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Woody goes Barefoot

Barefoot Productions presents "Woody Allen & Jazz," a one-night combo featuring "Old Saybrook," written by Woody Allen, followed by a live concert by One Flight Up, a folk/jazz quartet.

The event takes place 8 p.m. Saturday, July 23, at Barefoot Productions Theater, 240 N. Main, Plymouth.



Local actors dominate the cast of 'Old Saybrook.'

"Old Saybrook" is a comic one-act play written by Woody Allen involving the wit and humor revolving around neurosis and adult affairs. The play is directed by frequently seen Barefoot Productions actor Nathan Corliss (of "Rope" and "Black Comedy"), in his directorial debut. The performance will be followed by the folk, jazz and retro music stylings of One Flight Up, featuring singer Eric Anderson. It's the first of three nights of Woody Allen and music Barefoot Productions presents between July 23 and Aug. 20.

Tickets are \$15. Call (734) 560-1493 or visit www.justgobarefoot.com for information, tickets and reservations.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross is sponsoring a variety of blood drives in the Plymouth-Canton area during August.

As part of a national appeal for blood donors, the American Red Cross welcomes appointments and walk-ins. Drives are scheduled:

- Monday, Aug. 1, Salem High School (on Joy between Canton Center and Beck), Canton's Summit on the Park (46000 Summit Parkway) and the Plymouth Community Arts Council (774 N. Sheldon), 1-6:45 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 3, Salem High School, 1-6:45 p.m.
- Friday, Aug. 5, Busch's Market (Five Mile and Sheldon) in Plymouth, 1-6:45 p.m.

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Sidewalk sales

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce sponsors its annual sidewalk sales Friday, July 22, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday, July 23, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Some businesses will also offer sales Sunday, July 24, from noon to 4 p.m.

Downtown Plymouth features a wide variety of shops and galleries that will be offering special discounts and bargains during the sale. Participating shops include Candy Trail, Eclectic Attic, Forest Computers, GiGi's Mode, Hands on Leather, Home Sweet Home, Kennitz Fine Candies, Maggie & Me, Merle Norman, TranquilTea and Wilcox Consignment.

Contact the chamber, (734) 453-1540, for more information.

Board privatizes bus drivers

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A roomful of passionate bus drivers and other transportation officials crowded into the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education meeting Tuesday in an effort to save their jobs.

It didn't work.

The board voted 5-2 to privatize some 150 bus driver and monitor positions, hiring Michigan Educational Transportation Systems, Inc., the only outside bidder, to phase in drivers and monitors for both special education and general education bus services.

The move is expected to save some \$2.5 million in the first year for a district that plugged an \$11 million hole in its 2011-12 budget with its entire fund balance.

"We've got to make these decisions," board

President John Jackson said as board members discussed the possibility of delaying the vote. "We had a decision to close a school, and we didn't make it. We had a decision to raise class size, and we didn't do that. We still have an \$11 million hole, and we have to make these decisions."

James Larson-Shidler, the district's assistant superintendent for business services, said the district currently pays some \$6.4 million for drivers covered under the METS agreement. METS has agreed to supply them for \$3.5 million, Larson-Shidler pointed out.

UNUSUAL MOVE

In what interim Supt. Jeremy Hughes said was an unusual move for a district privatizing its transportation department, Plymouth-

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Plymouth-Canton's Board of Education voted Tuesday to privatize some 150 bus drivers and monitors.



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Laura Miazga cools off in the Kellogg Park fountain.

HOT STUFF!

Water, water everywhere
the key to beating the heat

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Whether he's on an outdoor job on a 100-degree day or cleaning out a boiler room that, even in the coldest weather, can reach 120 degrees, Mike Panza knows how to beat the heat.

It's part of his job description. "Stay hydrated," was Panza's advice. "Hydration isn't a part-time job." Assessing the heat conditions at a job site, he said, is a requirement in his business.

Panza, a confined spaces safety technician for Inland, an industrial cleaning company, was at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty in Plymouth Township on Tuesday afternoon — when the temperature reached 94 degrees — to help clean out an underground vault that provides access to communications equipment. On a break as he waited for a colleague to return with a vacuum truck, Panza was perched, in the shade, on a sealed five-gallon bucket filled with bottles of cold water, and he drank from a gallon-sized jug of his own.

"The company gives us as many bottles of water as we want," Panza said. Still, "some days, like today, there's just no beating the heat," he added.

PRECAUTIONS TAKEN

The heat wave that gripped much of the country was expected to continue in the Detroit area for several days, with

some predictions putting Thursday's high at 100. In Plymouth, the Cultural Center, with air-conditioning provided by a new geothermal system, was to be open until 9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday to give people a place to cool off. The city also canceled all Recreation Department T-ball games scheduled for Wednesday.

Plymouth Township had no official cooling centers, but Supervisor Richard Reaume said the township would enlist the help of the Salvation Army's Plymouth Corps for a heat-relief plan should officials deem it necessary.

Panza was with co-workers Julian Galvan and Steve Underhill on Tuesday. After pumping out the vault, where diesel fuel spilled in a recent accident had collected, Galvan was to don a protective suit and "muck boots" and descend into it, with soap and brushes, to scrub it down.

It's hotter under the street, and the boots are heavy, but Galvan shrugged off the chore.

"It's a one-man job. It's not that hard," he said.

By comparison, the crew from Seventy 7 Productions at Kellogg Park earlier Tuesday had it easy.

A commercial for Quicken Loans was shot there Tuesday morning and, just after noon, riggers were breaking down the set and hauling away equipment as a

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Groundbreaking set for Plymouth fire station addition

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth officials will break ground today (Thursday) on a \$260,000 addition to the City Hall complex that will prepare it to house equipment and personnel for future firefighting and rescue operations.

The bid for the addition and modifications to the existing police department that will help make space for a fire department, was awarded Monday to low bid-

der Axiom Construction Services Group by a Plymouth City Commission voice vote. A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for 6 p.m. The project doesn't include new fire truck bays; the bays currently at the complex, which was a fire station until the mid-1990s, will be used.

The building will be the most public manifestation so far, of the city's plan to leave the Plymouth Community Fire Department after this year and partner with the Northville Fire Department

in January. The Northville department relies heavily on part-time, on-call firefighters, rather than unionized full-timers, and the move is expected to save Plymouth about \$400,000 a year. The city's share of PCFD has been running close to \$1 million a year.

Plymouth received 10 bids for the construction project, with the highest being \$328,500. Axiom, in addition, plans to reuse three

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Caroline Scheuing and Anita Michaud raised some \$600 for the Michigan Humane Society by selling flip-flops and visors at Plymouth's Art in the Park.

Girls' fundraiser helps Humane Society

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Caroline Scheuing and Anita Michaud originally decided to get a booth at last weekend's Art in the Park in downtown Plymouth to sell goods "for the fun of it."

Then, like a light bulb going on, it dawned on the girls, both about to be seventh-grade students at East Middle School, they could not only have fun, but do something constructive for charity.

That's why the proceeds from the girls' booth, where they sold decorated flip-flops and sun visors, are going to the Michigan Humane Society, to the tune of some \$600.

"We came up with idea of promoting shelters or rescues, so we decided on the Humane Society," said Anita, a 12-year-old Plymouth resident. It helps animals that need shelter, and it helps animals already at the shelter."

Said Caroline: "(The

Humane Society) is someone everyone can kind of relate to. Everyone knows what that is, so we thought people would be more willing to help."

Turns out they were right. The girls decorated the flip-flops and visors using markers and gel-tubes, and they also sold lemonade. By the time the booth closed on Sunday, the girls had sold 72 pairs of flip-flops and another 30 visors.

The girls were divided on their chances for success. Caroline, a 12-year-old from Canton, thought the money might come in slowly — "I didn't think we'd make that much ... flip-flops and visors aren't that intriguing," she said — while Anita figured they'd do well.

"I expected to make a lot of money," Anita said. "A lot of people like animals, so everyone knew it was going to be a good cause."

The girls were accountable for every aspect of the fundraiser — decorating the goods,

procuring the Art in the Park booth, scheduling, etc. It's a level of responsibility that didn't surprise their parents.

"These girls took it upon themselves," Lisa Scheuing said. "We couldn't believe the motivation they had. They came up with the idea of the charity, they came up with what they'd make, they coordinated everything the last few days. They pulled it all together."

Peg Foen, Anita's mother, was likewise not surprised with the success the girls had.

"Both girls are very responsible," Foen said. They're both excellent students, and when they put their minds to it, they get things done. I didn't have any doubt they'd be able to pull it off."

The girls were scheduled to present the proceeds from their sale to the Michigan Humane Society in Westland Wednesday.

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"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

Tile workshop

Date/Time: Aug. 8, 11, 15, 18 and 25, 6:30-9 p.m.

Location: Village Potters Guild studio, 340 N. Main in Plymouth.

Details: The Village Potters Guild, the creators of the tile mural at the Plymouth Township Hall, is offering a Tile Making Workshop. Instruction in relief tiles and carved tiles from plaster casts will be emphasized during the first classes. Modern, free-form tiles and glazing will be covered in the remaining sessions. Class size is limited. The cost is \$85.

Contact: Visit www.villagepotters-guild.org or call (734) 207-8807.

Grief Support

Date/Time: Oct. 5, 12, 19 and 26, from 7-9 p.m.

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth

Details: Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Parish in Plymouth is sponsoring "Grieving with Great Hope," a four-week grief support series for Catholics who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Speakers will include Fr. John Riccardo from OLG as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry. The workshop will offer spiritual hope, practical guidance, fellowship with other grievers as well as time for private reflection and prayer.

Contact: For more information visit www.goodmourningministry.net or

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call the OLGC Parish Office at (734) 453-0326.

Crafters wanted

Date/Time: Oct. 15

Location: West Middle School in Plymouth

Details: Organizers of the Delta Kappa Gamma Craft Fair at West Middle School are looking for crafters. Proceeds go for scholarships for future educators from the Plymouth/Canton high schools. The fair general draws some 1,500 customers and features food and drawings.

Contact: Judy, (734) 347-1001 or Alice (248) 348-5561 or dachrenko@hotmail.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.

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.

Contact: To register contact Coreen at coreen29@wowway.com.

Tea and fashion

Date/Time: Sunday, July 24, 3-6 p.m.

Location: Edsel and Eleanor house, Grosse Pointe Shores

Details: Divine Power Ministries, Sisters With Healing Power is hosting their third annual Tea & Fashion Show at the Edsel and Eleanor house in Grosse Pointe Shores. The speaker will be Molly MacDonald, the Founder and President of The Pink Fund, a Detroit-based organization that helps women and men suffering from breast cancer to focus on healing by providing short-term financial aid during their period of active treatment and recovery. Tickets are \$40.00 per person.

Contact: Bishop-Elect Dr. Andrea Calvert at elisebl2ac@gmail.com or (313) 963-2361.

Spanish camp

Date/Time: Aug. 1-5

Location: Prairie Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth

Details: Join Bilingual Fun for an interactive and educational day camp for preschool- through fifth-grade students. Kids will learn Spanish through interactive games, crafts, thematic presentations, music and more.

Contact: (877) 686-7399 or e-mail info@bilingualfun.com.

Arts council names new director

Plymouth Community Arts Council officials announced the appointment of Jeff Burda as the council's new executive director.

Burda, who holds a bachelor's degree in fine arts from Wayne State University and his teacher's certificate in K-12 visual arts from Eastern Michigan University, has



Burda

served as the PCAC's interim program director since April.

"He has done a phenomenal job," PCAC officials said in a statement. "He has the enthusiasm and intelligence

to take the PCAC to the next level."

Burda has been teaching at Waterford Kettering High School, as well as teaching a variety of art courses at the PCAC.

Burda moves into a position that had been vacant. He replaces Tammy Trudell, the former program director.

DRIVERS

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Canton retains ownership of its bus fleet, mechanic staff and all its transportation facilities. The contact with METS is only for drivers.

And, Hughes pointed out, the agreement gives current drivers first crack at the jobs with METS, and maintains the current salary level for all P-CCS drivers hired.

The program is scheduled to be phased in over the first few months of the school year. METS will begin providing bus monitors over the summer, and special education drivers later in the fall, perhaps by November. The general education routes will be turned over to METS around the start of the second semester in January, Hughes said.

The move has been brewing since spring, when the board asked the administration to go out for bids. Using a qualifying process, the district sent requests for proposal to three bidders: METS, Trinity and its own union. Trinity never supplied a bid, leaving METS bidding against the P-CCS union.

That's when another unusual move came, according to Hughes. When the bids were opened, the district gave the union a chance to match the METS bid.

"We made a commitment to our people we'd let them know what the bid was and sit down with them to let them

match it," Hughes said. "We sat down with them Thursday and Friday last week ... we thought a significant gap existed between (METS) and our own people."

NOT FAIR BARGAINING

According to Hughes, the METS offer reduced the district's driver expenditures by 57 percent, while the union's proposal cut it by only 39 percent.

But William Barber, the union's chief steward, said the district never really bargained in good faith. Rather than bargain for concessions, Barber said, the district simply showed them the bid and told them they'd have to match it.

"We never really bargained," Barber said. "We really worked at bringing health care (costs) down, but (the district) wanted all or nothing. They never gave us a chance."

Trustee Steven Sneedman proposed an unsuccessful motion putting the vote off until the board's August meeting to give the administration a chance to go back to the union to see if there was more negotiating that could be done. But Hughes told board members he felt they'd gotten the union's last best offer.

Barber stepped to the microphone during that discussion, but was never called upon. He said afterward the union "certainly would have been willing to talk."

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Gia Warner

It's no wonder that Gia Warner was named after a famous singer. The daughter of musician Bobby Lewis of Motown Records, she's been performing since she was 6. When her mother was pregnant with her, she and Lewis were in Las Vegas, where they saw the singer Gia Maione and her husband, saxophonist Louis Prima, perform. "My mom saw the name in lights and loved it," Warner said.

Warner, who plays acoustic guitar and sings, was nominated Outstanding Rock/Pop Vocalist at the 2008 Detroit Music Awards. At the 2009 event, she was nominated for Outstanding Rock/Pop Vocalist, Outstanding Live Performance, Outstanding Rock/Pop Songwriter and Outstanding Rock/Pop Song. Warner has done television work for the nationally syndicated series "Xena, Warrior Princess," "Hercules," and Disney's "Legend of the Seeker," as well as national advertisements for NBC, For Motor Company, Chiquita and General Motors Corporation. Locally, she has done spots for Greektown Casino, D.O.C., Gardner White Furniture, Shore Mortgage and more.

Those who have influenced her range from Heart and Joni Mitchell to Aretha Franklin, Faith Hill, Sheryl Crow and Bonnie Raitt.

For more about her and her schedule, go to www.giawarner.com.

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Penn gets updated, and preserved, as it nears a milestone

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Unlike many of its contemporaries, downtown Plymouth's Penn Theatre survived the advent of multiplexes, the era of home video and, most recently, the explosion of on-the-go digital entertainment available to anyone with a laptop or a smart phone.

Now, in time for its 70th birthday in December, the Penn is undergoing a major renovation that will freshen its look while preserving it for another generation.

"There is such a good reason this is here" when many single-screen theaters were shuttered long ago, said Ellen Elliott, executive director of the Friends of the Penn, the nonprofit that runs the theater. "You had the right people running it at the right time. You can thank Margaret Wilson for that."

Wilson, who died last year, Elliott said, owned the Penn from 1964 to 1982 and had worked there since 1945. She had the best interest of the community at heart, Elliott said, and the Penn renovation is a tribute to her.

"This is a good project. I'm happy with it. I think Margaret would be, too," Elliott said after a tour of the theater on Tuesday.

The renovations began July 11 and are expected to be completed in time for a Wednesday, Aug. 3, rededication ceremony and the Penn's next public feature: the classic *E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial*, on Thursday, Aug. 4. Renovations include new carpeting in the inner lobby, designed to match the theater's late Art Deco styling; repairs and a new epoxy coating to the concrete floor in the auditorium; new curtains to replace the dusty, moldy ones from 1988; and,



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Some of the old seating was purchased by patrons. The rest is being recycled.

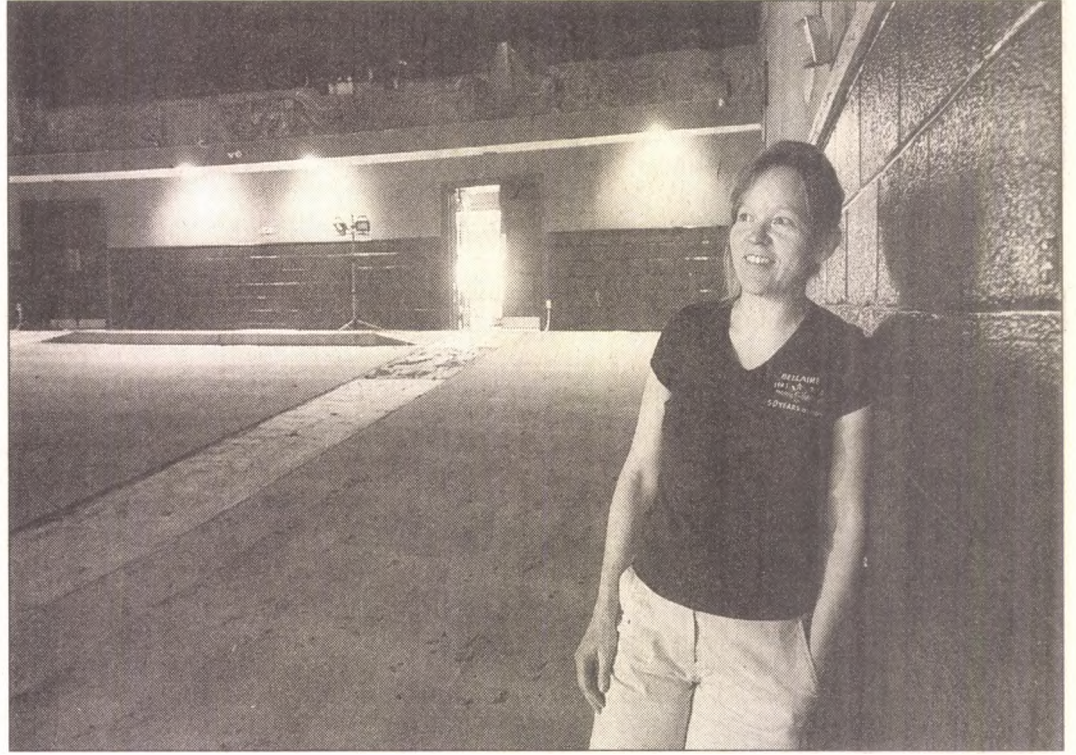
most prominently, new seating by the Irwin Seating Co. of Grand Rapids, a company that has roots dating back more than 100 years and that made the original seats for the Penn when it was built in 1941.

With seat widths averaging a little wider, and more leg room planned for each row, there will be 402 seats instead of the former 405, Elliott said. But since the seats are made specifically for the Penn — the former seats, installed in the 1980s, came from another theater — the use of space will be

more efficient, she said. The renovated Penn will also have some seating that's in keeping with Americans With Disabilities Act requirements.

In addition, the ceiling was painted, and the theater's six light sconces, which are original, are being updated and refurbished and will be returned to the walls.

The renovation is one many undertaken over the years, some successful and others not so much, Elliott said. The project's budget is \$170,000 — and it's coming in under that so far, she said.



Ellen Elliott says the next step is epoxy floors, then new wall curtains, then new seating.

"Things could change," she said. "It's not done yet."

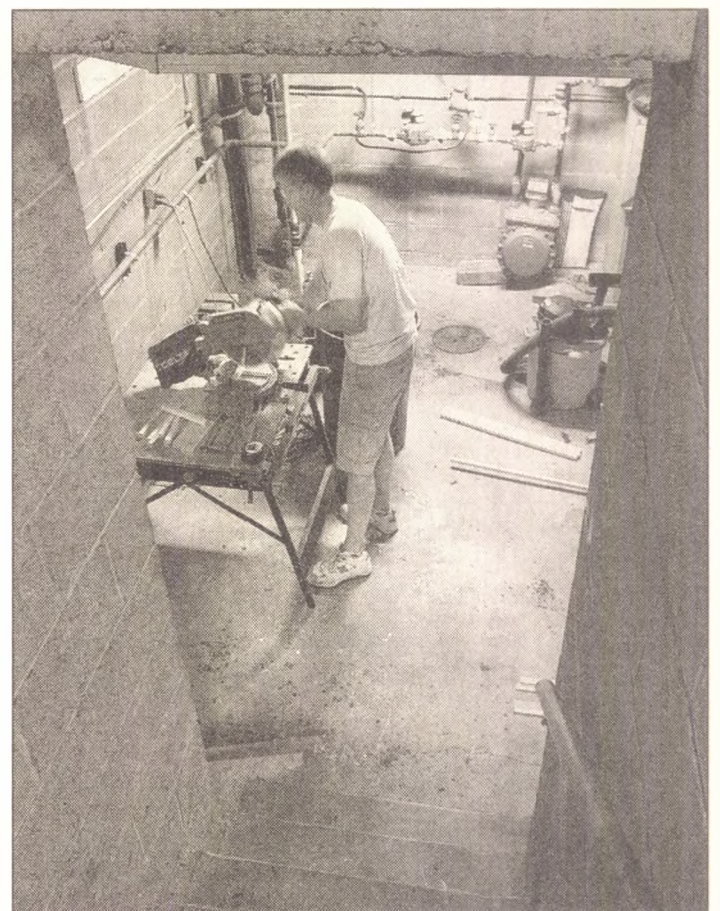
Donors, with gifts ranging from a few dollars into the thousands, are stepping up to make the project a reality, Elliott said. A donor of at least \$250 can get a seat plaque with his or her name on it (multiple names can be so inscribed for larger donations), and Elliott expects every seat to eventually have a sponsor.

"We have a wonderful, wonderful group of people who are so, so generous," she said.

The Penn's next big project will be the purchase of digital projection equipment, as movie studios plan to phase out the 35-mm film format. But the Penn will keep the old equipment, some of which is original, on hand in order to show the classics, Elliott said.

For more information on the Penn Theatre and how to make donations, visit the website www.pentheatre.com.

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Joe Elliott saws wood trim down in the basement of the Penn.

Firefighter outing comes up aces

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Andrew Parsons certainly picked the right time to sink his first hole-in-one.

Playing in the Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation golf outing July 12 at Pheasant Run, Parsons pulled out his 9-iron on the 162-yard par-3 17th hole. One stroke later, Parsons, a Novi resident who's been playing golf for about a dozen years, had won the \$5,000 prize for sinking the shot.

"I picked the right hole to do it on," Parsons said with a laugh. "It felt incredible. I was ecstatic. It was probably the best feeling I've ever had."

And here's the strangest part: His wasn't the only ace. In fact, his was the third hole-

in-one of the outing, the other two having occurred almost simultaneously about an hour earlier.

Tom Oaks, playing the 173-yard 12th hole, and Katie Colligan, on the 135-yard fifth hole, sank their holes-in-one at nearly the same time. The greens, some 300 yards apart on the Pheasant Run course, erupted in cheers.

While Parsons gets the big prize, neither Oaks nor Colligan went away empty-handed. Oaks' ace earned him a Bose stereo system; Colligan, the twin sister of Canton Township employee Amy Colligan, won a set of Nike irons.

Greg Bose, the PGA professional at Pheasant Run, has seen hundreds of golf outings come and go in the 13 years he's worked at the Penn.

Bose, who said he had three aces early in his career and hasn't had one since, said he'd never seen anything like it.

"It was crazy," Boses said. "I can only remember four total in all the outings in 13 years. To have three in one day was unbelievable. I can't even put a guess on what the odds might be."

Mike Caruso was happy not only for the three aces, but for the success of the rest of the event. The Greg Unger Memorial, named for a former Canton resident befriended by firefighters in the mid-1990s before dying from complications of cystic fibrosis, raised some \$11,000 for the foundation, which will spread the wealth among a variety of charitable efforts around the township.

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CRIME WATCH

Auto break-ins hit Plymouth Township Park

Four purses, with valuables in them ranging from cash and checkbooks to a video camera and a cellular phone, were stolen Sunday during three vehicle break-ins at Plymouth Township Park.

All three break-ins apparently took place around 5 p.m. in a parking area at the park near Ann Arbor Trail and Beck.

A window had been broken out in each case, according to Plymouth Township Police Department reports. In one case, the victim heard her vehicle's alarm sound at 5:20 p.m., police said.

Targeted in the break-ins, according to police, were:

- A Ford Explorer, from which a purse with a checkbook and a nonfiction book in it was reported stolen.

- A Ford Freestyle. A purse under a seat was stolen; its contents reportedly included credit/debit cards and a driver's license.

- A Ford Escape, from which two purses were reported stolen. The purses contents, according to the victims' account to police, included cash, gift cards, credit/debit cards, a video camera and a cell phone.

Vandalism

Four small holes were punched into the windshield of a Ford F-250 pickup truck Friday or Saturday as it sat outside a house on Southworth Road.

The victim told police the vandalism occurred between about 1 p.m. Friday and just before noon on Saturday. Police said it couldn't be determined what was used to make the holes.

Car keyed

An employee's 2010 Mazda was "keyed," or scratched with a sharp object, at Blackwell Ford on Plymouth Road near Haggerty on July 13.

The victim told police the car was parked in a lot behind the dealership at the time of the vandalism. Police noted scratches to the both sides as well as the rear of the vehicle.

- By Matt Jachman

Driver gets probation in death of teenager

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 39-year-old driver accused of hitting and killing an Inkster man who was pushing a car in Canton has been placed on probation for two years following his plea to a reduced charge of attempted negligent homicide, a Wayne County Circuit Court clerk has confirmed.

The driver, Abimael Laureano of Lincoln Park, could have received up to two

years in prison if he had been convicted of negligent homicide, but he accepted a recent plea agreement after a hung jury in March failed to reach a verdict.

Laureano was charged following an accident on the night of April 21, 2010, that killed 18-year-old Lance Lorenzo McKay II, who died two days after he was hit.

Laureano had been accused of striking McKay from behind while McKay was pushing a car that had quit on west-

bound Michigan Avenue near Hannan.

McKay had received aid at the scene before he was flown by medical helicopter to the University of Michigan Hospital, where authorities said he died two days later.

Before his plea, Laureano had been scheduled for a new trial after a jury failed to reach a verdict in March in Wayne County Circuit Judge James Callahan's courtroom. The deliberations had

spanned two days, but Canton Detective Tim Wright said at the time that jurors "couldn't come to a decision."

A cousin who was helping McKay push the car survived with what authorities described as minor injuries.

Canton police had issued a statement after the accident indicating that it didn't appear alcohol was a factor in the crash.

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Seven-year-old Madison Lee cools off with a shaved ice treat. Madison, brother John Lee, 8, mom Emily Lee and cousins Maria Tigani, 4, and Christina Tigani, 5, braved the heat in downtown Plymouth for Music in the Park. The Lee family is from Plymouth.

STATION

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existing windows, for which it will give the city credit, lowering the cost of the project to \$256,200. The project is expected to be completed in November.

Commissioners also on Monday approved the \$186,173 purchase of a small pumper truck with a compressed-air foam fire suppression system.

Northville Fire Chief James Allen said the truck is able to

pump either water or foam, and Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincok said it will be easier to handle than a bigger fire truck on the small access roads and driveways at some of the city's apartment complexes and condominiums. Earlier in the year, the city paid \$440,321 for a larger fire truck.

Including the station construction project and all pending purchases to which the city has committed, startup costs have totaled just over \$1.14 million, within the estimates laid out in February, when the City Commission voted unani-

mously to join the Northville department. Other purchases have included pagers and radios (just over \$80,000), a fire hose and nozzles (nearly \$18,000), a Jaws-of-Life kit, used to free people trapped by wreckage in severe traffic crashes (\$21,480), and protective clothing and safety gear for the individual firefighters (\$61,680).

Allen, the Northville department's only full-time employee, plans to hire about 25 trained firefighters for the expanded department. In addition, Huron Valley Ambulance,

which currently provides some paramedic and ambulance transport services in the city, will play a greater role in responding to medical emergencies under the new plan.

Meanwhile, officials in Plymouth Township are looking at ways to cut PCFD costs, most likely by laying off firefighters, once the city leaves the joint department, which will leave the township with a smaller coverage area and nearly \$1 million less in annual revenue.

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HEAT

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caterer prepared a spread for them.

"I think everybody out here is sweating," electrician Alex Gallegos said.

His secret? Lots of water, of course.

"I feel like I'm sweating it out right away," added Gallegos, whose T-shirt was soaked.

Production assistant Vincent Orr said he was in Royal Oak on Monday, and compared the weather conditions to those in Louisiana. Does he maybe look for tasks that will put him more in the shade? "That doesn't really work when you're working outside," Orr said.

