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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 Sneiderman are absent; Vice President Dianne Gonzalez, Secretary Adrienne Davis, Treasurer Judy Mardigan 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 METS.

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/3aszvov>.

'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 and glass of the 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 unanimously approved license transfer requests from two downtown establishments.

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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AROUND PLYMOUTH

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

Golf for hockey
Date/Time: Saturday, Aug. 27, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
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 closest 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 3 p.m.
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 freedoms.

Kidz Kamp
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) 348-0115.

Rockettes golf
Date/Time: Aug. 7
Location: Fox Hills Golf Club, Plymouth
Details: The Salem High School Pom Pon team's 11th annual golf fundraiser includes a \$10,000 hole-in-one contest, prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive,

first place for men and mixed teams, skins and door prizes. Golfers receive donuts/bagels for breakfast, a hot dog lunch at the turn, and a buffet dinner including a 2 hour open bar. Cost is \$100 per golfer.

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

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.villagepottersguild.org or call (734) 207-8807.

Grief Support
Date/Time: Oct. 5, 12, 19 and 26, from 7-9 p.m.
Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth

Details: Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Parish in Plymouth is sponsoring "Grieving with Great Hope," a four-week grief support series for Catholics who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Speakers will include Fr. John Riccardo from OLCG 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 OLCG 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 Hamtramck-based jail to federal officials.

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

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.



Wayne 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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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 heart-break 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 bomb.

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," she said.

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 were 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 homecoming 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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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,

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 Dineshmar Patel, 33
- Pharmacist Anish Bhavsar, 35
- Pharmacist Kartik Shah, 34
- Pharmacist Lokesh Tayal, 35
- Accountant Chetan Gujarathi, 38, of Canton
- Harpreet Sachdeva, 38
- 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 Office of Inspector General.

"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 effect."

Gannett News Service contributed to this report.

CRIME WATCH



Mower missing

1 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

2 A 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

3 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

4 A Livonia man reported late last 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

5 A house on Ivywood Lane was egged 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.

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CONCOURS

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good job." It was Griffith's first Concours.

"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

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 sales.

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 cars.

"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 said.

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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AUCTION

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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 release to the new venue — the annual Concours had been at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester for 32 years — was "extremely positive."

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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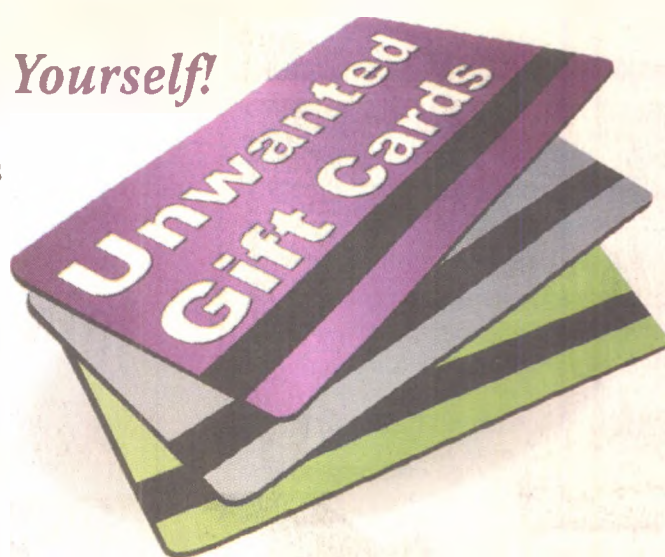
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Miracle Mashers aim for derby fences

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 spectators.

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 Ramirez, Drew Thompson, Scott Devine, and Tommy Rodriguez
- Plymouth: Tyler Goble, Mike Nadrtowski, and Richard Guglielmi
- Canton: Ryan Bazner, Chris Perkovich, and Braden Price

- 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 a registration table for the 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.

Buy Michigan Now fest puts 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 community."

Northville's also close to Detroit, Ann Arbor and Lansing, making it a good location.

DETAILS

Event: Buy Michigan Now Festival
Dates: Aug. 5-7
Times: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday; noon-6 p.m. Sunday
Location: downtown Northville
Web: www.BuyMichiganNow.com

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.com.

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 events.

