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Look inside this month's edition of Hometown Life Inspire for a chance to win a holiday shopping spree.

Three lucky winners will win \$250, \$125 or \$75 to celebrate Christmas in July. Find this holiday beach ball (below) on the pages of Inspire and enter to win.

See more details in the July Inspire in print and online at hometownlife.com.



No library

The Plymouth District Library will be closed on Sunday, July 10, for Art in the Park.

Regular library hours (Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.) will be in effect. Books can be dropped in the drop box off the parking lot at any time.

Materials can be renewed online at any time - go to plymouthlibrary.org

League honors

Paula Bowman, member of the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County, received the Leadership in Civic Empowerment Award at the League's recent biannual convention in Traverse City.

This award honors women who have led the way in encouraging informed voters through League work at the local and/or state level. Bowman's work in voter service, message delivery through her local and state Voter publications, and mentoring of colleagues "make her an exceptional leader."

"She is an accomplished writer and a prolific contributor to voter service and voter registration initiatives, and has established excellent relationships with local media to advance the League's policy agenda," league officials said in a press release.

White House trip

Only 1,000 schools in the U.S. have been invited to the White House on July 29, to receive a special award from First Lady Michelle Obama, and Plymouth-Canton is among them.

Board of Education President John Johnson and nutritionist Joanne Randolph will represent the district at a reception on the South Lawn at 2 p.m. P-CCS is being recognized for its work to make school lunches and breakfast programs healthier.

On March 23, the U.S. Department of Agriculture - Food and Nutrition Service presented the HealthierUS School Challenge Bronze Award to Plymouth-Canton's Dodson Elementary School at an all school assembly.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The P-CEP Marching Band warmed up for their Thanksgiving Day appearance in the Macy's Parade in New York City by marching in Monday's Fourth of July parade through downtown Plymouth.

Fun on the Fourth

Plymouth turns out to celebrate country's birthday

Soldier honored, page A2

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Eugene Farrelly hasn't seen all that many big parades in his hometown.

So the 12-year-old exchange student, in Plymouth for a one-month respite from the violence of his native Belfast, Ireland, was looking forward to Monday's Good Morning U.S.A. parade through downtown Plymouth.

"There's not many big parades in Ireland," said Eugene, who also said he was enjoying the July weather "because it's so much warmer here."

While Eugene was happy with the weather, the parade didn't disappoint, either. The popular parade, the hallmark of Plymouth's traditional Fourth of July celebration, drew what most observers believed was a larger crowd than normal with its new 9 a.m. start time, an hour and a half later than previous years.

The parade was once again filled with popular attractions, including unicycle riders, clowns, bands, pompon teams, the Monster Truck, superheroes including Superman, Wonder Woman and Spider-man and the home-grown Fred Hill Briefcase Drill team.

The parade included a variety of politicians, including freshman state Rep. Kurt Heise, freshman state Sen. Pat Colbeck and even perhaps the parade's first presidential candidate, U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, a Republican from Livonia who announced his candidacy Saturday.

Dan Boyle and Nancy Levy, the Plymouth couple hosting Eugene Farrelly, said they enjoyed the parade because it "cel-

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U.S. Army veteran Joe Girolamo, who served in World War II, salutes the crowd during Monday's parade.

Volunteers spearhead picnic success

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Bob Doroshewitz has chaired Plymouth Township's annual Good Ol' Fashioned Picnic the last few years, organizing events and handling the scheduling.

But if there's one person who knows it's far more than a one-man operation, it's Bob Doroshewitz.

The Plymouth Township trustee had to ramrod the

final preparations from a business trip to Germany this year, but the more than 90 volunteers - including his wife, Tammy - who make the picnic - turned out in force again this year.

And Doroshewitz thinks he knows why.

"It's the volunteers," he said. "It's not about the township, or the government, it's about the community, about

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Volunteer grillers Tony Barbee, Charlie Cone and Lee Ekholm - members of the Plymouth Lions - cook up some 5-cent hot dogs for the picnic.

Treasurer blows up over fireworks traffic

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ron Edwards, the Plymouth Township treasurer, is cooler but unapologetic about a heated call he made to the township's emergency dispatch center following Sunday night's fireworks at Plymouth Township Park.

"I hadn't even known that I offended anyone," said Edwards on Wednesday, a day after a recording of his angry call was aired by a local television station.

Edwards said he was

upset that people exiting a fireworks viewing area at Hilltop Golf Course, including guests who had helped raise about \$44,000 for the event and were given VIP treatment, were not able to get onto Beck Road via Powell because of clogged traffic.

In the call, Edwards demands to speak to Lt. Robert Antal, who was in charge of the traffic plan that night. "I got people who paid for this whole show stuck here tonight,"

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Roads close downtown for Art in the Park

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Residents, artisans and customers look forward to the annual return of the Plymouth Art in the Park festival.

Drivers ... not so much. That's because the three-day festival, scheduled to run today (Thursday) through Sunday in downtown Plymouth, forces a variety of road closures that make it a tad more difficult to get around downtown.

Here's how the closures will look, starting today (Thursday) around 8 p.m.

- Main Street will be closed from Church to Wing, though access to Fralick will be allowed from Church.

- Penniman will be closed from Harvey to Union.
- Ann Arbor Trail closed from Harvey to Union.
- Forest, closed from Ann Arbor Trail to Wing.

City officials pointed out there will also be parking restrictions in and around downtown to provide for emergency vehicle access.

City manager Paul Sincok urges visitors to take the easy way out.

"It is highly recommended visitors use the free shuttle," Sincok said.

For info on the shuttle and other Art in the Park details, visit www.artinthepark.com

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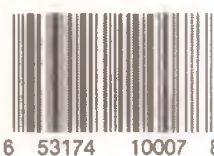
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Marker near Revolutionary War veteran's burial site is unveiled

Goodwill hosts tent sale

BY MATT JACHMAN
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Descendants of Plymouth's only known Revolutionary War soldier, Titus Vespasian Hoisington, gathered Monday for the dedication of a memorial near where his remains are thought to be buried.

The marker of black granite is on the grounds of the First Presbyterian Church, formerly the site of an early Plymouth cemetery known as The Hill. Monday's brief ceremony, following a 24-hour vigil at the site by Vietnam War veterans, included a performance by the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps, a rifle salute by the color guard from Vietnam Veterans of America Post 528, and a few words from Mike Roberts, who researched Hoisington's life and whose wife, Patty, is a Hoisington relative.

"It's just a beautiful way to pay tribute," said Evelyn Ziehm, a fourth great-granddaughter of Hoisington.

"I think we need to honor our veterans, and what a special thing to even do it on the Fourth of July," said her daughter, Sandra Kurzer.

Ziehm, who lives near Cass City, and Kurzer of Durand, Mich., said their relative's ties



Mike Roberts talks about his wife's relative, Revolutionary War veteran Titus Hoisington.



The marker for Titus Hoisington is in front of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth on Church Street.

to the Revolution were part of the family lore they heard while growing up.

"We always kind of wanted to search out where his burial was, but it was always kind of

elusive," Ziehm said.

But Jerry Hoisington, of Bancroft, Mich., who is a fourth great-grandson of Titus Hoisington, said he didn't hear that part of family history while growing up. In recent years, however, a nephew researching the family had informed him of his relative's Revolutionary War service, he said.

"I knew he was buried in this area," Hoisington said. "We kept thinking one of these days we'll come down and check it out."

The marker was paid for through fundraising by

the Plymouth Preservation Network, following research by Roberts, of East Lansing, and Garry Packard of Plymouth, who has been studying area burial places.

John Pappas of Plymouth launched the campaign and chaired the fundraising effort.

"He's on the surface," said Pappas, referring to the Hoisington memorial, "and our job is done."

Titus Hoisington, who served local militias in Vermont during the war years of 1778 and 1780, and his wife, Hannah, moved late in life to Panama (now Salem) Township to settle with two sons, and died in 1841 in his late 70s.

Many of those buried at The Hill were moved to Riverside Cemetery in 1916, but Hoisington, whose grave was unmarked, was among those who were not.

The dedication also brought Wayne Andersen of Imlay City, Patty Roberts' father and a fifth great-grandson of Titus Hoisington.

"This is an incredible honor," Andersen said. "Unbelievable, really. I'm pretty amazed."

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Goodwill Industries of Great Detroit's "Big Tent Sale" takes place 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 9, and Saturday, July 16, to benefit Goodwill's employment education, training and placement programs that help unemployed Metro Detroiters earn jobs.

Shoppers can find treasures and support local jobs at the sales, set for Goodwill Flagship Upscale Resale Store, 41937 Ford Road in Canton. Shoppers will find great deals on a variety of household items, and new or gently used clothing, and receive up to 75 percent off.

In 2011, Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit is celebrating its 90th anniversary. In just the past two years of the organization's history, Goodwill Industries has placed more than 2,400 Wayne, Oakland and Macomb county individuals into new jobs and provided education, training and career assistance to thousands more in the region.

Goodwill Industries is solely dedicated to helping local individuals overcome challenges and secure employment. For information, visit <http://www.goodwilldetroit.org>.

HEATED CALL

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he tells the male dispatcher who answers the phone.

"Tell them right now if that road doesn't get emptied right now I'm coming after these guys," Edwards continues. Edwards goes on to say the traffic situation is "embarrassing." The dispatcher asks Edwards to stop yelling at him.

"It was all backed up. Nothing was moving," Edwards said Wednesday.

"The plan that was in place just failed."

It took nearly 40 minutes for the roughly 400 cars leaving the area via Powell Road to get cleared out, Edwards said. Traffic was cleared much more quickly following past shows, he said.

"If they've would've done their job in this whole thing, not a word have been said by Ron Edwards," Edwards added.

But Police Chief Tom Tiderington said police radio exchanges show traffic was clear in about 26 minutes after the fireworks. The traffic plan worked as it was supposed to, the chief contended, and no one expects not to encounter traffic

congestion in area where thousands of people have congregated.

"From my perspective and from many of the people I spoke with, there wasn't a problem," Tiderington said. The chief, who was on vacation, was not at the fireworks Sunday but said he heard from friends and relatives who used Powell Road and didn't have a problem.

Tiderington declined to criticize Edwards, however, saying that in his view, the fireworks show was a success.

Edwards said his 11:07 p.m. phone call followed by nine minutes an earlier "cordial" call that was cut off. He said his anger stemmed from not being able to deliver on a promise to get fireworks donors out of the golf course quickly.

"Should I have raised my voice like that? No," he said. "Was I mad? Yes."

Edwards added that if anyone in the township was upset by the call, she or he should have addressed the issue through internal channels. "How many times have I been yelled at by people, and I don't go to the media," he said.

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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

Northville grub

Date/Time: Tuesday, July 26, 6-10 p.m.

Location: Downtown Northville

Details: The Northville Chamber presents the sixth annual Northville Grub Crawl, where 10 restaurants will offer free samples of appetizers and entree items along with cash bar specials. Crawlers can use free shuttle transportation to each restaurant or "crawl" on their own. Free shuttle transportation, grand prize

drawing for barbecue gas grill. Tickets are \$30.

Contact: The Northville Chamber of Commerce at www.northville.org.

Garage sale

Date/Time: Saturday, July 9, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Knights of Columbus parking lot, 150 Fair St.

Details: Huge, one-day-only multi-family garage sale to benefit the Plymouth Salvation Army's Tae Kwon Do group, which is going to an international competition in August. All proceeds to travel costs and cost of competing. Clothing, books, toys/games, power tools, jewelry and other items.

Contact: Plymouth Salvation Army, (734) 453-5464

Rockettes golf

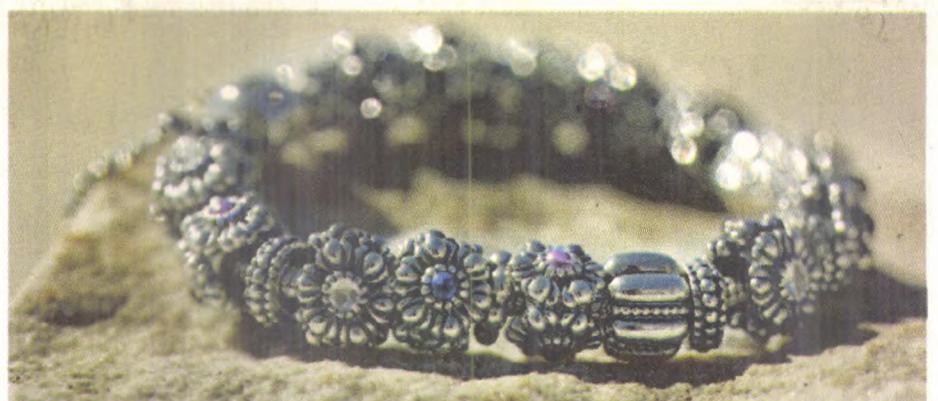
Date/Time: Aug. 7

Location: Fox Hills Golf Club, Plymouth

Details: The Salem High School Pom Pon team's 11th annual golf fundraiser includes a \$10,000 hole-in-one contest, prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive, first place for men and mixed teams, skins and door prizes. Golfers receive donuts/bagels for breakfast, a hot dog lunch at the turn, and a buffet dinner including a 2 hour open bar. Cost is \$100 per golfer.

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McCotter makes official bid for U.S. president

BY AILEEN WINGBLAD
STAFF WRITER

Vowing that "we will restructure government of the future so it is citizen-driven," U.S. Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, a Republican and Livonia resident, made his official bid as candidate for president of the United States Saturday evening in a grassy field in Whitmore Lake, at the AM radio station-sponsored WAAM Freedom Fest.

"What we need in Washington is someone who understands the wave of the future is not big government, it is self-government," McCotter said. "People need to know that someone in government, no matter how derided or disposable someone thinks you are, will stand for you."

Joining McCotter on stage was his wife, Rita, daughter Emilia and son Tim. His announcement drew a standing ovation and raucous response from the crowd, which broke into a "Thad, Thad, Thad," chant and waved "McCotter for President" signs overhead.

McCotter noted his other son, George, wasn't with them because he was at work, "which is something every American should have a chance to do."

"We here in Michigan understand that our pursuit of prosperity, our American dream, is in danger. We have seen a government that has refused to restructure itself for the future as we have, as our entrepreneurs have, as our families have. We have seen a federal government that is trying to spend its way into prosperity with our money, and it has failed. We have seen a federal government that has tried to impose government-run health care, despite the consent of the people, and it will fail," he said.

McCotter said "by putting faith in the virtuous genius and industriousness of the American people, we will have



AILEEN WINGBLAD

U.S. Congressman Thaddeus McCotter has officially announced he's seeking the Republican nomination for president of the United States.

better days — and we will start now."

To wrap up his appearance, McCotter grabbed his star-spangled guitar and treated the crowd to a performance of Chuck Berry's "Let It Rock," alongside WAAM talk show host Thayrone X.

Moments later, McCotter's 16-year-old son, Tim, said his father was "driven to his decision by the people."

"I'm all for it," he said. "He seems like the best, most well-spoken candidate — and not just because he's my dad. It's his statement that (the citizens) are in control of our country (that I really agree with)."

Prior to making his bid for the White House, McCotter said it was "a tough decision and a lot of strain on the family" to seek the Republican nomination. Announcing his candidacy officially on July 2 seemed appropriate since it was the day "we signed the Declaration of Independence," he added.

"And I didn't want a canned event in a room where you know everyone there is a supporter," he said.

Among the hundreds who turned out for McCotter's announcement was Lois Zilka of Canton Township. "He comes across as being honest and a real family man," she said. "And from what I hear he is a Christian, which is a big thing with me."

Zilka said she's pleased McCotter doesn't support government-controlled health care. But she's concerned he isn't as well-known as some of the other Republican candidates, which could hurt his chances at the polls. "Nationwide, he's got to get his name out there," she said.

Also in the crowd was Jim Klepser of Milford, who said he hasn't yet decided who will get his vote — but he likes McCotter's conservative viewpoints. "And I think he represents 'Middle America,' big time. He's really in touch," Klepser said.

Barb Mackey of Ann Arbor considers herself "as big of a McCotter supporter as you can get," noting that she has long hoped he'd announce his candidacy.

"He spoke to my son's eighth-grade class in Plymouth years ago, and I literally left praying to God that he would run for president," Mackey said. "Everything he says is perfect. And he sees (the presidency) as a vocation rather than a big ego trip. And I like how he really wants less government."

Salem resident Guyla Kryka said she's happy with what she's heard from McCotter so far, but needs to learn more. "Now I want to see what he can do," she said.

McCotter is currently serving his fifth term in the U.S. House of Representatives for the 11th district, which includes communities in western Wayne County and western Oakland County.

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CRIME WATCH

Railroad break-in

Electronic equipment worth a minimum of \$4,000 was damaged during the recent break-in of a CSX Railroad building in Plymouth Township.

The break-in was reported by CSX employees on June 24, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report. The shed is near tracks that run near Northville Road; both the door and the lock on it had been damaged, police said.

Railroad employees reported that, while they were at the shed assessing the damage, four teenagers, three males and a female, began walking near the tracks, but ran off when they saw the employees.

Road rage

A Dearborn man reported following the driver of a pickup truck after the other man cut him off in the area of Five Mile and Beck Road on the afternoon of June 29, according to a police report.

The two nearly came to blows at Five Mile and Ridge, the man told police, but each got back in his vehicle and drove off, with the Dearborn man, who was in a sedan, continuing to follow the Dodge pickup. He followed it to a home on Maple, he said, and the pickup's driver got out, punched and kicked at his car and went inside.

The complainant called police, but said he didn't want to press charges. An officer couldn't reach the pickup's driver, but said he would keep trying to contact him.

No injuries, nor any damage to either vehicle, were reported.

Bicycle stolen

An 18-speed mountain bike, left unlocked outside the Picnic Basket Market on the evening of July 1, was reported stolen.

The bike had been left out of the range of security video cameras on the property, police said. No one reported witnessing the theft.

The Picnic Basket is at Ann Arbor and Ridge roads.

Van theft try

Someone apparently tried to steal a Dodge Caravan that was parked outside a house on Postiff in the township.

The complainant told police she discovered on June 24 that the driver's door had been pried open. The door was secure as of 5 p.m. the day before, she said. Nothing was reported stolen from the Caravan.

Police noted the Caravan's steering column had been dismantled and its ignition damaged.

—By Matt Jachman

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PARADE

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celebrates the independence of America."

"It's Americana!" Nancy Levy said.

Thousands of people were also drawn to Plymouth Township park for the annual Good Ol' Fashioned picnic, featuring hot dogs, chips, pop and ice cream all available for a nickel.

The picnic featured a bike-decorating contest, music from Steve King and the Ditties, bouncy-rides donated by Party Max, face painting and child-safety fingerprinting, as well as a variety of other activities, largely aimed at making sure the children have a good time.

"It's a lot of fun," said Lily Drogmiller of Livonia. There's a lot of stuff to do. They have a lot of activities and the kids have fun."

The picnic capped a weekend of

Fourth of July fun in Plymouth, which included the popular fireworks show at Plymouth Township Park, which delighted thousands of viewers Sunday night.

The only blemish came courtesy of Mother Nature, who dumped rain, thunder and lightning on the Michigan Philharmonic's patriotic performance Saturday night.

With lightning in the area, police cut what had been scheduled for about a 90-minute concert short after a half-hour.

"It's really too bad," said Tony Bruscato, operations director for the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, which sponsored the concert along with the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Hometown Newspapers*, IHA and the Grand Traverse Pie Company.

"It got off to a great start, and they're always good for a great performance."

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Bicycles lead off the Good Morning USA parade.

PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Mother Nature provided a hot day for the picnic, perfect weather for the splash pad at Plymouth Township Park.

PICNIC

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coming out for the Fourth of July."

Doroshewitz put the call out for volunteers to help this year hoping to attract about 40 people. He got 95.

"I think people just rallied," Doroshewitz said. "Our phone was ringing off the hook."

Volunteers do a variety of jobs: Parking, cooking and wrapping hot dogs, manning the chips and pop stations, dishing out the ice cream.

This year, Party Max donated a couple of inflatable "bouncy" toys for the kids to bounce on, and volunteers manned those. Volunteers painted faces and helped with a fingerprint identification program, sponsored by New York Life.

Ed Snage has volunteered to hand out the ice cream for the last five years. Snage, who also works as a precinct worker in election years and serves on the township's Board of Review, has been joined the last two years by his daughter, Stephanie Fletcher.

"We're a father-daughter team, and we've developed a unique way of handling the ice cream," Snage said with a smile. "We're friendly, and we give them a lot."

Fletcher was all smiles as she dished out ice cream bars to willing youngsters.

"It's great to see everybody," Fletcher said. "I think it's nice to give back to the community."

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July 29	Penny Wells	JC Penney Ford between Sheldon & Morton Taylor	
August 5	The Brothers Groove	Super Bowl Ford between Canton Center & Sheldon	
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Play ball! Signup under way for Miracle League players

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sign up now — and hear “Batter up!” next month. As the Bilkie Family Field, under construction on Theodore Street behind Central Middle School in Plymouth, nears completion, the Miracle League of Plymouth has opened registration for ballgames scheduled to begin there on Saturday, Aug. 27.

“We’ve had a lot of interest all summer. We have a long list of people we’ve just sent the information to,” said Deb Madonna, the league’s commissioner and co-chair of the committee that put together both the plan for bringing the field, designed for special-needs players, to Plymouth, and the fundraising that made it possible.

The field, on land leased to

the league at no cost by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, will be scaled down — each basepath will 35 feet, compared to 90 feet in full-sized fields — and surfaces will be rubberized for safer navigation by children who might be using wheelchairs or walkers. Plymouth’s field will include shelters for the players, a grandstand for spectators, and restrooms.

There will be no grass or raised bases, which could present hazards for some players, and players’ abilities will be the focus of the games in the non-competitive league. Players will have “buddies” who will help them with their games.

An opening day event is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 20; Madonna said players will get their T-shirts and get to meet their buddies, and that a ceremonial first pitch will be thrown out.

The MLP got a boost in April with a \$40,000 challenge grant from the Detroit Tigers Foundation; the league will get the money if it can raise an equal amount.

The official season kicks off the following week.

Registration began Friday and continues through Tuesday, Aug. 9, for the fall season. The fee is \$50 per player for residents and non-residents alike. The league will have four age divisions: 5 to 8; 9 to 12; 13 to 17 and 18 and older.

The fall season begins Aug. 27 and runs through Saturday, Oct. 1, with no games scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 3, because of Labor Day weekend.

Madonna said league games will be scheduled for

Saturdays, with the possibility that other game days could be added.

“Depends on the interest,” she said. “We get the numbers and we’ll add.”

The field’s rubberized surface is scheduled to be installed around Monday, July 18, Madonna said, and construction is set to be wrapped up in about four weeks. “We’re in good shape on all of that,” she said.

Meanwhile, fundraising is surpassing expectations, with the MLP just \$58,000 shy of its overall goal of \$1.1 million. The goal includes the

\$500,000 for construction, the \$300,000 lease value of the property and another \$300,000 for an endowment to cover maintenance and future needs.

“I’m really happy with the fundraising,” Madonna said. “We’re so much farther ahead than I thought.”

The MLP got a boost in April with a \$40,000 challenge grant from the Detroit Tigers Foundation; the league will get the money if it can raise an equal amount. That shouldn’t be a problem, as Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth Township immediately pledged \$25,000 toward the effort and is expected to make its formal donation next week.

