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#### **PIPELINE**

#### Drivers gone

The Plymouth-Canton
Community Schools Board
of Education Friday voted
5-0 to sign the agreement
with Michigan Educational
Transportation Systems
Inc. to do the busing for the
19,000-student district starting in the fall.

Board President John Jackson and Trustee Steven Sneideman were absent; Vice President Dianne Gonzalez, Secretary Adrienne Davis, Treasurer Judy Mardigian and



The P-CCS Board of Education Friday approved an agreement to privatize the district's bus drivers.

Trustees Barry Simescu and Nancy Eggenberger voted to accept the deal.

In a related move, the board also voted 5-0 to lay off all 133 of the district's bus drivers and monitors. That move was made necessary by the board's decision to privatize its staff.

Under the agreement with METS, the drivers and monitors laid off by Plymouth-Canton get first crack at the corresponding jobs with

Under the agreement,
Plymouth-Canton retains
ownership of its fleet of
buses, its mechanics and its
transportation facilities.

#### Service project

The Muslim Community of the Western Suburbs together with members of the local faith community and the Interfaith Leadership Council of Metro Detroit are planning a service project and 10th anniversary event on the afternoon of Sunday, Sept. 11. According to Steve Spreitzer, director of programs for the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion, details for the event are currently being developed and will be shared in the near future.

Questions and requests for more information can be sent to Spreitzer at SSpreitzer@ MIRoundTable.org. More information is also available at the group's website, www. MIRoundTable.org.

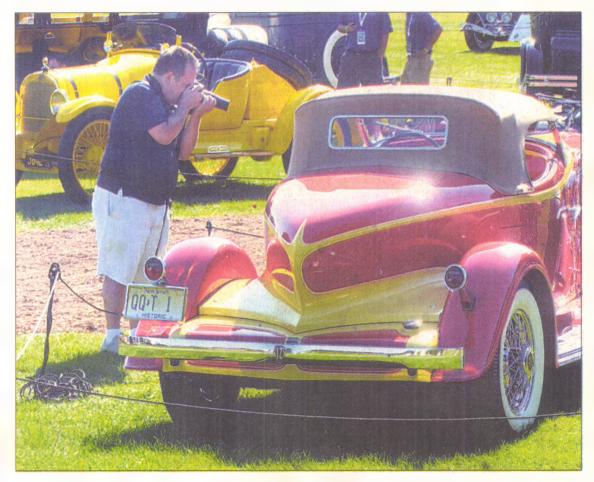
#### **Antique Appraisal**

Visitors can get antiques appraised by Joseph DuMouchelle during an event Wednesday, Aug. 17, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Evaluations are by appointment only and museum officials said time slots are filling up quickly. Oral evaluations will be provided for \$10 per item; no written evaluations will be available. There is a maximum of four items to be appraised per 15 minute time slot

Call (734) 455-8940 for an appointment or submit a request from the museum's website using the form at http://tinyurl.com/3aszvoc.

## 'Elegance' on display



St. John's Volunteer Rick Lipski takes photos of a 1933 Auburn Model 12-161A Speedster during Sunday's Concours d'Elegance at the Inn at St. John's.

#### 'Spectacular' Concours draws 10,000-plus car buffs

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Scorching weather couldn't keep people from cool cars
Sunday as thousands visited the Concours d'Elegance of America, an exhibition of rare, vintage and classic vehicles, during its Plymouth Township debut.

The golf course at The Inn at St. John's on Five Mile was transformed into acres of the steel,

rubber chrome
More Concours, and glass of the
Page A8 331 cars, most

of them restored to showroom condition, in the Concours. Unrelenting heat made shade trees the second-biggest attraction on the course, after the cars, and wide-brimmed hats for men and sun umbrellas for women appeared to be making a comeback.

With an attendance of over 10,000 Sunday, the Concours drew raves from exhibitors.

"It's spectacular," said Tom Griffith of Verona, Wis., who displayed his 1950 Lea Francis Sports Roadster, a British car, only six of which were delivered to the U.S. "For the first time having it here, I think they did a

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Max Javor and his brother, Jack, from Plymouth loved the cars, and got a ride of their own at Sunday's Concours d'Elegance.

#### Movie star's rare Packard fetches \$1.1 million at Concours auction

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 1932 Packard originally owned by actor and singer Al Jolson led the field Saturday as an auction of collectible cars in Plymouth Township generated more than \$7.6 million in sales.

The Packard Twin Six convertible, one of only two made, fetched \$1.1 million from an

undisclosed buyer, according to RM Auctions, which ran the auction, one of many events surrounding Sunday's Concours d'Elegance of America.

The live auction at The Inn at St. John's included in-person bidders and others submitting bids by phone; there were 70 cars total on the block. The auction book,

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## Plymouth OKs transfer of liquor licenses

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As the Plymouth City Commission approved two measures Monday that could increase alcohol sales downtown — without increasing a limit on the number of liquor licenses — two downtown residents sounded a note of caution.

"It's becoming a bar town," said Dolores Davis, who lives in a condominium on Penniman.
"People don't go downtown now because it's (crowded) with people in the bars."

"They are attracting people who don't necessarily live in town, and they all drink too much and stay too late," said Susan Lesloviansky, who also lives downtown on Penniman,

Later, after the commission meeting at Fairgrounds Park, both women said they don't object to having drinking spots in town, but want to see better control of the crowds, noise and litter that can come from the bars. "If they're getting something, we should get something," Lesloviansky said.

Mayor Dan Dwyer told the women that he understands their concerns, but that the city has moved cautiously when it comes to licenses to sell alcohol by the glass.

"There is a cap because we did listen to the people," Dwyer said. The number of licenses allowed downtown is capped at 14, the current number, and another 10 licenses are allowed outside downtown, a limit that was recently raised from eight.

"I think we're one of the few communities in the state that has a cap on liquor licenses," he added. The discussion came as the commission unani-

The discussion came as the commission unantmously approved license transfer requests from two downtown establishments.

At Cellar 849, a small wine bar on Penniman.

At Cellar 849, a small wine bar on Penniman, owner John Corsi is proposing to transfer an escrowed Class C license from Canton Township and surrender its current small winemaker license, which limits it to wine sales. A Class C license would allow Cellar 849 to sell beer and liquor as well as wine.

At a planned new restaurant on Forest, Panache 447, the ownership wants to transfer the Class C license of a restaurant formerly on the site, the 1999 Tavern, which closed last fall. Panache 447 would open up space on the second floor of the building for additional seating.

#### **OUTSIDE DOWNTOWN**

The commission also unanimously recommended approval of a request from the Grecian Cafe, on Main Street outside the downtown area, for the transfer of an escrowed Class C license from Dearborn Heights. Grecian Cafe is the first applicant for a license since the license cap was raised, from eight to 10, for establishments outside downtown.

Owner Vitor Nikollbibaj is planning to change the name of his restaurant to Giovanni's, change the menu somewhat, and cut back the hours of operation, currently around the clock, to between 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. Last call would be at 1 a.m.

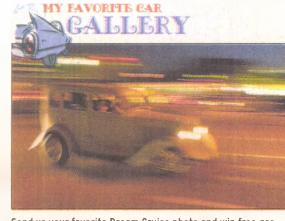
"It'll be a whole different venue," Dwyer said. The City Commission's positive recommendations on all three requests will be sent to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

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#### Golf for hockey

Date/Time: Saturday, Aug. 27, 8 a.m. to

**Location**: Hickory Creek Golf Club. Ypsilanti

**Details**: The Plymouth, Canton, Salem Boys Varsity Hockey Team's 13th Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser includes a \$10,000 Hole- in -one contest, prizes for closet to the pin, longest drive, first place, skins, and door prizes. Golfers receive donuts/ bagels for breakfast, a hot dog at the turn and a buffet dinner. Cost is \$120.00 per player or \$425.00 a foursome. Contact: To register please contact Patti at berlin.patti@yahoo.com

#### Cars and bikes

Date/Time: Saturday, Aug. 13, 9 a.m. to

Location: 39375 Amrhein Road (at the southeastern corner of Amrhein and Eckles, Livonia

Details: P.L.A.V. Post #166 hosts the fourth annual Car and Bike Show Whereas an unknown number of motor

cycles will be on display it is anticipated that upwards of 400 "muscle cars" will be present. Both motorcycles and automobiles can be viewed and photographed for free. There is no admission fee. Refreshments will be available, for a donation, with all proceeds going to those who serve and protect our free-

#### Kidz Kamp

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**Date/Time**: Aug. 18-19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Location: Mill Race Village in Northville **Details:** New Hope Center for Grief Support, a Christian-based bereavement outreach center, offers its "KIDZ KAMP" for grieving children. The camp will offer many fun activities for children of all faiths between the ages of 4 and 12 including music, crafts, artwork, a scavenger hunt and memorial activities. Lunch will be provided both days. The camp is free, but space is limited. Contact: Call New Hope at (248) 348-

#### Rockettes not 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.

#### 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.villagepottersquild.

#### **Grief Support**

org or call (734) 207-8807.

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

## Sheriff touts jail, drug busts

BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

A new Wayne County jail will save taxpayers as much as \$30 million a year after it starts housing prisoners in 2014, Sheriff Benny Napoleon said Wednesday during a visit to Canton.

"That is a huge, huge savings for us as county taxpayers," he told a crowd of 75 people gathered inside the Fellows Creek Golf Club during a Canton Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

In a separate matter, Napoleon touted his department's narcotics unit for a cocaine bust last weekend in Detroit and two unnamed suburbs that took \$21 million in drugs off metro Detroit streets, seized \$300,000 in cash and led to five arrests. He declined to elaborate

The new jail, Napoleon said, will streamline prisoner services by allowing authorities to house inmates in one location, demolish two downtown Detroit facilities and potentially lease the Hamtramckbased jail to federal officials.

"One of the first things I committed to (as sheriff) was to build a new jail," Napoleon

The new facility, expected to break ground in September, will be located near Gratiot Avenue and the I-375 freeway on the edge of Greektown.

A move to become more financially efficient could become increasingly critical as Wayne County seeks ways to pay for housing prisoners.



County Sheriff Benny Napoleon touted a new Wayne County jail during an appearance in Canton Wednesday.

Though the three existing jails can house 2,800 inmates, Napoleon said he can only keep 1,800 prisoners behind bars because of a court order requiring more employees to handle a larger jail population.

Amid budget problems, the sheriff's department hasn't been able to expand its ranks to meet the court-ordered demand.

Napoleon turned to state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, who sat in the audience, and indicated any additional state funding would be welcome.

Colbeck replied, "I'd love to sit down and figure out how we can stretch what we've got right now.'

To avoid jail overcrowding, Napoleon said a move to release certain prisoners and monitor them with tethers has saved \$21 million a year. Authorities have tried to place less violent inmates on tethers.

During a sweep last Halloween weekend, the county did spot checks on tethered

offenders and found that only six were violating the terms of their release. Of 16 sex offenders, Napoleon said, "every single one of them was where they were supposed to be."

Napoleon also said his department's Internet crimes unit has become more sharply focused as online predators seek to commit crimes against children. He said it is his goal to keep youngsters "as safes as possible."

Napoleon's visit was orchestrated by Canton Township Trustee John Anthony, a former FBI supervisory special agent. Anthony said it was important for local residents to have a chance to meet a law-enforcement leader who, Anthony said, has made positive strides in the Wayne County Sheriff's Department.

"He makes things happen," Anthony said after Napoleon's speech. "He's on the right track."

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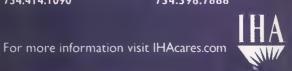


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## Canton soldier earns Purple Heart in Afghan attack

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Far from his Canton home, U.S. Army Pfc. Anthony Green narrowly survived in Afghanistan when a roadside bomb toppled a truck-mounted rocket launcher, pinning him under it and killing two of his friends as other soldiers fought off attacking enemy forces.

Green, a 2006 graduate of Plymouth High School, suffered facial fractures and nerve damage, a ruptured eardrum, a concussion, a bullet wound that pierced his right upper thigh — and the heartbreak of holding a wounded soldier's hand as he lay dying.

His mother, Barbie Green, still shudders when she considers how close she and her husband, Guy Green, came to losing their 22-year-old son, who joined the Army last year because he thought it would be good training.

"He wants to someday be a police officer," Barbie Green said, "and he thought this would be good experience for him to have. We're just so lucky that he's alive. We're so grateful."

Anthony Green, a Purple
Heart recipient now recovering in Hawaii in a Warrior
Transition Unit of Scholfield
Barracks military base, had
been in Afghanistan since
April. He was with the Second
Battalion, 27th Infantry
Regiment, Third Brigade
Combat Team, 25th Infantry
Division when he was wounded July 19.

"His job was to fire a big truck-mounted rocket," his mother said. "His unit was



Army Pfc. Anthony Green, a 2006 graduate of Plymouth High School, was wounded in July in Afghanistan.

going between two platoons and hit an IED" — an improvised explosive device, or roadside homb

The blast killed Staff Sgt.
James Christen and Army
Sgt. Jacob Molina and injured
Anthony Green and a fourth
soldier. Barbie Green said she
feels for the mothers of the
slain soldiers.

"That just broke my heart,"

The Army vehicle pinned Anthony Green down as other soldiers fought off enemy attackers, according to reports his mother has heard. A crane had to be brought in to free some of the soldiers.

Anthony Green was taken to a U.S. Air Force base in Afghanistan and then to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, a military hospital in Germany. He was flown from there to Hawaii, where he continues to recover.

Barbie Green, a Walled Lake Central High School teacher, was in France studying about that country and World War II as part of a program through the National Endowment for the Humanities when she phoned her husband and learned of her son's injuries.

"I was there studying World War II, and war came to my doorstep," she said. She caught a train to Germany to be by her son's side, and she has since returned home to her husband and their youngest son Ian, who will be a senior at Plymouth High School.

By joining the Army, Anthony Green followed in his parents' footsteps. Barbie and Guy Green actually met when they were field artillery officers in the Army. She was on active duty for four years; her husband, 10 years.

Now, the Green family is eagerly awaiting a home-coming for their son. He is expected to get a convalescent leave to visit them within a few weeks. After that, his mother said, he is expected to return to Hawaii, but not Afghanistan.

Anthony Green's family knows his fate could have been much worse.

"He was injured," his mother said, "but he still has all his pieces."

Barbie Green has asked that anyone who wants to contribute to charity on her son's behalf consider two organizations:

• Wounded Warrior Project (www.woundedwarriorproject. org), which provided clothes, a backpack, toiletries and other items to her son during his hospital stay.

• Fisher House (www.fisherhouse.org), which provides away-from-home lodging to military families when their loved ones are hospitalized. Fisher House helped Barbie Green in Germany.

"They gave me a place to stay free of charge," she said.

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Canton resident Barbie Green with her son, U.S. Army Pfc. Anthony Green, in the hospital after Anthony was wounded by a roadside bomb in Afghanistan.



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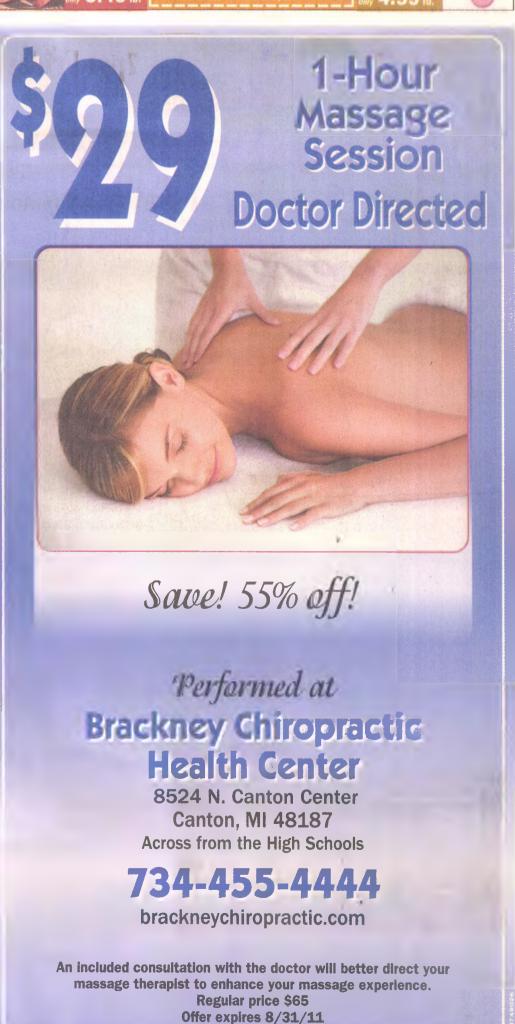
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## Local pharmacists charged in drug scam

Eight people from Canton — including a doctor, an accountant and four pharmacists — are among 26 people charged in a health care fraud scheme the federal government is calling one of the largest prescription drug scams in state history.

The scam billed insurers for millions of dollars worth of bogus prescriptions, according to an indictment unsealed in court this week.

The 26 suspects allegedly took part in a scheme involving sham prescriptions for Oxycontin, Vicodin, Xanax and cough syrup with codeine, the affidavit said.

The allegations against these 26 individuals, particularly of the medical professionals, are significant. These individuals abused their positions of trust and endangered the lives of countless people by illegally distributing more than six million doses of opiate painkillers and depressants throughout southeast Michigan and beyond," said Robert L. Corso, special agent in charge of DEA's Detroit Field Division. "This indictment makes it clear that the DEA and our partners in law enforcement will continue to investigate and bring to justice those individuals that are responsible for the illegal distribution of prescription medicines.'

The 34-count indictment alleges that Babubhai (Bob) Patel, 49, a Canton pharmacist, was the owner and controller of some 26 pharmacies statewide, but hid his ownership and control of the pharmacies through the use of straw owners.

According to the indictment, Patel would offer and pay kickbacks, bribes, and other inducements to doctors in exchange for them writing prescriptions for patients with Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance. The doctors would then direct the patients to fill the prescriptions at one of Patel's pharmacies, the indictment said.

The indictment said Patel and his pharmacists would bill insurers, including Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurers,

Competitors Coupons! for dispensing the medications, even though they weren't necessary and/or ever provided.

According to the indictment, the participating patients also got kickbacks. They were recruited into the scheme by recruiters, who would pay kickbacks and bribes to patients in exchange for their agreeing to have their insurance cards billed for medications purportedly dispensed at the Patel pharmacies.

According to the indictment, the Patel pharmacies billed Medicare at least \$37.7 million during the scheme, and at least \$20.8 million was billed to Medicaid.

Patel Pharmacies dispensed at least 250,000 doses of Oxycontin, at least 4.6 million doses of Vicodin, at least 1.5 million doses of Xanax, and at least 6,100 pint bottles of codeine cough syrup.

In addition to Patel, Canton suspects charged in the 34-count indictment include:

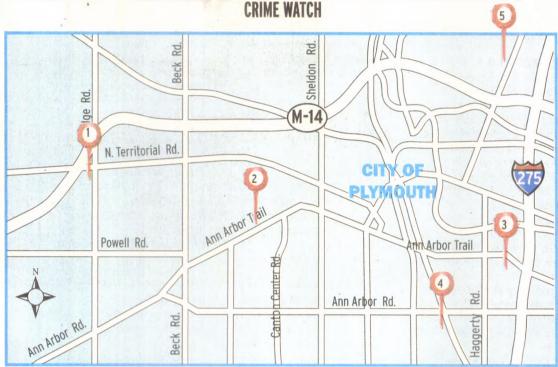
- Pharmacist Dineshkmar Patel, 33Pharmacist Anish Bhavsar, 35
- Pharmacist Kartik Shah, 34
- Pharmacist Lokeh Tayal, 35
- Accountant Chetan Gujarathi, 38, of Canton
  - Harpreet Sachdeva, 38

Office of Inspector General.

• Ramesh Patel, 50
The case was investigated by a team of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, including the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the FBI the Department of Health and Human Services

"Health care fraud steals funds from programs designed to benefit patients, and we all pay for it," U.S. Attorney Barbara McQuade said. "Federal and state investigators have teamed up in recent months to detect and prosecute those who commit health care fraud, and we hope that the strength of our efforts will have a deterrent affect."

Gannett News Service contributed to this report.



#### Mower missing

A riding mower, a smaller mower and a snow blower were reported stolen July 27 from a shed at the Plymouth Community of Christ Church on North Ridge.

Police said the shed had been forced open. The complainant told police the break-in occurred between July 23 and the morning of July 27.

#### Larceny from car

2A wallet with a Social Security card in it was reported stolen earlier this month from a car parked outside a house on Beacon Hill Drive.

The car, parked in the street, had been left unlocked, the complainant told police.

#### Mower theft

A riding lawn mower displayed for sale outside a house on Morgan Street was reported stolen Sunday.

The owner told police he had the mower on the grass near his house, unsecured, on Saturday afternoon. He last saw it around 3 p.m., he said, and noticed it was gone at about 7 p.m., a police report said.

#### Trailer break-in

A Livonia man reported late hast month the theft of his sleeping bag from the camping trailer he keeps in storage in Plymouth Township.

A window had been broken on the trailer, police said, and cigarette butts were found in the toilet. The break-in occurred between last November and some time in late July, the victim said.

#### Vandalism

5A house on Ivywood Lane was begged on the night of July 27 or early the next day.

Police said a dozen eggs had been thrown at the vinyl and brick siding of the house. The vandalism, the victim told police, occurred between 10 p.m. July 27 and 9 a.m. July 28.

– By Matt Jachman

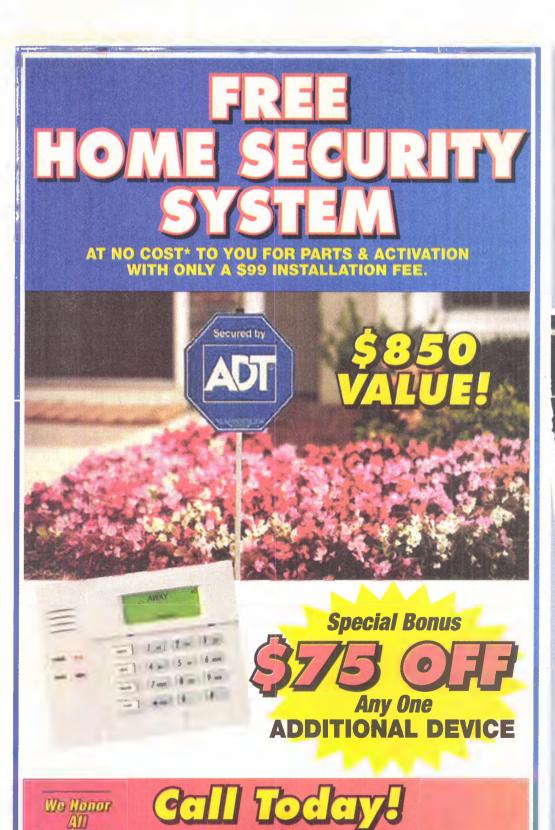
#### FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period July 27 to Aug. 2:

• Tuesday, Aug. 2 — Rescue runs on Forrest, on Brownell, at Joy and Lilley, on Main, on Thetford Court, on Weston, on Lilley, on Galleon, on Primrose, on N. Territorial, on Meadowhill, on Simpson, on Northern, on Ann Arbor Road, on Moorecroft Court and on Maple.

• Monday, Aug. 1 — Multiple rescue runs on N. Territorial, on Morrison, on Northville Road, on Deer Court, on Haggerty, on Hilltop, on McKinley, on Erik Pass, on Ann Arbor Road and on Primrose.

• Sunday, July 31 — Rescue runs on Ann Arbor Trail, on Tyler, on Woodberry, on Newporte, on Meadow Hill Lane, on Sheridan, on Brownell, on the M-14 ramp to Sheldon, on Northville Road, on Haggerty and on Amelia.



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good job." It was Griffith's first

"It's a wonderful show. The committee did a great job," said Robert Sirna of Rochester, a repeat Concours exhibitor who showed off his 1958 Kurtis, which raced the Indianapolis 500 for three consecutive years.

#### **FULL WEEKEND**

Concours.

Sunday's Concours was the culmination of several days of related events, including a motoring tour for show-car owners, an exhibition of automobile-themed art, a trip by 40-some of the classic cars to Michigan International Speedway, and an auction of 70 collectible cars that generated more than \$7.6 million in

Cars were exhibited in more than 25 classes, including, for the first time, a class dedicated to Indianapolis 500 racers as a commemoration of the storied race's 100th anniversary. The Indy class drew more than 30

"This is a special Indy presentation. Probably one of the best in the country," said Sirna, who opened up the Kurtis on the MIS track Friday. (He had no idea how fast it went, he said; the car has no speedometer.)

Sirna put on a show Sunday afternoon, starting up the Kurtis and revving the engine for a few minutes, attracting a crowd of onlookers who cheered after he shut it down.

The Concours kept local officials and community groups busy with logistics and support services.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume was out Friday, Saturday and Sunday, making sure traffic kept flowing and that township workers kept roadside litter picked up.

"We just wanted to put the community's best foot forward," said Reaume.

He also took in the car show; Cadillacs are Reaume's favorites, as he worked in



Concours d'Elegance visitors took a good look at this Saleen.

General Motors Corp.'s Clark Street plant, where Caddys were made, years ago.

"I think it was spectacular. It was awesome," Reaume said of the Concours presentation.

"I thought it was a very nice venue and just a beautiful setting for looking at some really beautiful cars," said Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock, who was among volunteers from the Plymouth Rotary who provided parking control at St. John's.

#### **COMMUNITY STEPS UP**

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth helped out at the ACH plant on Sheldon Road, where general-admission visitors could park their vehicles and catch a shuttle to St. John's, and the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce provided office support and exhibitor registration services at the site and handed out maps and information about local attractions to the many exhibitors from

across the country.

"It says a lot about the community. Everybody worked together to make it all work," Sincock said.

"It was a great experience. Fantastic exposure for the community to be associated with a quality event like this," said Wes Graff, the chamber's executive director.

Plymouth also got involved with a free shuttle service on Saturday and Sunday, sponsored by the Downtown Development Authority and the Old Village Association, with stops downtown and in Old Village. The service provided 795 rides, said the DDA's John Buzuvis.

At the Station 885 restaurant, which chipped in for the shuttle, manager Rob Costanza said business was down on Saturday but up on Sunday, and that it's perhaps hard to gauge any Concours spin-off because the show is new to the community.