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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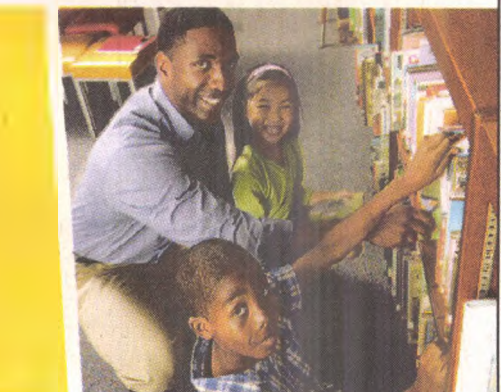
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Shining Stars Theater debuts with 'Story of Grimridge'

BY SUE BUCK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth resident Andrea Fisher saw a need in Garden City and responded by developing a youth theater 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 said.

She wanted to find a way to provide those kids with the same chance that she had to perform onstage. After months of numerous phone calls, e-mails 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.

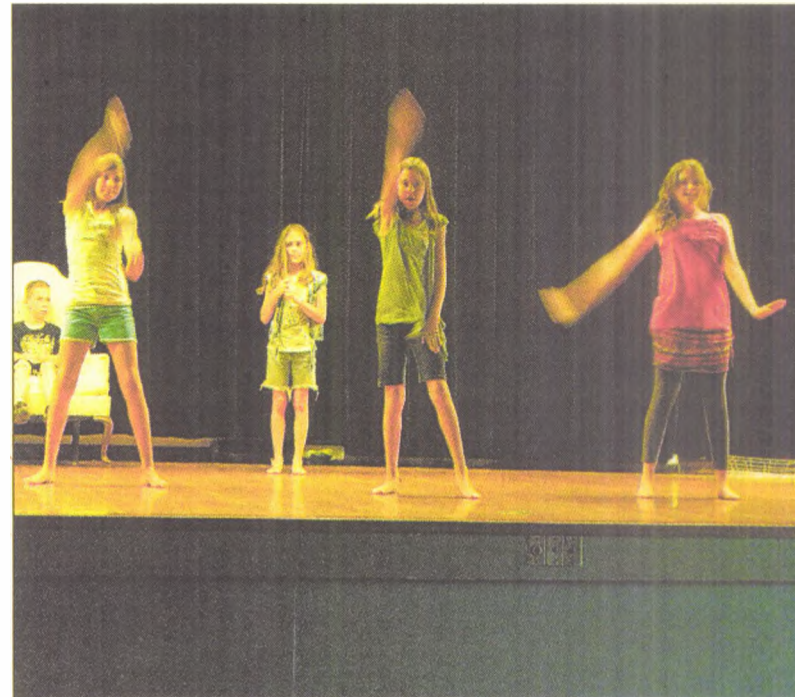
The full cast has 10 performers: Bethany Stoddart as Lily, Emily Proctor as Lady Minerva, Dominic Tomasi as Prince Dylan, Meghann Butchart as Mrs. Cobblestone, Riley Klauza as Aqua the Mermaid, Arianna Sawyer as Kayla the Elf, Alison Kindred as Spiniz the Body Guard, Alyssa Griglio as Madame Delia the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

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



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

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Rarest of the rare cars turn up at Concours

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Of 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 four-door sedan body style of his car.

"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 parts.

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

1995.

"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 German-built 1964 Amphicar, made to travel on land or water (3,878 made) and a 1948 Tucker (only 51 made).

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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 Avanta was one of the cars on display.



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



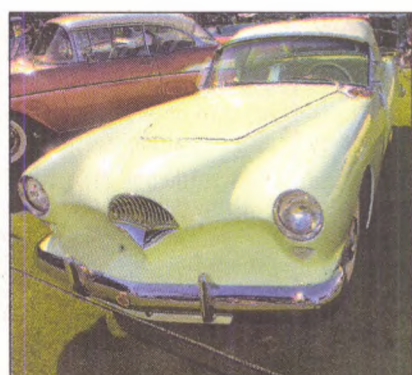
The Mitchell Collection had its 1932 Stutz DV-32 Bearcat at Concours d'Elegance.



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."



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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 CoVt Inner-City League championship. Members of the Hawks include (first row, from left): Chris Scheffer, Deon 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 Bova.