WATER FEATURES

"Beat the heat — stay inside," said William Hall, who was on

a park bench taking a break from a bicycle ride. Hall, who worked as a furniture mover for 37 years, said he rides 20 to 30 miles a day most days.

"We have a built-in pool" to keep cool in, he said. "That and a lot of water."

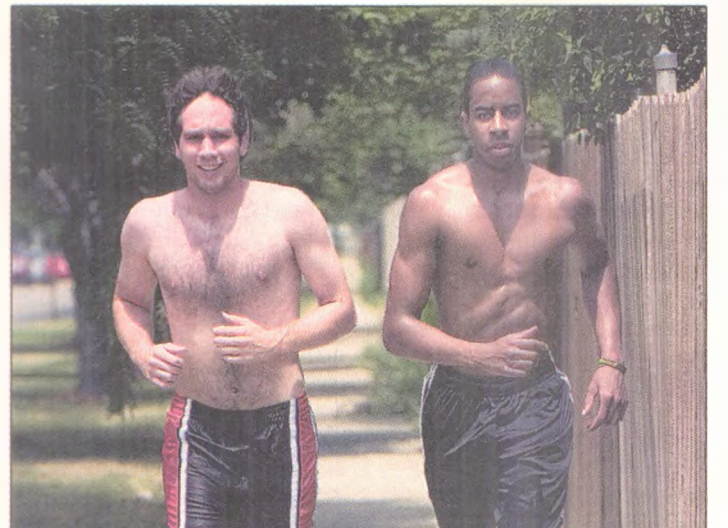
Later, at Plymouth Township Park, Cathy Tytar was watching her three daughters — Sara, 9, Caitlin, 8, and Jessica, 5 — at the sprayscape, where about two dozen kids were cooling off.

The sprayscape visit, the girls' first, was their reward for their chore earlier in the day — weeding the garden.

"They're having a blast," she said. "They did a good job weeding, so I'm giving them a little reward."

Andy Stewart was watching his son, Colin, 5. "I don't like being trapped inside with the air conditioning," he said.

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Zak Burton of Canton and John Morris of Plymouth ignore the 90-degree temps as they jog south on Sheldon Road. Said Burton: "We're testing our limits. Anyone can run in the cold." To which Morris added, "He told me to come out, and I said, why not?"

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Huge crowds are expected for the 16th annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off Oct 9.

Chili fest set to heat up Kellogg Park

The 16th annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off and Motorcycle Show takes place Sunday, Oct. 9 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Chili Cook-off will feature a traditional Red Chili, a Green Chili and a Salsa competition. This portion of the cook-off is recognized by the International Chili Society and will follow all ICS rules. The winners in each category will advance to the 2012 World Championship Chili cook-off next fall.

A fee is charged to participants wanting to try their best to create a winning pot of chili. Top winners receive trophies and cash prizes. "Peoples Choice" chili samples will be available at noon, competition samples at 1:30 and 3 p.m. for a \$1 donation per sample. All area businesses are invited to compete in the "Battle of the Businesses" contest. Local businesses will compete with their very best chili in hopes of winning the first-prize trophy.

The GLR Chili Bike Show is a ride-in show with 17 bike categories including Harley and non-Harley classes. There is a fee to enter a bike and all first place winners will receive a trophy with one lucky rider winning a Best of Show award.

The Chili Bike Show takes place on Main Street at Kellogg Park from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There are two official charity "Chili Rides." The MotorCity Harley Davidson ride begins in Farmington Hills. Dick Scott's Classic Motorcycles ride begins in Livonia on Plymouth Road just west of Levan. A fee per rider will get participants V.I.P. parking at the event. Both rides are open to all bikes.

The Restaurant Chili Challenge takes place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Kellogg Park. More than a dozen



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restaurants will be vying for the prize of "Best Chili in Plymouth" award. Bowls of chili are a \$4 donation or \$1 donation per 2-ounce sample.

Other activities include live entertainment from noon to 5 p.m., performance from area dance teams, a children's activity area and the "Hottest Dog in the Coolest Costume" contest, with judging at 2 p.m. in Kellogg Park.

Anyone interested in competing in the Red/Green/Salsa, Restaurant Chili Challenge or Battle of the Businesses should contact Annette Horn at (734) 776-9669. Event information and registration is available at www.GreatLakesChili.com

Chili Ride inquiries should be directed to Dick Scott's Classic Motorcycles, (734) 542-8000 (www.DickScott.com) or MotorCity Harley Davidson, (248) 473-7433 (www.motorcityharley.com).

All activities result in donating net proceeds to local charities. This year's recipients are Western Wayne Habitat for Humanity and Penrickton Center for Blind Children.

Borders' closing saddens patrons

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Don Law is going to have to find a new place to hang out, now that Borders is going away.

Law said he comes from his Wayne residence "a couple of times a week" to hang out at the Canton Borders, located at Ford Road and Morton-Taylor. He enjoyed his peaceful time, sipping a cup of coffee and doing a little reading.

But with Borders' corporate decision to liquidate, Law's days of hanging out are numbered, a fact that leaves him sad.

"I love this place," Law said. "It gives me serenity. You can relax and it's enjoyable. I'm going to miss it."

Five months after filing for bankruptcy protection, the second largest bookstore chain in the country is planning to liquidate its assets and close all its stores by the end of the year. Borders operates almost 400 stores and employs nearly 11,000 people.

The liquidation process is expected to start as soon as Friday.

"We are saddened by this development," Borders Group President Mike Edwards said

in a statement. "We were all working hard towards a different outcome, but the headwinds we have been facing for quite some time, including the rapidly changing book industry, e-reader revolution, and turbulent economy, have brought us to where we are now."

The decision left a little sadness on the face of Tracey Griffith of Westland, who said she visits the Canton Borders "maybe twice a month."

On Tuesday, she was there with sons Jacob, 13, and Trent, 9, to pick out new books. Trent had recently completed Borders' summer reading program, which landed him a free book as a reward.

"It's close to our home," Griffith said of the Canton Borders. "It's one of our favorite places to come. We're sad."

Staffers at the Canton Borders weren't commenting on Tuesday, and there's been no report yet of when the store will close.

Erin Bakshis of Canton said she thinks the advent of the Internet and electronic reading has doomed most book stores.

"The e-readers have caused some problems for the book stores," Bakshis said. "It kind of sucks for Michigan businesses."



Borders will close its stores, and lay off its nearly 11,000 employees, by the end of the year. The decision includes the Canton store at Ford Road and Morton-Taylor.

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Getting grubby

Crawlers dine on Canton cuisine

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wearing red T-shirts and packing their appetites, a small army of food lovers descended on 14 Canton restaurants Tuesday evening after paying just \$35 to chow down on local cuisine.

More than 450 food connoisseurs hopped aboard shuttles or drove themselves as they sought refuge from a blistering heat wave by jamming air-conditioned restaurants involved in the 10th annual Grub Crawl.

"We enjoy it," Bob Ollar of Canton said, accompanied by wife Gail inside T.C. Gators on Ford Road. "It gives us a chance to stop by restaurants we pass along the road — places we have thought about trying."

They count themselves as aficionados after attending five Canton Grub Crawls and similar events in Westland, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth and Northville.

The Ollars tried pizza, chicken wings and fajitas at T.C. Gator's before heading south to Tim & Sally's Awesome Eats near Geddes and Canton Center, where owner Janet Hartleib welcomed patrons who tried house-smoked ribs and chicken, among other palate-pleasing treats. She was hopeful Grub Crawl might generate return customers.

"In this economy, people are hesitant to go someplace they don't know, because they have a limited budget," she said.

Retired ironworker Bob Coutts and wife Linda, a Showroom of Elegance employee, had never been to Tim & Sally's Awesome Eats, but the food impressed them so much they asked for a menu

to take home.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce rolled out what Tracey Rettig, chamber president, called a "wonderful" Grub Crawl by collaborating with some 60 organizations including sponsors, restaurants, township government, the Canton Downtown Development Authority and volunteers who shepherded patrons to and from shuttles.

Inside Rose's Restaurant near Canton Center and Cherry Hill, owner Richard Costantino got a little help from son Guido, 11, and Guido's friend Nick Mans, also 11, as customers crowded a room to sample chicken milano, fettuccine alfredo, salad and bread.

"We've been in business for almost 19 years, but our family has been in the Canton area since the 1940s," Costantino said, recalling how his parents, Ford Motor Co. worker Guido and wife Rose, had a farm where the restaurant now stands.

"We used to bale hay on this property," Costantino said.

One customer, former chamber board chair Mary Bartlett, said Grub Crawl provides a way for friends to enjoy an evening out while supporting local businesses such as Rose's.

And for the record, she said, "the bread is phenomenal."

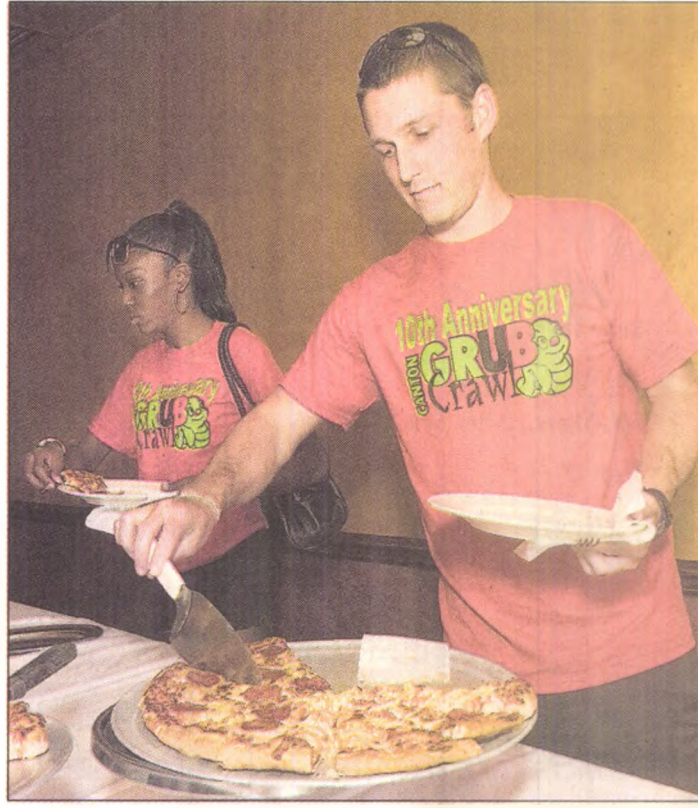
Others involved in Grub Crawl included Antonio's Cucina Italiana, Bailey's Pub & Grille, Buffalo Wild Wings, Carraba's Italian Grill, Carvel Ice Cream, Chili's, the Crow's Nest, the new Olga's Kitchen, Super Bowl of Canton, T.G.I. Friday's and, for an afterglow, Hayden's Grill and Bar.

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At Tim and Sally's Awesome Eats, Roxanne Gill rounds up grub crawlers on their way to the next stop.



James Rowley and Karla Northern sample the pizza at Antonio's Cucina Italiana.

Artists claim prizes in Three Cities exhibit



At the Three Cities Art Club Exhibit held at the Canton Public Library, township Supervisor Phil LaJoy selected his favorite and presented artist Elizabeth Gullikson with the Supervisors Choice Award. Gullikson created 'Winnie the Pooh and Gang,' her winning entry in oil pastel.

At the Three Cities Art Club Exhibit held at the Canton Public Library, Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy selected his favorite and presented artist Elizabeth Gullikson with the Supervisors Choice Award. Gullikson, who recently retired from the Plymouth-Canton school system, created "Winnie the Pooh and Gang," her winning entry in oil pastel.

Winners of the Popular Vote, voted by those who attended the exhibit, were: First Place and a dinner for two at Texas Road House, went to Cathy Vettesse with "River" created in color pencil; second place and a gift from Famous Dave's BBQ went to photographic artist Allen Brooks with a digitally enhanced infrared photo entitled "Windy City Reflections," and third place and a cash award went to David Lamb for his oil painting titled "Rocky Shore."

Three names were drawn from those who attended and voted for their favorites. Canton resi-

dent Norm Sinclair won a gift certificate from Panda Buffet, Taavi Vint of Canton won a gift certificate from Bellanger Tire and Auto, and Minica Crespo of Canton won a gift certificate from Red Robin restaurant.

Some of the comments people wrote on their entry ballots included: "Great variety in art," "Well organized" and "All of the artworks were very beautiful and captivating."

For further information about the Three Cities Art Club, which meets September through June at the Canton Township Hall, visit www.threecitiesartclub.org or contact Marilyn Meredith weekdays at (248) 557-3800, ext. 123, or e-mail her at marilynmeredith@wowway.com.

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The Earth Angels take their audiences back in time with songs from the '50s and '60s.

Earth Angels smile, dance their way into hearts

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Nishant Alluri of West Bloomfield grabs a microphone, jumps off the stage and races down the aisles, dancing and greeting the crowd.

Alluri belts out *Old Time Rock N Roll*, lip-syncing the lyrics and kicking his legs in a frenetic style.

Rhys Gabriel of Canton follows with the Contours' hit, *Do You Love Me?*, exhorting the crowd to do the mashed potato and the twist, as Gabriel is accompanied by young dancers.

Maisie LeDuc of Ann Arbor battles other dancers over a boy during a medley of *Heat Wave* and *My Guy*.

The performers are members of Earth Angels, a group started in the backyard of a Livonia home 25 years ago, during a performance Friday at the Farmington Founders Fest.

A MODEST START

As a child, Lisa Campos-DeWitt, of Canton, founder and the director of Earth Angels, always liked to put on puppet shows and other performances while growing up in Livonia.

Her lip-sync dance shows started small. "There were only five of us," Campos said.

Soon the small group performed at fairs and festivals, including the Livonia Spree. "It spread word of mouth, and then we were doing local festivals and classic car shows, which is a natural fit for us," she said.

Campos named the group after the last song from the group's show. "I just realized that's where the connection was," she said.

Today the group of 22 members ages 9-18 dances and performs everything from be-bop and doo wop to hip-hop. They deliver a high-energy, fast-moving show featuring choreographed dance routines spiced with theatrics and lip-syncing to the music of the '50s and '60s. The group ends the show with a hip-hop medley.

Members come from cities throughout western Wayne County and western Oakland County. They lip-sync to hits, and put on dance moves from 50-plus years ago. They don't get paid, as money collected from donations goes to costumes and supplies.

"The kids learn acceptance of one



Nishant Alluri performs a rendition of 'Everybody Needs Somebody to Love,' as a Blues Brother.

another and about who they are," Campos said. "They take care of each other, no matter who they are."

They take a month off in September, but during the rest of the school year, the children and teenagers practice about three hours a week, Campos said. Those practices step up to about six hours a day during a two-week stretch in the summer.

LET'S DO THE TWIST

The youngsters exhibit their own brash, hyperkinetic style and hit the audience with a shot of youthful adrenaline to the oldies. They hop, turn, twist and shout, the girls clad in poodle skirts and saddle shoes, the boys sporting bowling shirts, Route 66 shirts and Chuck Taylor shoes.

They ham it up, the crowd loves it — and so do the dancers.

Michelle Scott of Farmington has been with the group for six years. Scott, a Farmington High School student, enjoys "meeting all the great people, seeing all the younger kids and teaching them," she said.



The Earth Angels performed at the Farmington Founders Fest. Here is Breanna Wise of Redford dancing.



Rhys Gabriel of Canton performs and lip syncs Buddy Holly's 'Oh Boy.'



Cassidy Di Vergillio and Sophia Gabriel, both 8 years old of Canton, look on as the Earth Angels perform.

"We learn new songs, we teach them new songs and we dance for a couple of hours straight," she said.

Sam Gorndein of Farmington Hills joined more than four years ago.

"Everyone is nice to each other, and everyone treats each other with respect," he said. "It's a great group." Gorndein, who will be in the ninth

grade at North Farmington, said he joined after learning from his sister how much fun the group was.

His favorite song is probably Richie Valens' *La Bamba*. "The group learns respect for people of all ages," Gorndein said.

'IT'S PRETTY COOL'

Gabriel, who attends Discover Middle School in Canton, enjoys the new friends he's found in the group. He joined with his brother Aidan.

"It's just so much fun to see people have a good time," Rhys said. He took a tae kwon do class where he heard about Earth Angels from someone in the class whose daughter was a member. "She got me to join," he said.

His favorite song, not surprisingly, is the Contours' hit. "I like doing the big group songs," Rhys said. "It's pretty cool."

Sarah Hicks of Farmington Hills is a relatively new member, only in the Earth Angels for about six months.

Hicks, who will attend Dunckel Middle School in Farmington Hills,

enjoys the group and dancing with everyone.

"We have such a great group," she said. "You get life experience in that you must be prepared and practice because practice makes perfect."

She loves the outfits, too, especially the poodle skirts. "It's nice to go back in time," she said. "Today we just wear jeans and T-shirts so to wear these outfits, it's amazing."

Maisie LeDuc recently graduated from Ann Arbor Pioneer. "I love the group," she said. "We have such a strong bond. We love to perform and have an audience in front of senior citizens or at festivals. It's great to see them smile and enjoying it."

Bonnie Murphy volunteers and assists Campos, helping book the group for performances. Her daughter joined Earth Angels more than 10 years ago.

"I stayed on after (my daughter) left because I believe in her mission," Murphy said of Campos. "Lisa has a gift. She instills in these kids morals and guidelines they carry with them the rest of their lives. She shows them how to give back and how to be a team player. We're like one big happy family."

Sue Gonyou of Livonia watched the Friday afternoon performance. Son Travis was part of the group for six years until he graduated in 2009.

"I've got to see our kids," she said about why she was there.

She spoke of the group's influence on her son. "He just melded with everybody," Gonyou said. "Lisa is a wonderful role model. Not everybody is a sports person, and it gives them a niche."

"There's a bonding with parents, too, just knowing the kids are having a lifelong friendship. The kids still come back and mentor each other. They have a great time, and I love that. It gets them out of their shell."

Campos hopes the kids can get something out of Earth Angels both onstage and offstage and impact others throughout their lives.

"My hope is that the kids realize the precious gift of giving of themselves," Campos said. "A handshake, pat on the back and a smile are simple gifts that can be shared with others."

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Rachel Lai, left, and Michelle Scott twist and shout to a '50s number.



The Earth Angels hop, turn, twist and shout, the girls clad in poodle skirts and saddle shoes.

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



Healing Arts owner/massage therapist Celeste Hamilton has been providing massage services for 32 years.

Hands-on strategy brings stress relief

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

Healing Arts: We offer a wide variety of massage and bodywork therapies, our most popular being Swedish for relaxation, Deep Tissue for relief from tight, sore muscles, and Therapeutic Massage for muscular balance and chronic pain relief. We provide Onsite Massage, where we'll bring a massage chair to your worksite and massage you and your employees over the clothing. We also offer Outcalls, where we'll bring our table, linens and lotions to your location and you can relax in the comfort and privacy of your home. We also do massage parties.

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

Healing Arts: I was working at a health club, and after seven years I met a client who owned commercial real estate in downtown Plymouth. I was offered a beautiful suite in Forest Place which I accepted — we were the first massage center in Plymouth. Our business grew quickly as massage therapy became popular.

Observer: Why did you choose Plymouth?

Healing Arts: I have always felt at home in Plymouth, probably because I grew up in a small town up North. The client mentioned above provided me an opportunity, and it was close to the health club I was working at in Westland for my client's convenience.

Observer: What makes your

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Your name and title: Celeste Hamilton, owner/massage therapist
Your hometown: Novi

Business opened when: 1987 in Forest Place, relocated to current location in April 2011

Number of employees: 7 (receptionist and six massage therapists)
Hours of operation: Morning, afternoon and evening appointments 7 days a week.

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Observer: How has it changed since it opened?

Healing Arts: It's gone full circle. We started out in a very professional setting, then moved to an old Victorian home on Starkweather St., and now are back in a commercial professional space. When we first opened, people used to be shy about receiving massage, but now massage has become popular.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Healing Arts: "When the going gets tough, the tough get going." I've had to persevere just like everyone else and cut

back on overhead expenses where I could. We've also given many more discounts and saving incentives than ever — I've never had to work so hard for so little!

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Healing Arts: Find something people want and need that makes a difference in their lives. Something you feel good about, are good at and love to do — follow your passion. If it gives you energy and excitement, others will feel it as well and your business will grow.

Observer: What's in store for the future of your business?

Healing Arts: I plan to stay on the cutting edge of the massage industry and keep my national certification current through continued education and staying active with massage organizations like AMTA (American Massage Therapy Association). We now have three massage therapy rooms plus a classroom for providing services and education to others.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Happy hounds

Happy Hounds Dog Day Care & Lodging in Plymouth hosted a garage sale recently to benefit Last Day Dog Rescue, and donors came to the rescue during the two-day event.

Hundreds of free hot dogs were served, which featured items donated by clients, friends and families. All proceeds of the garage sale, the gift basket raffle, and the pop sales were donated to Last Day Dog Rescue to help fund the spaying and neutering of the rescues, their vet bills, feeding and housing. Happy Hounds donates their shelter and care while they are here.

Happy Hounds has worked with Last Day Dog Rescue for a couple of years. Last Day Dog Rescue literally rescue dogs from shelters on their "last day" before being euthanized.

More information on Last Day Dog Rescue is available at www.lastdaydogrescue.org; more details about Happy Hounds can be found at www.happyhoundsdaycare.com

Community garage sale

It is cleaning time! Start gathering up all those items that you no longer need, use, or want. Get a 10-foot by 10-foot 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 were several garage sales, the final one of which is set for 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.

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Happy Hounds Day Care & Lodging hosted a two-day garage sale during Art in the Park to benefit Last Day Dog Rescue, a nonprofit rescue operation that rescues dogs on their 'last day' before being euthanized.

mail Lauren at lobsnik@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>.

Navigating hometownlife.com offers more content and chance to save money

BY JON GUNNELLS
GUEST COLUMNIST

Readers of this space have learned how to navigate the Internet, navigate social media and steer clear of online scams. But one website that many readers don't know how to navigate is none other than hometownlife.com — the online home of the *Observer* and *Hometown Weekly* newspapers.

Readers who are checking in from their computers or mobile devices already know about the benefits of hometownlife.com, but to those reading this column in the newspaper — have you seen all that hometownlife.com has to offer?

More content — The site is rich in copy and has all of the columns, articles and briefs you receive in the newspaper, from sports to obits. But the website also has interactive photo galleries and videos which are updated weekly. It also has links to stories from other communities so if you live in South Lyon, you can also read the top stories from Milford, just by clicking the appropriate newspaper/community link at the top of the page.

Marketplace — Additionally, hometownlife.com can save you some coin. You know all of those circulars in the weekly papers that tell you about deals from box stores selling mattresses, blenders and televisions? You can find them online, too. Just by clicking the "grocery



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

coupons" links at the top of the website, you will have access to hundreds of printable grocery coupons for food, goods and even movies. You will also gain access to cir-

culars for national stores. But it gets better. Through hometownlife.com, you can also view a comprehensive database of local classified ads which include more than just goods. Hometownlife.com also has links and information on discounts on services from local businesses that offer cement work, plumbing, roof repair and more.

Interactive features — Online buy and sell classifieds have already been mentioned, but did you know that through hometownlife.com readers can access interactive real estate databases, job listings and even garage sale maps? Links for careers, real estate and more are located on the top toolbar at hometownlife.com and the seasonal interactive garage sale map can be found on the right hand side of the homepage.

The list of features on hometownlife.com could go on all day. Instead, it might be easier to navigate by learning the tricks of the page. For example, did you know if you are searching for an article, obituary or anything on the site that you can type it into the search

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OUR VIEWS

Water rates

Township did well to achieve DWSD compromise

The average quarterly residential water bill in Plymouth Township will go up by about \$14 with the next billing cycle next month.

And, while that's nothing to sneeze at and surely shouldn't make residents all that happy, keep this thought in mind: It was going to be much worse.

This increase, the second in less than a year, will raise the price of water and sewer service by 70 cents to \$9.05 for every thousand gallons of water. The average household in the township uses about 80,000 gallons a year, or about 20,000 per quarter.

But without a compromise with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department that stopped Detroit from imposing a 40-percent increase in what it charges the township for water, the hike would have been much higher.

Township residents have a couple of people to thank for that. The township administration, led by Supervisor Richard Reaume, held firm that the DWSD position was "fairly rigid," according to Reaume. They can thank Jim Fausone of Canton, who represents Wayne County on the DWSD board. Reaume said, "We had some dialogue and things started to move a little bit more on that logjam."

The dispute was over a 2009 water-use contract between Detroit and the township. DWSD officials said part of its planned 40-percent increase was a penalty, outlined in the contract, because the township exceeded peak usage at times in 2010. Township officials didn't deny peak usage had been exceeded; they just didn't believe the contract was being applied properly, and they kept saying so.

So they brokered the compromise, an amendment to the water contract, which calls for an 18-percent wholesale price hike. The amendment was approved by the township board and is expected to be approved by the Detroit City Council and Mayor Dave Bing.

The new wholesale price is good for one year; township officials hope that improvements in the local water system and public information about avoiding heavy water use during peak times will allow them to argue for a lower rate in the future, so residents should be prepared for a publicity blitz about when to use their water.

The compromise also requires the township to buy 200,000 units of water a year from Detroit (a unit is a thousand cubic feet, or nearly 7,500 gallons) rather than the 165,000 a year that were previously called for. Officials said 200,000 units is more in line with the township's annual usage in recent years, and will come at a lower per-unit price than buying 165,000 units. With the 18-percent hike, the township will pay Detroit about \$20.82 per thousand cubic feet.

Officials said avoiding heavy water use during peak-use periods — between 6 a.m. and noon and between 6 p.m. and midnight — will remain important.

During the summer months, township residents get a 25-percent discount on the sewage disposal fee that shows up on water bills, under the theory that water used for things like irrigating lawns, washing cars and filling swimming pools doesn't end up in sanitary sewers.

With temperatures soaring into the high 90s this week, residents could be tempted to ignore the "peak use" warnings. While it might be understandable as lawns begin to brown, it could end up being a costly indulgence.

Following the recommendation is the best way not to undo the good work the township has already done.

Help to keep the music alive at annual Jazz Festival

It's all about the music at the Michigan Jazz Festival — but it's also about the money.

The 17th successful Michigan Jazz Festival was held Sunday, July 17, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, bringing some 35 performing groups to several stages for the free enjoyment of many.

"Jazz is America's gift to the world," said Midge Ellis, treasurer, vice president and director for the event, co-sponsored by Schoolcraft and held there since 1999. "It's a music unlike any other music. That is due to improvisation. That sets it apart so you never hear it the same way twice," she said.

Corporate sponsorships have been harder to come by recently, but individual smaller donors have stepped up. Organizers hold three fundraisers for the festival each year as well.

Donations, tax deductible, are welcome, payable to Michigan Jazz Festival, 20457 Maplewood St., Livonia, MI 48152-2022. Money donated is used primarily to fulfill the mission for offering educational clinics and workshops for middle school and high school jazz musicians.

Ellis was pleased to see it again all come together. "It's great. We've had a good crowd in spite of the (warm) weather. Jazz people when they have good jazz to listen to will endure all of that."

Ellis is pleased with the many volunteers who make the music possible. "That's what makes the difference," she said.

Student musicians from the Schoolcraft College Jazz Band showed what they're made of, along with the many pros. Three high schoolers — saxophonist Alex Colista of Harper Woods High, drummer Brandon Lynch of North Farmington High and bass player Joe Willard of Royal Oak High — performed with the Dennis Tini Trio.

Sponsors this year included Friends of Michigan Jazz Festival, Lear Corp., InmartGroup Limited, the late Morry Cohen, the Myron P. Leven Foundation, Nancy Salden, Schoolcraft Music Department, and the Steinway Piano Gallery.

They're to be commended for keeping the music alive. We also salute the hardworking volunteers and donors who give each year. If you can, consider a donation to the Michigan Jazz Festival. Your ears — and soul — will thank you.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What are your thoughts on Rep. Thaddeus McCotter's bid for the GOP presidential nomination?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



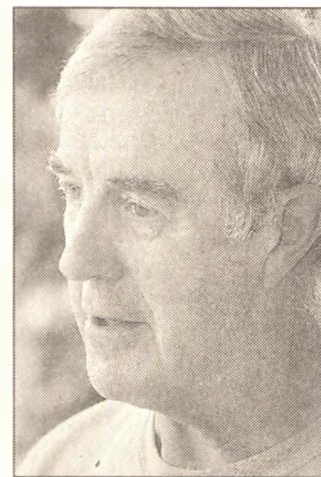
"I don't think he has a chance. ... I don't think any Republican has a chance."