The field is being named for the family of Robert Bilkie, Madonna’s co-chair, which made a \$150,000 donation for

the naming rights.

The Miracle League organization was founded in Georgia in 1998, and now has about 250 fields across the country. Plymouth’s field will be the third in Michigan; the other two are in Southfield and Bridgeport.

Registration for the Miracle League of Plymouth can be done at the city’s recreation office at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, during counter hours, noon to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, through Tuesday, Aug. 9. Registration is also available on line; on-line registrants must have an e-mail address on file and a username and password. First-time users can set this up through the recreation department via e-mail: recreation@ci.plymouth.mi.us, or by calling (734)455-6620.

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Girl Scouts leading book drive charge

Local Girl Scouts Christina Christianson and Maha Zahid, Troop 40196, are working on the Girl Scout Silver Award by collecting books for the students of Bennett Elementary School in Detroit.

A fire recently destroyed part of the school, including the library, and caused severe smoke and water damage. The school budget will not allow them to replace library books for their library, or for 23 classrooms.

Donors are being asked to place new or used books at the special Girl Scout Book donation box at the Plymouth District Library through July 26. The types of books needed are preschool to fifth-grade books, accelerated reader books, chapter books, dictionaries, thesauruses and encyclopedias.

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Cruisers take over Michigan Ave. for annual event

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For Don Nicholson, having thousands of cruisers on Michigan Avenue Saturday is the icing on the cake.

The guru of car cruises in and around western Wayne County, Nicholson is expecting a record turnout for the cruise he started four years ago.

"I'm hoping to have 20,000," said the Westland resident. "Last year, we had 16,000 and the year before 9,000. I hope to see that kind of growth again this year."

A part of Autopalooza, run by Pure Michigan, the Motor City Heritage Commission and Visit Detroit, the cruise will stretch from the City of Wayne on the west and Dearborn on the east. It'll feature free music, vehicle displays and nonprofit vendors like the Wayne Rotary Club which will be selling Cruise shirts for \$16.

Nicholson wants Cruisin' Michigan Avenue to become Wayne County's answer to the Woodward Dream Cruise, and attract participants from throughout the metropolitan area as well as surrounding states. Autopalooza is doing just that, promoting the event in Michigan as well as Ontario, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin.

"I already know that a car club is coming this year," he said. "I've been meeting people on Facebook."

There will be three concerts along the route, including the Inkster Summer Music Festival, featuring Trina Renee and band, Straight Ahead and Robert Penn and Band. The official cruise band, the Six Foot Poles, will be at the Avenue Sports Bar and Grille in Wayne, and Jack Demmer Ford in Wayne will host the Black Jack Band.

Businesses like L George's and Brownie's Diner also will be offer-



FILE PHOTO

Don Nicholson is looking for 20,000 classic car buffs to show up for the fourth installment of his annual Cruisin' Michigan Avenue which starts at noon Saturday.

The charity kickoff party on Friday, July 8, at the Automotive Hall of Fame, is a fund raiser for the Dearborn Firefighters Burn Fund.

"We try to support nonprofits rather than be a nonprofit, so we try to be very cost-conscious," he said. "The cruise is designed to bring business to the businesses in the communities and bring and event to families with little or no cost. We don't bring in vendors to compete with the businesses that are here all year long."

"You won't find another cruise in the area the operates without using tax dollars," he added.

As for cruisers, all they need to do is show up anytime after noon Saturday.

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ing specials for cruise watchers and participants. And Polk's Auto in Wayne will host an open house with food and entertainment.

There also will be displays and car shows along the route. There will be an emergency response vehicle show at the Dearborn Heights Hall of Justice at Beech Daly and Michigan Avenue, featuring vintage and new police and fire vehicles, ambulances and tow trucks — "anything to do with emergencies," said Nicholson. Village Ford will host the Mustang Club of Southeast Michigan and Jack Demmer Ford will have the Ford Special Vehicle Team.

This year's sponsors are Village Ford and Scrapbusters in Wayne.

Nicholson is no stranger to car shows. He's been in the business for more than 20 years. He started the Burger Car Show, now known as Autos for Autism, and ran it for seven years for the benefit of the Burger School for Students with Autism in Garden City. He now does a car show for the Western Wayne Skills Center. He has three events coming up after Cruisin' Michigan Avenue — an invitational at the Detroit Historical Museum on July 27; Cruisin' in the Motor City on Aug. 13, a display of alternative fuel vehicles, high end classics, artistically painted and designed and just some good old classics and hot rods on John R in the

Village Theater hosts sculptor's exhibit

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill hosts the works of Tim Schantz through July 27 in the Gallery@VT, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.

Schantz's artistic career started with a broken package of Celluclay that he came across while working at a craft store. Deciding to try to put the flesh back on a Terminator endoskeleton, this Canton artist experimented with scores of small figures until one day he decided to try life size works. Eventually, Schantz realized he would not be satisfied if he did not pursue this course fully.

Using Paper Mache as his primary medium, Schantz manipulates his pieces allowing him to work incrementally on multiple pieces at a time. Through continued work on various projects, Schantz overcomes challenges if a piece is fundamentally flawed by readily taking it apart and reusing the best of it.

Schantz describes his work as introspective in nature describing how his first self-

portrait was a series of three that was eventually combined into a single sculpture, called Three Schisms.

"My work on Three Schism was, in fact, so introspective I was not consciously aware of its implications while I was making it," said artist Tim Schantz. "The schisms were a representation of conflict that had yet to fully manifest and not the allusion to past conflict as I had thought. It was then I realized that this was the best process for me to truly know myself."

A public reception for Schantz and his works has been planned for July 11 from 6-8 p.m. at The Village Theater. The Gallery@VT is open for viewing Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., during public performances at the theater, and by appointment. The Gallery@VT is closed on holidays.

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BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was a huge Fourth of July celebration, Plymouth style.

A variety of events over the weekend helped locals and visitors mark a nation's birthday, with traditional events helping Plymouth cement its reputation as a bustling destination with a small-town feel.

The weekend kicked off with a performance by the Plymouth Community Band Thursday in Kellogg Park. Mother Nature interfered a little bit Saturday, when the first patriotic performance of the Michigan Philharmonic was interrupted first by thunder, then by rain and finally by lightning. Police cut the 90-minute concert short after just 30 minutes.

Then came Sunday's fireworks celebration, which drew hundreds of people to Plymouth Township Park (and countless more who watched from surrounding neighborhoods) for the spectacular 30-minute show.

And, of course, the holiday wrapped up with the Good Morning U.S.A. parade, which got a later start and drew a large, enthusiastic crowd, and the Good Ol' Fashioned Picnic back at

Plymouth Township Park to round out the weekend.

Kathy Scott of Plymouth watched the festivities with her 9-year-old daughter, Emily. While Emily has actually participated in the Memorial Day parade, it was the first trip to the Fourth of July parade for mother and daughter. Emily, a member of Girl Scout Troop 40222 from Smith Elementary School, "wanted to see the horses."

"It brings out different folks," Kathy Scott said. "You get to see the people, and to see what the community offers."

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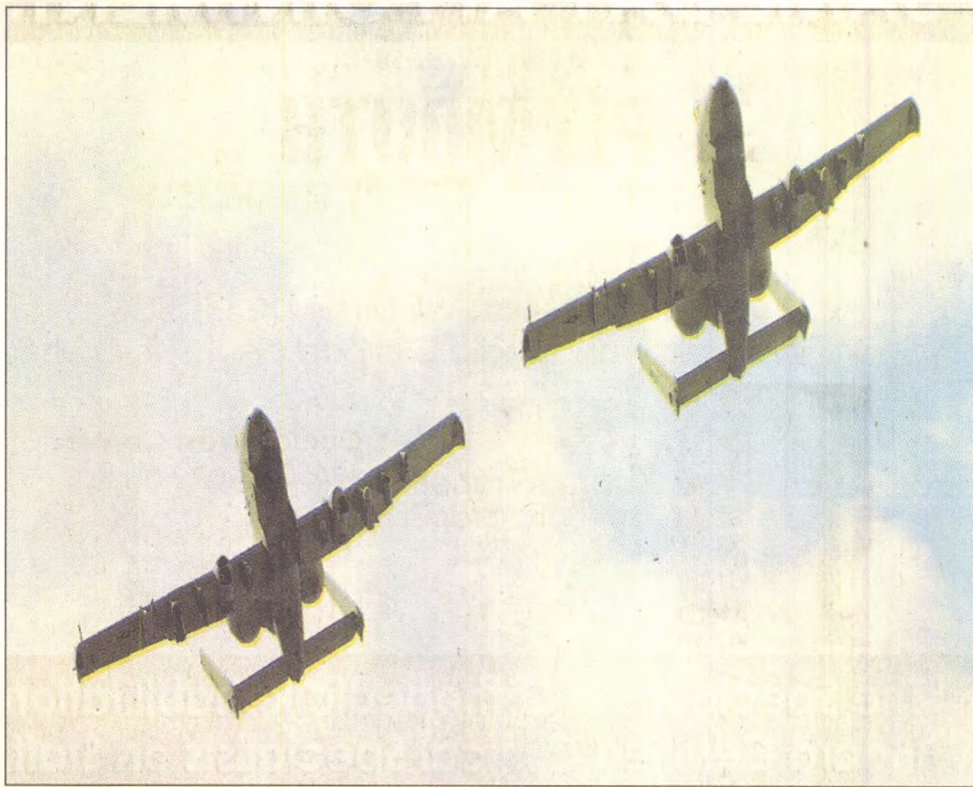
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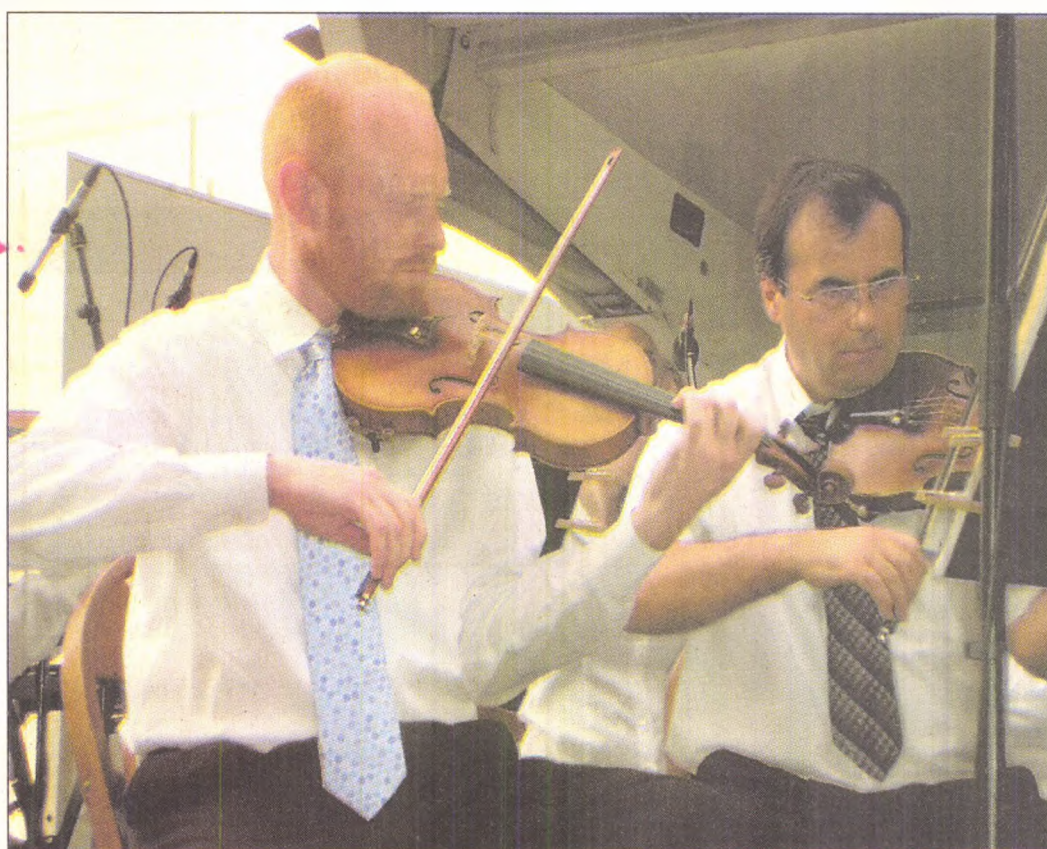
Fred Hill leads the Briefcase Drill Team, perennial parade favorites.



A pair of A-10 Thunderbolts, a tank-killing Air Force plane nicknamed the "Warthog," passed over the parade route a couple of times Monday.



Jill Dille of the Plymouth Garden Club greets the large, enthusiastic crowd.



The Michigan Philharmonic had their Saturday concert cut short by inclement weather.



The expression on 7-month-old Jack Hartke, held by mom Jennifer Hartke, can only mean one thing. He's listening to Steve King and the Dittlies for the very first time, at the Plymouth Township picnic.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Planner promotion

Michigan's largest community planning and design firm, McKenna Associates, has promoted Ann Arbor native Sarah Traxler to Director of Community Development.

Traxler, who in six years at McKenna has provided planning and redevelopment services to several Michigan communities, will oversee the company's expansion of helping municipalities maximize the benefits of federal programs while continuing to provide community planning and design services to dozens of community clients.

"Sarah Traxler is the force behind major successful redevelopment projects that are changing the future of communities by replacing blight and obsolescence with hope and opportunity," said Phillip C. McKenna, AICP, PCP, president and owner of McKenna Associates. "Her work in Saginaw, Wayne and Oakland Counties has made Sarah one of the state's preeminent community development specialists, with a gift for navigating the sometimes complex world of state and federal programs to ensure communities see maximum value for their citizens."

Traxler received a Bachelor's degree from the University of California at Santa Cruz and a Master's in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Michigan. She was also elected a board member of the Michigan Community Development Association and is a sought-after speaker on eminent domain and brownfield redevelopment.

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Ribbon cutting
Rawlinson Photography marks its move to a new location with a 5 p.m. ribbon cutting ceremony Wednesday, July 6.

The ribbon cutting will be followed by an open house, which runs 5-7:30 p.m. Rawlinson Photography is located at 1365 S. Main in Plymouth.

Community garage sale
It is cleaning time! Start gathering up all those items that you no longer need, use, or want. Get a 10'x10' spot

inside the Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena to sell everything and free up extra space in your house! For \$20 you can reserve your spot, but hurry space is limited.

This year, because of the high demand, there will be separate garage sales July 9 and July 23. Each sale runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., so if you do not need to sell but need to buy come to the Plymouth Cultural Center and pick up a hidden treasure. Admission is free.

For more information call (734) 455-6620, e-mail Lauren at lobsniuk@ci.plymouth.mi.us or visit www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

Back to scratch
The Cupcake Station is fifth in the nation in the "Get Back to Scratch" contest, which lets friends, fans and customers vote for its signature item. You are able to vote daily to help the Cupcake Station win a new mixer for its Head Pastry Chef.

Cupcake Station is offering "BOGO FREE" cupcake for each time you vote and bring in your "Thanks for Voting" page at any location. (Limit one Free Cupcake per vote, per day). The contest ends Aug. 21, at 11:59 p.m. Winners will be announced on Sept. 6. Please go to the following link to vote for our Signature Item: <http://www.getbacktoscratch.com/directory/profile/?id=214>



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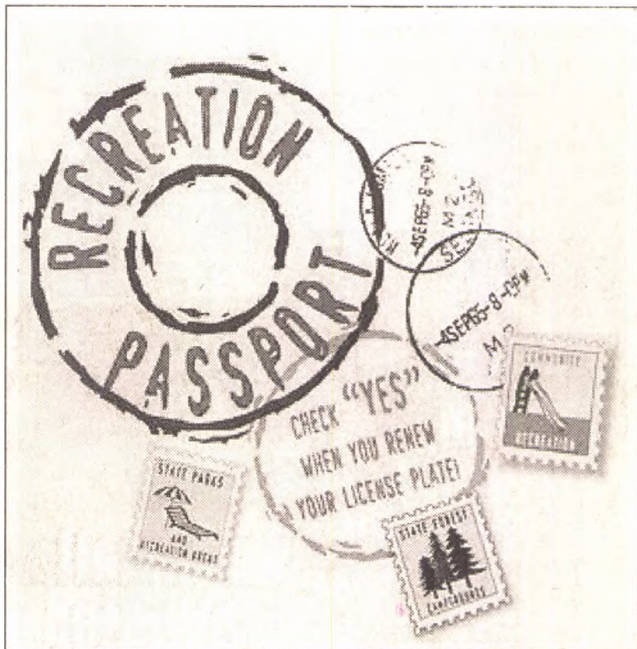
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OUR VIEWS



Recreational passports

Lawmakers' license plate gamble pays off for parks

State lawmakers took a gamble last year that looks like it might be paying off for Michigan's struggling state parks.

Beginning in October, the state offered residents the opportunity to pay an additional \$10 with their annual vehicle registration that would allow them free entry into Michigan's 98 state parks, recreation areas and boat-launch sites. The so-called "recreation passports" represent a substantial savings for regular park patrons who had been paying \$24 for an annual park pass.

More importantly, however, the extra fee provided Michiganders with an easy opportunity to help raise money to properly maintain the state park system.

Recently, Secretary of State Ruth Johnson and Department of Natural Resources Director Rodney Stokes announced that more than one million recreation passports have been sold in the first eight months they were available. That puts the program well on pace to surpass the \$12 million that was generated each year by the former permit system.

DNR officials had estimated that 17 percent of vehicle registrations would have to include a recreation passport in order for the system to sustain funding. As of now, that rate is 20.5 percent and appears to be climbing, according to DNR officials.

As we said in endorsing the new program, we think enough Michigan residents recognize the importance of maintaining a strong state park system that they will be willing to pay an extra \$10 a year for free access to those attractions.

The funds definitely are needed. The park system stopped receiving money from the state's general fund in 2004 and since then has been largely dependent on revenue from entry and camping fees for operations, leaving little money for maintenance and updates. The DNR estimates the parks need about \$38 million for proper maintenance and replacement of facilities, yet in recent years the department could devote only about \$2 million a year to such purposes.

Michigan's state parks are a treasure worth protecting and maintaining. We hope that the initial success of the recreation passport program continues and grows so that the parks get the care and attention that they need.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What's the last good book you read?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" by J.K. Rowling. I'm kind of obsessed with the series.
Shannon Kasinger
Plymouth



"Mr. Brad Has Gone Mad." I read one (in the series) and at the end of it it had that one. They're funny books.
Ava Mitchell
Plymouth



"Thoughtful Gardens" by Robin Lane Fox. It had all these gardens in Europe. There are botanical gardens supported by public bodies all over Europe.
Pat Thomas
director, Plymouth District Library



"The Help." It's about the racial divide in Mississippi" in the 1960s.
Julia Petro
Plymouth

LETTERS

Who's wild-eyed?

In a recent item on Yahoo News regarding speculation about a successor to Secretary of the Treasury Timothy Geithner, an unnamed Republican "source" commented that President Obama had better not nominate a "wild-eyed" candidate if he wants to avoid a confirmation battle that would end in defeat.

According to that "source," the so-called "wild-eyed" candidate would be one who sought to add revenue as part of a solution to the long-term deficit, debt problem. That unacceptable candidate would likely support well-thought-out cuts to eliminate waste while preserving Social Security, sustaining Medicare and Medicaid without negatively impacting service delivery and favor a paring away of defense spending as part of a deal to raise the debt ceiling. I guess a pretty strong majority of the American public, according to several recent polls, must be "wild-eyed" in that context since eliminating luxurious subsidies, modestly increasing taxes on people earning over half a billion per year and cutting defense spending get rave reviews.

At the same time polls show that moves to cut "so-called" entitlements that we all have paid for are very unpopular, ill-advised and should not be part of any deal to raise the debt ceiling.

With a climate for wealthy taxpayers the best in decades and a floundering middle class making far less income, tax revenues as a percentage of GDP are the lowest in decades. Consequently, although most Republicans would have you believe otherwise, we have a huge revenue problem that must be addressed regardless of what the never-elected, not "wild-eyed" anti-tax guru, Grover Norquist says, if the objective is a deal on the debt ceiling.

The not "wild-eyed" Republicans who would attach Draconian cuts, perhaps future "spending caps" or a balanced budget amendment to a debt ceiling deal without any revenue increases would

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likely characterize those who disagree as "wild-eyed." They are the same not "wild-eyed" people who supported the Ryan budget plan which would, according to the CBO, increase debt by \$6 trillion over a decade and would necessitate a debt ceiling increase almost annually. How could Ryan's budget be law with a "spending cap" or balanced budget amendment? Guess we will have to defer to newly announced not "wild-eyed" presidential candidate and noted wordsmith, Thaddeus McCotter, to explain this conundrum since he is knee deep in it.

Mitch Smith
Canton

Vote, for true democracy

Many citizens did not vote in the midterm elections. Those who did vote thought Republicans should have a try at fixing the economy.

Thus, 21 state governments - including governors'

offices and both sides of state houses - are controlled by right-wing ideologues. The most publicized of these states are Texas, Ohio, Wisconsin, Florida and Michigan.

Their governors are followers of longtime anti-government leader Grover Norquist. He developed the modern conservative theory of budgeting, whose main principle is never raise taxes under any circumstances. Norquist believes the budget can be balanced by cutting wasteful spending. His theory is pro-business and advocates more tort reform, tax reduction and spending restraints. Restraints are directed at "parasites" who want something for nothing. An "us vs. them" mentality is established in race, English-only language speakers, natives vs. immigrants. Many views are extensions of Ayn Rand's individualistic "ethical self-interest" in order to protect a political and social order based on wealth and privilege.

The Republican leaders in Congress and state offices are skilled language manipulators. Socialism is a fear-mongering term of derision. They forget the true definition of socialism, which is not against profit, but means the government takes over certain things - Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, school lunch programs, fire and police departments, parks, schools, public libraries.

America has been built on positive socialism. Benjamin Franklin first proposed public libraries, fire departments, parks, street lights.

Currently there is a backlash against ideological, unfair, unbalanced theories and practices regarding the economy, budgets and jobs. The economy is not being fixed. There are demonstrations; recall petitions are being formed. Grassroots efforts to create change must start now. One hopes voter turnout will increase in the 2012 election and a true democracy will function well for all.

Hannah Provence Donigan
Commerce Township

'Entitlement' not just for the rank and file

BY JERRY VORVA
GUEST COLUMNIST

Due to the present state of our economy we have been forced to examine the cost and effectiveness of all levels of government.

Those of us in the private sector have felt the full force of a devastating five-year recession. We have suffered pay and benefit reductions, loss of jobs, destruction of 401(k)s and retirement accounts, extreme loss of value in homes, and even the actual loss of personal residence in foreclosure actions.

All of this while the public sector was artificially held harmless with

our tax dollars vis-a-vis state and local overspending and the Obama stimulus which, as designed, only helped the public sector.

Now, as we ask the public sector to help by taking modest reductions, we are witness to the extreme entitlement attitudes that we always knew were there. They have demonstrated a la Greece, with violent protest, work stoppages and screaming demands for the status quo.

These attitudes, though, are not just the purview of the rank-and-file union member but equally rampant in elected and administrative ranks, as well. I offer these true accounts, which I have been telling for years, as evidence.

