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# Candidates question township's land buy

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

Several challengers for the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees say they've found an issue in the township's purchase last summer of 323 acres of land in a tax sale.

The price of the acreage was originally just under \$288,000, but that jumped to \$606,000 after the discovery of a clerical error on the part of Wayne County,

according to the township.

The parcel in the area of Five Mile and Beck is nearly a third of the roughly 1,000 acres envisioned for the proposed Wayne County Advanced Technology Park, to which state, county and local officials hope to lure high-tech manufacturing and research firms, plus ancillary businesses that would provides goods, services and recreation for those who work there.

If it comes to fruition, the tech-

nology park, now in the early planning stages, would straddle Five Mile in Plymouth and Northville townships between Beck and Napier. Plymouth Township officials say they hope to one day turn about 100 acres of the township's site into parkland to make WCATP more attractive; Northville Township would have a similar, contiguous

But several Republican township trustee candidates, during recent interviews, said the purchase was wrong and the township should focus on public safety and other core ser-

"Townships are not supposed to be in the land business" said Chuck Curmi, a trustee from 1992 to 2008 who is running to reioin the board. Curmi said that, if elected, he would advocate selling the 323 acres.

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Music director/conductor Nan Washburn led the Michigan Philharmonic in the second annual 'An American Salute' in Plymouth's Kellogg Park Saturday. Unlike last year, Mother Nature provided excellent weather for the patriotic performance.

# Downtown dazzler

#### Orchestra wows park crowd with patriotic performance

**By Brad Kadrich** Observer Staff Writer

When the Michigan Philharmonic tried to play "An American Salute" for the first time last summer, Mother Nature wasn't very coop-

The rain fell, and the lightning came just a few songs into the performance, eventually causing the cancellation of the performance and sending everyone home disappointed.

There were no such weather issues Saturday, when the orchestra took the stage in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park for what is quickly becoming a very popular patriotic concert.

With hot temperatures and wonderful weather abounding, the Philharmonic performed for thousands of people in the second annual concert.

"That was the disappointing part (last year), when the lightning came and just kept pushing it farther and farther back," said Tony Brusca-



The hot summer night didn't seem to bother some 4,000 listeners who came out to hear 'An American Salute' performed by the Michigan Philharmonic in Kellogg Park.

to, operations director for the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, which hosted the concert. "The Michigan Philharmonic has always had a great reputation. To have an orchestra like that play in downtown Plymouth is certainly a great experience."

Bruscato estimated the crowd at upward of 4,000 people who simply kept pouring into the park to hear the orchestra. The concert, sponsored in part by the O&E and Hometown Newspapers in partnership with the DDA. The Wilcox Foundation, Biggby Coffee, Atsalis Dental Excellence and the Grand Traverse Pie Co., wowed the crowd with its patriotic music, including its always-

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## Absence flap leads to more township minutes

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

An examination of Plymouth Township records shows six Board of Trustee meetings in 2008 and 2009 for which there were no meeting minutes posted on the township website, at least as of Tuesday.

But with Clerk Joe Bridgman present at all six, according to copies of the minutes, he still recorded the second most absences during the current term, not the most, as was alleged by Supervisor Richard Reaume in a June campaign flier.

Trustee Steve Mann, absent from a Sept. 22, 2009, regular meeting for which no minutes were available online, totaled 17 absences over 80 meetings, while Bridgman was absent 13 times, the minutes show.

Reaume, whose charge that Bridgman had the most absences of current elected officials was among several criticisms made of the clerk in a June campaign flier in which the supervisor endorsed Nancy Conzelman, who is challenging Bridgman in the Republican primary race for clerk.

The flier, paid for by the Conzelman campaign, was mailed to about 3,000 likely voters, Reaume said. Bridgman answered the charges with a campaign piece of his own, mailed to about 4,000 likely voters.

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#### Sound of summer



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Carl Battishill conducted the Plymouth Community Band in one of its first performances of the season June 28 in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park. For more on the performance, please turn to page A3.



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"We have property that we can't get rid of," said candidate Don Schnettler, referring to the former township administrative complex at Ann Arbor and Lilley, which has been vacant for nearly six years. "Why buy more?"

Candidate Jennifer Mann said voters are asking her about the land when she is on the campaign trail.

"We are not supposed to buy land and hope to make a profit," Mann said. "It's a big issue. People want to know."