15U Concealed Security off to quick series start

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

SANDLOT BASEBALL

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 six-inning (mercy rule) win over the Cleveland (Ohio) Hit Club as Kevin Franklin (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-

er, John Slater (Southfield) got the win in relief and drove home the winning run and drove Deon Spalding and Dee Jawad (Dearborn Heights) with the game-winning two-run single 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 (Wisc.). 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 victory. 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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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 Wojcsek, Maggie Bacigal; (middle row, from left) Kourtney Klatt, Camryn Cork, Maria Targosz, Elizabeth McCann, Catherine Olchanski, Sarah Mesack, Jenna Kwiecinski; (top row, from left) coaches Joe Schornack, Elizabeth Bacigal and Bob Bacigal.

ROCKETS
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"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 along." Seven players return off last year's squad including starters Joslyn Massey (transfer from Detroit Renaissance), Erica Coville (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 hope, 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 team 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 season. "I thought I did a good job and my reputation speaks for itself," Anderson said. "I'm not happy with the decision and didn't agree, but rules are rules. I'm so darn frus-

rated 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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SPORTS ROUNDUP

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 KLA teams who competed in 2011 have been invited to participate, along with players from 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 tournaments. 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-and-under Dearborn Heights Knights will be at 10 a.m. to

teams will be Sunday, Aug. 7, and Sunday, Aug. 21 at Heritage Park. On Saturday, 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., 10-and-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 tournaments. 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-and-under 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 (south of Ford Road) between Beech Daly and Inkster, in Dearborn Heights. 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 bebbenlatt.net. Tryouts for the 11-and-under 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 tournaments 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-and-under 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 tournaments scheduled following the high school baseball season. For more information, call Jack Murray at (734) 968-5808; or e-mail murray6@woway.com.

MENOVCIK
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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 half-marathons." 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 come-

back 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."

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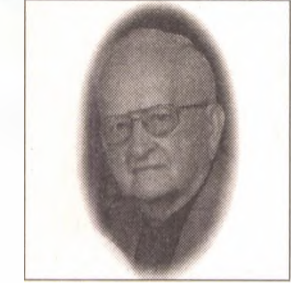
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BURKHART, RICHARD C.

Age 84, Aug. 1, 2011 of Canton. Beloved husband of Lucille. Loving father of Richard, Jr. (Judy), Sandra (Flem) Stiltner, Linda (Eric) Partridge, Edward (Margery) Burkhardt, 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 N 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



BUSH, BARBARA J.

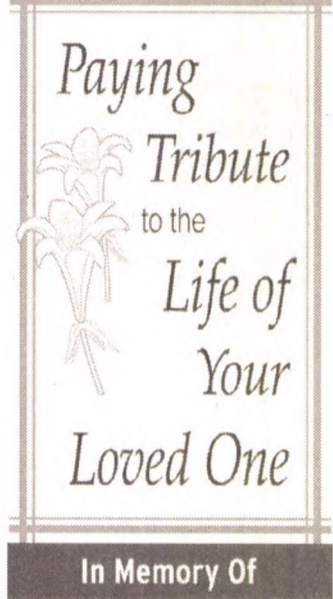
Of Plymouth, Mi age 65 passed away July 2011. She was born in Dearborn, Mi, the daughter of Clyde & Blanche (Lark) Thrasher. She grew up in Dearborn and met her husband Donald E. Bush at the Dearborn Youth Center. They dated for five years and married on June 11, 1966. Barbara attended Detroit Business 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 <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: schrader-howell.com.

MIKA, VICTOR
Age 65, July 28, 2011. Preceded in death by his parents, Stanley & Margaret. Survived by his loving siblings, 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



RUCKER, WILLIAM JAMES, SR.

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.cafefuneral.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.



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Vacation Bible School makes peace a priority

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

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 Bible School.

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 summer.

"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 discussion. 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 gardens.

"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 cause.

"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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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 generation."

"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 Lodge.

"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 said.

NEWCOMERS

Sally Pinchoc, 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 week."

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Jacob Nothstine will show students how to take nature photos, like his piece, "Lunch Break," during classes Aug. 10 and 17, at Founders Park in Farmington Hills.



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

Contact: (248) 344-0497

Village Potters Guild

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

Location: 340 N. Main, Plymouth

Details: Five-day tile-making workshop will cover modern, free-form tiles, glazing, relief tiles and carved tiles from plaster casts and is aimed at beginning, aspiring or experienced artists, 18 and older. Class size is limited. Bring ideas for a relief tile to the first class. Clay, glazes, plaster and tools will be provided. Cost is \$85

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

GET OUT!