Pat Ziegler
Livonia



"I really don't care. I don't follow it at all."

Matt Keffler
Plymouth



"My thought is I love it. I think he would be a good candidate."

James Willey
Canton Township



"Politics bores me and politicians just make me angry."

Judy DeMars
Northville

LETTERS

Too hot for dogs

Once again the Plymouth Art Fair was held on a blistering hot weekend. Bad enough that us humans couldn't stay cool with our lightweight outfits and frozen water bottles. What kept me away this year was my refusal to watch all of the dogs being forced along the asphalt streets. This is equal to animal cruelty. You people who consider your dogs "part of the family" should try putting on your fake fur coats (because real fur would be CRUEL), and walk in bare feet for a couple of hours downtown in the hot sun with thousands of people crowding around you sticking their hands in your face. Your dog would rather be sleeping on your couch in the air conditioning while you sweat it out looking at all the over-priced art. I guarantee it.

Christy Holliday
Plymouth Township

Grow up

Rep. McCotter, The tentative Boehner/Obama Debt Ceiling Deal includes:

1. Initial work on fixing Social Security and Medicare
2. Drastic Budget Cuts
3. Raising the Debt Ceiling
4. Closing ridiculous tax loopholes
5. Minor tax increases on people who can afford it (like me).

How can a fiscal conservative turn this down? I understand you don't like taxes (who does?), but do you really believe the "no new taxes" pledge is THE most important thing in our nation (or our world)?

This is how a little kid having a tantrum behaves — "I'm going to hurt myself and maybe others if I don't get everything my way!" Time to grow up and do your job.

Bob Nelson
Canton

McCotter wasting his time

Ego — one's sense of importance. Reality — that which exists or is actual fact, truth.

The chance of U.S. Rep. Thaddeus G. McCotter being elected president is none. If he is as smart as he thinks he is, he knows this. As Jack Nicholson said to Tom Cruise in the movie "A Few Good Men," "What do you want?" And Cruise said, "the truth" and Jack Nicholson replied, "You can't handle the truth."

So with all due respect, Mr. McCotter, here is the truth, and in some cases, it's going to be ugly so here goes:

There is nothing outstanding about you. I have heard you speak a few times. Same Republican philosophy, same conservative talk. I have read your book "Seize Freedom." There is nothing outstanding there, not worth \$26. Same stuff as Gingrich, Romney, all the same.

You have been in public office for sometime now. I'm sure you had the opportunity to make yourself important, relevant and newsworthy and yet even in this Livonia Observer article the only thing that stands out is your guitar playing and quotes from Led Zeppelin, etc.

With all due respect, you don't really know what you are getting into. Soon enough, it will become real and clear that you are wasting

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your time,

I know what I've said may be ugly, but it's the truth and real. So do you get it? Well, you will get it in time. And that's the truth, Ruth.

Bill McKay
Canton

Wrong choice

Yesterday I received a chill when I listened to the news.

President Obama spends billions of dollars a month freely in Iraq even though that nation is back in business. Obama is spending billions a month in Afghanistan financing his war. Obama threw open the United States Treasury to bail out banks, stockbrokers, thieves, criminals and incompetents from their lying, cheating ways and continues to support them in luxury and ease by selling off billions of discounted bonds from a basement office in New York City.

Obama was asked to make reasonable adjustments to balance the budget but he reacted quite harshly.

Americans critical of his health care reforms pointed out that the health care bill had set up "death boards" made up of bureaucrats who would decide who would live or who would die. He was forced to remove the wording that indicated that from the bill but yesterday the White House spokesman used a Hollywood reference about what is being discussed now.

He stated that if Obama is opposed Obama will be faced with a "Sophie's Choice" kind of decision. (That is a reference to a movie where a woman gave up one child to be killed in a death camp in order to save the other.)

Each year, this nation slaughters with government sanction and assistance over 1.2 million babies by abortion often for economic reasons. Now the Obama administration is threatening to balance the budget by cutting off deserved payments to elderly Americans.

What are these people doing?

Alfred Brock
Wayne

Obama didn't wait as long

A couple of weeks ago, a letter writer who describes himself as a Pole who served with the 82nd Airborne in World War II, for which I commend him, believes Obama waited too long to authorize the strike against Osama.

Not near as long as George W. whose State

Department had knowledge that Osama was in Abbotabad, Pakistan, according to cables obtained by Wikileaks in September 2008.

He then goes on to say that Franklin Roosevelt played a role in the painful division of Europe. True that at the Yalta conference Britain and the U.S. signed on to Russian occupation of Eastern Europe but the war in the Pacific had not been won and FDR wanted Russia to declare war on Japan. The atomic bomb had yet to be tested in February 1945 whereas the Soviet army was well on its way to Berlin at that point and Soviet occupation of Eastern Europe was all but completed by May of 1945 and the U.S. Army had yet to cross the Elba river in East Germany. Thus we had little choice in the matter.

Mr. Siedlik should agree with most if not all military historians that the Soviet army with a lot of help from the U.S. and Britain defeated the German army and their occupation of Eastern Europe could not have been prevented short of a war no one was interested in at the time.

Larry Egan
Livonia

To bridge or not

It's not clear that another crossing between Detroit and Canada is necessary.

According to The Detroit News, Ambassador Bridge traffic fell 39 percent between 1999 and 2007, and Detroit Tunnel traffic fell 49 percent. Yet there are predictions by those favoring a new crossing that traffic between Detroit and Canada will increase 40 percent for automobiles and 120 percent for trucks by 2030. On what are these predictions based?

Your readers should be made aware of the plan to create a North American Union (NAU) to rival the EU in this hemisphere. The NAU will combine Mexico, Canada, and the U.S. into a single super country with its own constitution (like the EU) that will supersede the constitution of any member state. To learn more about this, go ONLINE and do a Google search on "North American Union" and "NAFTA Highway." You'll be surprised to learn how far the plan for a NAU has progressed. For additional info about the NAU and NAFTA highway, see www.jbs.org.

The NAFTA highway is a super highway already under construction as part of the planned NAU. The NAFTA highway originates in Mexico, crosses into Texas (with NO border checks), and fans out from there in several directions across the US and into Canada at several points. A crossing is planned at Detroit which I believe is what all the argument is about with the need for a second bridge. Do we really want our tax dollars paying for a bridge which is a key part of the plan to create a NAU which will end our National Sovereignty and end our birthright as Americans? I am opposed to having my tax dollars be used to build a bridge as part of a conspiracy to scrap our U.S. Constitution and merge us with two socialist countries.

The need for a second bridge is questionable. However, if a private company is willing to build a bridge at NO cost to taxpayers, then it should be obvious where the bridge should be built and by whom.

Gerald N. Wiggins
South Lyon

Studio finishes successful debut year

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Dancers from Kristen Quesada's Triple Threat Dance & Theater Company wowed 'em during a hometown appearance at Canton's Liberty Festival last month.

Then Quesada took her performers on the road and did it again, grabbing their share of honors at the studio's first national competition in Orlando, Fla., which featured more than 800 entries.

Among the studio's success were Showcase winners Girls Night Out teen/senior jazz, with a 10th-place showing, Xpress teen/senior music theater with an eighth-place finish and Chicago, a full-company production that finished fifth overall.

In addition, Holly Crowther was Miss Starbound 2011, Olivia Quesada was Junior Miss Star of Hope and the junior photogenic winner, Hanna Titus was first runner-up for Junior Petite Miss Starbound and Valen Yangouyian was first runner-up for Miss Star of Hope.



Valen Yangouyian was first runner-up for Miss Star of Hope at the national competition in Orlando, Fla.

"I think it shows how well our students have done at competition this year," Quesada said. "The kids had a fantastic year."

It continued a debut year of success for Triple Threat, the studio Quesada started on Joy Road west of Haggerty after giving up her position as director of the Park Players at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park to focus on her dream.

The studio participated in, and captured more than its share of



Dancers from Canton's Triple Threat Dance & Theater Company went to national competition in Orlando, Fla., and came home with a bevy of awards.

honors at, a variety of competitions and performances, including:

- Plymouth-Canton Junior Miss, where they were guest performers.
- International Festival, where they were guest performers
- BeckRidge Chorale Christmas Concert
- Starbound National Talent Competition in Walled Lake
- Kids Artistic Revue Dance Competition in Commerce
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Competition in Columbus, Ohio

- Liberty Fest in Canton
- Starbound National Talent Competition in Orlando, Fla.

Fall registration for Triple Threat takes place Aug. 23-25, Aug. 30-31 and Sept. 1, from 5-8 p.m.

For more information, visit Triple Threat's website at www.TripleThreatDTC.com or call (734) 335-7722.

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Land contract carries considerable risks

BY RICK BLOOM
GUEST COLUMNIST

I've been reading about the anemic real estate market.

Foreclosures continue to rise and in this economy buyers are at a premium. Even if you're lucky enough to find a buyer for your home, the question is will they be able to qualify for a mortgage?



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

One thing many sellers are starting to consider is the idea of seller financing. In other words, as opposed to the buyer going to the mortgage company or bank to get a loan, the seller is financing the property.

The most common type of method for this type of financing is land contract.

Land contract was popular back in the '80s when high interest rates made mortgages unattractive. Today, land contracts are making a comeback, not because interest rates are high but rather, it is much more difficult to qualify for a mortgage than it has been.

When it comes to a land contract, the question sellers have to ask is whether they want to step into the shoes of the bank. The seller is assuming the risk that the buyer will make his payments on a timely basis and meet the obligations of the debt.

In a normal mortgage situation, the seller gets the money at closing. Therefore, whether or not the buyer makes their mortgage payments is not the seller's concern. On the other hand, in a land contract situation, if the buyer does not make his payments, the seller loses. In addition, it would be the seller who would have to foreclose and take the property back.

That is the main problem with land contracts — the seller assumes a much greater risk. If

the buyer defaults, you're forced to take the property back. Think twice before selling your home on land contract.

Generally I don't recommend selling on land contract. My reasoning is simple, you are not a bank. In addition, if the potential buyer can't obtain a mortgage, there's a reason for it. More likely than not, it could be because of credit scores. If the bank or a mortgage company isn't willing to take the risk, you should not.

However, if a land contract is the only viable option, make sure that the buyer is making a substantial down payment. If there is no down payment or a low one, it is too easy for the buyer to walk away from the land contract.

Also, don't offer a mortgage and financing for 30 years as do banks and mortgage companies. I recommend a land contract for a much shorter period of time, such as three years. You ultimately want the buyer to obtain a mortgage.

If you decide to proceed with a land contract, you need to investigate the buyer. After all, you are loaning this person a substantial amount of money and it is important that they have the wherewithal to make payments.

One last note regarding land contract. Make sure an experienced attorney drafts the documents. The last thing you want to find out is that you have problems enforcing the terms of the land contract. Therefore, spend the extra dollars required and hire a qualified attorney.

On the whole, when I represent a seller, I discourage using a land contract. However, if that is the only financing option, make sure you proceed with caution.

Good luck!

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

Heat doesn't stop volunteers from circulating recall petitions

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While most people were looking for a way to beat the heat, Angie Szalai was standing with the sun beating down on her in a paved parking lot along Wayne Road.

The Westland resident was spending the day collecting signatures for two petitions — the recall of Gov. Rick Snyder and repeal of P.A. 4 which gives expanded powers to emergency financial managers.

"This is our first day (Tuesday) at this site. We were at Ann Arbor Trail and Merriman last week," said Szalai. "We're getting about 300 signatures a day at this type of site."

A teacher at Franklin Middle

School in Wayne, Szalai said she has been working on the recall effort since attending a rally in Lansing May 21.

"I'm a teacher and I feel strongly that what he (Snyder) does affect what I do. I think this is really going well," she said. "I have about 20 volunteers. Some are actively involved working at sites while others get their neighbors and friends to sign the petitions."

A steady stream of drivers was pulling into the parking lot opposite Westland Shopping Center to sign the petitions. They didn't have to get out of their vehicles — Szalai and another volunteer, John Higgins, offer curb service bringing the petitions to their vehicle window.

Most of the petition signers

were passing when they noticed the signs reading "Recall Snyder." The signs and T-shirts worn by Szalai and other volunteers drew horn honks and shouts from passing vehicles.

"My reason for signing is that the governor cost the film industry here a lot of jobs. I was working in films; now I had to go back to my lower-paying job," said Livonia resident Michael Catrow as he signed both petitions.

Plymouth Township residents Judith and Gregory McIntyre were also passing and spotted the signs.

"We saw it and stopped. I never voted for him (Snyder). Let them tax the big people, not your working families," said Judith McIntyre, who works part-time as a teller for

Northville Downs. Her husband is a Ford Motor Co. retiree.

Schoolcraft College student John Higgins' face was completely covered with perspiration as he took petitions to drivers who stopped in the parking lot.

"I read about this in the newspaper and got involved. It needs to be done. My parents are on a pension. They are still trying to figure out how it (the new income law) affects them," said Higgins.

To place a recall question on the ballot, the recall backers need to submit 80,000 signatures by Aug. 5.

For the balance of the current week, Szalai said petition circulators in this area will be focusing their efforts to collect signatures at the Ann Arbor Art Fair.

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Livonia resident David Detter has served as the assistant superintendent at Redford Township's Glenhurst Golf Course for the past 20 years. Detter's grandfather helped build the course.

From tee to green

Detter takes pride in beautifying Glenhurst

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The sun has barely peeked over the eastern horizon most summer mornings when David Detter begins his job of ensuring that Redford Township's Glenhurst Golf Course is pleasing to the eye for the army of birdie-seekers who attack it with a passion every day.

Armed with close to 40 years of experience, a degree in horticulture and a keen eye for what makes a golf hole special, Detter embraces the 102.5-acre property like it's his own backyard.

"Most days, myself and the other guys will get here about 5:30 (a.m.), sit around the big table in the maintenance building for a few minutes and drink coffee, tell jokes and laugh," said Detter, the course's assistant superintendent and a longtime resident of Livonia. "But the golfers start showing up at around 6 a.m. in the summer, so we have to get out there before they get here so we can change the cups and mow the greens. We don't want anyone to have to stop playing so we can do our work."

As for having to set his alarm clock every day at 5-something? "You get used to it after a while," he said, cracking a smile.

ALMOST LIKE HOME

In a way, Glenhurst is Detter's back yard. His grandfather, Walter Nacker, helped build the course in the early 1930s, and his mother was born and raised on the farm that formally rested on the land that is now covered by plush fairways.

"My mom had home movies that showed me about this high (Detter holds his hand a couple feet off the ground) running around the course," he said. "The basement of our current clubhouse is the basement of the former farmhouse, so it has to be 150, 160 years old."

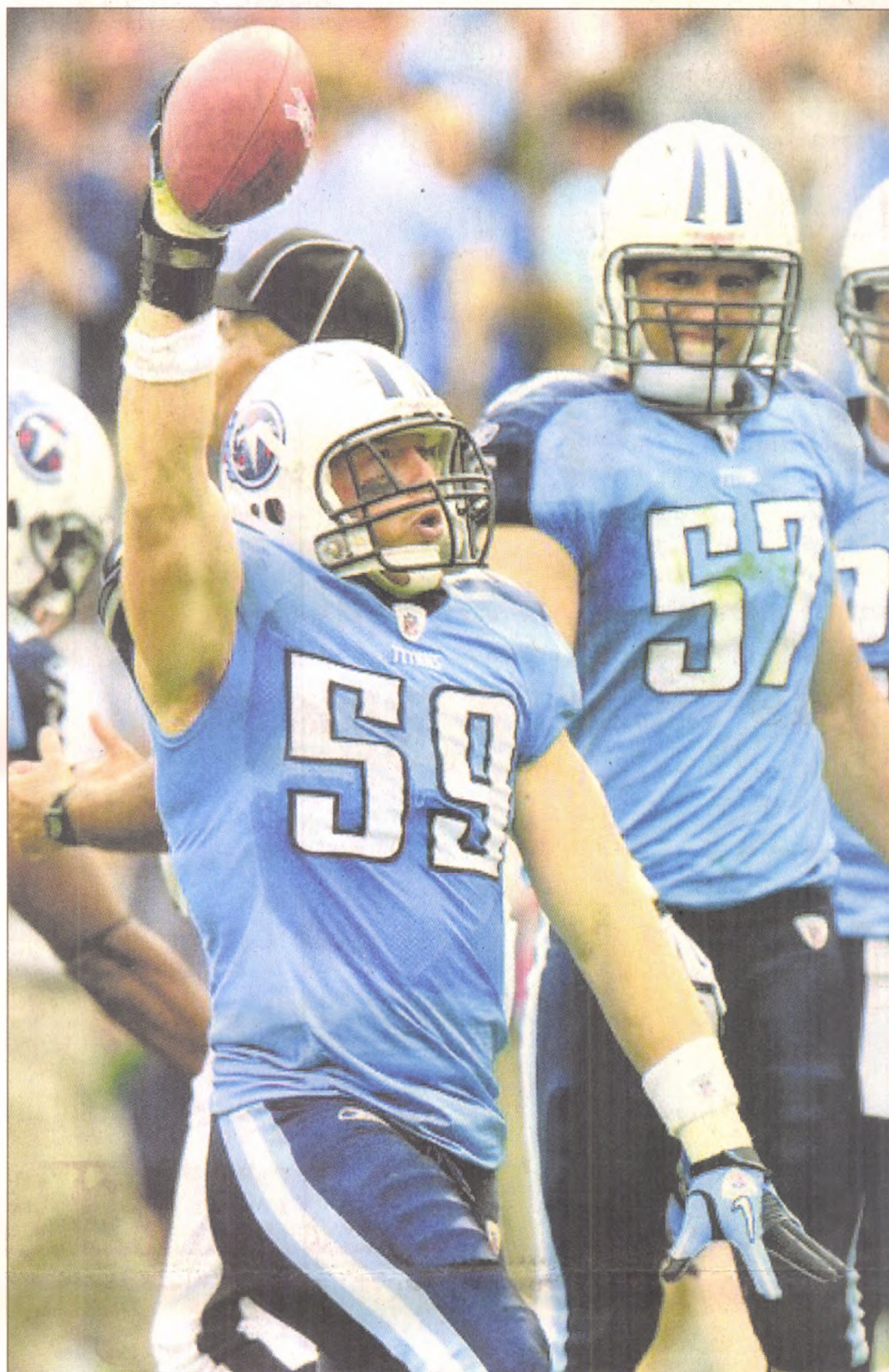
Since starting as a part-time employee at Glenhurst in the early 1970s, Detter had a front-row seat to the dramatic evolution of golf-course maintenance.

"Back when I started working here, a lot of the work was done by hand, just like it had been done since it opened in 1932," Detter said. "We had one guy mowing with a trim mower while another guy — usually me — pushed a mower and used hand shears."

Detter said the difference between then and now is "like the difference between daylight and the darkness. Things started changing once the township bought the course."

Please see **GLENHURST, B3**

Shaw awaits end of lockout



Clarenceville High School grad Tim Shaw (59), a restricted free agent, is likely to return this season to the Tennessee Titans when the collective bargaining agreement is signed between the owners and players.

TENNESSEE TITANS PHOTO

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's been an off-season with no other for NFL players, and that includes Tennessee Titans linebacker and special teams player Tim Shaw.

On the 131st day of the league's lockout, the former Livonia Clarenceville High and Penn State University student may finally see light at the end of the tunnel.

The 6-foot-1, 236-pound Shaw, who has played stints in Carolina, Jacksonville and Chicago, is an

unrestricted free agent. NFL teams have three days to re-sign players in Shaw's class of free agents once the collective bargaining agreement has been reached.

"The Titans have offered me my tender," Shaw said. "I could sign that as soon as I think as soon as the lockout ends, and all likelihood, that's what I'll do unless something changes."

When there is a free agency period, typically I would have been able to shop around a little bit, and the Titans would have been able to match any other offer, but I think

with the shortened period, I don't think there's going to be a lot of that is going on."

With the owners and the NFL Players Association close to a deal, Shaw sees a free-for-all once the player market re-opens.

"I think when it does finally break, free agency is just going to be a madhouse," he said. "You have to assume teams are going to have a plan. Imagine if it's a two-week period that they normally take three months to do — it's going to

Please see **SHAW, B3**



Canton's Chelsea Olson (No. 4) moves into scoring territory for the USA Athletic International women's lacrosse team during the recent Berlin Open.

Coming up big in Berlin

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For Chelsea Olson, her lacrosse world today is miles beyond the one she left behind at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park in 2009.

The 20-year-old Olson — a Canton resident who starred in high school and college with the PCS Lady Warriors and Indiana Tech, respectively — now is a player with experience on the sport's global stage.

She and three teammates from Indiana Tech last month competed with the USA Athletic International team at the Berlin Open International

Lacrosse Tournament.

The Indiana Tech contingent of Olson, Clea Endres, Autumn McMillin and Erin Skodi helped the USA A1 squad win five straight games before losing 11-10 in the championship game to the USA Global Team (all Division 1 players). Indiana Tech is a D2 university.

"I knew being able to represent our country in Berlin was a huge accomplishment for me to achieve," said Olson, a Canton High School alum. "So I didn't take it very lightly."

"I was very serious about representing the USA and it

Please see **OLSON, B2**

Racers return to winner's circle

BY DAN O'MEARA
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The annual Farmington Founders Festival four-mile road race had a pair of repeat champions Saturday.

Angela Mathews of Westland is the women's champion for the third straight year, and Emery Pitcel of Richmond earned his second consecutive men's title.

It's an event Mathews, the girls cross country and track assistant coach at Country Day High School, has owned; however, she wasn't anticipating an easy win Saturday.

"That would intimidate me if I started thinking how many years I've won it," Mathews said. "Every race is different, depending on how I've been training. I try to approach each one as something brand new, something fresh."

The 20-year-old Pitcel, a Grand Valley cross country and track runner, competed in his third Founders race and was eager to defend his crown.

"I had such a positive experience the first two times I ran it," he said. "My dad and I and



Pitcel



Westland's Angela Mathews, 27, claimed her third consecutive women's title in the Farmington road race.

recruited my older brother (Lance, who won the 20-24 age group) to come out and race this year. I went in with the mindset I wanted to try to take it again."

The race started slowly as the runners crawled through a 5:30 pace for the first mile, according to Mathews, 27. She soon found herself in "no-man's land," away

Please see **RACE, B3**

Maybury hosts Road Runner Classic

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There's a little bit of something for everybody at Saturday's 2011 Road Runner Classic, which will be held on the grounds of historic Maybury State Park in Northville.

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

Post-race activities include Little Caesars Pizza, live music, libations and homemade baked goods. The family fun event also features story hour, face painting and hands-on activities.

Maybury State Park is located off the Eight Mile Road entrance, one mile west of Beck.

"All preparations are set up for a really great run on Saturday," race organizer Gay Haf said. "We'll have plenty of water and a lot of refreshments before and after race. We'll take care of the runners."

Cash awards will also go to the overall male and female winners, along with the masters (over-40) male and female champions.

First-, second- and third-place age-group placers will also receive awards courtesy of Sterling Cut Glass, along with finishing medals going all 1-mile participants.

Race day registration, which begins at 3 p.m. is \$30. The 1-mile fee is \$5.

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The Canton Celtic U20 national championship men's soccer team includes several Observerland-area players.

Canton Celtic U20 men earn national title

The Canton Celtic U20 men's soccer team was a beast in the east this past weekend.

As a result, the contingent of local kickers won the title of USASA U20 national champion — the first time a Canton Soccer Club team has earned that remarkable distinction.

The Celtic persevered in a demanding five-match finals weekend in Manalapan, N.J., and prevailed in the championship match, 2-1, over Rochester (N.Y.) FC, which had upended the Celtic by the same score earlier in the tournament.

Canton opened group play Friday by falling to Rochester, 2-1. The Celtic struck first in the game's third minute when Matt Nedwicki (Dearborn Divine Child, University of Detroit-Mercy) scored.

In its second group match, Canton edged Montgomery (Mass.) United, 1-0, on a goal by Etienne Lussiez (Livonia Churchill, University of Michigan) in the game's final

five minutes.

Needing only a tie in its final group match to advance to the semifinal round, Canton jumped on Bethlehem (N.Y.) Soccer Club 2-0, on goals by Luzziez and Nedwicki, but Bethlehem rebounded to earn a 2-2 draw.

In Sunday morning's semifinal, the Celtic steam-rolled Junior Lone Star FC (Pa.), 4-0, as Moustafa Bazzi (Detroit Mercy) scored twice while Adam Wright (Olivet) and Nedwicki netted a goal a piece. Lussiez continued his top-notch play in the championship match scoring 12 minutes in on a left-footed half volley that found the top corner of the net from 24 yards out.

Bazzi contributed an insurance goal — his third of the tourney — a short time later to cement the title.

Captain Mitch Reinhart (Canton, Saginaw Valley State University) and assistant captain Sasha Miskovic (Salem,

Duquesne) led a team that included John Krutty, Lachlan Savage, Jeremy Stoychoff, Zach Walega and Mohammad Pourmandi, all of Salem; Churchill's Adam Bedell and Lussiez; Adam Wright, Travis Smith, Matt Ybarra, Marco Bernardini, Jack Brown, Morley Burns and Kyle Wingham (Canton).

Head coach David Hebestreit was accompanied by assistant coach Kieran Savage and certified athletic trainer Carly George.

The Celtic men's program has compiled an 84-27-10 record since its inception in 2005 by CSC director of coaching Pete Alexander. Hebestreit, who has been in charge of the men's program since 2006, has added a U23 and a U20 team; two Gerhard Mengel State Cup championships (2008 and 2010), two USASA Michigan Amateur championships (2008 and 2011); and now a USASA U20 national title.



On to the Series

Members of the Plymouth-Canton Pride's 10U softball team are: (front row, from left) Justice Ruggles, Lucy Cronin, Morgan Overaitis, Madison Rosiewicz, Isabelle Dawson; (middle row, from left) Jennifer Bressler, Nicole Dawson, Makyleigh Silverman, McKenzie Knight, Jessica Tucci, Alaina Heitmeyer; (back row, from left) coaches Dan Bressler, Tony Gould and Craig Overaitis. The 10U Pride recently won the USSSA state tournament at the Canton Softball Center with a 15-4 rout of the Hartland Eagles. The team will compete July 23-24 in Orlando, Fla. in the USSSA Fastpitch World Series.



Pride prevails

Members of the Plymouth-Canton Pride's 12U softball team are: (front row, from left) Olivia Grant, Sydney Dawson, Katie Hiltz, Peyton Philbeck, Jenna Olszewski, Rachel Zeron; (middle row, from left) Jamie Squires, Jamie Klotz, Kara Hutchison, Becky Sarver, Sabrina Shingleton; (back row, from left) coaches Gary Zeron, Tim Hutchison and Dan Hiltz. Not pictured are Emily Stewart and coach Jon Olszewski. The 12U Pride recently won the USSSA state tournament at the Canton Softball Center and will compete July 23-24 in Orlando, Fla. in the USSSA Fastpitch World Series.

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OLSON

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paid off in the end, because we placed second in the tourney."

LEAVING THEIR MARK

She and her teammates were selected for the Berlin Open team at the recommendation of their college coach, Ed Karasek.

"The girls received first-class treatment, challenged all the teams who were there, saw much of Europe and left an indelible mark for Indiana Tech with their second place finish," Karasek said.

Olson followed up a 54-goal regular season with plenty of goals and assists over in Europe.

"The playing atmosphere was very intense over there," Olson noted. "Especially when playing some of the German and Czech teams because they didn't speak any English, so communicating was not easy."

"It was an amazing learning experience, not only for lacrosse, but as a person too."

According to Olson, each step along her career path has helped prepare for what came next.

At PCEP, she navigated a mini-campus between the three high schools and got an early taste of what college life might be like.

FAMILIAR FACE

Then at Indiana Tech, despite a "much faster pace" in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, it was a major plus to have one of her PCS Lady Warriors teammates also joining Karasek's program.

That would be Nikki Rottell, a 2009 grad of Plymouth High School.

"It wasn't very hard to get along with any of the girls at Indiana Tech, because I started off having a teammate from high school with

ALL ABOUT CHELSEA

Who: Chelsea Olson, 20, women's lacrosse midfielder at Indiana Tech.

What: She was a key contributor to the USA Athletic International team's runner-up finish at the recent Berlin Open tournament. She scored 10 goals and assisted on five others.

Prep: A 2009 graduate of Canton High School, Olson starred for the Plymouth-Canton-Salem combined team. In her senior year, she was second-team midfielder and the Lady Warriors MVP.

College: With Indiana Tech's Warriors, she really blossomed her sophomore season (2011) with 54 goals, 24 assists and was named the All-NWLL first-team midfielder. The criminal justice major carries a 3.62 GPA and earned selection to the NWLL academic team.