While I was a state representative I was talking with a couple of other legislators, when one of them

began to praise the pay raise and benefit increase that was bestowed on us. I asked him, "What about the taxpayer?" He replied without hesitation "screw the taxpayer, they get what they have coming. They have no idea what we do here. They need us, not the other way around." Sadly, this attitude was prevalent in both caucuses.

As I was working on Prop A, schools of choice, charter schools, fines for striking teachers and a change from defined benefit to defined contribution system I was asked to meet with the local MEA members in Livonia. The members there wanted no part of these reforms. I asked how any of these reforms hurt the children. I was told "It's not about the kids, it's about our benefits."

When they realized that I was

unmoved by their positions they said, "You had better hope that your kids don't have to go to public schools."

My wife and I home-schooled our children until sixth grade, then used private schools for middle and high school. Now, we see the violence in Madison, Wis., protests in Lansing and our local firefighters attempting to force us to pay more in taxes to maintain the status quo that has helped to bankrupt us.

As further evidence of the entrenched attitudes, I offer a more recent account from right here in Plymouth. Recently I was at a fundraiser. Present, of course, were the usual political suspects. While there I entered upon discussions on both revenue to and cost of government. At one point I started to talk about staffing levels of the

local police departments with the Plymouth Township chief of police. Finally, I got him to agree that he and I could police both the township and city of Plymouth with the staffing level of the township alone, saving millions.

It seems we have finally come to an awakening. In historic elections, Michiganders and other Americans are on the precipice of reigning in, redefining, and restoring the proper balance and original design of taxpayer/public employee relationship. We are reminding the public servants at every level that we hire them to serve us not the other way around.

Jerry Vorva is a local businessman, former state representative, city commissioner, police officer and president of the local police union.

Portfolios, like gardens, need maintenance

BY RICK BLOOM
GUEST COLUMNIST

The first half of 2011 is over and it has been an incredible six months. It seems the world has gone from one major event to another. Each event has had an impact on consumers.



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

We have seen the ongoing strife in the Middle East with regimes falling (Egypt) and others (Syria and Libya) resorting to barbaric tactics to remain

in power. The events have a direct impact on us. We have all seen oil prices surge since the beginning of the year. It's funny, we now think \$3.50 for a gallon of gas is actually cheap.

The first six months of the year also saw a variety of issues that impact us in the euro zone. As the European economies try to get their fiscal houses in order, cracks in the coalition have developed. In addition, populations throughout Europe, particularly Greece, have resisted necessary financial changes.

Problems in the euro zone affect us here at home. Europe is a major trading partner and our economies are interconnected. A collapse of a country in the euro zone impacts our financial markets.

Closer to home during the

first half of the year we have seen a roller coaster ride in the economy. At the beginning of 2011 it appeared we had turned the corner and the economic recovery was gaining speed. By the end of the first half of the year with rising unemployment, the conversation has shifted from whether the current stall is temporary or not.

However, we can debate the issues all we want, however, we can't change them. What we need to focus on is what can affect our portfolios.

MAKE CHANGES

It's a great time to review your portfolio and make adjustments where necessary. I recommend the strategy known as asset allocation where you're allocating your investment dollars into a variety of different asset classes. For example, emerging market, government securities and small cap U.S. are examples of asset classes. Typically, an investor is going

to have many asset classes in his/her portfolio. The typical portfolio I manage probably has 15 asset classes. The key to maintaining a portfolio is to rebalance your portfolio on a regular basis (such as every six months).

If you've allocated 10 percent of your portfolio to investment grade corporate bonds and now it represents 15 percent of your portfolio, the strategy would be to sell five percent and invest that in an asset class that is underweight. Following this strategy allows you to buy low, sell high.

Investors should not blindly

stay in an investment just because they've had it for years. The question is, however, when do you sell? My rule is that I do my research ahead of time and generally I'm going to stay with an investment for at least two to three years. If after that period the investment is underperforming others in its asset class, then generally that is my signal to sell. I don't have loyalties when it comes to investments and I don't love them. Investments are a tool. If that "tool" stops working, I'm leaving it and moving on.

For those who manage their own investments, the buy and

ignore method just doesn't work. Portfolios are like gardens — they start out beautiful but if you don't take care of them they become an eyesore.

This is a great time of year to do some maintenance on your portfolio. Just like a little weeding in the garden can make your garden bloom, a little pruning of your portfolio can keep it growing.

Good luck!

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

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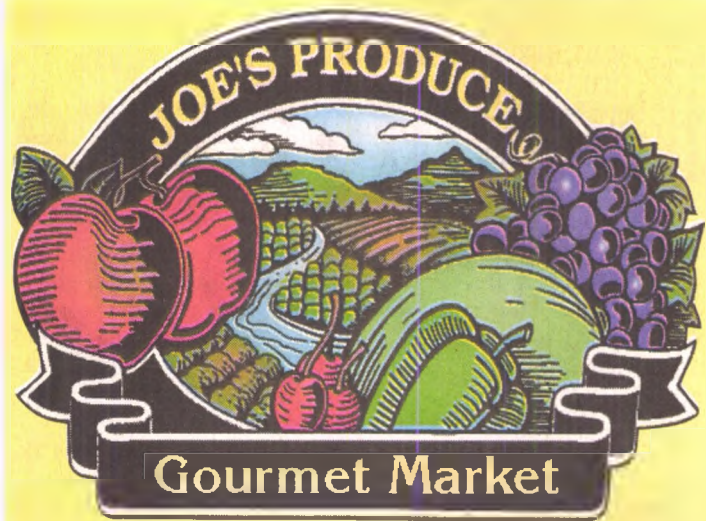
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Novice golfers benefit from pro's advice

Hickory Creek's Bealert teaches the game to newcomers

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's never too late for middle-aged men and women to get serious about golf, and some have found their perfect instructor in Hickory Creek Golf Course's Tami Bealert.

The Hickory Creek PGA pro's "New to Golf" class is drawing rave reviews and repeat customers from folks who took different paths to sign up for the six-week program.

For example, 50-year-old Charlene Warner of Canton is a forensic analyst for the Michigan State Police and needed a stress-buster. All of her co-workers hit the links with regularity and finally convinced her to look at it.

"The kind of stuff we look at, you don't walk away from it," Warner said. "It stays with you, very graphic. And I said, 'Why are you guys so into golf?'"

"And they said it's because they can go out there and forget



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Hickory Creek instructor Tami Bealert talks to 'New to Golf' students Lawrence Weathersby (left) and Margaret Panoff, both of Canton.

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SIDELINES

Hildebrandt stars

The first-place Michigan Bucks struggled in the road Sunday, but came away with a critical point in a Premier Development League 0-0 men's soccer draw against the host Hamilton (Ontario) FC Rage at Brian Timmis Field.

Goalkeeper Mitch Hildebrandt (Livonia Stevenson) notched his eighth shutout of the season as he made several key saves including a beauty in stoppage time to deny the Rage a late game-winner.

"There has really been only one part of our team that has been consistent game-in and game-out, and that has been Mitch," Bucks coach Gary Parsons said of the Oakland University keeper. "He has been brilliant in every game this season and has not taken a minute off. We have let him down more than once defensively and he has continued to bail us out. I haven't seen all the teams in the PDL this season, but I can't imagine another keeper with a better highlight reel of saves than Mitch has this year."

The Bucks stand 8-1-2 (26 points) in the PDL's Great Lakes Division of the Central Conference, while Hamilton (3-5-3, 12 points) kept its faint hope alive in the franchise's inaugural season.

"If we are going to succeed and make a run in the playoffs, we need everyone to step up and play to the same standard as Mitch has committed to this season," Parsons said.

The Bucks returned to action Wednesday in South Bend to take on the Indiana Invaders, another tough team trying to secure the third and final playoff spot in the Great Lakes Division.

The Bucks then return home Saturday at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac to face the Cincinnati Kings. Game time is 7:30 p.m. and it will include Bucks Hall of Fame Night.

Tickets are \$10 (adults 16-and-over) and \$7 (youth at the door). Children 5-and-under will be admitted free. All advance tickets are \$5 if purchased online by visiting www.bucksoccer.com.

Maybury Classic

The 2011 Road Runner Classic, presented by the Northville Road Runners, will be Saturday, July 23, at historic Maybury State Park, located off the Eight Mile Road entrance, one mile west of Beck, in Northville.

The Classic, which will benefit the Friends of Maybury, includes a 1-mile run-walk (on a paved trail) starting at 5 p.m. followed by an 8-kilometer run-walk (on dirt and paved trails) at 5:30 p.m.

Post-race activities include Little Caesars Pizza, live music, libations and homemade baked goods.

The family fun event features friends-on, face painting and hands-on activities.

Cash awards will go to the overall male and female winners, along with masters (over-40) male and female champions. First-, second- and third-place age-group awards will also be presented, along with finishing medals for all 1-mile participants.

T-shirts will go to all pre-registered 8K runners.

The cost for the 8K is \$25 (before July 21) or \$30 (race day). The 1-mile fee is \$5. Race day registration starts at 3 p.m.

For more information, visit www.northvilleroadrunners.org.

Coaches wanted

Wayne Memorial High School is accepting applications for girls varsity volleyball coach and boys varsity cross country coach for the fall season, along with a boys varsity track coach for the spring season (2011-12).

Interested applicants should contact Greg Ambrose at (734) 419-2201; or e-mail ambrose@wwcs.k12.mi.us.

Larry Solomon of Farmington Hills (at right) and Tom Fisher won the 75-and-over doubles title in the Midwest Super Senior tournament.

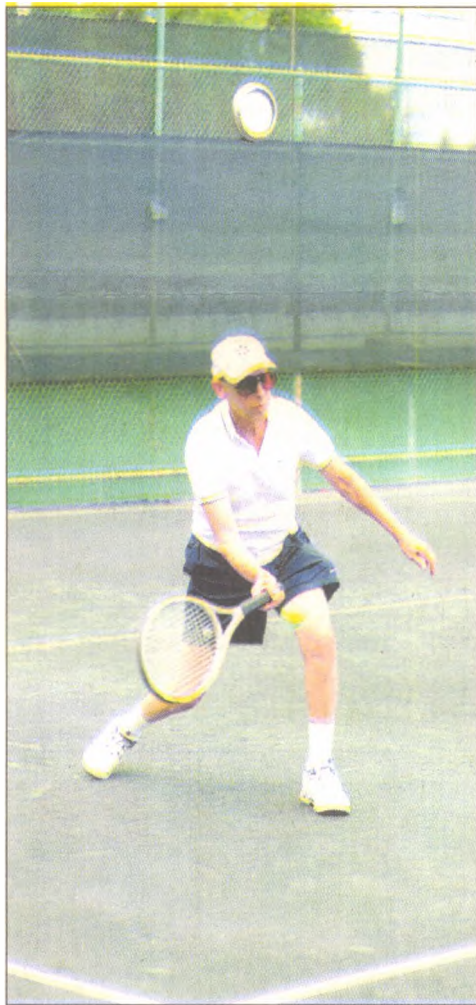


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He's still a tennis champion at age 76

Farmington Hills' Solomon rates Super Senior label

BY DAN O'MEARA
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Larry Solomon of Farmington Hills has played tennis nearly his entire life, and he can still swing a mean racket at age 76.

He and Tom Fisher won the 75-and-over doubles tournament in the recent Midwest Super Senior Clay Court Championships at the Detroit Tennis & Squash Club.

Solomon, a longtime member of the Farmington Hills club, wasn't there to earn USTA points or boost his ranking, however.

"If I'm feeling well, I might play the nationals," he said. "I really just played it because it's fun. I played tennis through high school and college, and I played some national tournaments in the 60s. I just love the game."

When he says the 60s, Solomon means the 60-and-over age group, although he was quite the accom-

plished tennis player before the 1960s.

While a student at Wayne State University, he and his brother won the Presidents Athletic Conference doubles title in the mid '50s.

Solomon and another Michigan serviceman later won the U.S. Eighth Army doubles championship, and Solomon was the runner-up in singles.

Solomon, who worked in the City of Detroit finance department, earned a No. 5 national ranking in the 60-and-over age group 14 years ago. He and Fisher also won the USTA Midwest doubles title in the 65-and-over bracket.

"I don't travel and play tennis much any more," Solomon said, adding he stopped doing that in his late 60s. "I don't play very many tournaments now, because singles

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Ex-Whaler gets big \$\$\$ in deal with Columbus

Canton's Wisniewski signs for \$33 million

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton's James Wisniewski is on the move again in the National Hockey League, but this time it appears he's buying instead of renting.

The 27-year-old defenseman, who has played with five different NHL clubs, signed a lucrative six-year, \$33-million contract Friday with the Columbus Blue Jackets.

Wisniewski, coming off his best NHL season, ranked fifth among defensemen in offense scoring 10 goals and adding 41 assists while playing 32 games for the New York Islanders and the last 43 with the Montreal. (The Canadiens traded his negotiating rights on Wednesday and will receive a fifth-round pick as compensation.)

"My family and I are really excited to be a part of the Blue Jackets organization, and I'm looking forward to getting to Columbus to help this team win games," Wisniewski said in a press release. "I think this is a team that is ready to take the next step and I'm excited to help us become a winning team and a Stanley Cup contender."

The 5-foot-11, 208-pound Wisniewski, a former Plymouth Whaler and fifth-round pick (156th overall) by the Chicago Blackhawks, has appeared in 329 NHL games scoring 27 goals and adding 121 assists.

He has also made 18 Stanley Cup playoff appearances including 12 games with the Anaheim Ducks (2008-09) and six last season with the Canadiens.

"There were less than about six-to-eight teams that my agent and I have figured out that had a chance to sign a defenseman with a need for a defenseman like that," Wisniewski told the NHL Network on Friday. "So, for me to get my rights traded to Columbus is a pretty exciting move, especially seeing that they traded for Jeff Carter (an All-Star from Philadelphia) . . . and they look like they're in the right direction to me."

The Blue Jackets hope Wisniewski becomes a key member of the team's revamped blue line.

"James is a player we identified very early on and we are thrilled to have him as a member of the Columbus Blue Jackets," Columbus general manager Scott Howson said in a press release. "He brings an offensive skill and grit to our blue-line, character to our dressing room and will be a key contributor to our hockey club."

Speculation about Wisniewski going to his hometown Detroit Red Wings, who were in the market for a defenseman after Brian Rafalski's retirement, were just rumors.

"For me, knowing Detroit's history that they only pay the market value for a defenseman or any player, so I didn't think it would be a fit for myself," Wisniewski said. "And being in Columbus, it's three hours away. It's close

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF PLYMOUTH WHALERS

Canton native and former Plymouth Whaler James Wisniewski signed a lucrative deal last week with the NHL's Columbus Blue Jackets. He finished the 2010-11 season with Montreal.



Canton native and former Plymouth Whaler James Wisniewski signed a lucrative deal last week with the NHL's Columbus Blue Jackets.

All-Area golf team features a state champion

ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM
 Max Kollin, N. Farmington: Kollin had an outstanding junior year in which he won the Division 1 individual state championship. He shot 73-71 at Oakland University, finished in a two-way tie for first place and won a playoff on the first hole.

A repeat member of the first team, Kollin also won the Farmington and Huron Valley invites, the Oakland County Division 1 and city tournaments. He averaged 73.7 in tournaments and 37.5 in nine-hole matches. Kollin's best round was the four-under 68 he shot to win the county title.

"He is so deserving of this award and other awards that will, hopefully, come his way," coach Bruce Sutton said. "He has an enormous talent. I think he has an unlimited future in golf. I really believe there's going to be a D-1 school that is going to get him. I know he will be a great addition to whatever school he selects. When you look at his year, he is a golfer; he's just a very competitive golfer."

Nick Williams, N. Farmington: Williams makes his third consecutive appearance on the all-area first team. Williams, a four-year varsity player who has a scholarship to Grand Valley State, averaged 76.5 in tournaments and 38.3 in nine-hole matches. He shot sub-80 rounds in 11 of 13 tournaments. His best was a one-under 71 to win the second OAA White Division tournament.

"He's such a great young man," coach Sutton said. "When you talk about a person of his ability, when you have a bad round of 79, most people would be very happy with that. He had a roller-coaster season (ranging from par to the high 70s) and he wasn't satisfied with it, but I would take a roller-coaster ride with him playing any day."

"He was a statesman for the team. When we had eighth-grade orientation, he'd be there trying to recruit future golfers for the team. He represented North Farmington very well. He is going to really shine when he gets to Grand Valley."

Josh Heinze, Plymouth: The junior averaged 77.8 per 18 holes this season and was the overall medalist at the KLAA Conference Championship shooting a one-under-par 71 at Pheasant Run.

Heinze also placed second at the Legacy Tournament, with a one-under-par 71, and played 18-hole tournaments on 10 occasions.

His efforts were key to the Wildcats reaching the Division 1 state meet for the second straight season. Plymouth also finished 9-1 to win the KLAA South Division.

"These four guys have led our team both by the play on the course and their behavior on and off the course," said Plymouth coach Chris Moore about his All-Observer quartet of Heinze, Justin Bauer, Kyle Rodes and Ryan Rieckhoff. "All four gentle-

2011 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS GOLF FIRST TEAM

Max Kollin, Jr., N. Farmington
 Nick Williams, Sr., N. Farmington
 Josh Heinze, Jr., Plymouth
 Justin Bauer, Sr., Plymouth
 Ben Proben, Jr., Churchill
 Anthony Serafa, Sr., Harrison

SECOND TEAM

Matt Coursen, Sr., N. Farmington
 Adam Giordano, Sr., Stevenson
 Brian Patterson, Soph., Salem
 Kyle Rodes, Soph., Plymouth
 Ryan Rieckhoff, Soph., Plymouth
 Eric Duprey, Jr., Salem

COACH OF THE YEAR

Bruce Sutton, North Farmington

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Canton: Brandon Laabs, Frank Parzynski; **Churchill:** Andrew Ioanou, Nick Proben, Chris Theile; **Farmington:** Austin LeGault, Jimmy Patterson; **Franklin:** Drake Herrmann; **Garden City:** Allen Eizember, Tom Firavich, Phil Miskulin; **Harrison:** Tommy Somerville, Curtis Coscarelli; **John Glenn:** Josh DuPrie; **North Farmington:** Blake Burnett, John Durst; **Plymouth:** John Tatti; **Redford Union:** Josh Marlow; **Salem:** Josh Perrin; **Stevenson:** Cam Tetrault, Dante Cicchelli, Nick Marsh; **Thurston:** Alex Carroll; **Wayne:** Zachary Williamson.



Harrison senior Anthony Serafa is an all-area, first-team player.

man also excel in the classroom as well as on the course.

"As a coach, I could not ask for better players to lead our team."

Justin Bauer, Plymouth: Another Plymouth stalwart on the team's run to the D1 state meet, Bauer averaged 78.3 for 18 holes (based on 10 tournaments).

He also finished second at the district tournament at Whispering Willows with a one-over-par 73.

Bauer's consistent excellence sparked the Wildcats over his career, as the team reached the state championships in three consecutive seasons.

Ben Proben, Churchill: The junior was named Churchill's MVP for the second year in a row after averaging 38.2 per nine holes and 78.5 for 18.

Proben, who helped the Chargers to a second place finish in the KLA's South Division, earned a runner-up finish in the Wayne County Invitational with a 75 at Dearborn Country Club and also placed third in the Division 1 district with a 73 at Whispering Willows.

"Ben is also a scholar athlete for the second straight year," coach Paul Worley said. "His easy demeanor on the course and his excellent short game this season has made Ben a more complete player and has led to his success this season."

Anthony Serafa, Harrison: Serafa was one of the few four-year players in Harrison history. He had a fine tournament season, averaging 78.7 in eight events. Serafa won the first OAA White Division meet with a 75 at Huron Meadows. He also was fifth (75) in the Seaholm Invite, 16th (77) in the Bedford Invite and seventh

(78) in the second OAA tourney. Serafa was an individual regional qualifier at Huron Meadows, and he will play for Oakland Community College next year.

"He made steady improvement over four years," coach Bill Spencer said. "He had good tournament scores this year. Dual matches don't mean too much; it's what you do in tournaments, on the big courses."

"His short game is probably where he still has to work, but he hits the ball a long ways. If you can get up and down on a few holes, you're going to save yourself a lot of strokes, and you're going to be shooting in the 70s. "You don't get somebody like that very often for all four years. He's been a gentleman, a real positive asset for those four years."

ALL-AREA SECOND TEAM

Matt Coursen, N. Farmington: Asked to comment on Coursen, coach Bruce Sutton said: "Mister 82!" That's how he was known in past seasons because of his consistent rounds of 82. That changed this year as Coursen dropped his tournament average to 79.2; he shot 39.8 in nine-hole matches. His lower scores helped the Raiders have the successful season they did. Coursen shot a one-over 73 in the second OAA event and a 75 in the district tournament, both at Huron Meadows.

"He brought his game to the forefront this year, knowing he couldn't shoot 82s any more," coach Sutton said. "He had to be in the 70s. Going back to last summer, he really wanted to step up and be one of those golfers we could depend on for a great

score, and he just delivered each and every time.

"It was interesting to see him in the trees and rough from time to time, but he sure got the job done when he needed to. It was great to have him on team. He's such a nice young man; he always has a smile on his face."

Adam Giordano, Stevenson: The four-year varsity performer and team captain played in every match for the Spartans.

Giordano averaged 38 for nine holes and 81 during 18-hole tournament play.

He was medalist in six matches and earned all-Kensington honors with a 77. Giordano added a 77 at the Division 1 district tournament at Huron and was a four-time Livonia City champion.

Giordano plans to attend Ferris State and major in pro golf management.

"Adam was by far the most coachable player I've ever coached," Jim Omietanski said. "He was well respected by his teammates and players from other schools. Adam will be missed by everyone next year."

Brian Patterson, Salem: The sophomore averaged 79 per 18 strokes, the lowest on the Rocks.

Highlights included earning team medalist honors at Oakland University's Katke-Cousins (82), the Huron Valley Invitational (80) and in a nine-hole dual meet against South Lyon.

He also was fifth overall at the U-D Jesuit Saturday Shootout at Golden Fox Golf Club.

"Brian has an extremely strong work ethic," Salem coach Ryan Nimmerguth said. "He is always putting extra time in to work on his game."

"He consistently shows a passion for golf and I look for him to continue to improve these next two years."

Kyle Rodes, Plymouth: Like his varsity teammates, Rodes competed in 10 18-hole tournaments in 2011, averaging 78.9 strokes.

He placed third at the Legacy Tournament with a one-under-par 71 and teamed up with Ryan Rieckhoff at the state tournament for a total of 155 over two days.

Ryan Rieckhoff, Plymouth: The sophomore tallied a 79.7 average over 10 18-hole tournaments.

On the second day of the D1 state tournament, he registered a score of 74 and finished that round in 15th place.

Eric Duprey, Salem: The third-year varsity golfer continues to be an instrumental member of the Rocks, delivering big clutch situations.

At Fox Hills in a dual meet against Novi, Duprey was the overall medalist with a score of 35 (for nine holes). He was medalist against Livonia Stevenson, registering a score of 39.

Other highlights included finishing fourth overall at the Dearborn Elite Invitational and 11th overall at the Wayne County Invitational. Both events were at Dearborn Country Club and he shot an 80 each time.