Station 885 was also a site for advance Concours ticket purchases, and Costanza saw brisk sales, but added that most ticket-buyers didn't stop for food or drink.

"There're definitely some positives to take away from it, but there'll be a learning curve because it's such a new event." Costanza said.

Nevertheless, Costanza said Station 885 is in for next year if the Plymouth shuttle returns.

"I'll definitely commit to that. We have to have our presence known in Old Village," he

Concours exhibitors and their cars competed for awards in many different categories, but the best-in-show honors went to the 1933 Duesenberg SJ Riviera Phaeton owned by John Groendyke of Enid, Okla. (domestic car class), and the 1938 Mercedes-Benz 540K Autobahn Kurier, owned by Arturo and Deborah Keller of Colonia Tlacopac, Mexico (foreign car class).

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required to enter the competition, sold for \$100 each.

"We are very pleased with the results from our St. John's sale this weekend," said Gerry Hockin, RM's chief operating officer, in a press release. Hockin added the response to the new venue — the annual Concours had been at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester for 32 years — was "extremely posi-

The Packard, which cost Jolson \$6,600 new, hadn't been displayed for nearly 50 years, the press release said.

Another notable auction item was the "Ghost Car," a 1939 Pontiac Deluxe Six with a see-through body made of Plexiglas. Made for the 1939-40 World's Fair in New York City, the "Ghost Car," with just 86 miles on it, sold for \$308,000.

Other big-ticket vehicles at Saturday's auction included a 1929 Duesenberg Model J Convertible Berline (\$704,000), a 1955 Mercedes-Benz 300 SL Gullwing (\$676,500), and a 1934 Duesenberg Model J Bobtail Speedster (\$506,000).

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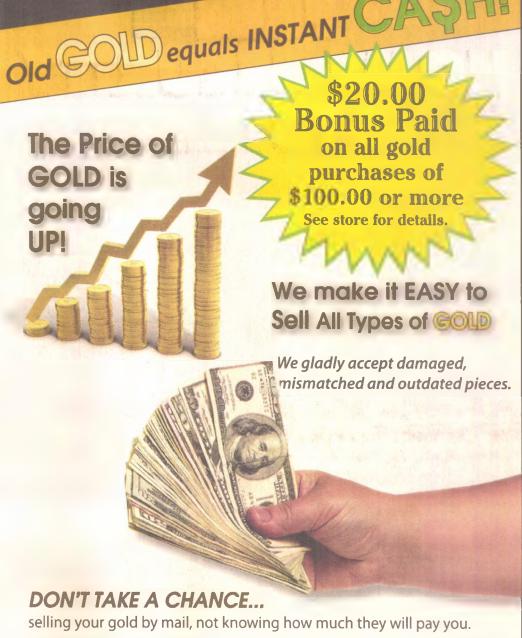


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## Miracle Mashers aim for derby fences Buy Michigan Now fest puts

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The Miracle Mashers are at it again, and with the success generated last year they are swinging for the fences with the second annual Dale A. Rumberger Home Run Derby to benefit the Miracle League of Plymouth.

Last year's Rumberger derby raised more than just awareness about the up-and-coming baseball community for special-needs children - it also raised more than \$5,000.

With that in mind, the Miracle League of Plymouth has put much thought into this year's home run derby. Set for 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at Salem High School's baseball field, the second annual derby is looking to foster a competitive environment for local high school standouts, and a fun, family atmosphere for specta-

The competitive atmosphere



Last year's home run derby raised more than \$5,000. This year's event takes place Saturday at the Salem High School baseball field.

will consist of 18 hitters from nine schools in the Kensington Lakes Athletic Association:

• Salem: Brett Remirez, Drew Thompson, Scott Devine, and Tommy Rodriguez · Plymouth: Tyler Goble,

Mike Nadrtowski, and Richard Guglielmi · Canton: Ryan Bazner,

Chris Perkovich, and Braden

• Northville: Matt Stojkov

• Novi: Jim Eloff · Livonia Churchill: Daniel Cameron and Ben Matigian

• Livonia Franklin: Joe Barczuk and Travis Barnes

· Livonia Stevenson: **Brendon Hayes** 

• Hartland: Jake Lowery Helping create the family atmosphere of the event will be a silent auction including packages such as a "movie package" and "Detroit Tigers" package along with fun events that will take place on the field in between rounds of the derby. The Home Run Derby will also feature tables promoting local businesses and

Miracle League of Plymouth. Miracle League officials are aiming at what they hope will be a successful day at the ballpark to complement its opening day on Aug. 20.

a registration table for the

## focus on Great Lakes state

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Buying Michigan products means putting Michigan people to work — and getting some great food and other products in the bargain. The Buy Michigan Now Festival, a weekend celebration of the state's annual Buy Michigan Week, puts the focus on that.

Lisa Diggs, founder of Buy Michigan Now, said, "As an individual I was looking for a way to revitalize our local economy." The Buy Michigan Now campaign was borne out of encouraging people to buy Michigan products and keep dollars here.

"That was to create more awareness," Diggs, a Livonia resident, said of Buy Michigan Week as declared by then-Gov. Jennifer Granholm. "The natural next step would be let's create a giant party. That's how the festival was borne.

"It's great. It's been growing each year."

This is the third year for the festival, and it will have about 20 percent businesses this time.

"Ours is a fest with a cause," Diggs said. "You're not only having a good time with your family, you're having an opportunity to support these entrepreneurs."

Almost all downtown Northville businesses are local, she said, a factor in the festival location. "Second of all, it's got a tremendous vibrant art com-

Northville's also close to Detroit, Ann Arbor and Lansing, making it a good loca**DETAILS** 

**Event**: Buy Michigan Now Festival

Dates: Aug. 5-7 Times: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday

and Saturday; noon-6 p.m.

Location: downtown Northville Web: www.BuyMichiganNow.

Attendance is hard to gauge precisely without ticket sales, but, "We anticipate that it'll be 15,000 to 20,000 people" over the three days.

A lot of seniors and people with kids enjoy Friday, Diggs said. "Saturday is the busiest day." Sunday's good too for families and event is family-oriented with lots of great entertainment.

There will be a fairy and gnome costume contest Sunday at 2 p.m. which will appeal to locals, she said, as children compete for prizes. Diggs appreciates the warm Northville welcome.

"It's been a really good fit. We've got a great partnership with the city and the DDA which sponsors it. The merchants seem to be really happy."

Merchants get a lot of people for sidewalk sales and the Buy Michigan Now Festival which

occur at the same time. Admission is free, along with most parking. Main and Center streets in downtown Northville will be closed to allow for shopping, dining and live entertainment. The Main Stage is located in Town Square on Main Street and sponsored by Coffee Beanery, Hiller's Markets,

and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

The Buy Michigan Now Festival is also sponsored by Downtown Northville, the Observer & Eccentric/ Hometown Weeklies Newspapers, and the Catalyst Company.

For more information, visit www.buymichigannowfest.

The Northville Historical Society will join in the Buy Michigan Now Festival by focusing on all the locally made and Michigan made products in the J. M. Meade General Store at Mill Race Village in Northville.

Made in Northville products include handmade birdhouses, some that look like the Wash Oak School at the Village, as well as other styles. Other hand made items include slate type (coopered) small barrels, wooden spinning tops and wooden candlesticks, all made by Historical Society members.

The blacksmiths have created horseshoes, coat hooks and other items at the working smithy in the Village. They demonstrate every Sunday afternoon from 1-4 p.m. during the summer and at special

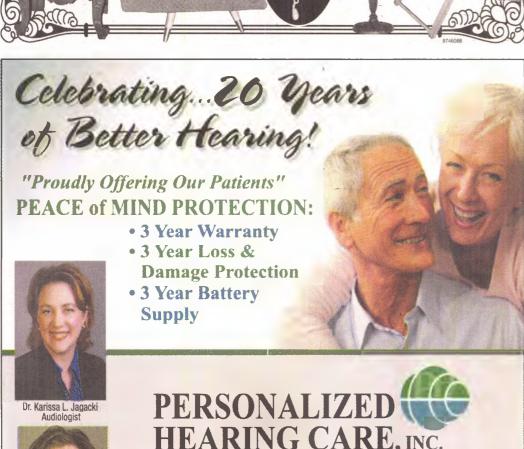
The Weaver's Guild, housed at the Village, crafted bobbin lace bookmarks and wash cloths. Organizers also offer handmade dolls, Mill Race Village framed photos and greeting cards created locally, and two types of tea cozies.

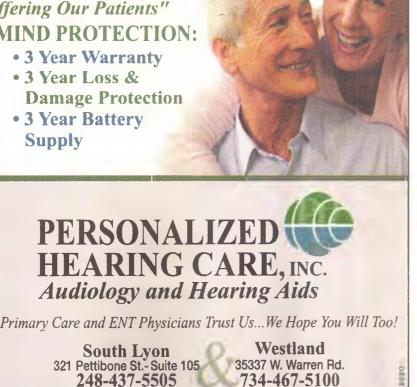
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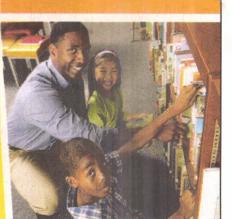
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## Shining Stars Theater debuts with 'Story of Grimridge'

BY SUE BUCK OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth resident Andrea Fisher saw a need in Garden City and responded by developing a youth the-

ater program.
The group's first production, *The Story of Grimridge*, has one show at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at Henry Ruff Elementary School at Henry Ruff and Maplewood, east of Merriman. Tickets are \$5, available at the door.

Fisher, 19, a student at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, has had a passion for theater ever since she began performing in youth theater shows as a young child.

"There were no children's theaters in Garden City, leaving the kids with no place to perform close to home," Fisher

She wanted to find a way to provide those kids the with same chance that she had to perform onstage. After months of numerous phone calls, emails and sending out 300 fliers to different schools, the idea of Shining Stars Theater became a reality.

"Today, there are 10 very talented girls and boys, ages 8-12, all from Garden City, performing in the program," Fisher said.

She said planning took months and she heads the next day back to college, where she is studying communications and creative writing.

Her mother, Michelle Fisher, is the producer.

The performers helped to write the play, the story of a young girl, Lily, who doesn't believe in "happily ever afters." She finds herself lost in the Kingdom of Grimridge, which is being ruled by the evil Lady Minerva. Lily befriends mermaids, elves and fireflies and learns about the horrible things being done to the kingdom. She must find the courage to stand up to Lady Minerva and, along with Prince Dylan and the rest of her friends, make the

kingdom a better place for everyone.

"The Story of Saving Grimridge is a fun-filled fairy tale with lots of sing-

ing, dancing and even sword-fighting," Fisher said.

The full cast has 10 performers:
Bethany Stoddart as Lily, Emily
Proctor as Lady Minerva, Dominic
Tomasi as Prince Dylan, Meghann
Butchart as Mrs. Cobblestone,
Riley Klauza as Aqua the Mermaid,
Arianna Sawyer as Kayla the Elf,
Alison Kindred as Spinz the Body
Guard, Alyssa Griglio as Madame
Delia the Gypsy, Lucas Stoddart as
the Messenger and Kennedy Klauza as
Glow the Firefly.

Proctor, 12, said that she enjoys her role as Lady Minerva because her character gets to be in charge. Tomasi, 11, also like his role as Prince Dylan.

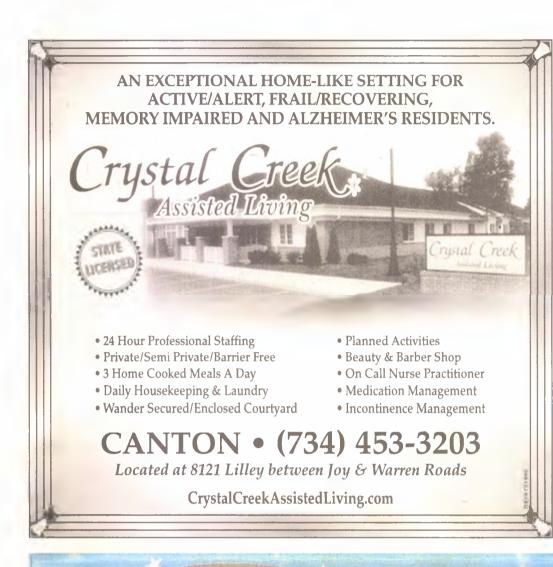
"He gets taken to the dungeon and has to find a way to get free," he said. Riley Klauza, 11, also plays Mother

"I'm friends with the firefly and I help Lily solve her problems," Klauza said.

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Kennedy Klauza, Meghann Butchart and Riley Klauza dance to the song "Happily Ever







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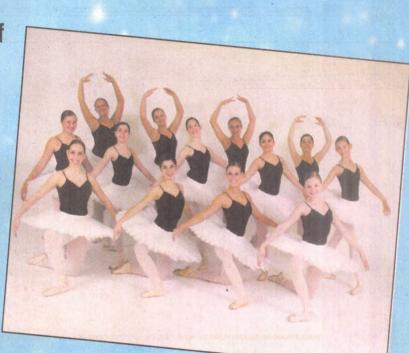
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## Rarest of the rare cars turn up at Concours

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

f the hundreds of classic and antique cars on display Sunday at the Concours d'Elegance of America, two were among the rarest of their kind — even when new.

Tom Griffith's 1950 Lea Francis Sports Roadster, he says, was one of only six delivered to the U.S. from the manufacturer in Coventry, England, and one of only 77 ever made. Rescued from a pig barn in Wisconsin, the model is the only one still on the road in the U.S., he said.

"Probably the most original example of this car in existence," said Griffith as he talked about restoring the four-cylinder Lea Francis.

Nearby Sunday on the golf course at The Inn at St. John's was William Ruger Jr. and his 1936 Cadillac 90 Series V-16, a 6,000-pound behemoth with, yes, a 16-cylinder engine and a "turret top" body by Fleetwood, the famed automobile body specialists. Only 50 V-16s were made annually between 1934 and 1937, said Ruger, and only 11 in the fourdoor sedan body style of his

"Mechanically, it's quite advanced" and also easy to drive, Ruger said.

#### **PERSISTENCE PAYS**

Griffith, of Verona, Wis., is partial to British sports cars; his collection also includes a 1949 Triumph, a 1935 MG and a 1952 Allard. This year's Concours was his first.

Griffith bought the Lea Francis about a year ago from a woman whose late husband had driven it. It had sat in a pig barn, where many other vehicles owned by local residents were also stored, for more than three years, and the widow hung onto it for sentimental reasons, he said. The car had been in her husband's family for 57 years.

"Nobody could get to this widow. She didn't want to sell," he said.

It took some coaxing, and a promise of the first ride in the restored car, and the



This 1950 Lea Francis Sports Roadster, one of only 77 made, is owned by Tom Griffith of Verona, Wis., who enjoyed telling admirers about it during Sunday's Concours d'Elegance of America at The Inn at St. John's.

woman agreed to part with it for \$10,000, Griffith said. Ultimately, he said, he had convinced her that he would do what her husband would have done — restore the car and showed her examples of his previous restorations.

"She's very pleased that she did sell me the car," Griffith said.

Rust wasn't an issue for the aluminum body on the Lea Francis, Griffith said, and the engine, with just 16,800 miles, needed little but hoses, clamps and a good cleaning.

"I just cleaned it up. That's all I did," Griffith said. With a new battery and fresh gas in the carburetor, it started right up, he said.

The roadster needed brakes and paint, and some parts needed to be rechromed, but the glass is original, and so is the upholstery, though it had been recovered by someone who apparently didn't like the original style, Griffith said.

The British man who had obtained the assets of Lea Francis when the company failed in the 1960s helped Griffith by supplying needed

Griffith, an executive at Badger Printing Systems, likes to take his vintage cars out.

'I go grocery shopping in this car," he said. "I drive my cars. They don't just sit and look pretty."

#### **GARAGE FIND**

Ruger, of Newport, N.H., has had his Cadillac V-16 since

"It needed everything" but "wasn't a wreck," said Ruger. "It was just in somebody's garage," he added

The Cadillac was restored by Fran Roxas, who has a restoration shop in the Chicago area (Roxas also restored this year's domestic best-in-show winner, a 1933 Duesenberg SJ Riviera Phaeton).

The restored V-16 was ready for two Concours shows in 1998: one at Pebble Beach in California and the other at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester, where the Concours d'Elegance of America was held for 32 years before being moved to The Inn at St. John's this year.

Ruger said he enjoyed his return to the Concours, and this year's new venue. "I like it very much. I think it's an improvement because the hotel is right on the grounds," he said.

The retired chairman of the firearms manufacturer Sturm, Ruger & Co. Inc., Ruger has a collection of about 30 cars. "There are also collections that are much bigger than that," he said.

Other rare cars at the Concours included a 1966 American Motors Marlin, with a 270-horsepower V-8 engine (only 4,547 made), a Germanbuilt 1964 Amphicar, made to travel on land or water (3,878 made) and a 1948 Tucker (only 51 made).

mjachman@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-2405 The Avanta was one of the cars on display.



Owner Bob Anderson from Philadelphia with his 1939 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet Prototype and Concours d'Elegance judges Guy Zaninovich of Ann Arbor, Webster Peterson of Minnesota and Ford Motor Co.'s Jim Farley.



This Aston Martin drew a large crowd, as did the other cars featured at Sunday's Concours d'Elegance.





The Mitchell Collection had its 1932 Stutz DV-32 Bearcat at Concours d'Elegance.



Luca Bigioni from Toronto sits in his father's 1952 Champion Special Indy car during Sunday's Concours d'Elegance.



Sunday's event featured this 1959 Cushman Eagle motorcycle with a suicide clutch.



This 1954 Kaiser-Darrin "Pine Tint" was on display Sunday.



John Wall from Rochester gets a look at a 1967 Mercury Comet "Funny Car."



This 1930 Packard 745 Sport Phaeton features its unique hood ornament.

## Barefoot presents second act in summer series

**Barefoot Productions** presents Act Two of its Three Nights of Woody Allen & Music" Saturday,

**Barefoot Productions** opened this comedy-music summer series July 23 to a sold-out, standing-roomonly crowd. The first of the series, Old Saybrook, written by Allen, was a smash hit as could be heard by the laugh-a-minute reactions from the audience, said Barefoot's Craig Hane.

Now the series continues with Riverside Drive Saturday, Aug. 6, at 8 p.m. It's another zany and neurotic short play written by Allen, with wit, humor and, of course, neurosis.

In Riverside Drive, Jim, a successful writer, is preparing to meet with his mistress, Barbara, at a secret

and secluded location along of Five Miles More, a jazz the Hudson River. What Jim was not expecting was the company of Fred, his writing partner. Fred knows of Jim's affair and discusses the trials and tribulations of continuing this affair. Sometimes Fred's suggestions are not altogether from his own head, or even from this earth. Once Barbara enters the communication line the "affair" becomes frantic and crazier. Imagine, a 'Who's On First' dialogue about adultery.

The production features Wade Martin of Berkley Mass., new to Plymouth, as Jim; Chadwick A. D'Aigle of Northville and Linda McCalister from Ann Arbor

Following *Riverside* Drive, theater-goers can sit back and hear the sounds

quartet from the Ann Arbor area. They will end the night with a concert of the sounds and songs of pure Jazz. Linda McCalister will sit in with Five Miles More to lend her vocal talents.

This performance is for one night only, with a ticket cost of \$15. Reservations are available by calling the Barefoot Productions Box Office at (734) 560-1493 or online at www.justgobarefoot.com. Seating is limited.

The "Three Nights of Woody Allen & Music" concludes Aug. 20 with the performance of Central Park West and music from the Adam Dib Quartet.

**Barefoot Productions** Theater is located at 240 N. Main in Plymouth. For more information, call (734)



Wade Martin (from left), Linda McCalister and Chadwick A. D'Aigle in a scene from Barefoot Productions' presentation of 'Riverside Drive.' Barefoot presents the play, the second in a three-night summer series, Saturday.

## Madonna dean reappointed to state board of nursing

Gov. Rick Snyder recently announced the re-appointment of Madonna University's Teresa Thompson to the Michigan Board of Nursing.

The board was created to establish qualifications for nurse licensure, establish standards and approve nurse education programs; develop and implement criteria for continued competency; and take disciplinary action against licensees when the health, safety or welfare of the public has been adversely affected.

"I believe it is important to give back to the profession and being part of the board offers a level of service like no other," Thompson said. "The regulatory process is an important one to protect the public and regulate the profession." Thompson, of Farmington



**Thompson** 

Hills, is the dean and professor at the College of Nursing and Health at Madonna University. Thompson

earned a registered nurse diploma from . the Good Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing in Ohio, both bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing from Wayne State University and a doctorate from the Wayne State University College of Nursing. She represents registered professional nurses with a master's degree engaged in nursing education in a baccalaureate or higher program.

Thompson has served on the board for the previous two years. This appointment is her first full-term, which is a fouryear appointment.

"I am pleased to be reappointed. With 23 members on the board, I have witnessed a commitment at all levels of nursing, as well as the public commitment, to have an accountable process for the profession," Thompson said.

Also recently appointed or re-appointed to the board by Snyder are Kathy Bouchard-Wyant, Leah Cohen, Mary Corrado and Mary Brown.

Corrado, of Canton, is president and CEO of the American Society of Employers and has more than 15 years of experience in association management. She is a certified compensation professional as well as a certified management assessor.

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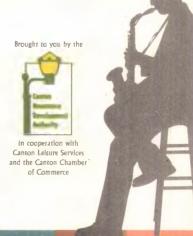
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#### IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



Justin Kava, Jeff's parents George and Nancy Aquilina and Jeff Aquilina with the Concrete Cuisine truck.

## Food truck serves gourmet meals cooked to order at your location

Concrete Cuisine, a gourmet mobile food establishment, is owned by local chefs Justin Kava of Livonia and Jeff Aquilina of Plymouth. Kava answered the following questions about the business, which opened May 20. Tell us about your business, including the types of services

and/or products you feature. Concrete Cuisine is a fully licensed gourmet food truck with the ability to service most outdoor functions. Our truck comes on-site and cooks fresh food to order for all of our guests. We are in the Livonia area on a daily basis serving Fresh Eats on the Streets! We are available for numerous events including graduation parties, corporate lunches and events, tailgating, block parties, nightlife, sporting events, etc. Concrete Cuisine's chefs can execute their eclectic menu for your party. What makes your business unique?

Unlike ordinary food trucks, we have a revolving menu with food that is cooked onsite to order. We use fresh seasonal ingredients with Michigan

products whenever possible. We specialize in familiar foods with a surprising twist. How did you first decide to open your own business?

The original concept for Concrete Cuisine started as "The Finer Diner." We planned on opening an upscale diner but quickly found that the cost associated with opening a full-scale restaurant was way beyond our means. A short time later we read an article in Time Magazine about food trucks in L.A. and decided this was the route to go. We decided to take the same idea of familiar food with an upscale twist, from a traditional restaurant setting, to the new trend sweeping across the nation. Thus the conception and realization of an upscale food truck. How did you decide to locate in the Livonia area?

Having been longtime residents of the Livonia area, we are both familiar with the city and have family and friends in the area who have been extremely supportive of Concrete Cuisine from

day one. We focus on serving Livonia and surrounding communities on a daily basis. The business's mailing address is in Plymouth; the truck is kept in Garden City. Do you have a funny tidbit or story

to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

Something funny: As firsttime small business owners, with no employees, we quickly found that all of our culinary travels have begun all over again. We are once again the dishwashers, cooks, cleaners, etc. Something we've found to be interesting: most brick and mortar restaurants begin to establish regular clientele who often visit their establishment over time. We have found this to also be true with Concrete Cuisine. We think it is awesome that we have regular customers who come to dine with us even as our locations change.

For more information, call Concrete Cuisine at (734) 709-5566 or visit concretecuisine.com. They are on Facebook and Twitter as Concrete Cuisine.

#### **CHAMBER CHAT**

#### **After Hours returns**

As summer winds down join the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Aug. 24 for the traditional end-of-Summer After Hours. This year, it will be at Plaza Lanes where they will host revelers in their lounge with complimentary food, a cash bar, door prizes and there will be bowling available later in the event for those who want to partake.

At the last two After Hours, over 100 people attended each event. Organizers hope to keep that trend going at Plaza Lanes. These events provide a great opportunity to meet a variety of people who can help you expand your own personal business network in a fun, energetic atmoshpere.

There is no fee to attend this event, but you should RSVP by contacting the chamber at teri@plymlouthchamber.org or call (734) 453-1540. Plaza Lanes is located at 42001 E. Ann Arbor Rd. The After Hours will run from 5-7:30

#### Old Village Restaurant Crawl

Sample some of Old Village's best cuisine Aug. 10 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. This year the Crawl features 6 venues. Last year's event was sold out, so organizers encourage people to buy their tickets now. Participating in the Crawl this year are: Crawford's Kitchen, Hermann's Olde Towne Grille, JoJo's Treats & Sweets, Liberty Street Brewing Co., Plymouth Fish & Seafood and



#### **New home**

Cindy Fletcher, who has run a State Farm insurance agency in Plymouth for many years, moved to a new location at 9295 Lilley Road. Pictured with Fletcher at her grand opening are her staff, clients and members of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's Ambassador Committee. To contact Fletcher call (734) 459-2023.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under and can be purchased at the Plymouth Chamber office through Aug. 8.

#### Penn Theatre

The Summer Cinema Matinee Series will start up on Thursdays in August following renovations on the theatre. Attractions include E.T. on Aug. 4, The Wizard of Oz on Aug. 11, Chicken Run on Aug. 18 and The Great Muppet Caper on Aug. 25. All shows begin at 1 and 7 p.m. and seats are only \$3.

#### Facebook workshop

Facebook can work for your business, but it takes the knowledge of how to use it

effectively. You also need to be able to attract your customers and potential customers to your page. Meaghan McCann of Ad Search Marketing is one of the leading experts in this area on social media and will provide you practical information you can use immediately to enhance your current page or start from scratch.

Since the workshops — the next one is Aug. 23 — about Facebook are some of our most popular, if you are interested in participating please sign up immediately. There is no cost to attend, but organizers can only accommodate 30 people. To RSVP, please contact the Chamber at teri@plymouthmich.org or call (734) 453-1540.

