fifth grade. The fee before July 1 is \$25 per child (family maximum of \$65). Contact: Julie Wright at (248) 626-3620 or (248) 626-3620

Fair Haven Baptist Church
Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m. July 19-23.
Location: Fair Haven Baptist Church, 34850 Marquette, Westland
Contact: Go to www.fair-haven.org to register or call (734) 728-4549. Registration deadline is July 19.

Merriman Road Baptist Church
Time/Date: 6:15 p.m. Aug. 2-6
Location: Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City
Details: Classes for everyone, from preschool to adult. One of the biggest groups is the teen class. Contact: Call the church office at (734) 421-0472.

Newburg United Methodist Church
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. to noon Aug. 2-5
Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia
Details: Cost is \$10 per child (other children from same family are \$5 per child.) Reservations needed by July 31. Contact: (734) 422-0149

St. Damian Catholic Church
Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m. July 12-16
Location: St. Damian Church, 30055 Joy, Westland
Details: Grades pre-K (ages 3 and 4) to grade 6
Cost: \$20 per child (note, families of three or more children are \$15 per child.) Call (734) 421-6130.

Friendship Church
Crosswinds Community Church
New Hope Free Methodist Church
Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. July 18-22
Location: Friendship Church, 1240 N. Beck, Canton
Details: Admission is free to children in the community. Registration deadline July 18. Contact: (734) 710-9370

St. Edith Catholic Church
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Aug. 2-6
Location: St. Edith Parish Hall, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Children 4-10 are welcome. (Those 11 and older are invited as helpers). Cost is \$5 per day/\$25 for the week. Space is limited to 125 participants. Closing date for registration is July 28. Contact: Register by e-mailing

St. Maurice Catholic Church
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to noon July 26-30
Location: St. Maurice Church, 32765 Lyndon, Livonia
Details: Call (734) 522-1616. Bible

Kids discover Bible class is fun

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI CORRESPONDENT

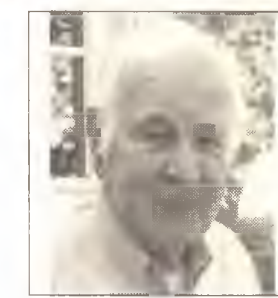
For the first time, three Livonia churches — St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, Holy Cross Lutheran and Faith Lutheran — joined efforts to provide one Vacation Bible School.

It doesn't matter what religion you are. It cuts down on costs, because we're dividing in thirds. A combined church service was planned for a recent Sunday at St. Matthew's to celebrate the unity of the churches. About 120 children, from preschool to sixth grade, were signed up for the program. Since VBS students often bring friends it's expected that a lot of different churches also were represented. Students collected nonfood items for families in need and made blankets for children in

hospitals among other outreach projects during the weeklong program. Sarah Channey, 11, said she learned about Jesus. "It's really fun," she said. "I love coming to it in the morning and doing crafts and stuff." Emily Ivey, 10, liked spending time with her friends. "I learned a lot of things about the Bible and a bunch of songs," she added. Jonathan Schlack, 10, said he learned that the Word is "comforting, surprising and life-changing. It's also for everyone."

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BERNICE H. FUNK
June 29, 2010, age 94. Beloved wife of the late Paul. Dearest mother of Ron (Suzanne) Funk and Roger (Kris) Funk. Grandmother of Eric Funk, Michael (Kimberly) Funk, David (Amy) Funk, Michelle (Anthony) Crossley, Angie (John Gonzalez) Funk, Heidi Funk and Tony (Christina) Funk. Great-grandmother of Ryan, Brittney, Alan, Kyle, Derek, Justin and Jenna. Sister of Lucille (Robert) Stremich. Visitation Thursday 2pm - 8pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Visitation will continue on Friday from 9:30am until time of funeral mass at 10am at Our Lady of North Territorial Road at Beck, Plymouth. Interment will follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

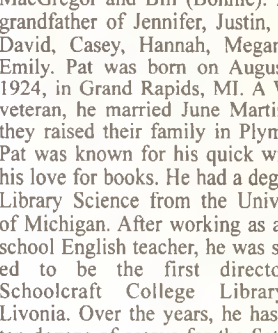


PATRICK G. BUTLER
Peacefully passed away Saturday, June 26, 2010. Beloved husband of the late June for 61 years. Loving father of Joanne, Kathy (Wes) Butler-Vincent, Patrick (Elizabeth Jane), Mary (Gary) Gorecki, Julie (Sanford) Altschul, Susan, Laura (Ed) MacGregor and Bill (Bonnie). Proud grandfather of Jennifer, Justin, Sean, David, Casey, Hannah, Megan and Emily. Pat was born on August 29, 1924, in Grand Rapids, MI. A WWII veteran, he married June Martin and they raised their family in Plymouth. Pat was known for his quick wit and his love for books. He had a degree in Library Science from the University of Michigan. After working as a high school English teacher, he was selected to be the first director of Schoolcraft College Library in Livonia. Over the years, he has written dozens of essays for the Saturday Review, the New York Times, the National Observer and various professional journals and digests. Many wonderful memories will keep him close in spirit and thought. He will be deeply missed. A memorial service was held on June 29. Memorials may be directed to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48154. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



EDITH E. TIDWELL
Age 97, June 27, 2010 of Plymouth. Beloved wife of the late Travis. Survived by nieces, June Laurence, Noma Orleman, Marna Richardson, Carol (William) Pierce, Alta Mae, Ellen Kearby and Susan (Greg) Allen; nephew, Roy (Shirley) Walker and numerous other nieces and nephews. She was a beautician at Hudson's for 30 years and she was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Visitation and funeral services were held at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N Newburgh Rd (between Ford & Cherry Hill) Westland. Memorial Contributions to the Church of Christ-West would be appreciated. To share a memory please visit www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

BEVERLY J. DAVIS
June 28, 2010, age 63. Beloved wife of James. Dear mother of Janet Davis. Dear daughter of Virginia Mika and the late Samuel. Sister of the late Samuel Mika Jr. Visitation Thursday 10am until time of funeral mass at 10:30am from St. Kenneth's Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Road, Plymouth. Contributions suggested to the Karmanos Cancer Institute. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com



HAROLD BROOKS
Age 73, June 25, 2010. Beloved husband of the late Marian. Dear father of Michele Rutter. Grandfather of Jonathan and Justin Rutter. Visitation and Funeral Service were Wednesday at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill). Memorials suggested to American Diabetes Association or American Cancer Society. www.santeiu-funeralhome.com



DEBRA JEAN DANIEL
Age 56, June 27, 2010. Born Jan 2, 1954. Beloved daughter of James and the late Louise Daniel and sister of Denise Daniel and the late James David Daniel. Loving mother of Deena Cullium. Proud grandmother of Gage and Jackson Cullium. Dear aunt of James and Megan Daniel. Visitation Tues 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N Newburgh Rd (btwn Ford & Cherry Hill) Westland. Funeral Service Wed 1:00 PM at the funeral home. Entombment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, Westland. Memorial Contributions to Westland Free Methodist Church or to Angela Hospice would be appreciated. To share a memory please visit www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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Go bananas

Easy ways to grill up something surprisingly good



Island Kebobs with Tropical Fruit Salsa

ISLAND KABOBS WITH TROPICAL FRUIT SALSA

Preparation: 10 minutes
Grill Time: 10 minutes
Makes: 4 servings

2 ripe, firm bananas, peeled, each cut into 6 pieces, plus 1 ripe banana, peeled and diced

12 chunks Dole Tropical Gold Pineapple

16 extra large or jumbo shrimp, shelled and deveined

1 green or red bell pepper, cut into 8 pieces

2 tablespoons lime juice

2 tablespoons olive oil

1/2 teaspoon ground allspice

1 mango, peeled and diced

1 tablespoon chopped mint

1 green onion, minced

2 to 3 teaspoons minced jalapeño pepper

Thread banana pieces, pineapple, shrimp and bell pepper pieces equally onto skewers. Whisk together lime juice, oil and allspice in small bowl. Brush 2 tablespoons over kabobs. Combine remaining marinade with diced banana, mango, mint, green onion and jalapeño pepper; place in a serving dish.

Grill kabobs over medium high heat 8 to 10 minutes, turning once or until the shrimp are opaque. Arrange the kabobs on top of the salsa.

No prep needed.
Grill Time: 10 minutes
Makes: 4 servings

4 bananas, unpeeled

Assorted favorite dessert toppings

Place unpeeled bananas on grill over medium high heat. Grill 4 to 5 minutes on

each side until peels blacken and soften. Insides will be custard-like. Serve warm or chilled with your favorite toppings such as fresh fruit, chopped nuts, miniature marshmallows, chocolate bits, caramel or frozen yogurt.

GRILLED CARIBBEAN FRUIT SALSA

Preparation: 10 minutes
Grill Time: 8 minutes
Makes: 4 servings

1/2 fresh Dole Tropical Gold Pineapple, peeled and sliced vertically

1 large, ripe firm banana, slice in half vertically

1 mango, skinned, peeled and sliced in half vertically

1/4 cup olive oil

1 tablespoon fresh lime juice

1/4 cup red onion, minced

1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes

2 kiwi, diced

Combine pineapple, banana and mango slices with the olive oil and lime juice. Brush to coat the fruit. Place fruit on grill. Grill fruit 4 to 5 minutes each side, remove and cool slightly.

Roughly chop the grilled fruit, reserving juices. Combine fruit and reserved juices with the red onion, red pepper flakes and kiwi. Serve warm or room temperature. Great with grilled chicken or fish.

TERIYAKI PORK CHOPS WITH GRILLED BANANAS

Preparation: 20 minutes
Grill Time: 20 minutes
Makes: 3 to 4 servings

1/4 cup dry sherry

2 tablespoons soy sauce

1 tablespoon packed brown sugar

1 tablespoon vegetable oil

1 pound boneless pork chops (3 to 4)

2 large firm bananas, peeled

1/2 teaspoon cornstarch

2 cups hot cooked rice

2 tablespoons sliced green onion

1 tablespoon toasted sesame seed

Combine sherry, soy sauce, brown sugar and oil in small bowl. Remove 2 tablespoons sherry mixture and

brush on pork chops and bananas.

Grill pork 8 to 10 minutes on each side until cooked through. Grill bananas 2 to 3 minutes on each side until heated through. Cut each into 1-inch pieces.

Combine remaining sherry mixture and cornstarch in small saucepan; cook, stirring until thickened.

Arrange pork and bananas over rice on serving plate; drizzle with sauce. Sprinkle with green onion and sesame seed.

- Courtesy of Family Features

Turn frozen treat into tea, snack

Although National Bomb Pop Day (June 24) has passed, you can raise a glass of Bomb Pop Bubble Tea or serve a platter of jigglers in honor of America's birthday this weekend.

Blue Bunny Ice Cream daily churns out about 300,000 Bomb Pops, a six-finned, red-white-and-blue frozen treat available at supermarkets in flavors like cherry, sour power and watermelon. Most customers enjoy eating them whole, but the frozen confection can be used to create other desserts, drinks and even entrees.

Try these Blue Bunny Bomb Pop recipes:

BOMB POP JIGGLERS

Ingredients:

One box Bomb Pops such as Blue Bunny Lemonade Bomb Pops

Two packets gelatin

Preparation:

Remove Bomb Pops from box and wrapper. Melt them in a sauce pot on low heat discarding the sticks as the Bomb Pops start to melt. Add gelatin and stir in completely until dissolved. Pour liquid into baking dish and transfer to refrigerator. Makes eight to 14 jigglers.