"Eric has been an intricate



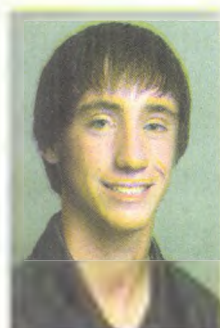
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Bruce Sutton N. Farmington

member on the Salem golf team for the last three years," Nimmerguth said. "He has spent his entire career at the varsity level. He has a love for the game and I know he will continue to strive to improve."

COACH OF THE YEAR

Bruce Sutton, N. Farmington: Sutton was named Coach of the Year for the second time in three seasons after guiding the Raiders to another successful campaign.

The Raiders, who were undefeated in seven duals, won both OAA White Division tournaments and the overall championship. They shot a season-best 298 in the second event.

North also won the Jackson Lumen Christi and Dearborn invites. It was second in the Division 1 district at Huron

Meadows, the Huron Valley and West Bloomfield invites and the Oakland County Division 1 tournament at Pontiac Country Club.

The Raiders, who were ranked No. 4 in the D-1 coaches poll, just missed qualifying for state, shooting a 309 and finishing fourth at Lyon Oaks.

"We had such a great season," Sutton said. "It's true that everything must end. This was a very special team, and we had high expectations. We had a great season, and I really hated to see this end."

"I'm very proud of the boys. We dedicated ourselves four years ago to put North Farmington on the map. They have sure made North Farmington known as a golf team. We put ourselves out there."



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Cards flying high

The 2011 Canton Cardinals, a 10-and-under travel baseball team, has enjoyed a successful summer tournament season and is headed to the USSSA AA World Series in Canton. The Cardinals are champions of the Lincoln First Pitch Tournament, BPA Spring Classic in Farmington Hills, USSSA May Tags Tournament in Hartland, Henway Clash in Farmington Hills, along with and runner-up finish in the USSSA AA state championship in Canton. Team members include (bottom row, from left): Robby Begley, Ryan Zerona, Thomas Harvey, Guido Costantino, Michael Kruszka, Kyle Aniol; (middle row, from left) Ryan McAuliffe, D.J. Jablonski, Mitch Harber, Adam Pitcole, Jimmy Knittel, Seth Troszak; (top row, from left) coaches Bob Begley, Jim Knittel, Rich Harvey, Pat McAuliffe, and Don Harber.

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enough for the family to come, but far enough to keep them away (laugh).
 "Actually, I went down to Columbus with my agent Bill Zito on Wednesday night and spoke with Scott Howson and Scott Arniel (head coach). On Thursday morning I got a tour of the rink and got to see the city, and see their future plans.
 "Everything was adding up as far as going in the right direction, and I was getting really excited to be a part of

that. It's something new and something fresh, and being a key guy in the rebirth and trying to become a winning organization."
 Wisniewski made his NHL debut with the Hawks during the 2005-06 season. He was traded on March 4, 2009 to the Ducks, who held onto him until July 30, 2010 when they shipped Wisniewski to the Islanders for a conditional third-round draft pick.
 On Dec. 28, 2010, the Islanders traded Wisniewski to Montreal for a second-round draft pick and a conditional fifth-round pick.
 Wisniewski can now unpack

his bags and not put the movers on speed dial.
 "Just having the five one-year deals in a row is mentally exhausting," Wisniewski told the NHL Network. "Every year thinking I had a good year, I'll get a long-term deal instead of getting a one-year deal or arbitrate. I went through arbitration two years in a row."
 "Finally, trying to become an elite defenseman and getting the long-term security, to be able to settle down and raise a family with my wife and I moving to Columbus, is a beautiful place to be and to live."
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everything they see. I said, 'I need that.'

So does Lawrence Weathersby, 53, a Canton man who like Warner is now starting his second straight New to Golf session at Hickory Creek (Ford Road just west of the Canton border).

"I had a kidney transplant 17 months ago," Weathersby said. "So, I (was) just vegging on the couch. My wife (Angela) said I needed a hobby, to get out of the house and do something."

"Doctors told me I needed to get out and exercise. So I didn't know what I wanted to do."

His wife bought Lawrence a starter set of clubs, and he subsequently noticed a sign near Hickory Creek about golf lessons.

So far, so good, as he signed up for an encore session of New to Golf, which takes place Tuesday evenings.

Although Weathersby continues to take things slowly — he is building up his strength while alleviating the hypertension that contributed to his kidney disorder — he couldn't be more thrilled about finding something he can do for years to come.

"I just got the clearance to get out and do some physical activity," he said. "So I'll take a nap, then come out here and I won't do anything else (after that). My energy level is still low."

"But it makes me feel good because it's a sense of accomplishment."

DIAL IT DOWN

Weathersby joked about wanting to power his way to success in whatever game he tackles. But he's changing his tune thanks to Bealert.

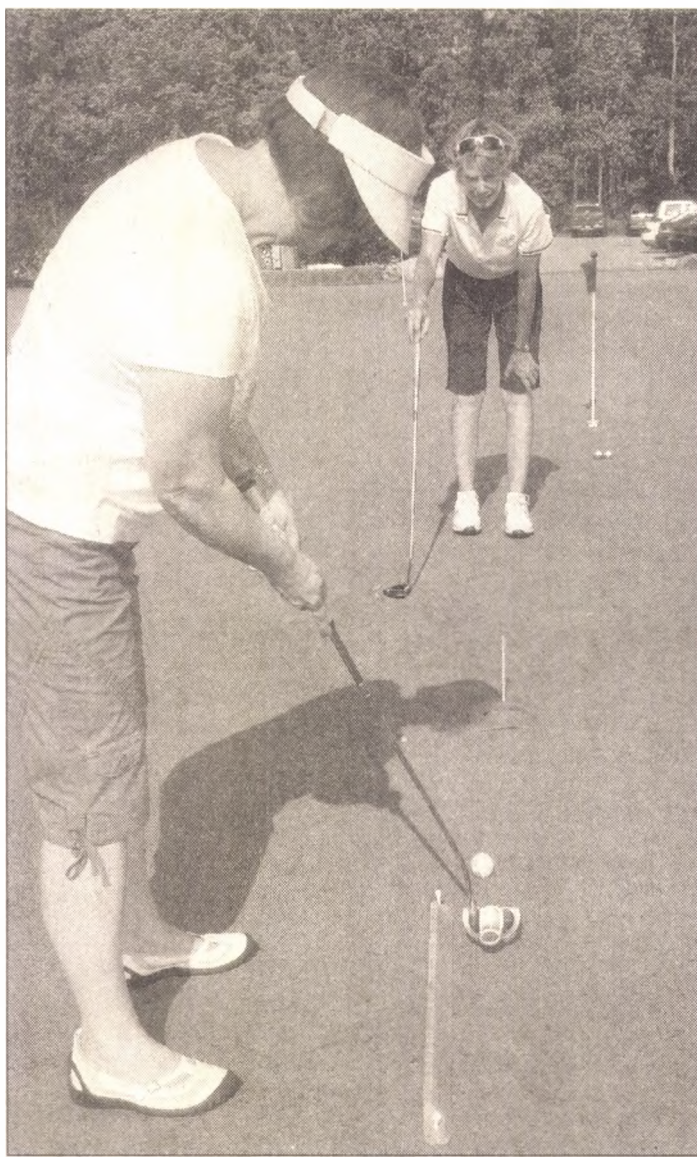
"She's a good teacher," Weathersby said. "She takes her time and works with us."

"... Since I've started taking this class, I feel really much better as far as holding the club, swinging the club, making contact. And not so much using power at this point, you know? I figure that will come."

New to Golf is transforming Warner, who said she used to throw her clubs into the creek — at the local miniature golf course.

"That's all I did before was Putt-Putt, so this has made a world of difference," Warner said. "Now I can hit the ball. I know what the clubs are now."

Her police colleagues also have noticed a difference with



Hickory Creek golf pro Tami Bealert (background) works with Canton's Joanne Mouch as she practices on the putting green.

her demeanor.

"Even my co-workers are like, 'Man, you're a lot nicer,'" she said.

According to Bealert, also a Canton resident, instrumental to her ability to reach new golfers is the fact she takes things slowly and doesn't talk down to the students.

There are handouts to review at home, as well as a number of various golf props and demonstrations all designed to boil down a particular day's activity into something easy to remember.

TAKE YOUR TIME

Bealert said a lot of novice golfers tend to "grab a club, go to the range, take the biggest, longest club, never have a lesson and try to whack at it rather than take it in small steps."

New to Golf students quickly find out that kind of approach doesn't cut it, for those who want to be consistent and play well.

"I always start with putting, and then chipping and then pitching," Bealert said. "It's a progression. I start from the small swing and build up."

Also building up is the clientele for the class.

"I think it's working out great," she said. "The New to Golf class is basically a beginner's class. We call it New to Golf because it just sounds better."

"Because you are actually a new golfer for like two or three years, you got to start somewhere and it doesn't matter how old you are."

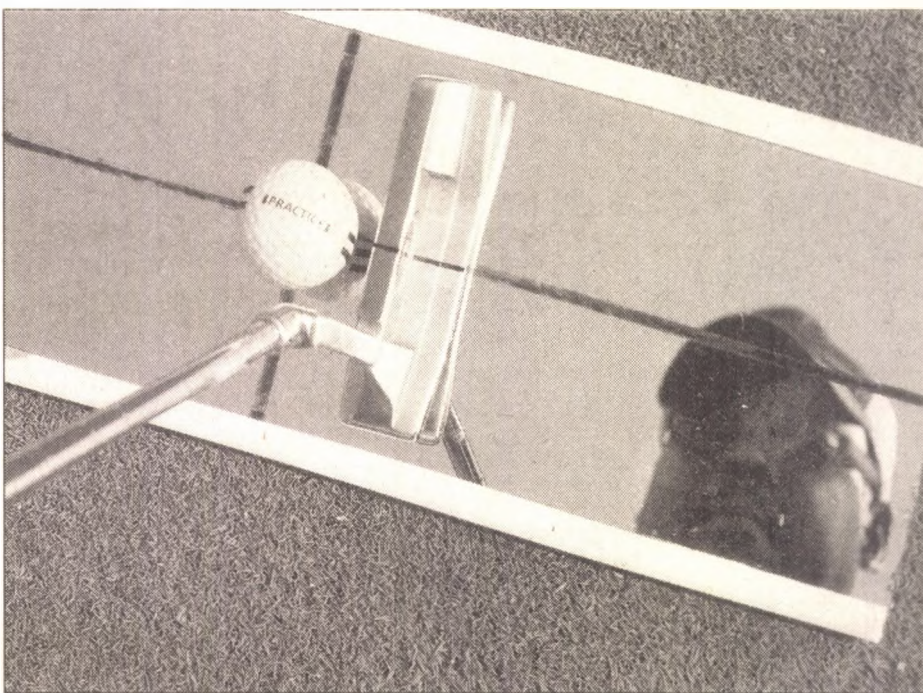
Meanwhile, Warner and Weathersby are back for another round of the New to Golf program because they know they're works in progress as far as being competent linksters is concerned.

"I still have a lot to learn," Warner said. "I'll be out here practicing, this is definitely a practice game."

"Based on how much it helps me with the stress from my work, I'll be out here a lot."

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Canton's Lawrence Weathersby uses a putting tool to make sure he correctly lines up his next try.

It's never too late to learn

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Not every person Tami Bealert instructs at Hickory Creek's "New to Golf" series is a newcomer to the sport.

Consider Thom Bales of Ann Arbor. He's a tournament winner (The Mulligan Tour, anybody?) who still finds time to tweak his game in Bealert's weekly class at Hickory Creek Golf Course.

Bales took up golf to about seven years ago, mainly to have something to do with his then-retired dad Bill.

"He said he plays golf, so I bought a cheap set of clubs at Meijer and started playing," Thom Bales recalled.

But it wasn't until 2010, several years after joining The Mulligan Tour (a for-fun-only junket that visits courses all over southeast Michigan), that Bales decided he could use a little bit of instruction.

"I had a lesson here and there," he said. "But last year I just wasn't playing at the level that I thought I should. I knew I needed to bite the bullet."

A golfing colleague suggested Bealert, a PGA pro at the Superior Township course (just west of Canton), because "he said she was really good with kids. So that made me think maybe she'd be good with me, too."

Bales laughed when he made that comment, but it's no joke how the dozen weekly sessions last year — and additional ones this summer — are helping his game.

When he first signed up for Bealert's class, he had a handicap of 17-18. Now, it's improved to 11-12.

"It's a tip culture, there's all these things you're supposed to do," he said. "One person says do this and another says do that. I think what a teacher or coach helps you do is focus you."

Bealert is there to keep Bales and other golf students from veering into bad habits — whether with their backswing, follow-through or other aspects of the sport.

For Bales, having a sounding board such as



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TENNIS

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is difficult at this age.

"On a warm day, I don't want to play three sets. I still play a little singles, but not in tournaments."

Solomon, who started playing tennis when he was 13 in public parks in Detroit, stays in good shape physically, however.

"I probably play tennis at the club three or four times a week," he said. "I work out at least a couple days a week there and also swim."

"At our age, you have to be in pretty good shape (to play any kind of competitive tennis). Otherwise, you're just standing around."

In the June 23-26 tournament sponsored by Meadowbrook Insurance Group, Solomon and Fisher breezed past the No. 1 seeds in their first match, 6-1, 6-2, and they won by injury default in the final.

"The final was against people whom Tom and I have played with and against," Solomon said. "It

was a 50-50 matchup. I thought we played well, but one of the guys on the other team didn't play as well as he usually does and that was helpful."

Solomon added he and Fisher, who also is 76, play against or with each other at least once a week at the club.

"There aren't a lot of people who play good doubles at age 75," Solomon said, adding they're at the doubles end of the age brackets. "Tom and I are the oldest, and the others are in their 50s and 60s. There are people over 80 who play, but just not at the same level."

OTHERS FARE WELL, TOO

Solomon wasn't the only Farmington Hills player to do well in the Super Senior tournament.

Roberto Boeker was a finalist in the men's 45 bracket, and Mike Lynch won the men's 50 consolation title.

Lynch lost to the eventual runner-up, Jan Akervall, but won his next two matches over Mitsuhsa Koboshi (6-0, 6-1) and Jonathan Frank (7-5, 6-2).

Lynch wasn't that impressed by his comeback performance, however. One of the top five players in the Midwest a few years ago, he's still making a comeback from an injury.

"I wasn't real happy with the way I played, at least from my perspective, at the level I'm used to playing," Lynch said.

"I'm pleased with my progress, because I kinda fought through it. (The recovery and return to playing tournaments is) progressing, and I'm still fighting the age process."

Lynch, 54, also was a longtime runner, logging six miles a day for 20 years, until he suffered a knee injury.

"I thought running would help my tennis," he said. "Eventually, I wore out the cartilage and had to take a break from play tournaments."

Following surgery and some time off, Lynch has been playing tennis again on a regular basis since March.

"It's a good start on the road back," he said. "I've got a little ways

to go for sure. I'm certainly not content with where I'm at now, but I'm working at it hard."

Lynch said he wouldn't miss a chance to play a tournament at Detroit Tennis & Squash Club, and that's not because it's in his hometown.

"I played all over the place for a period of time, and the Detroit Tennis & Squash courts are the nicest I've ever played on," he said. "They're phenomenal clay courts and, of course, clay courts are a little easier on the body."

"They're kept up real nice. (General manager and tournament director) Dean (Snyder) has done a fantastic job on maintenance."

"For a guy like myself who has a passion for tennis, I can play more frequently without the punishment a hard court would give your body. It's much more forgiving. I can play longer, play harder and play more frequently without effects."

Lynch, who works for DTE Energy, won tournaments on consecutive weekends and lost a total



PHOTO BY PHILLIP MATORA

Mike Lynch won the consolation title in the men's 50 age bracket in the Midwest Super Senior tennis tournament.

of just three games the last year he played tournaments.

"That was my highlight," he said. "This was my first tournament

in two years, so I don't have a ranking at present. So, to the other guys my age: Watch out because here I come."

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EDWARDS, BEVERLY J.

Of Grass Lake, age 70, went to be with the Lord June 30, 2011 surrounded by her loving family. She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Edna Solomon. Bev is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 49 years, Cliff; daughter, Lisa (Curt) Lapham; son, Cliff (Hillary) Edwards Jr.; six grandchildren; three great grandchildren; brothers, William (Nicki) and Warren (Beatrice) Solomon; several nieces and nephews. Bev was an example of love and devotion as a child of God, wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. As a lifelong Christian, Bev was a 35 year member of Grass Lake Assembly of God where she mentored countless children through her years of teaching Sunday School, Junior Church, and passing out sticks of gum and smiles from her favorite pew. A devoted and much loved teacher of 35 years in the Garden City School District, Bev continued her love of teaching through substituting and assisting her six grandchildren with countless school projects. She spent her final hours surrounded by her loving family, never failing to make them smile through her humor and love for life. She has promised to send us all a picture text from heaven with a view from her golden golf cart. Services were held July 5, 2011 at Grass Lake Assembly of God. Please sign Bev's guest book at sherwoodfh.com

KONKEL, RUTH

Age 93 of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late Raymond. Loving mother to Susan Schloss, James (Patricia) Konkel, Roger (Jane) Konkel. Dear grandmother of six and great grandmother of 7. Visitation will be held at Fred Wood Funeral Home Rice Chapel, 36100 5 Mile Rd (E. of Levan), Livonia Wednesday 2-9 PM. Funeral service Thursday at St. Michael Catholic Church in state 10:00am until funeral mass at 10:30am.
 Please share your memories at fredwoodfuneralhome.com

LA CROIX, FRANCIS JOSEPH.

of Trenton, 6/30/2011; Age 90. Beloved father of Paul. Dear uncle of Robert Winslow. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (313) 382-1954



MOZI, CAROLINE C.

Age 85, July 2, 2011. Beloved wife of the late Matthew M. Dear mother of Julia Quejado, Harold Hayden Jr., Patricia Pollum, Sharon Bliss and Renee Blankenship. Step-mother of Adele Dubicki. Grandmother of Jamie, Marcy, Jason, Stephanie, Kelly, Dana Jr., Kimberly, A.J., Christopher, Scott, Jeremy and the late Kenny. Great-grandmother of 14. Visitation was Tuesday, July 5 at Santeiu Funeral Home. Mass was Wednesday at St. Dunstan Catholic Church. Interment at St. Hedwig Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, family suggests donations to Hospice of S.E. Michigan. www.santeiufuneralhome.com

PAUL, CLODA RAE

Age 86, July 1, 2011. Beloved wife of the late William Drexal Paul for 55 years. Loving mother of Donna (Marque) Cryderman, Dennis (Lillian) Paul and Debra (Forrest) Miracle. Cherished grandmother of Brittany, Heather and Erika Paul, Ashley and Travis Miracle. Great grandmother of Mae Rose Thomson-Miracle. Step-grandmother of Marque Cryderman, Elizabeth Crowton, and David Cryderman Rose. Step-great-grandmother of Kara, T.J., and Hailey Kowalski, Nick Crowton, Lena and Kaylee Rose, and Levi Cryderman. Also survived by twin sister, Clede Fay Carter. Funeral Service Friday 11 a.m. at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., (1 blk w of Farmington Rd.).
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SAUNDERS, HELEN C.

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STACHOW, KAREN R.

Age 64, died peacefully on June 15, 2011 at Angela Hospice with her husband Dan and her brother Floyd at her side. She is survived by her half-brother Paul Kinder her loving step-daughters Stephanie (Christopher) Soehlen and Stacey (Scott) Perrault and one step-grandson Christopher (C.J.) Soehlen, sister-in-law Joan Stachow and several cousins, nieces and nephews. Memorial service will be held on July 16, 2011 at 10:30am with a Mass at 11:00am at St. Theodore of Canterbury Catholic Church, 8200 N. Wayne Rd., Westland MI 48185. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to Angela Hospice of Livonia or to St. Theodore of Canterbury Catholic Church.

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The parking lot at Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia overflows with household items, recreational equipment, toys, clothing and other gently used donations during its first annual Free Stuff Giveaway last year.

Church gives away 'stuff' to all in need

BY SHARON DARGAY
 O&E STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Todd Lackie promises "no hoops, hurdles or qualifications you have to meet" for those who attend his church's second annual Free Stuff Giveaway on Aug. 6.

"This is not just for the needy. It's for the whole community," said Lackie, pastor of Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia. "One of the things we've discovered, since the economy went the way it went, is that needed used to be thought of as a class issue. Needy today is a situational thing. You find middle class families where dad or mom lost their jobs. They may have a home and lots of things in life, but they may be in a situation where they have a real need now. People who have never been in need before are in need now."

Lackie hopes to fill those needs with gently-used clothing, household items, children's goods and toys, furniture and anything else donated to his church between now and giveaway day.

Anyone interested in obtaining free stuff can attend the giveaway from 9 a.m.-noon on Aug. 6, at the church, located at 20200 Merriman, Livonia; (248) 476-8222

In the meantime, Kenwood Church of Christ is collecting donations for the event.

Gently-used items may be placed in the drop box under the canopy at the church's main entrance.

"The items given will stay locally," he said. "It will help your neighbors."

Last year the church gave away approximately 10,000 items during the event last year.

"It was astounding. We had people lined up waiting before we opened. We had everything from furniture to clothing. We had a sink. We didn't have any major appliances, although we would be glad to receive them," he said.

The church won't take anything that's broken or deemed inappropriate. Volunteers will distribute tickets, representing an allotment of items, to each person who attends the Free Stuff Giveaway. Lackie said the ticketing system ensures that everyone gets something and no one single person takes more than they need. He said the church this year will increase the number of clothing items each participant can take.

Kenwood Church of Christ reaches out to the community "on a regular basis," Lackie said. It will begin collecting classroom supplies this month for teachers at Webster school in Livonia. The congregation is about a third of the way through a project designed to feed 5,000 Haitians.

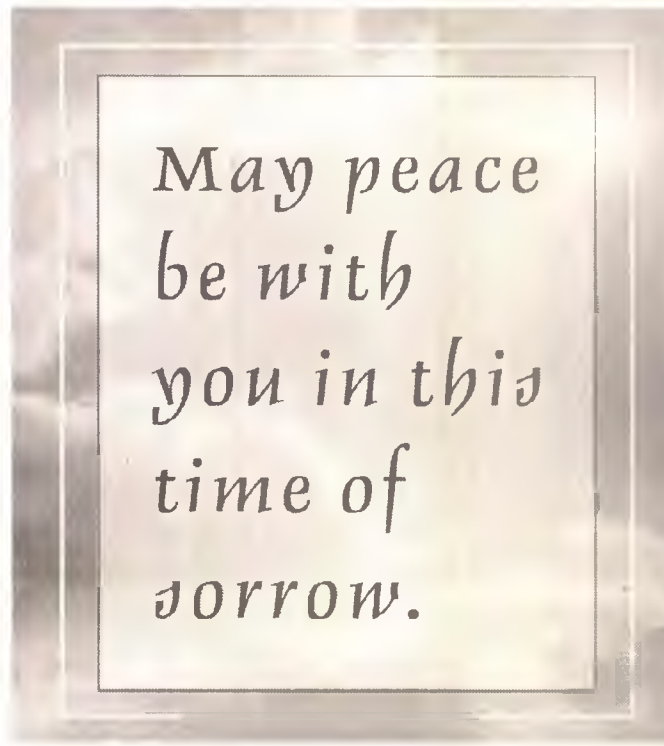
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June 29, 2011, age 85. Loving husband of Delores. Dear father of Dennis (Jody), Mark (Susie), Jeffrey (Susan), Timothy (Jeannine), Linda (Bill) Siewert, Michael, Stephen (Rhonda), Deanne (Jim Kissling). Beloved grandfather of 18 and great grandfather of seven. Memorial Mass Friday July 8 at 10 am at St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Rd., Livonia. Inurnment at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Michigan. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



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Festival organizers offer tips for enjoying art fair

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Old is new and recycled is cool at the Plymouth Art in the Park this year.