#### **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

#### Bank promotions

Bank of Ann Arbor's President and CEO Timothy Marshall has announced the following promotions:

 Rhonda Foxworth has been promoted to vice president and Marketing Department manager. Foxworth joined the bank in January 1999 as a Marketing Specialist. In January 2003, she was promoted to assistant vice president and Marketing Department manager with responsibility for overseeing all aspects of marketing, advertising, public relations and special events. Prior to joining Bank of Ann Arbor, Rhonda was the Marketing manager for nine years for Aristoplay, Ltd.

Foxworth holds a B.B.A. in Marketing and an M.B.A., both from Eastern Michigan University. She gives back to our community through service to various nonprofits including Ten Thousand Villages of Huron Valley, EMU's Marketing Advisory Board and Michigan Bankers **Association Marketing** Committee. She previously served on the board of directors of the Ann Arbor Symphony.

• Brandon Black has been promoted to mortgage loan officer. Black returned to Bank of Ann Arbor in May 2009 as a temporary mortgage department employee to help with the high volume of applications. He was hired permanently in August 2009. Black had previously been employed by Bank of Ann Arbor before relocating to Arizona with Wells Fargo as a mortgage lender.

Black has a B.A.from





University of Michigan. He gives back to our community through service on United Way Young Leaders Society.

 Pam Wetzel has been promoted to Credit Administration officer. Wetzel joined the Bank of Ann Arbor in March 1999 as a Credit Analyst in the Commercial Loan Department. In recognition of her work within the department she was promoted to senior credit analyst in 2003. While excelling at her regular duties, which include the underwriting and preparation of many of the boardlevel loan credit summaries, Wetzel stepped in to handle many department responsibilities as the team's workload increased significantly with the acquisition in May 2010 of the Plymouth Office (formerly New Liberty Bank).

Wetzel holds a B.A. from Kalamazoo College and a M.B.A. from Cal State Northridge. She is active in the community helping with financial analysis at United Way and with her church where she serves on several committees and is the chairperson of the Board of Trustees.

#### Beetle mania

The all-new 2012 Volkswagen Beetle features front and rear exterior lighting from Hella, including headlamps, fog lamps, front side markers, tail lamps, rear reflex

reflectors and a center highmounted LED stop lamp.

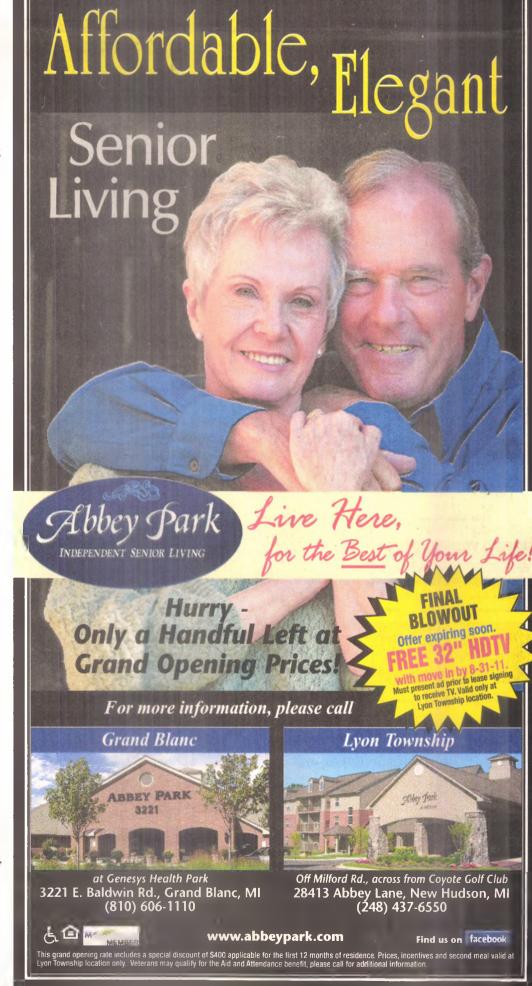
Introduced earlier this year at the New York Auto Show, the U.S. version of the new Beetle underlines Hella's position as a major supplier of automotive lighting.

"Hella's relationship with Volkswagen and the VW Beetle dates back to the first Beetle prototype in 1935 and the start of mass production in 1945," said Ignacio Moreno, CEO of Hella's Lighting Division in the Americas.

Speaking at a recent press conference at Pine Lake Country Club in suburban Detroit, he noted that "the partnership has continued with Hella Lighting on a variety of Beetle models over the years."

Hella began development of its lighting programs for the new 2012 Beetle in 2009. To develop the tail lamps, members of Hella's engineering and product development staff in Plymouth, led a core design team located in Lippstadt, Germany. The headlamps were designed by Hella's engineering team in the Czech Republic.

Hella will be providing halogen and HID versions of the headlamp for the American and European markets. The halogen headlamp uses a standard reflector system using an HB2/ H4 bulb for high and low beam. The daytime running lamp and position lamp functions are achieved by using one double filament bulb. Production of the halogen version of the headlamps for the new Beetle started earlier this year at Hella's facility in Mexico City.



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Nathan Pohl, 11, of Canton recently organized a fundraising yard sale for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, raising \$2,200 with the help of family, friends and neighbors. More than 30 families donated items for the sale

## Diabetes fundraiser had 'lots of prayers'

BY JULIE BROWN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Nathan Pohl hasn't found his diabetes all that hard to live with.

"There's really no limitations," said Pohl, 11, a Canton resident and homeschooler. The son of Mike and Cindy plays hockey and runs track.

He held a yard sale recently and raised \$2,200 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

'To help the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation," he said of his reason for the fundraiser, held for the second year. At least eight people helped this year, including with pricing.

"Lots of people donated stuff," he said. "We had lots of prayers for our cause.'

All items for the sale were

donated and those left over were given to charities such as the Salvation Army and Clothing Closet in Detroit, mom Cindy said.

"It was more like a rummage sale," she said. "We had so much stuff."

Nathan was diagnosed with Type I diabetes at age 9 and has good control of the condition, she said.

"He worked very hard" on the sale, Cindy said. "We had a lot of family and friends that

They appreciated all the help and donated items, some of which were unusual, including a toilet paper holder shaped like bicycle handlebars.

"It was the first thing that sold," Nathan said. "We laughed so hard."

games, contests and what

organizers called wild and

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lead the activities, though par-

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## 50 miles, 50 states, 50 days

Kidney recipient rides bike to raise awareness about need for organ donors

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Eighteen people die each day in the United States waiting for an organ transplant.

So this summer, David Landsberg rides. And rides. And rides.

Landsberg, a kidney transplant recipient in 1999, recently rode his bike through the local area, including a trip down Hines Drive on day No. 24 of his "Donors Rock Ride," his quest to ride his bike 50 miles in 50 states in 50 days.

Landsberg was joined at the Cycle to Fitness bike shop on Farmington Road in Livonia by six members of the Racing Greyhounds riding club and Jennifer Tislerics, special events and partnerships coordinator of the Gift of Life Michigan. Tislerics said the ride was a "great opportunity to spread his message.

Landsberg is riding his bike to educate the public and promote the need for registered organ, eye and tissue donors. More than 110,000 Americans are waiting for life-saving transplants.

Landsberg, who is partnering with Donate Life America on his Donors Rock Ride, began the ride July 4, the anniversary date Landsberg received his life-saving kidney from a 6-year-old boy.

"If there are no donors, there are no recipients," Landsberg said.

Landsberg, of Dallas, Texas, was born with polycystic kidney disease, a progressive degenerative disease that leads to renal failure, he said.

Both kidneys and his spleen were removed in 1998. He was on dialysis three days a week, four hours a day and, he said, he "watched a lot of people die."

"When you're sick, you start defining yourself by what's happening in your life," Landsberg said. "I would say I was a dialysis patient. Then one day I saw Kirk Douglas



David Landsberg rides his bike Wednesday in Hines Park as part of his Donors Rock Ride.



David Landsberg (third from left) was joined on his bike ride by members of the Racing Greyhounds and Jennifer Tislerics (second from left), special events and partnerships coordinator for Gift of Life Michigan.

interviewed by Barbara Walters after he had suffered a stroke. She asked him why he was so happy, and he replied, 'I'm thankful it's not worse."

At that point Landsberg thought about Christopher Reeves, who was paralyzed from his horse-riding accident, yet Reeves never gave up in his efforts to regain mobility. "I thought, 'I've got it easy," Landsberg said. "I was more

grateful for what I had versus what I didn't have."

Landsberg, founder of the Society for Organ Donor Awareness, calls July 4 his "Independence from Dialysis Day." He kicked off the ride in Austin, Texas, that day and will conclude it Aug. 23 in Oklahoma City.

His mission is also to register new donors in every state. Landsberg said he feels

"fantastic" and is thankful and grateful for the family who gave him his opportunity to live with the donated kidney.

Bike riding is "pretty grueling," doing the 50 miles day after day, he said.

"I want to get people's attention to what I'm doing and open up dialogue to the whole donor process," Landsberg said.

Landsberg has ridden his Specialized Roubaix bike 1,200 miles as of Wednesday. When he finishes in August, Landsberg will have ridden 2,600 miles. He added two more cities to bring the total number to 52 on the ride.

Anyone who wishes to join the Donor Registry can do so at www.giftoflifemichigan. org, by calling (800) 482-4881 or by visiting any Secretary of State branch office. Michigan residents who join the Donor Registry receive a red heart donor emblem for the front of their license or state ID card so they know they are fully registered.

#### Tiny Tot Olympics and Parksapalooza return Friday

Children and parents looking for a way to spend a summer day might want to check <mark>out Heritage Par</mark>k on Friday when two events, Tiny Tot Olympics and Parksapalooza,

return. Tiny Tot Olympics is scheduled for 10-11:30 a.m. offering games and fun for children ages 2 to 6. Every child who participates will be a gold medal winner and have a chance to hold flowers and be recognized as an outstanding athlete.

Parents are encouraged to bring their cameras. A \$3-perchild fee will be collected on site the day of the event.

Meanwhile, children ages 5 to 15 are invited to participate in the seventh annual Parksapalooza 1-4 p.m. They will get an afternoon of fun,



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#### **PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

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The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a proposal for Medical and Prescription Drug, Dental, Vision and Stoploss Carve Out Coverage (duplicate current Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Matt Duprey, Account Coordinator at (248) 430-2789 or matthew\_duprey@ajg.com. Technical questions should also be directed to Matt Duprey. Sealed proposals are due to the PCCS -E.J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI on or before 11:00 a.m., Monday, August 22, 2011. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district

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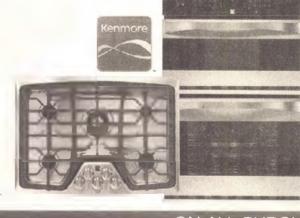
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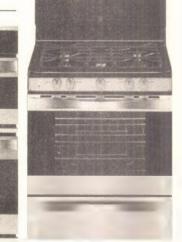
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## **OPINION**

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#### **OUR VIEWS**

between the two

districts.

## Something to savor P-C, Livonia cook on food service deal

School officials in Livonia and Plymouth-Canton should be salivating over the potential two-year deal between the districts to consolidate food service operations under Plymouth-Canton management.

It's a deal that makes sense for any number of reasons. Both districts are struggling financially, and a consolidation of these services could help both qualify for another \$100 per student in state funding under Gov. Rick Snyder's reform that rewards districts which con-

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And it makes sense to share the wealth. In two years, Hennessey has turned the Plymouth-Canton food service operation into a winning prospect, financially and nutritionally. Already, Dodson Elementary has earned the HealthierUS School Challenge Bronze Award,

and the other 15 elementaries seem poised to follow the lead.

Lisa Abbey, Livonia's finance chief, said she believes Plymouth-Canton would offer healthier and tastier food, get students through lines more quickly and increase participation by 20 percent, which would generate more revenue in the food services budget.

She said even though the districts are similar in size, 10,000 students purchase lunch at Plymouth-Canton schools compared with 4,000 at Livonia schools. If she's right — and there's no reason to think she's wrong — the financial boon could be even bigger for Livonia.

As Hennessey pointed out, combining with Livonia, a district with some 18,000 students, will give the partners better purchasing power when buying everything from food commodities to napkins and silverware. The potential savings there is great, as well.

The partnership won't come without glitches, of course. Hennessey may log more miles than a marathon runner splitting her time between the two districts. Livonia will hire an assistant, and Patty Russo, Hennessey's chief aide in Plymouth-Canton, will continue to be invaluable.

One of the best things about the deal is no jobs will be lost. Hennessey said Livonia will actually add 10 jobs to help deal with the changes.

More jobs. Money saved. Perhaps money earned, if the districts qualify under Snyder's plan. What's not to like?

"I think this is something that would reflect well on our dis-

tricts," LPS Trustee Gregory Oke said.

As much as for the financial benefit, the districts should be applauded for innovative thinking. When Livonia's food service chief left for another career opportunity, officials didn't simply settle for the expense of hiring a new director. They opened a dialogue with neighboring Plymouth-Canton and, voila, the deal was

"It shows if you start to think outside the box, you can be really innovative and do some things," Hennessey

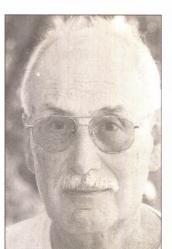
She's right. Administrators found a way to benefit both

sides, not always an easy task. It's a deal everyone can savor.

#### **COMMUNITY VOICE**

#### How are you surviving the heat?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



"Stay in the air conditioning. Also, I have a pool at our condominium."

Jim Turner
Plymouth Township



"We joined a pool club this year, so we're going to the pool club."

Amy McCusker Plymouth Township



"I don't know. ... I'm surviving. I'm born and raised in California, and I live in Michigan on purpose."

Beau Somerville
Plymouth Township



"I'm dripping a lot. You get used to it."

Norman Siira Plymouth Township

#### **LETTERS**

#### Colbeck has worked hard

In his first few months in office, our new state senator, Pat Colbeck, has worked hard for us and has performed well. During this short time, Pat has:

Fought any and all new taxes

 Improved the climate for businesses to create jobs by helping to replace the onerous Michigan Business Tax and by pushing to eliminate government impediments to economic development.

 Promoted health savings accounts and pushed for Michigan to opt out of nationalized health care, leaving health decisions between the doctor and patient, not federal bureaucrats

 Assisted in the timely creation of a balanced state budget - eliminating a huge projected deficit.

Worked to refocus our education system on results.

 Promoted true transparency from our government.

 Labored to ensure that our Constitution is upheld in every government decision.

After years of decline, our state is beginning to get back on the path to prosperity. Keep up the good work, Pat.

Tom Marchesano

**Marchesano** Plymouth

#### Making things up

In regards to the opinion article written by Don Zaksek, I want to know why

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the Observer allows guest writers to make things up?

In his opinion article "District needs merit-based pay scale" Mr. Zaksek claims the average teacher compensation with benefits is over \$107,000. That number is, simply put, a lie. The starting salary of a teacher in our district is under \$40,000 and with benefits of \$17,000 (Mr. Zaksek's number) that brings it to \$57,000.

Last year, PCCS hired more than 100 new teachers, equal to almost 10 percent of the total number. In addition, almost 25 percent of teachers have five or less

years of experience. With that many teachers at the low end of the pay scale, I find it difficult to figure out how the average is \$107,000. Maybe the very top of the scale comes close to his number, but certainly not the average.

Now that we've seen that the numbers don't add up, let's take a look at the actual argument of his opinion piece: merit-based pay for teachers.

In the first and only scientifically rigorous test of merit pay for teachers, conducted from 2006-09 by Vanderbilt University in partnership with the RAND Corp., it was found that merit pay had no impact on student achievement or test scores. Let me repeat: NO IMPACT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT OR TEST SCORES. These are the facts.

As a teacher, I work my hardest each and every day to reach all of my students. I take master's level classes. I attend subject matter workshops. I read about current pedagogical research. This is what improves teaching, not some subjective merit-based system that has been shown doesn't work.

People are entitled to their own opinions, but not to their own facts. I am disappointed the Observer printed Mr. Zaksek's misinformation or, as someone who doesn't like to use euphemisms would call it, his lies.

Bill Lembesis Canton

#### **ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS**



The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues, In Your Voices. Find more comments or join the discussion on the Web at hometownlife.com.

 In response to "Services set for Canton mother of four," Thursday, July 28:

"I knew this young woman, she was a very nice and sweet person. Her husband and her 4 beautiful children are in my thoughts and prayers. She just had a beautiful baby boy 3 months ago. She will be deeply missed."

SNCoggins

"This is heart wrenching for her family. I have known and worked with her dear mother for many years and she is a lovely, caring and giving woman. Her beautiful daughter was good and kind and has 4 little ones at home. Please send your prayers and kind thoughts to this broken hearted family."

lattewithskim

"This is so very sad. Prayers for this devastated family."

maturelady1

## District one step closer to bankruptcy

BY MICHAEL MALONEY
GUEST COLUMNIST

Board of Education took the district one step closer to an emergency financial manager at the end of June.

By a 7-0 vote, it approved a budget for the 2011-12 school year. Most of the audience was stunned when interim Supt. Jeremy Hughes recommended the board reject approximately \$10 million in cuts suggest-



Michael J. Maloney

ed by the administration. Then our elected representatives adopted a spending plan that exceeds revenue by approximately \$20 million.

Twelve months from now, using the district's own assumptions. P-C schools will be left with only \$70,000 in the fund balance. The "school

crowd" has made the argument for years no school district should carry a fund balance, and that the existence of positive fund equity was a license to spend without limit. I disagree with the analogy that the fund balance should be considered a "rainy day fund." A fund balance is similar to the working capital account of a commercial business. As any business owner knows, cash is required to fund day-to-day operations and keep the business going at those times when revenue doesn't come in exactly when it's needed.

Operating with a low fund balance adds terrible risk to daily operation of a school district. Since large districts like ours are primarily self-insured against disaster, a small fund balance also means should a tornado or other disaster strike one of our buildings, without a fund balance, we would not have the money to make repairs. This is an irresponsible position for any significant entity. Our kids deserve better.

The recurring problem of spending beyond our income actually gets compounded next year. The deficit for 2012-13 will be about \$26 million. If that doesn't concern you, consider this: Many of the assumptions made by the district in the budget are soft, and the problems may actually be significantly worse than stated.

For those of you who think that Lansing either caused this problem, or is likely to come in and save us, it would take approximately a \$1,400-per-student increase to fill the gap next year. Even the most optimistic board member can see the folly in believing that even if Lansing had the desire, it does not have enough money.

Of the \$26 million deficit, about \$4 million is attributable to "Lansing" and the rest to chronic increases over the past 15 years that were never addressed. Even if Lansing had the money, why would officials give it to a district which, like Detroit, completely failed to heed the warning signs or plan for the future? In the past seven years, the gap between revenue and spending has continually gotten worse and as result, our fund balance has continually gotten smaller.

As I try to make sense of our predica-

ment, I can only come to one logical conclusion (assuming this board is behaving logically). I believe the PCCS Board of Education has calculated that rather than make changes to its spending behavior (and the inevitable political heartburn), it purposely intends to bankrupt the school district in 2012, and create an "Us vs. Lansing" conflict, daring the governor to either cough up the extra \$26 million, or install an emergency financial manager and take over the district entirely. This would allow the board to "Blame Lansing." The school crowd believes Gov. Snyder simply won't allow a large suburban district like Plymouth-Canton to go bankrupt.

Our ship has hit the iceberg, but rather than plug the hole, our board chooses to listen to the music and enjoy the caviar, while the ship sinks. All seven board members should be profoundly ashamed. If they lack the courage to act, they should resign.

I am challenging the seven school board members to make a public statement and deny that this is their strategy, and if I am mistaken regarding their motive, tell us specifically what the strategy for success is. The public deserves to know if the board is choosing to gamble with the future of our children. If they choose not to provide detailed plans, we should all assume that my assertion is 100-percent on target.

Michael J. Maloney is a lifelong resident of the Plymouth-Canton community and a former president of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education.

## D.C. lessons: Try to keep financial house in order

**GUEST COLUMNIST** 

s I was writing this column, the politicians in Washington were debating then voting on raising the U.S. debt ceiling. However, they had not begun to address the bigger problems of the debt and the deficit.

I believed they would reach some compromise and there would be no disruption in Social Security or veteran benefits. Some of the issues, however, discussed and debated deserve comment.

I am happy that the conversation in Washington has changed dramatically over the last year or so. It wasn't too long ago that politicians were all talking about spend, spend and spend some more. Now, the conversation has changed and they are talking about fiscal responsibility. That is a positive development. Our country's debt has mushroomed over the last couple years and it is strangling future growth in America. The conversation about spending cuts is, a positive development.

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Rick Bloom

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where those spending cuts are and how they are implemented is a concern.

I have paid close attention to the childish behavior in Washington

and the most disappointing aspect of it has been how irresponsible our leaders have been. Whether it's members of Congress, the Senate, or the president, they all did nothing until the debt problem became a crisis. Shame on them. However, there is a lesson to be learned, and that is when dealing with our personal financial affairs we cannot afford to be as irresponsible as

our elected representatives. When you and I have a financial crisis, the key is to try to identify the problem as soon as possible and come up with a game plan to resolve it. In other words, do the exact opposite of what Congress and the president have done. When you address a problem

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before it becomes a crisis, you generally have more options available. When you delay and wait until the last minute, the options are limited.

I believe that you can't rush into decisions. Rather, you need to take your time and review the appropriate documents. One reason people got into trouble with their mortgages, particularly adjustable rate mortgages, is they never took the time to understand what they were signing.

Although our elected leaders don't take the time to read what their voting on, you and I can't afford to be that negligent. We have to be proactive.

If nothing more we should learn something from

what's been happening in Washington. We need to monitor our financial situation on a regular basis and when problems arise, don't ignore them. Work through them as soon as possible. That doesn't mean that when problems exist they are easy to solve, because they're not. However, delay-

ing and waiting until the last

minute only compounds the problem and makes it much more difficult. Good luck!

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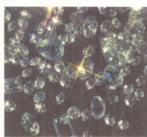
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## Rockets coach Anderson let go

#### Assistant Kovatch named

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In a stunning development, Mark Anderson is out and Eric Kovatch is in as Westland John Glenn varsity girls basketball coach.

Anderson, who guided the Rockets to a 19-4 overall record last season, was informed Monday by Wayne-Westland Schools athletic director Greg Ambrose that his contract would not be renewed for a third season.

Kovatch, who teaches science at Glenn, was a paid varsity assistant under Anderson last year and coached the Rockets freshman team the previous two seasons before the 2010-11 team was dropped due to a lack of interest.

The 6-foot-8 Anderson, who played basketball at Central Michigan University, is not a Wayne-Westland district employee.

The 38-year-old Kovatch, a native of Yale and a University of Michigan graduate, has taught in the Wayne-Westland Schools the past 10 years and is a member of the teachers union where he had the option to file a grievance if not given the position.

'There's a (job) posting period and all (coaching) contracts are terminated at the end of the school year," Ambrose said. "All positions at the end of the year are open and we have to consider all applicants. There' a whole process to the hiring and we sent it to Human

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Resources and it took some time to resolve.

"Nothing against Mark or what he was doing, but we had to go by what the (district) contract says. Based on what the contract says we had to honor it. You try and stick with those who have been coaching to keep the continuity, but sometimes you run into something like this and you have to make an adjustment."

Kovatch, who was an assistant girls track coach in the spring and will be the Rockets freshman football coach this fall, said he applied for the position when it was posted on May 1.

"I was encouraged by players and parents," Kovatch added. "I look forward to working with these girls. My bottom line — and the main goal and beyond — is to make sure they have a great experience and carry with them a good and wonderful high school experience. The basketball part will take care of itself."

After going 6-15 in his inaugural season as Glenn girls varsity coach, Anderson, with the help of three high-profile transfers, won 19 of 23 games with the only losses coming against Class A state champion Inkster (in the district final) and KLAA South Division rival and two-time state semifinalist Canton (three times).

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Paul Fried of Farmington Hills shows off his new recumbent bicycle that has enabled him to continue riding after a serious accident last year.

## Back on the bike

#### Recovered from injuries, Fried rides for CCFA again

BY DAN O'MEARA **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

The only person who thought Paul Fried would be able to ride in this year's Paul Fried Charity Ride was Paul Fried.

Doctors, family members and friends thought Fried would never ride a bicycle again, following a serious training accident last year.

But the 61-year-old Farmington Hills man was determined to participate in the event he started three years ago to benefit the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America.

"Nothing could keep me off the bike," Fried said. "After I got out of intensive care. I was already thinking about riding

"Where there's a will, there's a way. I love it. Riding is a passion for me. I would hate to give it up.

"Everybody said, 'Don't get your hopes up; you might not heal.' I said, 'Don't worry; I'm going to be fine."

And he is, now. Through sheer will, he'll be pushing the pedals at the fourth annual Charity Ride for CCFA on Saturday, Aug. 20, at Kensington Metropark in

Milford. Just two days after last year's ride, Fried and other cyclists were riding in a tight pack when Fried's bike collided with another.

He flew over the handle bars and suffered catastrophic injuries — a broken pelvis collarbone and ribs, a cracked spine and a collapsed lung

- when he landed on the pavement.

Fried's recovery has been nothing short of miraculous.

"That's what they told me in the hospital, considering my age and health situation," Fried said, adding an orthopedic surgeon put everything back together. "He said I probably wouldn't walk again for five or six months, fully unaided.

"I was very determined, and I did it in three and a half months. I consider myself extremely lucky, because I walked away from this with no residual effects. I could have been crippled; I healed up nicely. Maybe that's the power of positive thinking

Please see FRIED, B2

# JOHN MCFARLIN

Young Matthew McFarlin exudes confidence while going through patterns recently at the Novi Dojang.

## Boy wonder, 6, eyes black belt

At promptly 4:45 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday, Matthew McFarlin strides confidently through the huge gymnasium of Canton's Lifetime Fitness Center.

His destination: the choi kwang do dojang (classroom). Classes start at 5 p.m.

More often than not, he will lead the other students through warmup exercises before resuming his place at the rear of the group. For the next two hours, Matthew will participate in intricate patterns designed to promote self-defense, speed, balance and flexibility.

The bright red and black martial arts uniform he wears is a bit unusual in itself, but what surprises most observers is his age. On Aug. 6,

Matthew will test for his first-degree black belt, which is expected to make him one of the youngest ranking black belts in the country at just 6 years old.

So what exactly drives the pintsized dynamo who won't turn 7 until September?

"If I knew what it was, I would bottle it and sell it on TV," joked Matthew's dad, John McFarlin of Dearborn. "I'd be rich."