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Contact: (248) 327-0575; gocomedy.net

JD's House of Comedy

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

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

Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday

Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Dan Greuter with Martin Butler and Julie Lyons, through Aug. 6; Erin Jackson with Steve Bills and Amit Jain, Aug. 10-13; Andy Woodhull with Jeff Dwoskin and Justin Sullivan, Aug. 17-20; Dave Landau with Cory Latarski, Aug. 24-27

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Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Time/Date: Eric Hunter, Aug. 4-6; KT Tataru, 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

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

Please see **GET OUT!**, B8

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.glcatsconsortium.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 be 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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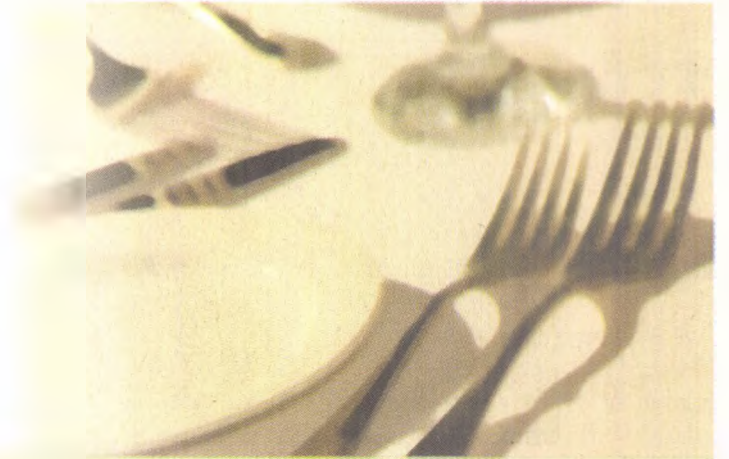
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FROM PAGE B6

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

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



Kelly Stonebraker is Pippi Longstocking in the 8th Wonder Theatre production Aug. 5-13.

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) 968-5197

FAMILY

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
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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 Hills
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
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Tiny Tot Olympics/Parksapalooza
Time/Date: 10-11:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 5 is Tiny Tot Olympics; Parksapalooza runs 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6
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. 4
Location: 118 N. Main, just north of 11 Mile in downtown Royal Oak
Details: Royal Oak-based Regeneration Raw and its new Heal Yourself Institute will host a screening of the documentary "Food Matters," followed by a Q&A with David Wolfe, one of the film's stars and a world authority on raw foods and superfoods. Tickets are \$10; proceeds benefit Wolfe's nonprofit Fruit Tree Planting Foundation
Contact: (248) 470-4290

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

Redford Theatre
Time/Date: 8 p.m. Aug. 5 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 6
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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Time/Date: 2 p.m., Thursday-Sunday
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Time/Date: Through Oct. 23
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Skewered Shrimp with Black Bean-Lemon Rice

SAVOR the season

with grilled salads, fish, steak

Grilling 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.



chef Nick Stellino

NICK STELLINO'S GRILLING TIPS

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

Serves 4

Marinade/Dressing:
 ¼ 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

Skewers:
 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

Rice:
 3 cups hot cooked brown rice

15 ounces canned black beans, rinsed and drained
 ¼ cup chopped cilantro
 3 teaspoons grated lemon zest

Whisk marinade ingredients in small bowl. Reserve ½ cup mixture in separate bowl and set aside. Place shrimp in a resealable plastic bag, pour marinade over shrimp, seal tightly and coat well. Refrigerate 30 minutes, turning frequently. Remove shrimp from marinade (reserving marinade). Place shrimp on skewers, alternating with tomatoes, chilies and onions (folded in half). Preheat grill on high heat. Brush skewers with reserved marinade and cook 4 to 5 minutes on each side or until shrimp are opaque in center. Place remaining marinade in a small saucepan on the grill to heat slightly. Toss rice with black beans, cilantro and lemon zest. To serve: Top rice with skewers and spoon remaining marinade over skewers.

TOMATO, BURRATA AND ARUGULA SALAD

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
 1 28-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 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 seeded
 2 yellow bell peppers, cut into quarters and seeded
 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 serve.

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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 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



Susan Rosiek

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 must-haves 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!