"We're seeing a lot of recycling, repurposing in all of our shows," said Raychel Rork, who together with her mom, Dianne Quinn, founded and manages the annual art show.

"There's a guy who makes handbags completely out of recycled record album covers. They're the coolest thing you've ever seen. He's from Chicago and he travels all over with these amazing handbags. They basically are pieces of art."

"We have someone who is making jewelry out of typewriter keys. You can get a bracelet that makes a statement."

If Rork were wearing a statement bracelet it might just say "authentic" or "original" because contrary to rumors that the art fair juries in artists with manufactured items, it's just not so, Rork says.

"No, there is not stuff that is not handmade. What does go on is there are people who own private property that rent spaces to anyone. There is a huge mix — someone may sell stuff from China — surrounding the event. There is all kinds of stuff out of our control. People assume it's a part of Art in the Park."

The only businesses allowed to set up a booth within the fair are corporate sponsors.

"We're grateful we have sponsors to help us cover costs," Rork said. "We're a pri-



Zamar Jazz Band is scheduled to play Saturday and Sunday at Plymouth's Art in the Park

ivate entity. Those corporate sponsorships help cover the cost of chairs, on site EMS, paying police overtime. We take all the trash and haul it away. There are things people take for granted, and we want them to."

Plymouth's Art in the Park runs 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, July 8, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 9, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 10. Keep these suggestions in mind as you head to downtown Plymouth for the festival this weekend:

• Shuttle — If you're reluctant to take the shuttle because this year you might

just buy that hand-chiseled coffee table by your favorite sculptor, you worry in vain. The free shuttles are on the order of a tour bus more than a commuter van. They're not only air-conditioned, but have plenty of storage space.

"The buses are big, professional motor coaches" Rork said.

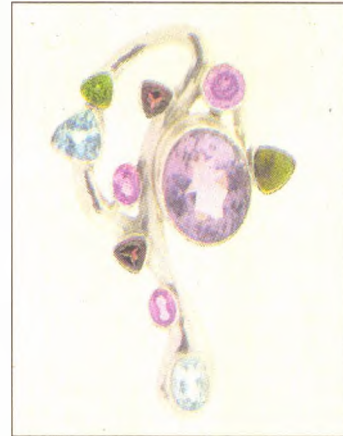
The shuttle runs 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday, July 8; 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 9; and 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, July 10, between the ACH Plant, 14425 Sheldon, just off M-14, and Plymouth City Hall in the heart of downtown.

• Parking — Skip it and take the shuttle. If you're determined to park in town, realize that free parking "is basically nonexistent in an event this size anymore," Rork said. "There are a lot of great organizations that charge a small fee to park. You know that your dollars are going to something worthwhile."

• Write it down — "Take note of where you park, what street and lot. Pretend you're at Disney World," Rork said. "We've driven people around for 30 minutes because they couldn't remember where they parked or because they



Purses by Karen Hoetscher of Chicago, Ill., will be on display at Plymouth's Art in the Park.



Jewelry is among the artistic accessories and wearable items sold at Plymouth's Art in the Park. This piece is by Cathy Davis of Trenton.

missed the last shuttle."

• So many questions — Yes, Rork's information booth crew will try to answer questions like "Where is the lady with the purple earring things?" If you can't remem-

ber your favorite artist's name, you can ask for help.

"Usually there are a few more questions we need to ask, like where are they from? And we can whittle it down from there," Rork said.

• Art-loving dogs — Don't take your dog to the fair if it's prone to fight with other dogs or doesn't like crowds. "We recommend you don't walk them around the blacktop for too long. They can burn their feet," Rork added.

• Art-loving kids — About 20 youngsters will sell their handmade art at the fair. Just like the adult artists, kids are juried into the event and must pay a small fee to participate.

"Parents thank us because they are learning about the business aspect as well," Rork said. "The kids are proud of what they make. It's a great place to take kids to buy from other kids."

• Toys on tour — Lego toys will be on hand with its new Ninjago series of spinning, ninja-fighting characters.

"It's a national tour. We're honored because we were chosen as one of eight stops in the country," Rork said. "They'll have interactive things going on. It's a perfect fit."

• Music — The intersection of Ann Arbor Trail and Fourth is the place to be for live music. One Love Reggae Band will perform Friday and Zamar Jazz Band plans Saturday and Sunday.

• Art in action — Watch professional artists chalk Vincent van Gogh masterpieces at Main and Penninpieces and paint a "living mural" at Main and Ann Arbor Trail.

Disney casting for filming in Michigan

Disney Studios is seeking Little People to play "Munchkins" in its film, *Oz: The Great and Powerful*, that will begin production in September and continue through early November.

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Submissions will be mailed to Oz Extras Casting, P.O. Box 729, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303.

Take a chance on summer 'Zoomance'

The Detroit Zoo will offer an adult-only, over age 21, after-hours event, Summer Zoomance, Thursday, July 14.

Summer Zoomance will run 6-9 p.m., rain or shine. Admission is \$8 for all guests and parking is \$5. Parking is free for Detroit Zoological Society members as well as for members of Detroit Young Professionals and After 5 Detroit who buy tickets in advance.

Summer Zoomance allows grown-ups to relive their fond memories of the Detroit Zoo while creating new ones dur-

ing a twilight stroll among the award-winning animal habitats. The Sun Messengers will perform at Rackham Fountain, and food and adult beverages will be available for purchase from Zoo concessions.

Summer Zoomance guests can take a prehistoric journey through Dinosauria, the Zoo's blockbuster summer attraction featuring 30 animatronic dinosaurs. Visitors also can ride the Dino Simulator at the Wild Adventure Ride and experience the Wild Adventure 3-D/4-D Theater,

featuring "Planet Earth: Shallow Seas 4-D Experience" and "Dora & Diego's 4-D Adventure." Tickets for each experience are an additional \$4 per person.

July 14 is the first of two Summer Zoomance dates this year. A second event will be held Thursday, Aug. 25. Buy tickets online at www.detroit-zoo.org or at the admission gates the night of the event.

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The beer community lost a pioneer earlier this year in one Pierre Celis. If you've ever relished a Hoegaarden, Blanche De Chambly, or even a Blue Moon, you have Master Brewer Pierre Celis to thank.

Once considered the lost style of brewing, "Wit" or "Witbier" has enjoyed a renaissance in recent years mostly due to Celis. As a younger man, Celis spent time sampling hazy wheat-flavored beer from dozens of breweries in the

Flanders region of Belgium. The last traditional Wit was brewed in 1955, shortly after brewers either shuttered their doors or gave into mass market lagers with lucrative contracts. Celis successfully resurrected the style in 1966 with his flagship offering Hoegaarden.

After years of legal wrangling with corporate beer mongers, Celis headed to the U.S. in 1990 only to have similar circumstances lead to a corporate takeover of his beloved brewery. Teetering on the

edge of extinction, The Michigan Brewing Company (MBC) rescued Celis Brewing by purchasing it from Miller Brewing in 2002. Understanding the heritage, tradition, and responsibly MBC enlisted Celis to transport the Wit style legend back to prominence. A happy ending was delivered when Celis White, brewed by Michigan Brewery Company took home the gold medal from the Great American Beer Festival in 2003. Celis will be missed but his influ-

ence on the beer community will be enjoyed for many generations. Traditional Wits are wonderful refreshing wheat based beer with light to medium body, slight sweetness and a zesty finish. The body is slightly cloudy due to the use of unmalted wheat, and pale to light gold in color. It has a clean crisp profile, low hop bitterness, and a sizeable white head.

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Healthy makeover

Southeastern Michigan - Health Alliance Plan (HAP) is accepting entries into its Retro Recipe Redo contest through July 31.

As the Happy Together Summer Fest - celebrating HAP's 50th anniversary - makes its way through Oakland, Genesee, Wayne and Macomb counties, HAP will be on the lookout for the very best healthier versions of recipes in three categories: potluck and picnic favorites; casseroles and comfort foods; and desserts.

The Retro Recipe Redo contest challenges foodies and home cooks to cut the fat, calories and/or salt from favorite family recipes without compromising taste or ease of preparation. The contest is open to adults from Genesee, Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties and surrounding areas. There is no cost to enter. The contest guidelines, recommendations and entry form can be found at hap.org/50th. A panel of judges will pick the best dishes during Happy Together Summer Fest events in West Bloomfield, Flint, Detroit and Warren. Prizes include a private dinner prepared by a professional chef, fitness discounts, cooking classes and more.

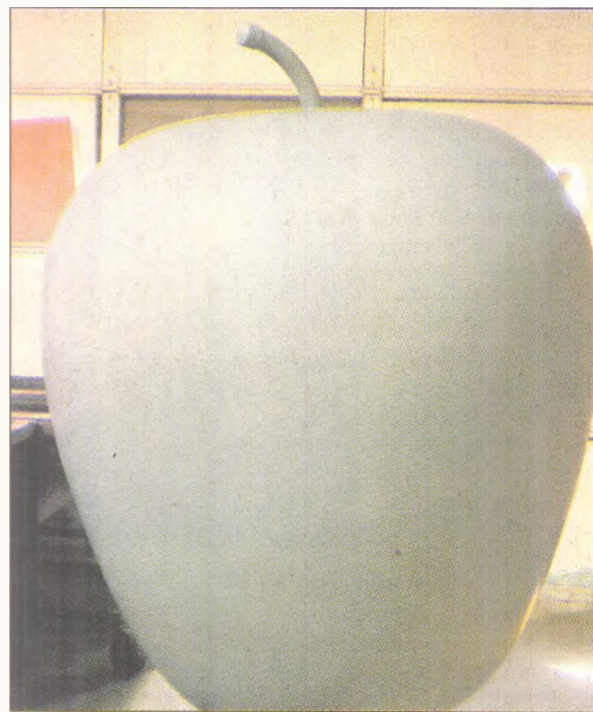
Beer, wine available

Canton - Olga's Kitchen opened a new restaurant recently at 41725 Ford Road, Canton that serves wine and beer, featuring smaller vineyards. A select variety of domestic and imported beers will be available with special local micro-brew options. The menu includes favorites and new items. Bread making takes center stage in an open kitchen that allows guests to watch. The restaurant is open 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday. The Canton Olga's Kitchen also offers curbside delivery. Place orders to the new Canton Olga's Kitchen by calling the restaurant at (734) 983-9200. A full menu is available at www.olgas.com.

Big apples

Garden City - Farmer's markets in Garden City, Farmington, Novi and 17 other communities will get creative with apples this summer. Each market has signed up to get a 4-foot-tall fiberglass structure in the shape of an apple and will hire a local artist to decorate it. The project, meant to raise awareness of the state's largest fruit crop, is coordinated by the Michigan Apple Committee and the Detroit Eastern Market. The apples

CITY BITES



Local artists will decorate giant apples at farmer's markets.

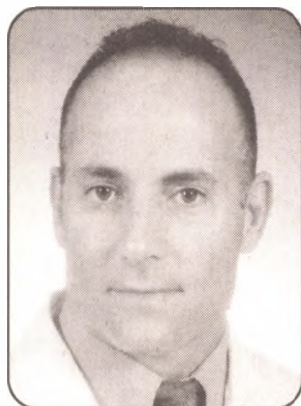
will be on display August-September at the participating farmers markets. Apple Trail Passports will be distributed to encourage people to visit the farm markets and see the art on display. For each of the markets they visit between Aug. 1-Sept. 17, they'll receive a stamp on their passport. Those earning at least five stamps will be entered into a random drawing for several prizes. An online vote also will be taken for the public's favorite apple. Prizes will be given in multiple categories for the

various apples, including a People's Choice Award, at the Eastern Market's Apple Gala and Auction on Oct. 14

Book signing

West Bloomfield - Dave Wodnicki, the author of *Coffee Quest: One Guy's Journey to Find a Decent Cup of Coffee*, will meet other coffee lovers from 1-3 p.m. July 9, at Pistachio's, 5741 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. He'll talk about his search for the perfect cup of coffee and will sign books.

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Add fresh, frozen or dried cherries to your meal for antioxidants, flavor

The National Cherry Festival is in full swing this week in Traverse City.

If you're heading north this weekend there's still time to catch pie-eating challenges, pit-spitting contests and grand cherry buffet, among dozens of events, before fireworks bring it all to a close on Saturday, July 9.

You can enjoy cherries at home every day by adding them to salads, beverages, breakfast, snacks, couscous, rice, risotto and pasta. Tart cherries have among the highest levels of disease-fighting antioxidants, when compared to other fruits. They also contain 19 times more beta carotene than blueberries or strawberries, vitamin C, potassium, magnesium, iron, fiber and folate.

Here are a few cherry tips, followed by recipes from the Cherry Marketing Institute:

1. **Fruit Fizz** — Make a refreshing cherry spritzer by adding cherry juice concentrate to ice cold seltzer water.
2. **Be Smooth** — Blend frozen cherries with cherry smoothie concentrate and lowfat yogurt. Add a straw and you have a sensational smoothie for breakfast or a snack.
3. **A Perfect Parfait** — Keep a bag of frozen cherries in the freezer and grab a handful when hunger strikes. Thaw them for a few minutes and then layer with lowfat vanilla yogurt and granola.
4. **Brighten up Breakfast** — Swap your typical berries for dried cherries and add them to your cereal, oatmeal and yogurt or pancakes.
5. **Grab and Go** — Get your antioxidants on-the-go with an easy "do-it-yourself" trail mix using dried cherries, almonds and whole-grain cereal. Or add dried cherries to ready-made granola.

CHERRY AND LAMB TAGINE

From Paige Adams of Chicago, Ill.

Ingredients:
 2 tablespoons olive oil
 1 red onion, thinly sliced
 1 pound boneless lamb shoulder, cut into 1½-inch pieces
 2 garlic cloves, minced
 2 sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 2-inch pieces (about 1 pound)
 1 red pepper, cut into 1-inch strips
 1 teaspoon ground cumin
 1 teaspoon paprika
 1 teaspoon ground coriander
 ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
 ½ teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon black pepper
 1 can chopped tomatoes (15 ounces)
 1 cup water
 1 can chickpeas (15 ounces)
 ¾ cup dried cherries
 2 tablespoons cilantro, roughly chopped

Directions:
 Heat the olive oil in a Dutch oven or 5-quart heavy pot over moderately high heat. Add the onion and lamb, and brown the lamb. Stir in the garlic, sweet potatoes, red pepper, cumin, paprika, coriander, cinnamon, salt and black pepper. Add the chopped tomatoes and 1 cup of water and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer covered for 15 minutes. Add the chickpeas and cherries and continue simmering until the lamb and sweet potatoes are tender and the sauce has thickened.

Sprinkle the tagine with cilantro and serve with couscous.



SWEET AND SPICY SEARED TUNA WITH CHERRY CABBAGE

From Paige Adams, Kendall College, Chicago, Ill.

Ingredients:
 Tuna:
 ½ cup tart cherry juice
 2 tablespoons sesame oil
 1 tablespoon chili paste (serracha)
 4 cloves garlic, crushed
 1 tablespoon soy sauce
 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
 ¼ cup green onions, chopped
 4 tuna fillets (ahi, albacore or similar)
 Salt and pepper to taste
 Cabbage:
 1 cup dried tart cherries
 1 tablespoon honey
 2 tablespoons rice wine vinegar
 2 teaspoons red cabbage
 2 cups whole grain rice
 2 tablespoons flat leaf parsley, chopped

Directions:
 In a medium bowl, whisk together the sesame oil, chili sauce, garlic, soy sauce, mustard, tart cherry juice and green onions. Heat a large skillet to high heat. Sprinkle the tuna with salt and pepper, spray with cooking spray, then sear for 90 seconds per side for rare (or until desired doneness). Remove from heat, cool slightly, and slice. In a medium bowl, whisk together the honey and rice wine vinegar. Toss with the dried tart cherries and cabbage. Prepare rice according to package directions.
 To assemble, place equal amounts of rice onto the center of four plates. Push down the center of each mound to create a well and fill each well with equal amounts of dressed cabbage. Add slices of tuna, drizzle with sauce and sprinkle with parsley.
 Serve.



Cherry and Lamb Tagine

SPICED CHERRY POPCORN MIX

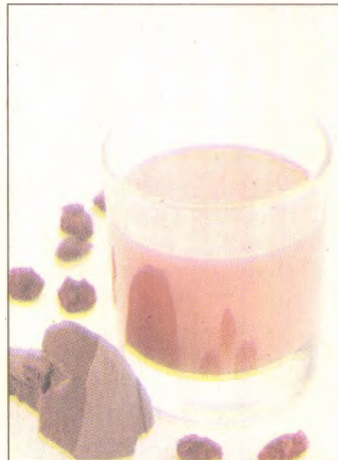
For an antioxidant boost, toss a handful of dried cherries into your favorite purchased snack mix.

Ingredients:
 ¼ teaspoon sugar
 1½ teaspoons apple pie spice blend
 1 package 100-calorie microwave popcorn
 ½ cup dried tart cherries
 Butter-flavored non-stick cooking spray

Directions:
 Stir together sugar and apple pie spice in small bowl; set aside. Pop popcorn according to the package directions. Carefully open the package and pour into medium bowl. Add cherries. Lightly spray with no-stick cooking spray. Sprinkle with sugar mixture; toss until coated.
 Makes about 2 (2 cup) servings.

Cherry Cinnamon-Spiced Popcorn: Prepare Cherry Spiced Popcorn as directed, except substitute ¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon for the apple pie spice blend.

Red Hot Cherry Spiced Popcorn: Prepare Cherry Spiced Popcorn as directed, except substitute ¼ teaspoon ground allspice for the ¼ teaspoon apple pie spice blend and season to taste with ground (cayenne) red pepper.



CHERRY CHOCOLATE RECOVERY DRINK

Ingredients:
 4 ounces chocolate milk
 2 tablespoons tart cherry juice concentrate
 2 tablespoons plain yogurt
 ½ ounce dark chocolate, melted
 1-2 teaspoons maple syrup (optional)

Directions:
 Melt chocolate in saucepan over low heat or in the microwave for a few seconds. Add chocolate milk, tart cherry juice concentrate, yogurt, melted chocolate and maple syrup together and blend or mix well. Chill and serve.

CHERRY TIRAMISU

Ingredients:
 7 ounces lady finger cookies
 (Flavor options: 10 large basil leaves, chopped or 2 ounces shaved chocolate or 6 tablespoons dark rum)
 Cherry Syrup:
 ½ cup cherries
 ½ cup sugar
 1 cup water
 Boil for 8 minutes. Let sit until it reaches room temperature.
 Mascarpone Filling:
 1 cup mascarpone
 ½ cup whipping cream
 ¼ cup sweetened condensed milk
 Mix the cream, milk, and mascarpone together until smooth.
Directions:
 Dip the cookies in the syrup for a few seconds each side. Place a layer of cookies in a 9-by-9-inch-square dish. Top the cookies with a layer of the mascarpone cream, followed by the cherries taken from the syrup. Add a layer of one of the flavour options, if desired (add the rum directly to the syrup). Continue with another layer of dipped cookies and finish by topping with the remaining mascarpone cream.

Chill out with no-bake treats

Summer has arrived and that means sizzling temperatures won't be far behind. In summer heat, forget about turning on the oven. Yet even when the temperature climbs, my delight in making desserts for family and friends doesn't wilt. That's when I turn to my file of favorite no-bake sweets.



Mix it up With Jenny

Jenny Harper

Frozen Hot Chocolate is rich and frothy — thick enough to eat with a spoon or enjoy through a straw. Hot cocoa mix and evaporated milk make this chocolate concoction an irresistible cooler. Top tall glasses of this treat with whipped cream for kids of all ages.

Check out more chilling ideas at www.VeryBestBaking.com.

CREAMY LEMON RASPBERRY PIE

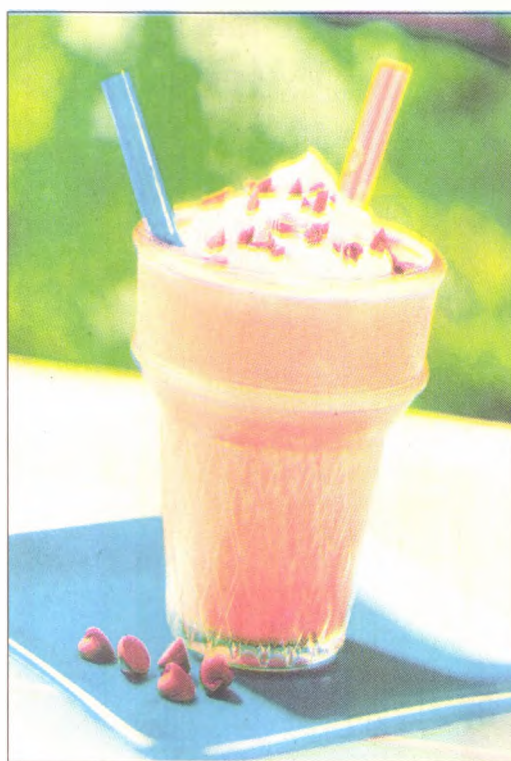
Makes 8 servings

¼ cup seedless red raspberry jam
 1 prepared 9-inch (6 ounces) shortbread crumb crust
 ½ pint (about 1 cup) fresh red raspberries, divided
 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
 1 can (12 fluid ounces) Nestle Evaporated Milk
 2 packages (about 3.4 ounces each) lemon instant pudding and pie filling mix



Creamy Lemon Raspberry Pie

Grated peel of 1 lemon
 1 container (8 ounces) lemon whipped topping, thawed, divided
 Additional grated lemon peel (optional)
 Spread raspberry jam over bottom of crust.



Frozen Hot Chocolate

Sprinkle ¾ cup raspberries over jam.
 Beat cream cheese in large mixer bowl until creamy. Gradually add evaporated milk, pudding mix and lemon peel. Beat 2 minutes on medium speed until well blended. Gently stir in half of whipped topping. Spoon into crust; top with remaining whipped topping.
 Refrigerate 2 hours or until set. Garnish with remaining raspberries and additional lemon zest, if desired, just before serving.
Nutrition Information per serving: 420 calories; 160 calories from fat; 18g total fat; 11g saturated fat; 0g trans fat; 30mg cholesterol;

510mg sodium; 57g carbohydrate; 1g fiber; 20g sugars; 5g protein; 4 percent DV vitamin A; 8 percent DV vitamin C; 15 percent DV calcium; 2 percent DV iron.