Family: Her parents are Kim and Jim Olson of Canton.

me, Nikki Rottell," Olson explained. "Both of our playing techniques clicked together immediately as if we were still in high school, which helped us click with the other players on our new team."

Right away, Olson, Rottell and their Indiana Tech teammates meshed as a unit, finishing 14-7 in 2010.

Then in the 2011 season, the Warriors went 18-4 and captured the National Women's Lacrosse League championship.

According to Olson, attending the Park "helped prepare me for going to a large college, considering we had to walk between three schools."

She actually was surprised and even shocked when she began getting to know her Indiana Tech teammates at a much faster clip than at PCEP.

"Instead of meeting a new person at PCEP everyday, I



Indiana Tech women's lacrosse players (from left) Clea Endres, Chelsea Olson of Canton, Erin Skodi and Autumn McMillin all competed at the Berlin Open for the USA Athletic International team.

knew most of the kids from Tech by the first week," Olson said. "Playing with the girls from PCEP definitely helped me get ready for playing with the selected girls from everywhere to play on Tech's team."

"Learning to adapt to the different playing levels of the girls was the most difficult part, but the best learning experience."

UNBELIEVABLE

But when time came to play at the Berlin Open, there wasn't the same opportunity to get to know her teammates on the USA AI squad.

"We had one practice then took part in the tourney," she said. "You wouldn't believe the skill level of some of the girls I had the honor of playing lacrosse with."

Olson said she and her Indiana Tech teammates had "the time of our lives" and she gave thanks to family, friends and businesses (such as Forrest Place Optical in Plymouth and Rose's Restaurant in Canton) who helped her raise money for the trip.

"I would also like to thank my high school coach, Dave Medley, because he is the one who started it all for me," Olson added. "I wouldn't have gotten so far if it weren't for him."

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Rams' Carson slams door on Pride, 9-3

Mike Carson launched a second-inning grand slam to lead the Michigan Rams to a 9-3 victory over the Pride in Monday night's Livonia Collegiate Baseball League game at Ford Field in Livonia.

The Rams, who improved to 16-14-1 with the lopsided win, tallied eight runs in the second frame and never looked back thanks in part to a solid mound performance turned in by Greg Spiess, who scattered three hits, three walks and three runs while striking out three in five innings of work. Jay Perry hurled the final two innings for the winners, yielding just two hits while strike out a pair.

Charlie Fisher suffered the pitching setback for the Pride, giving up eight runs and six hits in his two-inning stint.

The loss dropped the 22-and-under Pride to 18-12.

In addition to Carson, Jonny McCann and

Mark Weist were swinging hot lumber for the Rams, as each hitter contributed three hits. McCann drove in three runs while two of Weist's safeties were doubles.

Kevin Zak paced the Pride with two hits and an RBI.

The Rams, who outthit the Pride 10-5, led 8-3 after three before adding an insurance run in the fourth.

SPLIT DECISION

The Rams halved Sunday's double-header with Advanced, winning the opener 10-0 before dropping the nightcap 5-2.

Mike Schypinski tossed a five-inning complete game (the game was shortened due to the 10-run mercy rule) for the Rams in game one, striking out four while scattering five hits and two walks. Alex McMurray went the distance for Advanced, giving up 10 runs and 13 hits.

Livonia Stevenson alum Jeff Sorenson contributed a home run and four RBIs for the Rams, who also were powered by Weist's 3-for-3, 2-RBI effort. McCann (3-for-3, RBI, two runs), Pat Lancaster (2-for-3, two RBIs) and Miles Sorise (2-for-3, two runs) also had multi-hit games for the victors.

John Estes (2-for-2) was the lone Advanced player with more than one hit.

A stellar game-two pitching performance by Derek Fleetham earned Advanced the split. Fleetham held the Rams to eight hits and two runs in seven innings. Colin Gerish took the loss despite yielding just one earned run in 6.2 innings. Gerish struck out two and walked one. Rams reliever Zach Wedesky retired the only batter he faced.

Carson continued his hot hitting for the Rams, rapping off three hits while adding an RBI and a run scored. Sorenson also chipped in

with an RBI.

Spencer Sorel was red hot at the plate for the winners, ripping three hits in four plate appearances. Danny Kilger added two hits and two RBIs.

RAMS SQUEEZE COBRAS

The Rams scored five runs in front of the winners Friday night on the way to a 5-4 triumph over the 20-and-under Cobras in a game played at Livonia's Bicentennial Park.

Starting pitcher Alex Pierse notched the win as he struck out eight in five innings. He gave up two runs and three hits. Wedesky picked up the save with two solid innings.

Aaron Saarela took the loss even though he struck out 13 batters.

Weist (two), Evan Piechota and Sorenson registered RBI for the Rams. Steve Pelletier had two hits for the Cobras.



Tennessee Titans special teams standout and linebacker Tim Shaw (far right), a Clarenceville High grad, expects to return for another NFL season once the lockout ends.

SHAW

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be just a madhouse.

"Players won't be able to take the visits they might normally take. Just so many things are going to be shortened. I imagine it's going to be a hectic time."

AS BEST THEY CAN

Players, meanwhile, have had to improvise, staging informal workouts instead of going to the required off-season training and mini-camps.

"We had a week of informal stuff where we got together and ran our own practice, did some individual drills and did a lot of seven-on-seven," Shaw said. "We had a great turnout, too. We had 27 guys only on defense. I think we probably had 50 guys show up — so it was good for us to get together."

So what was missing during the off-season? "As one NFL player I haven't been able to do normal film study that I would be able to," Shaw said. "I have some film that I've been able to watch, but not all the film I like to watch. Those are normally the things I see to try and improve on."

"It's just been so different. It's affected me not being with my teammates, not being able to learn and grow with my teammates as I normally would."

Shaw, the MHSAA's second all-time career touchdown (131), points (786) and rushing (7,813 yards) leader, worked out regularly at Total Sports in Wixom alongside Lions' defensive end Cliff Averill.

But with the more than normal down time, it gave him a chance experience some other aspects in his life.

"I've had more free time to do things I normally haven't been able to do," Shaw said. "I've traveled where I've never been able to travel, and played more golf than I ever normally should ... really just spent more time with my family. Those are all positive things, I think, but at the end of the day that's making the best out of a bad situation."

With starting quarterback Vince Young most likely gone and back-up Kerry Collins (Penn State grad) retiring, not to mention a new coach in Mike Munchak (another Penn State alum), there's a bit of uncertainty in the air regarding the Titans entering the 2011 season.

STILL VIABLE

But Shaw still views his team as a viable play-off contender.

"If we can play as a team, then I don't see why we can't play with anybody," Shaw said. "We definitely have talent and what we need to win. It's going to be a matter of getting together, seeing what the coaches are going to bring, and seeing what the players are going to do and what they can do together."

How to divide up more than \$9 billion in annual league revenues, restructuring rookie contracts, reworking free agency, taking care of retired NFL players and managing the salary cap are just some of the issues that have been worked out in principal during the new CBA talks.

"It's all about money absolutely, but I have to be on the side of the players, and say it's been a pride issue and a really just kind of a big snub move by the owners to drag it out like this," Shaw said. "They had this planned for a long time and I think that's what a lot of fans don't understand. The players didn't want this to go down like this. We just wanted to play football and we were happy with how things were. It's all about money and we all know this is a business. To affect so many people to pull something like this by owners ... I won't say unprofessional, but not cool."

Shaw, meanwhile, won't get his hopes up until he hears the definitive word from Titans player representative Jake Scott. "I don't believe what I hear in the media, that's that No. 1 thing," Shaw said. "I also think the owners are really feeding the media, and telling people what they want to know and what they want people to think and feel. Even the players. They say stuff because we also listen to the media as well. There's a lot of misinformation. How many times have you heard a certain date that things will be worked out, and then not? So, I don't believe any of that stuff. If it gets worked out, I'll be happy as anybody else. But I'm not sitting here expecting it to get worked out. You'd just be ignorant."

But in the end of the day, Shaw is proud of the way his NFL brethren have remain steadfast throughout the lockout.

"The players are very unified," he said. "And this is what I will say: They (owners) thought that we would cave, but guess what? We saved our money. We're not going to cave, we're going to stick together. But in the end of the day we all want to play."

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RACE

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from the pack and running alone.

"I can focus on the guys in front of me to (set the pace and) keep me motivated," she said. "Running that stretch down Grand River, along the parade route, is not quiet or anything. There's not much time to zone out or lose focus."

"I got to the line and, once the gun went off, just took off. I just kinda went on instincts as to what I had to do; I didn't overthink this at all." Mathews, who was fourth overall, finished in 22:40, which was 10 seconds slower than her winning time a year ago.

"You always think about your time — 'Here's a point in the race where I should have pushed harder' — but I'm not going to sit and stress about 10 seconds," she said. "It's always fun to come away with a win, and I'm not going to gripe about the time."

Plus, it's early summer. There are other races coming up in August that people are starting to look to. I think we're all gearing up to the end of summer, so this is a nice stepping stone each year to gauge where you're at."

Mathews, who won the Northville Solstice 5k race in 18:03 this year, thinks she's better at shorter distances, but the four-mile race seems to suit her well, too.

"I'm in shape for any distance," she said. "I just feel I can race 5k harder than the longer stuff. I prefer the shorter distance; that's what I train for."

"Most people in my group are marathoners or half-marathoners. Just picking up half their workout, I feel prepared; I'm ready for my races."

FORMER FALCONS

Pitel has Farmington roots as both parents are Farmington High School graduates — his dad, Leonard, in 1983 and his mom, Judy, in 1985.

"The thing that got me to race down in Farmington the first time is both parents were residents of Farmington," Pitel said. "My dad was flipping through a magazine, (saw an advertisement for the race) and we decided three days before, 'Let's go do this one.'"

Pitel went out faster and felt stronger in this year's race. He didn't take the lead until the last half mile a year ago, and he was in that position by the halfway point this time.

"I feel stronger running this summer than I felt last summer," he said. "The key this time was, when I took over the race at the two-mile mark, I had to make sure I kept going and didn't settle. I had to keep digging and pushing all the way to hold on to lead I established."

"The way I like to race is to try to run as even splits as possible. I'll sit back and pick off people throughout the race. Halfway through it, I was already up in the top spot. It was a different feeling; the front of the pack was suddenly right there."

Pitel's stronger physical condition and performance is reflected in his time of 20:49, which was 36 seconds faster than last year.

"Hopefully, the proof is in the pudding there," he said. "I'm also hoping this will be a sign of things to come going into cross country season



Emery Pitcel, 20, was the men's and overall winner for the second year in a row.

in the fall."

Pitel said his familiarity with the Farmington course helped him to run a smarter race.

"When I raced the first year, I didn't know that whole stretch down Grand River would be downhill all the way," he said. "Once you know you're going to have a crowd (waiting for the parade that follows) cheering you through the last mile and a downhill to aid you, you can get away with going a lot harder in the first half."

"It's a great group of people to pull you through, and you also have gravity on your side. When they made that course, they really made it final-mile friendly."

OTHER TOP RUNNERS: Steve Menovcik, 42, finished second overall in 21:39 and was the men's Masters winner. Sheen Watkins, 50, won the women's Masters title in 29:57.

The top eight runners included Matt Yacoub, 36, of Farmington Hills, 22:17; Mathews, Farmington High runner Drew Lindman, 16, 22:50; Steven Harris, 45, 23:19; Brian Wilson, 42, 23:23; and Chris Woodring, 43, 23:38.

Harris won the men's 45-59 age group and Wilson the men's 40-44; Woodring was second in the men's 40-44. Heather Dyc, 20, was second overall among female runners at 25:16.

GLENHURST

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INSTANT IMPROVEMENTS

Glenhurst was blessed with its first irrigation system in the mid-1990s, transforming the sun-dried fairways into a sea of green.

"Before that," Detter said, "the only water the course got was what Mother Nature gave it. Some nights we'd pull the hoses out and put the sprinklers on at night, but other than that, we hoped for rain."

While he's learned a lot about his craft by working countless 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. shifts over the years, Detter has earned several horticulture, landscaping and nursery degrees and certificates from Schoolcraft College and Michigan State University.

"If I were a normal landscaper, I'd go from one house to the next every day, working on people's yards," he said. "What I like about this job is that I have 102.5 acres I can landscape, and I get to do everything here. I'm a certified arborist, so I've probably planted at least 100 trees on this course and I've cut down maybe another 100."

"We have a lot of things out here you won't find on a lot of golf courses. We have a lot of exotic species of plants that you don't see every day."

Detter approaches the course every morning

almost like a painter approaches an ongoing work of art.

"There are certain vistas you can go to when you're mowing and you visualize what a golfer is going to see when he's playing the hole," Detter said. "The angles you trim around the greens and the directions you mow affect the light and dark stripes the golfers see on the greens and fairways. Things like that are important to us."

LIKE A FAMILY

The staff of workers who maintain Glenhurst have bonded like brothers, Detter said.

"We have a mix of ages, but we all get along," he said. "It's important to (superintendent) Chris (Rhodes) that we have good camaraderie, and we do. We'll even get together in the winter and bow or just sit around and chat. We have great rapport with one another. It's a very pleasant place to work."

Asking an assistant superintendent of a golf course to pick his favorite hole is comparable to asking a proud father of 18 kids to pick his favorite child, but Detter didn't duck the question.

"I'd have to say No. 13 is my favorite, at least looks-wise," he said. "It's a par three where you tee off on a hill that looks down onto a valley. The green sticks out like a peninsula from another hill. If we do the mowing right, No. 13 is a very nice-looking hole."

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Thundering Storm

The 12-and-under Canton Dearborn baseball team recently captured first place in the South Farmington All-Star Classic when it upended Dearborn, 10-7, in the championship game to spare a 5-0 South Farmington run. Pictured are (front row from left) Josh Janovskiy, Chase Timko, Erich Payne, Nick Sprosek, Jake O'Donnell, (middle row from left) Robert Barnes, Matt Brooks, Justin Raylean, Matt Lessel, Noah Haran, Jake Dattilio, Josh Rubis, (back row from left) assistant coaches Scott Payne, Steve Barnes and Keith Rubis. Not pictured is head coach Rob Brooks.

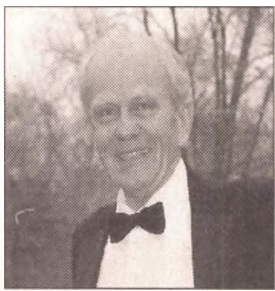


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BECK, MAX T.

Age 77, of Farmington Hills, passed away Saturday morning, July 16, 2011, at home, surrounded by the love and prayers of family and friends. He was born October 31, 1933 in Flint, Michigan, son of the late Goldie (VanDette) and Thomas Beck. Max graduated from Cass Technical High School in 1953. Following graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, and served in the U.S. Army Security Agency, Far East, until 1956. After his service, Max pursued his love of photography working for Press Picture Service in Detroit, Michigan; he started what would be a 45 year career as a school photographer, working in the metro-Detroit area, before retiring in 2007. He is survived by his wife, Margie (Staisil) of nine years; his children, Todd (Cheryl) Beck of Fenton, Renee (Tom) Connon of Sanford, Scott Beck of Royal Oak, Corey (Jennifer) Keranen of Sterling Heights, and Jason Keranen of Northville; his grandchildren, Amanda, Ross, Ryan, Molly, and Jena Beck, and Austin Knoll; sisters, Norma Kallao, Barbara (Lonnice) Graham, and Brenda (Steve) Cutchins; brother, John (Roxanne) Dodd; and many special nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Max was predeceased by his stepmother, Almedus Beck; stepfather, Fred Dodd; and sister, Rose Beck. A memorial service to celebrate Max's life will take place at 2 p.m., Saturday, July 23, 2011 at Zion Lutheran Church, 143 Albany Street, Ferndale, MI. In lieu of flowers, those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider the Senex Adult Day Program, c/o Costick Community Center, 28600 West Eleven Mile, Farmington Hills, MI 48336 or the Alzheimer's Association www.alz.org.

FEISTER, DONNA J.

Age 60 of Westland died July 15, 2011. Beloved mother of Larry Smith, Matt Smith, Gary Anthony. Dear daughter of the late Jane Feister, and Donald (Dee) Feister. Proud grandmother of Joel, Jacob and Madison Smith, Sadie Anthony, Bree and Bailey. Visitation was Wednesday at Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland. Funeral Service was Thursday. Memorial donation may be made to the American Lung Association. To view and send condolences, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

GEPHART, RICHARD (RICK) W.

Age 56, found refuge with our Lord and Savior on July 17. Son of the late Wayne & Jane Gephart. Also preceded in death by brother Michael Gephart. Survived by Daughter Michelle, Sister Nancy (Guy) Gephart - Williams, brother Daniel Plourde, nieces & nephews & extended family. Memorial services to be held at Lighthouse Ministries, Livonia MI, on July 23 @ 5:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made directly to the family.



KEMPA, FRANCINE VAUGHAN

Of Livonia, passed away on the morning of July 15th after a long battle with cancer. She was preceded in death by her youngest son, Christopher Michael Kempa. Left to mourn her are her husband of 35 years, Adam F. Kempa; her son, Adam William (Sarah) Kempa; her parents, William T. and Joan M. Vaughan; her sister, Kathy (Michael) Putnam; her brother, William T. (JoAnne) Vaughan, jr.; her sister, Mary (Daniel) Vaughan; two nieces, and one nephew. She is also survived by many beloved friends and her cherished beagle, Speck. She was born on September 13, 1954 in Buffalo, NY, and was a career nurse who greatly enjoyed gardening and being a mother. Visitation was held at Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia on Sunday, July 17. Funeral service was held at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Livonia on Monday, July 18. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Christopher Kempa Memorial Art Scholarship at Franklin High School, 31000 Joy Rd., Livonia.



LEIBY, BRENDA JOYCE (DEVINE)

Age 69, of Avondale, AZ. Passed away on July 9, 2011 in Minden, Nevada. She was born in Tecumseh, Michigan on October 10, 1941 and moved to Paradise Valley, Arizona in 1970. Brenda is survived by her daughters Deborah, Belinda, Rhonda, Carla, Elizabeth, step-daughter Bobbie Jo, three brothers - David, Richard and Dale, 12 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Services will be held on Saturday, July 30th. At 11 a.m. at West Resthaven Funeral Home: 6450 W. Northern Ave in Glendale, Arizona.

ROLLINS, BONNIE "CHRIS"

Age 93, of Farmington Hills passed away 7/17/2011. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

SHISLER, CLAUDE W.

July 16, 2011, age 84. Beloved husband of the late Viola. Dear father of Barry (Susan), Susan (Rodney), Edwin (Gloria), Caroline (Forrest), Nancy (Roger), Beverly (Roger), Judy and the late Irene. Also leaves many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Brother of Ida Mae and Jenny. A memorial service has been held. Donations suggested to the Salvation Army Church, 9451 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. Share your special thoughts and memories at www.schrader-howell.com

HARGIS, CAROLE ANN

Age 79, of Tracy City, TN, formerly of Dearborn, MI, passed July 15, 2011. Funeral services has taken place. Arrangements are by Foster & Lay Funeral Home, Tracy City, TN.

HIRZEL, KIMBERLY

Age 45 of Livonia. Cherished daughter of William and the late Patricia. Loving sister of Doug (Robin) and Bill. Also survived by many other loving family and friends. Memorial Gathering at Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel, 36100 5 Mile Rd Livonia (E. of Levan) Saturday 2-4pm. Memorial Service at 4pm. Memorial Contributions may be made to the MI Humane Society. Please visit online guestbook www.fredwoodfuneralhome.com

JOUSMA-THEEKE, JANE ANN

Age 66, died Saturday, July 16, 2011 at her residence in North Aurora, IL. She was born May 24, 1945 in Jackson, MI. Jane was a Realtor and Mortgage Broker in the Chicagoland area for the better part of her career. In her later years, she enjoyed traveling and spending time with her children and their families. She was a 1963 Graduate of Plymouth High School, in Plymouth MI, and attended Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI. She is survived by her son, Jon (Inga) Theeke and their children Emma and Nora Theeke of Batavia; her daughters, Janiece Theeke and granddog Jack of Chicago and Jennifer (Vincent) Theeke-Lenczewski and their children, Alexandra, Kevin, Mathew and Avery Lenczewski of Southbury, CT; and her brother, Robert Jousma and his family of Ypsilanti, MI. In addition to her parents, Jane is preceded in death by her daughter, Jean Ann Theeke. All services and interment will be private. For additional information please call the Moss Family Funeral Home in Batavia at 630-879-7900 or www.mossfuneral.com where you may share condolences using the online guestbook.



LARSON, NANCY C.

71, of Livonia, suddenly on July 17, 2011. Beloved mother of Wendy Juback, Michael, Paul (Aziza) and Gretchen (Steve) Kline; dear sister of Lowell Thompson; and devoted grandmother of 10. Memorial gathering Friday, July 22, from 3-7 PM, at Woodlore Condominium Clubhouse, 33045 Fargo, Livonia. Memorial tributes suggested to Livonia Civic Park Senior Center (734-466-2555). Arrangements entrusted to the Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). heenev-sundquist.com

RITCHEY, DAVID ALAN

Passed away suddenly on July 13, 2011, at the age of 65. David was born in Detroit, the son of Walter and Dorothy (Pries) Ritchey. David worked for Wallace Windows as a repairman for 26 years. Among the special enjoyments he loved were camping, fishing and playing cards. But his real joy was in being with and playing with his grandchildren. He is survived by his wife, Kathy L. Gunn, whom he married in 1977. Also surviving are his children, Michael (Marion), Kimberly, Karyn, Karol (Jim), Carl (Shelly) and Barbie (Shane); seventeen grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and two sisters, Carol and Marilyn. Private services were held. To share a memory or leave a condolence: www.schrader-howell.com



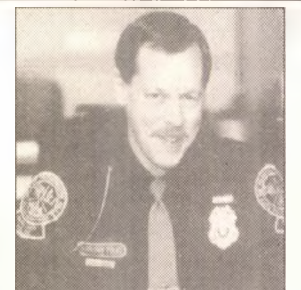
SCHAUFFELE, PHYLIS J.

Age 86 of Plymouth, died July 17, 2011. Beloved wife of the late John. Dear mother of John, Terry, and Connie (Richard) Bailey. Dear grandmother of John, Terri Ann, Jason, Randy, Pamela, Holly and Jarrod; and dear great-grandmother of Kaylie, Cameron, Isabelle, Morgan, Jack, Aden, Brooklynn, Roryann, Nathan and Carver. She also leaves one brother, Duane Rodenberg. Visitation and funeral service was held at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. Interment Riverside Cemetery. To share memories please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

WELSH, MARILYN J.

Of Wayne, age 76, July 15, 2011. Beloved mother of Brad, Lisa Menard, Brian (Jane), Scott, and the late Bret. Dear Grandmother of 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Loving sister of Teri Light and Roger (Betty) McGilvray. Donations to the Michigan Humane Society. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home. To view and send condolences visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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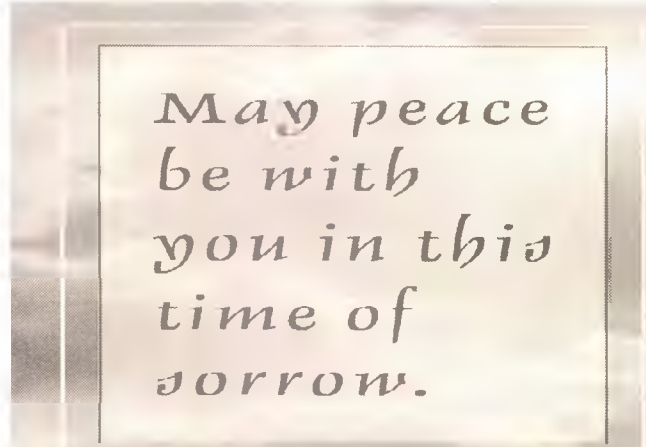
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Watercolors for a cause

Senior artists bring life experience, skill to their works in Farmington Hills show

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

The artists at Botsford Commons Senior Community say their upcoming watercolor show is not your grandmother's art exhibit.

"You know, it's not just a bunch of old people painting. There are a lot of really good artists," said Bill Waddell, 84, who has created everything from landscape scenes to portraits to abstracts since joining the watercolor class last year at Botsford Commons Senior Community, in Farmington Hills. "There are some real one-of-a-kind, really good pieces of art that people can take advantage of and probably find a better price than if they went to a dealer."

"I think it's a unique thing because it's a group of us that get together and display our talent," said Berta Billarreal, 83, a veteran watercolor painter.

Class instructor Karin Phillips, promises a show with a variety of subjects, price ranges and styles. It's the group's second exhibit since the class was formed last year.

"They've really done beautifully and have grown so much," said Phillips, a Bloomfield Hills resident who has shown in Michigan Watercolor Society exhibits and at the Community House in Birmingham. "They have a zest to want to learn, plus they bring all the experience from their lives. You can tell everyone's style by their personalities."

"I'll tell you a cute story. There was a gentleman who was 98 — he had to drop out because of our schedule — but he came to the last show with a picture of a skull he had painted. I said, woa, what's this? And he said, it's a self portrait. What a wonderful sense of humor."

The group's second exhibit, Friday-Saturday, July 29-30, will include approximately 100 pieces, \$10 and up. Admission is free.

A BETTER RIDE

Tickets to the artist reception and preview, 5-7 p.m. July 28 costs \$35 per person and will benefit Botsford Commons' campaign to buy a new state-of-the-art bus. Camille Purdie, executive director of marketing and development officer, says the new vehicle will give residents a "smooth ride" while they attend to daily errands, participate in recreational



Instructor Karin Phillips demonstrates a technique on a painting that Florence Ptak is working on.

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programs and volunteer in the community.

"Our residents do a lot of community service," Purdie said. "They do a lot with the schools, reading programs and they use the bus to go into the larger community. They make blankets and deliver things to Children's Hospital. There's a lot of giving back."

Purdie said the new bus will accommodate about 15 passengers and be capable of handling electric scooters and other equipment.

"We just started the campaign, but what's so great is that our residents have already raised close to \$7,000 and we have an anonymous donor who will match."

She said the senior community plans a silent auction of various art forms next month. Residents skilled in arts and crafts will be asked to donate a handmade piece to the cause.

SELLING THEIR ART

Every watercolor class student involved in the group's first show sold at least one piece.

"It was amazing," Phillips said. "She (Billarreal) sold \$1,000 of art at the last show. She had big pieces and people wanted them."

Billarreal said she's interested in selling her work, but that's not why she created the class. She simply wanted to gather other artists together for informal painting sessions. A small group began to meet on a consistent basis and Phillips, a longtime friend, agreed to offer advice and instruction.

Billarreal started painting with oils while in college and later switched to watercolor which she found less "stinky" and more challenging. Phillips has travelled to Paris, France on three Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center plein air painting trips. Several other class members, including Jane Langa, whose paintings hang on the walls in Botsford Commons' Town Commons building, have honed their skills over years of working with watercolors.

Waddell and Florence Ptak are among the newcomers to

RESIDENT WATERCOLOR SHOW

What: Paintings by members of the Botsford Commons watercolor class

When: 1-7 p.m. Friday, July 29; 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 30

Where: In the Botsford Town Commons at Botsford Commons Senior Community, 21450 Archwood Circle, Farmington Hills

What: Watercolors on exhibit and for sale by residents of the senior community. Admission is free

Charity preview: 5-7 p.m. Thursday, July 28, includes beverages and appetizers.

Tickets are \$35 per person and will benefit the community's "Next Stop, Our Bus" campaign that aims to raise funds for a new bus. Many artists will be on hand at the charity preview

Contact: Call (248) 426-6951 to buy preview tickets or for questions



Florence Ptak studies one of several photos as she paints a still life in watercolor class at Botsford Commons in Farmington Hills. She hopes to finish the piece in time for an upcoming art show and fundraiser.



Bill Waddell will show several of his paintings in the watercolor show at Botsford Commons in Farmington Hills.

"From age 58 until now I built a garage, a house, a small canoe. I took a course at OCC in pointillism. I stay busy doing crafts I love. I have about 35 watercolor paintings."

Florence Ptak, a "70-something" Botsford Commons resident, took up watercolor

painting for the first time when she joined the class last year.

"I got into it and now I don't want to get out of it. Watercolor painting is so different from oils because it flows," she said. "It's enjoyable."

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Details: "Ages of Art" is an inter-generational show that exhibits work by 24 artists who have taken workshops at the art studio and created at least one piece under the direction of Shaq Kalaj, artist-in-residence
Contact: (734) 420-0775



"The Grizzly Truth" by Carol Zeiss and works by other artists are on display through Aug. 7 at Art & Ideas Contemporary Art Gallery and Studio in Plymouth Township.