BOMB POP BUBBLE TEA

Ingredients:

For Tapioca Pearls - seven cups of water; one cup of Tapioca Pearls; two Blue Bunny Bomb Pops, melted.

For Smoothie - four cups prepared green tea, chilled; four Blue Bunny Bomb Pops melted, chilled; eight strawberries; quarter cup raspberries; quarter cup blueberries.

Preparation:

For Tapioca Pearls: Bring the water to a boil and add pearls. Boil for 30 minutes covered. Remove from heat and let sit for 30 minutes. Strain water and mix tapioca balls with melted Bomb Pops.

For Smoothies: In a blender mix tea, melted Bomb Pops, strawberries, raspberries and blueberries. Blend until smooth. Add tapioca balls and serve chilled. Serve in a clear glass with a wide straw in order to enjoy the tapioca pearls that sink to the bottom. Makes four servings.

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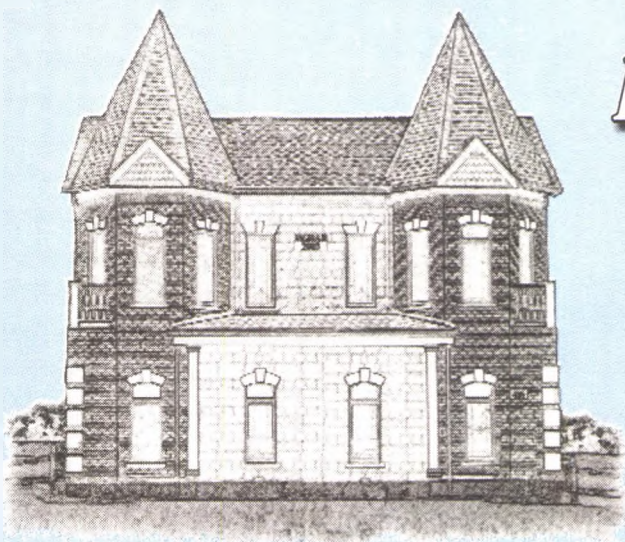


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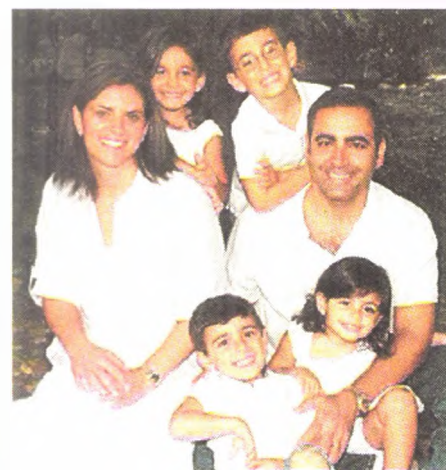
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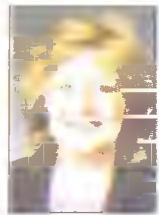
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This edition of *Hometown Life Woman* is full of ideas for summertime fun. From splash parks — near and far — to great local places to enjoy ice cream — it's all inside.



Susan Rosiek

We're into vacation season and if you need some ideas, turn to page 10 and read Contributing Writer Alison Bergsieker's story on *Weekend Getaways*.

You'll find lots of good ideas including Great Lakes diving and snorkeling in Traverse City to the art, theater and beauty of Saugatuck and Douglas harbor communities nestled along the shore of Lake Michigan. Be neighborly and visit Niagara Falls, Canada (the falls are fun to visit at night) or stay close to home for golf, pampering and great food at St. John's Inn in Plymouth.

Get outdoors and enjoy what a Michigan summer has to offer by taking canoe trip on the Rifle River.

Looking for a place to cool off with the kids? Check out the story on splash parks. And don't forget to visit a local ice cream spot for ice cream, frozen yogurt or a special sundae. If you're in Highland, visit Peggy and Oliver Hayman's Twist & Shake. Read about the luscious sundaes (made with freshly-baked cakes, brownies and cheese cake).

This is just a sampling of what *Hometown Life Woman* has to offer for July.

Fun, food and easy living is our focus this month, so take *Hometown Life Woman* out on the deck, sun porch or to the beach and celebrate summer!

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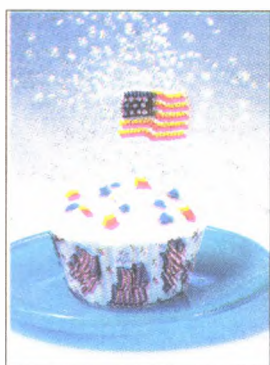
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SHOP LOCAL

Expect great style at these shops for moms to be

By **Wensdy Von Buskirk**
Contributing Writer

Throughout fashion history, maternity clothing was designed to conceal pregnancy. These days, it's meant to show it off. Some style watchers trace the trend to 1991, when a very pregnant Demi Moore posed nude on the cover of *Vanity Fair*, showcasing the beauty of her bump. Whatever the origin, here are some places to shop local for nine months worth of fabulous style.

Belli Couture

Twelve Oaks Mall
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www.bellicutourematernity.com

Stephanie Mullen, co-owner of Belli Couture, said today's moms-to-be are looking for fitted styles — the tighter the better.

"Women don't have to hide pregnancy like they did 20 years ago," she said.

Popular right now at the high-end maternity boutique are skinny designer jeans by Rock & Republic, Citizens of Humanity and Habitual; colorful one-size-fits-all tanks and tees by Michael Stars; and cute Tummy Tees with novelty designs targeting the baby bump.

Belli Couture also carries a wide array of accessories.

"We have scarves and jewelry to add on. Instead of spending tons of money on clothes, you can use accessories to get different looks with stuff you can wear in the future," Mullen said.

Summer looks are on sale through July for up to 70 percent off.

Baby Baby Plus More

153 E. Main St., Northville
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www.babybabymi.com

Baby Baby in Northville, celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, has an ever-rotating stock of clothes and gear for babies and toddlers. The shop also has a modest selec-

tion of maternity wear. Since you're only going to wear those empire waist tops and spandex panel pants for a short time, it's wise to look for bargains and buy used. Then, when you're done you can bring your clothes back to Baby Baby. Consignments are accepted 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday (except Wednesday), and consignors receive 50 percent of the selling price.

Sweet Repeatz

Consignment Boutique
33335 Grand River Ave.,
Farmington
(248) 426-7500

www.sweetrepeatzboutique.com

New on the consignment scene is Sweet Repeatz, which opened in May at the Village Mall. The boutique carries new and gently used children's clothing and shoes, along with two full racks of maternity wear ranging from jeans, shorts, skirts and exercise pants to tanks, tees and dresses. Consignments are accepted every day, and consignors receive 40 percent of the selling price.

Fall clothing will be accepted starting in mid-July.

Motherhood Maternity

Westland Center
35000 W. Warren Road, Westland
(734) 525-3846

www.motherhood.com

Emulate the ultimate supermodel mom with styles by Heidi Klum at Motherhood Maternity. The host of "Project Runway" and mother of four launched two maternity lines in February — Lavish, available at A Pea in the Pod, and Loved, at Motherhood Maternity. The Motherhood Maternity at Westland Center has Klum's summer selections on sale now. The boho chic array of maxi-dresses, tiered skirts, ruffled tunics, slim stretch pants and cute cuffed denim city shorts, starts at \$9.99.



Tummy Tees at Belli Couture in Twelve Oaks Mall target the baby bump with fun designs.



Loved by Heidi Klum boho chic maternity skirt, \$29.98 at Motherhood Maternity.



Loved by Heidi Klum knot front maternity shirt, \$19.99 at Motherhood Maternity.

MATERNITY STYLE TIPS

- Don't just buy what fits now. Use belly form pillows at boutiques to make sure you have enough room to grow.
- Dark colors are often the most flattering. Buy neutral staples and sprinkle in color and trends.
- Don't be reluctant to buy pieces during your transitional phase (three-six months) because you will probably still need them for a few months after you have your baby.
- Stock up on accessories. It's the perfect time to buy handbags, sunglasses and shoes — provided your feet haven't swelled!
- Borrow from friends. Be generous about loaning your maternity clothes to other moms-to-be once you are "back to size."
- Try resale shops for great deals on gently used garments.

Spinal Stenosis? Back Pain? Sciatica? Herniated and/or Bulging Discs?

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By Shane L. Stanley, D.C.

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~ Y. K., Northville, MI

"...my back was so bad that I could not even sleep. If not for Dr. Stanley and the DRX 9000, I would have undergone surgery." ~ T. J., Roseville, MI



"I am 57 years old and I have been having back pain since I was 29 years old. Thus far, I have had three surgeries and was on my way to a fusion. I was in a lot of pain and I was taking a lot of medication. Getting spinal decompression from Dr. Stanley was the best thing that ever happened to me. I can now work everyday. I am an electrician and also work in construction. Dr. Stanley made it possible for me to continue my trade and work in construction."

~ G. D., Rochester Hills, MI

"I was not able to stand for more than five minutes and when I stood up after sitting, my back would lock. As a last resort, I was ready to go in for back surgery, and then my husband saw the ad in the Free Press by Dr. Stanley. I thought it could not hurt to try it. (The best thing I ever did). I am very agile again, back to my old energetic self. I can not recommend this procedure enough to those who qualify and need it. Thank you very much Dr. Stanley!"

~ I. S., Northville, MI

"I have suffered with neck and back pain for years that started dramatically decreasing the quality of my life. In addition, the radicular pain and numbness that went into my arms and legs prevented me from having a good night's sleep for over a year. I first heard of the DRX 9000 over six months ago and decided to check it out. I visited another clinic and was astounded by the price. I then consulted with Dr. Stanley. He performed an exam and reviewed my MRI. I was very impressed with how thorough he was without pressuring me to become a patient. To make a long story short, I decided to undergo treatment. I am now pain free and I saved thousands of dollars in the process. I could not give this procedure and his office a higher grade of approval."

~ P. C., Canton, MI

My back started to feel sore when I was 23. At that time, I came in to see Dr. Stanley. After he shot an X-ray, he informed me that my 5th lumbar disc had a very advanced degree of degeneration for someone my age. After a series of adjustments, I was back to feeling good

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Advice on handling the dilemma of sudden wealth

By Richard W. Paul, CFP®

This is a time for caution. You may be dealing with a whole range of emotional issues depending on the origin of the wealth. If the money came from a death or a divorce you may not be in a position emotionally to make sound financial decisions for several months.



Richard Paul

So what do you do with all this money? Nothing. Put it in a Money Market Fund or Treasury Bills until you are ready to sit down with a clear mind and develop a financial plan.

I would like to tell you a story of a client that I'll call, Mary (not her real name),

that was left with approximately \$1 million 25 years ago after the death of her husband. In today's dollars we could say that would be the equivalent to approximately \$2 million.

By the time Mary came in to see me she had already gone through half the money. What Mary didn't realize was upon the passing of her husband that her pension would be cut in half; plus she lost one of her Social Security checks, which consequently lowered her income from \$32,000 a year to \$14,000.

Her kids and grandkids considered her to be rich, or a millionaire. In fact, Mary never had much in the way of discretionary income, and she had thought that with this windfall of money she had more than enough to live comfortably for the rest of her life.