The youngster immediately took to choi kwang do after parents John and Arcelie McFarlin signed him up shortly after he turned 4.

"After his second class, I could tell, it was something he really, really liked to do," Arcelie said.

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## Menovcik's second 'good next step'

BY DAN O'MEARA OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The 2011 racing season "has been an on-and-off struggle" for Steve Menovcik due to a heel injury that doesn't heal quickly when you're a dedicated runner.

Menovcik was definitely on when he ran in the annual Founders Festival four-mile road race July 17 in Farmington, however.

The 42-year-old attorney was the men's Masters Division winner for the second year in a row, and he was the second runner overall across the finish line.

His goal was to break 22 minutes and he did, running well under that target time at 21:39.

Menovcik, who runs a lot of 5K and 10K races, puts it in the top 15 to 20 percent of his performances based on average time.

"I lost about nine weeks (of training because of the injury)," he said. "I've been working the last 10 weeks to try and get back. I was very happy and

pleased with how the race went and the time I ran."

Furthermore, Menovcik was less than a minute behind the overall men's winner — Emery Pitcel of Richmond, who ran 20:49 and is less than half Menovcik's age.

"I was happy with that," Menovcik said. "I got a chance to talk to him briefly, and he's a really good, young runner (from Grand Valley State University).

"I remembered him from last year. He passed me this year just before Mile 2. He runs a very smart, strategic race, and has a lot of potential at age 20."

Menovcik, a longtime Farmington Hills resident who works with the Michigan legislature and now lives in the Lansing area, competed in his fourth Founders Festival race.

"The Founders is the only four-mile race during the year," he said. "I actually like the distance. It speaks volumes about a race when the top four finishers come back to race," he said.

"Herman (Smith of the Farmington

Hills Recreation Division) does a great job with registration and running the race. It's always very well done; I'll always put that on the cal-

Menovcik is more of a longdistance runner, but he likes the Founders race as a nice change of pace.

He's won the Detroit Race for the Cure twice, in 2008 and 2009, and he's won the St. Mary Mercy Hospital 5K in Livonia three straight years.

Menovcik's best marathon finish was 13th overall in the 2009 Detroit event when he ran 2:48.41. That was just two weeks after running a marathon in the St. Paul, Minn.

He also ran the Houston Marathon (2:47.28) in January, and his best time remains the 2:41.47 he ran at the San Antonio Marathon in 2008. Golf had been Menovcik's sport of

choice until nine years ago when he started running. "I've loved it ever since," he said.

Please see MENOVCIK, B3



Steve Menovcik competes in the 2011 Josh Spalsbury Comet Chase 5K race in Grand Ledge on June 18.

#### **SIDELINES**

Haeger to Red Sox

Tim Wakefield may have some knuckleball company some day as the Boston Red Sox recently signed Livonia native Charlie Haeger, who was released earlier this month by the Seattle Mariners' Tacoma Rainiers of the AAA Pacific Coast

The 27-year-old right-hander, a Detroit Catholic Central High grad, went 2-2 with a 7.74 earned-run average for the Rainiers after undergoing back surgery earlier in the spring.

Haeger, who resides in Plymouth, had signed a minor league contract with the Mariners last year. He has spent parts of five Major League seasons (2006-10) with the Chicago White Sox, San Diego Padres and Los Angeles Dodgers.

In 34 major league games, Haeger is 2-7 with a 6.40 ERA in 83 innings.

#### **BCAM All-Stars**

Livonia Stevenson 6-foot-9 center Jalen Reynolds and Canton guard Dietrich Lever will play Saturday in the 32nd annual Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan All-Star Basketball Festival for seniors Saturday at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

The four-game slate starts with the Class C-D girls game, featuring Miss Basketball Jasmine Hines (Central Lake), at 2 p.m. followed by the A-B girls at 3:30 p.m. Farmington Hills Mercy guard Janelle McQueen will play for the White team in the A-B girls game

The Class C-D boys game, featuring Mr. Basketball Dwaun Anderson (Suttons Bay) starts at 5:40 p.m. (followed by a slam dunk contest). The A-B game completes the slate at 7:50 p.m.

Reynolds, headed to Brewster Academy (N.H.), will play for the A-B White team, while Lever will play for the A-B Black squad.

Tickets are priced at \$10, \$15 and \$20 and are available at TicketMaster and the Palace box office, or by calling (800) 745-3000.

#### Murphy sets marks

The Spartan Aquatic Club's Camden Murphy set a pair of records in last weekend's Michigan Long Course 14-and-Under State Championship meet held at Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium.

Murphy swam a 1:03.59 in the 100-meter backstroke to break the record of 1:04.94 (set in 1985) and the 50 butterfly in 28.5. He also captured the 200 butterfly (2:28.49), 50 backstroke (33.03) and took second in the 50 freestyle (27.48) and 100 freestyle (1:00.94).

#### Heersink medals

Livonia's Ian Heersink came away with three medals in last week's National Roller Figure Skating Championships held in Fort Wayne, Ind.

The 12-year-old, representing Riverside Arena in Livonia, captured a silver medal in the Elementary A Boys Circle Figures, along with bronze medals in the Boys Loops and Combined Figures.

It was the fourth consecutive year Heersink has medaled at the Nationals.

#### **O&E** men's golf

Registration is on for the 2011 Men's Observer & Eccentric Open, a 36-hole medal play event Sunday-Monday, Sept. 4-5, at Fox Creek and Whispering Willows golf courses.

The entry fee is \$95 and is limited to the first 120 golfers. There will be \$2,500 in guaranteed prizes in three different flights (championship, first and seniors 55 and up). Entries close 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27.

For more information, visit www.golflivonia.com or call (248) 476-4493.

## The Big Chill

#### Late Thunder Bay goal keeps Bucks from Final Four

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Thirteen-hour bus rides are never enjoyable.

But the Thunder Bay Chill made the long trek from northern Ontario well worth it with a 2-1 victory over the host Michigan Bucks for the Premier Development League's Central Conference title at Ultimate Soccer Arena's in

Pontiac.
Wilson Rodrigues Neto's unassisted goal in the 86th minute coming off a corner kick restart proved to gamedeciding goal and propelled the Ontario team into next weekend's PDL Final Four.

"That's what we're all about, we do a lot of traveling," Chill coach Tony Colistro said. "This was actually one of our shorter trips.

"A lot of the guys came back from last year's (Final Four) team that had a lot of experience, they really wanted to go there. But they knew it was going to be a tough path and the Bucks had been there many times before, too."

Thunder Bay's first goal came off a restart.

Midfielder Gustavo OliveiraArajuo De F scored in the eighth minute off a free kick from 20 yards out to stake the Chill (14-2-2) to a 1-0 lead.

"I was trying to switch up the wall," said Bucks goal-keeper and Livonia Stevenson High grad Mitch Hildebrandt said. "It was just my mistake. The kid hit a ball, it went through the wall and deflected. It took a short hop and went right over me. If I could do it 20 more times I'd probably save 19. It was just a tough pill to swallow on that

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The Bucks (13-3-2), however, evened the count at 1-all when Stewart Givens drilled a penalty kick into the lower left corner net just three minutes later.

But that was the only goal Thunder Bay goalkeeper Stephen Paterson would yield the rest of the night.

The Bucks, coming off a dramatic 3-2 double-overtime win the night before in the conference semifinal over the Des Moines (Iowa) Menace, seemed to slow down at the start of the second half.

It also didn't help when Bucks had to play a man down after midfielder Thomas Catalano left to got to the locker room just before halftime to have a bloody cheekbone re-stitched.

Catalano did return early in the second half, but there was a shift in play.

"I thought we were getting caught with our outside backs, coming up too soon and they (Thunder Bay) were coming back on the counters early in the second half and it kind of put us back on our heels," said Bucks coach Gary Parsons. "They did amp it up and they played much better in the second half. In the first half we didn't put our chances away, and in the second half they kind of equalized the game, stepped it up and got a good goal."

Hildebrandt, who plays for Oakland University, also saw the same pattern develop.

"They (Thunder) came out really well in the second half," he said. "We came out – too many gaps. We were all over them the first half and that kind of played into us going

forward and getting caught."
Rodrigues Neto's goal, a
laser shot off a deflection, then
sealed the Bucks fate.

"We haven't done well (on restarts)," Colistro said. "We were getting a lot of corners, but we hadn't been capitalizing. We have been practicing them a lot with Wilson, who got the game-winning goal, as our key player. Usually he's heading the ball into the net, but we'll take it any way we can get it."

Although the Bucks fell short of their goal of reaching the PDL's coveted Final Four, they did capture the Great Lakes Division of the Central Conference.

"These guys are a pleasure to have," Parsons said. "They're all good players. I'm very, very happy with the commitment they made over the summer time. That's the most difficult thing keeping these guys going during the summer time because it's also vacation time with the guys out of school and stuff.

"To get that to make the commitment and play for you all summer, and balance the schedules, and maybe give up some things . . . it's sacrificing and I love them. The guys are great."

Hildebrandt, who had an eight-match shutout string snapped in the semifinals, also benefitted from the summer experience.

"I'll take away friendships," he said. "These were a great group of guys. It was great playing with them. Everybody gave heart. With my play... I was consistent through 18 games. It was good."

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Hard-kicking Matthew McFarlin shows his stuff during Northville's Fourth of July parade.

### BLACK BELT

At that time, classes were being instructed by Master Dorothy Stoddard. Michael Ayerst took over the Canton choi program when Master Stoddard retired to devote full time to her new duties as a grandma.

The McFarlins initially were apprehensive that it might affect Matthew's progress, but if anything it seemed to make him even more determined.

"We asked him if it was going to bother him to have a different teacher, and he said 'Nope' and that was that," Arcelie said.

What exactly attracted young Matthew to martial arts?

According to John, "If I had to make a guess, I would tell you that he got it from watching the WWE (World Wrestling Entertainment) on TV. He wanted to be like Shawn Michaels, who called himself 'The Heartbreak Kid.'

"Shawn was known for a high kick maneuver he called 'sweet chin music' and Matthew was trying to do it himself. We figured that choi kwang do would be the way to go, because they promoted self-defense without advocating any kind of physical contact."

These days, the "Sweetheart Kid" is almost like any other 6-year-old. He plays soccer, enjoys T-ball, bowling and fishing and is taking swimming classes at the Canton Lifetime Fitness Center.

#### YOUNG AND PROUD

Matthew, who will be entering second grade at Howard Elementary in Dearborn this fall, recently joined the Choi Demo Team based out of Novi. As one of the youngest and most advanced junior students, it makes him proud to be part of such a tightly organized squad.

The Demo Team performs choreographed routines set to music for conventions, seminars and at monthly color belt tests held in Novi. Most recently, they were seen at the Northville Fourth of July Parade.

Sabumnin (which means teacher or instructor in Korean) Ayerst put Matthew's accomplishments in perspective.

"If he keeps going the way he has, working hard at it, by the time he's 22 years old he belt, which would make him the youngest, highest ranked black belt in the world," Ayerst said. "But if nothing else, we've given him the tools to succeed in whatever he wants in life. He can be anything he wants to be."

And as for the parents?
"I used to cry like a baby
every time Matthew would
earn a higher color belt," John
said. "But he's been promoted
so many times that these days
my eyes just get a little misty."

According to Arcelie,
"Matthew has put a lot of hard
work into his choi lessons. He's
a good boy, the best thing in
our lives."

As a reward for his last promotion, to brown belt senior, the parents purchased Matthew tickets for The Wiggles concert held July 29 at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Aren't The Wiggles an act for little kids you might ask? Yes, they are. But at 6, Matthew is still little. He likes The Wiggles.

And maybe someday, who knows, World Wrestling Entertainment might be looking for a new "Heartbreak Kid"

This article was submitted to the Observer

## **Plymouth Canton Cruisers seize state title**

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After being hired last March, Josh and Alexandra Morgan have made quite a splash as swim coaches for the Plymouth Canton Cruisers.

The Cruisers were in cruise control last weekend, capturing the team title in the 2011 Michigan Long Course 14-and-under State Championships held at Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium.

The combined girls and boys teams accumulated 1,116 and 967 points, respectively, for a grand total of 2,083 to seize the crown in the 57-team field in a meet which was co-hosted by the Cruisers and Bulldog Aquatic Club.

Kingfish Aquatic and Club Wolverine placed second and third overall with 1,942 and 1,485.5, respectively.

1,485.5, respectively.

The Cruisers' Jon Wang was the top individual point-getter for Boys 10-and-under with a total of 109 including firsts in the 100-meter freestyle (1:08.16), 200 freestyle (2:25.36) and 400 freestyle (5:04.54).

He also took a second in the 200 individual medley (2:49.33) and a third in the 100 butterfly (1:17.29).

Wang also teamed up with Eric Liu, Gabriel Cohen and Tristen Shao for first in the 400 medley (5:37.26) and 400 freestyle (5:01.51) relays.

Liu also took third in the 50 backstroke (38.57).

Another Cruisers standout

#### SWIMMING

was Jack Walsh, who was runner-up in individual points with 107 thanks to firsts in the 100 backstroke (1:03.51), 400 IM (4:47.82) and 200 breast-stroke (2:17.16).

Walsh added a second in the 200 IM (2:16.9) and teamed up with James Xue, Max Conblath and Socrates Papageorgiou for firsts in the 800 freestyle (8:36.38) and 400 medley (4:20.67) relays.

Papageorgiou contributes firsts in the 100- and 200 breaststroke events with times of 1:09.89 and 2:35.7, respectively, along with a third in the 200 IM (2:20.59).

Not to be outdone in the Girls 13-14 age division was the Cruisers' Miranda Tucker, who tied for second overall in points (114).

She placed first in the 100 breaststroke (1:14.57), 200 IM (2:25.18) and 200 breaststroke (2:41.56).

Tucker also added second in the 100 butterfly (1:05.8) and was a member of three firstplace relay teams.

The foursome of Hannah Jenkins, Lisa Zhang and Linda Zhang set a state record in the 400 medley relay (4:35.65) and won the 800 freestyle relay (9:06.19).

Tuckers, the Zhang sisters and Emily Toro also won the

400 freestyle relay (4:07.26). Linda Zhang also finished second in the 100 breaststroke (1:15.72) and placed third in the 200 breaststroke (2:47.43) and 200 IM (2:29.07).

In the Girls 11-12, Meghan Mans led the way for the Cruisers with a first in the 100 backstroke (1:11.18); second, 50 backstroke (33.37) and 100 backstroke (2:33.45); and third in the 400 freestyle (4:48.12).

The Cruisers' quartet of Mans, Katie Xu, Emma Noonan and Nicole Pumper placed third in the 400 freestyle (4:27.15) and 400 medley (4:52.25) relays.

Xu also added a second in the 200 breaststroke in 2:56.05).

Michael MacGillivray (Boys 11-12) earned top three finishes in four different events for the Cruisers led by his win in the 200 backstroke (2:36.04). He also took second in the 100 backstroke (1:12.7) and thirds in the 50 backstroke (34.41) and 400 IM (5:32.2).

In the Girls 10-and-under, Jenna Chen placed third the 50- and 100 breaststrokes with times of 42.19 and 1:32.6,

respectively.
Chen, Kylie Goit, Anne
Tustian and Miranda Li were
runner-up in the 400 medley
relay (5:54.29) and third in the
400 freestyle relay (5:23.12).

The Cruisers now move on to the 14-and-under USA Swimming Zone Championships representing Team Michigan at the IUPUI Natatorium, Aug. 5-8, in Indianapolis, Ind.

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Fried, the co-owner of an accounting firm, was diagnosed with Crohn's disease when he was 20. His injuries were made worse by the fact he also has osteoporosis, the result of taking steroids to treat the Crohn's disease.

"Doctors warned me about that, if I got in an accident," he said. "Never in my wildest imagination did I anticipate something like this.

"I'm very lucky; I cracked my helmet, but I didn't have any head injuries. I've had a lot of close calls in life, but somebody up there likes me. I'm still here and still plugging along."

#### REACHING COMPROMISE

Fried's determination to ride a bike again led to serious discussions and even arguments with family members and friends.

"I've always felt there's an answer to everything," Fried said. "My friends and business partner were extremely nervous about me resuming the sport."

The *answer* was a recumbent bike, which has the rider seated in a reclined position instead of being forward leaning on the handlebars.

That was the solution, the compromise, that resolved the debate between Fried and others concerned about his safety. Fried sits even closer to the ground and is further reclined in his version of the recumbent

bicycle.

"It's a racing bike," he said.

"It's built for speed and it's
very fast. I didn't think I would

Churchill gymnastics

The Livonia Churchill gym-

and-up will be 6-8 p.m. Monday

nastics camp for girls ages 11-

through Friday, Aug. 8-12.

tion, e-mail camp director

and Churchill coach Kelly

For more informa-

The fee is \$79.



Katie Fried, who admires her dad's positive attitude and determination, and Paul Fried take in a Tigers game together.

enjoy it as much as I am.

"It came in six weeks ago, and I've been riding it ever since. I love it. I did 35 miles on Sunday morning, so I'm happy with my progress. I'm ahead of where I thought I'd be at this point."

#### HOW TO PARTICIPATE

The Aug. 20 event will be a 25-mile ride. To participate or make a donation, see the website at online.ccfa.org/paulfriedcharityride2011 or send an e-mail to PAF123@ aol.com.

"I may go the whole 25, but I'll probably just do two laps and 16, so I can spend some time talking to some riders there," Fried said.
"I would love to do the full

event, and I know I can do it. My goal this summer is to get up to 50 to 55 miles at a time."

Fried's other goal is to raise \$10,000 again, as the event did last year with 75 riders. He hopes to increase that amount by one or two thousand. He added 100 percent goes to CCFA.

Fried hadn't ridden a bike

in 40 years until 2007 when he began training for a 210mile ride to benefit CCFA in Seattle. He was exhausted but hooked after he did the full

Due to health concerns, none of his doctors would sign the permission form the next year. That's when he got the idea to start the Paul Fried Charity Ride for CCFA and have an event closer to home.

"I developed a philosophy
4I years ago when I was diagnosed with Crohn's," Fried
said. "My attitude has always
been I truly can overcome anything. I look on the bright side
no matter how many times I
end up in the hospital. It's a
bend in the road, and I can

overcome any obstacle.

"My daughter, Katie, always says: 'I'm so proud of you; you've overcome so much and always have a wonderful attitude.' I don't want to go through life thinking, 'Woe is me.' I'm not going to let illness define me or get me down. My attitude is to control my life and how I live it."

#### **Warrior Dashers**

Livonia Churchill High alums Quinn Osgood (right), Ryan Keeling (middle) and Stephen Charnley (left) finished runner-up, fourth and 13th, respectively, in the Boys 14-19 age division Sunday at the Warrior Dash, a 5-kilometer adventure race held in Mount Morris. The two-day 3.1mile cross country foot race, which attracted a field of nearly 5,700, featured 11 obstacles including fire-jumping, rope-swinging and mud-crawling (under barbed wire). Osgood, a 2010 Churchill grad, was fourth overall in 24 minutes, 20.2 seconds (7:51 per mile), while Keeling, another 2010 alum, was eighth in 25:07.3 (8:06 per mile). Charnley, who graduated in June, placed 51st overall in 28:03.4 (9:03



#### SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Grodzicki at kgrodzic@gmail. com; or Sara Wilchowski at

#### sarahwichowski@gmail.com. Madonna girls softball

Madonna University and the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will run a summer girls softball camp (ages 8-15) from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, Aug. 15-19 at Livonia's Bicentennial Park (Diamond No. 3).

The cost is \$200 (resident) or \$210 (non-resident). Participants should bring water and a lunch.

Registration forms are available online at www.ci.livonia.mi.us.
For more information, call

For more information, call (734) 466-2900.



#### **Hawks champions**

The Westland Youth Athletic Association Hawks capped a 13-4 season by defeating the Livonia Seawolves, 7-5, Saturday at Livonia's Bicentennial Park for the 16-and-under Colt Inner-City League championship. Members of the Hawks include (first row, from left): Chris Scheffer, Devon Spalding, Austin Hovermale, Austin Wilson; (second row, from left) Jeffrey Tromans, Tyler Dingman, Kyle Hunter, Alex Harris; (third row, from left) coach Steven Hovermale, Chase Bovia, coach Greg Hovermale, Marcus Washington, Ryan Schaffer, coach Joe Schaffer and manager Jeff Bovia.

## 15U Concealed Security off to quick series start

BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

So far, so good for the Concealed Security in the 15-and-under USSSA International World Series held in Crystal Lake, Ill.

The Livonia-based team advanced out of its pool with a 5-0 record and earned a fourth-seed in the 24-team elimination double-elimination round tournament.

Concealed won its fifth straight Monday with a sixinning (mercy rule) win over the Cleveland (Ohio) Hit Club as Kevin Nisun (Livonia Franklin) went 3-for-3 with

four RBI and two runs score. Austin Stevens (Livonia Stevenson) added two hits, including a double and two RBI, while pitcher Zach Schmidtke (Dearborn Heights/Divine Child) was the

winning pitcher. In Saturday's pool play open-

#### SANDLOT BASEBALL

er, John Slater (Southfield) got the win in relief and drove home Nisun and Dee Jawad (Dearborn Heights) with the game-winning two-run singled in the top of the seventh to beat the Lake County (Ill.) Sidewinders, 7-6.

Slater went 3-for-4 with three RBI and struck out four in 1.2 innings in relief of starter Alex Padilla (Romeo).

Nisun also went 2-for-2 in opening-round victory.

In Round Two on Saturday, Padilla went 2-for-3, including a grand slam and six RBI in a 13-2 victory in five innings (mercy rule) over Genoa City

Winning pitcher Kenny Miller (Lakeland) limited the Wisconsin team to three hits and struck out six. On Sunday, Concealed

opened with a 5-2 win over

the Illinois Sparks as Slater went 3-for-4 at the plate and got the save in relief of Stevens, who allowed just two hits and struck out seven in five innings to pick up the vic-

Nisun also added two hits. Stevens then came through with a pinch-hit 3-run triple as Concealed quieted the Illinois Thunder in six-inning mercy, 18-5.

Lane Gusler (Woodhaven) was the winning pitcher, while Alex DeYonker (Franklin) closed out the win in relief.

Concealed, which improved to 30-18 overall, received a first-round bye and was scheduled to meet the winner of the game between the No. 13 seed and No. 20 seeds.

The tournament featured a field of 36 in six different pools including teams from Japan, Brazil and Sri Lanka.

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#### RU boys soccer

Redford Union High boys soccer conditioning sessions will be from 5-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday at Hilbert Middle School, and Fridays at the RU weight room.

For more information, call RU boys varsity soccer coach Jim Gibbs at (313) 995-4234.

#### Home Run Derby

Once again, they'll be knocking it out of the park for the Miracle League of Plymouth.

The second annual Dale Rumberger Home Run Derby is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6 at Salem High School's varsity baseball field.

High school players from KLAA teams who competed in 2011 have been invited to participate, along with players from Novi-Detroit Catholic Central and other schools in the area.

All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Miracle League of Plymouth to benefit ongoing maintenance of The Bilkie Family Field.

The Miracle League of Plymouth was established in 2010 by the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M.

For more information about the derby, e-mail Barker at tcbarker114@yahoo.com.

To learn more about Miracle League of Plymouth, go to www. miracleleagueplymouth.org.

#### Youth baseball tryouts

• Tryouts for 2012 Canton Cardinals travel baseball

#### SPORTS ROUNDUP

teams will be Sunday, Aug. 7, and Sunday, Aug. 21 at Heritage Park.

On Sunday, Aug. 7 and on Sunday, Aug. 21, the following tryout sessions include: 8:30-10:30 a.m., 9-and-under; 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 10and-under; 12:30-2:30 p.m., 11-and-under; 2:30-4:30 p.m., 12-and-under; 4:30-6:30 p.m., 13-and-under; 6:30-8:30 p.m., 14-and-under.

Players are encouraged to attend both tryout sessions per age group, but must attend at least one session to be considered for the team. The age group is determined by the player's age on April 30, 2012.

For more information, contact Canton Cardinals baseball commissioner Alan B. Zidzik at (313) 805-2756.

• Tryouts for the 2012 Motor City Chiefs Baseball Club, a 10-and-under team, will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8 and 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 13 at UAW Local 735 Field, 48055 Michigan Avenue, Canton.

The Plymouth-Canton based Chiefs, who welcome players from all communities, will play in the KVBSA as well local tourneys.

If unable to attend tryout dates an evaluation can occur before Aug. 13.

For more information, call (734) 377-3123; or e-mail motorcitybaseball@gmail.com.

 Open baseball tryouts for the newly-formed 11-andunder Dearborn Heights Knights will be at 10 a.m. to

noon Saturday, Aug. 6 and 6:30-8:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 8, at Canfield Arena Field, located on Kinloch (south of Ford Road) between Beech Daly an Inkster, in Dearborn

Players from all communities are welcome and you need to attend only one of two sessions. Arrive 15 minutes prior

to each session. For pre-registration information, call head coach Brad Ebben at (248) 924-0489; or e-mail bebben1att.net.

• Tryouts for the 11-andunder 2012 Canton Cobras will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7, 14 and 21 at Massey Field, located at Plymouth and Haggerty roads, in Plymouth.

The Cobras will play in the KVBSA along with two fall tourneys and eight spring and summer tournaments.

For more information, call Jack Murray at (734) 968-5808; or e-mail murray6@ woway.com.

• Tryouts for the 15-andunder 2012 Great Lakes Cardinals will be from noon-2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21 at Massey Field, located at Haggerty and Plymouth roads, in Plymouth.

The Cardinals will be a tournament team only with three-to-four tourneys scheduled following the high school baseball season.

For more information, call Jack Murray at (734) 968-5808; or e-mail murray6@ woway.com.

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"The running community is a great group of people, and I've made so many friends through running.

"I'm a very competitive person to begin with, and it provides me with the opportunity to compete. I love to compete with the best runners out there, and I don't shy away. I like to challenge myself and see where I stand against other runners. "Every weekend there's a

race some place. I've done 32 marathons in nine years. That's what I focus on, but I love doing 5Ks, 10Ks and halfmarathons.'

Menovcik's means of recreation and even relaxation is a good training run after work.

"I'll come home and put on my shoes and head out," he said. "I like to get out and run for an hour. On weekends, if I'm training for a marathon, I'll be doing some longer runs.