FROZEN HOT CHOCOLATE

Makes 4 servings

3 tablespoons superfine granulated sugar (or baking sugar)
 1 envelope (2 to 3 tablespoons) double chocolate, rich chocolate or milk chocolate flavor hot cocoa mix
 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
 ½ cup each Nestle Toll House Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsels and Nestle Toll House Milk Chocolate Morsels
 1 can (12 fluid ounces) Carnation Evaporated Milk, divided
 4 cups ice cubes
 Whipped cream

Place cream, cocoa mix and butter in top of double boiler set over gently boiling water. Stir frequently until melted and smooth paste forms. Add morsels; stir. When morsels begin to melt, slowly stir in ½ cup evaporated milk. Stir until smooth and velvety. Cool to room temperature. Place chocolate mixture, remaining evaporated milk and ice in blender (in batches, if necessary); cover. Blend until smooth. Pour into individual glasses or bowls. Top each serving with dollop of whipped cream. Sprinkle with additional chopped morsels, if desired. Serve with straw and/or spoon.

Nutrition Information per serving: 390 calories; 200 calories from fat; 23g total fat; 15g saturated fat; 0g trans fat; 60mg cholesterol; 170mg sodium; 40g carbohydrate; 1g fiber; 36g sugars; 9g protein; 6 percent DV vitamin A; 0 percent DV vitamin C; 45 percent DV calcium; 0 percent DV iron.

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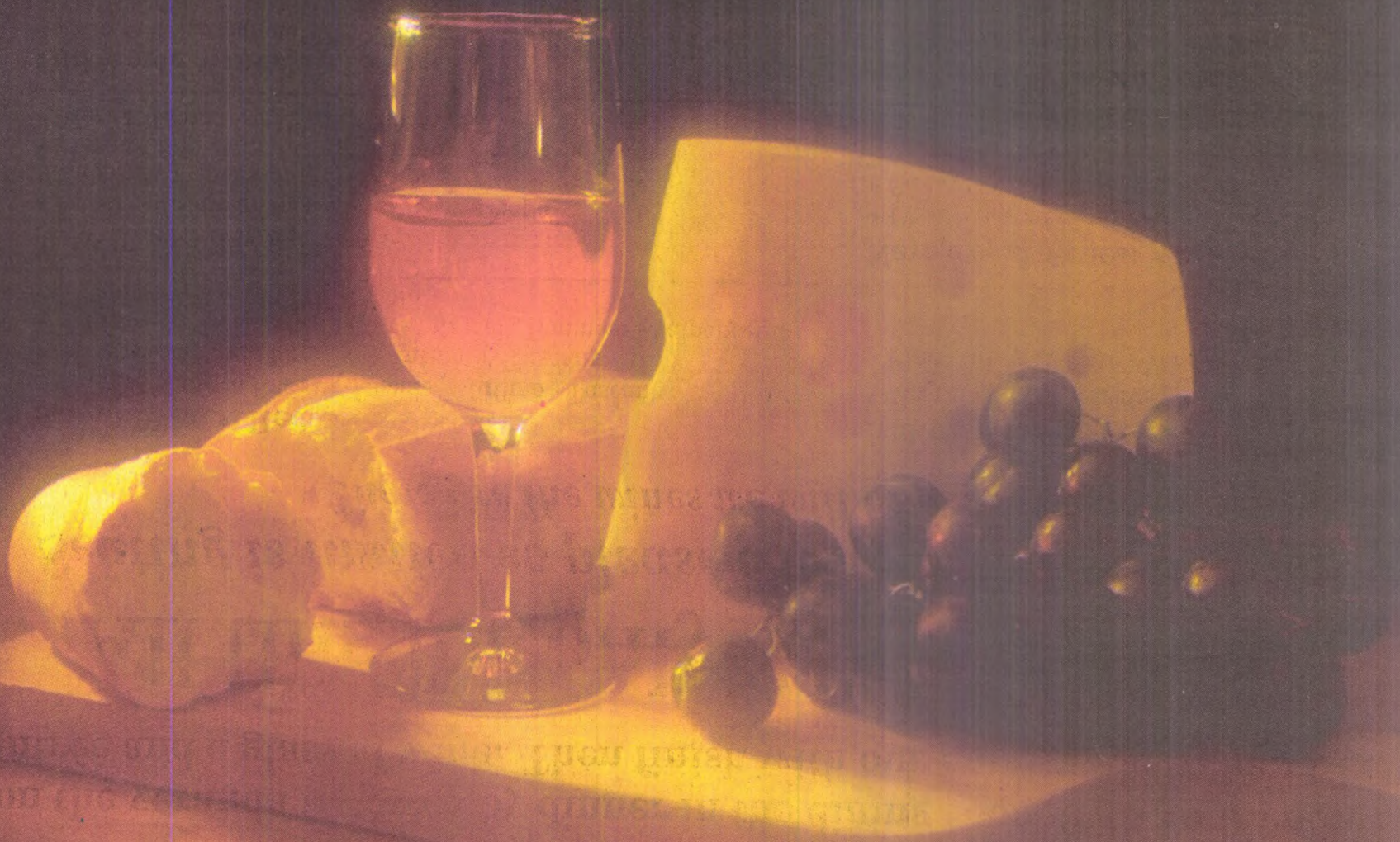
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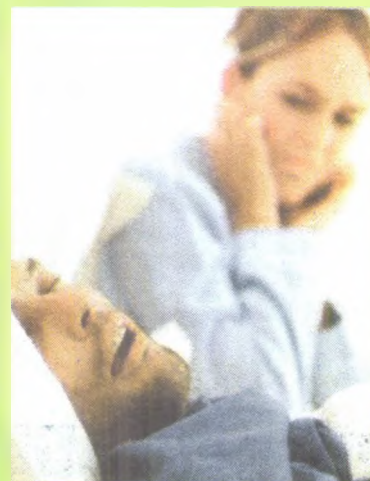
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I apparently wasn't the only young girl who was crazy about horses. Books like *Black Beauty* and *National Velvet* helped keep the dream alive for me. You may have given the horse culture only a passing thought — or not at all. So today's edition is a chance to discover what the equine culture is all about and the spiritual con-



Susan Rosiek

nection between woman and horse — riding them, caring for them, enjoying them, rescuing them and loving them.

Contributing Writer Linda Chomin interviewed local women who ride or are learning to ride, along with stable owners who are in business because they love horses.

Horses can be good therapy, as you will learn when you read Linda's story.

Read about the area women who have re-discovered their love of horses and horseback riding or who are riding for the first time in their lives at ages 40, 50 or older.

Read about how saddling up can nourish one's spirit.

We've also provided a list of local stables and farms nearby where you can ride or

learn to ride. It is never too late.

Enjoy!

Be sure to come back to *Hometownlife Woman* in August for our annual edition on resale and consignments shops in western Wayne and Oakland counties. Some of the best bargains on furniture, jewelry and children's clothing can be found in our readership area.

As always, I welcome and look forward to your comments and suggestions for upcoming editions of *Hometown Life Woman*.

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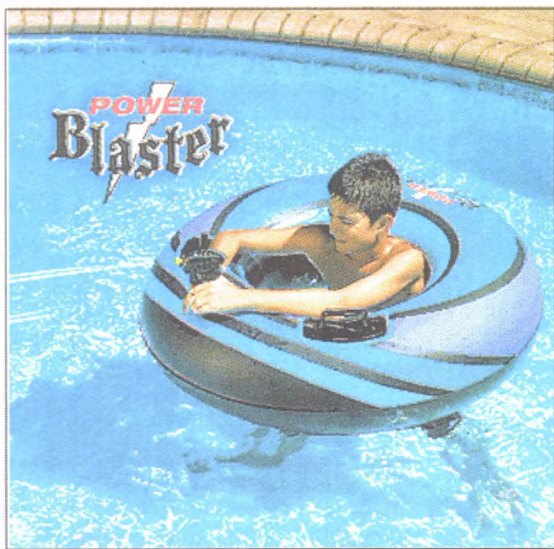
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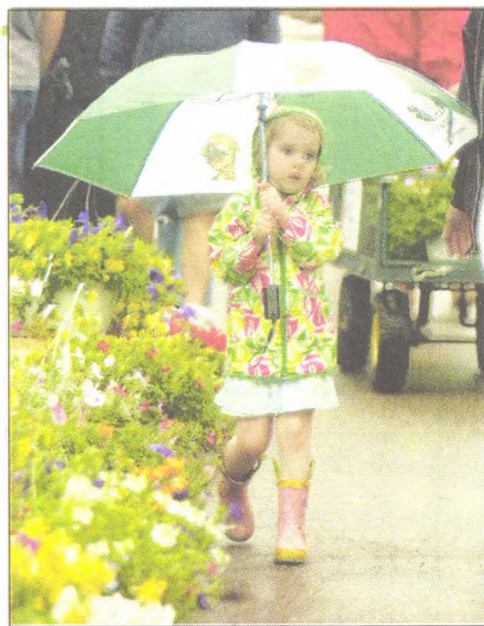
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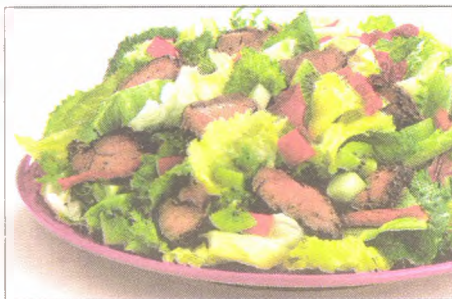
12 HORSE THERAPY
for these equestrians, riding
is more than just exercise



Ardis Loos (right) has had a 40-year love affair with horses. Today she co-owns Berwyck Saddle Club in Milford with Pattie Perushak (left) and Frank Howe.

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Trendy, playful summer samplings



Large frames by Diane von Furstenberg are the rage in sunglasses at Town & Country Eye Care in Novi.



With plenty of sun-soaked days remaining to get outside and play, savvy fashion-focused women will want to check out the latest in warm-weather

merchandise.

Whether you're planning a poolside party or a

beach outing, be sure to include a

stop at a local retailer

to peruse the medley of summer stuff. Here's a sampling of what's available.

Try on a trendy tankini, a two-piece swim suit with bikini briefs and a tank top, from Sun & Snow in Plymouth or Ann Arbor. The mix and match apparel by Lole comes in an array of spicy solids and perky prints. Tops begin at \$38; prices for

bottoms start at \$34.

Bathing suits (\$69 to \$89) that slenderize and flatten are a godsend for women of all shapes and sizes. Check out the variety of snazzy styles and patterns - with tummy-controlled panels - by Longitude Swimwear® at Parisian in Livonia.

The Inflatable Power Blaster Squirter by Swimline Water Sports provides hours of screeches and giggles during happy-spirited water wars in the pool. The water pistol squirt gun, with attached inflatable tube, is available for \$19.99 from Five Star ACE Hardware in Highland.

Large frames by Diane von

Furstenberg, accented with glitter,

jewels, faux leather or other decorative touches, are the rage in sunglasses at Town & Country Eye Care in Novi. These fashionable, functional and UV-blocking glasses run \$195 to \$370 a pair.

Looking for comfy cushioned sandals with support?

Slip on the Huggy at Hershey's in Garden City or Novi. This popular shoe with Velcro straps and flat, rubber soles is available in black, navy, cinnamon, truffle and caramel. Cost is \$145. If a washable, waterproof, walking sandal is more your style, consider the Whisper by Keen from For Feets Sake in Milford. The closed-toe version comes in a rainbow of colors from hot pink to lime green. Open-toe shoes are available in brown. Prices range from \$95 to \$100.

The Whisper by Keen from For Feets Sake in Milford.

Happy summer shopping!

- By Mary Quinley



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School's been out for less than a month and the inevitable complaints of: "I'm bored. There's nothing to do" are being heard.

While we're waiting to win the lottery so we can afford a lengthy vacation in an exotic locale, many of us have to look at what's available locally for entertainment.

In an effort to ease the summertime blues, here are 101 ideas of things to do *with* the kids around the metro Detroit area and most of them are fun for grownups, too.

1 Come play in the mud! Tuesday, July 12 is **Mud Day** at the Nankin Mills Area in Hines Park. Kids ages 12 and under are invited to come play in the mud starting at 11 a.m. Cleanup area provided but bring your own towels. The event is free on Hines Drive east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland.

2 **Wave action:** Oakland County's award-winning water parks are a must-do summer destination. Red Oaks Waterpark in Madison Heights or Waterford Oaks Waterpark near Pontiac are smoke and alcohol-free facilities and feature wave-action pools, giant waterslides and plenty of picnic space, as well as locker rooms and food concessions. Red Oaks Waterpark's "SplashTown" features Soak Station (water playground for kids), River Ride (tube river ride) and Spray 'n Play (spray zone for the little splashers). There is also a wave pool and triple waterslide. Waterford Oaks Waterpark sports a tropical look, complete with palm trees and shallow-end bubbler fountains. There's also a The Big Bucket (water playground), Ragin' Rapids (group raft ride) and a double waterslide. For times and fees, see oakland.gov.com.

3 Enjoy bicycle riding, skating, walking and running without having to worry about cars at **Saturday in the Park on Hines Drive**. Some six miles of Hines Park will be closed to traffic from the Warrendale picnic area (west of Outer Drive) to Nankin Mills (near Ann Arbor Trail). It's free. Now through Sept. 24.

4 Visit the **Downtown Farmington Founders Festival** and check out the events at the Meijer Kid Zone Stage at Meijer Go Playground. Lots of free, fun events and entertainment for kids and grown ups. The Founders Festival Parade is a weekend highlight, featuring all kinds of floats, cool cars and marching bands. This year's parade theme is "Back to the '80s"! Parade arrives in downtown at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 16. Parade begins at Brookdale Dr. and Grand River traveling west through downtown Farmington ending at Liberty Street. See a complete list of activities, at hometownlife.com. Click on the Farmington Founders Festival under Special Sections.

5 Kensington Metropark presents "**Fun on the Farm - Pigs**," Thursday, July 21 at 10 a.m. The program is for young children and includes a story time, craft and other activities. Children get to visit a pigpen and see piglets. Fee is \$3 per person plus metro park daily entrance.

6 "**Discovering the Civil War**," an exhibition from the National Archives at the Henry Ford Museum (see www.thehenryford.org). This special exhibit peels back 150 years of accumulated analysis, interpretation and opinion to reveal a Civil War that is little-known and even more rarely displayed. Touch-screen interactives and social media tools tell the story. Exhibit is at The Henry Ford through Sept. 5.



Christopher Salutes was the man, the mud man. The Livonia youth was selected as the king of the 2010 Mud Day.

7 **The Witch's Hat Depot Museum and Historic Village**, located in South Lyon's McHattie Park, includes a museum and historic village. The interior of the depot has been preserved to show what a turn-of-the-century train depot would look like. A Chesapeake & Ohio caboose dating from 1926 is furnished much as it might have been when in daily use by the railroad workers. The village also includes the historic Washburn School schoolhouse, which was built in 1907 to replace a log school building, and the Little Village Chapel, which is the most recent addition the Historic Village.

8 **Third Annual Buy Michigan Now Festival** in downtown Northville Friday-Sunday, Aug. 5-7. Main and Center streets will be closed for this three-day funfest featuring sidewalk sales, live music, children's activities, and plenty of Michigan-based businesses and Michigan-made products.

Visit the **Novi Farmers Market** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays at its new location in Suburban Collections Showplace. Parking is free. See www.nvifarmersmakret.com for more information.

10 Enjoy an **afternoon of skating** at the Skatin Station in Canton (www.skatinstaion2.com), BonaVenture in Farmington Hills (www.bonaventureskate.com) or Riverside Arena in Livonia (www.riversidearena.com).

11 12th annual **Quake on the Lake** Saturday and Sunday, July 16-17, hosts the 2011 Inboard Hydroplane National Championships on Pontiac Lake. More than 150 race teams from across North America are expected to attend.

12 **Bumpers Bikes and Bands** vintage car show, music and food noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 17, on Starkweather Street in Old Village, Plymouth. plymoutholdvillage.com

13 **Maybury Family Camp Out**, July 16-17, and Aug. 13-14 includes a history walk through the park, a fishing program, crafts, campfire, s'mores. Setup begins at noon on Saturday and cleanup should be

finished by noon on Sunday. Held rain or shine. Each vehicle entering the park must have a Michigan State Park Pass. Participants will receive a camping info packet after registering. Prices: Resident \$25 / Northville school district \$30, nonresident \$35. Prices are per family of four, \$3 for each additional person. At Maybury State Park 20145 Beck, use Beck entrance. E-mail recreation@ci.northville.mi.us or call (248) 349-0203.

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15 **Create your own pottery and more** at The Bee's Knees in Northville (see TheBeesKneesPottery.com) or at Creatopia (www.creatopiapottery.com) in downtown Plymouth. A great way to spend time with kids. Creatopia features family fun days each Sunday. Check out summer camps for kids and special events for grown ups too.

16 **South Lyon**, 2-7 p.m. Wednesdays through Oct. 26, Veteran's Memorial Parking Lot (corner of Pontiac Trail and Liberty Street in downtown South Lyon).

17 **Meadowbrook Children's Concert Series:** features "If You Give a Mouse A Cookie," July 14; "Wiggles Big Birthday," July 29; "Family Day on Broadway," Aug. 13 and "Rapunzel Tangled" Aug. 25. Go to palacenet.com for schedules and ticket prices.

18 **Livonia's Wilson Barn Farmers Market** 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 8.

and/or sign up for summer reading programs for children and teens.

20 **The Sizzling Summer Arts series** in Novi offers kids entertainment on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. at Fuerst Park at 10 Mile and Taft in Novi through July 26. On Fridays at 8 p.m. the series includes movies, concerts, and family fun at Fuerst Park. July 8 Movie - "Despicable Me," July 15 "Toppermost Beatles Tribute Band," July 22 Movie - "How To Train Your Dragon," July 29 Jill Jack - Singer/Songwriter, Aug. 5 Movie - "Toy Story 3," Aug. 12 The Candy Band, Aug. 19 Movie - Viewer's Choice, Aug. 26 The Groove Council - Motown Band. In the case of inclement weather, all performances will be held at the Novi Civic Center, except puppet shows, which will be at the City of Novi Public Library.

21 **Compuware Sports Arena Drive-In**, 14900 Beck Road, Plymouth Township. Go to www.compuwarehockey.com for a list of family friendly features. \$9 for adults and \$6 for kids under 12, students are \$7.

22 **The Northville Friday Summer Concert Series**, 7 p.m. Fridays through August. Free admission. Held in Town Square, downtown Northville.

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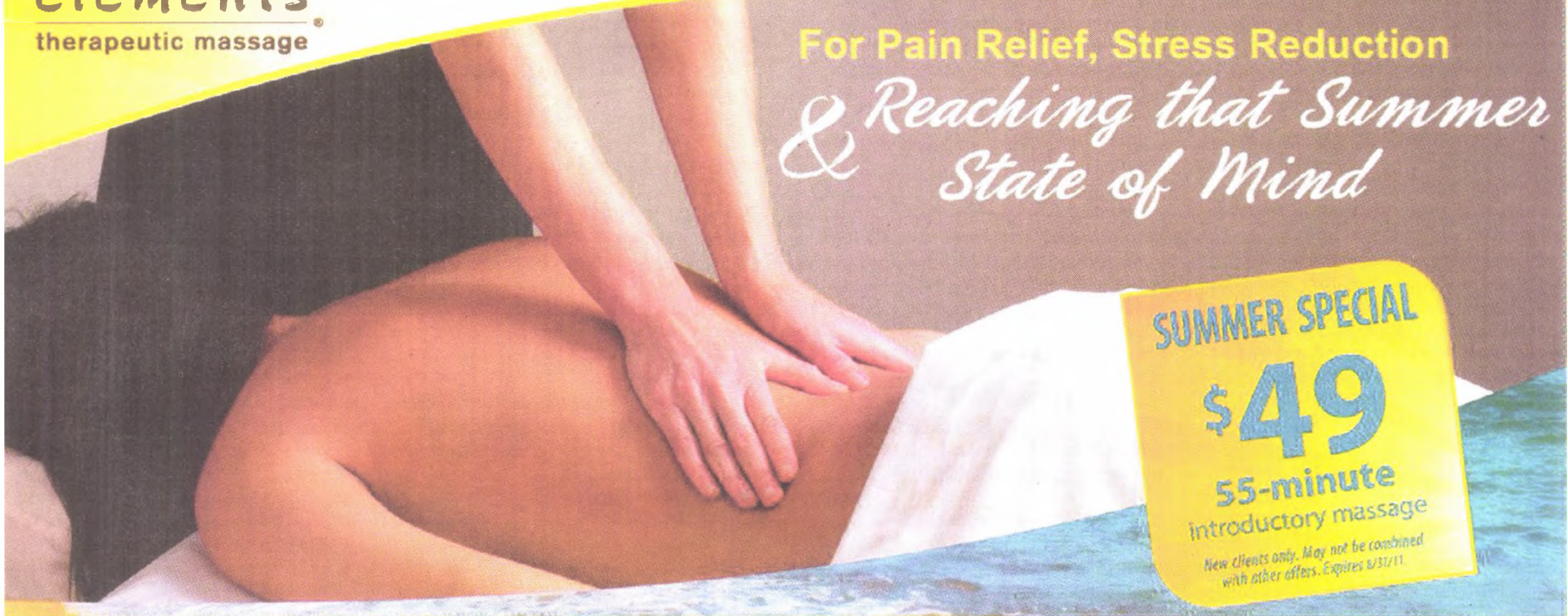
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24 Visit the **Chelsea Teddy Bear Co.**, 400 N. Main St. Chelsea (734) 433-5499, www.chelseateddybear.com.

25 **World of Dinosaurs.** The Cranbrook Institute of Science, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills invites guests to see the prehistoric beasts that roamed "Land, Sea and Air" until Sept. 5. See <http://science.cranbrook.edu>.

26 **The Edsel and Eleanor Ford House** in Grosse Pointe features the Fairy Tale Festival, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 23. Admission is \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. The event features a day of imagination and wonder as the magic of fairy tales are brought to life through music, theatre, activities, storytelling and more on the enchanting Ford House grounds. Be part of the fantasy and escape into the magical world with hands-on activities, character visits and more.

27 **Plymouth's Music in the Air Concert Series** 7 p.m. Fridays in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. See www.plymouthmi.gov.

28 **Music From the Heart Concerts** in Livonia are free outdoor concerts held on Thursdays and some Saturdays during July and August at Civic Center Park located at Five Mile and Farmington Roads. Thursdays 7-8:30 p.m. July 7: Billy Brandt & Sarana VerLin, July 14: Sheila Landis, July 21: Livonia Civic Chorus, July 28: Redhill, Aug. 4: Jill Jack, Aug. 11: Steve King & Dittillies, Aug. 18: Swing City Big Band, Aug. 25: Livonia Symphony Orchestra. Saturday concerts include Garage bands on July 23 and Aug. 6.

29 **Plymouth Art Fair**, noon to 8 p.m. Friday, July 8, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 9, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 10, in the streets of downtown Plymouth. Free admission. artinthepark.com

30 **Michigan Flower Festival**, July 8-9 in Ypsilanti. Children's play areas, face painting, clowns, magic, stilt walkers, kids costume contest & kid karaoke, animal exhibits & crafts. At Shady Riverside Park, Depot Town, Ypsilanti, Michigan (Take I-94 10 miles west of I-275 or 5 miles east of US 23 to Exit 183, go north and follow the signs)

31 **The 36th annual 2011 Trenton Midsummer Festival** July 8-10, call (734) 675-7300. Over 200 artists and craftsmen on West Jefferson in the Riverfront Business District. Includes a children's playmarket and a popular array of sporting events including volleyball and horseshoes. Hours: 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

will be held at Memorial Park (corner of Woodward Avenue and 13 Mile) on Saturday, July 9, 10 a.m. to



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Madison Chirillo enjoys the Canton splash pad on a 95-degree day in June of this year.