I advised her to create an income plan with the balance of the money, which we did. However she continued giving or loaning money out to her children and grandchildren, she even paid for a failed business venture for one of her sons under the guise of this being a good business investment for her.

Now in her mid-70s, she is broke, bitter, and can no longer afford to live on her own. She now lives with one of her daughters. To complicate matters, she now has long-term care issues that could land her in a nursing home with the undesirable choice of having the family help her out or going on Medicaid. Had she created and followed a financial plan from the onset, the outcome could have been vastly different. Without the necessary income coming in as a result of excessive withdrawals she left herself in a spend down situation.

I recommend the following steps for managing sudden wealth:

- Take your time. The majority of wealth will result as a transfer from inheritance. The baby boom generation will be inheriting more wealth than any previous generation. This is an emotional time, you have just lost a loved one, DO NOT make any large finan-

cial decisions at this time. Take whatever time you need, 90 days, six months or even an entire year or more. There is no rush. You need to have a clear mind to be sure you are doing the right thing for your personal situation.

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- Make investment decisions later. You could deposit the money in a bank, or a brokerage account for now until you are ready to make definitive decision on what to do. If you're married, you may want to put it in an account in your name until you have sought legal counsel. Once you have commingled inheritance assets in a joint account they are subject to loss in a divorce.

- Find out what the tax consequences are for this windfall of wealth. The unlimited marital deduction allows one spouse to pass his or her entire estate to the other spouse free of any estate tax. Nonspouse beneficiaries could be subject to estate and income tax on an inheritance. You will generally have two types of assets — nonretirement and qualified or retirement assets (example, IRAs). With nonretirement assets you will get a "step up" in cost basis, which means that when you sell these assets any capital gains you incur will be based on the assets fair market value at the death of your loved one, instead of what the deceased originally paid for the asset. With an IRA you can generally stretch or keep deferring if your under 70 1/2, and you're the spouse. But you will owe income tax on any money paid out from the IRA. You need to exercise caution with retirement plans, be sure the plan administrator does not send you a check until you have made a distribution decision.

Remember to go slow. Don't make any quick decisions and assemble your team of financial experts. This may be an opportunity to secure your financial future and be able to, within reason assist those around you.

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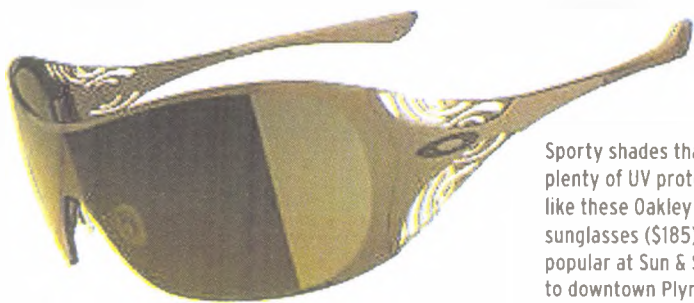
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Sunglass savvy: How to find right shades

Every savvy woman knows it's important to protect her peepers from the sun. We asked Dr. Michelle Calder Cardwell of Urban Optiques in Northville for tips on picking out a great pair of shades.

Use protection. The first, most important thing is that you get UV protection in those sunglasses, according to Dr. Michelle.

"There will be a sticker on the lens. Look for at least UVA and UVB protection," she said. Ultraviolet radiation from the sun not only damages skin around the eye, but the eye itself. Studies show sun exposure is the top cause of macular degeneration, which results in loss of vision.

Go large. When it comes to frames, bigger is better.

"You want to get a frame that gives you full coverage," said Dr. Michelle. "You want something that's going to wrap around your face that's very large because that will help block even more of the ultraviolet light."

Transitions lenses are good for everyday glasses, but not enough.

"I recommend people get Transitions, that way when they're out and about during the day they get the protection from the sun as much as possible in their regular dress pair, but I also recommend having prescription sunglasses for when they're going to spend time in the sun," she said.

Take shape. The key to finding the right frame shape for your face is to strive for balance.

"Basically you want to offset some of the asymmetries in people's faces," Dr. Michelle said. "For instance, if a person has a round face, they'll want more of a square frame.



For an oval face, cat eyes is one of the shapes we try to put people in."

Rimless glasses balance out a heart-shaped face, while rounded frames soften a square jaw.

"Sunglasses are more forgiving because your eyes are hidden behind the lenses so no one will see if your eyes are not centered," she said.

Dr. Michelle's popular blog The Visionista covers everything from celeb sunglass sightings to the latest in designer shades. Find it at www.urbanoptiques.com.

-By Wensdy Von Buskirk, contributing writer

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YOUR SMILE

Braces shape dazzling smiles at any age

By Linda Ann Chomin
Contributing Writer

Beth Bell was never happy with her smile. She's not alone as an adult. In the last 10 years, local orthodontists have seen an increase in older patients seeking braces due in part to newer technology. Today, treatment time is shorter and the traditional metal mouth seen on children is virtually nonexistent past puberty.

At age 48, Bell decided to do something about her teeth after watching three sons go through treatment. After a consultation with Dr. Lawrence Spillane she's reaping the benefits of a wider smile 18 months later.



RESULTS WORTH THE COST OF TREATMENT

The costs of braces vary depending on the type used and length of treatment for an adult. A simple case lasts 12 to 14 months, complicated 24 months or longer.

Generally, the cost for adults is about 15 percent higher than traditional metal braces for children as adult teeth don't shift into place as fast. The average price for treatment is \$5,500 to \$6,500, but the cost can range from \$3,000 to \$10,000.

Sources: Masri Orthodontics is at 35200 Schoolcraft, Suite 104, Livonia. Call (734) 261-8860 or visit masriortho.com.

Spillane & Reynolds Orthodontics is at 45500 10 Mile, Novi. Contact (248) 344-8400 or myamaz-ing smile.com.

during his 20 years as an orthodontist. Newer materials allow for discreetness. Moderate to difficult cases still require wires and brackets on the outside of teeth, but near-invisible braces and clear removable aligners make the experience less noticeable to others. Spillane encourages anyone thinking about braces to visit websites like

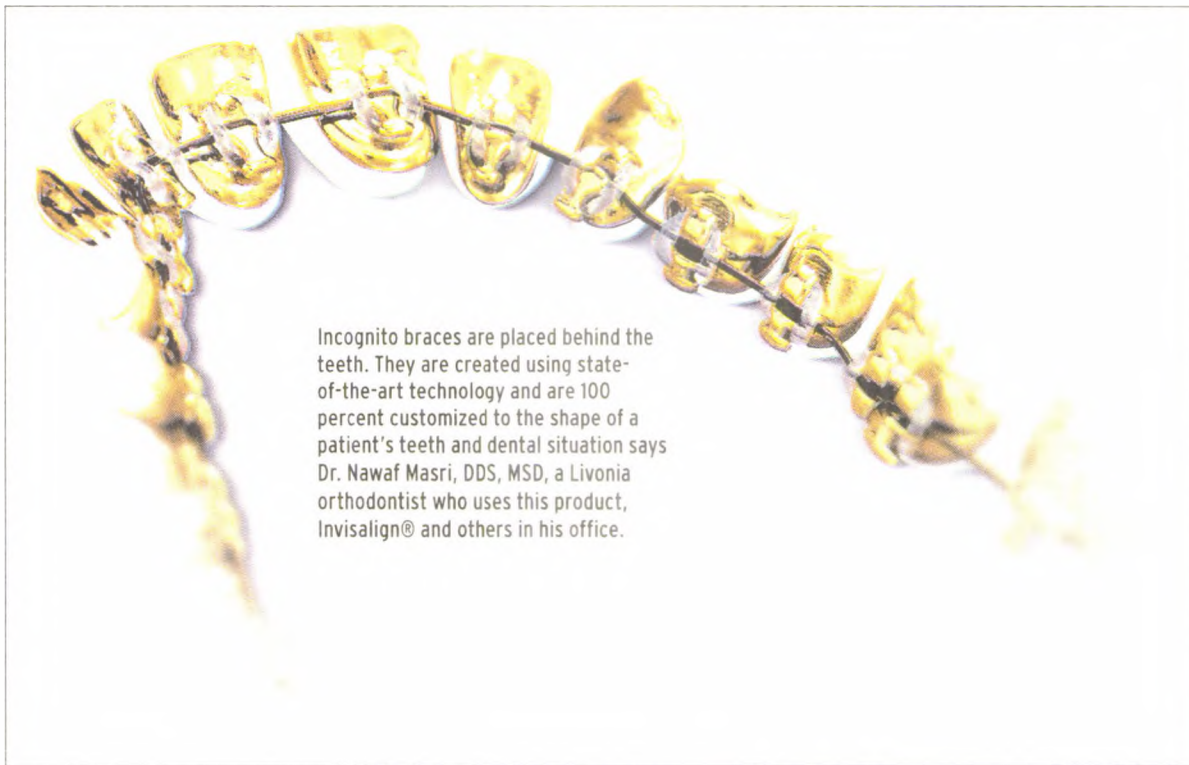
teeth after watching three sons go through treatment. After a consultation with Dr. Lawrence Spillane she's reaping the benefits of a wider smile 18 months later.

"Once you become an adult you think you're stuck with things the way they are," said Bell of Novi. "I'm very glad I did it. At the beginning 18 months seemed a long time to go to parties and be around people, but now they're coming off and I can see the difference in my smile. People say you look so young. As time went on I noticed my facial structure was filling out, my lips were getting fuller. The outside of my face became fuller."

Like many adult patients, Bell's reasons for getting braces were part cosmetic, part functional. One tooth was slightly turned in, throwing off her bite.

"It feels so different to have your bite correct," said Bell. "I'm more comfortable with the way my teeth fit together. I'd tell people at least be brave enough to have a consultation and get information on what's available. I feel it was a healthy thing to do."

Spillane's seen a lot of changes in braces



Incognito braces are placed behind the teeth. They are created using state-of-the-art technology and are 100 percent customized to the shape of a patient's teeth and dental situation says Dr. Nawaf Masri, DDS, MSD, a Livonia orthodontist who uses this product, Invisalign® and others in his office.



Drs. Lawrence Spillane, DDS, Ms and James B. Reynolds DDS, MS of Spillane & Reynolds Orthodontics use advanced orthodontic technology and techniques to create amazing smiles.

damonbraces.com and invisalign.com for information and the name of a premier provider.

"The biggest change is clear alternatives like Damon Clear so you don't have the big metal look. The other is Invisalign, a clear liner that slips over the teeth," said Spillane. "High tech wires and advance braces make treatment faster and more comfortable."

Maggie Maier was treated with Damon on the bottom for six months followed by Invisalign on the upper and lower teeth.

"I'm happy with my decision," said Maier, a 56-year-old dental hygienist who lives in Novi. "I got teeth straightened on the bottom and eliminated spaces between front teeth. For Invisalign they take impressions and every two weeks you get a set of retainers. You take them out when you eat and are asked to wear them 20 out of 24 hours. I

haven't minded doing it at all. With me being in the dental field, they're not that noticeable and patients in their 30s whose parents couldn't afford it, are interested when they see mine up close."

Like Spillane, his partner, Dr. James Reynolds, has seen an increase of adult patients for aesthetic and functional reasons in his eight years as an orthodontist. He credits makeover television shows for triggering a search for the fountain of youth.

"It's the awareness of the aesthetics of the aging face which is responsible for the increases in plastic surgery. The smile plays a major role in that," said Reynolds, a Plymouth resident. "A brace lift aligns teeth and provides width to smile, provides more fullness to face and makes patients look a lot younger."