"If I can put a race on the calendar, it motivates me to continue training even during the really hot days when you don't want to go out there. If I have a race coming up, it forces me to get out there."

Menovcik added he made good progress in the Founders race in his comeback from the injury.

"The pace was a little slower than you would probably expect," he said. "Admittedly, I got a little impatient and went out and took the lead until Emery passed me.

"I knew he was going to win, but I was very pleased with the way I was able to run the second half. It was very hot and everybody was trying to be a little conservative with the pace to try to save something for the second half.

"It was a good experience, and I was very happy with the overall result, working my way back off the injury. It was a good next step to get ready for some future races.



#### Storm takes title

Livonia's Storm, a 10-and-under girls travel softball team, capped a stellar summer season by capturing a tournament recently in St. Joseph. Team members include (bottom row, from left): Madeline Schornack, Emily Paluk, Jenna McCann, Elena Wioncek, Maggie Bacigal; (middle row, from left) Kourtney Klatt, Camryn Cork, Maria Targosz, Elizabet McCann, Catherine Olchanski, Sarah Mesack, Jenna Kwiecinski; (top row, from left) coaches Joe Schornack, Elizabeth Bacigal and Bob Bacigal.

"I'm disappointed the way the thing went down," Anderson said. "We had a lot of success and lost to just two teams — those games may have been ugly, but we got better as the season went

Seven players return off last year's squad including starters Joslyn Massey (transfer from Detroit Renaissance), Erica Covile (transfer from Detroit Cody), Shakeya Graves (transfer from Detroit King) and Kaira Barnes, along with key reserves Abbey Wright, Stephany Brown and C.J.

Hickerson. **Even though we didn't**  have a freshman team, I allowed him (Kovatch) on my staff to get paid," Anderson said. "I thought it was underhanded the way the guy went about it. What can you do? We went 19-4. He knew the girls would be successful. The guy is doing it for selfish reasons."

Anderson previously served as a boys JV coach and varsity assistant at Glenn for 10 seasons under both Joel Lloyd and Dan Young before replacing Mike Schuette (now the boys varsity coach at Wayne Memorial) for the 2009-10

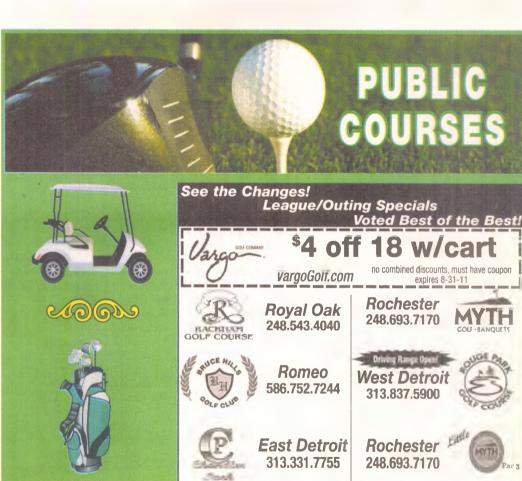
"I thought I did a good job and my reputation speaks for itself," Anderson said. "I'm not happy with the decision and did not agree, but rules are rules. I'm so darn frustrated because I had a good rapport with the students and faculty. I always put John Glenn first.'

When asked about Anderson being unseated as varsity coach, Kovatch simply stated: "I have no comment."

Kovatch said he has already put together a staff of assistant coaches which includes parents Lowell Massey (varsity) and Genesis Barnes (JV), along with Glenn girls varsity track coach and faculty member James Fitzgerald (freshman). Meanwhile, Anderson said

he is not done coaching. "Maybe I'll be back with the boys," he said. "I still want to coach in some capacity. I love to coach."

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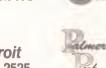
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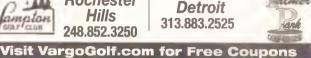
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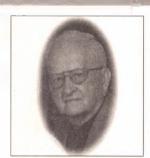






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BURKHART, RICHARD C.

Age 84, Aug 1, 2011 of Canton. Beloved husband of Lucille Loving father of Richard, Jr. (Judy), Sandra (Flem) Stiltner, Linda (Eric) Partitiogen Edward (Margery) Burkhart, Karen (Tom) Miller and Mary Ann (Greg) Ferrell. Proud grandfather of 14 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. Dear brother of Ernest (Esther), Doris (the late Lou) Schoop, the late Homer (Lois), Paul (Pat), the late Edna (Lester) Cummings and William (Gayle). Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday 3-8 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 Newburgh Rd (btwn Ford & Cherry Hill) Westland. Funeral Service Thursday 11 AM at the funeral home. Interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Crosswalk Community Church of the Nazarene 38600 Palmer Rd. Westland, MI 48186. To share memories please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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BUSH, BARBARA J.

Of Plymouth, Mi age 65 passed away July 2011. She was born in Dearborn, Mi, the daughter of Clyde & Blanche (Lark) Thrasher. She grew up in Dearborn and met her husband Donald E. Bush at the Dearborn Youth Center. They dated for five years and married on June 11, 1966. Barbara attended Detroit Business College and worked as a legal secretary and as an executive secretary at ARA Food Service before becoming a co-owner in O. & D. Bush Jewelers, for 30 years. Barb raced Corvettes with her husband at local, state, and national level, participating in autocross and tracks racing across the country. She earned many club and regional championships. She was a member of the Corvette Club of Michigan, and the National Council Corvette Clubs, for 35 years and the legend Corvette Club. She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Donald Bush of Plymouth, Mi and daughter Tammy Cameron of Concord, N.C. and son in law Dave Cameron. Her brother Ken (Linda) Thrasher of Sterling Heights, Mi. A funeral service was held from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth on Tuesday, August 2, 2011. Memorials may be made to made http://www.pancan.org/ or mail to Pancreatic Cancer Action Network 1500 Rosecrans Ave Ste 200 Manhattan Beach, Ca 90266-3721 in Tribute of Barbara J. Bush. Entombment Glen Eden Cemetery Share memories at:

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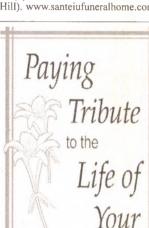
#### LEE, ARTHUR, J.

Age 90, January 29, 1921-August 1, 2011. Beloved husband of the late Jeanne. Father of Michael (Sharlene), Suzanne (Bill) Bowman, Gordon J and Shirley A. (Peter) Santino. He is the grandfather of 8 and great grandfather of 5. WWII Navy Veteran and retired from Ford Motor Livonia Transmission. Visitation at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 W. Six Mile today, Thursday 4-9 pm and 10 am Friday before procession to Parkview Memorial.

www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com.

#### MIKA, VICTOR

Age 65, July 28, 2011. Preceded in death by his parents, Stanley & Margaret. Survived by his loving sib-lings, Marge (Raymond) Gabel, Mike (Joyce), Tony, Stan (Nancy) and many nieces and nephews. Best friend of Wally and Sue Pociask. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force. Memorial gathering Thursday 2pm until the Memorial service at 5pm at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill), www.santeiufuneralhome.com



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RUCKER, WILLIAM JAMES, SR.

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Age 88, of Beckley, passed away Sunday, July 31, 2011 at his residence. Born July 1, 1923 in Ashland, KY, he was the son of the late John Garrett and Mildred Pratt Rucker. William was President and Chairman of the Board of Mt. Eagle, Proud Eagle and Northern Eagle Distributors. He was a member of the Beckley Presbyterian Church and a U.S. Army veteran of WW II. He was a Kentucky Colonel for 58 years and was looked upon as a Kentucky gentleman who wore a suit and tie everyday of his working life, lived by his word and did business with a handshake. He never believed in retirement and worked up until a year before he died. William had a love for thoroughbred horse racing and loved to attend the Kentucky Derby which he did for 60 consecutive years. He is survived by his wife to whom he was married for 55 years, Patricia Ann Johnson Rucker, son William James Rucker, Jr. of Beckley daughters, Cynthia Rucker Parkes of Winchester, VA, Catherine Rucker Parkes of Grand Rapids, MI and Carol Jo Rucker Butera of Dearborn, MI and 10 grandchildren. Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m. Friday, August 5, 2011 at the Beckley Presbyterian Church with Rev. Robin Debnam officiating. Friends may visit with the family at the church from 11:00 a.m. until service time on Friday. Pallbearers will be Bradley Parkes, William James (BJ) Rucker, III, Brian Rucker, Patrick Parkes and Chad Parkes. On line condolences may be left at www.calfeefh.com. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Hospice of Southern West Virginia, P.O. Box 1472, Beckley, WV 25802 or The Beckley Presbyterian Church, 203 S. Kanawha St. Beckley, WV 25801. Arrangements by Calfee Funeral Home, Beckley.



## **Vacation Bible** School makes peace a priority

BY SHARON DARGAY

The Rev. Karen Poole hopes to plant the seeds of peace through art, dance, drama, games and photography during Nardin Park United Methodist Church's annual Vacation

The Farmington Hills church has offered Vacation Bible School for many years, but it's the first time Poole has directed the program — and she has added a few new wrinkles this

'We've chosen not have a fee this year. This needs to be our gift to the community," she said, adding that church members sometimes enroll grandchildren in the program or invite

friends. She also created her own curriculum with a peace theme in lieu of purchasing a ready-made lessons, which the church had done in the

past. "It's because I'm an independent thinker and I believe peace

begins with ourselves as individuals," she said. "We live in a community that is multicultural ... we don't always take the same journey, but we need to respect each other.'

Poole has planned a variety of projects to underscore scriptural references to peace and peacemaking and to spark dis-

Youngsters will photograph scenes of peace, which will become a part of a collage or calendar and they'll decorate squares of material for a peace quilt. They'll also work in clay on personal totem poles and will create peace poles for their

"We may do a walking prayer from the sanctuary to the classrooms. Each time you take a step you say scripture such as 'Blessed are the peacemakers.' A woman in our church has a degree in dance and she will work with the children, along with music," Poole said. "On Thursday night we'll have sharing time with parents, neighbors, grandparents."

Students will make their own snacks and games will help participants learn to work cooperatively.

Classes also will support an overseas mission. Poole plans to offer a few suggestions and help youngsters decide on one project. Last year each student received a change purse made from a blue jean pocket to help them collect donations for the

"I remember one boy last year said 'I brought my whole week's allowance and I didn't want to keep any of it." She said Vacation Bible School drew about 60 children last

year, but can accommodate approximately 100 youngsters. Sessions will run 9:15 a.m.-noon, Monday-Friday, Aug. 15-19 at the church, 29887 West 11 Mile. Call (248) 476-8860 or visit www.nardinpark.org to register.

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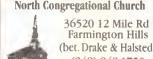
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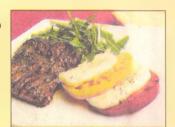
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## Jazzing it up

#### Local newcomers join seasoned musicians at annual festival

**BY SHARON DARGAY O&E STAFF WRITER** 

Bill Scanlon and his fellow musicians in The Midnight Players will bring a youthful twist to the Plymouth Elks Lodge's second annual Outdoor Jazz Festival this month.

Scanlon, a Plymouth resident and a music major at Grand Valley State University, couldn't be happier knowing his group will share the stage with such local jazz heavyweights as George (Sax) Benson, Ron Kischuk, Judie Cochill, Jerry McKenzie and Johnny Trudell.

"It's really exciting to be able to meet these guys. We're really excited and I think we're ready for it," he said. "I hope I can show that kids today are not all just listening to hip hop and rock. There's a more diverse crowd in our genera-

"Johnny Trudell is going to be playing a tune with us. That's going to be great for us. I'm looking forward to meeting him."

Trudell and show announcer Paul Hunt of Redford are coordinating the festival, which will run 1-7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14, at the lodge, located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, west of Haggerty, in Plymouth.

Performers will include The Midnight Players, McKenzie's Just Jazz Group, Kischuk's Tartarsauce Traditional Jazz Band with Judie Cochill on vocals, George (Sax) Benson Quartet, the Johnny Trudell Quintet and the Gene Parker Jazz Quartet from Toledo, Ohio. Admission is \$10, which includes a beverage ticket and a food ticket. Audience members should bring their own blankets or chairs.

#### **MUSICAL BARGAIN**

"You can't go any place and get a concert from 1-7 and get a sandwich and drink for 10 bucks," said Hunt, a drummer who is retired from touring and club performances. He introduces performers at the Michigan Jazz Festival, held every July at Schoolcraft College in Livonia and along with Trudell also hires musicians for the monthly fourth Tuesday night jazz session held inside the Plymouth Elks

"This (outdoor festival) is only the second one we've had. We are slowly trying to build it up," Hunt said. The festival drew approximately 400 jazz lovers last year, but organizers expect that figure to more than double this year. The indoor Tuesday night session always sells out a month in advance.



The Midnight Players will perform Sunday, Aug. 14, at the second annual Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 Outdoor Jazz Festival.

"There's a lot of interest in jazz but the interest is in the older group. We try to get young people involved," Hunt

#### **NEWCOMERS**

Sally Pinchock, who helps publicize the monthly jazz sessions at Plymouth Elks Lodge, extended an invitation to The Midnight Players after hearing Scanlon and Chris Tabaczynski of Northville play sax at Mass at St. Kenneth in Plymouth Township.

"I know these kids are good. I'm excited about that," she said.

"The thing that appeals to me about jazz is that it's American made. You have to be a huge team player to be in a jazz quartet, to know when to come in and take off on a solo. Everyone respects each other's position. To me, that's what's so awesome."

Members of The Midnight Players rehearse together regularly, but honed their skills in the jazz band at Detroit

Catholic Central High School. "We got to play at a lot of assemblies. We played one very big dinner auction every year and played the whole night. It was good experience," Scanlon



Gene Parker (left) on clarinet, Johnny Trudell on trumpet, and Ron Kischuk on trombone jam at Plymouth Elks' Outdoor Jazz Festival last year. They'll perform with their bands at the second annual show on Aug. 14.



George (Sax) Benson belts out a jazz tune with his quartet at the first annual Plymouth Elks Outdoor Jazz Festival last year.

said. "The music department packs a punch."

Tabaczynski is a junior at the school; Jordan Fanco of Livonia, a drummer, is in college: Dean Sansovich of Novi. pianist, will be a senior at Detroit Catholic Central this year; and Cameron Stapp of

Novi, the bass player, recently graduated from the school and will attend college this fall.

Scanlon hopes the festival helps open more doors for The Midnight Players.

"I would love for the band to be playing a steady gig every

# Northville's Amuel

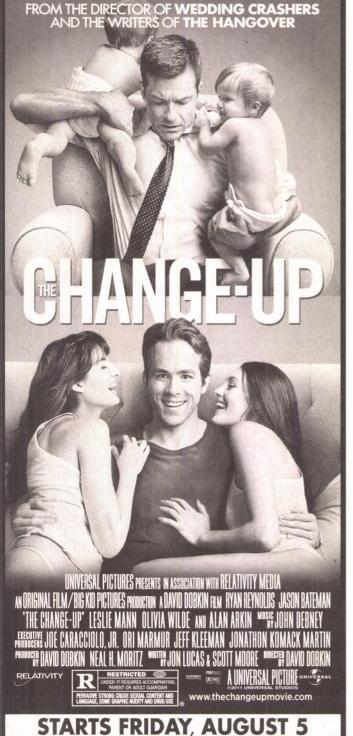
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#### ART Art & Ideas

**Time/Date**: Through Aug. 7; gallery hours are 1-6:30 p.m. Thursday, 1-7 p.m. Friday; and by appointment

**Location**: 15095 Northville Road, Plymouth Township

**Details:** "Ages of Art" is an intergenerational 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 Shaqe Kalaj, artist-in-residence

Contact: (734) 420-0775

#### 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

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#### **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

**Contact**: (734) 207-8807 or visit www.villagepottersguild.org

#### Walking photography

**Time/Date**: 6-7 p.m. Aug. 10 and 17

Location: Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills Details: In the two separate, one-session classes, Jacob Nothstine will offer insight into what it takes to produce great nature photographs. Class fee is \$15 for non-residents and \$10 for Farmington Hills residents

**Contact**: Register at https://recreg.fhgov.com or in person at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile. To learn more about Jacob Nothstine's photography, visit www.jfnphotography.com

#### **COMEDY**

#### Go Comedy!

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

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

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**Time/Date**: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

**Location**: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

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#### 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,

**Location**: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia **Details**: Dan Greuter with Martin Butler and Julie
Lyons, through Aug. 6; Erin Jackson with Steve

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**Time/Date**: Eric Hunter, Aug. 4-6; KT Tatara, Aug. 11-13; Geoff Tate, Aug. 18-20; Nathan Macintosh, Aug. 25-27; Michael Kosta, Sept. 8-10; James P. Connolly, Sept. 15-17

**Location**: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak **Contact**: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

#### CONCERTS

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#### The Ark

**Time/Date**: The Steel Wheels, Aug. 4; Bruce Robison & Kelly Willis, Aug. 5; Riverfolk Festival Finale Concert with Bob Black & His Bluegrass Boys and Al Berard & Friends, Aug. 6; Jan Krist and Jim Bizer, Aug. 7; The Outside Track, Aug. 8; The Persuasions, Aug. 9; Taj Mahal Trio and The Luke Winslow-King Trio, Aug. 10; The RFD Boys, Aug. 12; Cris Williamson, Aug. 14; John Lee Hooker, Jr., Aug. 15; Katie Geddes, Aug. 16; Open Stage, Aug. 17; Sumkali, Aug. 18; Todd Snider, Aug. 19, Bill Bynum & Co., Aug. 20; Simon & Garfunkel Retrospective by AJ Swearingen & Jonathan Beedle, Aug. 21; The Rosie Burgess Trio, Aug. 23; Goitse, Aug. 24; Great Lake Swimmers & The Pines, Aug 25; Suzy Bogguss, Aug. 26; Finvarra's Wren, Aug. 27; Brother Sun featuring Joe Jencks, Greg Greenway & Pat Wictor and Jen Cass, Aug. 28

**Location**: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor **Contact**: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

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## Livonia rescue enters adoptable cats in show

Ann Grenier, founder of The Country Cat and The City Kitty, a Livonia cat rescue, will do just about anything to find homes for her adoptable felines. This weekend, she'll take all 22 of them to the International Cat Association (TICA) Cat Show in Lansing where they'll vie for ribbons, awards and the hearts of potential adoptive families.

She says anyone from Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Garden City, Westland, Redford and Farmington who attends the show and adopts one of her cats, will receive the ribbons earned in competition.

"I will register their new kitty in the TICA

— The International Cat Association — registry," she noted. "If someone does adopt, I can continue to show the kitty through the entire weekend and bring the kitty to them."

Her own cat, River, also a rescued feline, will receive an award for earning a ninth place in the Great Lakes Region Household Pet Kitten division for the 2010 show season.

The show runs 4-10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5 and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 6-7, at the Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. The show will include 20 judging rings, vendors and more. Admission is \$3. www.glcatconsortium.org

## Church gearing up for annual arts festival

Nativity Episcopal Church in Bloomfield Township is accepting applications from artists for its annual juried arts festival in September.

Artists may download an application form and guidelines from www.nativityartsfestival.org. Application fees are \$25 through Aug. 14 and \$35 from Aug. 15-Aug. 31. Painting, drawing, collage, hard and soft sculpture, clay, blown and panel glass, fiber, photography and graphics will be accepted for consideration. Work must have been created during the last three years.

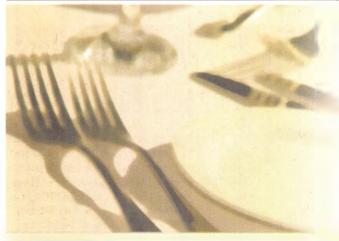
Artists whose works are accepted into the show will listed on the festival Web site with a link to their own Web sites.

The Lakeland Society of Artists and the Polish Mission of Orchard Lake are co-sponsoring the festival, which will run Sept. 16-18. The church, located at 21220 W. 14 Mile, will be decorated as an art gallery. All pieces will be for sale.

The show also will include a gala opening reception on Friday, Sept. 16.

For more information Diane Wittinger at (248) 242-2347 or visit www.nativityartsfestival.org.





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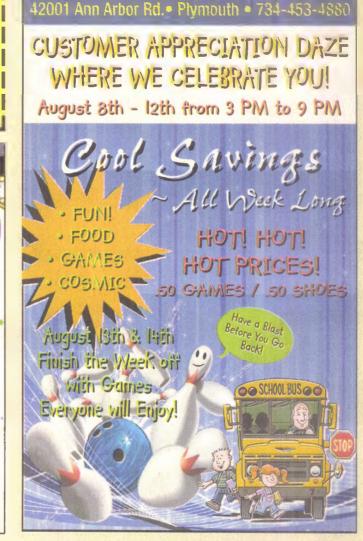
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#### Kellogg Park

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Aug. 5 **Location**: Downtown Plymouth **Details**: Those Delta Rhythm Kings

Coming up: 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 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 Michael May and the Messarounds with jazzy blues, Aug. 4; The Crutches with top rock and dance hits, Aug. 12; Gia Warner with rock classics, 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 Saline Fiddlers, Aug. 9; Zippity 2Dads, Aug. 16; Imagination Theater, Aug. 23. Contact: (248) 349-0203

#### Trinity House Theatre

Time/Date: Chrome Folk Bar-B-Q, Aug. 6; Jennie DeVoe, Aug. 12, Matt the Electrician, Aug. 18; Ana Egge with Jason Myles Goss, Sept. 9

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

#### DANCE

#### **Moon Dusters**

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m.

**Location**: Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Singles and couples dance to music of the 30s, 40s and 50s; free refreshments. Dance



lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members

Contact: Joe Castrodale, club president, (248)

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#### Bakers Keyboard Lounge

Time/Dates: 2-5 p.m. Sundays **Details**: Jazz for Kids Program Location: 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit Contact: (313) 345-6300. www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com

#### **Detroit Institute of Arts**

Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays Details: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

#### Detroit Zoo

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

Wild Summer Nights: Concerts in the Main Picnic Grove run 6:30-8 p.m. and are free with regular Zoo admission. Admission prices are reduced to \$5 for all visitors after 5 on Wednesday in July and August. Guests may bring blankets, lawn chairs and picnic baskets. Food, snacks, beer, wine and soft drinks are available for purchase from Zoo concessions. The concert schedule is: Aug. 10, Jill Jack (folk); Aug. 17, Sun Messengers (Motown and R&B); Aug. 24, Straight Ahead (jazz); and

Aug. 31, The Verve Pipe (children's) Contact: (248) 541-5717

#### Family Fun Fest Carnival

Time/Date: 5-11 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 4-5; noon-11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6 and noon-9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7

Location: Founders Park, located on Eight Mile, two miles east of I-275, in Farmington

Details: Rides, games, food, pony rides, and a petting farm, along with special events held each day, including a variety of free entertainment acts on the Carnival stage. Admission and parking are free. Ride tickets cost \$1 each or an all-day wristband for unlimited rides is available for \$18. Discount coupons for the wristbands, for \$14 on Thursday or Friday and \$16 on Saturday or Sunday, are available at more than 200 merchants in Farmington Hills, at the Costick Center or at www.wadeshows.com Contact: (248) 755-0433

#### Tiny Tot Olympics/Parksapalooza

Time/Date: 10-11:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 5 is Tiny Tot Olympics; Parksapalooza runs 1-4 p.m. Location: Heritage Park, west of Canton Center, south of Cherry Hill, in Canton **Details**: Every child, 2-6, who participates in the pint-sized games, will be a gold medal winner and will have a chance to hold flowers and be recognized as an outstanding athlete. Parents may bring their cameras to capture the moment. The \$3 per child fee will be collected on site. Kids, 5-15, may participate in Parksapalooza's afternoon of games, contests and wild and crazy activities led by staff from the Supervised Playground Program. Parents are responsible for their children during the event, which will be held in the park amphitheater. Activity fee is \$5 per person



Five Guys Named Moe will perform Thursday, Aug. 4, at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills.

#### FILM

#### Main Art Theatre

Time/Date: 7:30-9:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug.

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. Aug. 5 and 2 p.m. and 8

Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit

**Details**: "Somewhere in Time," tickets \$5 Contact: (313) 537-2560

#### MUSEUMS

#### Charles H. Wright

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday

Location: 315 E. Warren Road, Detroit **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

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#### 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

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#### Plymouth Historical Museum

Time/Date: Through Oct. 23 **Location**: 155 S. Main, just north of downtown Plymouth

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#### with grilled salads, fish, steak

rilling can bring so much more to the table than basic brats and burgers. In these recipes, cookbook author and celebrity chef Nick Stellino uses a few key ingredients that add new dimensions of flavor to seafood, steak and even salad. He calls on olive oil and vinegars from Pompeian to make savory marinades and zesty seasonings that will make you truly savor the grilling season.

Olive oil, a key component of the Mediterranean Diet, is a great way to follow the 2010 USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans, which urge people to cut back on saturated fats and recommend an increase in monounsaturated fats. For more of chef Stellino's recipes, as well as how-to videos, visit www.pompeian.com and www.facebook.com/Pompeian.



#### **NICK STELLINO'S GRILLING TIPS**

• Grease grates of grill with Pompeian Extra Light Tasting Olive Oil before heating.

• Pre-heat barbecue with cover down (high for gas) for 15 minutes.

· Never cook fish or seafood over direct heat on a grill (gas or coals), because it scorches the exterior while leaving the interior undercooked. Shut down half of gas grill (or move coals from one half of grill to the other side) and put fish/shrimp on cool side of grill. Cover grill to cook.



**Grilled Salad with Goat Cheese** 

#### SKEWERED SHRIMP WITH BLACK BEAN-LEMON RICE

15 ounces canned black beans, rinsed and drained

Whisk marinade ingredients in small bowl.

Reserve ½ cup mixture in separate bowl and set

pour marinade over shrimp, seal tightly and coat

well. Refrigerate 30 minutes, turning frequently.

inade). Place shrimp on skewers, alternating with

Preheat grill on high heat. Brush skewers with

Place remaining marinade in a small saucepan

tomatoes, chilies and onions (folded in half).

reserved marinade and cook 4 to 5 minutes on

each side or until shrimp are opaque in center.

on the grill to heat slightly. Toss rice with black

To serve: Top rice with skewers and spoon

Remove shrimp from marinade (reserving mar-

aside. Place shrimp in a resealable plastic bag,

¼ cup chopped cilantro

3 teaspoons grated lemon zest

beans, cilantro and lemon zest.

remaining marinade over skewers.