Orchard Lake Fine Art and Craft Show

Time/Date: 5 p.m.-9 p.m., Friday, July 29; 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday, July 30; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, July 31
Location: On Powers and Daly roads, south of Maple, just west of Orchard Lake Road at West Bloomfield Plaza
Details: Ninth annual show features paintings, clay, glass, sculpture, wood, fiber, jewelry, photography and more. Suggested donation is \$5; parking free
Contact: (248) 685-3748

Northville Art House

Time/Date: Aug. 5-27, with opening reception 6-9 p.m., Friday, Aug. 5. Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday
Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
Details: "13 Ways to View a Blackbird and Other Thoughts in Thread," is an art quilt show featuring two groups of work by artists from across the Midwest
Contact: (248) 344-0497

Village Potters Guild

Time/Date: 6:30-9 p.m. Aug. 8, 11, 15, 18 and 25
Location: 340 N. Main, Plymouth
Details: Five-day tile-making workshop will cover modern, free-form tiles, glazing, relief tiles and carved tiles from plaster casts and is aimed at beginning, aspiring or experienced artists, 18 and older. Class size is limited. Bring ideas for a relief tile to the first class. Clay, glazes, plaster and tools will be provided. Cost is \$85
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JD's House of Comedy

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

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays
Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Steve Sabo with Kris Peters and Brett Kline, July 20-23; Bryan Mcree with Kate Brindle and Nate Armbruster, July 27
Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Time/Date: J. Chris Newberg, July 21-23; Cy Amundson, July 28-30; Eric Hunter, Aug. 4-6
Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak
Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedy-castle.com

CONCERTS

Contact: (734) 455-1453

The Ark

Time/Date: Junior Brown, July 24; Danny Britt & Marvin Dykhuis, July 25; Michael on Fire, July 26; Marc Cohn, July 27
Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor
Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

Heritage Park

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, July 21
Location: 24915 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills
Details: Free summer concert series, Stars in the Park, features Farmington Community Big Band
Coming up: Metro Jazz Voices, July 28; Five Guys Named Moe, Aug. 4; Stewart Francke and band, Aug. 11; Arizona Son with Devin Scillian, Aug. 18; and Farmington Community Chorus, Aug. 25
Contact: (248) 473-1848

Jazz @ The Elks

Time/Date: 7-10:30 p.m., every fourth Tuesday
Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: Jazz musicians perform and complimentary hors d'oeuvres are served; donation \$5. The Terry Lower Quartet with Terry Lower on keyboard, Jim Ryan on drums, Tom Lockwood on bass, and Edye Evens-Hyde singing will perform July 26
Contact: (734) 453-1780 www.PlymouthElks1780.com

Kellogg Park

Time/Date: 7 p.m. July 22
Location: Downtown Plymouth
Details: Gia Warner Band
Coming up: The Bluescasters, July 29; Those Delta Rhythm Kings, Aug. 5; Michael King & Friends, Aug. 12; Mass Transit Band, Aug. 19; Randy Brock Group, Aug. 26; Lady Sunshine and the X Band, Sept. 2
Family series: Noon, Wednesday concert series features Biakuye Percussion Group, July 27; Mr. Seley, Aug. 3; Barbara Bailey Hutchinson, Aug. 10; Guy Louis, Aug. 17; and Beverly Meyer, "The Music Lady," Aug. 24
Contact: www.downtownplymouth.org for evening concerts; www.plymoutharts.com for noon concerts

Town Square

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Friday through August
Location: In the pavilion at Town Square in downtown Northville
Details: Free concert series includes Steve King and the Dittlies, Detroit rock and roll, July 22; Zap Toro with Latin music, July 29; Michael May and the Messarounds with jazzy blues, Aug. 4; The Crutches with top rock and dance hits, Aug. 12; Gia Warner with rock clas-



Winnie's a winner

Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy presents artist Elizabeth Gullikson with the Supervisors Choice Award during the Three Cities Art Club Exhibit, held at the Canton Public Library last weekend. Gullikson, who recently retired from the Plymouth/Canton School system, created "Winnie the Pooh and Gang," her winning entry in oil pastel. Cathy Vettese won first place and dinner for two at Texas Road House in the "Popular Vote" category for a color pencil work called "River." Second place and a gift from Famous Dave's BBQ went to photographic artist Allen Brooks for his digitally-enhanced infrared photo, "Windy City Reflections." Third place and a cash award went to David Lamb for his oil painting titled "Rocky Shore." For more information about the Three Cities Art Club, which meets September-June at the Canton Township Hall, visit www.threecitiesartclub.org, call Marilyn Meredith weekdays at (248) 557-3800, ext.123 or e-mail her at marilynmeredith@wowway.com.

sics, Aug. 19; and Justine Blazer, rock/country, Aug. 26

Tunes on Tuesday: The family series of free concerts runs 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday and features Palamazo, July 26; Mr. Seley, Aug. 2; Saline Fiddlers, Aug. 9; Zippity 2Dads, Aug. 16; Imagination Theater, Aug. 23.
Contact: (248) 349-0203

Trinity House Theatre

Time/Date: Michael Fracasso with The Potter's Field, July 29; Jennie DeVoe, Aug. 12
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Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Sunday; 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Wednesday in July and August.
Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak
Details: Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free
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R&B); Aug. 24, Straight Ahead (jazz); and Aug. 31, The Verve Pipe (children's)
Contact: (248) 541-5717

FILM

Main Art Theatre

Time/Date: 7:30-9:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 4
Location: 118 N. Main, just north of 11 Mile in downtown Royal Oak
Details: Royal Oak-based Regeneration Raw and its new Heal Yourself Institute will host a screening of the documentary "Food Matters," followed by a Q&A with David Wolfe, one of the film's stars and a world authority on raw foods and superfoods. Tickets are \$10; proceeds benefit Wolfe's nonprofit Fruit Tree Planting Foundation
Contact: (248) 470-4290

Penn Theatre

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 5-6 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7
Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth
Details: "Water for Elephants," all seats \$3
Coming up: "The Beaver," 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 12-13 and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14
Contact: (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

Redford Theatre

Time/Date: 8 p.m. July 22 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. July 23
Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit
Details: "Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan," tickets \$5
Coming up: "Somewhere in Time," 8 p.m. Aug. 5 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 6; tickets \$5
Contact: (313) 537-2560

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Details: Heidelberg 25 through Nov. 27; Dance Theatre of Harlem, through Dec. 31
 Regular museum admission is \$8 for adults, 13-61; and \$5 for youth, 3-12, and seniors, 62 and over. Members and children 2 and under are admitted free
Contact: (313) 494-5800

Cranbrook

Time/Date: 2 p.m., Thursday-Sunday
Location: 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills
Details: Docent-guided public tours of Saarinen House, a rare integration of art, architecture, design and nature, depart from Cranbrook Institute of Science front desk. The tours are about 90 minutes long and take place rain or shine.
Contact: (248) 645-3200 for house tours; http://science.cranbrook.edu

Plymouth Historical Museum

Time/Date: Through Oct. 23
Location: 155 S. Main, just north of downtown Plymouth
Details: Rediscovering the Civil War
Contact: (734) 455-8940

THEATER

Trinity House Theatre

Time/Date: Fourth Tuesday of the month
Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia
Details: Improvisation workshops for all levels; \$3 per session
Contact: Laura Gumina at (248) 225-0160

Local bands to perform at Buy Michigan festival

The Howling Diablos will be the headline act at the 3rd Annual Buy Michigan Now Festival, Friday-Sunday, Aug. 5-7 in downtown Northville. The band, known for its funky, blues-jam style, will perform 7:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, on the festival's main stage. Main stage acts on Aug. 5 include singer/songwriter Shawn Byrwa, 12:30 p.m., the folk duo Match by Match, 2 p.m., Carolyn Striho Band, 3:15 p.m., Infinity Hour, 4:30 p.m., and Michael May and the Messarounds, 7 p.m.

In addition to the Howling Diablos on Aug. 6, the David Gerald Band will perform at 10 a.m., Rare Standard at 12:30 p.m., David Sawiki and Youth Under Construction at 2 p.m., Stephen Clark at 2:30 p.m., and Mainstreet Soul at 5 p.m. David Nefesh Band will perform at noon, Aug. 7, followed

by Ben Chutz and the Scores at 1:15 p.m., The American Gravy Company at 2:30 p.m. and Rickysee at 4 p.m.

The festival's Wing Street stage will feature acoustic performances, demonstrations and presenters. The Kids Zone will keep youngsters busy with magic and music performances, visits by mascots, balloon animals, storytelling and a costume contest. The free weekend celebration focuses attention on Michigan-based businesses and locally-produced merchandise to help stimulate the economy. More than 100 vendors and merchants are scheduled to participate.

Festival hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Aug. 5, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Aug. 6, and noon-5 p.m. Aug. 7. For more information visit www.buyMichigannowfest.com.

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SUMMER splash



Watermelon Beach Party



Watermelon Raspberry Lemonade

Chill out with cool watermelon treats

There's nothing quite like juicy, fresh watermelon to cool you off on a hot summer day.

Whether you want to give the kids a refreshing, healthy snack or wow guests with a watermelon showpiece at a backyard barbecue, these recipes serve up great taste and good nutrition all summer long.

For more tasty ways to make a summer splash, visit www.watermelon.org.



Watermelon Popsicles

DID YOU KNOW?

- Watermelon has higher concentrations of lycopene than any other fresh fruit or vegetable.
- Watermelon is naturally low in saturated fat, total fat and cholesterol.
- A 2-cup serving of watermelon is an excellent source of vitamins A and C and a good source of vitamin B-6.



Beach Bucket

WATERMELON BEACH PARTY

- 1 watermelon - can be seeded or seedless
- Cutting board
- Kitchen and paring knives
- Pencil or thin marker
- Large bowl and spoon or ice cream scoop
- Blue gelatin
- Small plastic container
- Small beach themed items
- Gummy fish

Using an oblong seedless watermelon, cut a 1/4-inch slice off the bottom to provide a stable base.

Draw lines in a wave design with a sharp pencil or thin marker approximately one half of the way up and all the way around the watermelon.

Scoop out the flesh with an ice cream scoop or a large spoon, and reserve for salad.

Chill gelatin in a small plastic container to make a pool of "water" and place in the watermelon bowl. Fill in around the "water" with fruit salad cut into fun shapes and balls.

Arrange toys toward the edge of the watermelon bowl. Garnish sides with drink umbrellas and plastic palm tree swizzle sticks, and add gummy fish to complete the scene.

WATERMELON RASPBERRY LEMONADE

Makes 4 servings

- 6 cups watermelon cubes (seeds removed)
- 1/4 cup raspberries
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup lemon juice

Place watermelon, raspberries and water in container of electric blender, cover and blend until smooth. Strain through fine mesh strainer into pitcher. Stir in sugar and lemon juice until sugar dissolves. Refrigerate until chilled, about 1 hour.

WATERMELON POPSICLES

- Watermelon
 - Chunks of fresh fruit - try grapes, strawberries, or kiwi fruit
- Puree watermelon and pour into popsicle molds. Drop in chunks of fresh fruit, insert caps and place in freezer. Serve when frozen.

- Courtesy of Family Features

BEACH BUCKET

- 1 watermelon - can be seeded or seedless
- Cutting board
- Kitchen and paring knives
- Green dry erase marker
- Large bowl and spoon
- Melon baller
- Beach theme cookie cutters
- Light-colored cake mix

Wash watermelon under cool running water and pat dry.

Placing watermelon on its side, cut off the bottom end 1/4 to 1/2 inch so it can stand flat on its end. Be careful not to cut too deep into the white part of the rind - this would allow liquid to leak from bottom of carving.

Stand watermelon on cut end. With dry erase marker, draw a line about 1/2 of the way down from the top, around the whole watermelon.

Pick a point on the line and find the corresponding point on the exact opposite side of the watermelon. From those points measure 1 inch to the right and to the left. Connect those points by drawing two parallel lines across the top, forming the shape of the handle.

Use paring knife to cut along lines, being careful to not break or crack handle. For best results, hold paring knife like a pen, but only cut half way into rind. Once you complete that

first cut all the way around, go back and cut the rest of the way through the rind. Doing the cut in two steps will ensure a cleaner line and smoother cuts.

Carefully remove trimmed rind and flesh. Try to remove as much as possible in large portions that can later be sliced and used with the cookie cutters.

Scoop out remaining flesh from base, trying to leave as much flesh intact. Remove it in larger pieces that can be used for making watermelon balls or bite-sized chunks.

Take knife and carve a channel about 1 to 2 inches from top edge, creating rim of bucket.

Take the large removed pieces and trim off rind. From flesh, cut rectangles about 1/2 inch thick.

Using cookie cutters, cut shapes from watermelon. To create light colored shapes, use slices of honeydew melons, or cut decorative pieces from white part of watermelon rind. Set aside and drain on paper towel.

With remaining fruit, make either cubes or balls and drain. Toss with other cut fruit and berries and fill bucket.

Decorate top of bucket with cut watermelon shapes and new, clean toys and shovels. Use light colored cake mix to resemble sand.

HOW TO CHOOSE A WATERMELON

- Look for a firm, symmetrical watermelon that is free from bruises, cuts or dents.
- The watermelon should be heavy for its size.
- The underside of the watermelon should have a creamy yellow spot from where it sat on the ground and ripened in the sun.

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Lawn care pros at MSU have 'go green' tips

Michigan State University's Department of Crop and Soil Sciences lawn care pros offer ample advice for those who want their summer lawns in tip-top shape.

Mow high — recycle clippings. MSU experts say to mow at least 3 inches high and to return clippings to recycle nutrients. You should sweep or blow clippings from walks and driveways onto the lawn.

Taller grass crowds out weeds and promotes deeper roots, they say. Deeper roots help the lawn survive droughts.

You should fertilize in fall for the best results. Be patient in the spring, and wait until May to fertilize if that's your choice. Don't fertilize if the ground is frozen or saturated with water.

Don't guess, MSU experts add, soil test for proper fertilizer recommendations.

It's important to choose lawn-type fertilizers with low or no phosphorus (the middle number) and to follow directions. Avoid using "triple" products (e.g. 12-12-12).

Confirm spreader setting before applying, the pros say.

You need to clean up and avoid surface water. Maintain a no application zone near lakes, rivers, streams and storm drains. Never discharge clippings near lakes, rivers, streams or drains.

Sweep fertilizer granules from walks and driveways onto the lawn, and wash your spreader on the grass.



When it comes to being water smart:

- Don't soak your lawn and avoid night watering
- Watering should not produce puddles; lighter, more frequent

watering is best

•Brown lawns are OK; dormancy is a natural response to drought, however, some water may be necessary during an extended drought of more than a month

For more lawn tips see: WWW.

TURF.MSU.EDU. The website has extensive information on such subjects as moles, home lawn grub control products, Japanese beetles, European chafer pests and more.

Advertising: Check out documents for details

BY ROBERT MEISNER
 GUEST COLUMNIST

Q: We are in a mixed use development and the business portion of our condominium, in an effort to encourage foot traffic and improve the bottom line, wants to promote their businesses with signs and advertising in the front of the building and advertise in area publications. What can we do to stop that as residents?

A: It all depends on your documents and what rights the business owners have to provide for advertising, if any, if the association is

responsible for the area where the new signage is being installed, the business owners may have to get permission from the association.

Obviously, the association's potential concerns about attracting more people to the area must be weighed against the business owners' needs to keep their businesses going. In any event, the association should get legal counsel involved who will not be in a conflict between the two warring factions.

Q: We have a problem in our condominium with respect to various people hoarding property in their condominium and, eventually causing a safety hazard. What can we do to prevent the problem?

A: There should be a restriction of a general nature regarding any conduct which would be detrimental to the interests and/or safety of the residents in your documents.

You may also have a specific provision regarding excessive cluttering and, if necessary, some inspection mechanism to ensure that it has not been done.

It is my experience that courts will issue injunctive orders if you can establish that a co-owner is hoarding goods and/or materials which are flammable or otherwise dangerous, including food and drugs. An injunction issued by the court allows the association to enter the premises and remove the hazardous materials at the cost of the co-owner. Obviously, hoarding can be a sign of mental illness and making hoarders remove their items can be traumatic.

You may wish to contact the local social services department to make the process easier and to provide the resident with access to mental health providers.

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

Boomers often like detached condos, but supply lags

BY NANCY AUSTIN
 GUEST COLUMNIST

I am on a moving mission. My website is being expanded and I've been asked to list all the senior condo complexes in the area for the 55+ group. Eventually the list will include apartment buildings, assisted living, Alzheimer's units, and other senior living arrangements. The goal is to make it easy for the senior or the adult children of seniors to researching this kind of information.

The information will contain the location of the condo complex, number of units, and amenities; for example, club house, a swimming pool, senior activities, transportation, pet restrictions, barrier-free entrances. The condos will be those situated in

Western Wayne and Oakland Counties. And there could be a few strays, should they be recommended.

The discovery I made and have long suspected, is that there aren't very many specifically designated "senior" with the age restriction specified. Period. I find it amazing. How could such a large area as metropolitan Detroit be so devoid of senior-designated condo complexes. The concentration is definitely on apartment-style communities be they high-rise, one-story, or government subsidized.

Isn't the building industry missing a good bet? Maybe the only builder to catch on has been Dell Web. The problem is that they are not in the immediate metro Detroit area. They are Downriver in Brownstown or north of our metro area in Grand Ledge. (My sources tell me a similar type of community was to have been built in Canton but now isn't going to happen due to our economy.)

These are the kinds of communities the boomers and others are looking for. Hello?

Does anyone hear me? Yes, I know the status of the building industry. It's in the same situation as the single-family home-building industry. It's not happening at break-neck speed.

But listen up. The boomers are retiring by the thousands. They don't necessarily want to live in the high-rise retirement buildings. They want to downsize into condos. They want to remain independent. They want access to services nearby such as health care, shopping, church, walking trails, health and fitness centers, restaurants, playgrounds for the grandchildren and want to live near their families.

OK, maybe the conclave can't be hundreds of units, but what about a smaller, more compact community. The trend today is away from attached condos to detached condos. The detached units are so much more desirable because you don't have the noise factor from adjoining walls. Because they are detached, privacy is still intact. I saw some really wonderful detached "cottages" as

they were called in Dexter, Mich., called the Cedars of Dexter. They are selling quickly, proving that the demand is there.

New construction is desirable because there isn't deferred maintenance causing the new owner to spend thousands on repairs, nor on massive amounts of updating. Owners want to move in, hang up their coats and hats and begin their new, retired life.

In my search for senior communities in Wayne County, I have found Bradbury Park, and Crestwood condos in Plymouth. The Villas at Maple Creek are under construction in Canton. Hickory Ridge and Crestwood Manor are in Dearborn Heights and the Meadows in Garden City. Morley Manor is in Dearborn, a high-rise structure, but close to conveniences.

There are other complexes that seniors find attractive because of the substantial number of ranch condos that were built within the complex. But they are not designated senior complexes with the

amenities about which I have already spoken.

Both Botsford Commons and Pendleton Club are in Farmington Hills. Botsford Commons has more than the average amenities. The condos are on the same campus as is the Commons building in which is situated a pool, library, dining room, movie theater, and health-care facilities.

If I have inadvertently omitted any senior condo complex, please let me know. The goal here is to accumulate as complete a list as is possible. Co-ops will be mentioned in a future column. If there are builders reading this who have begun to build a community or may have one on the drawing boards, please let me know. I will include them in the list. Please contact me either by e-mail or by phone at (734) 718-8900 and give me as much detail as possible. I look forward to hearing from you.

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HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 11-15, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

1514 Centennial Dr 41505 Copper Creek Dr 410 E Canford Park 42318 Edenbrooke Dr 288 Edington Cir	Canton	\$306,000 \$96,000 \$285,000 \$127,000 \$134,000	46023 Graystone Ln 48502 Greenwich Cir 42581 Lilley Pointe Dr 1994 Pinecroft Dr 273 Queens Way	\$165,000 \$300,000 \$41,000 \$70,000 \$128,000	31530 Plymouth Rd 38466 Roycroft St 14678 Stonehouse Ave 32528 Vermont St	\$500,000 \$191,000 \$104,000 \$100,000	17669 Five Points St 9349 Kinloch 15644 Kinloch 20040 Olympia 15331 Pomona Dr 9371 Virgil 9745 Wormer	\$33,000 \$66,000 \$50,000 \$88,000 \$25,000 \$45,000 \$40,000
415 Gilman St 6503 Helen St	Garden City	\$60,000 \$32,000	41529 Arcola St 10021 E Clements Cir 11084 Flamingo St 19470 Haggerty Rd 15024 Knolston St 34607 Northland Dr	\$71,000 \$68,000 \$107,000 \$9,000 \$103,000 \$265,000	39587 Dun Rovin Dr 48822 Freestone Dr 15941 Johnson Creek Dr 16904 Yellowstone Dr	\$235,000 \$110,000 \$135,000 \$120,000	32027 Avondale St 38187 Carleton Blvd 155 N Karle St 38623 Shelby Dr 27748 Trailbrooke Cir	\$28,000 \$39,000 \$47,000 \$144,000 \$38,000
14209 Arcola St 10021 E Clements Cir 11084 Flamingo St 19470 Haggerty Rd 15024 Knolston St 34607 Northland Dr	Livonia	\$71,000 \$68,000 \$107,000 \$9,000 \$103,000 \$265,000	41980 Brentwood Dr 101 S Union St	\$125,000 \$118,000	12866 Centralia 13439 Crosley	\$24,000 \$37,000		

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 4-8, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

30400 Lincolnshire E 32093 Weston Dr	Beverly Hills	\$279,000 \$309,000	33495 Adams St 22887 Hayden	\$67,000 \$119,000	42918 Sandstone Dr 40978 Scarborough Ln 25801 Sierra Dr	\$259,000 \$322,000 \$168,000		
816 Knox St 508 Oakland Ave 1577 Stanley Blvd	Birmingham	\$625,000 \$215,000 \$290,000	25234 Chapelweigh Dr 23141 Cora Ave 28104 Gettysburg St 21462 Gill Rd 26429 Greythorne Trl 26364 La Muera St 26265 Rose Hill Dr 39230 Silverthorne Bnd 39299 Silverthorne Bnd	\$150,000 \$118,000 \$180,000 \$121,000 \$135,000 \$115,000 \$144,000 \$252,000 \$260,000	23814 Prescott Ln E 22155 Swan St # 633 52906 Trailwood Dr	\$28,000 \$125,000		
4331 Compton Way 520 Newburne Pointe	Bloomfield Hills	\$250,000 \$110,000	17554 Cambridge Blvd	\$88,000	21582 Avon Ln 20660 Bradford Ct 28124 Brentwood St 17010 Edwards Ave 29749 Farmbrook Villa Ln 28066 Glasgow St 23302 Grayson Dr 19265 Melrose Ave 19440 Silvercrest St 18461 W Nine Mile Rd 26781 W Carnegie Park Dr 25112 Woodvale Dr S	\$50,000 \$95,000 \$54,000 \$83,000 \$30,000 \$25,000 \$34,000 \$63,000 \$76,000 \$45,000 \$2,000 \$55,000		
4674 Coachmaker Dr 2166 E Hammond Lake Dr 1707 Hamilton Dr 1485 Lochridge Rd 776 Waddington St	Bloomfield Township	\$230,000 \$144,000 \$275,000 \$850,000 \$493,000	2856 Tall Timbers Dr 1253 Threese Acres Ct 325 W Washington St 1293 Yellowstone Valley Dr	\$1,350,000 \$252,000 \$50,000 \$244,000	1479 Bathgate St 9587 Portage Trl 722 Ranvee St 8167 Wildwood Ln	\$77,000 \$35,000 \$280,000 \$237,000		
1150 Penarth Ct	Commerence Township	\$120,000	24636 Highlands Dr 27949 Hopkins Dr 26994 Ladbrooke St 41674 Mitchell Rd 47159 Northumberland St	\$146,000 \$136,000 \$232,000 \$103,000 \$435,000				

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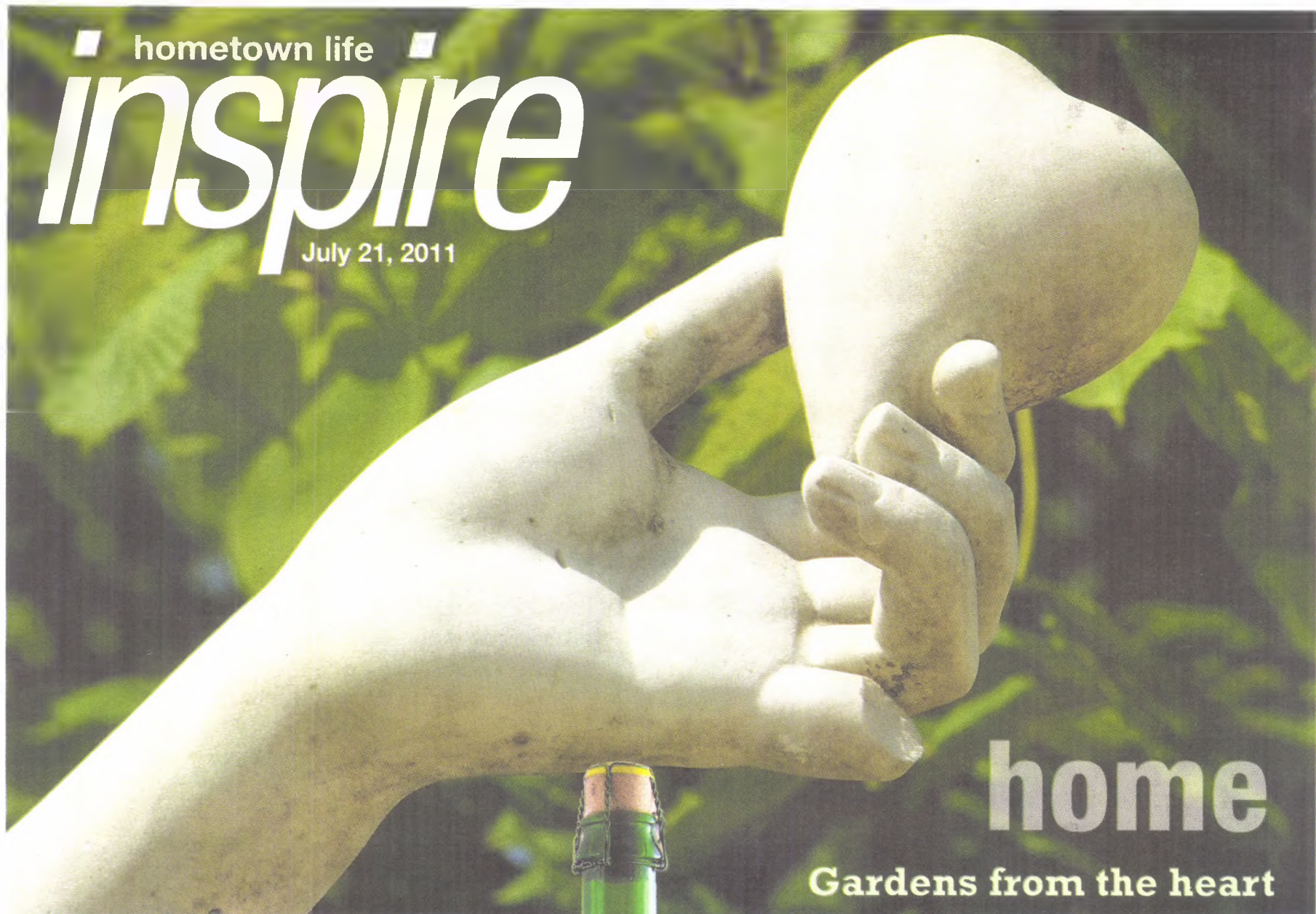
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Also, read about local farmers markets — you can go on a whole other shopping spree as you dash from one community to another. We also are focusing this month on new makeovers for kitchens and more!

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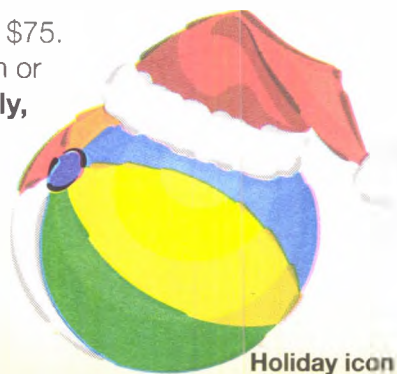
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Seduced by Saison

Belgian ales are known for superior quality and exquisite world-class taste. The serving ritual itself reads like a seduction: A vessel carefully retrieved from a chilled cellar held supportively not to disturb the sediment. The tissue wrapping is parted with care to reveal a shapely bottle. The wire cage unhooked releases the cork with a sigh. Frothy ale flows lovingly into elegant glassware shaped to hold the subtle bouquet and beads of seductive flavor. Anticipation surrenders to the touch of chilled glass, and inevitably the act of consumption — a world-class affair indeed.