The oldest patient of Spillane and Reynolds is 85.

"She expects to live a very long time and has never had an opportunity to get treatment," said Spillane. "She has a very big change in smile and is a lady who likes to smile a lot."

Reynolds added it's never too late for braces.

"Newer technologies allow us to treat people at any age,"

he said. "We're treating more people in their 40s, 50s and 60s who have a long life to live after treatment. Excessive force on certain teeth can compromise longevity of teeth, cause periodontal or gum problems," said Reynolds.

According to Spillane, customized, computer-generated braces are the way of the future and preferred over using the same bracket for every patient.

Dr. Nawaf Masri couldn't agree more. The Livonia orthodontist offers Incognito, the latest generation of braces. Each bracket is made specifically for a patient and then placed behind the tooth.

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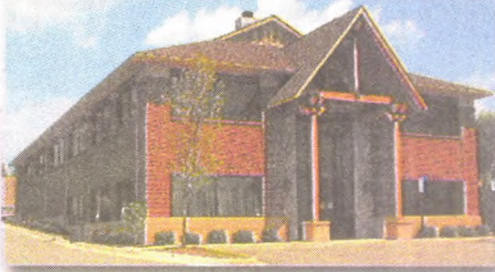


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Niagara Falls are illuminated each night this summer from 9 p.m. to midnight.

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Weekend getaways

Short trips perfect for families, couples and friends

By Alison Bergsieker
Contributing Writer

Shipwrecks, rustic camp sites, pristine golf courses, romantic hotels, renowned art shows, breathtaking waterfalls and family friendly downtowns can be found locally or just a few hours drive outside of the Metro Detroit area.

NIAGARA FALLS – ONTARIO, CANADA

With passports or enhanced state licenses, Michigan residents can cross the border for a fun weekend in Niagara Falls, Canada.

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For children, Ferris wheels and kid-friendly restaurants are staged throughout the town, along with Fallsview Indoor Waterpark, the Skylon Tower Revolving Dining Room and Waves Indoor Waterpark at the Americana Resort.

Take a boat ride right into the falls on the “Maid of the Mist” or the “Journey Behind the Falls” walking trip to explore the great wonder of the world.

Fireworks over the Falls are scheduled every Friday, Sunday and holiday through



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Saugatuck's Venetian Festival takes place July 30-Aug. 1. A lighted boat parade takes place July 31, followed by fireworks.

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PHOTO BY RIVER VIEW CAMPGROUND & CANOE LIVERY, STERLING

A family canoes along the Rifle River during a stay at the River View Campground & Canoe Livery.

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Sept. 5 at 10 p.m. The falls are also illuminated each night July and August from 9 p.m. to midnight.

Visit www.niagarafallstourism.com to plan a trip and review hotels.

RIVER VIEW CAMPGROUND & CANOE LIVERY – STERLING

The River View Campground & Canoe Livery is located on Rifle River in Sterling and offers camping, canoeing, tubing and kayak rentals for groups and families.

Sterling is located just south of West Branch and east of Saginaw Bay, about a three-hour drive up I-75.

Campsites span over a 1-mile river front area. More than 120 acres of campground borders state forestlands that offer hiking and mountain biking trails.

The campground has a party store with a full line of groceries and picnic supplies. High speed Internet access is available throughout most of the site. A recreation center features a pavilion to hold picnics out of the sun, a game room with pinball machines, a pool table, darts, videogames and a jukebox.

Visit <http://riverviewcampground.com> to view yearly specials, including a "Christmas in July" promotion where campers are encouraged to decorate their sites in holiday themes. Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated campsite.

THE INN AT ST. JOHN'S – PLYMOUTH

For a getaway closer to home the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth offers golf, great surroundings, a luxury boutique hotel and the eclectic restaurant, 5ive.

Two overnight golf packages are available. For \$95 per person, St. John's provides 18 holes of golf, overnight accommodations and breakfast for two at 5ive Restaurant.

For \$131 per person, guests can enjoy 18 holes of golf at St. John's, overnight accommodations, breakfast for two at 5ive Restaurant and 18 holes of golf at Pheasant Run in Livonia.

"5ive Restaurant is open daily and offers guests a fresh menu featuring local ingredients, daily specials and garden views from our terrace seating," said Tawnya Johnson, director of sales and marketing.

For couples looking to get away, the Romance at the Inn package includes deluxe accommodations, rose petal turn-down service, truffles, champagne and breakfast for two at 5ive Restaurant, priced at \$189.

Couples Twilight Fridays includes nine holes of golf with cart and dinner at 5ive Restaurant for \$65 per couple. The dinner and drink menu for this event rotates each week with four different themes.

Designed for younger golfers, Family Golf Sundays start at 5 p.m. and are \$10 for children younger than \$14 and \$15 for teens ages 14-17.

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Michigan's 12 underwater preserves are littered with thousands of shipwrecks that make for exciting diving and snorkeling destinations.

Traverse City, which looks over Grand Traverse Bay, is a perfect summer getaway town, with downtown shopping, boating and kayaking and wineries in the area.

"Grand Traverse Bay is an excellent place to experience Great Lakes diving and snorkeling," said Chris Doyal, president of the Grand Traverse Bay Underwater Preserve.

"We've got all kinds of shipwrecks in the bay. Years ago there were a lot of workboats going up and down each bay, and a lot of them sank. A lot of our shallower sites are great for snorkelers as well."

For divers looking to adventure without a boat, Doyal recommends the Elmwood Wreck at Elmwood Township Park. The Elmwood fish tug was drug up by the Michigan DNR with a net without realizing it was snagged.

"It's probably the most popular dive site just because it's so accessible and not dangerous," Doyal said. "You can snorkel over the

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top of it and still see it."

For families looking to snorkel and enjoy a fun beach area, Doyal recommends Haserot Beach Park on the Old Mission Peninsula, 20 miles north of Traverse.

"There's a huge white sandy beach and a lighthouse, and it is more family oriented," Doyal said. "The bay is very protected from wind and waves, so there are great places to snorkel, including the "Junk Pile" that has four or five boats, a refrigerator and Ford Pinto."

Traverse City's most popular summer festival is July 3-10. The entire week is stocked with family friendly events including a beach volleyball tournament, bike tour, air show, musical entertainment, arts and crafts fair, car show, July 4 fireworks, children and adult pie eating contests and more.

"All of our tourists are just starting to show up," Doyal said. "Over the Fourth of July, the cherry festival increases our population by 100,000 or so."

Several "cherry" themed events will take place, including a Cherries Jubilee during two old fashioned Cherry Ice Cream Socials sponsored by Country Fresh Ice Cream on Wednesday, July 8, at 8 p.m. and Saturday, July 10, at 3 p.m. A Cherry Farm Market will feature fresh, just picked cherries and cherry products galore from traditional jams and jellies, to salsa and BBQ sauce — all infused with cherries. The Cherry Farm Market will open each festival day at 10 a.m. and sponsored by the Michigan Cherry Committee.

Doyal recommends visiting the dive shop, Scuba North in Traverse City, to pick up an area dive guide and to plan a snorkel or diving excursion. He also recommends all divers carry a dive flag to avoid getting run over by boats.

Visit www.visittraversecity.com to plan a trip, review beach sites, wineries, golfing and more.

THE ART COAST OF MICHIGAN — SAUGATUCK/DOUGLAS, MI

Visual, performing, cinematic and culinary arts are a huge part of the Saugatuck and Douglas communities located in West Michigan between South Haven and Grand Haven.

"What makes Saugatuck distinctive from other destinations anywhere else is our emphasis on the visual arts, which started here 100 years ago and was enhanced by the Chicago Institute of art putting their summer school of painting here, called Ox-Bow Summer School of the Arts," said Felicia Fairchild, executive director of the Saugatuck/Douglas Convention & Visitors Bureau. "The artists have always come here because it's very beautiful and the scenery is lovely."

Saugatuck and Douglas are harbor communities nestled along the shore of Lake Michigan and are defined by surrounding rolling dunes. The area boasts historical downtown areas stocked with shops, restau-

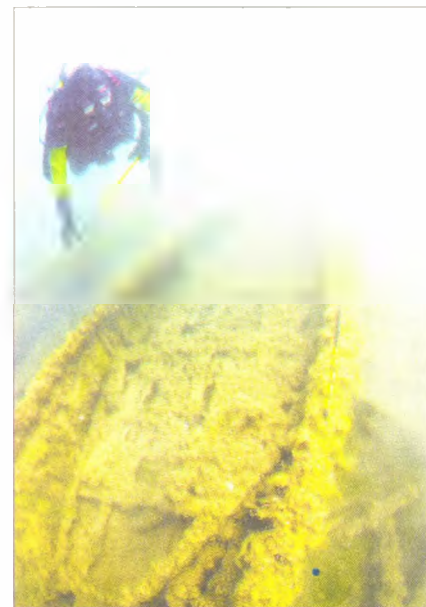


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Underwater Archaeologist, Dr. Mark Holley, surveys a small craft just off Haserot Beach.

rants and art galleries. Both towns maintain public beaches on Lake Michigan and are bordered by the Kalamazoo River.

An abandoned pie factory was recently turned into a state-of-the-art community art center with a year-round schedule of programming. The town is also home to West Michigan's only professional theater company that performs a full season June through September. The theater is currently featuring "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels," a hilarious tale of two con artists, through July 18.

The area is also home to the Waterfront Film Festival, ranked one of the top 5 film festivals in the world. The festival featured 16 world premieres from 2004 to 2009, including "March of the Penguins" and the Midwestern premiere of "Napoleon Dynamite," "Open Water," "Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle" and more.

Close to 40 art galleries are dispersed in Saugatuck and Douglas, which have a combined population of around 25,000.

Many families with children from the Chicago and Oakland County areas looking for a peaceful and entertaining vacation spot take to Saugatuck's Oval Beach each summer, ranked one of the top two freshwater beaches by National Geographic.

"We just purchased an extended mile of that beach this year after 60 years of trying to get a hold of that property for the public good," Fairchild said.

A chamber music festival, weekly live musical performances in the park, Fourth of July parade and the upcoming Venetian Festival beginning July 30, featuring food vendors, entertainment, a lighted boat parade and fireworks at dusk on July 31. A classic car and boat show and kids fun area end the festival Aug. 1.

Family attractions are aplenty, including a puppet show, red barn theater and vintage baseball team, the Douglas Dutchers.

Visit www.saugatuck.com for a year-round calendar of events, lodgings and attractions information.

Ice cream — America's favorite dessert!

By SALLY RUMMEL
Contributor

What food do you want most when no one is looking and calories don't count?

Most people have a secret passion for ice cream, according to *Bon Appetit* magazine.

Just how much ice cream does the average person treat themselves to in a single year?

According to the United States Dairy Association, 23 quarts of ice cream on the average, give or take a "lick or two." Speaking of "licks," ice cream experts say that the average person can polish off his or her favorite flavor single scoop ice cream cone in just about 50 licks.

Women and men tend to approach "their favorite scoop" with all the gender differences that define them in other everyday decisions. Women love comfort foods, and ice cream is usually near the top of that list. Men tend to be more traditional in their ice cream choices.

"Women crave our most decadent flavors, including 'chocolate anything,'" said Fred Inman, owner of Vicky's Ice Cream in Redford, where all the ice cream is handmade on-the-premises.