Serves 4

Marinade/Dressing:

¾ cup Pompeian Extra Virgin Olive Oil

¼ cup Pompeian Red Wine Vinegar 3 tablespoons lemon juice

2 medium garlic cloves, minced

1½ teaspoons salt

¼ teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper

24 large raw, headless, peeled shrimp, with tails on (about 1 pound)

24 whole green onions, trimmed to 6 inches in length

24 cherry tomatoes

2 poblano chili peppers, seeded and cut into 24 pieces

8 12-inch bamboo skewers, soaked in water

3 cups hot cooked brown rice

chef Nick Stellino

TOMATO, BURRATA AND ARUGULA SALAD

Skewered Shrimp with Black Bean-Lemon Rice

Serves 4 to 6

¼ teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon pepper ¼ teaspoon dried oregano

¼ teaspoon sugar

4 large tomatoes, preferably heirloom

4 ounces baby arugula salad 3 tablespoons Pompeian Extra Virgin Olive Oil, divided

1 tablespoon Pompeian Balsamic Vinegar, divided 6 to 8 ounces burrata cheese, cut into 4 pieces, or fresh mozzarella, cut into slices

1 ounce shaved Parmesan cheese

Mix dry spices and sugar together in small bowl Cut tomatoes into slices about ½ inch thick; place on a tray and sprinkle with the spice mixture on each side. Let slices rest and absorb the flavor for about 10 to 15 minutes.

Dress arugula salad with 1½ tablespoons olive oil and ½ tablespoon vinegar. To serve: Place dressed salad in the middle of each plate; top with tomato slices, then with pieces of burrata or mozzarella slices. Drizzle each plate with remaining olive oil and vinegar. Top salads with shaved Parmesan.



Grilled Skirt Steak with Tomato-Infused Marinade and Tomato, Burrata and Arugula Salad.

#### GRILLED SKIRT STEAK WITH TOMATO-INFUSED MARINADE

Serves: 4 to 6

2½ to 3 pounds skirt steak

Marinade:

5 garlic cloves ½ cup fresh mint, loosely packed

1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves 1 cup fresh parsley, loosely packed

1 cup fresh basil, loosely packed

1½ tablespoons salt 1 tablespoon fresh rosemary

128-ounce can Italian-style peeled tomatoes

½ cup Pompeian Pomegranate Infused Balsamic Vinegar

2 tablespoons sugar

To marinate meat: Place all marinade ingredients in food processor and process for 2 minutes into a smooth liquid paste. Place meat in a large resealable plastic bag and cover with the marinade Seal bag and swish marinade around to make sure it coats all of the meat. Let the meat marinate in the refrigerator for at least 5 hours — preferably overnight — turning twice.

To cook meat: Preheat grill or broiler to high. Cook the skirt steak 4 to 6 minutes per side, according to your liking. Cover with foil and let it rest for a few minutes before slicing.

To serve: Cut steak into slices and serve with Tomato, Burrata and Arugula Salad.

#### GRILLED SALAD WITH GOAT CHEESE

Serves 4 to 6

2 large heads radicchio, cut in half 2 large heads Belgian endive, cut in half 2 red bell peppers, cut into quarters and

2 yellow bell peppers, cut into quarters and

6 tablespoons Pompeian Extra Virgin Olive

Oil, divided

5 ounces baby arugula salad

8 tablespoons goat cheese, crumbled 1½ tablespoons Pompeian Balsamic Vinegar

Preheat grill or broiler to high. Brush radicchio, endive and peppers

with 4 tablespoons olive oil. Cook on a hot barbecue or under the broiler for 2 to 3 minutes per side, until they start to color on each side. Place on a cutting board while still hot

and cut into 1-inch pieces. Place arugula salad and goat cheese in a bowl with the radicchio, endive and peppers; mix well until the cheese

starts to melt. Add remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil and balsamic vinegar; mix well and

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## Alarm can be good investment, but shop around

The summer months are the perfect time for a vacation getaway. Unfortunately, they are also the perfect time for a home robbery. According to the FBI, July and August have the highest rates of burglaries. Better Business Bureau is advising homeowners, who are looking to secure their property this summer, to do their research when picking a home security system.

According to an Academic Study of Home and Business Security by Temple University, the Electronic Security Association says that homes without security systems are about 3 times more likely to be broken into than homes with security systems. (Actual statistic ranges from 2.2 times to 3.1 times, depending on the value of the home.) Losses due to burglary average \$400 less in residences with security systems than homes without alarm systems.

Although no system makes your home completely burglar-proof, a home security system can reduce your chances of being burglarized and give you some peace of mind. In 2010, BBB received nearly 25,000 inquiries from customers asking about burglar alarm

"It's important to investigate the purchase of a home security system with the same care you would any major purchase," said Patrick Bennett, director of Community Relations of the Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. "There are too many door-to-door salespeople selling home security systems out there that don't always have your best interest at heart."

BBB advises consumers to do the following when looking to invest in a home security system:

•Choose a professional installer. The best home security system will accommodate your lifestyle and specific valuables you want protected. Carefully consider your security requirements and budget. You may also get recommendation from the insurance company that covers your home. Deal only with reputable firms and check out the company with BBB first.

•Contact at least three companies before selecting an installer. Find out if they are properly licensed in your state



and if they screen employees before hiring. Make sure to check with the ESA website for a list of member companies throughout the United States who have agreed to abide by the National Code of

•Ask about all charges up front. Prices for home security systems will vary, based on the level of protection and type of technology used, so be sure to compare apples-to-apples bids on similar systems. Do not forget to factor in the initial installation charge, as well as monthly monitoring charges. Also, talk to your insurance agent; some systems may qualify you for a discount on homeowner's premiums.

•Know the ins and outs of your contract. If your alarm system will be monitored, either by your installing company or by a third-party monitoring center, find out the length of the contract. Typically, monitoring contracts are between two to five years in length. What is your recourse if you are not satisfied with the services provided? Can you cancel the contract? What are your rights if your monitoring company is purchased or acquired by another alarm company? If the alarm sounds, does the company first notify you or the police? How soon? What happens if you can't be reached? Does the company have a

local security patrol car? Are there costs for false alarms - and if so, who pays? What's the early termination fee if you move? These are the types of questions you need to consider before you obligate yourself to a long-term contract.

•Insist that the installer "walk" you through your system until you fully understand how it works. This will prevent the most common problem: false alarms. False alarms are an indicator of the quality of the alarm installation and user education. Ask for a complete inspection of your property and an itemized written estimate. Review the sales contract closely to ensure you understand exactly what equipment and protection you will be provided.

•Beware of "Door Knockers." The BBB has received reports of "high pressure and fear selling practices" from door-to-door Home Alarm System salespeople. These salespeople were citing false police reports of recent burglaries that had not happened or are making claims that the resident's current alarm provider has gone out of business. Some home owners were misled into signing a contract for a new system, before canceling the contract on their existing system or they discovered that their current alarm provider was not out of business, resulting in their

having to pay for two different alarm systems at the same time.

Additional advice:

·You do not have to let door-to-door salespeople into your home.

•If you are not interested, say "goodbye" and shut the door.

•Individuals should provide creden-

tials and identification. •They should be able to display proof of a city-provided neighborhood solici-

tation permit. ·Ask if the company is local, regional, or national!

•Do not be misled by false police

•Do not be pressured into signing a contract — if the deal is good today it will be good tomorrow. Beware of claims of "limited offers" and that the company is ready to immediately install the system. Reputable companies let you compare bids and engage in a comprehensive review of your security

•Be sure to completely read and understand any contract before signing, and remember your FTC, "right to cancel" a contract within 72 hours since it is signed at your home.

For more home tips you can trust, visit http://easternmichigan.bbb.org/

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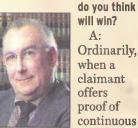
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## Land use claims based on facts

Q: I will try to give you factual scenario of my problem. A and B owned adjoining waterfront lots which were originally part of a larger parcel subdivided by A's grandmother. After subdividing, the members of the A family regularly used a short path across what became B's lot to visit each other and to get to a beach and boat mooring area. No one in the family ever asked for or received permission from any other family member to use the short path. When B acquired their lot later, it was the first transfer of any part of the original parcel out of A's family. Now, B is claiming that A has no right to use the short path across their land. A is saying that they have a prescriptive easement which requires continuous use for at least a number of years under claim of right adverse to B. Who



Ordinarily, when a claimant offers proof of continuous use with the owner's knowledge,

A:

a presumption arises that the use of the land in order to obtain a prescriptive easement was hostile and under a claim of right which are requirements to establish a prescriptive easement. However, some courts have held that that presumption does not arise if the putative dominant and servient estates were owned within the same family during the period when the prescriptive acts occurred. In such cases, the courts have held that the comings and goings of family members, across property owned within the family, are by accommodation or permission and do not have the requisite adversity to support an imposition of a prescriptive easement by one family member upon another. The chances are A's claim will fail because she cannot offer affirmative proof of hostility, but each case depends upon its particular facts.

#### Q: Do you have any information on the status of residential construction and the costs of residential construction in Hong Kong?

A: Hong Kong is a highly densely populated city and depending upon the location, construction costs, as well as purchase costs, can be as high as New York or Paris and, in some instances, higher. The closer you are to the water, the more expensive the property is. If you are on a mountain top or a drive leading up to the mountain, the homes and/ or apartments can cost over a million dollars for a one or two bedroom unit of less than 1,000 square feet.

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.

#### HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 25-29, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales

prices.	
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1973 Ashbourne Dr	\$405,000
1855 Chateau Rd	\$287,000
49274 Ivybridge Way	\$305,000
399 Kings Way	\$164,000
4599 Pond Run	\$163,000
44975 Rector Dr	\$110,000
8182 Trafford Ct	\$80,000

47720 Vistas Circle Dr N	\$226,000
8256 Westchester Ln	\$188,000
Garden C	ity
6631 Arcola St	\$87,000
29046 Block St	\$24,000
501 N Leona Ave	\$93,000
348 Radcliff St	\$72,000
Livonia	
18723 Bainbridge Ave	\$165,000
14609 Blue Skies St	\$110,000
9101 Brentwood St	\$122,000
16915 Canterbury St	\$245,000
16822 Farmington Rd	\$95,000
38749 Five Mile Rd	\$72,000
9268 Gillman St	\$75,000
36355 Hammer Ln	\$145,000
9810 Harrison St	\$103,000

35707 Hees St	
27527 Long St	
19169 Meadowridge Dr	
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15874 Shadyside Dr	
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16011 Lauderdale Ave	\$226,000
30851 Lincolnshire E	\$200,000
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1538 Buckingham Ave	\$505,000
592 Catalpa Dr	\$450,000
1250 Latham St	\$385,000
727 N Eton St	\$59,000
625 Ridgedale Ave	\$383,000
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2741 S Woodward Ave #a-1	\$45,000
3060 Woodcreek Way	\$420,000
Bloomfield Township	
3270 Chestnut Run Dr	\$590,000
4495 Chisholm Trl	\$420,000
4571 Grindley Ct	\$325,000
630 Half Moon Rd	\$470,000
1118 Hill Line Trl	\$325,000
3824 Manchester Ct	\$486,000
4900 Ranch Ln	\$223,000
5053 Van Ness Dr	\$250,000
Commerce Township	
8136 Barnsbury St	\$755,000
3332 Benstein Rd	\$200,000
2647 Crocker St	\$56,000
3943 Dun Rovin Ct	\$240,000
5565 Ford Rd	\$323,000
536 Grand Traverse St	\$130,000
Farmington	

36545 Saxony Rd	\$150,000
Farmington Hills	
36219 Crompton Cir	\$235,000
27880 Kendallwood Dr	\$110,000
29361 Laurel Dr	\$80,000
22280 Parklane St	\$233,000
30496 Ramblewood Club Dr	\$155,000
28505 Rollcrest Rd	\$94,000
30190 S Stockton Dr	\$67.00
38174 Saratoga Cir	\$116,00
39359 Silverthorne Bnd	\$275,00
37373 Wellsley	\$375,00
27184 Winterset Cir	\$255,00
Lathrup Village	
18131 Coral Gables Ave	\$109,000
Milford	
401 Bennett St	\$98,000
2198 Forest Dr	\$385,00
617 Shaw Ct	\$90.000
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51212 Luke Ln		\$45,000
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1099 Fountain View Cir		\$70,000
23680 Lyon Ridge Dr		\$61,000
23782 Prescott Ln E		\$61,000
1173 Shetland Dr		\$180,000
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	Southfield	
24503 Pierce St		\$80,000
	White Lake	
8265 Eastway Dr		\$276,000
530 Lakeside Dr		\$40,000

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Keller Williams Realty of Plymouth will hold a Career Seminar 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18, at the office, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. Attendees will learn about the \$50,000 income guarantee and the free pre-licensing course. For more information, contact Lesley Aiello at (734) 459-4700 or laiello@kw.com.

#### Foreclosures

A program on "Buying Foreclosures" will be presented by Linda Orleans, sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on Thursday, Aug. 11, 5:30-9:30 p.m. at Club Venetian, 29310 John R, north of 12 Mile, Madison Heights. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742. (www. REIAofOakland.com)

#### Study results

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Results from the J.D. Power and Associates 2011 Home Buyer/Seller StudySM, recognize RE/MAX for providing the highest overall consumer satisfaction for both home buyers and home sellers. In last year's study, two different companies ranked the highest in each category, but this year home buyers and sellers both rated RE/MAX the highest.

'It all comes down to professionalism and a commitment to a premier level of customer service," said RE/MAX Chairman and co-founder Dave Liniger. "Because RE/MAX agents average more experience and training than other agents, they are better prepared to deal with home buyers and sellers in any kind of market. And, consumer preferences

tell the story ... nobody sells more real estate than RE/MAX."

This is the fourth annual study of home buyer and seller satisfaction with the largest national real estate companies, conducted by J.D. Power and Associates. For the home buying experience, three factors were considered: agent/salesperson, office and a variety of additional services. Four factors were examined for the home-selling experience: agent/ salesperson, marketing, office and a variety of additional services.

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#### Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. No obligation. Learn about reverse mortgages. RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext. 33.

#### Free Foreclosure Tours

Free Foreclosure Tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. E-mail Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

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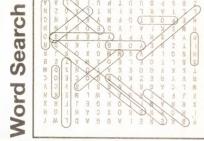
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Hometown Life Woman.

This month's magazine profiles Dorene Williams. The Bloomfield Hills woman is the top individual fund-raiser for the Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure. Contributing



Susan Rosiek

Writer Linda Chomin interviewed Williams, a cancer survivor, who believes the best way to beat the disease is to raise money for research. Read the compelling story of how Williams, her two teenage sons and her team — Daro's Bosom Buddies — have dedicated themselves

to raising money for this annual event. Then read about the poignant comments from other men and women who have organized teams throughout the area in memory of and in tribute to loved ones battling breast cancer.

Today's edition also takes a look at how women are investing for retirement, what vaccinations are needed for kids heading back to school (college, too) and musthaves for your college-bound students.

August Hometown Life Woman also marks the second annual edition highlighting the consignment trend. In addition to tips on how and why to shop consignment, Contributing Writer Sally Rummel focuses on how to make money at consignment. Also offered is a list of area stores to get shoppers started.

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

Enjoy what an August summer and

Hometown Life Woman have to offer! Susan Rosiek **Executive Editor** srosiek@hometownlife.com Become a fan of hometownlife.com on Facebook

P.S. Thanks to Debbi Rock of Famington who enjoyed June's cover story on horses and local riding academies. She rides and shows dressage and noticed the cover photo represented a dangerous way to hold a horse. "A true equestrian would never wrap a lead chain around a finger," wrote Debbi. "The same finger is also looped around the halter. Never ever wrap a rope, chain or anything around your hand or body. Horses can do crazy things in an instant! Always hold a lead line with the ability to open the hand and have the lead or rope drop out of the hand."

Thank you Debbi! We appreciate our readers helping us get it right.

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Dorene Williams at home with sons Cody, 18 (right) and Lucas, 14.

## Research key to survival

## Bloomfield Hills woman is top fundraiser for 2011 Detroit Komen race

**By Linda Ann Chomin** Contributing Writer

The Susan G. Komen flag and pink ribbons in Dorene Williams' flower garden illustrate her personal race to find a cure for breast cancer. She has two good reasons to make that happen — Cody, 18, and Lucas, 14.

Williams was diagnosed in 2003 with Stage 4 that metastasized to the bone. The Komen Race for the Cure allows her to help fund research through the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, presenter of the Detroit event. In the last four years she's raised more than \$81,000 by sending letters to friends, family and neighbors, and assembling a team of supporters for the walk.

Williams' motto is 'Never Give Up!' She has come a long way since

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Dorene Williams shows off the newest member of the family, Tabatha, a shih tzu rescued eight months ago.

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physicians gave her one to three years to live. The news came as a shock as Williams had fought and survived Stage 1 breast cancer in 2001.

Standing in the kitchen of their Bloomfield Hills condo. Dorene and her sons cuddle the latest member of the family, Tabatha, a shih tzu thev rescued eight months ago. It is one of the happier times between chemotherapy and endless testing. Williams was divorced in 2007 and is the sole support of her two young sons.

"Research is so important to me," said Williams. "You can't find a cure without research, can't do research without funding, mass funding. To do that it takes a walk. The more people you have, the more money you can get. You keep telling yourself this dollar that's going into the fundraiser, could be the one, the final amount a researcher needs. I will not stop fundraising until a cure or I die first and I'm not going to die until there's a cure."

Four days before the May 21 event, Williams underwent treatment again. However, she was determined to walk. Some 54 family and friends gathered for the 20th anniversary of the race at Comerica Park. Williams' best friend, Linda Keating of Bloomfield Hills, brought 24 family members from Grand Rapids. Keating is an 18-month breast cancer survivor. New this year were Tshirts Williams designed with the caricature of an old woman in boxing gloves fighting cancer. Reid Tayler of Maxwell Logo & Promotional in Farmington Hills donated the hats and shirts. Jeff Johnson of Sterling Heights paid for a banner with the team's name — Daro's Bosom Buddies.

"It was rough and I was very tired," said Williams. "You feel like you have the worst case of the flu, nauseous, headache. I had to push that aside. Cody was never further than two feet from me to make sure I was OK. Lucas, Cody and I crossed the finish line together."

Daros Bosom Buddies acknowledges her Serbian heritage and her father surviving cancer. Dorene is the American version of Daro.

#### SUPPORT SYSTEM

Williams' parents, Lew and Dianne Price of Bloomfield Hills, have supported her from the beginning as did her brother. Lew, Jr. who died from cancer three years

"I couldn't do it without them," said Williams. "They are there night and day for me, taking me to chemo" and cooking

Each day brings a new challenge, but never stops Williams, 52, from raising money for research as well as education and screening for the medically underserved. Seventy-five percent of race proceeds fund programs in Oakland,



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Dorene Williams, a cancer survivor at home in her kitchen.

Macomb and Wayne counties through Karmanos Cancer Institute. The remaining 25 percent goes to Susan G. Komen research grants that return to Karmanos, Wayne State University and the University of Michigan.

Williams receives treatment at U-M Hospital where she speaks to residents and interns about her journey as a cancer patient. She also does fundraising for Gilda's Club, an organization that offers emotional and social support to those affected by cancer.

"God deals everybody a deck of cards. You don't know what you're handed. You don't have a say. You deal with it good or bad. If you say you can't handle it anymore you're giving up," said Williams. "Every day is a new day. You deal with every day the best way you know how but never throw your cards in and fold. Keep the fight going because there will be a cure for this horrific disease."

#### RECOGNITION

Mike Meldrum doubts Williams would be alive today if not for research. On Sept. 21, she will receive an award as the top individual fundraiser for the 2011 race with \$21,070. She has won this recognition every year since 2008 when she raised \$19,235.

"She's an inspiration to us all. It shows the power of what one person can do and in her medical condition it's even more impressive," said Meldrum from his office in the Vaitkevicius building of Karmanos in Southfield. Meldrum is a volunteer and chairman of Friends for the Cure, the donation arm of the race. "Dorene's quite

Williams' determination to see Cody graduate from Michigan State University four years from now is a powerful motivator. She made that promise to her oldest son May 22 at a dinner to celebrate his graduation from Brother Rice High School.

Williams and Lucas, a student at Eton Academy in Birmingham, are sad about Cody leaving for college, but will push on with help from Tabatha who they found on petfinder.com. She rescued them as much as they rescued the small dog with the silky hair.

"There's a possibility we'll bring our leader to the race next year," said Williams, "to lead us to the finish line."

## She vows to never to give up

By Linda Ann Chomin

Dorene Williams had been getting annual manimograms since age 25 due to fibrocystic breast disease so she thought "nothing of it" when called back for a second screening. Repeating the imaging had become almost routine, due to the density of her breasts and the condition that caused lumpiness and discomfort.

Then on Jan. 5, 2001, at age 41, the Bloomfield Hills woman heard the traumatic, life-altering diagnosis – Stage 1 breast cancer.

"My whole world changed," said Williams. "When my physician told me I had breast cancer I didn't hear anything after that. That's why it's important to have a second set of ears. My physician said it doesn't look good and we have to move fast. I was crying so hard. I knew I was in a fight for my life."

Williams told sons Cody and Lucas, then 10 and 4, everything would be fine. Within three days she was in surgery having a mastectomy. Three rounds of chemotherapy over 10 weeks followed. Williams tried not to show her emotions and stayed upbeat for the sake of her sons. After losing her hair, she turned it into a fun moment by letting Cody and Lucas pick out her wigs online.

"I let each boy pick out a wig and told my boys I'm not going anywhere. I was going to see Cody graduate from high school. I'm going to take one day at a time and I'm not going to give up."

June 17, 2003, was her mother's birthday and one Williams will never forget. She was diagnosed again, this time with Stage 4 metastatic breast cancer that had spread to the bone, including the spine.

Williams had just planted 20 flats of flowers and her shoulder was bothering her when a trip to the internist for X-rays resulted in the devastating prognosis — one to three years to live.

#### TREATMENT

After undergoing surgery and starting chemotherapy, Williams traveled to see Dr. Cliff Hudis at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York for a second opinion.

"He is an expert in breast oncology and tops in his field, and had patients live 10 to 12 years," said Williams. "I said, I can and will beat this."

At the recommendation of Hudis, the mother of two ended up under the care of Dr. Daniel Hayes at the University of Michigan Hospital where she has remained



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Dorene Williams shows off her favorite coffee cup.

on chemotherapy since 2003. She had radiation for a second time in November.

Williams always had an interest in the health care field but never thought it would become so personal.

By the time she finished high school, she was certified as a medical assistant. She went on to earn a bachelor of social work degree at Eastern Michigan University and during an internship her senior year started a program for pregnant teenage girls at Pontiac Social Services.

#### **SCHOOL TO WORK**

After graduation, she worked on clinical studies of antibiotics in the infectious disease department at Beaumont Hospital as a nurse coordinator for 12 years. One project for Biactin to treat pneumonia proved so successful she was able to present the research at a symposium in Boston and have the findings published.

When Cody was born, she decided to become a full-time mom. At a dinner to celebrate his graduation from Brother Rice High School, Williams made her son another promise to be at his commencement ceremony at Michigan State University in four years. Cody admires his mother's upbeat attitude and believes she will be there that day. In the meantime, he worries about being so far from his mom.

"I take her to all of her MRIs and tests, and don't want her to go alone," said Cody.

Next May, he ll be by her side raising money for research through Race for the Cure.

"It's important that I am there helping to one day find a cure," said Cody. "That's been her mindset since day one. She's never used her illness as an excuse to not do something. She always looks at the bright side, tries new treatments, does everything she can just to be around. She's a fighter," said Cody.

Lucas, 14, hopes the number of walkers in Komen Race for the Cure serve as an inspiration to raise even more money. Before the event he helps his mom write letters and addresses envelopes requesting donations. Lucas loves his mom and wants her to survive. "My mom means the world to me because her and I have a tight bond," said Lucas, a student at Eton Academy in Birmingham. "I had many medical issues and she's been there for me."







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#### THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER



This photo of Gary and Tami Fink of Farmington Hills was taken at the 2010 Susan. G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure. Tami died three days before this year's race.

## Teams make a difference

Individuals make up teams. Teams make money for the Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure.

In 2010, teams raised \$2.3 million for research, education and screening for the medically uninsured, and hope to do as well in 2011. Money is still coming in so a final total will not be available until Sept. 21, when the top money makers will be honored for their efforts in a ceremony hosted by Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, the race's local presenter. It is a good way to celebrate the 20th anniversary with more than 700 teams participating and a crowd of over 40,000 — up 7 percent from 2010.

Several of the awards were already given to runners, teams and individuals at the race closing ceremony on May 21. The Detroit Tigers' Wives Rookie of the Year Award went to Quicken Loans Loves a Cure. It was the largest new team with 402 members.

"Over 60 percent of people who come are on teams," said Maureen Meldrum of Lathrup Village, race chairwoman.

"Teams allow us to grow and have more people learning about breast cancer and the importance of this fight. They're usually organized around a survivor or someone lost to the disease. The teams are remarkable for their fundraising."

Everyone pays a fee of about \$25 to walk or run in the race. There is no fundraising requirement, but Meldrum says participants realize it's "cash that leads to a cure."