Nate Parsons

My affection for Belgian ale started in 2005 when I picked up the July issue of *Men's Journal*. I typically don't read this sort but the cover claimed, "The 8 Best Beers on Earth — Bar None!" Thumb-ing through the article I was introduced to La Chouffe, Rochefort and Fantome for the very first time. Saison Dupont was voted best in show, described as "earthy, herbal and impossibly delicious." Intrigued, I quickly concluded the world of Belgian beer deserved further attention, and I would start at the top.

Saison, meaning "season" in French, is perhaps one of the most interesting and diverse beer styles in existence. The style does not have the pedigree of a porter or bock but rather humble beginnings in southern Belgium. Saisons are complex, well balanced and refreshing, which makes a perfect summer companion.



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TASTING NOTES

- Beer: Saison Dupont
- Brewery: Brasserie Dupont
- Origin: Hainaut Province, Belgium
- Style: Saison
- ABV: 6.5 percent
- Glassware: Pint — Becker, Nonic, or Tumbler
- Description: Poured into native glassware, the hue is sunny opaque orange with strands of effervescent bubbles supporting a billowing head. The bouquet is amazing, waves of tart citrus slightly muted by grassy yeast, ground pepper and a subtle hint of brett (often referred to as funk.) Initial intake smacks of fresh citrus held in check with complex traces of clove, coriander and white pepper. The malt foundation offers depth and balance while the citrusy hops morph into a refreshing crisp tingle on the back of the palate. Astonishing!
- Conclusion: Not worth leaving the spouse over but could make a strong argument.

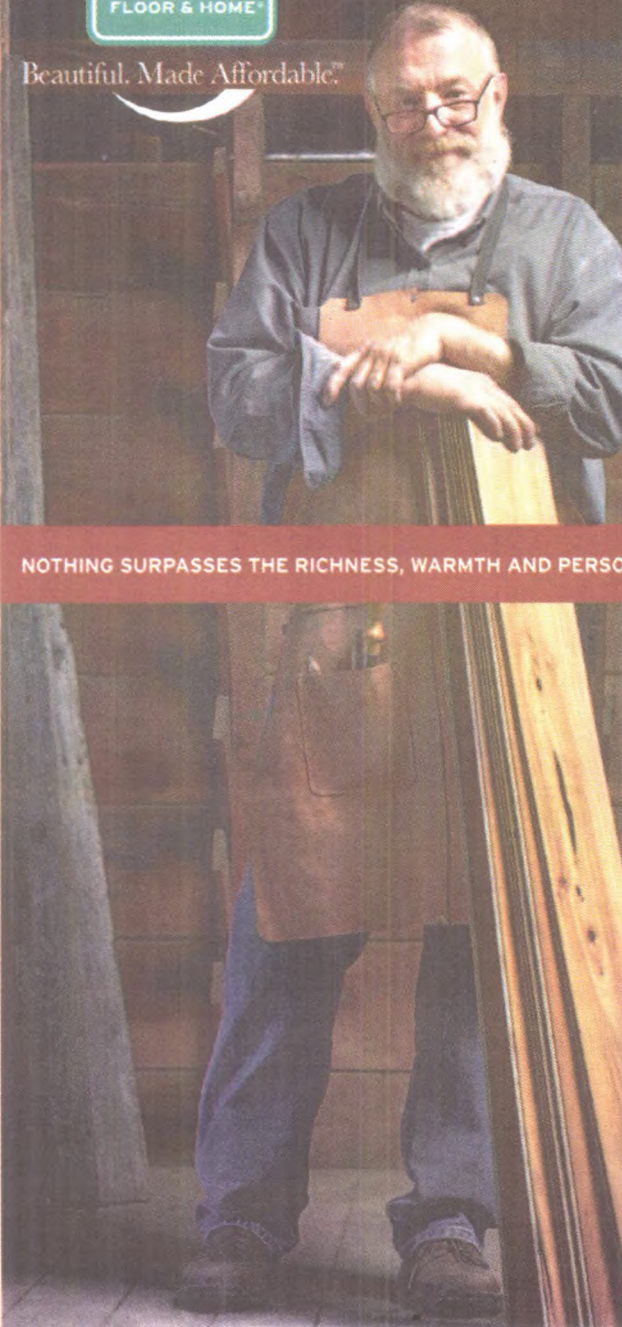
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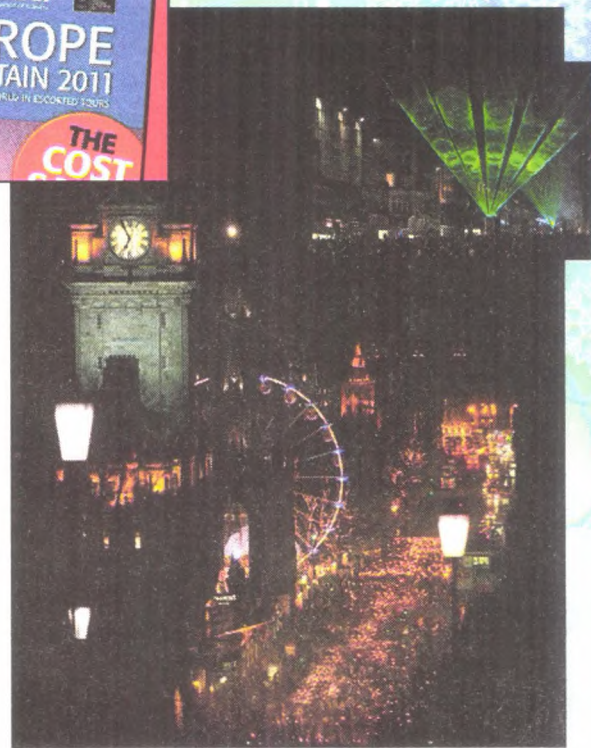
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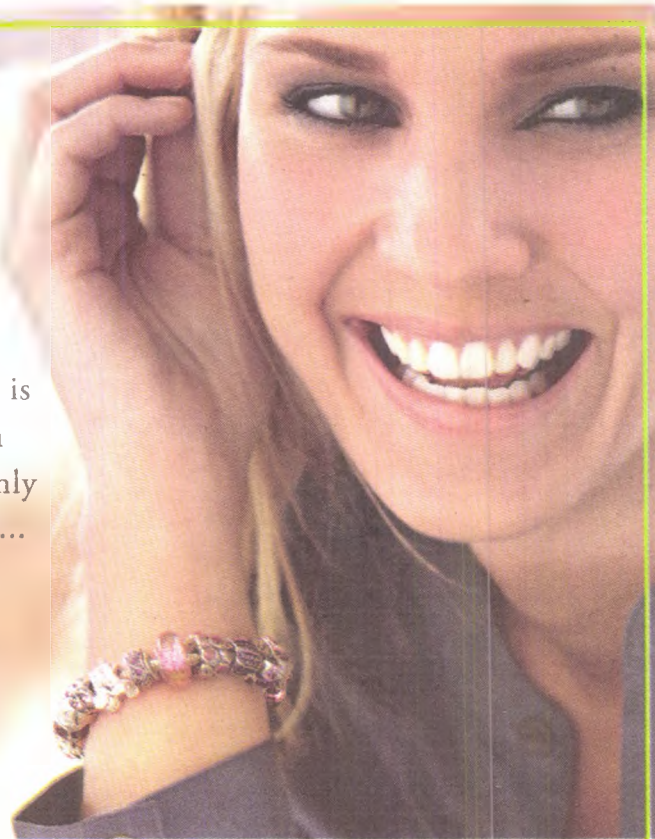
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ANN ARBOR FARMERS MARKET

Open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. May-December, the market is located in the historic Kerrytown District, 315 Detroit St. This market is a producers-only market, which means that all items are grown, baked or crafted by the vendors who sell them.

BIRMINGHAM FARMERS MARKET

Open Sundays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Oct. 23 at Municipal Lot No. 6, on North Old Woodward, just north of Maple. Lots of fresh vegetables, fruits, flowers and handmade crafts. Food to eat sold on site is available. Live entertainment from blues to bluegrass.

CANTON FARMERS MARKET

Every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Oct. 16 at Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge, Canton. In its fourth season, the Canton Market offers flowers, seasonal produce, baked goods, honey, organic meats and cheeses along with a variety of hand-crafted goods, all made in Michigan.

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FARMINGTON FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

Open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays through Nov. 19 at Grand River, east of Farmington Road, in downtown Farmington, at the Sundquist Pavilion and Riley Park. Features a wide selection of flowers, plants, seasonal fruits and vegetables and bakery goods. Demonstrations, live entertainment, children's activities and more. For more information, visit DowntownFarmington.org.

GARDEN CITY FARMERS MARKET

Open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesdays through Oct. 26 at the northeast corner of Ford and Middlebelt in the Garden City Town Center Plaza. The market offers a variety of activities for families. There's Children's Market Day noon to 3 p.m. Aug. 17. Activities include a storybook art project, a story read by local "celebrities" and a make-and-take project. Other activi-

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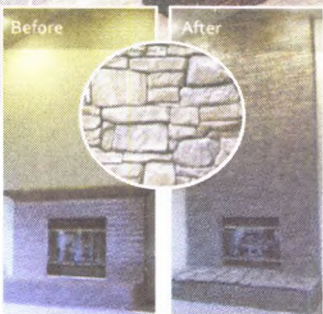
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LIVONIA FARMERS MARKET

Open Saturdays through Oct. 8 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the historic Wilson Barn, West Chicago and Middlebelt roads. Local vendors offer a variety of produce, plants, crafts, etc.

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MILFORD FARMERS MARKET

Open Thursdays 3-8 p.m. through Oct. 20 at 115 Liberty St. (between South Main and Union streets) Local vendors offer fresh produce. Weekly entertainment is featured. Visit www.milfordfarmersmarket.org.

NORTHVILLE FARMERS MARKET

Open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 27. Features more than 100 booths of Michigan-made, Michigan-grown products. Chef's at the Market Series every third Thursday.

Located in the parking lot on the northwest corner of Sheldon and Seven Mile roads.

NOVI FARMERS MARKET

Open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 1.

An open-air market featuring fresh organic and tasty produce, gorgeous plants and flowers, yummy baked goods, honey and jam, sensational crafts and works of art. Family fun events add to the excitement: face painting, entertainment from local music and dance groups and more. Located at Suburban Collections Showplace, north side of Grand River Avenue between Beck and Taft roads.

PLYMOUTH FARMERS MARKET

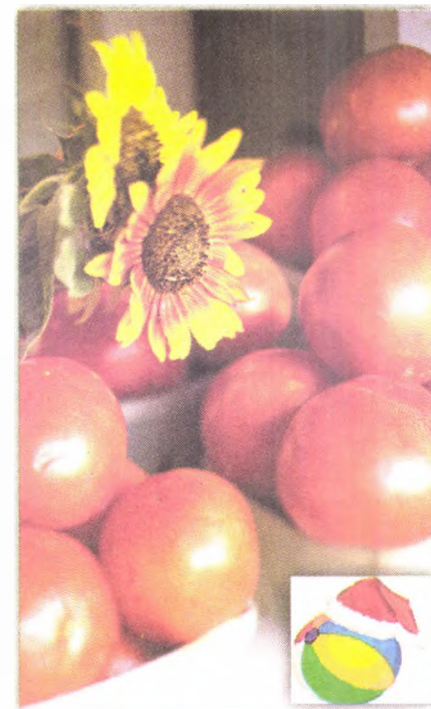
Open 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 29 at The Gathering, Penniman Avenue in downtown Plymouth. Fresh produce, baked good, plants and flowers along with arts and crafts and other items.

REDFORD FARMERS MARKET

Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays at the Marquee, which is within the Town Hall complex, 15145 Beech Daly Road, a block south of the Five Mile and Beech Daly intersection in the heart of downtown Redford.

ROYAL OAK FARMERS MARKET

Located in the Civic Center at the corner of 11 Mile and Troy Street, across from the library and adjacent to the 44th District Court, the market is open from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (for antiques and collectibles) Sundays. This is one of the premium farm market venues in southeast Michigan. Farm producers sell from an enclosed building, on Fridays during the farm season (May through Christmas) and



Farm fresh Michigan tomatoes will soon be in local farmers markets.

Saturdays throughout the year. During growing season farmers are only allowed to sell what they grow. Ample parking at and near the market.

SOUTHFIELD FARMERS MARKET

Open 3-7 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 13. The market has a new location this year on Greenfield, south of J.L. Hudson Drive. Market offers fresh fruits and vegetables, herbs and herbal products along with flowers, plants and freshly baked breads and baked goods.

SOUTH LYON FARMERS MARKET

Open 2-7 p.m. Wednesdays through Oct. 26 Located at Veteran's Memorial Parking Lot (corner of Pontiac Trail and Liberty Street in downtown South Lyon) there is ample on-street parking surrounding the areas, as well as a municipal lot. The market features a variety of produce, plants, flowers and some handmade crafts from local artisans.

WAYNE FARMERS MARKET

Open 3-7 p.m. Wednesdays through September and then 3-6 p.m. in October next to the State Wayne Theater, 35310 Michigan Ave. See www.waynechamber.net for more information.

WESTLAND FARMERS MARKET

This year the market has a new location — the Westland City Hall parking lot, 36601 Ford Road. The market is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays through Oct. 26 and features a variety of plants, seasonal fruits and vegetables and more.

WHITE LAKE FARMERS MARKET

Open 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, through Oct. 22 at Lakeland High School, 1630 Bogie Lake Road, White Lake. Locally grown vegetables, fruits and flowers, yard and garden materials, crafts and more.



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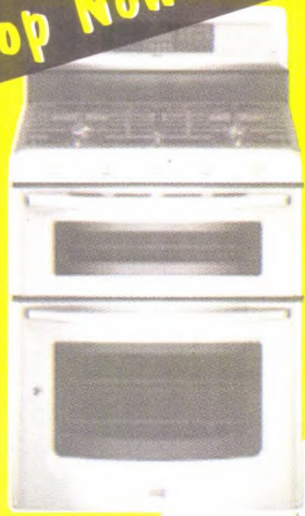
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— Making homemade ice cream for friends and family is a sweet way to celebrate summer — and it's easier than you might think.

Ingrid Hoffmann, host of the Cooking Channel's "Simply Delicioso" and "Delicioso" on Telefutura/Univision, uses Eagle Brand® Sweetened Condensed Milk as a fool-proof base for these easy-to-make, tropically-inspired frozen treats. You don't even need an ice cream maker — your freezer does the work.

To help you make your summer entertaining even more delightful, Ingrid has some helpful tips:

- Create easy homemade artisan ice cream made fresh with new flavor combinations using berries, lemon, fresh mint, espresso, honey, fresh herbs or spices. Try the recipe for Fresh Fruit Ice Cream or Pineapple and Chipotle Ice Pops for a cool summer treat.

- For beautiful desserts with little prep work, try layering ice cream between prepared shortbread cookies for a gourmet inspired ice cream sandwich or cake. For a real crowd pleaser, create a topping bar where guests can select the ice cream toppings of their choice. You could also serve as ice pops by freezing the ice cream mixture in molds and inserting wooden craft sticks in the center.

- Instead of serving in a traditional bowl, make a bowl out of your favorite summer fruit. Take half of a small cantaloupe, mini watermelon or pineapple, and scoop out the flesh. Then cut a flat edge off the bottom of the skin to make it stable. Fill it with your ice cream and drizzle with chocolate sauce and add other fun toppings.

Visit www.eaglebrand.com (and in Spanish at www.marcaeeagle.com) for more dessert recipes, as well as helpful baking and entertaining tips.



Pineapple and Chipotle Ice Pops

Pineapple and Chipotle Ice Pops

Yield: 8 to 10 servings

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Ingredients

1 (20 oz.) can crushed pineapple in pineapple juice, undrained

1 (14 oz.) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk

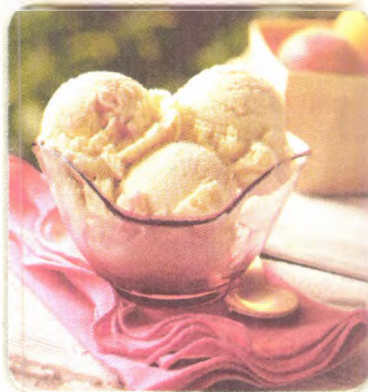
$\frac{3}{4}$ cup pineapple juice

1 tablespoon fresh lime juice

$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon chipotle chile powder

Instructions

1. PLACE pineapple in food processor. Cover and process until pureed. Combine pureed pineapple, sweetened condensed milk, pineapple juice, lime juice and chile powder in large bowl; mix well.
2. SPOON into 8 (4 oz.) plastic ice pop molds or 10 (3 oz.) wax-coated paper cups. If using paper cups, insert wooden craft stick into the center of each cup. Freeze until firm, about 4 hours.



Fresh Fruit Ice Cream

Fresh Fruit Ice Cream

Yield: about $1\frac{1}{2}$ quarts Prep Time: 10 minutes

Ingredients

1 (14 oz.) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk

1 tablespoon vanilla extract

1 cup pureed or mashed fresh fruit, such as peaches, strawberries, bananas and raspberries

Food coloring

2 cups (1 pint) heavy cream

Instructions

1. COMBINE sweetened condensed milk and vanilla in large bowl; stir in 1 cup pureed fruit and food coloring, if desired. Fold in 2 cups (1 pint) heavy cream (do not use non-dairy whipped topping). Pour into 9 x 5-inch loaf pan or a 2-quart freezer container; cover. Freeze 6 hours or until firm.

Creamy Latte Pops

Yield: 12 pops

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Ingredients

1 (14 oz.) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk

2 cups milk

1 cup heavy cream

1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon Folgers Classic Roast® Instant Coffee Crystals

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Instructions

1. BRING sweetened condensed milk to a boil in medium saucepan, stirring frequently. Reduce heat to low and cook, stirring constantly, about 15 minutes or until very thick.
2. ADD milk, cream and coffee crystals slowly to saucepan on low heat, whisking until well blended. Remove from heat. Stir in vanilla. Cool completely, about 30 minutes.
3. POUR $\frac{1}{3}$ cup cooled mixture into each of 12 (3 oz.) disposable plastic cups or 12 (3 oz.) ice pop molds. Freeze until partially frozen, $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 hours. Insert wooden craft sticks. Freeze until firm, about 6 hours or overnight.

TIP: To release from ice pop molds, dip quickly into warm water.



Creamy Latte Pops

Orange Cream Granita

Yield: 4 cups

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Ingredients

3 cups orange juice

1 (14 oz.) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk

1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

1 tablespoon grated orange peel

$\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon rose water (optional)

Instructions

1. COMBINE orange juice, sweetened condensed milk, lemon juice, orange peel and rose water, if desired, in large bowl; mix well.
2. POUR into 9-inch square baking pan. Cover and freeze just until edges are frozen, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours. Using a fork, scrape frozen granita toward center to break up ice crystals. Pat mixture evenly into pan. Cover and freeze. Repeat every 30 minutes until granita is firm, about 4 hours.



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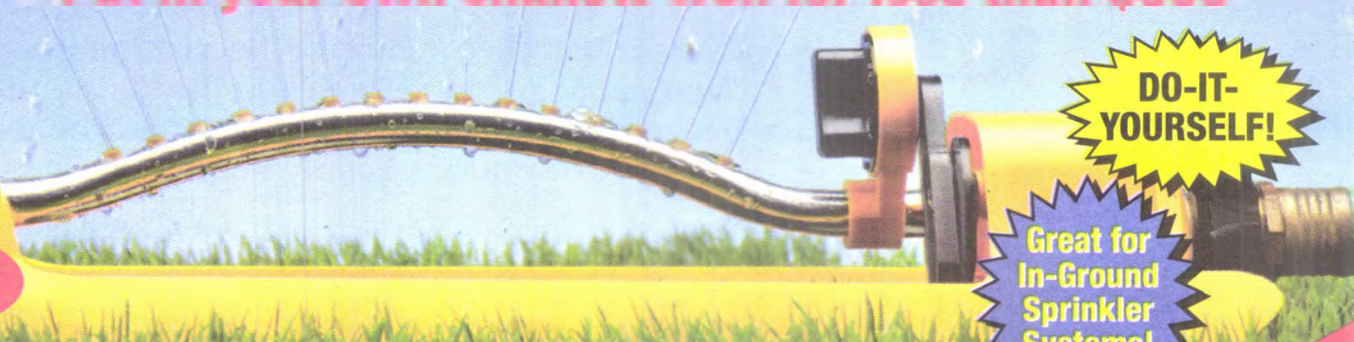
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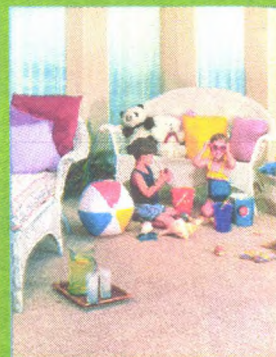
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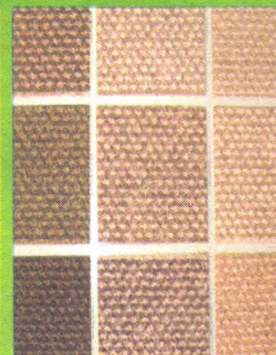
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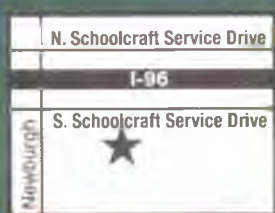


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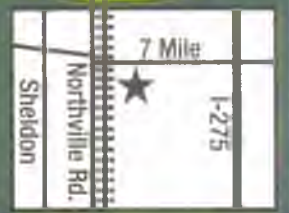
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Top social media moms from TheMotherhood, an award-winning Web community, teamed with Hershey's chocolate to offer several ways your family can enjoy S'mores all summer long:

- Family activity S'mores: S'mores make a great family snack because everyone can get involved when making them. Put the little ones in charge of preparing the graham crackers and Hershey's Milk Chocolate bars. The adults and older children can take care of roasting the marshmallows. Once everything's ready, dig in and enjoy.

- Grilled S'mores: Bring S'mores ingredients and a box of aluminum foil to your next barbecue. Build the S'mores and then wrap them in aluminum foil and cook on the medium-hot grill for one to two minutes on each side.

- Summer vacation S'mores: S'mores aren't only for camping. Many hotel chains offer fire pits or grilling areas perfect for making S'mores. If you are staying home this summer, bring your S'mores ingredients to the park or playground.

- Party with S'mores: The next time you're invited to a summer party, bring S'mores ingredients as your contribution to the gathering. Guests will love making gooey S'mores and you'll be a hit at the party.

This summer, showcase your favorite S'mores memories by visiting Hershey's Facebook page and downloading the "Say S'mores" application for a chance to win S'mores-themed prizes, including a camera, photo printing gift card, outdoor fire pit, roasting skewers and all of the ingredients needed to make S'mores.

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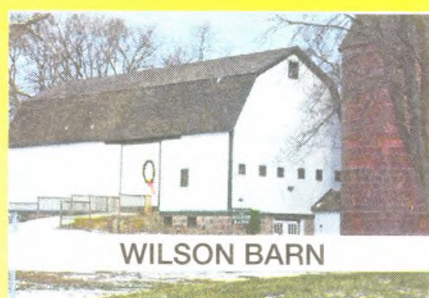
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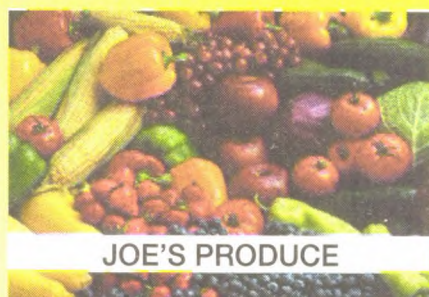
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"Brunches are the any-occasion entertaining solution," chef and Hollywood caterer Paul McCullough said. "They're great for baby showers, birthdays, family reunions and even weddings. There's something revitalizing about friends coming together in the late morning, enjoying great food, coffee and conversation. Brunches are good for the soul!"

It doesn't take a lot of time or money to host a fabulous brunch gathering. To get you started, Chef McCullough shares some hosting tips, menu ideas and delicious recipes that will help you make your brunch memorable.

Hosting tips and menu ideas

- Have a variety of beverages on hand — from fruit juices and a morning cocktail to plenty of hot teas and good coffee. I like serving Starbucks Natural Fusions naturally-flavored coffees because unlike some other flavored packaged coffee, they're made with real ingredients, like vanilla, cinnamon and nutmeg, blended right in with the coffee.

- A continental brunch is the easiest to pull together. Purchase a variety of breakfast breads and artfully arrange. Stack books under a decorative cloth to create different levels and ensure visual interest.

- Keep your guest list small unless you can enlist a friend to help cook. After all, you want to be a good host while enjoying your brunch and spending time with each guest.

- A brunch should incorporate elements of breakfast and lunch with harmony. Contrast the blueberry muffins and coffee-glazed scones with smoked salmon with capers and onions and a hearty egg dish that is packed with flavor. Try a scramble with new filling combinations like chicken and asparagus, or crab and avocado with a dollop of sour cream and chives.

- Superhero Scramble is a taste sensation my Hollywood clients love. It's easy to make; start by sauteing one pound of spinach. Mix with one pound of browned and crumbled turkey sausage and a half cup of julienned sundried tomato. Set that aside. Scramble a dozen eggs until almost finished, but still soft. Fold in the spinach/sausage mixture and sprinkle with eight ounces of seasoned feta cheese. Serve it with Starbucks Natural Fusions Cinnamon flavored coffee.

- Cut pineapple into slices and freeze them without overlapping each other. Use them in place of ice to cool down your sparkling water or Screwdrivers. Freeze grape tomatoes and garnish your Bloody Marys.

- For perfectly fluffy scrambled eggs, heat a medium size pan over medium heat. Melt a tablespoon of butter for every four eggs. Make sure the butter is melted and bubbly but not brown. Beat the eggs in a bowl with a pinch of kosher salt, pepper and one tablespoon of water. Then add to the pan and let them cook without stirring until they set a bit. With a spatula, push the eggs to the center, which creates folds of fluffy eggs. Push again as the eggs firm up. Slide from the pan when they are still a little wet. They'll keep cooking for a minute or two. Top with cheese.

- Create a Sunday Brunch Punch Bowl made of ice. Use two glass bowls, one a little smaller than the other. Cut a 1/2-inch-thick lemon slice and set in the bottom center of the



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Brunch should incorporate elements of breakfast (popovers) and lunch in harmony.

larger bowl. Put the second bowl on top of it and place a weight in it, like a 32-ounce canned product. Fill the space between the two bowls with sliced lemon and oranges or flowers. Slowly pour in distilled water (it freezes clearer than tap). Freeze for four to five hours, checking about 40 minutes in to push any citrus or flowers that have drifted up. To unmold it, place the bowls in a sink of warm water for about 15 seconds. The bottom bowl should release with a twist. Then repeat with the inside bowl. Wrap in aluminum foil and put into the freezer until you're ready to use it.

Maple, Brown Sugar and Coffee Bacon

1 pound thick-cut bacon (10 slices)
 2 tablespoons Starbucks Natural Fusions Vanilla flavored ground coffee
 2/3 cup packed brown sugar
 1 tablespoon real maple syrup
 2 tablespoons freshly brewed Starbucks Natural Fusions Vanilla flavored coffee
 Fresh cracked pepper

Preheat oven to 375°F. Line a rimmed baking pan with parchment or waxed paper and set a flat rack on top. Lay bacon strips on rack, with edges touching. Sprinkle bacon strips evenly with half of the ground coffee. In a small bowl, combine brown sugar, brewed coffee and maple syrup, stirring to blend. Brush the bacon with half of sugar mixture. Add coarse fresh cracked pepper lightly (or generously) over bacon. Bake 15 minutes. Carefully turn bacon over and sprinkle with remaining coffee, brush with remaining sugar glaze

and cracked pepper. Bake until crispy, 10 minutes more. Caution — sugar glaze is very hot. Allow to cool for 3 to 4 minutes before serving.

Paul's Popovers

Makes 12 popovers
 5 eggs
 1 1/2 cups half and half
 1 1/2 cups flour
 1 teaspoon salt
 Butter, double cream or jam
 1 12-cup muffin pan

Preheat oven to 450°F. Place eggs and half and half in a large bowl beat with a whisk until blended. Add flour and salt and mix well. Mixture should resemble pancake batter — small lumps are okay. Even if you have a non-stick muffin pan, use a light coat of cooking spray. Fill each cup 3/4 full. Place on middle rack of oven. Make sure that the top rack is placed high enough so that the popovers do not come in contact with it as they rise. Close the door and do not peek for 30 minutes. Serve with butter or double cream and jam.