6 p.m. and Sunday, July 10, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Some 100 Michigan and out of state artists will be selling original art work including ceramics, painting/prints, fiber arts, jewelry, photography, sculpture, wood, glass, leather, and mixed media. (248) 246-3180.

33 **Family Camp Out and Movie Night**, beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, July 15, in Heritage Park, on Heritage Park Drive, west of Canton Center, south of Cherry Hill. Families are invited to set up around the amphitheater and enjoy a movie at dusk. Activities before the movie include games and entertainment. Cost: \$15 overnight camping fee, \$5 per person fee to participate in the evenings activities (if not camping overnight).

34 **Westland Farmers Market**, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Tuesday through Oct. 25, at The Bailey Recreation Center in Westland.

35 **Wyandotte Street Art Fair**, July 13-16, held annually throughout Wyandotte's six-block central business district.

36 **Ferndale Live Green Fair**, July 15-17, intersection of Nine Mile and Woodward Avenue, in Ferndale. www.LiveGreenFair.com

37 **Blueberry Picking**: Take the kids blueberry picking at the Dexter Blueberry Farm, 11024 Beach Road, Dexter, MI 48130. Blueberry season is from mid-July through the first part of September. The peak season is generally the last week of July and first weeks of August. Fresh blueberries are great for pies, jellies, jams and snacking. See dexterblueberry.com or call (734) 426-2900.

Enjoy a children's show at **Northville Theatre**, 135 E. Main Street in downtown Northville. Visit www.northvillemarquis theatre.com for schedule or call (248) 349-8110.

38 **Marshmallow Exchange** from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23 at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills is a free event. Collect marshmallows and exchange them for goodies. Purchase hot dogs and s'mores

or cook your own over the fire. Lots of games and family fun. More than 1,000 marshmallows will fall from the sky. Heritage Park is located on the west side of Farmington Road between Ten and Eleven Mile roads.

40 **The Gospel Music & Story Festival** celebrating faith-based music, story-telling and fellowship comes to Novi 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13 at Providence Park Hospital (Grand River and Beck Road). Admission is free. Bring a lawn chair and picnic. Food and beverage vendors will be available. See gospelmusicandstoryfestival.com.

41 **Royal Oak Antique and Garage Sale** 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 16, and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 17. More than 250 vendors converge on the 6th and Lafayette parking structure, it can only mean one thing- shopping! One of the county's largest garage sales just keeps getting better and better. Admission: \$2 per adult / free for children 12 and under.

42 **Canoeing.** Canoe rentals are available at some of the area Metroparks such as Kensington and Lower Huron, at Proud Lake Recreation Area and at Heavner and Village Canoe rentals in Milford.

43 **Concert of Colors** July 14-17, in Detroit's Midtown/Cultural Center area, with a range of musical performers representing diverse cultures from around the globe. concertofcolors.com

44 **IArt Festival**, noon to 9 p.m. July 16, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 17, Redford Township Marquee, west of Beech Daly and south of Five Mile in Redford. Free arts workshops and interactive art stations around the event site. It features music, dance, drama and street performers from outstanding local talent, a kids' art zone, art demonstrations, food and arts and fine crafts for sale. www.rpaconservancy.org

45 **The Ann Arbor Art Fairs**, July 20-23, is a group of four award-winning art fairs that take place every July in downtown Ann Arbor. In addition to art exhibits, the fair also features music performances and children's activities - most notably the Imagination Stations.

46 **RecFest**, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 23, Volunteer Park, South Lyon. \$5/wristband before, \$7/day of the event (covers all inflatables and planned activities). Inflatables, contests, a climbing wall and more. Dixboro Road between Eight Mile and Nine Mile. Contact the South Lyon Area Recreation Authority at (248) 437-8105 for more information.

47 **Cherry Hill School Concert**, 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 26, at Cherry Hill School in Canton. Celebrate National Recreation and Parks Month by enjoying an ice cream and toppings bar, served up in the kitchen of the historic Cherry Hill School. Then listen to the Canton Concert Band.

48 **Handy Park Concert** at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, June 28 to Aug. 23 at Handy Park (formerly Capitol Park) between I-96 and Plymouth Road west of Beech Daly in Redford. Bring lawn chairs and blankets. A concession stand and restrooms will be open. All concerts are open to the public and are free of charge.

49 **Sounds and Sights Festival** July 28-30, downtown and Clocktower complex in Chelsea. Includes music and social tent, children's entertainment and activities, a classic car show, open-air art market.

50 **Tiny Tot Olympics**, 10-11:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 5, in Heritage Park, Canton. For ages 2-6. Fee: \$3. Children will participate in "Olympic" events that are just the right size for them. Each participant will win their very own "gold" medal. Be sure to bring your camera. No pre-registration is required.

51 **Saline Summerfest**, Aug. 5-6, in downtown Saline, includes food, music, and Saline's annual "Picnic in the Park," a juried craft and art show, a trolley tour, a 5K run/walk event.

52 **St. Andrew's Society Highland Games**, a celebration of Scottish heritage and culture, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 5-6, Greenmead Historical Park, Eight Mile and Newburgh, Livonia.

53 Take an expedition to an area farms to pick your own berries. Some examples are Erwin Orchards in South Lyon, Wiards in Ypsilanti. For other visit pickyourown.org for more ideas.

54 **Milford Memories Summer Festival Art** in the Village, Aug. 12-14, in downtown Milford. visit milfordmemories.com

55 **Brighton Fine Arts Festival**, Aug. 13-14, in downtown Brighton. visit brightoncoc.org

56 **Woodward Dream Cruise**, Aug. 20, see www.woodwarddreamcruise.com for events

57 **Ypsilanti Heritage Festival**, Aug. 19-21, Riverside Park in Ypsilanti, visit ypsilantiheritagefestival.com

58 **Howell Melon Festival**, Aug. 19-21, in Downtown Howell. howellmelonfestival.com

59 **Northville Farmers Market**, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Thursday through Oct. 27, in the Northville Downs parking lot, corner of Seven Mile and Sheldon.

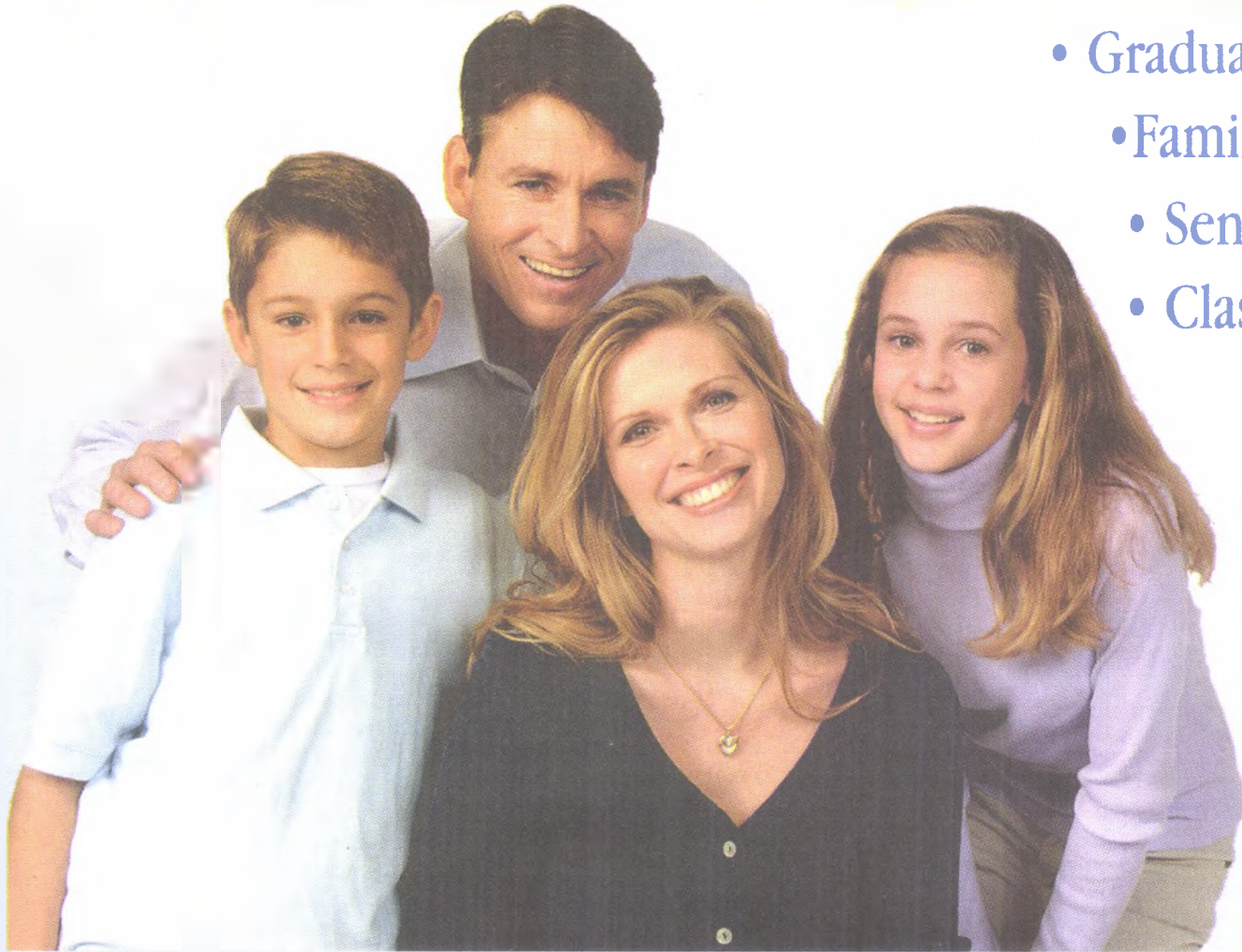
60 **Dinosaurs Unearthed** at the Detroit Science Center in Detroit until July 5. The largest dinosaur exhibit ever to come to Detroit features more than 20 animatronic dinosaurs, plus five full-size skeletons and a historically significant collection of 40 fossils, including eight feathered fossils. For more information, call (313) 577-8400.

61 **Neighborhood Concerts**, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays through July 20. Concerts are typically held in the scheduled neighborhood's shared green space or park. Visit www.cantonfun.org for directions to each neighborhood park.

62 **Science Museum**, an interactive science museum for people all ages, featuring more than 250 hands-on exhibits, science demonstrations and special events that bring chemistry, physics, geology, math, music and more to life. 220 E. Ann Street, Ann Arbor. The museum has a special \$5 after Five Summer Program. Every Thursday through Aug. 25, the museum is open late (5-8 p.m.) and admission is \$5. Phone: (734) 995-5437, museum@aahom.org

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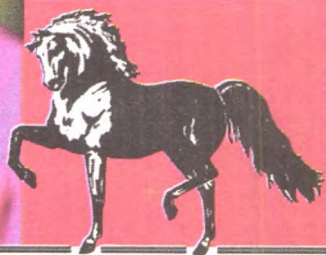
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63 Detroit Institute of Arts covers 658,000 square feet and includes more than 100 galleries, a 1,150-seat auditorium, a 380-seat lecture/recital hall, an art reference library, and a state-of-the-art conservation services laboratory. 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-7900. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, closed Monday and Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

64 Catch a fish at the Spring Valley Trout Farm in Dexter. Fish from spring-fed, pollution-free ponds that are stocked weekly with fish grown right on the farm. There is a children's trout pond reserved for little anglers under 10 years old. Spring Valley includes nine spring fed ponds ranging from a half-acre to an acre in size. Picnic pavilions, a children's play area, and an authentic American log cabin are on site. See springvalleytroutfarm.com or call (734) 426-4772.

65 Arts & Scraps, a nonprofit organization that recycles industrial materials into learning and fun for all ages and abilities. Visit the store to stuff a bag and choose from over 300 unusual and interesting items, complete kits for individuals and groups and two publications. Open Tuesday, Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 16135 Harper Road, Detroit phone: (313) 640-4411 contact@ArtsandScraps.org

66 Northville's Tunes on Tuesdays is held 10:30-11:30 a.m. in Town Square June through August. Performances are held rain or shine. Rain location is Genitti's Little Theatre at 108 E. Main.

67 Lakeshore Park, 601 S. Lake Drive in Novi includes a beach, concession service and restrooms. Park hours - 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. There is a fee of \$5 per car for nonresidents. The park hosts a number of activities including the Kids' Concert Series, Camp Lakeshore, family picnics, mountain bike and running races and more. Includes nine miles of trails.

68 Kensington Metropolitan Farm. Walk down the farm lanes and view the animals, absorb the sights, the activity, and smells of the barn, the poultry house, and the pasture; follow in the footsteps of yesteryear and today's farmer for a "feel of farm life." Hayrides on weekends. Group charters available. "Kensington's Kid Cottage" built with all natural and green materials. During the summer the hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., daily. 2240 W. Buno, Milford, (800) 477-3178, metroparks.com

69 Plymouth's Thursday Night Community Band Concert Series - 7:30 p.m. Thursdays in Kellogg Park.

70 Maybury Farm, a working farm that practices general farming from years past using equipment, tools and practices to tell the farming story of the early 1900s. Maybury Farm supplies eggs and produce to the general public. The Farm has turkeys, chickens, roosters, horses, cows, ducks, rabbits, pigs, sheep, geese, goats and llama. 50165 Eight Mile, Northville phone: (248) 374-0200.



71 Summer Jazz Concerts, 7 p.m. Fridays in the parking lots of various shopping centers along Canton's Ford Road. Bring a lawn chair.

72 Detroit Zoo features 125 acres of naturalistic exhibits with 1,300 mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish and invertebrates of 250 different species. The Arctic Ring of Life exhibit takes visitors on a trek to the North Pole. 8450 W. 10 Mile, Royal Oak. Phone: (248) 398-0900

73 Walking trails are available at many area parks including at Maybury State Park, Kensington Metropark, the Lower Rouge Recreation Trail in Canton, the Paint Creek Trail in Rochester and the Downriver Linked Greenways.

74 Imagination Station is a 10,000-square-foot playground in downtown Brighton. A series of wooden play structures create a fantasy child-size play area for kids of every age. While children explore the Imagination Station, adults can enjoy a stroll along the tranquil Mill Pond or tread across the Tridge, a three-spiked bridge and 1/2 mile nature walkway with an adjacent gazebo. Free gazebo concerts on Sunday evenings in the summer, Main Street, Brighton. Phone: (810) 227-5086.

75 Farmington Hills' Stars in the Park summer concert series 7 p.m. Thursdays in Heritage Park's grassy amphitheater. Bring a blanket or lawn chair; picnic dinner is welcome. In case of inclement weather, most concerts will be relocated to the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile.

76 Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum outdoor gardens and trails, open 7 days a week, sunrise to sunset. Free admission. Conservatory, garden shop & lobby hours 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday and Thursday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday. Adult \$5, children (5-18) \$2, children under 5 free. Wednesdays noon to 8 p.m. free admission.

77 Ford Field, 151 N. Griswold, Northville is within walking distance of the stores and restaurants of downtown Northville, adjacent to the historical Mill Race Village and the Middle Rouge River. It is a six-acre park and includes a lighted ball diamond, playground, quarter mile asphalt path, picnic tables and areas for gatherings and events.

78 Thursday Night Concert Series, 7:30-9 p.m. Thursdays, to Aug. 4 at the amphitheater in Heritage Park, Canton.

79 Detroit's Eastern Market and the adjacent district are a local food district with more than 250 independent vendors and merchants processing, wholesaling, and retailing food. At the heart of Eastern Market is a six-block public market with hundreds of open-air stalls 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. every Saturday. 2934 Russell St., Detroit (313) 833-9300

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More than exercise: Women saddle up to nourish their spirit



Ron Gardner and Sue Peltó of West Wind Equestrian, LLC., are pictured with one of the horses they rescued about a year and a half ago. It was starved and had terribly overgrown hooves. The couple put it on a regimen of good food and exercise then training. Peltó took him to his first show and he won three first, a second and a fourth in his classes which was enough to win overall champion. "His show name is 'Second Chance' a.k.a. Dakota around the barn," said Gardner. "So, not only do Sue and I have a 'Second Chance' at love, so do the horses we rescue and train."

Karen Rach-St. Clair teaches at her riding academy at Miracle Ranch in Milford and Constantine Farms in Plymouth. She is sitting atop a black and white spotted horse named Oliver, a draft cross.



Pattie Perushak of Berwyck Saddle Club in Milford dressed her horse Stella up as a ballerina for a Berwyck Halloween Ride through the nearby subdivision.

By Linda Ann Chomin
Contributing Writer

Looking for a fun form of exercise, a way to nourish the spirit and meet new friends?

A couple of hours at a horse farm could change your life. Riding promotes flexibility, balance and strength and stimulates the mind. So why do women wait so long to take the reins? As little girls, many dreamed of riding or owning these magnificent creatures.

Cindy Richards rode her first horse at age 4 while growing up in Plymouth. She showed horses until age 16, but never owned a horse until she was an adult.

"You do fall in love with the animals," said Richards, 53-year-old co-owner of Wildwind Equestrian Center in South Lyon, who got into the horse business at age 35.

Richards started riding again after a closed-head injury from a car accident at age 26 left her with balance problems. Therapeutic lessons led to a partnership with Vikki Gartner, instructor/trainer. Today, Wildwind is a full-service horse farm with boarding, training and lessons for all ages, including women over 50.

"We teach English riding seen in the Olympics, not western with the horn on the saddle," Richards said. "English provides a lot more physical fitness on the part of the rider."

Besides burning calories, women enjoy bonding with horses. It remains a mystery to owners of local riding establishments, but it could be because horses are like dogs — loyal, great listeners, with a desire to please. They can also be challenging and demanding of time. Even before placing a foot in the stirrup, horses need grooming.

"My horses are like large dogs," said Jennifer Blades, 38, who founded Willowbrooke Farms in Plymouth in 1990. "I begged for lessons and a pony and one day my dad brought home a pony."

Blades grew up in the Manchester and Livonia areas and started riding at age 5. As coach of the University of Michigan equestrian team, she says it's important to take lessons from an experienced instructor. Willowbrooke offers English riding and jumping lessons. School horses at area farms are trained for various styles of riding from western to dressage, which guides horses through a series of complicated maneuvers. Choose a facility depending on your interest. Blades teaches students from age 4 to 70.

"Ask for credentials, someone with at least three years experience working under a professional and two letters of recommendations, someone who meets requirements for basic certification and has liability insurance," Blades said. "It's important to be taught correctly and safely. Willowbrooke is a very easy-going atmosphere, although horseback riding requires some work to be good at it."

BASICS ARE KEY

Sitting on a horse with proper posture and balance is important to mastering the art of riding, according to Suzy Wyckoff of Mystic Meadows Farm in South Lyon. As an instructor, she focuses on the basics. Her students especially like the stable's online system that allows them to schedule lessons 24/7.

"Our farm is family oriented. There's a connection between rider and instructor. It's all one-on-one instruction, not part of a big group," Wyckoff said. "You're talking on a personal level like to your hairdresser."

Horseback riding creates bonds between children and parents as well, even if the adult is not taking lessons.



Heidi Mier, a veterinarian, and her daughter, Megan Brandemuehl, love to ride and care for their horses. Megan's horse is Samson, a black and white gelding, while Mier's horse is Friday, a chestnut mare. Both horses are Tennessee Walking Horses.



Ardis Loos rides Misty at the Berwyck Saddle Club in Milford.

Wyckoff's 14-month-old son is already riding and comes to the barn with her every day.

"A lot of parents stay and watch the lessons," said Wyckoff, 29. "It's a good bonding time for mothers and fathers. We have quite a few mother-daughter teams. They either take lessons back-to-back or a group lesson, or lease horses so they can ride together."

A love of horses has created a strong bond between Dr.

Heidi Mier and her daughter, Megan Brandemuehl, 11. Mier rode as a child, but allergies dampened her enthusiasm. It wasn't until her 30s when symptoms subsided that Mier was able to saddle up again.

"Megan and I do trail riding together and camping with horses. We're close because of that," said Mier, a 48-year old veterinarian who lives in Plymouth. "She's gained strength, balance and confidence. It can be a little intimidating with the size of the animals, but can be empowering to know now I've done that."

It was during her 30s that Mier volunteered with the therapeutic riding program at Wildwind and she and husband Steve Brandemuehl bought property with a barn.

"Horses seem to have a very good energy about them to help with physical and emotional strength," said Mier, who practices integrative medicine in Dixboro. "It's very therapeutic to be around a horse. A neat bond forms when you work with a horse. I love owning them because I love being around them, being in the barn and cleaning it, but it's expensive, too. It has to be almost a lifestyle."

Sue Peltó has been rescuing and training former race-track horses for years as well as showing hunter jumpers. When she met Ron Gardner their love blossomed into buying a farm, West Wind Equestrian in New Hudson.

Today, Peltó not only teaches riding to children and adults, beginning to advanced, but boards horses for CANTER, (Communication Alliance to Network Thoroughbred Ex-Racehorses) a nonprofit organization that finds non-racing homes for retiring equines.

"We have two trainers on staff," said Peltó. "It's very rewarding to see them go from a race horse to a show horse and come along and learn a new career." West Wind offers private, semi-private and public lessons, and boarding. The heated barn features 33 box stalls.

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LOCAL STABLES AND EQUESTRIAN ACTIVITIES

Horse farms offer a variety of services and activities from lessons and boarding to camps and social events.

Riding lessons start at around \$25 with discounted monthly packages available. Here's a list of local stables:

- Berwyck Saddle Club, 1477 Berwyck Dr., Milford next to Kensington Metropark. Call (248) 685-1555 or visit www.berwycksaddleclub.com. Horse boarding facility that offers lessons from Western to English and Hunter Jumper.

- Constantine Farms, 9585 Joy Road, Plymouth. Call (734) 453-3168 or constantinefarms.com.

- Kensington Trail Riders enjoy the scenic views, wildlife and waterfowl of Kensington Metropark, 2240 W. Buno Road, Milford, MI. Visit www.kensingtontrailriders.org or call (248) 685-1561. Kensington offers 19 miles of equestrian trails. Upcoming activities include Aug. 20 Scavenger Hunt, and camping Sept. 30 to Oct. 2.

- Mystic Meadows Farm, 9552 Wall-Gene, South Lyon. Call (248) 486-6585 or visit www.mysticmeadows.net.

- Northville Horse and Recreation, 50265 West 7 Mile, between Napier and Beck. Call (248) 773-7840 or visit www.northvillehorseandrec.com.

- Rach Riding Academy at Miracle Ranch, 3380 Morrow Lane, Milford. Offers specialty lessons in jumping, dressage, drill team and vaulting. Call (586) 242-7351 or visit www.rachridingacademy.com.

- Showcase Stables, 7447 Pontiac Trail, Northville. Call (248) 437-3238 or visit www.showcasetables.com.

- Twin Elm Training at Snowbird Farm in Northville. Call (248) 697-6503, visit www.twinelmtraining.com, or send e-mail to twinelmtraining@hotmail.com.