Morgan Stanley Smith Barney raised \$47,527 this year with a team of employees from its offices in Ann Arbor, Farmington Hills, Rochester, Birmingham, Troy, Bloomfield Hills and Grosse Pointe. More than 120 employees walked but even more gave donations during events such as Coney Island hot dog, pizza, Cinco de Mayo and pot luck lunches. Bake sales, a silent auction and raffle added to the total, as did an ongo-

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#### TEAMS STEP UP

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Team: Johnson Controls, BE Fundraising Page Name: Marta Misztura City: Livonia Amount: \$4,954.59

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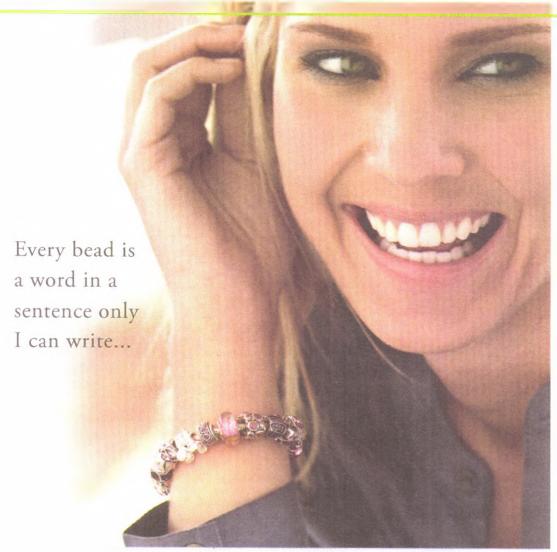
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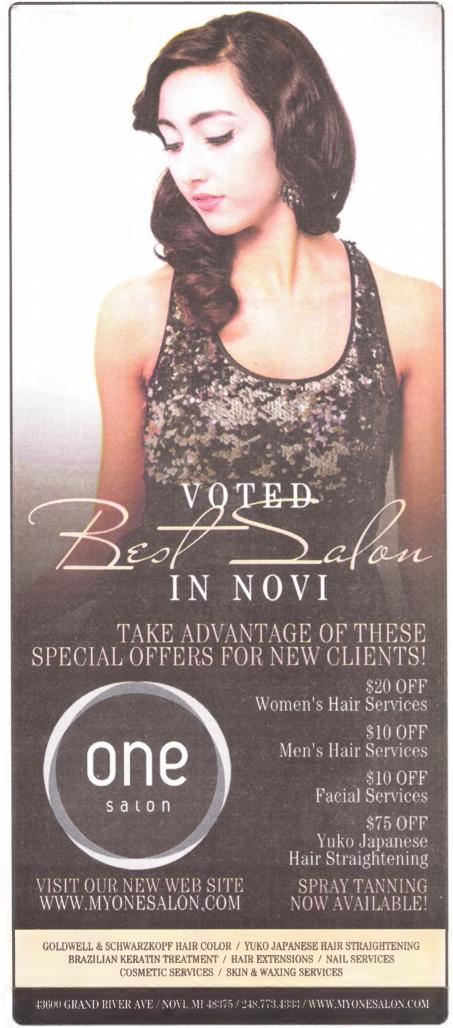
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# Designing women

Women's confidence in saving for retirement is on the rise, and their tactics differ from men's

Women's confidence in designing their retirement futures is on the rise, and they are ahead of men in finding ways to increase cash flow during retirement as well as cut costs now.

According to a survey commissioned by online investing firm Scottrade Inc., women's confidence in their ability to plan for retirement has reached a three-year high, with 69 percent of women rating their confidence level as good or very good, putting their confidence level on par with men's for the first time in years.

The most recent U.S. Department of Labor statistics show that women account for nearly half of the American workforce, and the number is growing. As employers invest more in women, it seems that women are investing more in themselves, taking proactive steps to get the most out of the money they earn by becoming more financially savvy investors and spenders.

One of the things that is a challenge for investors as whole is that they are overconfident in their ability to predict markets and trends, according to Thomas Post, certified financial planner with Yolles, Toal & Post — Diversified Portfolios Inc. in Bloomfield Hills.

In general, men are more overconfident than women in investing, he said. Women make fewer investment mistakes and because they don't suffer this overconfidence issue they are more likely to seek advice, he said. That shows up in the client base, Post said.

Forty percent of women have structured their portfolios to include investments that will generate income during retirement, compared to 30 percent of men, according to the Scottrade study. And just over half (51 percent) of women say that generating income during retirement is more important to them now than it was one year ago.

### **INVOLVED**

Women are getting more involved in family finances, according to Robert Hardies, certified financial planner and accredited tax preparer



at Financial & Portfolio Advisors in Livonia.

"I find there is a difference between single women and married women" in how they approach investing, he said. Married women tend to let the male take the lead, while single women are more confident, more self-reliant, he said.

As a demographics-based investment adviser, Hardies sees the trends in unemployment and the aging of baby boomers as key factors in the economy now and in the future and that will impact the ability of people to save for retirement. Many people think they are going to live on two-thirds to three-quarters of what they make, but studies show people tend to spend the same amount in retirement as they did while working, Hardies said.

He recommends time and education and starting sooner rather than later to be successful

"The longer that you have to save and achieve your goals, the better chance you have of attaining them," Hardies said.

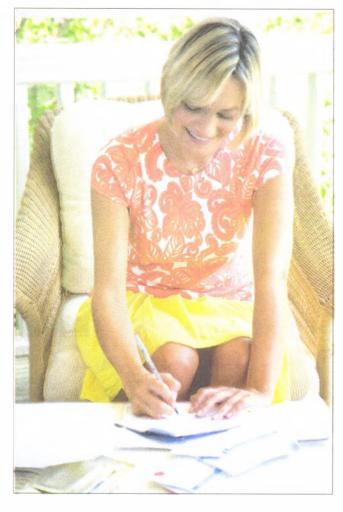
Many people are concerned that Social Security won't be enough to live on, but it was never intended to be anything but a supplement, Hardies said.

The Scottrade study found that women are more likely than men to take proactive steps to address finances by finding ways to save money. Ninety-four percent of women are taking measures to save money vs. 88 percent of men.

Many of the steps women are taking are simple things that anyone can start today:

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Women are taking proactive steps to get the most out of the money they earn by becoming more financially savvy investors and spenders.



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- 71 percent are using coupons.
- 63 percent are comparing prices to find the best deal.
- 58 percent are cutting back on purchases like clothing.
- 52 percent are cutting back on entertainment, such as dining out and going to the movies.

Women in general are better savers and Post thinks this goes back to the overconfidence issue. Men think you don't have to be an aggressive saver, but women would have a different view, Post said. Women see that the future is uncertain and therefore tend to be better savers, he said.

Post said this shows up in his practice as the vast majority of his clients are husband and wife teams. Women will have a way different attitude toward money than men. Women want to be more cautious, Post said.

A basic tip for facing retirement decisions is to have a game plan, Post said. That does two things. It gets you into the habit of saving, but also gives you a goal to work against, he said. While you may not be able to meet that goal every year, it's better to work toward it by having a plan and being a regular saver, he said.

Another issue for women that is a blessing and a curse is that they tend to live longer than men, Post said.

If a woman in her 50s came in and she hasn't saved as aggressively as she would have liked, Post would advise her to save as much as she can and maybe work a little longer rather than plan on retiring at 60 or 65. It would be better to figure out how to work a little longer and then have a longer time to be a net saver rather than a net withdrawer, he said

"I think that is going to be something that women in particular are going to have to face," he said.

Women live longer than men so they need to plan for that, Hardies said. But he does see more often that women are the real decision makers, they are the real pushers and they often make financial meetings happen, he said.

Here are some tips for getting started:

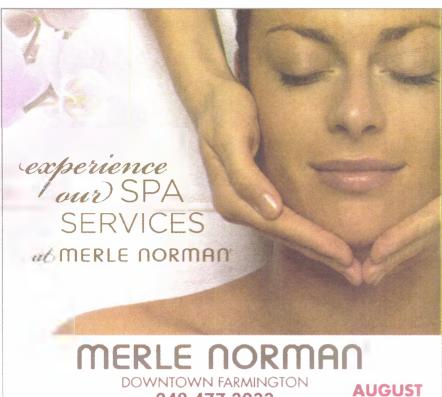
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# MUSI-HAVES for College Life

While it may seem as if commencement ceremonies and graduation parties for the Class of 2011 have only just ended, in reality many ex-high school seniors are already beginning preparations for the next phase in their life — college.

For many students, that will mean moving away from home for the first time, whether it be a dorm room or an off-campus apartment. Not only is this a time of learning to live (at least somewhat) independently, is gives young adults a chance to personalize their living quarters to match their taste and style.

While growing up, many kids get to choose paint colors or some accessories for their bedroom. But face it — between sharing space with siblings and granting mom and dad the final say, moving out is really the first chance most people get to express themselves.

Of course, most dorm rooms come with furniture. It's just that you can expect the most pedestrian designs and neutral colors imaginable. With a little time and planning, anyone can turn a drab living area into something more inviting and comfortable. without breaking the bank to do so.

There are a few items that, while not necessarily trendy, are always going to be essential to college life. Susan Stowe, owner of Grande Trunk Home in downtown South Lyon, says this is the time of year when students and parents shop for lots of little personal touches to bring to their dorm.

"Kids are simple," she said. "They'll buy a rug or maybe some lighting. And everyone needs a big laundry bag.'

Another popular item at Grande Trunk is something called Every Photo Tells a Story, customized photo montages that depict campus landmarks while spelling out the name of a particular college or university. Made by Plymouth-based artist Brian Hill, Stowe says she has all the major schools in stock, such as Michigan, Michigan State, Grand Valley — even hated Ohio State.

"A lot of people are buying them as graduation gifts and the kids take them up to



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their dorm room," Stowe said.

There never seems to be enough places for everyone to sit in a typical dorm room, so many students personalize their living space with bean bag chairs. At Meijer stores, with many locations in the area, there are countless bean bag chairs available, in an assortment of colors (primary, florescent) and patterns (striped, camouflage). Some are shaped like a football or soccer ball, others feature arms and a back.

Another style is called a banana bag lounger, available in many school colors with team logos.

To spruce up the walls of any dorm or apartment, area JC Penney stores offer a wide variety of wall decals that can brighten a bare white wall with minimal effort. Some

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### YOUR HEALTH



# Health leads list for back-to-school

By Linda Ann Chomin

Pediatricians and family practitioners from Novi to Canton are almost too busy to talk about getting kids ready for school. Their appointment times began filling up in late July, but parents still have time to schedule annual physicals and vaccinations. Failure to do so may delay their child's return to the classroom.

Michigan law requires school-age students to be vaccinated against, measles, mumps, rubella (German measles), diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), varicella (chicken pox), polio and hepatitis B. Older children may need booster shots.

Meningococccal (bacterial meningitis) is required for children age 11 and older, including those heading off to college.

Vaccinations not only protect individuals from infectious disease and possible complications like blindness, hearing loss, paralysis, neurological complications and death, but the public from an outbreak.

While timing appointments around birthdays is usually a good idea, sports forms may require a physical after April 15 so if a child is born in March he or she would need another visit to the doctor.

Dr. Kenneth Grimm's daughter, Amanda, 16, is a junior at Salem High School in the Plymouth-Canton district. She needs a form signed by a physician to participate in marching band, as do students in a variety of activities. Son, Geoffrey, 8, a student at Pioneer Middle School, needs a physical and vaccinations

"This is the perfect time in late summer to do it," said Grimm, a family physician on staff at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Grimm, a Canton resident, is program director for St. Mary's family medicine residency program. "During the physical, we're going to do an assessment to see if they're developmentally normal with no health concerns."

Pediatrician Dr. Anne-Marie Romanik-

Patenaude recommends starting physicals at age 3 to check on eating and sleeping habits, and signs of scoliosis (abnormal curvature of the spine), among other conditions. She suggests parents bring forms with them at the time of appointment if children are changing schools or starting in a new district. Lab work should be done as needed. Her four children, ages 8 to 15, have all been vaccinated.

"It's important to protect against infectious diseases which used to be the No. 1 killer of children," said Patenaude, who practices at Providence Park Pediatrics in

Kai Dugdale, who's almost 6, has a physical around his September birthday. His mother, Dr. Bhavani Sundram, makes sure. She knows the importance of following the immunization schedule as well.

"For a child transitioning from preschool to first grade they need tetanus and polio, measles and chicken pox booster, and generally haven't received hepatitis A which will be done as well. An option for age 9 to 26, is vaccine for human papilloma virus (HPV) and for college-age students make sure they have the Menactra if they're in dorm settings or Army recruits, any place where you have a concentration, camps, college, said Sundram, a family practitioner on staff at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. "And a flu shot is always important."

Dr. Richard Weiermiller, pediatrician and internist for Beaumont Health System, follows the American Academy of Pediatrics annual physical recommendation for his children. Even though Alek, 13, Harry, 10, and Owen, 7, have birthdays in October and December he has them see their pediatrician in July or August.

"The physical is a chance to screen for physical and emotional problems. From just after birth, we watch language development, also in school age as well, how is that

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# From fashions to furnishings ....



Jeannette Greco-Pawlowski, Mrs. Michigan 2009, is a model, makeup artist and consignor at Green and Glamorous Upscale Resale Boutique in Canton. She has consigned several of her pageant dresses and many others clothes. She also drives 40 minutes from her home to shop at Green and Glamorous, according to owner Tee Gray.

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# Consignment shopping makes it fun to save money

BY SALLY RUMMEL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

One local woman who frequents consignment shops is always on the prowl for top-quality designer clothing that she can pick up for pennies on the dollar. She doesn't want to reveal all of her shopping secrets and she didn't want to be identified but this couture-dressed career woman, 51, not only shops the clearance racks at high-end retailers, but she's also a weekly regular on the consignment shop circuit.

"People always ask me where I shop, and depending on who asks, I might share my resale 'secret," said the Canton woman.

"It has truly been a blessing to discover upscale resale shopping. My husband 'accidentally' got me started about eight years ago, by finding my favorite designer brand at a store he didn't realize was a consignment shop. When I realized I could have the same high quality designer merchandise at a much more affordable price than retail, I was hooked," she said.

Her best shopping "score" so far has been a high-end designer jacket originally priced at \$800 that she took home for \$60. She has also bought \$700 Chanel shoes for \$125.

"Finding something like this is like having your very favorite treat," she said. "It's fun to be able to shop for your best designer brands, while paying less than a third of the cost of retail. Knowing what an item originally sells for because you've done your homework really helps you find the best deal."

Part of the fun of consignment shopping is the fun of finding unique pieces that you won't find someone else wearing. They tend to be more one-of-a-kind pieces than when shopping at a mass retailer. "Consignment shops are like boutique shopping, without the high prices," said the Canton shopper.

She enjoys the shopping ambiance and customer service at upscale resale shops like Green and Glamorous Upscale Resale Boutique in Canton and Bellocchio Resale in Royal Oak. She appreciates the personalized service, special events planned for women and, of course, the designer labels.

"I believe women should be able to dress well without spending a lot of money, no matter what their size. Upscale resale shopping is the way to do this."

Part of the consignment shopping fun for women is the ability to splurge on accessories — like jewelry and purses — that they likely wouldn't buy if they were paying full retail price. Whether it's costume, vintage or high-end designer pieces, jewelry is a big seller at many consignment shops.



Upscale designer purses are "all the rage" at area consignment shops. One of the best selections can be found at Closet NV in West Bloomfield.

At Closet NV in West Bloomfield, jewelry by top designers like Hardy, Ippoliata and Dave Yurman are some of the store's most soughtafter items.

Purses are another big draw.

"Our most popular purse brands are Chanel, Gucci and Louis Vuitton," said store manager Michelle Haarer.

"One of our customers who comes in several times a week has bought over 30 of our highend designer label purses."

Closet NV in West Bloomfield was recently awarded *Hour* Magazine's "Consignment Shop of the Year," according to owners Lisa Rosenbert and Robin Bloom.

Fashion bags are also a big seller at Our Blessings Consignment in Milford, in business for over 21 years.

"We sell a lot of designer bags, but our most popular designers are the more affordable Coach, Brighton and Michael Kors bags," said day manager Ashley Boase.

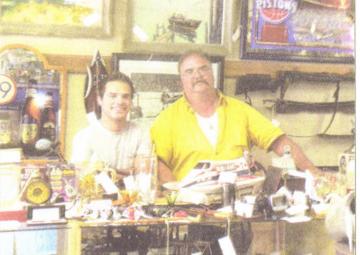
For other people, shopping consignment stores starts with a necessity to save money. "We opened our store at the downturn of the economy," said Nicole Freund, one of the owners of Regeneration in Pleasant Ridge.

"People started coming in because they couldn't afford to pay regular retail prices. Then they found out it's fun to shop resale and they make a hobby out of it."

Regeneration in Pleasant Ridge sells men's and women's clothing and accessories and just recently opened a second store in Clawson that added children's and maternity wear to its men's and women's collections.

"We're more mainstream in our clothing brands — Gap, Old Navy, Forever 21, etc.," said Freund. "But we also have some higher end

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(left) and his father, Rich Landry, opened Caveman Consignment in Highland last March to cater to the unique resale shopping needs of men.

# Not for women only ...

It can also be a "man's world" in the world of resale retail. Where else might you find a bull skull, a Swedish throwing ax and a Yankee-

Just ask Rich Landry, owner of Caveman Consignment in Highland, and he'll tell you just how popular his store has become in the past five months. "I've got a bit of the 'oddball' and the unusual collectibles in my store," said Landry, a former carpenter/building contractor.

He opened Caveman Consignment in March with his son, Peter, when he realized he needed to do something in a different in this economy. "I've always loved history," said Landry. "Right now, I've got a 1940s Chinese Rickshaw in front of the store, and a 1959 Pepsi vending machine that still works."

In addition to the unusual, there's also a number of male-inspired household and personal items — from sports jerseys to tools, cottage and cabin decor, even "manly" antiques like an old Bennett gas pump. "I deal with a lot of widows, who have their husbands' things to sell," said Landry. "I also have a lot of women who shop here. There's a lot of interesting stuff to look at and buy."

Men who like saving a buck or two will enjoy other venues of consignment shopping. While most resale shops feature women's clothing, several like Regeneration in Pleasant Ridge and Clawson and Nicole's Revival in Redford also cater to men's fashion. "We have quite a few male customers," said Nicole Freund of Regeneration. "It took them a little while to get started, but now, they're just as enthusiastic about a good deal as the women."

Other stores draw men because of their inventory of more manly pursuits — from the giant Consignment & Outlet Store in Livonia that features a 20,000-square-foot showroom to a store like Everything for Sale in Farmington, that has construction sets, lounge chairs, tools, DVDs, slot machines, microscopes and more.

"We have everything except for the typical furniture, clothes, antiques and collectibles found at most resale shops," said Jack Cooper, owner of Everything for Sale in Farmington.

- By Sally Rummel

# LOOKING FOR A CONSIGNMENT SHOP? HERE'S A LIST TO GET YOU STARTED ...

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Cavernan Consignment (See Ad on Page 23) 1423 S. Milford Road, Highland (248) 529-3270 www.cavernanconsignment.com Specialty: men's sporting goods, tools, collectibles, lodge/cabin decor

Christine's Consignment (**See Ad on Page 7**) 1440 S. Sheldon, Plymouth (734) 354-0780 Specialty: clothing, jewelry, accessories, household

Cleaning Out the Closet 27214 W. Eight Mile, Southfield (248) 356-0303 Specialty: women's upscale fashion, vintage

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Consignment Clothiers (See Ad on Page 23) 42945 Seven Mile, Northville (248) 347-4570 Specialty: designer fashions for women Consignment & Outlet Store 15700 Middlebelt, Livonia (between Five Mile and Six Mile) (734) 261-9423 www.consignmentoutlet.com Specialty: "Michigan's largest," furniture and more.

Deja Vu 327 Franklin Road, Franklin (248) 855-4567 Specialty: upscale designer women's boutique

Dora's Place (**See Ad on Page 14**) 33200 Seven Mile, Livonia (248) 476-0055 Specialty: designer women's clothes, accessories, jewelry, household

Eclectic Attic (**See Ad on Page 18**) 550 Forest Ave., Plymouth (734) 416-1186 www.eclecticatticplymouth.com Specialty: vintage, couture, antiques

Everything for Sale 32434 Grand River, Farmington (248) 987-6645 Specialty: household, tools, fashion accessories, unique and unusual

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Freedom Treasures Resale Store 1246 S. Milford Road, Highland (248) 854-7990 Specialty: clothing, accessories

Green and Glamorous Upscale Resale Boutique (**See Ad on Page 11**) 42847 Ford Road, Canton (734) 404-6117 www.greenandglamorousboutique.vpweb.com Specialty: upscale designer women's fashions, accessories

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# How to make money at consignment/resale

As a buyer at resale or consignment shops, you can easily make money by saving dollars on what you'd normally spend at retail stores. Often, the prices are negotiable, so it pays to ask the store if the consignor might part with the item for less. If it's been on the rack for a while, there may be some room to negotiate, veteran shoppers say.

Sometimes you can even save more money if you bring in items to sell out of your own closet, when shops sometime offer additional store credit, rather than cash.

Some consignment shops, such as Everything for Sale in Farmington, make a 60/40 split, with consignors getting the bigger portion of income. Other stores, like Advance Consignment in Westland, rent out spots to vendors who sell anything from antiques to jewelry, resale clothing, etc. and charge an 8 percent consignment fee for all items sold.

"Within seven months, I got back about \$440 from clothes I had consigned in three places," said one regular shopper who asked not to be identified at Green and Glamorous Upscale Resale Boutique in Canton.

Shops like Regeneration in Pleasant Ridge buy clothes outright from the seller, paying 30 percent of the selling price of the item upfront, or 45 percent if used in trade at the store.

For people interested in making money by becoming a consignor or selling their clothes outright at resale shops, here are a few tips:

1. Clean out your closets and dressers. There are a number of reasons you may having clothing sitting around in closets that you no longer wear. Maybe you bought it on impulse and never really liked it. Perhaps you've lost or gained weight recently, and none of your clothes fit anymore. Your children have grown out of their clothes, and there are no siblings at home to pass

them down.
Your unneeded housewares or furniture are another source of potential income. Maybe you have dishes or kitchenware that you no longer want or need. Perhaps you started a collection of teapots or musical boxes that no longer pique your interest. Your kids' outgrown sporting goods or equipment may be another ticket to fast money.

2. Divide your clothes into two piles.
Make two piles, one for the clothing consignment shop and one for donating. The consignment pile needs to be gently used clothing, no more than



three to five years old unless it's considered "vintage," and without rips or stains

3. Wash and iron the clothes for clothing consignment.

To earn the highest dollar amount possible on the clothes you are consigning, make sure they are freshly laundered and wrinkle-free. Follow the store's instructions for bringing the clothes in for review — some want them on hangers, others want them neatly folded in a sturdy container.

4. Shop around for consignment stores. Each consignment shop has its own niche of clientele and goods sold. Some only sell women's designer clothes, while others specialize in children's clothing and equipment. Make their the store you choose is in a good location, is clean, odor-free and well-organized. Ask for referrals from friends or check out ads in this newspaper. Visit the stores to become familiar with their selection and price points of clothing.

5. Not all consignment stores want your clothes, now.

Many consignment shops only take clothes that are in-season at the time. If you're cleaning out your clothes closets at the end of the season, you may have to wait until the following season to sell them. Most shops don't have much space for storage.

6. Know the store pricing policies.

All consignment stores have different pricing policies, so be sure to know what they are before you drop off your clothes. Some stores automatically sell your items at a clearance price once they've been on the rack for a certain period of time, and may even donate your clothes, with your permission, if they haven't sold. Make sure you ask if you want your unsold clothes back.

Get an itemized drop-off receipt from the storekeeper for the items you are reselling. Double check the receipt and read the contract before signing.

- By Sally Rummell

# Experts: Prepare kids for back-to-school

By Linda Ann Chomin

Children's emotional well-being is as important as physical. Back-to-school is a good time for a checkup for parents who are preparing their sons and daughters to return to the classroom. Local pediatricians and family practitioners have several suggestions.

Kai Dugdale is starting first grade

at Ridge Wood
Elementary in
Northville. To ease
the transition, Dr.
Bhavani Sundram
enrolled him in
summer camp at
the school he'll
attend in fall. She
also met with the
principal to say she
would like to be
involved.

"Starting school is a big deal for your child," said Sundram, a family practitioner on staff at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. "Even before camp I took him with me to register, to acquaint him so it isn't a big shock. The way a parent approaches a child varies from the very young to high school age. Ask about a child's day at school, their friends.

"The dialogue is different.
Compassion is the same. If a child sees a parent cares it makes a big difference in a child's life," said Sundram.

Entering kindergarten can especially be taxing for a child. In addition to talking, Dr. Amy Kowalski advises parents to start getting into a school routine before the first day of class.

"Most schools are now full-day kindergarten," said Kowalski, a St. Joseph Mercy Oakland pediatrician with offices in Commerce Township.

"They're tired and come home and take a short nap. That's OK but start getting to bed at a good time, a little earlier. Kindergarten is life changing but exhausting," said Kowalski, who also advises parents to balance sports and school.

"Not too many sports as one time. Give them some down time," said Kowalski, who's been in practice 21 years.

Dr. Kenneth Grimm, a father of two, says social issues particularly affect middle and high school students.

"It's important to have a physician

they've built a relationship to see them though the middle and high school years," said Grimm, a family practitioner on staff at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. His office is Canton Family Medicine, part of Infinity Primary Care.

"It's sometimes hard for kids to trust. As a family doctor, I may have delivered them and they feel comfortable bringing a subject up. I encourage kids to talk to parents, but if a kid confides in me I can be another source and try to facilitate that."

From a pediatrician standpoint,
Dr. Richard
Weiermiller
believes "the more involved in kids lives the better."
He has three sons and recommends parents have regular conversations with their children.
In July, he spent plenty of time talking and having fun

with his two older sons at a Boy Scout camp in Cincinnati. Dialogue resolves "a lot of issues" before it becomes difficult to communicate in the adolescent years.

"I tell parents start early and continue daily," said Weiermiller, a Beaumont Health System physician on staff at the Royal Oak and Troy hospitals. "My 13-year-old, it was his idea, during the school year he has this rule he wants 10 minutes of my undivided attention every day. He lets me know if he doesn't get it."



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Once Upon a Child (See Ad on Page 11) 24277 Novi Road, Novi (248) 504-4747 4559 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor (734) 971-6822 www.onceuponachild.com Specialty: children's clothing, toys, furniture, equipment

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Regeneration 23700 Woodward, Pleasant Ridge (248) 414-7440 726 E. 14 Mile Road, Clawson (248) 589-0500 www.regenerationclothing.org Specialty: men's and women's clothing, accessories. Children's in Clawson Repurpose 133 W. Main St., Northville (248) 735-0500/www.repurposeshop.com Specialty: home furnishings, antiques, resale clothing, jewelry, accessories

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South Lyon Resale Shop (**See Ad on Page 28**) 120 E. Lake St., South Lyon (248) 437-5055 Specialty: women's, maternity, juniors, children's clothing, toys, household

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T.V. on Friday, but by Sunday they are pushing the dust out of the way again so they can watch Desperate Housewives, and none of them know exactly where it's coming from. Well, I'm here to tell you that it's not because you're a bad housekeeper, I tell people that by simply having your ducts cleaned will drastically reduce household dust, and the reason is, your

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This debris cannot be removed without a professional. Which brings me to my nest 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 truckmounted system. In reality, they have a low powered portable system attached inside a van, again, absolutely useless.