"Cake batter ice cream is the most popular, in white, chocolate and yellow flavors. Our Banana Pudding ice cream is tops in sales, too," Inman added.

People have been flocking to Vicky's Ice Cream for more than half a century but what sets this local ice cream emporium apart from others is its less traditional approach to flavors.

"I've been surprised by the popularity of our Green Tea ice cream. Our Coconut Ginger ice cream is hugely popular, too, and so is our Black Walnut. People often suggest different ice cream flavors on our Facebook page."

Variety and made-from-scratch pastries for sundaes are what makes Twist & Shake in Highland a popular stop.

Peggy and Oliver Hayman opened Twist & Shake in Highland May 12, 1995, as a retirement business. Fifteen years later they are still going strong selling a delicious collection of sundaes, cones and special treats.

"We bake all of our brownies, cakes and cheese cake for sundaes from scratch," said Peggy.

Their signature sundaes include "Cajun Blondie" (yellow cake with cream cheese and powdered sugar topped with vanilla ice cream, butterscotch and pecans) and "Sticky Bun" (homemade yellow cake covered with vanilla ice cream, hot caramel sauce, cinnamon spice and pecans).

The couple work seven days a week, 12-16 hours a day from March through mid-September then travel the rest of the year. They have set hours, but if you are in-line at closing time, you will get served.

"If customers are still coming in we stay open," said Peggy, who took a few minutes out of a busy, hot day to talk to *Hometown Life Woman*.

What makes Twist & Shake unique is the more than 40 different flavors available everyday. The shop also carries a wide variety of fat-free, sugar-free frozen yogurt.

"Variety is our main thing," Peggy said.

The Haymans buy their ice cream from Independent Dairy in Monroe, a family-owned and operated business, which uses only Michigan milk.

At Guernsey Farm Dairy in Northville, traditional ice cream flavors take center stage, but they "mix it up"

to create new tastes for today. With about 90 rotating flavors on their menu of ice creams, there's a taste and flavor for any ice cream lover.

"We'll take our Moose Tracks flavor and 'mix it up' with Cookie Dough for a rich taste treat," said Rita Rice, 56, a daughter of Guernsey Dairy's original founder, John McGuire, now 102 years old. "Pecan Turtle Fudge and Peanut Butter Cup Cookie Dough are other 'combo' favorites."

The popularity of coffee and coffee drinks is also showing up on ice cream shop menus, as traditional coffee ice cream, dulce de leche and coffee chocolate mocha take a "top spot" on favorite ice cream lists, including Guernsey's Ice Cream Parlor.

Rice grew up on the Guernsey family dairy farm, learning to enjoy ice cream in all its richness and flavor. "Every lick is as creamy and delicious as it can be, because every one of our ice creams and other dairy products is 'top of the line' in freshness and ingredients," said Rice.

Her personal favorite ice cream? "It always used to be Fudge Whip, but now it's 'Grandpa's Blueberry Wafers,' a treat we concocted on my dad's 100th birthday," said Rice, the 11th of 14 children. "It's got blueberries, pomegranates and chocolate. Healthy, right?" she adds with a smile.

Ice cream actually can be healthy, but it all depends upon the richness and creaminess of the ice cream — which is determined by the amount of butterfat it contains. How do you know what's in your favorite ice cream, when ice cream packages are as confusing as any in the supermarket. Experts suggest reading labels, watching for standardized terms through the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, which sets the standards for ice cream.

Here is what you need to know:

- Ice cream is a frozen food made from a mixture of dairy products, containing at least 10 percent milkfat.

- "Reduced fat" ice cream contains at least 25 percent less total fat than the referenced product (either an average of leading brands, or the company's own brand)

- "Light" ice cream contains at least 50 percent less total fat or 33 percent fewer calories than the referenced product (the average of leading regional or national brands)

- "Lowfat" ice cream contains a maximum of 3 grams of total fat per 1/2 cup serving.

- "Nonfat" ice cream contains less than 0.5 grams of total fat per serving.

- "Overrun" refers to the amount of aeration the ice cream undergoes during its manufacture that keeps the mix from becoming a frozen mass. Overrun is governed by federal standards in that the finished product must not weigh less than 4.5 pounds per gallon.

- "Superpremium" ice cream tends to have very low overrun and high fat content, and the manufacturer uses the best quality ingredients. This category accounts for just 3.5 percent of sales.

- "Premium" ice cream tends to have low overrun and higher fat content than regular ice cream, and the manufacturer uses higher quality ingredients. This is the largest category in terms of sales with 51.5 percent of the volume.

Whether you enjoy ice cream at home or at an ice cream store, you're not alone. It's called "America's Favorite Dessert" because just about everyone loves ice cream!



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15 MOST POPULAR ICE CREAM FLAVORS

(Flavor, percent preferring)

1. Vanilla, 29 percent
 2. Chocolate, 8.9 percent
 3. Butter pecan, 5.3 percent
 4. Strawberry, 5.3 percent
 5. Neapolitan, 4.2 percent
 6. Chocolate chip, 3.9 percent
 7. French vanilla, 3.8 percent
 8. Cookies and cream, 3.6 percent
 9. Vanilla fudge ripple, 2.6 percent
 10. Praline pecan, 1.7 percent
 11. Cherry, 1.6 percent
 12. Chocolate almond, 1.6 percent
 13. Coffee, 1.6 percent
 14. Rocky road, 1.5 percent
 15. Chocolate marshmallow, 1.3 percent
- All others, 23.7 percent
(Source: *International Ice Cream Association, 888 16th St., Washington, D.C.*)

HOW TO KEEP YOUR ICE CREAM FRESH AT HOME

1. Be sure your freezer temperature is set between -5 degree Fahrenheit and 0 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. Store ice cream in the main part of the freezer. Never store ice cream in the freezer door, where ice cream can be subject to more fluctuating temperatures since the door is repeatedly open and shut.
3. Never allow ice cream to soften and re-freeze. As ice cream's small ice crystals melt and re-freeze, they can eventually turn into large, unpalatable lumps.
4. Keep the ice cream container lid tightly closed when storing in the freezer. Experts suggest a covering of heavy duty plastic wrap or aluminum foil placed around the mouth of the container first, then put the lid over that to insure a tight seal.
5. Don't store ice cream alongside uncovered foods; odors can penetrate ice cream and affect its flavor.



Like mother, like daughter! Jennifer and Felicity Rice both enjoy a Guernsey ice cream treat!



Hailey King takes a lick of her favorite summertime treat - ice cream at Guernsey's Ice Cream Parlor in Northville.

Here's the scoop on local ice cream shops

If your favorite ice cream shop isn't listed, let us know by e-mailing woman@hometownlife.com and nominate one you'd like to have mentioned. Tell us why, and what your favorite ice cream flavor is!

Canton

Carvel Ice Cream & Bakery, 41990 Ford Road, (734) 983-9120
Scoop's Ice Cream and Deli, 45300 Hanford Road, (734) 414-1733, scoopysicecreamanddeli.com
Dairy Queen, 266 N Canton Center Rd., (734) 981-5912

Farmington/Farmington Hills

Hershey's Ice Cream 23629 Farmington Road (248) 476-0230
Silver Dairy, 32323 Grand River (248) 474-6609
Baskin Robbins, 27919 Grand River (248)-471-1890
Dairy Queen, 33326 W. 12 Mile, (248) 324-0298
Ashby's Sterling Ice Cream, 25828 Middlebelt Rd., (248) 477-1564
Dairy Queen, 22290 Middlebelt Rd., (southeast corner of Nine Mile and Middlebelt) (248) 478-3753
Dairy Queen, 34414 W. Eight Mile (and Gill) Rd., (248) 471-9771
Hersheys Ice Cream, 29598 Orchard Lake Rd., (248) 626-4272

Garden City

Dairy Queen of Garden City - dairyqueen.com
28825 Ford Road, (734) 427-7850

Livonia

Baskin-Robbins, 27609 Plymouth Rd., (734) 427-1343
Baskin Robbins, 17138 Farmington Rd., (734) 425-4860
Han-D-Dip Dairy Barn, 32624 Five Mile, (734) 425-5370
han-d-dip-dairy-barn.com
Ritter's Frozen Custard, 31227 Eight Mile, (248) 476-4571

Milford/Highland

Blue Moose Family Dairy, 2535 E. Highland Rd., (248) 884-4294
Dairy Queen (Highland) 2330 S. Milford Rd., Ste. 100, (248) 684-9796
Dairy Queen/Orange Julius (White Lake), 10531 Highland Rd., Ste. 109, (248) 698-2899
Kensington Dairy Queen, 2020 S. Milford Rd., (248) 684-0930
Milford House Ice Cream, 508 N. Main St., (248) 684-2226
Norm's Ice Cream, 700 N. Milford Rd., Highland
Twist & Shake, 2120 S. Milford Rd., Highland

Northville

Custard Time, 567 Seven Mile Rd., (248) 349-1478
Guernsey's Farm Dairy, 21300 Novi Road (248) 349-1466
www.guernseyfarmdairy.com
Rebecca's Family Restaurant & Ice Cream Parlor, 134 North Center Street, (248) 348-2660

Novi

Baskin-Robbins, 39415 W. Ten Mile, (248) 426-9348
Cold Stone Creamery, 44175 West 12 Mile, (248) 465-9091 coldstonecreamery.com (located in Fountain Walk)
Dairy Queen, 41490 Grand River Ave., Ste E., (248) 449-1766 Haagen-Dazs Shop, (in Twelve Oaks Mall) (248) 449-4630
Oberweiss Ice Cream & Dairy, 43168 Grand River, (248) 348-8850
Stuart's of Novi, 41390 Ten Mile Rd., (248) 615-2955

Plymouth

Baskin-Robbins, 985 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (734) 453-1216
Dairy-Go-Round Dairy-Go-Round, 1226 S. Main Street, (734) 455-9111
Dairy King, 232 S. Main Street, (734) 455-5720
Kilwin's, 298 S. Main Street, (734) 404-6719
Maggie Moo's Ice Cream & Treatery, 47325 Five Mile (in Gateway Plaza), (734) 207-1858, maggiemoos.com
Top of the Cone, 39740 Five Mile Rd., (734) 420-0022

Redford

Baskin-Robbins, 14855 Telegraph Rd., (313) 531-5903
Vicky's Ice Cream, 26145 W. Six Mile, (313) 531-7777

South Lyon

Dairy Queen, 253 Pontiac Trail, (248) 486-4953
Mickey's Dairy Twist, 22912 Pontiac Trail, (248) 446-8730

Westland

Baskin-Robbins, 8280 N. Merriman Rd., (734) 427-5444
Culver's, 6500 Newburgh Rd., (734) 595-1883 www.culvers.com
Dairy Dan, 6950 N. Wayne Road, (734) 595-0203
Mickey's Dairy Twist Too, 2785 Cherry Hill, (734) 728-9810
Mickey's Dairy Twist, 1311 South Wayne Road, (734) 326-0020
Original Dairy Dan, 35705 Ford Road, (734) 729-0399

BOOK CORNER



(From left) Jackie Zimmerman of Livonia, Alison Bergsieker of Royal Oak, Jennifer Accavitti of Berkley, Jennifer Knowlton of Clinton Township and Kelly Pryzbylo of Farmington Hills enjoy good conversation and good company during a recent book club meeting.