Owner of Paul's Kitchen catering business, Paul McCullough specializes in classic American upscale food that's not uptight.

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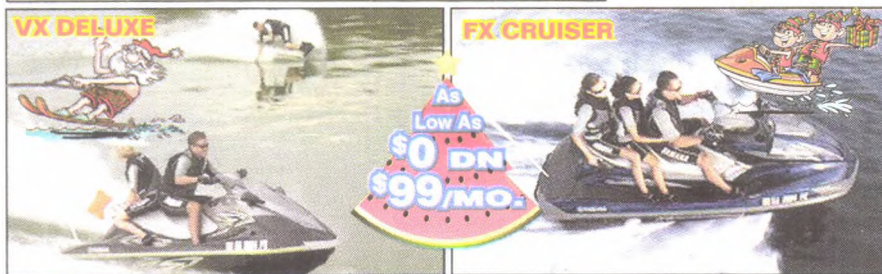
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Iced tea: A new take on an American tradition

(Family Features) — As temperatures rise this summer, Americans will turn to their favorite ways to stay cool: air conditioning, beach days and, of course, iced tea.

Historians believe iced tea gained its place in American culture at the World's Fair in St. Louis in 1904, where a tea plantation owner was attempting to serve his hot tea to fairgoers. When he saw that overheated fairgoers had no interest in the beverage, he cooled the tea using frozen lead pipes to offer an alternative option. The iced tea was a hit, and an American tradition was born.

More than 100 years later, Americans are still enjoying iced tea. In 2010, Americans consumed more than 65 billion servings of tea, according to the Tea Council of the USA. Of that, approximately 85 percent of tea is iced.

Today, iced tea can be found bottled or fresh brewed in a variety of flavors — from pomegranate to watermelon and beyond. And sweetened or unsweetened isn't the only way it's served. Try it on the rocks.

"Iced tea cocktails and mocktails, like Citrus Iced Tea Punch, offer a new take on tea," said John Cheetham, a tea master for Lipton® who noted the brand recently launched a new 100-percent natural line of bottled iced tea. "We pride ourselves in tea innovation and we love to see our fans get

creative with iced tea."

For a twist on traditional iced tea, Cheetham recommends mixing 100 Percent Natural Lipton Iced Tea with fresh summertime ingredients like mint, coconut or orange juice. With a variety of flavors, such as favorites Green Tea with Citrus, Iced Tea with Lemon, or new flavors Iced Tea with Blueberry Pomegranate and Green Tea with Passionfruit Mango, the possibilities are endless. Lipton Iced Tea also recently introduced Diet Green Teas in Watermelon and Citrus flavors.

Getting thirsty? Try Lipton Iced Tea's Citrus Iced Tea Punch recipe.

For additional recipes, visit www.Facebook.com/LiptonIcedTea.

Citrus Iced Tea Punch

Prep Time: 10 minutes

6 servings

2 bottles 100 Percent Natural Lipton Iced Tea with Lemon

1 cup orange juice

1 lemon, sliced

1 lime, sliced

Combine tea with orange juice in large pitcher; stir in sliced fruit. Serve in ice-filled glasses. Garnish, if desired, with fresh mint.

Tip: To transform from mocktail to cocktail, just add tequila or rum.



Citrus Iced Tea Punch offers a refreshing new take on tea.

Moscato is popular this season and pairs tastefully with grilled chipotle Caesar salad wedges.



Summer entertaining tips

(ARA) — The sun is shining, flowers are blooming, and your grill is calling to you. You can't wait to make plans to entertain outdoors. If you're stuck in a rut or aren't sure how to up the wow factor for your backyard soiree, here are some tips.

"Start with your menu," advises David Mirassou, sixth generation of America's oldest winemaking family. "I love to entertain, and once I've chosen the food and wine, the rest of the get-together is easy to plan."

- Make your menu. Grilling is a great way to enjoy the warm weather, and most agree that when it's hot out, food tastes better grilled.

- Decide what to serve. Offer your guests both alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverage choices. When the weather heats up, chilled white wine is a great option for outdoor gatherings. Chardonnay is always a crowd-pleaser, but if you're looking for something unique, serve Riesling, Pinot Grigio or Sauvignon Blanc. Moscato is especially popular this season and has been compared to "summer in a bottle" because of its refreshing, sweet taste.

- Don't forget dessert. Whether it's a chilled granita, fresh fruit pie, or s'mores with melted-over-the-grill goodness, dessert brings your celebration full-circle.

For great warm weather recipes, including Grilled Chipotle Caesar Salad Wedges and chilled granita which pair beautifully with Moscato, visit www.Facebook.com/MirassouWinery.

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Caribbean Grilled Steak

(Family Features) — From international food trucks taking over city streets to kitchen drawers stuffed with ethnic takeout menus, Americans simply can't get enough global flavor. This hot trend is making its way into everyday cuisine as home cooks of all skill levels get excited to try something new in the kitchen.

"A delicious, internationally-inspired meal is as simple as pairing a few ingredients that are already found in your kitchen with unique flavors from around the world," said Mary Beth Harrington of the McCormick Kitchens. "For example, the Caribbean Grilled Steak brings the spirit of the islands home with the perfect combination of garlic, onion, cumin, oregano and red pepper."

To help make trying these and other new flavors easy, McCormick has just launched its second collection of Recipe Inspirations — World Flavors. Each packet contains six pre-measured spices and herbs, along with a recipe card on the back that can be filed for future use. The new varieties make experiencing favorite dishes from exotic locales — like Asia, Tuscany and India — simple and accessible.

With a few fresh, healthy ingredients, minimal prep and less than 30 minutes of cook time, world flavors are a snap to enjoy. Inspired to try more globetrotting favorites? Visit www.mccormick.com to find ideas and recipes.

Caribbean Grilled Steak

Prep time: 10 minutes

Refrigerate: 30 minutes

Cook time: 15 minutes

Makes 6 servings.

2 teaspoons McCormick Minced Garlic

1 teaspoon McCormick Ground Cumin

1 teaspoon McCormick Minced Onions

1 teaspoon McCormick Oregano Leaves

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon McCormick Crushed Red Pepper (optional)

1 teaspoon salt

$1\frac{1}{2}$ pounds flank steak or boneless beef sirloin steak

3 tablespoons olive oil, divided

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup fresh lime juice

1 whole pineapple, peeled, cored and cut into bite-size chunks (about 3 cups)

Mix salt and all of the spices except red pepper in small bowl until well-blended.

Stir in red pepper to taste, if desired. Brush steak with 1 tablespoon oil. Rub with 2 tablespoons spice mixture. Refrigerate 30 minutes or longer for extra flavor.

Stir lime juice and remaining 2 tablespoons oil into remaining spice mixture.

Thread pineapple chunks onto skewers.

Grill pineapple skewers over medium heat 5 to 10 minutes or until golden brown, turning occasionally and brushing with $\frac{1}{2}$ of the juice mixture. Grill steak over medium-high heat 6 to 7 minutes per side or until desired doneness, brushing with remaining juice mixture. Slice and serve steak with pineapple skewers.

Pie — a one-dish wonder

(Family Features) — Bite-size or family-size, savory or sweet, the humble pie is the current darling of the culinary world. That's right cupcake, step aside. This all-American favorite is reclaiming its glory and growing in popularity.

Here are a few tips to transform the everyday pie:

- Go guilt-free. Pies can be made more nutritious with simple better-for-you swaps. For a boost of fiber, substitute regular pie crust with a whole-grain crust. And for recipes that call for 2-percent milk, try using Nestle Carnation Evaporated Fat Free Milk instead. You'll enjoy the rich, creamy flavor you crave, plus two times the calcium and protein.

- Make dinner time pie time. Experiment with savory combinations to create unexpected dinner time fare. A delicious recipe that satisfies cheeseburger cravings without the grill is a simple Kid's Cheeseburger Pie. For a family full of chili and cheese lovers, try Cheesy Chili Pizza Pie or Chili Cornbread Pie. Visit www.Meals.com for complete recipes.

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Malted Ice Cream Pie with a Waffle Cone Crust

Makes 12 servings

$1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 cups finely crushed or ground waffle or sugar cones (about 12 cones total; waffle cones will yield 2 cups, sugar $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups)

3 tablespoons honey

2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

1 container (1.5 quarts) Light Ice Cream

$1\frac{1}{2}$ cups Ovaltine Classic Malt Mix or equivalent, divided

2 tablespoons lowfat milk

1 container (8 ounces) frozen light whipped topping, thawed (optional)

Chopped malt balls (optional)

Combine crushed cones, honey and butter in large bowl; stir until evenly coated. Pour into 9-inch deep-dish pie plate. Press mixture onto bottom and up side of plate. Freeze for 30 minutes.

Remove ice cream from freezer to soften for several minutes. Place ice cream and 1 cup Ovaltine in large mixer bowl; beat until combined. Spoon into prepared crust. Place in freezer while making topping. For topping, combine milk and remaining $\frac{1}{2}$ cup Ovaltine in large bowl; stir in whipped topping. Spoon over pie. Freeze for 5 hours or until firm.

Sprinkle with chopped malt balls. Cut into 12 wedges (crust will be crumbly but, oh, so good!).

Note: Ovaltine Chocolate Malt, Ovaltine Rich Chocolate and Nestle Nesquik Chocolate Flavor Powder taste great in the pie, too.



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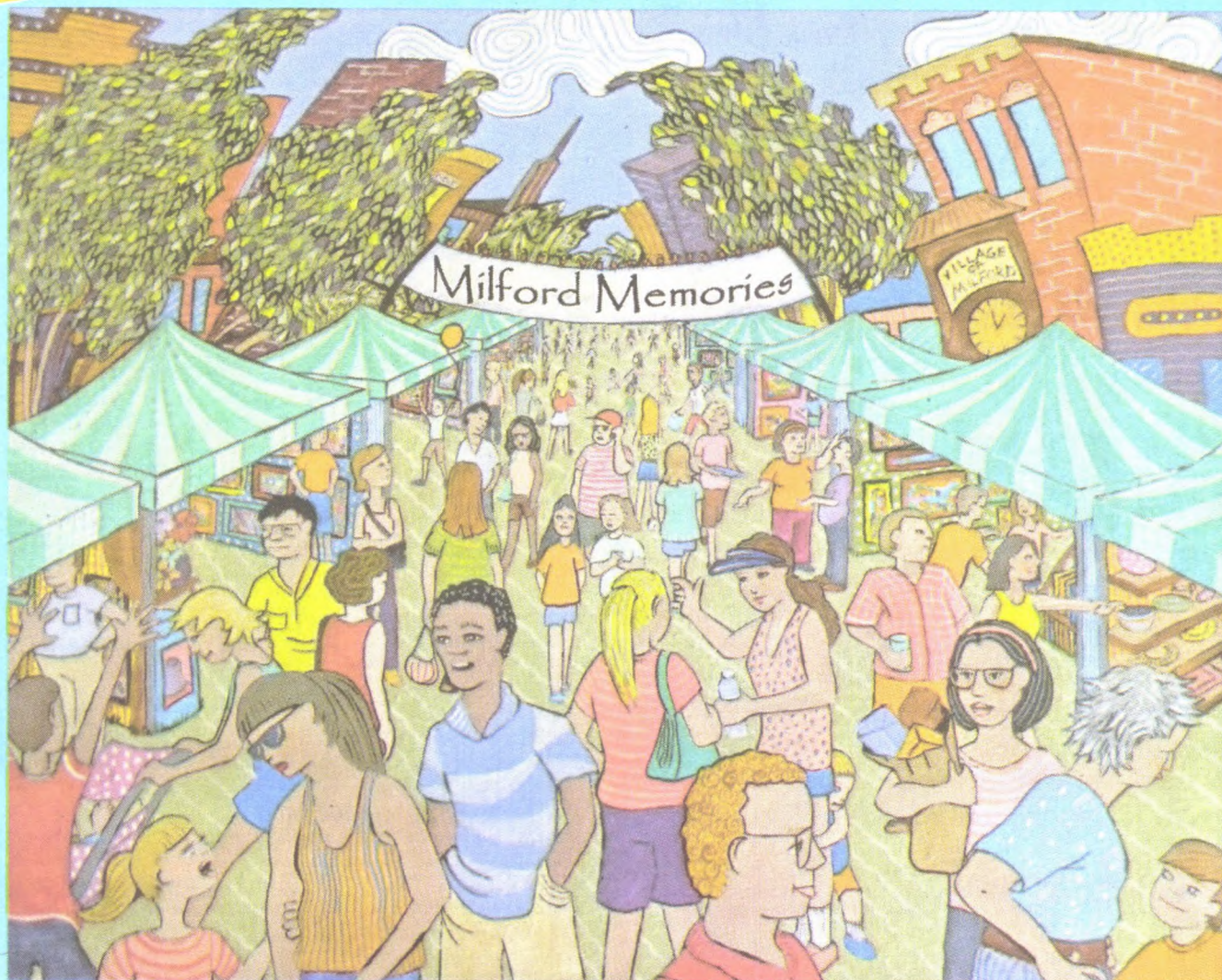


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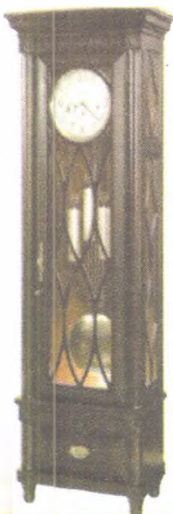
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Five culinary trends to make summer entertaining **SIZZLE**

(ARA) — Barbecue and traditional cook-out fare will always have a place in warm weather menus, but sometimes you just want to shake things up a little — and bring some new ideas and flavors to the picnic table.

If you want to spice up your summer entertaining, radio host, cookbook author and certified sommelier Jamie Gwen recommends you try these five hot culinary trends:

1. The Italian Pinot Grigio

Summer fare calls for a companion wine that's clean, crisp and food friendly — and that's Italian Pinot Grigio. While domestic varieties are lovely for sipping, Italian Pinot Grigios, like those from Ecco Domani®, DaVinci® and Maso Canali®, tend to have a fresh, clean taste that pairs better with food, and especially with the lighter cuisines of summer, Gwen says. In fact, culinary professionals are five times more likely to prefer Italian Pinot Grigio to domestic when pairing with a summer meal, according to a recent online survey of members of the International Association of Culinary Professionals. What's more, you can find a fine Italian Pinot Grigio to fit a range of budgets — from about \$10 to \$11 for Ecco Domani, \$12 to \$13 for DaVinci, and \$18 to \$19 for Maso Canali.

2. The new cupcakes

Cupcakes were everywhere last year, from swanky Hollywood soirees to beach weddings. This year, French macaroons are the new cupcake. Made from almond flour or almond paste, French-style macaroons are available in a variety of flavors, such as passion fruit, chocolate, coffee and orange. They're a light and airy sweet complement to

a summer meal, especially when filled with buttercream or lemon curd.

3. The spice superstar

This year, Spanish paprika (pimenton) nudges out chipotle and Sichuan peppercorns as the spice superstar of the season. Paprika is a key ingredient in Spanish cooking and Spaniards use it in everything, from chorizo to scrambled eggs. Hot enough to stand up to summer's sizzle, this smoked paprika is great for grilling, and adds zesty flavor to grilled chicken and meat.

4. Meatless Mondays

Eating lighter, especially during summer months, is a definite trend for 2011. More Americans will be getting on board with the "Meatless Monday" initiative that encourages consumers to reduce their meat consumption by 15 percent. Reducing meat consumption can lead to better health for you and a better environment for all, proponents say. Plus, light salads and vegetarian dishes make for ideal warm-weather fare.

Food lovers and creative chefs have been blending cultures and ingredients forever, but you can expect to see even more melding of flavors this summer. Korean influences and spicy flavors will be particularly pervasive, popping up in cuisines found everywhere from food trucks to backyard barbecues. Korean flavors will excite the palate and make for an even more delicious summer.

Here is a summer dish that features Italian Pinot Grigio. You can further enhance the flavor by serving it with an Italian Pinot Grigio from Ecco Domani, DaVinci or Maso Canali.

BBQ Shrimp with Pinot Grigio Butter

Serves six.

Ingredients:

- ½ cup Italian Pinot Grigio
- 2 sticks of butter, cut into pieces and softened
- 2 teaspoons garlic, finely chopped
- 2 teaspoons yellow onion, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon Italian parsley, finely chopped
- Zest of 1 lemon and 1 orange
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 to 2½ pounds shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 tablespoon kosher salt
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

Directions:

Place the Italian Pinot Grigio in a



sauce pot and reduce to two tablespoons. Place butter, garlic, onion, parsley, zests, salt and pepper in a food processor. Add the reduced wine and pulse until it is uniformly mixed.

Season the shrimp with salt and toss with olive oil. Grill shrimp until cooked and top with Italian Pinot Grigio butter.

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The neighbor's yard has some. Your best friend does, too. And now, you're itching to add a splash of decorative art to your yard. Not sure where to begin? No worries.

Local nurseries and garden supply shops are stocked with a kaleidoscope of garden art that runs the gamut from chubby cherubs and pink flamingoes to gazing globes and happy-faced critters.

For starters, try Gardenviews in Northville. Here, customers are crazy about gazing globes. The thick, crackled glass, available in a six-inch (\$21) or 10-inch (\$48) size, is maintenance free and comes in an array of shades from apple green and teal to tangerine and silver. Lou Mascolo, owner, describes the globes as "light, joyful and pretty ... they are meant to enhance the garden." Optional globe holders cost \$30 to \$53 each.

Gazing globes can also be found at Floyd's Flowers. The Redford-based shop carries a selection of angels, stepping stones and flat, multi-colored rocks with inscriptions, such as, "Live Simply So Others May Simply Live" and "No Weeds Allowed." Prices vary.

For a variety of spinners, lighthouses, wishing wells, windmills, small rod-iron bikes that hold plants and solar lights, try Flower King in Livonia. Or, mosey on over to Cardwell Florist in Livonia to browse among the assortment of patio stones, statues, pastel-tinted ceramic mushrooms, fun critters and religious garden art.

As the economy shifts, trends in outdoor art also changes. These days, says Beth Liskiewicz, a manager at Steinkopf Nursery in Farmington, outdoor art is "less about big Grecian gods and huge fountains ... and more about having cool garden stuff or things people created. When you add art to your garden, it adds something extra."

One of Steinkopf's most popular items is The Spinner (\$99.99). The six-and-a-half-foot high,



At Barson's Greenhouse in Garden City, Cathy Diroff of Westland (left) and Sherri Winters of Plymouth check out the decorative bowling balls. Photo by Mary Quinley



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A smiling frog from Cardwell Florist in Livonia makes a nice addition to a backyard.

iron sculpture has a thin stake topped with a windmill-like device that "spins" when the wind blows, creating an optical illusion. Liskiewicz calls it "mesmerizing."

Stroll into Plymouth's Backyard Birds Garden & Nature Store to discover a potpourri of outdoor art. There are birdhouses — check out the do-it-yourself birdhouse kit (\$15), that when built, will entice wrens to nest — and, hundreds of bird feeders. Birdbaths (\$29 and up) are available in ceramic, concrete or metal. Some are colorful; others come in solids. Decorative garden flags, says Karen Mettetal, manager, are popular. The flags, bedecked with birds, floral, university emblems and holiday themes, come in two sizes — mini (12 ½ inches by 18 inches) and large (28 inches by 40 inches). Flag prices begin at \$11. Be sure to inquire about Backyard Birds' specials that run throughout the year.

Plymouth Nursery is a great spot to purchase patio stones. The flat stones (\$14.99 to \$19.99) are engraved with sayings like, "Little Blessings Make Each Day Beautiful" and "Believe." Customers sometimes buy stones for family members or friends. "The stones tie your garden to your heart," said Linnea Garvey, nursery information specialist. The garden center also

sports a variety of statues, gazing globes and other decorative yard art that Garvey describes as "whimsical and inexpensive to upscale and classic."

If large, colorful ceramic pots are on your wish list, stop by Glenda's Garden Center in Novi. Birdhouses, small birdbaths, wind chimes and ceramic animals — especially frogs and cats — are favorite purchases.

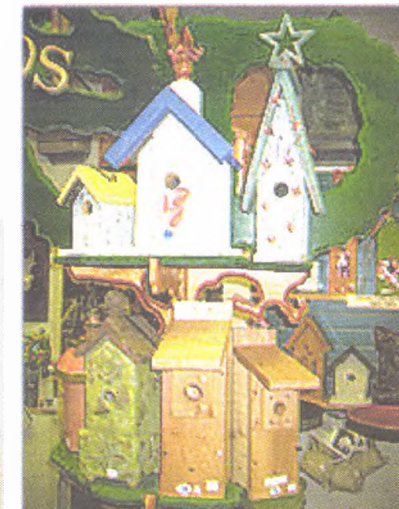
CRITTERS AND CHIMES

For a nice selection of statues, critters, chimes, wall plaques and sculptures, try Raney's Rainbow Gardens in South Lyon.

Another South Lyon shop to peruse is Grande Trunke Home. "This year, wind chimes are popular," said Susan Stowe, owner. The shop also stocks a variety of garden stakes, stones, small critters and four-seasons of colorful birdbaths.

At Panetta's Landscape Supplies in Westland, solar sticks that change color provide festive touches to gardens. The battery-free sticks, shaped like butterflies, dragonflies and other "friendly" insects, cost \$12.95 each. Ron Panetta, owner, says that "anything to do with ponds that pump water and make a splash ... or, (things

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A wide assortment of birdhouses is available from Backyard Birds Garden & Nature Store in downtown Plymouth.



At Grande Trunke Home in downtown South Lyon, birdbaths are popular outdoor art items.



Gazing globes are a hit with customers looking for garden art. These are available from Gardenviews in downtown Northville.



Where to purchase garden art

- Backyard Birds Garden & Nature Store, Plymouth, www.backyardbirds.net
- Barson's Greenhouse, Westland, www.barsons.com
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- Plymouth Nursery, Plymouth, www.plymouthnursery.net
- Raney's Rainbow Gardens, South Lyon, www.raneysgardens.com
- Rock Shoppe, Plymouth, www.rockshoppe.biz
- Steinkopf Nursery, Farmington, (248) 474-2925
- The Pond Place of Michigan, Millford, www.pondplace.com

Shiny bulbs make for Christmas (in July) cheer

Take our holiday trivia quiz, 52

BY DENNIS ZELAZNY
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Christmas in July can be explained in several ways. In the Northern Hemisphere some people throw parties during July that mimic Christmas celebrations. In the Southern Hemisphere, where July falls in winter, it's not uncommon for events to have a Christmas theme. But that is still way too confusing for me. So accept the fact that it's July and we are going shopping for a new shiny Christmas ornament.

My travels took me to Marshall, where one of the Mole Hole Gift Shops exists. Mike and Penny Kinter own this wonderfully inspired vintage-styled shop. Their daughter, Kristin, has joined in the fun as well, helping with the buying and doing all the display work.

The original Mole Hole was established 45 years ago and opened in the basement of a wine store in Petoskey. The Mole Hole shops (there are only three) in Michigan, built a reputation of carrying unique one-of-a-kind items. Artisans largely created most of the merchandise in the store. The remaining merchandise was produced by small cottage-type industries.

The Kinters opened their Mole Hole Gift Shop 34 years ago. They have doubled the size of the original shop and added counters and show-cases from other Marshall businesses of long ago, creating a classic vintage look while preserving some of Marshall's history. It is a pleasant drive from almost any location and you will find something of interest for everyone. They have wall decor, lamps, candles, wine/bar accessories, kitchen products, candy, women's fashions, greeting cards, and of course a year-round Christmas shop.

This is where my search for the perfect shiny addition to my holiday ornament collection begins. Did you



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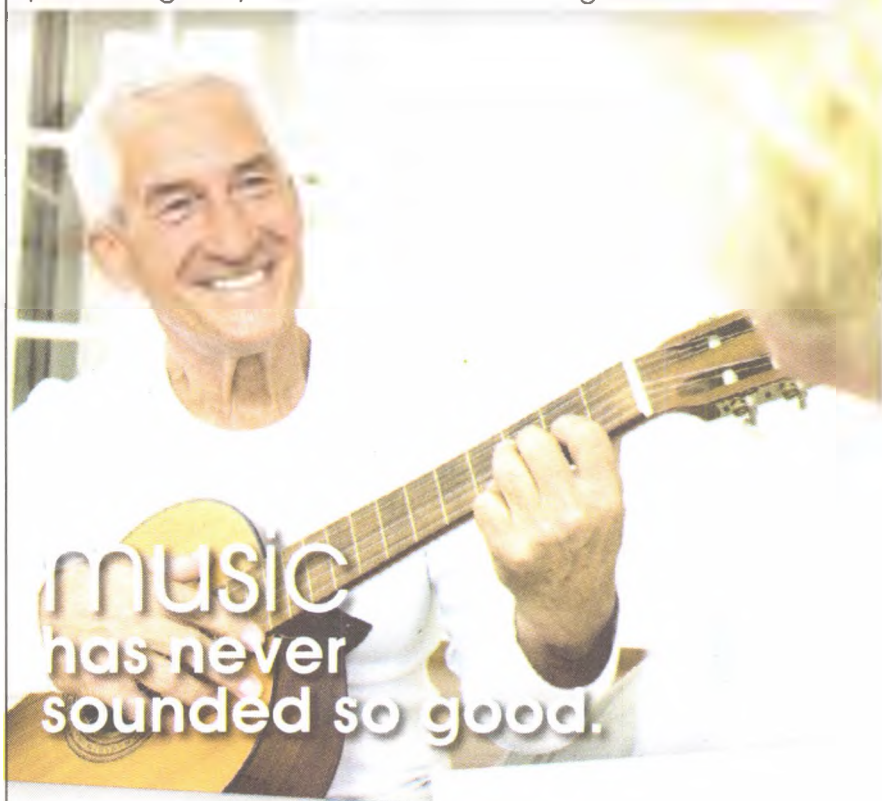
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know that in 1940 the Corning Company was approached to make shiny ornaments on a machine that was used to produce light bulbs? The machine was altered and Corning eventually was making about 300,000 ornaments a day. That same machine resides at The Henry Ford in Dearborn.

"Welcome to Christmas Visions," Penny proclaimed as I walked in the door. And it is no exaggeration to say that The Mole Hole ornament collection has all the glamour and glitz of Las Vegas. Penny explained that "each ornament is unique and special in its own way."

The Christmas section is filled with incredible blown glass ornaments, each hand painted and sometimes covered in glitter and gold. There are many shapes and sizes to choose from. Some popular shapes are animals, sports equipment, garden tools and musical instruments. Each Old World Christmas OrnamentSM comes with its own story card. If you are looking for an ornament that denotes a special occasion such as a wedding, baby's first Christmas, engagement, graduation or almost any lifetime event you can think of, chances are good that they have the perfect one.

"Christmas is all about memories," said Penny, who uses ornaments as part of the wrapping for a gift.

Your visit to the Mole Hole in Marshall could be one of those special memories.

The shop is open seven days a week, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. As an added bonus, The Mole Hole of Marshall features a Barton Theater Organ, in the main showroom. When you're in the shop be sure to ask them to play you a tune.

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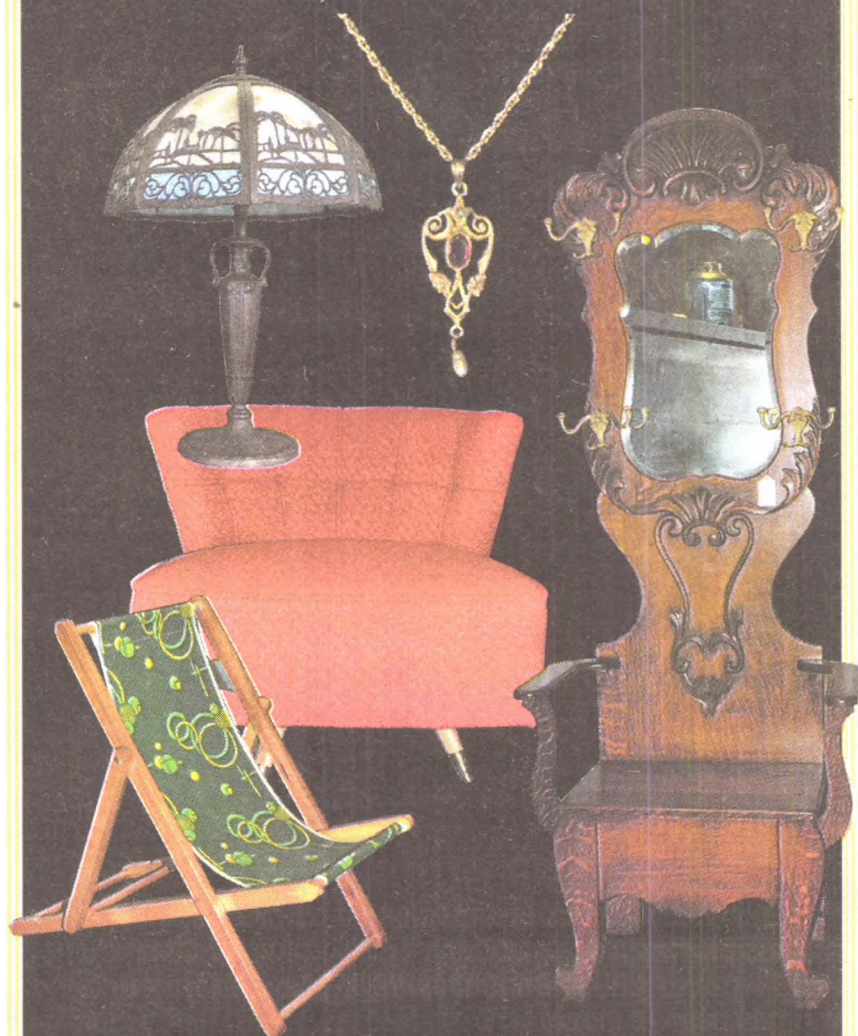
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A birdbath is a colorful addition to any garden.