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P.S. Thanks to Debbi Rock of Farnington 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



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

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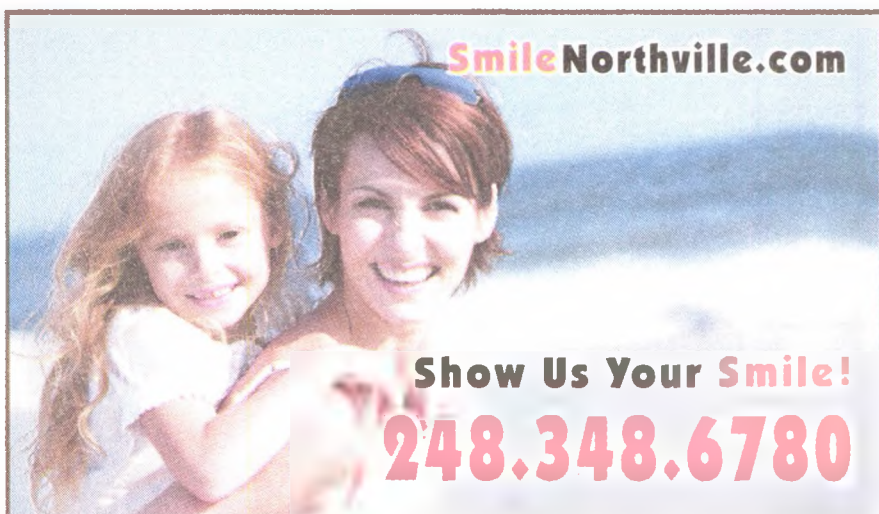
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physicians gave her one to three years to live. The news came as a shock as Williams had fought and survived Stage I breast cancer in 2001.

Standing in the kitchen of their Bloomfield Hills condo, Dorene and her sons cuddle the latest member of the family, Tabatha, a shih tzu they 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 T-shirts Williams designed with the caricature of an old woman in boxing gloves fighting cancer. Reid Taylor 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."

Daro's 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 ago.

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

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 special."

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."

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She vows to never to give up

By Linda Ann Chomin
Contributing Writer

Dorene Williams had been getting annual mammograms 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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Name: Lynne Burk

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Name: Pam Welland

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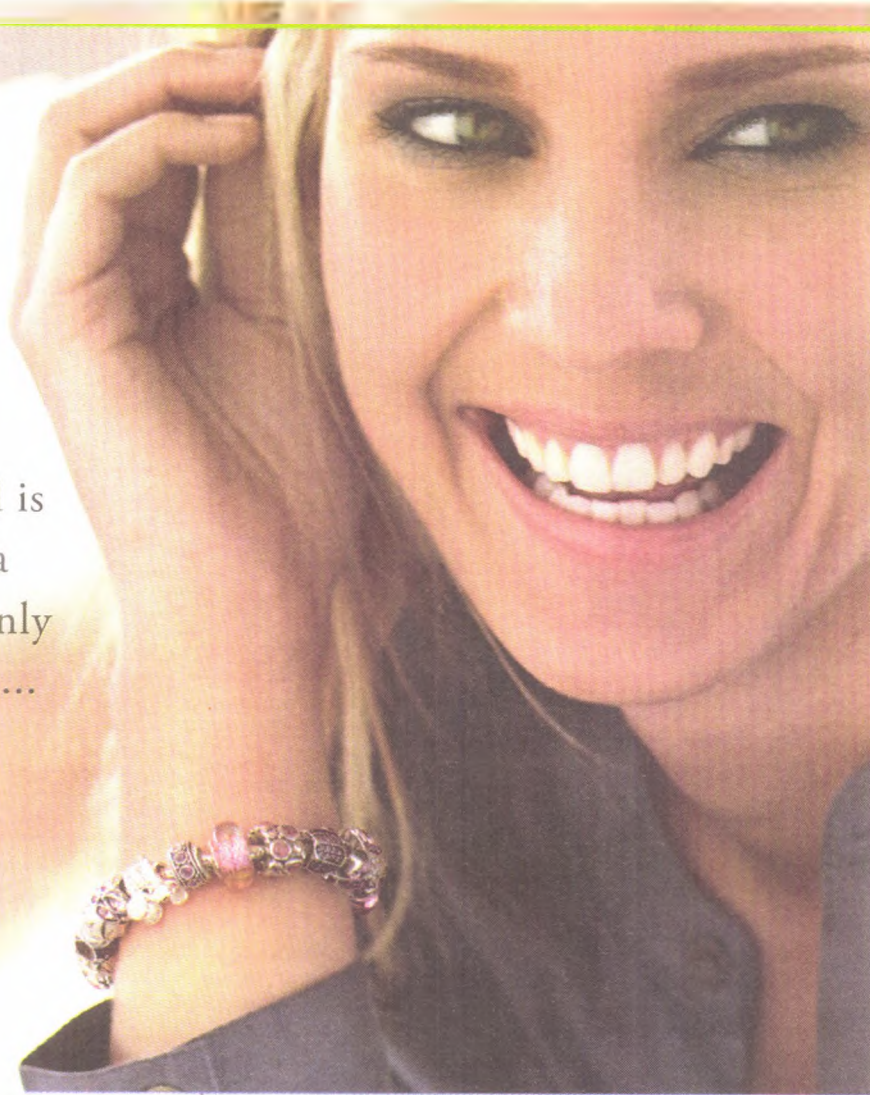
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Women's confidence in saving for retirement is on the rise, and their tactics differ from men's