Local book club recommends 'Dogs of Babel' by Carolyn Parkhurst

By Alison Bergsieker
Contributing Writer

Once every three to four weeks, a group of local women get together at my Royal Oak home for a book discussion, wine, cheese and the occasional brownie.

Group members come from Berkley, Clinton Township, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Oak Park, Royal Oak and Wixom to enjoy good conversation and good company.

Since our inception in March, we've read several books — "Life of Pi" by Yann Martel, "Let the Great World Spin" by Colum McCann, "The Time Traveler's Wife" by Audrey Niffenegger and "Through the Looking-Glass and What Alice Found There" by Lewis Carroll.

One particular read, "Dogs of Babel" by Carolyn Parkhurst, struck up loads of conversation on the roles of marriage, religion, love and animal cruelty — plenty of topics that left each member of the club with lots to think about afterward.

"Dogs of Babel" is the story of a man,

Paul Iverson, puzzled by wife Lexy's death — the only witness to the incident being the couple's dog, Lorelei.

"I liked the mystery and science behind this book," said book club member Jackie Zimmerman, 25, of Livonia. "If you're a pet lover, I think you can find some joy in this book even if it isn't your typical read. I would probably recommend this book as a book club piece because we had a great conversation about it. Some liked it, and some didn't, but the overall conversation was both interesting and enjoyable."

The book is also an allusion to the Tower of Babel, the biblical story that explains the existence of different languages. Paul makes several attempts to communicate with Lorelei, a Rhodesian ridgeback, to understand his wife's surprising death.

Group member Kelly Pryzbylo, 26, Farmington Hills, said the book "hooked her from the start."

"I found myself engrossed in Paul's emotional journey to solve the mystery behind his wife Lexy's death," she said. "I would

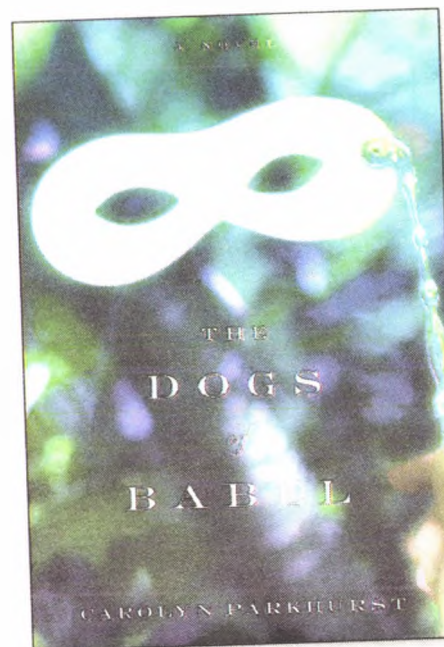
recommend Dogs of Babel for book club as it is a quick read — which always helps during the busy summer months — while touching on some serious subject matter (death, suicide, animal cruelty, etc.) that will lead to healthy discussion."

Group member Jen Accavitti, 26, of Berkley said "Dogs of Babel" was one of her favorite book club reads thus far, as it created such an interesting discussion.

"This quick, fairly easy read seemed to give everyone something different to think about — from Lexy's feelings on motherhood and creative expression to Lorelei's role in Paul's life, combined with religious references and an unfolding mystery. A great read for book club."

Visit www.carolynparkhurst.com for information about the author. For suggested book club questions, visit www.reading-guides.com.

Alison Bergsieker is the publishing resources coordinator and a contributing writer for the Observer, Eccentric & Hometown Newspapers.



Dogs of Babel by Carolyn Parkhurst



BRACES

FROM PAGE 8

"Incognito is the choice if they don't want the braces to show. Each bracket is milled robotically based on a computer simulation. Gold is the only metal that casts that precisely," said Masri.

"Incognito was the choice of celebrities when it came out, and an American product."

Masri uses Invisalign, a clear retainer for slight crowding and simple cases without bite problems. The clear retainer moves teeth by slight pressure. The aligner is replaced as teeth shift into place.

"It doesn't take a lot of force to straighten teeth," said Masri.

"New technologies, space aged wires (for braces) produce slight forces. It's very flexible. Adult patients come back every 12 weeks. Kids usually come back every four weeks with stainless steel wires," added Masri.

"Kids teeth move quicker but have to be seen more often. Today we see them every six weeks to monitor brushing. Adults protect their investment. They don't have brushing issues. They treat very well and end up finishing on time."

Braces were one of the best investments Kathy Hawblitzel ever made. Her smile is an important asset as an employee in administration at the Livonia Police Department.

"The braces are something I needed all my life and my parents couldn't afford it," said Hawblitzel, 61, of Westland. "I have an overbite and was getting spaces between my teeth and food was lodging. Some people say they don't even see them (the braces) because the wire between them is clear. I get lots of encouragement especially from people who have had them."

The only drawback is having to watch what she eats.

"You're limited on what you can eat, nothing chewy cause it can get caught," said Hawblitzel. "I hardly eat any meat. Everything gets caught on them. I haven't had steak or pork chops since getting them, no nuts or popcorn, no fresh vegetables. I can eat fish and salmon."

Carolyn Sutton would have done just about anything to relieve the pain in her jaw from TMJ (temporomandibular joint disease). The Livonia woman was 40 when she finally sought braces to prevent her jaw from locking up. She went to Masri for help after her dentist recommended a mouth guard. Sutton was desperate for relief. Her treatment lasted nearly three years.

"My bite was becoming more and more off with TMJ," said Sutton. "It wasn't until after the braces were off people noticed them. The most important thing was the pain was gone."

Masri Orthodontics is at 35200 Schoolcraft, Suite 104, Livonia. Call (734) 261-8860 or visit masriortho.com. Spillane & Reynolds Orthodontics is at 45500 10 Mile, Novi. Contact (248) 344-8400 or myamazingsmile.com.

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3			2			5		
9			6		4			
	1	7			9			
	2		1	4		3	8	
1		3		8				4
				9		6		
7		8		1	5	9	6	2
								5
4			9			1		

Level: Beginner

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			2		3			8
	8							
9	3				4			
				6			2	7
6			8	1				
								5
			9					8

Level: Intermediate

6			1					
				5		2		
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				6		4	2	
		4	3					
		3		1				5
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					3		8	
		8				5		1

Level: Advanced

Answers found on page 24

She Means Business

Women are proud of who they are, how much they accomplish and what they overcome to be successful. Women in our communities have become caring mothers and wives, specialized doctors and medical personnel, salon experts, sales consultants and business owners, providing young girls role models to look up to while sharing their skills with local residents.

Meet the 2010 women of She Means Business.

Lisa Kennedy • Karen Nemier
Kennedy Nemier Insurance Agency, Inc.
Plymouth

Barbara Roden
Senior Helpers • Farmington Hills

Lisa Kennedy & Karen Nemier



Karen Nemier



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Lisa Kennedy

Karen and Lisa can offer quotes that are a perfect fit for each individual's needs, which helps save money and adds value.

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Lisa Kennedy and Karen Nemier, owners of Kennedy Nemier Insurance Agency in Plymouth, are experts in their field, committed to several local communities and offer a value to every customer they serve.

With 24 years experience in the insurance industry, the two women joined forces in 2008 to create an independent agency, the Kennedy Nemier Insurance Agency, Inc., which represents more than 15 insurance companies offering more choices and competitive rates to local residents.

The agency provides auto, home, life and commercial insurance for all types of businesses.

"Not only do we provide general liability, property, worker's compensation, but we also offer malpractice insurance and bonds," said Karen Nemier. "We can also insure motorcycles, RVs, yachts, snowmobiles and classic cars.

We even offer pet insurance!"
A main focus of the agency

is to educate clients on their risks and offer ways to help protect them.

"Someone once said there is no greater human service than to secure the needs of others," said Lisa Kennedy. "We get tremendous satisfaction out of serving others in their time of need such as after a fire or accident. When claims arise, we are actively involved helping our clients, whether it is delivering a life insurance check or assisting with the claim resolution. We take our job very seriously in trying to make people whole again after a loss or tragedy."

Connected to the community

Lisa and Karen are actively involved in community events and support several local organizations. Not only do they own a local business, but they "live, work, shop, dine and play" locally to support and enhance

Plymouth and neighboring areas.

Between the two of them, they are actively involved in the Canton, Northville and Plymouth Chambers of Commerce, Canton Rotary, Canton Community Foundation Women's Giving Circle, Northridge Church in Plymouth, Partnership for the Arts and Humanities at The Cherry Hill Village Theatre, and Lisa is a graduate of Leadership Canton. In addition, Karen has earned her LUTCF designation as a committed life insurance professional.

"I live in Canton, so I'm right next door, and I've always admired the history and the sense of community in Plymouth," Lisa said. "It seems like people are very willing to participate and volunteer in their community. There are many festivals and activities going on in downtown Plymouth."

Karen is also very involved in her home community, Northville.

"I'm an Ambassador for the Northville Chamber of Commerce, which allows me

to meet many local business owners," Karen said.

An important investment

Insurance can be boring and intimidating to many people, but it's an important investment that can save families from financial disaster in an emergency situation.

"We like to make it user friendly and explain coverage to people so that they know what they are buying," Lisa said. "Our passion is to educate people about insurance and recommend insurance solutions to enhance coverage and save money."

Before becoming an insurance agent, Karen was a claim adjuster for 13 years and now serves as a valuable resource to their clients on assessing risks

"I think people don't think about insurance until something catastrophic happens," Karen said. "We have seen catastrophes happen. One of the things that

gives me great satisfaction in my job is that I know I've done everything I can to help get the pieces put back together as quickly as possible."

Not all insurance policies are created equal. Karen and Lisa can offer quotes that are a perfect fit for each individual's needs, which helps save money and adds value.

"We are very grateful that our phones are ringing," Lisa said. "Our goal is to help everyone that we can. It is not uncommon for someone to call us with a last minute insurance request, and we do our best to help them. We don't go home until everyone has been taken care of."

Lisa and Karen invite residents to call for a no obligation comparison at (734) 454-4058.

Kennedy Nemier Insurance Agency is located at 9388 Lilley Road in Plymouth. Visit www.kennedynemier.com for more information.

— By Alison Bergsieker

Barbara Roden



Photos by Alison Bergsieker

(From left) Kristin Kamin, Office Administrator; Kathy, Scheduling Coordinator; Sirena Shaouni, Human Resources Manager; Dee Steadman, Client Service Manager; and Barbara Roden, Owner and Director of Client Relations make up the team at Senior Helpers in Farmington Hills. Not pictured: Laura, Event and Conference Coordinator; and Sandy Connor, Administrative Assistant.



Barbara Roden, Owner and Director of Client Relations, is passionate about seniors and committed to helping families.



(From left) Diahann Perry, C.N.A. and Human Resources Manager Sirena Shaouni perform a caregiver review during a training session.

Senior Helpers helps adults 'age in place'

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For many aging adults, there's no place like home.

More seniors are considering home care, allowing them to stay in their comfort zone and near their loved ones.

Barbara Roden, Owner and Director of Client Relations of Senior Helpers in Farmington Hills, is passionate about seniors and committed to helping families. After transitioning out of a marketing career for many years, Roden has finally fulfilled her dream of owning her own business - and doing something she loves.

"I love seniors, and I love doing something where my reward is helping families," Roden said. "I also have personal family experiences with dementia and the need for caregivers. My father and great aunt were affected by the debilitating affects of Alzheimer's. My father's struggle with the disease was one of the motivating factors in opening my Senior Helpers office."