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that) sputter and sit alongside the pond" are a hit. During the past year, big wall plaques of the moon or sun (\$49 to \$129) have been hot sellers. The plaques are ideal for fences, back walls and pool areas.

If you're in Canton, stop by Keller & Stein Florist and marvel at the intriguing display of handmade birdfeeders. The shop also carries birdbaths, gazing globes and other decorative pieces for the yard.

According to Erin Reiner, sales and assistant manager, The Pond Place of Michigan in Milford carries everything needed "to build a pond and maintain it." Customers can choose a pond that is stocked with fish or plants or pick one that will have crystal clear water, more like a swimming pool. Prices begin at \$500. Added perk from The Pond Place: free classes in how to build and how to maintain a pond are offered.

Detroit sports enthusiasts should take a peek at the decorative bowling balls at Barson's Greenhouse in Westland. Marbles, beads, critters and pro and college team emblems — an Olde English "D" was recently spotted on a ball — adorn the bowling balls (\$39.99 and \$49.99). Solar-powered ornaments (\$12.99) with dragonflies, butterflies or hummingbirds are other hot sellers.

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Most news stories about baby boomers and retirement have focused on the first wave of boomers turning 65 and getting ready to retire. But while the younger boomers aren't quite making retirement headlines yet, those in their late 40s are realizing what retirement will look like for them in a few years — and they're worried.

According to the "Reclaiming the Future" study by Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America (Allianz Life), 54 percent of 44- to 49-year-olds are feeling totally unprepared for retirement. They also feel a strong need to take more control of their financial future, attain more financial security and reduce their financial vulnerability.

Their worries are not without cause. A July 2010 Retirement Readiness Ratings report from the Employee Benefit Research Institute shows that as many as 43.7 percent of younger boomers (ages 46-55) are at risk of not having enough retirement income to pay for basic retirement expenses or uninsured health care costs.

"The economic downturn woke up many Americans to the challenges of securing retirement income, but this younger boomer segment seems to have taken the lesson even more seriously," said Katie Libbe, vice president of Consumer Insights for Allianz Life.

"Our study also told us that security and guarantees with retirement-income solutions are now very important to Americans," said Libbe. "But there are so many options to choose from that it can be overwhelming. A financial professional can help you make sense of it all and create a financial strategy that works for you."

WORK WITH A PROFESSIONAL

Finding the right financial professional takes some time and effort on your part. A good financial professional



Finding the right financial planner takes some time and effort on your part. Photo courtesy of Getty Images

will develop a realistic retirement strategy that helps meet your specific needs, puts that strategy into action, then monitors its progress and guides you on managing it.

A word of caution — the Financial Planning Association says to be wary of those who call themselves financial planners but who appear more interested in pushing specific products at the expense of your needs and goals. There are a number of legitimate titles held by financial professionals, but you want to make sure you choose one who not only has the training needed, but who is also obligated to act in your interest.

WHERE TO START

Begin your search by getting references from friends and relatives. But don't stop there. You need to check their credentials, first.

- Verify a financial planner's Certified Financial Planner (CFP) status and background with the

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FINANCIAL PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS

Terms such as financial analyst, financial adviser, financial consultant, financial planner, investment consultant or wealth manager are generic terms or simply job titles.

"Make sure you understand what kind of financial professional you really need, and be sure that they have the education and experience to serve you well," recommends Katie Libbe.

- **Certified Financial Planner (CFP):** Provides financial planning and advice on retirement, investments, tax and estate planning, employee benefits and insurance needs. They must pass college-level courses in those topics, then pass a two-day, 10-hour exam. They must also have a college degree and a minimum of three years of professional experience working with clients.

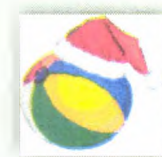
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Preparing for your meeting

The Financial Planning Association says there are a number of documents you'll need for a meeting with your financial planner. A comprehensive list may be customized by your planner for your specific needs.

- Bank statements
- Pay stubs
- Check registers
- Credit card balances
- Mortgage or loan payment books
- List of assets and liabilities
- Completed expense worksheet
- Wills, trusts, health care powers of attorney
- Business agreements
- Titles for homes, cars, real estate, etc.
- Retirement account statements
- Social Security statements
- Pension benefit statement and booklet
- Investment statements
- Listing of available investment options in investment and retirement accounts
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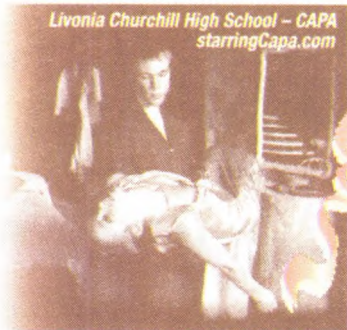
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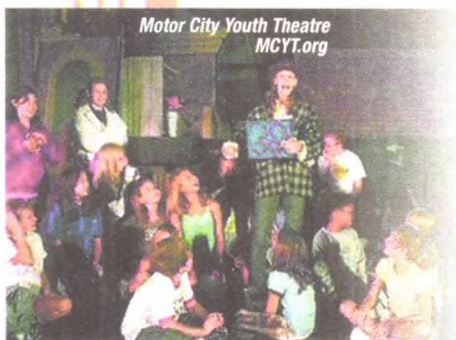


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- Nov. 18 at 6pm.....Livonia Symphony International Intrigue – Dinner & Music at Laurel Manor
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Reducing allergies

Of all Americans who are allergic to pollen-producing plants, 75 percent are allergic to ragweed. While a single ragweed plant may only live for one season, it produces up to 1 billion pollen grains during that time. A well-maintained lawn can help limit the amount of ragweed in the air, as it is typically free of many pollen-producing plants as well as other weed problems, such as poison ivy, poison oak and poison sumac. More than one-half of the U.S. population is allergic to these noxious weeds.

Boosting your real estate value

Nothing beats a first impression. When prospective buyers are searching for a new home, well-landscaped lawns and nearby parks are important factors. A study conducted by Virginia Tech University estimated that attractive landscaping can

increase the value of a home anywhere from 5-11 percent, depending on location. It was also reported that landscape investments are recovered fully, and sometimes doubled by the increased home values.

“Potential buyers can be immediately swayed by an unsightly yard, leaving them to wonder if the lack of care and attention to the lawn has been carried to the inside of the house,” said Gray Mattern, a Realtor. “If the buyer doesn’t get past the negative first impression, he or she may decide to bypass the home completely without looking at the interior. In this buyer’s market, it’s important to appeal to a wide range of prospective buyers.”

Reducing dust and soil erosion

Healthy grass holds soil in place and prevents runoff from being washed into lakes, rivers and streams. The University of Minnesota released results of a research study showing a lawn that is not fertilized actually has more runoff than a lawn that is properly fertilized, due to the increased health of the grass.

“Proper lawn care practices will be rewarded by an aesthetically pleasing property and will result in a variety of environmental

benefits,” said Dr. Cathie Lavis, horticulture professor, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kan. “A key factor to success is selecting the right grass variety for both your region and particular site conditions.”

How to maintain a healthy lawn

“Lawn maintenance includes timely mowing and watering. Additionally, grass quality is generally measured in terms of color, density and uniformity,” Lavis said. “Scheduled fertilization and an awareness of pests and their control will contribute to lawn quality.”

Two elements of good lawn health are proper pesticide use when necessary and proper fertilizer use to ensure the grass has the nutrients it needs to thrive. A properly fertilized, healthy lawn helps prevent weeds, while pesticides control weed populations already present or before they emerge. Proper pesticide use also keeps grubs and insects at bay. The key differences between lawn and garden pesticides and fertilizers are:

- A pesticide is the generic term for insecticides, herbicides and fungicides. Pesticides are meant to kill or control weeds, harmful insects and fungal and other diseases. The



Tips for homeowners

When selecting and using pesticides and fertilizers, the product label directions must be followed to make sure the product works properly and is used in a safe and environmentally sound way. Product labels specify the amount of product that should be applied, how much is needed for your treatment conditions, and how to safely apply and store products.

Ask yourself these questions before choosing the right lawn and garden products to meet your needs:

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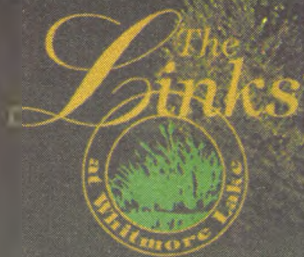
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This debris cannot be removed without a professional. Which brings me to my next point: choosing an air duct cleaning company. Most companies use portable

units, which are like a shop vac that you would vacuum your car with, obviously absolutely useless. Then there are companies who claim they have a truck-mounted system. In reality, they have a low powered portable system attached inside a van, again, absolutely useless.



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Thumbs up for these new products

BY LON GROSSMAN
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Some new items to check out. It's called Aluratek. What it does is alluring. It's a mini-surge dual USB charging station. What that means in English is that this clever and useful device can charge up to two iPhones, Blackberry Droids, EVO, iPods or other MP3 devices simultaneously while providing surge protection.

All you need is a standard 110-volt outlet to plug this small device into and the cables that come with whatever device you are charging. It basically turns any receptacle into a power station.



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The Aluratek is brilliantly designed with 10 outlets on each side along with a folding plug. The folding plug connection means it's great for travel and storage.

The built-in side receptacles allow the user to still use the wall receptacle without losing an outlet.

The manufacturer claims it also has another great feature — a built-in fire-proof circuit protector with a power surge LED. The power surge offers surge protection up to 612 joules.

The Aluratek (model AUCSO5F) is available with an MSRP of only \$19.99. Check it out at the website www.aluratek.com.

WIKKI STIX

The press release claimed there is a new "duct tape" in town. I thought, "That's interesting." So I checked it out for you. I wouldn't go as far as to refer it as duct tape, but I do recommend it.

The product is called Wikki Stix. It's been around for approximately 20 years but as an educational toy for kids.

Wikki Stix is made in the United States from food grade, non-toxic wax and acrylic yarn. The eight-inch "strings" can be molded, twisted and wrapped to just about any surface and they will stick. The good news is that they will come off the surface as easily as they went on and will not leave any residue.

Yes, it's a fine toy to keep children

entertained but duct tape it's not. It does indeed have numerous uses around the house for adults. It can be used to wrap and secure extension cords. You can press it onto a refrigerator to hold notes and pictures. I think it would be great for older people who cannot grasp door handles, jars or even hold a pencil or pen.

The Stix can be wrapped around just about anything, making it graspable. They can even be wrapped around a finger for easy page turning.

Yes, Wikki Stix is a toy, but it's also a useful tool. You should be able to find it at toy or craft stores. You can also go online to find more uses at www.wikikistix.com.

GARBAGE BIN WASH

I'm not going to tell you there is only one job around my house I hate doing, because there are a few more than just one. But, near the top of the list of the most disgusting jobs is cleaning dirty, smelly garbage cans. If you like everything about that kind of project, skip the rest of this article.

A new product from Biowish Technologies claims to make the job easier if not more pleasant. The product is called Garbage Bin Wash.

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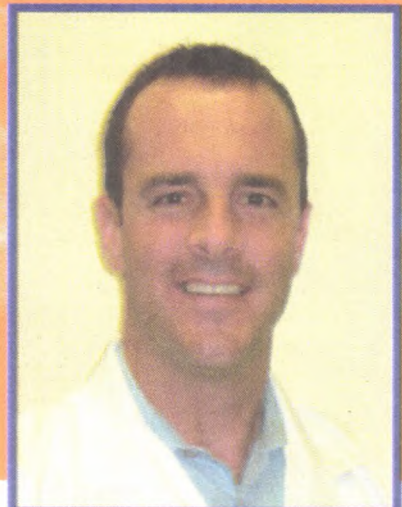
It's easy to use. Place one of its filter bags (which incorporate advanced enzyme technology) into a gallon of cool to warm water. Wait 10 minutes for the 100 percent natural and non-toxic stuff to activate.

Next, spray, splash or brush the solution thoroughly around the entire garbage can. You don't even have to rinse. The manufacturer claims it removes odors for up to one month.

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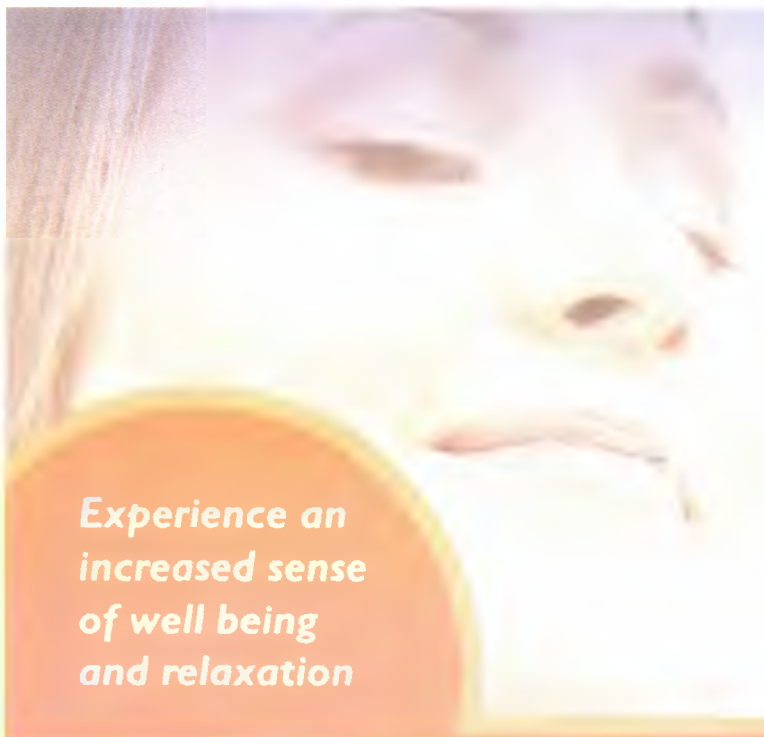
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Level: Beginner

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Level: Intermediate

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Level: Advanced

Answers found on page 60

Take this holiday trivia quiz

(See answers below)

- How many times does Santa check his list?
- The Grinch is as cuddly as a _____?
- It would have been a laugh to see Mommy doing what last night?
- One foggy Christmas Eve, Santa came to say what?
- Good tidings to you, and all of your _____?
- Who was seated next to me a day or two ago in the song Jingle Bells?
- Why do I want my two front teeth for Christmas?
- What did Frosty the Snowman do when they placed the magic hat on his head?
- What does Alvin want for Christmas in "The Chipmunk Song"?
- On the 11th day of Christmas, what did my true love send to me?
- I'm dreaming of a white Christmas with what?
- What do Janice and Jen want for Christmas in the song "It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas"?
- How many gifts would you receive if you received all of the gifts in the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas"?
- In the movie, "The Polar Express," what word does the conductor punch into the ticket of "the young man with all the questions"?
- What's the little girl's name in "Frosty the Snowman"?
- In the Christmas Classic, "It's A Wonderful Life," what happened every time a bell rang?
- How much did Lucy charge for a psychiatric session in the classic Christmas TV special "A Charlie Brown Christmas"?
- Who narrated the original 1966 TV show "How The Grinch Stole Christmas"?
- What was the name of Scrooge's deceased business partner in the Charles Dickens classic "A Christmas Carol"?
- In the song "Winter Wonderland," who do we pretend the snowman is?

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• Do you have any questions for me? A good financial professional will find out more about you than just your income and net worth. Asking about your goals and your family will help them understand the bigger picture, and therefore help you meet your financial objectives. If they only ask about your money, it's time to move on.

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Three next-generation kitchen technologies to watch

(ARA) — When new technology makes its way into home design, often it enters through the kitchen. The heart of the home is also the portal for innovation, and many of the technologies that we now use throughout our homes were first applied in the kitchen.

Kitchen innovation has come a long way since the exciting days when the rotary hand-mixer replaced the whisk — and liberated a generation of homemakers from the labor of beating batter by hand. Here are some new trends and technologies to watch:

REMOVABLE, REUSABLE WALLPAPER

While wallpaper has been gracing American kitchens for generations, those who have shied away from using it there have had good reasons. Applying wallpaper to an entire kitchen wall is a big design commitment. The labor of cutting around cabinets, cupboards, windows and doors means most homeowners would only tackle wallpapering a kitchen just once. Or, they may have really played it safe by restricting their wallpaper activities to adding a border. And, even “washable” wallpaper had to stay on the walls, where it would, over time, get splattered and stained.

A new product, SmartStick by MuralsYourWay.com, makes it easy to add wall designs anywhere you want in your kitchen. The moisture-resistant mural can be repositioned anywhere in the kitchen and can be reused hundreds of times without losing its adhering qualities. Murals for kitchens can even be customized. Just submit your photo through the website and the company creates a custom mural using your artwork.

WIRELESS POWER

Electricity is a current and currents require a cord to deliver power from the source to whatever is being powered — right? Not anymore. The emergence of wireless power is replacing traditional cords with electromagnetic fields. While the science behind wireless power is truly leading-edge stuff, the technology itself has some very down-to-earth, practical applications in the kitchen.

How many times have you had to move cords out of your way when working with a small appliance in your kitchen? Cords are inconvenient at least and dangerous at worst if they get wet or damaged. Designers and engineers are working on adapting wireless technology for kitchen appliances — so you can run a blender without ever having to plug it in.



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HANDS-FREE FUN

While the kitchen is one of our favorite rooms in the house, it can also be a breeding ground for bacteria. Virtually every hand that enters a home makes its way to the kitchen, where touching common surfaces like faucets, light switches and even paper towel holders can spread germs. And when you're cooking, cross-contamination is always a concern.

Convenient and healthful, touch-free technology can help reduce the spread of germs by eliminating the need to actually touch common surfaces. The technology is already being used in kitchen faucets and lighting. One company has even created a paper towel dispenser using the technology. Watch for innovative designers to find more ways to apply this useful technology throughout the kitchen.

Kitchen design continues to be a launching pad for exciting new technologies. And, today's “innovative” kitchen technology will probably appear routine to future generations.



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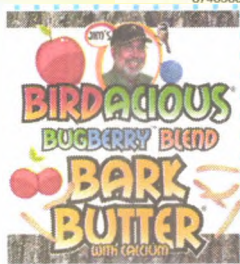


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Communication between pet owners and veterinarians is very important.

Top 10 questions for your veterinarian

(ARA) — Being a veterinarian is a tough job. After all, veterinarians have to treat patients who can't explain where it hurts or follow health instructions more complex than "sit" or "stay."

That's why communication between pet owners and veterinarians is so important. Sharing information about how your pet is behaving — including eating, drinking, sleeping, urinating and/or passing stools — could help make a lifesaving diagnosis.

For starters, pet owners need to make sure they have a local veterinarian they can team up with to keep their pets healthy. If you're looking for a veterinarian, check out www.myveterinarian.com, a new website that provides detailed information about veterinary practices across the country.

Once you have selected a veterinarian, the American Veterinary Medicine Association (AVMA) suggests this list of the top 10 things you should talk about with your veterinarian during a visit:

- Ask about parasite prevention and control for heartworms, fleas, ticks, and intestinal parasites such as roundworms, hookworms and tapeworms that's appropriate for your area.
- Ask about proper behavior training and socialization. Many shelters report that improper training and socialization — and the behavioral issues that can come with them — are some of the most common reasons people give up their pets. Your veterinarian can assist in evaluating your animal's dis-



position and provide advice and tips on how to appropriately train and socialize your pet.

- Ask about emergency care. When your pet has acute health issues in the middle of the night, you'll need to know where to call or go. Ask where you should go when things go wrong, and make sure you figure out how to get there before an emergency — you certainly don't want to be driving around asking for directions in an emergency situation.
- Ask about nutrition. What type of food should you feed your pet? What serving size is appropriate? And does their age impact what you should be feeding them?
- Ask if your pet is overweight and, if it is, how you can get

your pet back to a healthy weight. As in humans, weight control for pets is essential for good health.

- Ask about vaccinations. Vaccinations are essential to your pet's health and should be tailored to your pet's lifestyle. A pampered house dweller that never sets foot outside won't need the same vaccines as a mud hound forever exploring outdoors.
- If you have a pet older than 7 years of age, ask about senior care. Older pets are more prone to conditions such as arthritis, heart disease, kidney disease, diabetes, thyroid conditions and other problems. Prevention and early detection of problems are key to helping your pet live a longer, healthier life.
- Ask about any lumps and bumps your pet has developed. Although many of the lumps and bumps are not problems, some of them are cause for concern. It's best to have all of them checked out, just to make sure.
- Ask about any changes you've noticed in your pet's diet, energy level, water intake, output and behavior. Any of these might be important health clues.
- Ask about the results of your veterinarian's physical examination of your pet, including an oral health evaluation. Dental disease is one of the most common health problems that pets experience and it can lead to serious problems.

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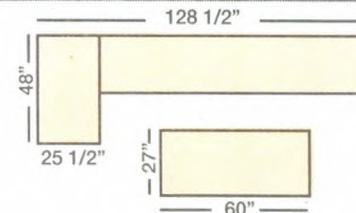
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Culinary tourism is a growing trend, thanks to programs on Food Network, Discovery and The Travel Channel.

According to the International Culinary Tourism Association, dining is one of the top three favorite tourist activities and is the only attraction that is always available — no matter the time, season or weather.

"Culinary tourism is not pretentious or exclusive," the association said. "It's not just about restaurants that have earned four stars or better or exclusive wineries. Culinary tourism is inclusive and represents any type of food, beverage or travel experience that is unique and memorable, no matter where it takes place."

In Michigan, there are hundreds of destinations where guests can sample Michigan's harvests via orchards, wineries, u-pick farms, creameries and other locations. Here are some tools to help discover them:

- The Michigan Farm Marketing & Agri-Tourism Association, in partnership with Farm Bureau Insurance of Michigan, has published the "Michigan Farm Market & Agricultural Tourism Directory." The directory includes business names, directions, hours and services. Copies are available at Farm Bureau Insurance offices or online at www.michiganfarmfun.com.

- Pure Michigan, Michigan's official travel and tourism site, and the Michigan Department of Agriculture have compiled several Michigan Foodie Tours. Each regional tour highlights some of the best wineries, bakeries, restaurants and breweries in the area. Complete with maps, descriptions and contact information for each of the stops along the way, Michigan Foodie Tours can be found online at www.michigan.org.

- "Michigan Wine Country" offers information on touring Michigan's 81 wineries, complete with maps, activities and events. The free magazine is available at wineries and wine retail stores throughout the state and can also be requested online at www.michiganwines.com.

- Michigan Brewers Guild offers locations of microbreweries around the state, as well as special events and other information relating to Michigan: The Great Beer State. Learn more at michiganbrewersguild.org.

- Michigan Cheese Makers Cooperative provides links to the websites of Michigan artisan and farmstead cheese makers. Learn more at www.greatlakescheese.com

Michigan grows dozens of fresh fruits and vegetables each year. Here is a list of approximately when to look for



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them at the grocery store or farmers' market:

- Rhubarb — May
- Asparagus — May to June
- Peas, strawberries — June
- Green onions, lettuce — June to September
- Greens, peppers, radishes, spinach — June to October
- Turnips — June to November
- Dill — July
- Apricots, cherries — July and August
- Beans, blueberries, cucumbers, peaches, raspberries, yellow squash, zucchini — July to September
- Broccoli, cabbage, carrots, eggplant — July to October
- Celery — July to December

- Blackberries, cantaloupe, watermelon, nectarines, plums, sweet corn — August and September
- Beets, cauliflower, pears, tomatoes — August to October
- Onions — August to January
- Apples — August to February
- Potatoes — August to March
- Grapes, parsnips, pumpkins — September and October
- Rutabagas — September to November
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6	2	3	8	5	7	9	4	1
9	8	4	5	6	2	1	3	7
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Intermediate

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Advanced

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Marriage of natural light, right color works wonders for home decor

(ARA) — Mother Nature is a master decorator. In summer, she dresses the world in lush greens and vibrant floral hues. And in every season, natural light is one of her most powerful designer touches.

Natural light should play an important role in your home decorating efforts, too. Not only does light from outside affect how certain colors look in your decor, it can influence a home's mood, style and even the health of the people who live there.

Decorating with natural light doesn't require a designer's expertise or budget. You can use natural light to create an inviting atmosphere by keeping a few important points in mind:

THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Light enters our homes from every window and every direction. The directional source of natural light can influence the effect it has on a home's interior.

Sunlight entering from the north is usually colder. A northern exposure will only get direct sun during summer months. By contrast, a southern exposure guarantees a warm, sun-filled interior. Rooms that receive light from the east will have bright mornings, muted mid-days and cooler evenings. West-facing rooms will experience the most sun in the afternoon and evening.

You can also bring light into your home from above, through a skylight. No matter where you put one in your home, a skylight will allow you to admit the full scope of the day's light into your decor - morning, afternoon and evening. Both venting and fixed skylights will offer the benefit of allowing you to control the amount of light that enters through it if you add simple accessories like manual or remote-controlled blinds. Tubular skylights, like Velux's Sun Tunnel brand, can create a different effect by bringing diffused sunlight into spaces where you might not be able to put a traditional skylight, such as a first-floor master suite or a closet.

You can learn more about skylights at www.veluxusa.com. You can download a free app on the website for personal devices including iPhones, iPads, iPods and Androids that allow you to see how different skylights will look in your own home. Simply take pictures of your rooms and place skylights in the images until you've found the ones that work best for you.

COLOR CODING

The colors you use in your home decor will react differently under different natural lighting conditions. For example, reds will look vibrant and cheerful in a room that gets sun from a north-facing window. But those same colors might overpower the decor in a west-facing room. Settings with a southern exposure that brings in ample light can withstand a darker color palette that would make a north-facing room feel dark and dreary.

You can balance the changing sunlight of an eastern exposure with a mix of colors. And neutral colors will create a soothing effect in a west-facing room that captures the sun's fading light in the late afternoon and early evening.

When choosing colors that will relate well to a room's natural light, remember that the color will look different in your home than it does on the paint chip or in the home decor store. By keeping these rules of thumb in mind, you'll be able to select color families that are most likely to work well with a room's natural light.



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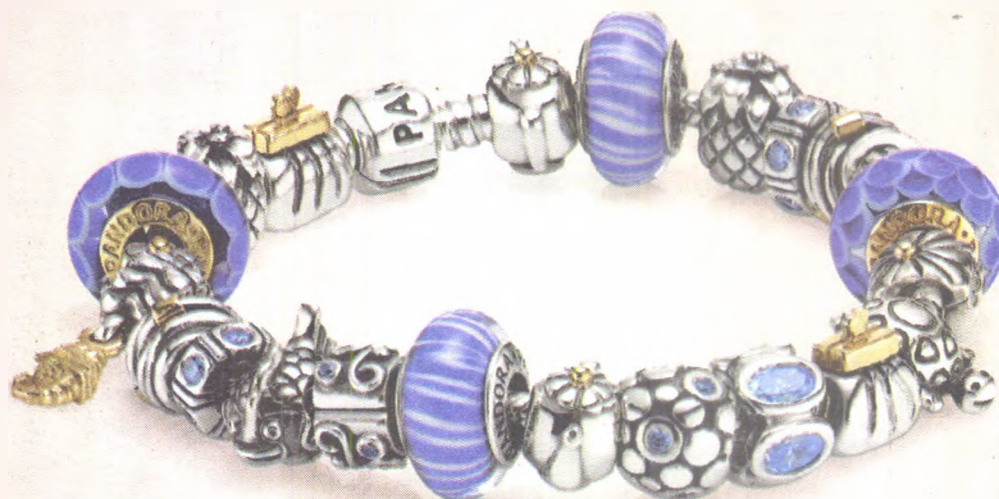
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