Supervisor Richard Reaume has described the land purchase as a step in planning for a new high-tech park. The WCATP would be just north of the township's existing industrial park, with access to freeways and railroad lines.

The board agreed to the purchase in July 2011 with a 4-2 vote; Clerk Joe Bridgman was absent and Trustees Steve Mann and Mike Kelly voted against the purchase.

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In a vote the next month, the purchase was reaffirmed with a 5-0 vote; Trustee Bob Doroshewitz was absent and Mann, a lawyer, cited his law firm's work on the financing of the purchase in abstaining from the vote.

The land was purchased out of tax foreclosure after the state of Michigan declined to buy it, and Reaume said a clerical error on the county's part initially put the price at \$287,679.85. The later price of \$606,000 is not listed in board meeting minutes, but was on a list of payments the board approved as a batch last

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stirring rendition of The

1812 Overture. "It was fabulous," said Beth Stewart, executive director of the Michigan Philharmonic. "The crowd was great, they

were really responsive." The thousands in attendance could bode well for future concerts.

"That's a great thing, because those people are going to tell other people how great the concert was," Bruscato said. "We're looking for great things next year."

The Michigan Philharmonic changed its name and took on more of a regional performance schedule a couple of years ago, but always enjoys playing in its own back yard.

"It's really a great thing for us to perform for our hometown and our home crowd," Michigan Philharmonic Board President Don Soenen said from the stage Saturday. "Plymouth should



The large crowd rises as the Michigan Philharmonic plays the "Star Spangled Banner."

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The Michigan Philharmonic performance was just the latest in the number of downtown events the city prides itself on hosting. Events such as the Music in the

Air series Friday nights and the Music in the Park children's concerts Wednesday afternoons, along with all the other festivals and events hosted downtown, help give Plymouth the hometown feel for which it's become known, according to Bruscato.

"It's one of those things that happens in downtown Plymouth that brings people together," he said. "To have the Michigan Philharmonic be part of that is a great thing."

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Reaume, also a Republican, called the mistake in the absence totals an oversight; Bridgman charged the supervisor with playing dirty politics. Reaume had said Friday he thought some meeting minutes had not been posted on the web, however.

Conzelman, an attorney, said it was "absolutely unprecedented" for a township supervisor to endorse against a fellow board member of the same party.

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The discovery of the additional meeting minutes changed the absence totals, from the time the current board took office to date, for Trustees Bob Doroshewitz (eight absences over 80 meetings) and Mike Kelly (six absences), as well as for Mann, the records show.

The primary election is Tuesday, Aug. 7; the winner of the Republican primary in the clerk's race will be the likely overall winner in November, as there are no candidates on the Democratic side.

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#### army.org WRESTLING CAMP

Date/Time: July 16-19, 5:30-8 p.m. Location: Salem High School

Details: Salem Wrestling is holding a summer wrestling camp for all 7-12th graders that are attending and/or going to be attending Salem High School. The cost is \$25 which

includes a camp T-shirt. All current Salem wrestlers are required to attend and will concentrate on technique and conditioning. It will be run by current Salem Assistant Varsity Coach and High School State Wrestling Champion Jeremy Henderson.

Contact: Coach Henderson at jhendy189@gmail.com or visit www. wrestling.salemrocks.com for more information.

#### **GRIEF SUPPORT**

Date/Time: Saturday, July 28, 9 a.m. to noon

Location: Room C-319 at Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile in Northville Details: Ward Presbyterian Church sponsors a one-day grief seminar, From Grief to New Hope, presented by Cathy Clough, founder/executive director of New Hope Center for Grief Support and co-author of "Grieving Forward: Death Happened, Now What?" All adults who are learning to cope after the death of a loved one are encouraged to attend. There is no charge for the

seminar.

Contact: Call New Hope at (248) 348-

#### **POLISH DANCE**

Date/Time: July 21-28

**Location:** Orchard Lake Schools campus

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The Plymouth Community Band presents "Summon the Heroes," in honor of Independence Day. Here, guest conductor John Gonthier leads the band in The American Way March.



John Whitecar, tuba soloist, performing Heavy Metal Soul.



Hot weather doesn't deter the crowd at the concert.

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The Plymouth Community Band performed to rave reviews Thursday with its concert, "Summon the Heroes," in Kellogg Park Thursday.