Senior Helpers is a leader of professional in-home assistance services, specializing in companionship, personal care and social interaction to assist them in maintaining their independence, reduce isolation and improve the quality of their life. Roden and her staff can provide care from one hour to 24 hours, including live-in caregivers.

"As the population begins to age, there are more and more people every day that can benefit from our services," Roden said. "Some of our services include companionship, light housekeeping, laundry, meal planning and preparation, incidental transportation, errand running and personal bathing and grooming assistance."

Personal & Companion Care

Many people are unaware there is an alternative to moving out of their home but would like

to remain at home for as long as possible.

More adults are having hip and shoulder replacement surgeries, requiring temporary assistance when they return home. Some parents are moving in with their children and need assistance while their adult children are working. Families may also want a companion for their loved one by their bedside during a nursing home stay. With more than 100 caregivers serving Northern Wayne and Oakland counties, Senior Helpers provides various levels of personal and companion care tailored to the needs of every family.

"Some seniors just need us to take them grocery shopping once a week and a little help with laundry," Roden said. "We have other clients that just need us in the morning and the evening. We visit them for three hours in the morning to get them going with breakfast and lunch and come back for three hours at night to fix dinner and

help them get to bed. We can provide our caregivers to attend to your loved-one in hospitals, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, long-term rehabilitation facilities and other places."

Community & family oriented

On-going training is provided to a talented staff of caregivers. Caregivers are personally introduced to their clients and discuss their caregiving needs together.

"When I talk to our clients and our referral sources, the one thing I hear repeatedly is what a fantastic staff I have," Roden said. "They are second to none. We always focus on the needs of our clients and quickly bring in the right caregivers for them."

Roden actively stays connected with the community and maintains memberships in several organizations, including

the Greater Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, Michigan Home Health Association, Case Management Society of America, Junior League of Ann Arbor and the Novi Chamber of Commerce.

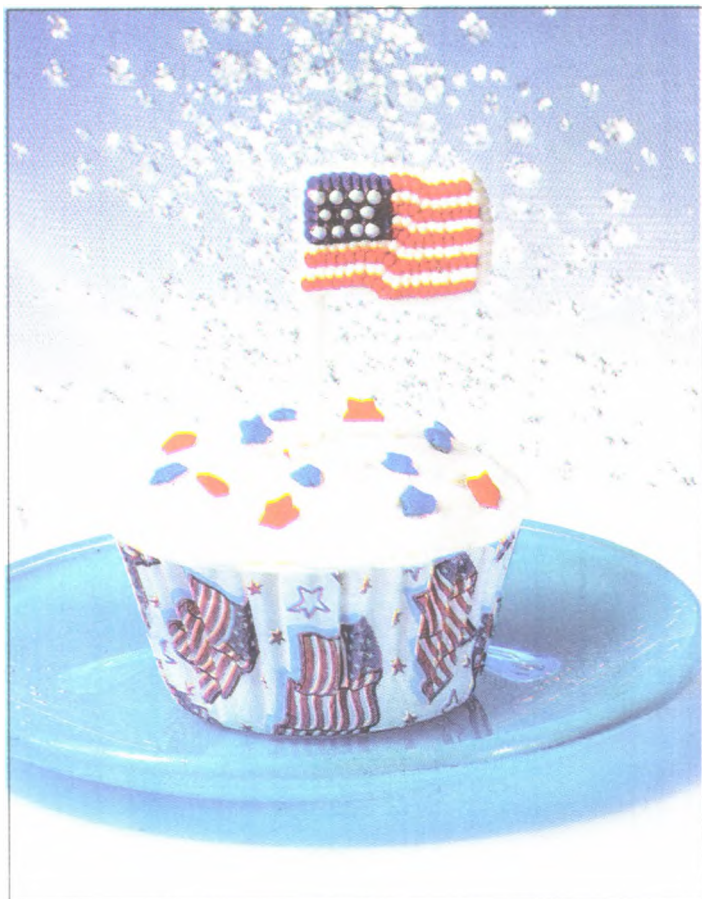
"We are deeply involved in the caring of seniors and participate in many events and seminars in our community," Roden said.

"If you see us, stop by and introduce yourself. Through all of this community involvement, we have developed relationships with all kinds of groups and businesses that support the senior population. All of that knowledge helps us with assessing, developing and managing an overall care plan for our clients.

Senior Helpers is located at 28200 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 111 in Farmington Hills. Visit www.seniorshelpersmi.com or call 248-865-1000 for a complimentary assessment."

By Alison Bergsieker

Have a
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Cupcakes



Have a flag-waving Fourth

Celebrate the Fourth with a fabulous finale ... serve dessert while you enjoy the fireworks.

These all-American cupcakes are festively adorned in red, white and blue from top to bottom, beginning with star-studded Old Glory baking cups all the way up to the waving flag. They promise to be patriotically pleasing for all — kids and adults alike.

The cupcakes can be any flavor, made from a mix or from scratch. Ice with white buttercream to create a canvas for star-spangled decorating fun. For a surprise in every bite (if you're making yellow or white cupcakes), the Wilton Test Kitchen recommends folding red, white and blue nonpareils, sprinkle mixes or jimmies into the cupcake batter just before filling the baking cups. Use up to one-fourth cup for a two-layer cake mix. Now they're patriotic inside and out!

To make a flagpole for the candy flag topper, simply insert a lollipop stick into the cupcake and attach the flag icing decoration with stiff buttercream. Or use stars and stripes party picks or patriotic foil pix to top the cupcake instead of the candy flag. Either way, they will be a perfect tribute to the occasion.

Cupcakes can be baked, sprinkled and iced up to one day in advance; store covered at room temperature. Top with the flag just before serving.

To order star-spangled decorations, or for additional holiday, special occasion and everyday celebration ideas, visit www.wilton.com.

FLAG FESTIVITIES CUPCAKES

Makes 24 cupcakes

1 package (18.25 ounces) yellow or white cake mix
Egg, oil and water to prepare mix
½ cup red, white and blue nonpareils, sprinkle mixes or jimmies, divided
3 cups ready-to-use white decorator icing or buttercream icing
24 4-inch lollipop sticks
24 Patriotic Flags icing decorations

Preheat oven to 350°F. Place baking cups in standard muffin pan.

In large bowl, prepare cake mix following package instructions. Stir in up to ¼ cup of the sprinkles; spoon into baking cups.

Bake 18-20 minutes or until toothpick inserted into center of cupcake comes out clean. Cool completely.

Ice cupcakes smooth; add remaining sprinkles. Insert lollipop sticks into cupcakes; attach icing decorations with stiff icing.

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SUMMER FUN

Splash parks:



Cool places close to home

By *Wensdy Von Buskirk*
Correspondent

Looking for a refreshing place to take the kids this summer? Try a splash park.

As more and more communities add huge colorful sprinklers and giant water guns to their recreation roster, children have it made in the shade. Pack the cooler, grab the sunscreen and lounge sprinkler-side while kids make a splash at these local parks:

CLOSE TO HOME Canton

Canton Township invites residents to host parties at its new Splash Playground, located in Heritage Park near Heritage Hideout. A \$10 per person fee includes one hour in a Summit on the Park room, cake, punch, decorations, goodie bags, invitations, and unlimited use of the Splash Pad. But you don't have to be a birthday girl to enjoy the free water works; simply touch the fire

hydrant to start the fun 1-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday-Sunday through Labor Day.

Farmington Hills

Memorial Weekend marked the official opening of the new Heritage Park Splash Pad in Farmington Hills. Children press a button to activate a cascade of timed sprinklers, nozzles, gadgets and dumping buck-

WHAT TO BRING

- blanket or stadium chairs
- beach towels
- snacks
- water
- sunscreen
- sunglasses
- water shoes
- camera

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ets. Nearby amenities include picnic shelters, restrooms, outdoor showers, playground equipment, sand volleyball, horseshoe pits and a sandbox. The free Splash Pad is open during park hours, dawn to dusk daily.

Livonia

As Livonia residents know, the city's Community Recreation Center offers everything but the kitchen sink, including indoor and outdoor water spray parks located right next to each other. A daily pass (\$4-\$7 for residents; \$8-\$14 for nonresidents) buys you access to all the facilities, ranging from an indoor swimming pool, fitness center and climbing wall, to outdoor skateboard park, in-line skating rink and walking path. The splash pad operates 10:30 a.m. to dusk daily.

Milford

Splash 'n' Blast is located on the north side of Martindale Beach in Kensington Metropark. In addition to water cannons, palm trees, serpents and a whale, the park includes two 240-foot twisted water slides. Splash 'n' Blast is open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. throughout late summer, and admission is \$3-\$4 per person with reduced rates after 5 p.m. A vehicle permit also is required to enter Kensington.

Plymouth Township

There's never a dry moment at the SprayScape at McClumpha Park in Plymouth Township, where kids run the gauntlet through sprinkler arches and challenge each other to spray-gun showdowns. Caregivers can camp out on benches or blankets while kids have the run of a nearby play structure, and a sand box stocked with "friendly monster" sculptures by artist Norman Rockwell's son, Peter. Everything is free, and open 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., weather permitting.

Redford

The Splash Pad is just one of many amusements at Redford's Handy Park, where families also can use baseball diamonds, tennis courts, beach volleyball courts and a playground. Best of all, you don't have to bring your own snacks, because the nearby concession stand has drinks, hot dogs, chips and more. The Splash Pad is open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

Westland

Also new on the sprayscape scene is the free H2O Zone Spray Park in Westland's



Tattan Park. Funded by Downtown Development Association dollars, the playscape offers squirting cannons, a spouting sea serpent, a dunk bucket and 13 in-ground spouts. Landlubbers can hit the nearby Play Planet structure while parents take shelter in nearby pavilions. The H2O Zone Spray Park is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

WORTH THE TRIP Dundee

If you're looking to make a splashy weekend escape, Splash Universe Indoor Waterpark Resort in Dundee takes the sprayscape concept to a new level. Located halfway between Ann Arbor and Toledo in a new hotel complex (which escaped the brunt of the June tornadoes), Splash Universe boasts 100,000 gallons of fun — lazy river, water slides, aquatic treehouse, hot tubs and all. The Shooting Star Arcade and Treehouse Pub and Grub restaurant round out the fun. Packages include overnight stays. Call 1-87-splashu2 or visit www.riverrun.splashuniverse.com.

Frankenmuth

On a rainy summer day, you can find an oasis of indoor splash park offerings at Zehnder's Splash Village Hotel and Waterpark in Frankenmuth, 86 miles up I-75. After playing all day in Giggling Gorge and sliding down the four-story Perilous Plunge, you'll definitely be hungry for one of those famous chicken dinners. Call (800) 863-7999 or visit www.zehnders.com.

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Bavarian Wild Berry Fruit-Tea Pops.

A refreshing take on tea

Tea can always be enjoyed as a simple, soothing cup of comfort. But with so many flavors and varieties available, tea lovers are discovering entirely new ways to enjoy their favorite brew.

Tea-drinking trends find people infusing their tea with fruit and other flavors, and experimenting with tea in recipes.

These recipes from Lipton showcase the rich, ripe flavors of whole leaf teas infused with fruit and flavor. From frozen pops to tropical punch, cool smoothies to hot, spiced chocolate tea, you'll find a refreshing take on tea that just might make your day.

For more recipes and information about Lipton's Pyramid teas, visit lipton.com.