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 a 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.

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- 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:

- Take stock in your current situation. Review your accounts and your current financial situation so that you understand your portfolio.
- Get a realistic picture of how much you'll need. Determine how much you'll need to save for retirement by using an online retirement calculator.
- Get educated. There are many investment options available. To make informed retirement investment decisions, you need to understand your choices.

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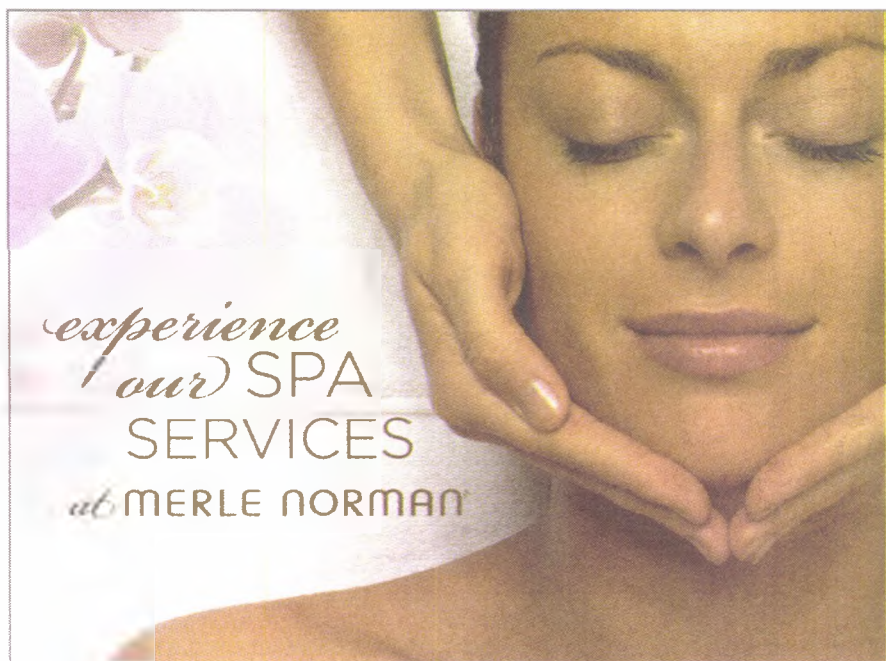
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MUST-HAVES for College Life

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, it 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, fluorescent) 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.

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YOUR HEALTH



Health leads list for back-to-school

By Linda Ann Chomin
Contributing Writer

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.

Meningococcal (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 Novi.

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 Menaetra 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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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.

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, Ippolita and Dave Yurman are some of the store's most sought-after 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 high-end 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.

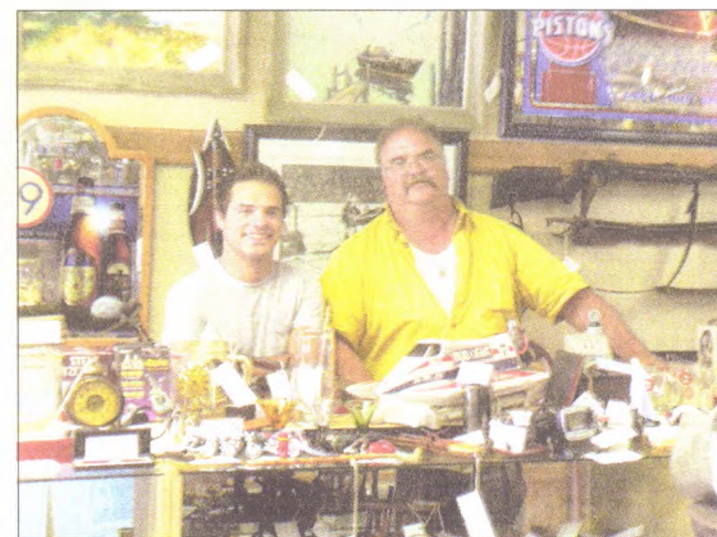
For other people, shopping consignment stores starts with a necessity to save money. "We opened our store at the downturn of the economy," said Nicole Freund, one of the owners of Regeneration in Pleasant Ridge.