- West Wind Equestrian, 55535 Lee Road, New Hudson, 48165. Call (248) 207-1366 or (248) 672-3593 or visit www.west-wind-equestrian.com.

- Wildwind Equestrian Center, 3935 W. Seven Mile, South Lyon. Call (248) 486-7433 or visit www.wildwindstable.com.

- Willowbrooke Farms, 7461 Brookville Rd. Plymouth. Call (734) 737-0899 or visit www.willowbrooke-farm.com.

For equestrian-related news, activities and links, visit the Oakland Equestrian Coalition www.oaklandequestrians.org. Merle Richmond is the coordinator, merlerichmond@sbcglobal.net or (248) 624-1409.

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Suzy Wyckoff and her mother, Janice Groat, at a show with their horses. Mother and daughter are business partners.

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The large indoor arena is perfect for winter horseback riding, and the 3,000 sq. ft. banquet facility for hosting parties.

"It's been Sue's passion and dream to own her own facility," said Gardner. Both work full time outside the horse farm. "We're not doing it to make a living. We're doing it cause we love it. It gives her a chance to train horses and offers women a great place to hang out, to come out to the barns. We have women in their 50s starting lessons, but we don't just teach riding. We teach how to care for the animal."

Dressage is changing Terri Bennett's life. She's taking more mornings off from her Plymouth business to learn about the disciplined maneuvers first used by the military to train horses.

Bennett began riding 15 years ago. The experience has taken the 60-year-old woman on an educational journey.

She was first introduced to horses when a customer at Specialty Pet Supplies bartered lessons for dog food. That led her to riding and showing American Saddlebred horses. Saddle seat riding introduced her to the American Morgan horse and the world of dressage, the classical riding discipline made famous by the Lippizaner Stallions. She takes lessons as well as boards and trains her three American Morgan horses at Puterbaugh Dressage Sport in Howell. She began competing last year and won her first blue ribbon.

"Some say it's like entering into another dimension or world, the smell of hay and leather," Bennett said.

Like Meir, Bennett says that being around horses is therapeutic. She espe-

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Terri Bennett spends a quiet moment with Goldie.

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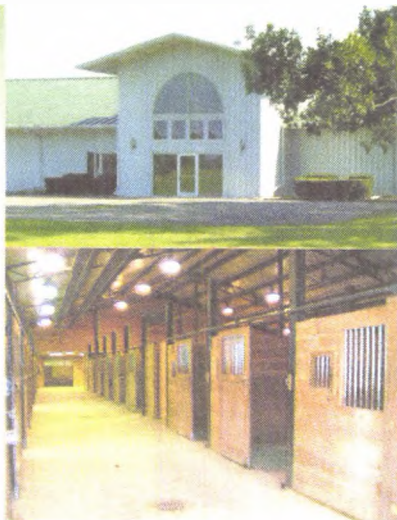
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Anya Bothner and Maddie DeRose riding Willowbrook Farm horses Latte and Griffin (grey), respectively.



HORSES

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cially enjoys trail riding. The 220-mile Shore-to-Shore Michigan Riding and Hiking Trail, completed in the 1960s, runs from Empire near Lake Michigan to Oscoda near Lake Huron, with established camps usually near lakes or rivers.

"So many of us growing up as little girls loved horses. There's something about the beauty and grace. They give all and ask for nothing," Bennett said. "For me, it's therapy to go out to the barn and even brush them. I like trail riding and going through the woods and being close to nature. It's a beautiful way to see the countryside. I enjoy the camaraderie of men and women and having campfires."

ENJOY HORSES

When the Marino family decided to reopen their riding business two years ago, the concept was to offer a place for friends, parents and children to enjoy horses and each other. Northville Horse and Recreation holds Ladies Nights Out every Friday and during other pre-arranged days and times for all levels of experience. The hour-long adventure includes an introduction to riding and basic horse care. The cost is \$25 per person.

"Sometimes friends get together and form their own group," said Lisa Marino-Ventrella, 48, who owns the farm with sister Wendy Marino-Cole and her daughter, Jennifer Cole.

"We match people in groups according to their ability," said Marino-Ventrella. "If they've never been on a horse, they learn some balancing. You're going through at your own pace."

"It's an environment to meet and socialize with other ladies. We like to think of it as a gym on hooves," she added.

In addition to special activities, Northville Horse and Recreation offers private lessons, therapeutic riding for

special-needs children and the Sister Hooves program for younger girls. Each is assigned a big sister, a high school girl to teach them about riding and the responsibility of caring for an animal.

"They talk about what they want to do for the day. They learn how to manage time and organize their day," said Marino-Ventrella, a graduate of Mercy High School in Farmington Hills. "It's a learning and mentoring program in all aspects of a kid's life. They might work on homework and need tutoring. They come here, hang out, experience horses and make decisions and work as a team. I've worked with troubled kids and they learn how to be kind and have expectations. It's a beautiful experience."

LOVES CHALLENGE

Marino-Ventrella learned to love the challenge of working with horses as a young girl. Her late parents, Chuck and Audrey, opened the facility in the late 1970s. The couple raised nine children in Northville.

"As a woman, as a mother, one of the greatest gifts my parents gave me was to experience this animal. They're so giving and they need you," said Marino-Ventrella.

Twin Elm Training at Snowbird Farm in Northville gives extended lessons for groups during its Day With the Horses. The three-hour program includes handling, grooming and riding. Bobbie Jo Graham, 32, owns the business. Born and raised in the Upper Peninsula, she grew up in the 4-H program showing horses and ponies. After high school, she earned a bachelor's degree in animal science at Michigan State University while working for a South Lyon horse farm. She started Twin Elm Training in 2004. Along with Day With the Horses, activities like Ladies Nights provide a casual group ride and games on horseback before sitting down to socialize as everyone brings a dish to pass.

"Riding is great exercise. A lot of people think you sit there and do nothing when actually it's a full body workout

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Randie Vaughan with her horse, Runner. Vaughan, who grew up in Farmington Hills, learned to love the animals while visiting her Uncle Mike's South Lyon riding stable on weekends.

and becomes kind of a social outlet for them," Graham said. "Everybody wants to make that connection with an animal. We have primarily Morgan horses, a very smart, willing-to-work breed of horse and very flashy."

CHANGING LIVES

Horses can and do change lives. Randie Vaughan learned to love the animals while visiting her Uncle Mike's South Lyon riding stable on weekends after her father died when she was 12. Vaughan has been horse-crazy ever since. At one time, she and her husband owned six horses while living in Northville. Today the couple has three horses on their farm near Oscoda.

"We had a trailer and went to shows every weekend," said Vaughan, 56, who grew up in Farmington Hills. "There are different forms of horseback riding. Our daughter Kelly did barrel racing and some jumping. For me, it's a hobby. I just love it. I don't know exactly what attracts me. It's like any sport. I enjoy it. The stress disappears. If I have a headache, it disappears. It's totally relaxing."

Ardis Loos has had a 40-year love affair with horses. Today she co-owns Berwyck Saddle Club in Milford with Pattie Perushak and Frank Howe. The stable is a horse boarding facility that offers lessons ranging from Western to English and Hunter Jumper.

"I've been riding ever since I could say horse," said Loos of South Lyon. "The highlight was my trips to Camp Dearborn and our neighbors' Real Life Day Camp and Farm in Canton."

Fun days at Berwyck include barbecues, barrel racing, horse games, and trail rides that blend socializing with activities.

"There's such a camaraderie there," said Loos. "There are hunter jumpers who have won shows talking with kids with their little ponies."

Howe believes the stable is popular because of its location next to Kensington Metropark where 19 miles of trails offer scenic views through wooded areas, hilly terrain, fields and along the Huron River and Kent Lake.

"We have a clubhouse with a sauna

and pool table, heated barns and indoor arena," said Rowe.

Pattie Perushak returned to riding in 1995. She originally took lessons as a child at a barn in Westland where she grew up. Today at age 50 she has given in to her passion for horses although restoring the old barn at Berwyck on the Park requires intense labor. The subdivision is mainly home to horse lovers.

"I live outside of Berwyck and thought the sub was beautiful. As I drove by I thought the barn was looking dilapidated and closed," said Perushak. "They did a foreclosure and auction and that's when we bought it. It's an equine community with a bridle path around the sub. All paddocks are behind people's homes. We have 8 1/2 acres, 43 stalls. Berwyck is a private club and you can purchase memberships to use the facility."

Lessons are available to the general public as well.

Karen Rach-St. Clair teaches not only at her riding academy at Miracle Ranch in Milford, but Constantine Farms in Plymouth off of Joy Road and Gotfredson. She's been riding since age 4 when she lived in St. Joseph.

"Rach is a very welcoming academy for everyone from recreational riders who want to learn to ride to go with family on a dude ranch to high level competitive," said Rach-St. Clair, 50, who specializes in vaulting and drill team lessons.

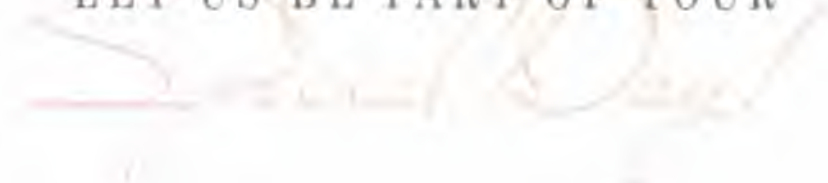
"The American Vaulting Association defines vaulting as gymnastics and dance on horseback. Drill team is formation riding, a series of patterns and choreographed. It teaches precision and is a fun way of stepping up performance routine with your horse."

In her spare time, Rach-St. Clair is producing Dancing with Horses, on Oct. 23, to benefit the Highland Equestrian Conservancy, an organization to protect natural resources and establish equestrian trails. Visit www.highlandequestrians.org.

"It's a variety show with horses, everything choreographed with music and trainers from the area," she added.



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Level: Advanced

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101 THINGS

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80 The Henry Ford in Dearborn includes Henry Ford Museum, Greenfield Village, Ford Rouge Factory Tour and The Henry Ford IMAX Theater. 20900 Oakwood Blvd. Dearborn, Toll-free: (800) 835-5237 thehenryford.org

81 Explore the Leslie Science and Nature Center, a 50-acre site of fields, prairies, forest and pond in Ann Arbor. The Leslie Science and Nature Center was once a home and laboratory to Eugene and Emily Leslie, and is now the Leslie Science & Nature Center and Black Pond Woods. The Center is open 365 days a year, dawn till dusk. Admission is free. The Critter House is open 5-7 p.m. Saturdays and noon to 3 p.m. Sundays. Visitors may visit the raptors any time during daylight hours. The center is at 1831 Traver Road, Ann Arbor, 48105-1240 (734) 997-1553.

82 Detroit Historical Museum 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. 5401 Woodward Ave., two blocks north of Woodward, Detroit. Visitors of all ages can step back in time through the Streets of Old Detroit, visit with the early settlers of Detroit in Frontiers to Factories or experience the Motor City exhibit and witness firsthand



Ava Heiler (left), 6, Samantha Moutsatsos, 5, and Sophia Heiler, 4, all race around dancing and playing at a concert last summer.

how the automobile industry helped shape the region. Enjoy free admission on the third Sunday of July and August (July 17 and Aug. 21) from noon to 5 p.m.

83 Plymouth's Music in the Park Children's Concert Series Wednesdays at noon in Kellogg Park.

84 Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills (258) 645-3147 Guided tours of the Arts and Crafts-style Cranbrook House are offered, suitable for children age 7 and older. A self-guided walking tour is available for the gardens, which includes sculptures and fountains in addition to roses and other floral treats. Also on the premises is the house designed and lived in by famed architect Eliel Saarinen, Cranbrook's architect in residence for the 25 years up until 1950.

85 Rhythm: in Riley Park, free Friday concerts, 7-8:30 p.m., in downtown Farmington, from early June through August. Chairs, blankets and dancing shoes suggested. First United Methodist Church in downtown Farmington is the rain location for Rhythmz in Riley Park.

86 Automotive Hall of Fame, 21400 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, (313) 240-4000 features interactive displays, classic and historic automobiles. Adults \$8, seniors 62 and older and students 13 to 18 \$6, children 5 to 12 \$4. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday to Sunday, closed Mondays and Tuesdays and major holidays.

87 Farmington Farmers & Artisans Market, Sundquist Pavilion in Riley Park, Grand River at Grove in Farmington Saturdays through Nov. 19

88 Market at the Marquee, Sundays beginning June 19 through Oct. 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Marquee of Redford Township, Five Mile and Beech Daly.

89 Plymouth Farmers Market, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Saturday through Oct. 29 in The Gathering across from Kellogg Park and the street in front of the park, downtown Plymouth

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays through Oct. 16, Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Road, Canton is in its fourth season offering flowers, seasonal produce, baked goods, honey,

organic meats & cheeses along with a variety of handcrafted goods, all made in Michigan.

91 Arts, Beats & Eats, Sept. 2-5, in Royal Oak. More than 200 art exhibitors, 50 restaurants and 150 bands on five stages downtown Royal Oak. For more information call (248) 334-4600.

92 Milford Farmers Market, 3-8 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 20, East Liberty Street between South Main Street and Union Street (except Aug. 11, when the market will be held at South Side Park next to the Milford Fire Department).

93 Cool off at area splash parks at Redford's Handy Park, Canton's Heritage Park, Splash'n'blast in Kensington Metropark, Plymouth Township Splash Park in Plymouth Township Park or the Splash Pad in Farmington Hills' Heritage Park.

94 Garden City Farmers Market 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. every Wednesday through Oct. 26, northeast corner of Ford Road and Middlebelt in the Garden City Town Center Plaza.

95 Summer Family Fun & Game Night, 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Marquee of Redford Township will have old-fashioned games, K-9 demonstration, child's ID pictures taken, hot dogs, ice cream.

96 Pewabic Pottery is free and open to the public 355 days of the year. 10125 E. Jefferson Ave, 1.5 miles east of the Belle Isle Bridge, at the corner of Jefferson Avenue and Cadillac Avenue, across from Waterworks Park. Detroit. (313) 626-2000. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday thru Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Self-guided tours are available Monday-Friday only.

97 Biking. Pump up your bike tires and see some sights at the Metroparks, Maybury State Park, the Paint Creek Trail in Rochester, the Downriver Linked Greenways, Belle Isle and Detroit's River Walk

98 Marvin's Marvelous Mechanical Museum. Magic posters, neon, antiques, advertising, ceiling fans, slot machines, memorabilia, robots, airplanes, animation. 31005 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Phone: (248) 626-5020 marvin3m.com

99 Plymouth Historical Museum features a display of historic streets filled with shops, a hands on area for kids, and special changing exhibits. Other permanent exhibits include a display relating the history of the Daisy BB Guns and Company founded in Plymouth in 1886. 155 S. Main St., Plymouth, Phone: (745) 455-8940. plymouthhistory.org

100 Summer Sidewalk Concert Series Twelve Mile Crossing in Novi free summer concert series Thursdays from 5-8 p.m. in June, July and August. The series is held at Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountainwalk in Novi.

101 Market at the Marquee, Aug. 21 to Oct. 3, Dixie Highway in Holly.

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TNT Orthodontics

BY JON GUNNELLS
SPECIAL WRITER

Dr. Thomas Hamway and Dr. Timothy Stroster are specialists in Orthodontic treatment for people of all ages. In August of 1993 they opened the doors of their first Brighton orthodontic office, and approximately 5 years later they expanded their practice to include another location in nearby South Lyon.

Recently, after several years of contemplation, Dr. Hamway and Dr. Stroster made the "Dynamite" decision to change the name of their practice to TNT Orthodontics. The "t's in TNT stand for their first names, Tom and Tim. Although the name has changed, Dr. Hamway and Dr. Stroster want every one to know that nothing else has changed.

Patients will still see the same doctors and the same happy staff members that they already know and trust.

Dr. Hamway and Dr. Stroster have always believed in delivering the highest quality of orthodontic care to every one of their wonderful patients. That is a standard that has never wavered. However, they believe that what really sets them apart is the exceptionally high level of customer service that they and their staff members provide for patients and their family members day after day. Many of the 14 TNT Orthodontic staff members have been with Dr. Hamway and Dr. Stroster for 10 or more years, such as, Office Administrator, Jeannie Morrisette and Treatment Coordinator, Betsy Goss, who have been with the practice for 17 & 18 years respectively. That speaks volumes to not only the dedication of the staff and doctors to each other, but also to the consistency of the team they have developed over the years. Patients feel



Photos submitted by TNT

Dr Hamway and Dr. Stroster with their hard working staff at TNT Orthodontics insist that once you step into their office you will notice the difference.

comfortable seeing the same familiar faces when they return to the office with their second, third, or even fourth child.

Convenience

Extended and varied office hours are very helpful in making it convenient for families to schedule appointments at TNT Orthodontics. Because they know that in today's world 9:00 to 5:00 office hours every day just doesn't "cut it", they offer early hours for the before work and school crowd, late hours for people who cannot make it here by 5:00, and even Saturdays during the school months. These extended hours are great for working parents and children with after school activities. Nobody else even comes close to offering as many hours as TNT Orthodontics.

New Technology

At TNT Orthodontics they use the most modern technology to keep treatment timing

to a minimum. "Our self-ligating brackets and state-of-the art wires mean more constant and gentle movement of the teeth" Clinic Coordinator, Karen Charboneau said. "Less discomfort and shorter treatment time are possible with these new brackets", she added.

Not only the orthodontic treatment is high-tech at TNT Orthodontics. Free Wi-Fi is available at both locations. Parents love to "log-on" while they wait for their children to be seen. Patients can find TNT Orthodontics on Facebook and soon they will be partnering with the geo-tracking site Foursquare.

At TNT Orthodontics even the payment plans are flexible. They offer several options for payment, including a discount for those who choose to pay in full at the beginning of treatment. When payment in full is not an option for their patients, they offer interest free monthly payment plans. Payment can be made by cash, check, debit card, or credit card.

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At TNT Orthodontics the Initial Exam appointment is always complimentary. It gives patients and parents an opportunity to experience the office and meet the doctor prior to making a long-term commitment. "However", states Patient Coordinator, Kim O'Neil-Adams, "once a potential patient sees how wonderful their first experience in our office is, they are anxious to return for treatment". "My daughter Gabi had her orthodontic treatment at TNT Orthodontics, and when I got the opportunity to become part of their team, I jumped at the chance" she added.

Fun

Although it may be hard for some people

to equate fun with orthodontics, it is possible to have fun while delivering top-notch orthodontic care. At TNT orthodontics, having fun is very important. For TNT patients and parents, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate are served every morning. During the summer iced tea is also served. In addition, there is a refrigerator of cold water for all to enjoy. A wide variety of toys and books are provided for the younger siblings of patients, so as to make their visits to the office enjoyable as well. "In fact", noted Administrative Assistant, Nicole Baker, "many times children don't want to leave when their appointment is done." Monthly contests offer incentives for patients to wear their TNT orthodontic T-shirts. In addition to the monthly T-shirt contest, periodic contests for patients and parents get everyone involved.

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- cucumber, peeled and diced
- 1/2 red bell pepper, seeded and diced
- 2 ripe kiwifruit, peeled and sliced
- 1 boneless strip steak, marinated in Citrus-Ginger Marinade, grilled
- Ginger Vinaigrette (recipe below)

Place greens, cucumber, bell pepper and kiwifruit in large shallow bowl. Drizzle Ginger Vinaigrette over and toss gently. Divide salad among four dinner plates; arrange sliced steak atop each salad and serve immediately.

Ginger Vinaigrette: In medium jar with tight-fitting lid, place 5 tablespoons olive oil, 1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger root, 1 tablespoon white wine vinegar, 1 tablespoon orange juice, 1 teaspoon honey, 1/2 teaspoon salt and pinch of black pepper; secure lid and shake jar well to blend.

CITRUS-GINGER MARINADE

Makes about 1 1/2 cups, enough for 1 pound of strip steak, or other beef loin steak

- 3/4 cup fresh orange juice
- Grated zest of one orange
- 2 tablespoons freshly grated ginger root
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1 tablespoon coarsely grated black pepper
- 1/4 cup vegetable or peanut oil

In small bowl, whisk together orange juice,

zest, grated ginger, soy sauce, vinegar, mustard and pepper. Slowly add oil, whisking to blend well. Use immediately to marinate steak before grilling: Place one strip steak in large self-sealing bag, pour marinade over and refrigerate for 6 to 8 hours, or overnight. Remove steak from marinade, pat dry with paper towels and grill over direct heat to desired doneness. Allow steak to rest 5 minutes before slicing thinly to arrange atop salad.

MEDITERRANEAN SALAD WITH FETA AND WATERMELON

Serves 6

- 1 package Fresh Express 5-Lettuce Mix
- 4 to 5 cups cubed watermelon, from one small seedless melon
- 1/2 medium onion, sliced 1/4 inch thick
- 6 small radishes, trimmed and thinly sliced
- 12 pitted ripe, dry-cured olives, such as kalamata
- 1 1/4 cups (5 ounces) feta cheese crumbles
- Honey Garlic Vinaigrette (recipe below)

Place lettuce, melon, onion, radishes and olives in large salad bowl; drizzle with vinaigrette and toss gently but thoroughly. Portion salad onto six salad plates; top each salad with feta.

Honey Garlic Vinaigrette: In medium jar with tight-fitting lid, place 1/2 cup olive oil, 3 tablespoons honey, 1 tablespoon lemon juice, 1 teaspoon white balsamic vinegar, 1 minced garlic clove, 1 minced shallot, 2 tablespoons chopped parsley, 1 teaspoon salt and 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper; secure lid and shake jar well to blend.

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If you're interested in hosting a party, visit www.CookfortheCure.com to register and obtain a unique host identification number. Registered hosts will get access to an information kit that includes party ideas, recipes like the two shared here and donation gathering information.

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Sea Bass in Shredded Potato Skin

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SEA BASS IN SHREDDED POTATO SKIN

Serves 4

You can substitute halibut, swordfish or even Arctic char for the sea bass. These fillets are cooked in a shredded potato crust. The crisp crust keeps the fish juicy and provides a nice balance to the tender flesh. Use large baking potatoes. Peel them (although they can be left unpeeled, if you prefer) and wash them, then shred them against the side of a box grater with the largest holes. At this point, the potatoes should be used immediately or kept in water to cover until ready to cook.

- 2 large baking potatoes (1 pound total)
- 1 medium leek, trimmed (leaving some green), split, washed and finely chopped (½ cup)
- 1 tablespoon safflower or peanut oil
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 4 skinless sea bass fillets (about 6 ounces each)

Peel the potatoes (or leave them unpeeled, if desired) and wash them. Shred the potatoes on the large holes of a box grater. (You should have about 2½ cups.) Drain well in a colander, then combine in a bowl with the leek and mix well.

Heat the oil and butter in a large skillet, preferably nonstick. Meanwhile, sprinkle half the salt on the fillets. When the oil and butter are hot, spoon 4 small, evenly spaced mounds of the shredded potatoes and leek (each about ⅓ cup) into the skillet. Press a portion of fish into each mound and cover the fish with the remaining potatoes. Sprinkle with the remaining salt.

Cook the potato packages over medium-high heat for 6 to 7 minutes. Turn them carefully with a large spatula and cook them for 6 to 7 minutes on the other side. The potatoes should be nicely crusted on both sides and the fish just cooked. Serve.

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