Tropical Punch With Fruity Tea Ice Cubes.

BAVARIAN WILD BERRY FRUIT-TEA POPS

Serves: 8

Preparation Time: 10 minutes

Freeze Time: 4 hours

- 2 cups boiling water
- 4 Lipton Bavarian Wild Berry Pyramid Tea Bags
- cup sugar
- 1 cup chopped strawberries

Pour boiling water over tea bags; cover and brew 5 minutes. Remove tea bags and squeeze. Stir in sugar until dissolved; let cool slightly.

Combine tea with strawberries in medium bowl. Evenly pour into 8 (4-ounce) paper cups (or Popsicle molds). Freeze until almost firm, about 1 hour. Insert wooden ice pop sticks into centers; freeze until firm. To serve, press firmly on bottom of paper cup to remove.

Variations:

For Island Mango & Peach Fruit-Tea Pops, use Lipton White Tea with Island Mango & Peach Flavors Pyramid Tea Bags and 1 cup chopped peaches.

For Green Tea & Mandarin Orange Fruit-Tea Pops, use Lipton Green Tea with Mandarin Orange Flavor Pyramid Tea Bags and 1 cup blueberries.

For Black Pearl Fruit-Tea Pops, use Lipton Black Pearl Black Pyramid Tea Bags and 1 cup mixed berries (raspberries, blueberries and/or strawberries).

For Harvest Strawberry & Passionfruit-Tea Pops, use Lipton Red Tea with Harvest Strawberry & Passionfruit Flavor Pyramid Tea Bags.

TROPICAL PUNCH WITH FRUITY TEA ICE CUBES

Serves: 8

Preparation Time: 15 minutes

Chill Time: 2 hours

- 4 cups boiling water
- 12 Lipton Tuscan Lemon Flavored Black Pyramid Tea Bags
- cup sugar
- 3 cups pineapple juice
- 1 cup orange juice
- 2 cups raspberries

Pour boiling water over tea bags; cover and brew 5 minutes. Remove tea bags and squeeze. Stir in sugar; chill.

In large pitcher, combine 2 cups chilled tea with remaining ingredients; chill.

Meanwhile, in 2 ice cube trays,* arrange 3 raspberries in each compartment. Pour remaining chilled tea over berries. Freeze 2 hours or until solid. To serve, pour punch into large pitcher or bowl. Add tea ice cubes. Serve immediately.

*If you don't have ice cube trays, try using mini muffin pans or a 6-cup ring mold.

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Intermediate

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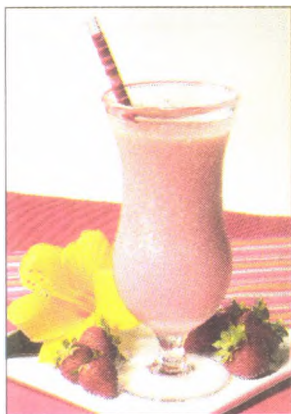
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Black Pearl Hot 'n Spicy Chocolate Tea.

Red Tea
Harvest
Strawberry
Smoothie.



RED TEA HARVEST STRAWBERRY SMOOTHIE

Serves: 2
Preparation Time: 5 to 10 minutes
Chill Time: 1 hour
1 cup boiling water
3 Lipton Red Tea with Harvest
Strawberry & Passionfruit
Flavor Pyramid Tea Bags
2 tablespoons sugar
1 cup frozen strawberries
½ cup strawberry frozen yogurt*
½ cup ice cubes (about 3 to 4)

Pour boiling water over tea bags; cover and brew 5 minutes. Remove tea bags and squeeze, then stir in sugar; chill.
In blender, process tea, strawberries and yogurt. Add ice cubes, one at a time, and process until blended. Garnish, if desired, with whipped cream and strawberries. Serve immediately.
*Substitution: Use regular strawberry yogurt.

BLACK PEARL HOT 'N SPICY CHOCOLATE TEA

Serves: 2
Preparation Time: 5 minutes
Cook Time: 5 minutes
1 cup fat free or 1% milk
1 cup water
2 Lipton Black Pearl Black
Pyramid Tea Bags
1 tablespoon sugar, or to taste
¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
¼ teaspoon ground ginger
¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
1 teaspoon chocolate syrup

Bring milk and water just to a boil in 2-quart saucepan. Remove from heat and add tea bags. Cover and brew 1-½ minutes. Remove tea bags and squeeze, stir in remaining ingredients. Serve immediately. Garnish, if desired, with whipped cream and a sprinkle of cinnamon.

TEA AND A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

Keeping your body hydrated can help maintain overall well-being. Unsweetened tea is an excellent beverage for hydration. This conclusion is based on the Healthy Beverage Guidelines that were created by a panel of independent scientists under an unrestricted grant from Unilever. Tea may help maintain a healthy lifestyle — for example, drinking 2 to 3 cups of tea throughout the day, as part of a healthy diet, may help maintain healthy vascular function. Find out more at www.lipton.com.

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SUMMER FUN

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• **One-of-a-Kind Mural:** Break out the sidewalk chalk and let the kids create their own patriotic sidewalk mural. Flags, fireworks, the Statue of Liberty — anything goes.

Guests might like to try their hand at adding to the mural, too.

• **A Patriotic Welcome:** Put red, white and blue pinwheels and flags into buckets and flower pots filled with sand. Line the walkway to your door to set the mood and welcome guests.

• **Balloon Fireworks:** Use a funnel to fill

red, white and blue balloons about one-quarter full with sparkly confetti. Inflate balloons with a hand pump and tie them off. Then, let kids pop away for some “firecracker” fun.

Of course, no Fourth of July party would be complete without an inspired dessert. I love the colors — and the flavor — of this

Red, White and Blueberry Torte. It's a beautiful way to celebrate a special day.

For more recipes worth celebrating, visit www.tollhouse.com.

Jenny Harper is Consumer Test Kitchen Project Manager for the Nestle Test Kitchens and VeryBestBaking.com.

RED, WHITE AND BLUEBERRY TORTE

Makes 8 to 10 servings

- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- 6 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1½ cups (9 ounces) Nestle Toll House Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsels, divided
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract, divided
- 2 large eggs
- ¾ cup all-purpose flour
- ¼ teaspoon baking soda
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, room temperature
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- ½ of an 8-ounce container frozen light whipped topping, thawed
- 2 cups sliced strawberries
- ¼ cup fresh blueberries

PREHEAT oven to 350° F. Line 9-inch-round cake pan with wax paper; grease paper.

COMBINE ¼ cup sugar, butter and water in small, heavy-duty saucepan. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly; remove from heat. Add ¼ cup morsels; stir until smooth. Stir in ½ teaspoon vanilla extract. Add eggs, one at a time, stirring well after each addition. Add flour, baking soda and salt; stir until well blended. Stir in remaining ¼ cup morsels. Pour into prepared cake pan.

BAKE for 20 to 25 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out slightly sticky. Cool in pan for 15 minutes. Invert torte onto wire rack; remove wax paper. Turn right side up; cool completely.

BEAT cream cheese, 2 tablespoons sugar and remaining ½ teaspoon vanilla extract in small mixer bowl until creamy. Stir in whipped topping. Spread over torte; top with berries. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Nutrition Information per serving: 540 calories; 290 calories from fat; 32g total fat; 21g saturated fat; 105mg cholesterol; 280mg sodium; 58g carbohydrate; 3g fiber; 42g sugars; 7g protein; 15% Vitamin A; 40% Vitamin C.

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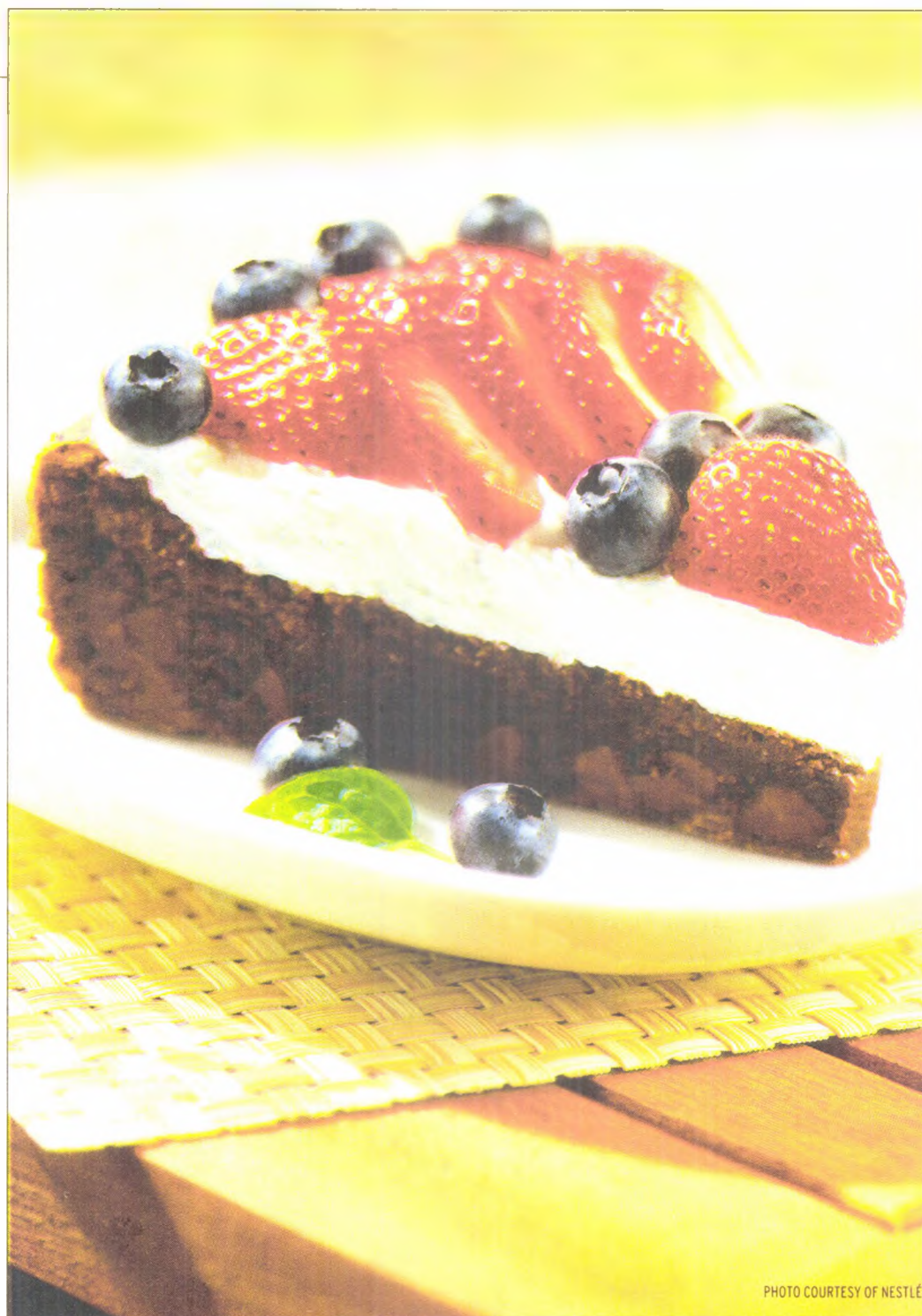


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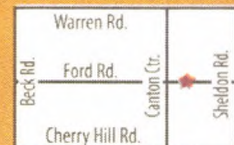


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