"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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Peter Landry (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-inspired urn?

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

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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 have 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
Contributing Writer

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 through 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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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 cold air returns.

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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.

IMMUNIZATION CLINICS

• **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 1½ 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.

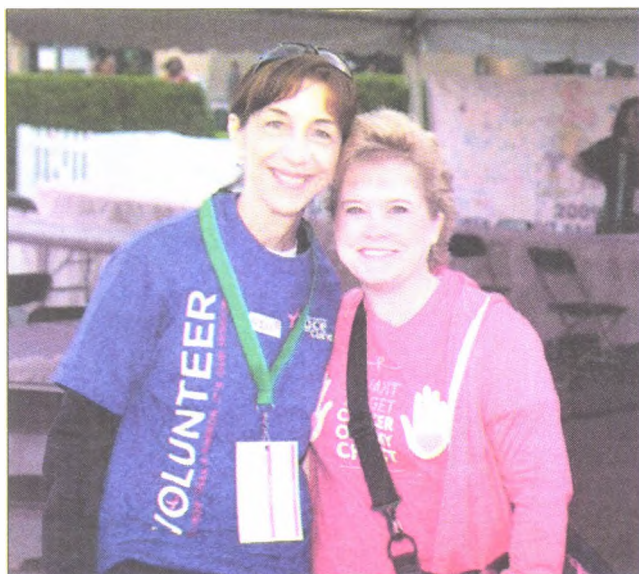
Houser suggests parents look at the immunization schedule of childhood requirements on the Michigan Department of Community Health website.

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 Global 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

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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 children's 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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COLLEGE

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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 roll-worthy 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

• Ear plugs

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.

• Coffeemaker

From all-nighters to early classes, keeping a coffeemaker on hand helps keep co-eds awake and cuts down on expensive coffee-house brews. Snag multi-cup machines, like those from Black & Decker, with auto shut-off 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.

• DVD case

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.

• Toaster

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.

• Flip-flops

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.

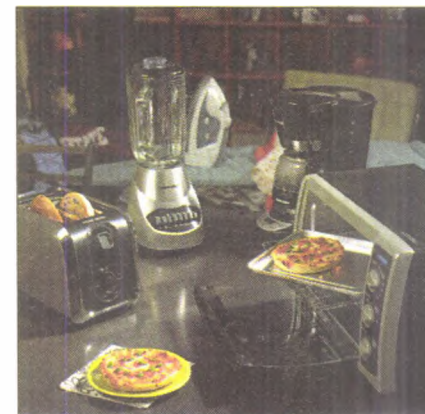


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College students often need appliances in the dorm.

• 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, too.

• Blender

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.

• Surge protector

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.

• Countertop 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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Level: Advanced

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Another take on resale

By Sally Rummel
Contributing Writer

Watch out, e-readers. There's a reading experience available through a gently-used turn-the-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 Livonia.

"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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FOOD



Chicken à la grill

There's nothing wrong with lip-smacking good barbecued chicken — but there are a lot of other tasty ways to enjoy chicken hot off the grill. These recipes from the National Chicken Council bring flame-kissed flavor to your plate in the form of sweet and spicy wings, summer-fresh kabobs and a gorgeous entree salad.