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# SHOTS

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kindergartner doing in school, are they having problems with speech, behavior," said Weiermiller. "ADHD presents in kindergarten and first grade time frame."

### **TEEN YEARS**

When a child becomes an adolescent emotional and psychological evaluations come into play. The young teen years are a good time to begin talking about drug abuse, alcohol, smoking, and abstinence from sexual activity.

"At 13 years old I want kids to go in and meet on their own to establish a relationship, to feel comfortable talking about issues. College age should have a physical to assess risk factors for disease, look at cholesterol. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommend checking cholesterol in younger and younger children. It's imperative for college-age students to assess risk for heart disease and make sure they're up-to-date on vaccinations."

For the first time since his residency and going into practice in 1998, Weiermiller saw three cases of whooping cough (pertussis) — one adult and two children — last year.

Whooping cough is a highly contagious respiratory disease spread by sneezing and coughing. According to the Michigan Department of Community Health, Michigan saw an increase in cases, 315 in 2008, 902 in 2009, and 1,564 in 2010.

Infants under age 2 are most vulnerable as they have not yet been vaccinated for pertussis and may be infected by adults who are not immunized. Whooping cough in this age group can be deadly.

"We've gone from a time 50 to 60 years ago when whole blocks were quarantined because of measles and we forget we got to this point because of immunizations," said Weiermiller of Pleasant Ridge. "Whooping cough we usually see in adults as a very bad cold. The two children were unimmunized. If we let immunization rates wane we're going to see more. We know from national data whooping cough is not rare anymore."

As medical director of the Wayne County Department of Public Health, Dr. Talat Danish has watched the cases of pertussis increase. Her three grown children were vaccinated.

### **'STILL A CONCERN'**

"Whooping cough is still a concern," said Danish. "Wayne County almost saw twice the number of cases we see. We have to keep everybody updated or we do see increases from time to time. In the U.S., we're seeing increasing numbers of measles which we hardly see any because immunization rates are great."

According to Danish, whooping cough in babies can cause apnea and convulsions; polio; paralysis; mumps; chicken pox; pneumonia; measles; encephalitis; meningitis; and loss of limb parts such as fingers and toes.

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- Oakland County Health Division, vaccinations available at three locations: 1200 N.
  Telegraph, north of Elizabeth Lake Road, south of Dixie Highway, Pontiac; 27725 Greenfield at 11½ Mile (Catalpa), Southfield, and 1010 E.W. Maple, east of Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. For information, call (800) 848-5533 or visit www.oakgov.com/health and click on immunizations.
- Wayne County Department of Public Health: 33030 Van Born at Venoy, Wayne. To schedule an appointment, call (734) 727-7100. For general information, (734) 727-7000 or visit www.waynecounty. com/hhs\_services.htm, click on immunization for recommended childhood schedule. Appointments 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday and Friday, and 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. Walk-ins (to capacity) 8-10:30 a.m. and 12:30-3 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Redford office, 17421 Telegraph, (313) 537-1708, offers flu vaccine only, by appointment fall to early spring.
- Wayne County Public Health Fun Fest: is a back-to-school health fair featuring screening, information, food, fun for the family, and immunizations on a first-come, first-served, walk-in basis 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, at the Wayne Health Center, 33030 Van Born.
- Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan: offers TdaP, meningitis and varicella (chicken pox) vaccinations for age 11 and older by appointment Monday through Friday at its office, 25900 Greenfield, between I-696 and 11 Mile, Suite 600, Oak Park. Or host a shot party for 10 or more friends. Flu shots available for age 6 months and up when vaccine becomes available in September or October. Say Boo to the Flu clinics for young children begin in October. For information, call (248) 967-8755 or visit www.vna.org.

Like Danish, Elaine Houser believes an outbreak is possible if immunization rates wane. As immunization action plan and program coordinator for the Oakland County Health Division, she oversees immunizations in the schools to make sure students comply with entry requirements.

"Many people don't realize we still have a lot of these diseases, especially in other countries. Earlier this year, we had one case of measles in Oakland County. Because we travel it makes it much easier to get," said Houser.

Houser suggests parents look at the immunization schedule of childhood requirements on the Michigan Department of Community Health website.

The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan offers vaccinations of TdaP, meningitis and varicella (chicken pox) for ages 11 and older. Shot parties can be arranged outside of the Oak Park clinic.

"Persons can gather 10 or more of their friends and we come to the house and immunize kids," said Kay Renny, an R.N. and manager of corporate health services and immunization.

For information on children's health, visit CDC.gov, michigan.gov/mdch, webMD. com, aap.org, and medscape.com.

Kelly Services offered employees who supported the Detroit Race a day off work if they raised \$250 or more. Hope Bradford (right) is pictured with Nina Ramsey, Kelly VP of Głobal Human Resources. Kelly Services was also one of the sponsors of the Children's Area. "Theirs was a remarkable showing of support!," said Maureen Meldrum, chairwoman of the Detroit race.



# TEAMS

ing can and bottle drive where employees filled and returned pink garbage bags every Monday.

"The firm historically has been incredibly charitable and giving to charities, and the race a passion for employees," said Monique Matthison, complex manager for four of the seven offices and a Bloomfield Hills resident. "It touches many of our employees."

Team co-captains Pam Wright and Jodi Whitmore both lost loved ones to breast cancer. Whitmore's 32-year-old daughter-in-law, Tamika, died in 2008, Wright's partner, Kim Hekker, in 2009.

"The race is very important," said Wright of Royal Oak. "I became aware of certain treatments through the race. The research is huge."

Hope Bradford was 41 when diagnosed with breast cancer after she felt a lump. The Kelly Services employee and her co-workers raised \$21,979 this year and were among the sponsors of the childrens area May 21. As an incentive, individuals who raised \$250 or more were given an extra vacation day from the Troy-based corporation. Bradford had mammograms regularly in July since age 21 except for 2008 when she waited until December. She has a family history of the disease. Her aunt, a 35-year survivor, died two days before the race last year.

"We take donations to cut the scarf or ties off executives, have executives wash cars and raffle the executive's wash, hold bowling events, have a jeans week, and event with vendors and employees selling items at Shop for a Cure," said Bradford who walked in the race four weeks after her double mastectomy in 2009.

She has two good reasons — daughter Jessica, 10 and son Magnus, 7. She's grateful for the two children who walk in the race, help with fundraising and organize T-shirts.

"I want to prevent my daughter from having to experience this as well as others," said Bradford. "My hope is for immunization, better screening at an early age."

Tami Rosens-Fink died May 18, three days before this year's race. The Farmington Hills woman raised \$17,147.73, a portion of which came from memorials. She is greatly missed by her husband, Gary, and children David, 16, and Danielle, 18.

On March 28, 2008, Tami, then 42, found a lump in her breast while showering.

"It's something you don't forget. It's something we faced as a family," said Gary. "2008 was the first year walking in the race. She had chemo first in summer then a double mastectomy in September. We rented a bus, had about 40 T-shirts made. They didn't get all of the cancer and decided to do radiation. We started planning for a second walk in '09, rented a bus again, and invited 60 people back to the house. We used to love to entertain. She'd have a party a week before the race to decorate the shirts."

By January 2010, the cancer was back. "We learned they can't operate, can't cure it, but could treat it," said Fink. "2010 was her last walk. She had her ups and downs.

She ended up in the hospital on May 2."
Fink is barely able to speak about those final days.

"Everyone came to walk," said Fink regaining his composure. "It's so important. It was so important to her to spread the word to get checked. Another thing important to her, caringbridge.org, where a woman or man blogs their story. She shared her story of fighting cancer, hoping it would help other people."

Tami's father was also diagnosed with breast cancer and died in 2009.

"People talk about her smile. I was with her 30 years, married 23 years," said Fink. "She just made other people smile. Everyone wanted to know about her cancer. She was more interested flipping the story over to you, making other people feel good."

Fink has plenty of fond memories of his wife. Last year, Tami ordered pink cowboy hats for the women and pink kerchiefs for the men on her team.

"That's the way I want to remember my wife in the pink cowboy hat and me in the pink kerchief having fun."

– By Linda Ann Chomin







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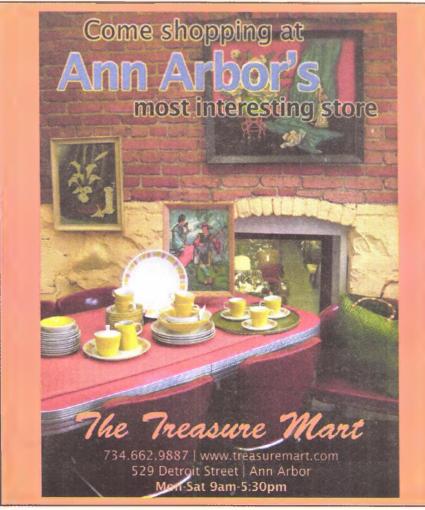




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of them are serious, such as decals that spell the words "Live, Love, Laugh." Others are whimsical, like those depicting birds, butterflies, clouds or peace symbols.

For those who'd rather shop online — and what college student isn't wired into the Internet these days? — there's a website called dormroomfurniture.net that is a virtual clearinghouse of all things related to university living.

Not only does it offer all the usual suspects when it comes to furnishings - storage, lighting, bookshelves, etc. - it also has fun and interesting posts with headings like "Dorm Organization Tips" and "Three Tips For Getting Along With Your College Roommate."

So students — and parents — take note. The following checklist features dorm room and apartment essentials that no student should be without. From extra-long sheets and flip-flops, to inexpensive yet stylish appliances touting an array of honor rollworthy features, each item will help teach grads one of life's greatest lessons: Home need never be that far away. (You should always check with on-campus housing authorities regarding any restrictions on appliances.)

### **COLLEGE ESSENTIALS CHECKLIST**

Roommates, dorm rooms and apartment complexes are noisy. Keep ear plugs on hand to help shut out distractions and ensure quiet study time and a good night's sleep.

From all-nighters to early classes, keeping a coffeemaker on hand helps keep co-eds awake and cuts down on expensive coffeehouse brews. Snag multi-cup machines, like those from Black & Decker, with auto shutoff features (it powers down as you power up for the day), plus Sneak-a-Cup capabilities, allowing you to snag a quick cup, even as the full batch is still brewing.

Budding cinephiles should leave DVD boxes at home and transfer their collection to a sturdy carrying case, making their new, semi-nomadic lifestyle that much easier to manage and to keep all their favorite films in one, easy-to-find place.

For undergrads, bagels and toast are pretty much a major food group. Luckily these days, even affordable toasters come in cool. stainless steel designs thanks to brands like Black & Decker, which have preset toasting features, extra-wide slots for easy loading and unloading, plus retractable cords

- perfect for tight spaces and easy storage.

Community showers are an unfortunate rite of passage for many dorm dwellers. So always remember to keep a dedicated pair of flip-flops to spare bare feet from touching questionable tile.



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College students often need appliances in the dorm.

### Extra-long sheets

When it comes to bedding, just remember: Double-X. Translation? Extra sets of extra-long twin sheets for oddly-sized dorm-room mattresses. Students don't always have time to do laundry, which is why it's smart to keep an extra pair on hand,

For budget living, any mix master knows that a good blender is perfect for preparing smoothies, salsas, shakes and more. Chic and inexpensive models contain convenient features, too, like built-in cord storage, dishwasher-safe removable parts for easy cleanup, and even a handy one-ounce measuring cup inside the lid.

Between phone chargers, computers, desk lamps and all sorts of other gadgets, it's always a bright idea to bring a power strip with surge protector to help manage today's many electronic needs.

### 'ountertop oven

Essential for starter apartments and studios, cooking couldn't be easier with a countertop oven. Value-friendly Black & Decker models lend versatility with bake, broil, toast and warming functions, while convection airflow from quartz heaters offers quick and consistently cooked brain food — from hot sandwiches to small pizzas — for even the smallest taste of home.

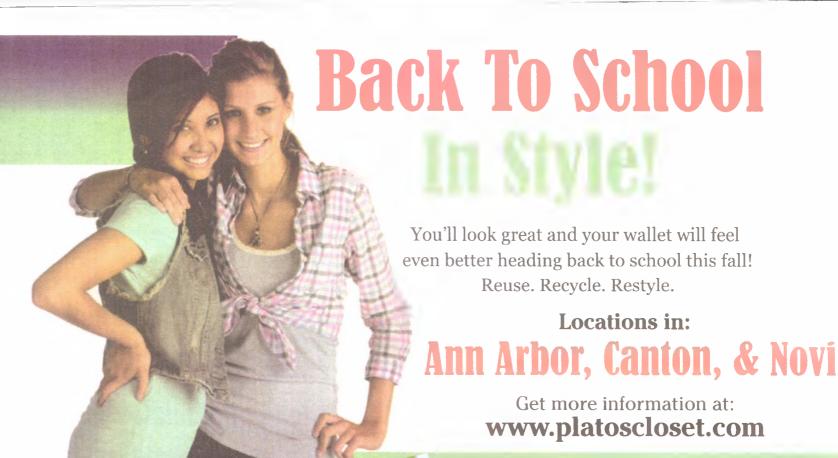
### Quarter

Sure, home is great for free laundry. But between visits, be sure to have a stash of quarters ready for the laundry room. And a timer isn't bad either. Nothing worse than finding one's wet unmentionables piled high atop a public machine by an impatient neighbor.

### • Iron

Internships, office hours and hot dates have one thing in common: the need to make a good first impression. This is why students should always have a good iron on hand. The latest and greatest from Black & Decker even offer vertical steaming for trouble-free touch-ups right on the hanger, while space-friendly one-touch cord reel features are perfect for fast and easy storage, too.

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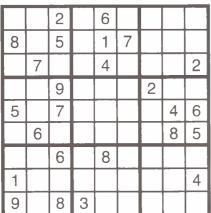
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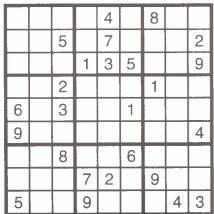
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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	6		2		8			
7								4

Level: Beginne



Level: Intermedia



Level: Advance

Answers found on page 30

# Another take on resale

By Sally Rummel

Watch out, e-readers. There's a reading experience available through a gently-used turnthe-page hardcover or paperback book just waiting at a used bookstore.

While their numbers are dwindling, the passion of independent booksellers who want to preserve and share the rich texture of reading a printed book continues to grow. Even with the recent news of the demise of Borders, local independents still work hard to hold onto their corner of the market — while providing an opportunity to recycle and reuse.

Just ask Jason Schusterbauer, manager of John King Books North in Ferndale. With more than 60,000 titles of rare and used books in a comfortable setting, he believes strongly in the importance of maintaining a brick-and-mortar presence so that people can enjoy the physical richness of reading a book.

"Here you can browse in a comfortable shop, pick a book off the shelf and thumb through the pages and know its condition before you buy it," Schusterbauer said. "The beauty of a book's cover, its binding, even its texture is all lost in an electronic reader. Used books provide another opportunity for recycling, reusing what we already have."

Used book stores, like the main John King Bookstore in Detroit, sell knowledge and a sense of history, as much as they do books. With more than 850,000 titles on the shelves, the people who work at Michigan's largest used and rare book store know more about the past than just about anyone. It's a history that could be lost, if passionate readers don't continue to support it by walking through the doors.

A passion for reading books is what usually draws customers into a used book store like Paperbacks & Things in Westland. Owner Melissa Bliss of Westland serves a large market as the only bookstore in the area. With a history of 31 years and a store carrying more than 300,000 titles, her shop is full of good reading, and it's very affordable.

"Used books are priced at 50 percent off the publisher's price and 75 percent off if you bring in a used book as a trade in good condition," Bliss said.

Her store carries popular new titles as well as used books, and is competitively priced with heavily discounted big-box stores. She's also proud of her shop's neatness and organization and the tables and chairs that allow customers to shop in comfort.

Discount prices provide readers with an opportunity to buy books affordably in bulk. At Books Connection in Livonia, used books are sold at least 40 percent off their retail price and customers can get even steeper discounts by bringing in books to sell — an additional 20 percent off.

"Our customers are usually the ones who are looking for older books they haven't read yet in a series, or want mysteries, paranormal romance or other 'beach reads," owner Kathleen Mahinske said. "The people who come in to my store are more avid readers than the ones who went to Borders and only bought a book every few months. My customers buy in bulk, because it's so affordable"

While e-books continue to grow in popularity, independent booksellers note that the technology needs to improve before they can totally replace the convenience of a paperback. "You can't read an e-reader in the bathtub," Mahinske said.



# **CONSIGNMENT**

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brands like St. John's Knits, plus designer purses. There's something for everyone"

Consignment shops are a favorite destination for people looking to save money on children's clothing and equipment.

"It's just great for grandmas," said Sue Colpean, grandmother of three, a frequent shopper at Mommies Must Haves in Farmington.

"You don't want to spend a lot of money on pieces you'll only use occasionally, like high chairs and 'Pack & Plays.' I'm always looking for good quality things, especially for my 13-month-old granddaughter and my 5-year-old grandson."

Shoppers more interested in furnishings than fashion will also find many quality resale finds in consignment shopping. Furniture and home decor are "big business" when it comes to resale and its popularity today.

"We sell everything 'under the roof,' literally," said Todd Shifter, owner of Michigan's largest liquidator, the Consignment & Outlet Store in Liveria

"We have everything except for clothing, and some of it's brand

new. With a 20,000-square-foot showroom, we're not your typical consignment store. We do liquidations for furniture stores that are going out of business, so we have a lot of upscale furniture and home decor."

At The Treasure Mart in Ann Arbor, shoppers will find a constantly changing inventory of antiques, collectibles and a variety of useful household items. Located in a historic building on Detroit Street, the store, 8,500 square feet, is a treasure trove of gently used and high-end merchandise.

Today's savvy consignment shopper can also find designer help at affordable prices. At Consign & Design in Canton, owner Marleen Prater and manager Lori Longeway are interior decorators-turned-consignment shop owners, who enjoy helping their clients find budget home decor.

"As designers, we have a lot of high-end clients who don't know what to do with the furnishings they are replacing," said Prater. "Their 'cast-offs' are definitely someone else's treasure. We pride ourselves on affordable decorating and space planning, and offer free decorating advice."

Some consignment shops carry both fashions and furnishings, such as the eclectic mix of Eclectic Attic in Plymouth. You can buy a Louis Vuitton purse for \$500, at the same time you're looking at a 1940s vintage stove, according to a sales associate at the shop. "We're also carry a new line of new clothing, too," she added.



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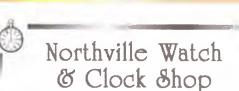
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### FOOD



# Chicken a la grill

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### APRICOT GLAZED GRILLED CHICKEN WINGS

Serves 4

4 pounds chicken wings, tips removed, and cut at the joint

1 teaspoon kosher salt

¾ cup apricot preserves

2 garlic cloves, mashed

1 tablespoon chopped fresh ginger

¼ cup soy sauce

½ teaspoon red pepper flakes

Juice from one lime, about 2 tablespoons

1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar

½ teaspoon cumin

2 tablespoons chopped chives

Fresh lime wedges for garnish

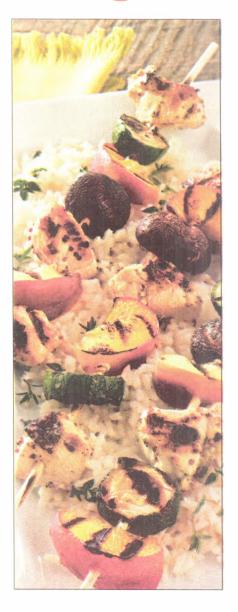
Season wings with salt. Heat grill to medium high.

In bowl of food processor combine preserves, garlic, ginger, soy sauce, red pepper flakes, lime juice, vinegar and cumin; process until smooth. Add chives.

Place wings on grill and cook for 8 to 10 minutes. Turn and grill for another 5 to 6 minutes.

With a pastry brush or spoon, brush sauce on wings. Cook for about 1 minute, and turn. Repeat on other side of wings. Cook for another 1 minute. Wings should register 170°F when tested with an instant

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### **QUICK GRILLING TIPS**

- When cooking chicken outdoors, keep it refrigerated until ready to cook. Do not place cooked chicken on same plate used to transport raw chicken to grill.
- Keep food from sticking to the grate by rubbing with vegetable oil or non-stick cooking spray.
- Keep a spray bottle filled with water close by so that you can spray down flare-ups, which can blacken your food.

For more tips and recipes, visit www.eatchicken.org.

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read thermometer.

Serve wings garnished with lime wedges.

### GRILLED CHICKEN AND PEACH KABOBS

Serves 4

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
- 2 small zucchini, cut into 4-inch rounds
- 16 cremini mushrooms
- 3 ripe peaches, cut into eighths (may use frozen if fresh not available)
- 8 wooden or metal skewers

### Marinade:

- ₄ cup olive oil
- 1/4cup coarse grainy mustard
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 1 tablespoon orange zest

If using wooden skewers, place in water and soak for at least one hour.

Cut chicken into 1-inch dice. In small bowl, whisk together mustard, vinegar, thyme, salt, pepper and zest. Slowly whisk in olive oil to combine.

Thread chicken, zucchini rounds, mushrooms and peach slices onto skewers, alternating ingredients. Be sure to leave enough space at bottom of skewer to hold and turn. Place skewers in a single layer on a sheet

Place skewers in a single layer on a sheet pan or baking dish and pour marinade over, turning skewers to distribute marinade. Cover with plastic wrap or aluminum foil and refrigerate. Marinate, turning skewers occasionally, for at least 30 minutes or overnight.

Heat grill on high heat. Place skewers on grill and cook, turning, for about 10 minutes.

Serve over rice.

### PAN-ASIAN CHICKEN ESCABECHE

From the Illinois Institute of Art Cooking School, Chicago Serves 4

- 6 chicken thighs, boneless and skinless
- 1 tablespoon Chinese five spice powder
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 teaspoon salt, divided
- 1 teaspoon black pepper, divided
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded and quartered
- 1 yellow bell pepper, seeded and quartered
- 1 jalapeno pepper, seeded
- 2 cans water chestnuts (5 ounces each)
- 1 carrot, peeled and cut into 1-inch chunks
- 1 English cucumber, skin on and cut into 1-inch chunks
- 2 radishes, halved
- 1 red onion, quartered



- 1 clove garlic, minced
- ¼ cup lime juice
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons cilantro, chopped
- 2 tablespoons parsley, chopped

In large plastic zipper bag, combine Chinese five spice powder, I tablespoon olive oil, teaspoon salt and teaspoon black pepper. Add thighs to bag, seal well and turn to coat. Marinate in refrigerator for one hour, or up to overnight.

While chicken is marinating, place red pepper, yellow pepper, jalapeno pepper pieces, water chestnuts, carrot, cucumber, radishes and red onion in bowl of food processor. Rough chop by pulsing the blade. If food processor is not available, vegetables may be julienned by hand.

Place chopped vegetables in large bowl. Add garlic, lime juice, being olive oil, remaining teaspoon salt and remaining teaspoon pepper. Place bowl in refrigerator and allow to sit for one hour or up to overnight.

Prepare gas or charcoal grill. Place chicken on grill and cook, turning, until done throughout, about 6 minutes per side. Cool and shred meat coarsely.

Add chicken to vegetable salad mixture. Add cilantro and parsley; stir well to combine.

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Think fresh. Many delicious fruits are in season during the summer, including peaches, berries and melons. Fresh fruits are naturally sweet, a good source of vitamins and are easy for onthe-go eating. Eat them alone as a snack, blend into a smoothie or create a breakfast parfait with berries, granola and cottage

Think healthy. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) states that the amount of protein needed in the average American diet depends on gender, age and level of physical activity, but recommends selecting a variety of lean sources of protein. Fish high in omega-3 fatty acids are a good lean protein source, while cottage cheese and legumes are great options for adding variety. Cottage cheese is a versatile option that can be incorporated into a number of different recipes. Daisy Brand Low Fat Cottage Cheese is 100 percent natural with only four ingredients, a good source of calcium, lower in sodium than many other brands and an excellent source of protein with 14 grams per half-cup serving.

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### STRAWBERRY BANANA PARFAIT

Prep Time: 5 minutes Total Time: 5 minutes Serves: 4

- 1 banana, cut in chunks
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1 cup strawberries, quartered
- a cup honey
- 4 cup toasted walnuts. chopped

2 cups Daisy Brand Cottage Cheese

Toss banana with lime juice in a small bowl. Mix

bananas with strawberries, honey and walnuts. Spoon mixture into parfait glasses. Top each glass with 2 cup of cottage cheese.



### STRAWBERRY, SPINACH AND COTTAGE CHEESE SALAD

Prep Time: 15 minutes Total Time: 15 minutes Serves: 4

- 6 ounces baby spinach
- a cup green onions, sliced
- 2 cup light raspberry vinaigrette
- 1 cup fresh strawberries, sliced
- 4 cup walnuts, chopped
- 2 cups Daisy Brand Cottage Cheese

Toss spinach and green onions with vinaigrette; divide evenly onto 4 salad plates. Top each salad with strawberries and walnuts. Spoon cottage cheese over spinach mixture and

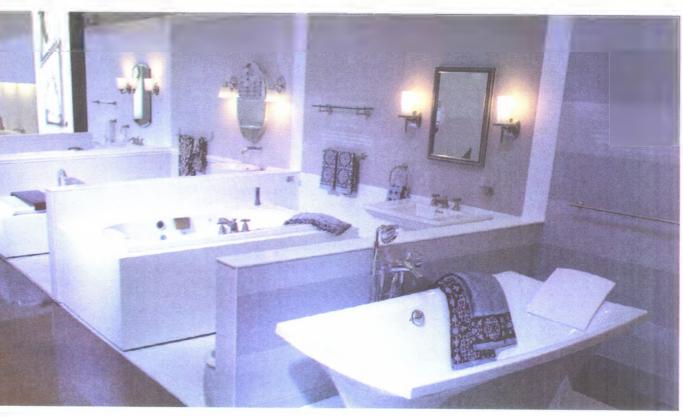
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