APRICOT GLAZED GRILLED CHICKEN WINGS

Serves 4

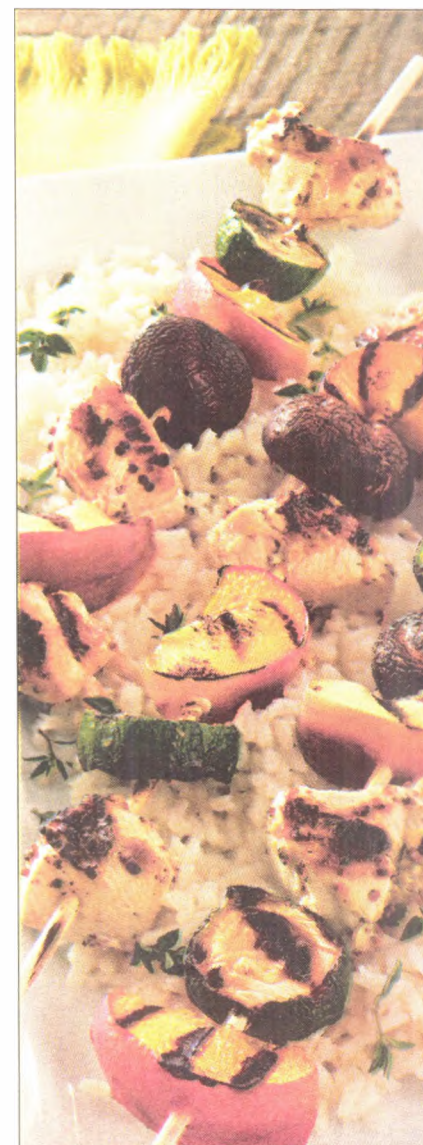
- 4 pounds chicken wings, tips removed, and cut at the joint
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup apricot preserves
- 2 garlic cloves, mashed
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh ginger
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup soy sauce
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon red pepper flakes
- Juice from one lime, about 2 tablespoons
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ 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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- 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.

GRILL

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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 1/2-inch rounds
- 16 cremini mushrooms
- 3 ripe peaches, cut into eighths (may use frozen if fresh not available)
- 8 wooden or metal skewers

Marinade:

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup coarse grainy mustard
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 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 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.

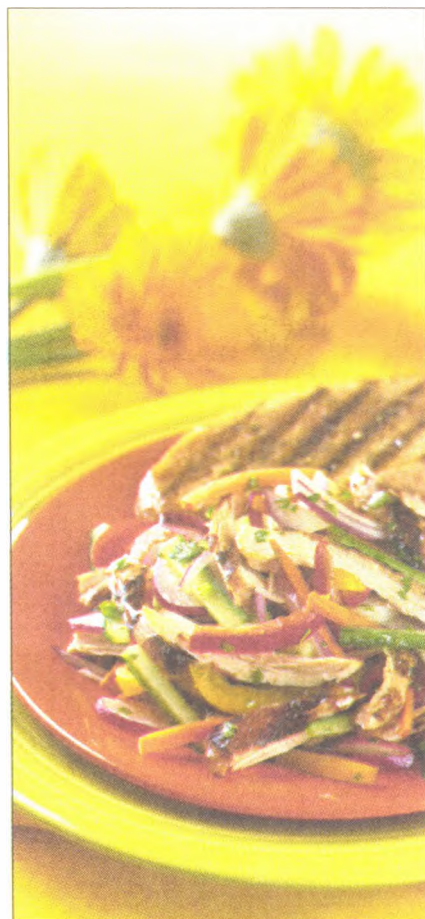
Serve over rice.

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
- 1/4 cup lime juice
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons cilantro, chopped
- 2 tablespoons parsley, chopped

In large plastic zipper bag, combine Chinese five spice powder, 1 tablespoon olive oil, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/2 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, 1/4 cup olive oil, remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt and remaining 1/2 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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Total Time: 5 minutes

Serves: 4

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- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1 cup strawberries, quartered
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/4 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 1/4 cup of cottage cheese.



STRAWBERRY, SPINACH AND COTTAGE CHEESE SALAD

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Total Time: 15 minutes

Serves: 4

- 6 ounces baby spinach
- 1/4 cup green onions, sliced
- 1/2 cup light raspberry vinaigrette
- 1 cup fresh strawberries, sliced
- 1/4 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 serve.

Sudoku Answers

Beginner

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

Intermediate

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Advanced

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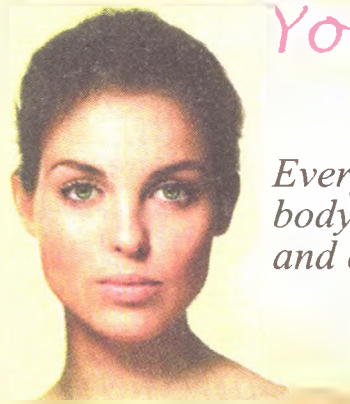
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