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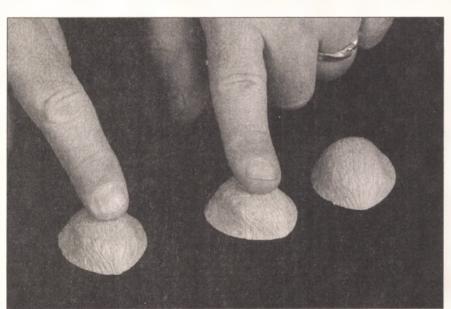
The band, generally composed of some 55-75 volunteer, amateur musicians, has been entertaining local audiences since it was founded in 1960, and it did so again Thursday.

Under the direction of longtime conductor Carl Battishill, the band rehearses once a week, year-round (except for August), and performs other outdoor concerts as well as a slate of indoor concerts during the school year.



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# Yankee Air Museum puts planes up for 'adoption'

By Sue Mason Observer Staff Writer

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When Uncle Sam needed recruits in World War II. he pointed to the masses with his finger. Now that iconic finger is pointing again as the Yankee Air Museum looks for groups of people interested in "adopting" one of its airplanes.

It's a no-cost arrangement, and no need to worry about where to park the planes. They're on display at the museum and its air park on D Street at the Willow Run Airport.

Those who like their airplanes on the large size can consider adopting the museum's B-52 Stratofortress. Too big? No problem, the museum also has smaller planes like the Martin Canberra, F-4C McDonnell Phantom II and the UH-1H Bell Iroquois "Huey" helicopter available for adoption.

The only requirement is a commitment to clean the aircraft twice a year. The Yankee Air Museum will provide the supplies needed to take care of the airplane.

"We want the community to get involved," said Bob Catalano, the assistant manager for collections. "We're looking for families, businesses, scout groups, veterans organizations, Civil Air Patrol, or ROTC groups to help clean the planes one day in the spring and one day in the fall, do painting as needed, and, as capable, do some minor repairs."

Catalano got the idea from the museum at the Selfridge Air National Guard Base. The museum curator "has a nice program like this in place" and a waiting list for adoptive groups.



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Bob Catalano of Westland, volunteer and assistant manager for collections at the Yankee Air Museum, is promoting adoption of the museum's aircraft, including the 'Huey' helicopter as a way to get the community involved.



One display pays tribute to Vina Greer, a Rosie the Riveter, and stands in front of a 1943 Stinson V77/AT-19 Reliant.

"I live in Westland and some of the people on that list are from Westland," he said. "There's people from Ohio on it.

We figured if we did it here, it's closer, we can have them come here."

The Yankee Air planes are on static display in

the air park outside the museum now located in the former Michigan Institute of Aviation and Technology on the north

#### **ADOPT A PLANE**

People can help the Yankee Air Museum preserve aviation history by adopting a plane.

To sign up or for more information, contact Bob Catalano in the Yankee Air Museum Collections Department at of the Yankee Air Museum, (734) 483-4030 Ext. 260, by cell phone at (570) 947-8790, or by email at bob.catalano@yankeeairmuseum.org.

More information and an application also can be found under the collections tab on the museum's website at www.yankeeairmuseum.org.

The Yankee Air Museum is 4788 D St., off Beck Road, south of Ecorse, Ypsilanti. For more information, call (734) 483-4030 or visit the museum website.



A display is the museum lets visitors see the cockpit of a Boeing KC-135 Stratotanker, that was used for aerial refueling.

Volunteers care for museum's planes, page A11

side of the airport.

Volunteers have been rebuilding the museum after its collection of artifacts, memorabilia and several planes were destroyed in a fire

Catalano is worried that people don't realize the museum is still in existence. He hopes to introduce more people to the Yankee Air Force through the Adopt a Plane program and he

might do just that, considering 100 volunteers showed up earlier this year for Bomber Buffing 2012 - polishing the museum's B-17 would look its best for the flying season.

"I want to try to get this rolling," said Cata-lano. "I want people to know about this museum. I lived in Pennsylvania and the only way I knew about the museum was through my wife, she was from Northville.'

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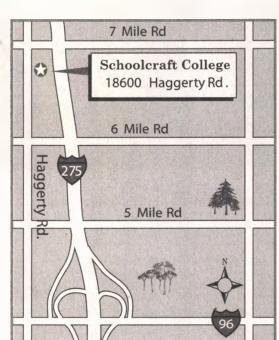


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# Canton, DIA partner to display art

**By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer** 

When representatives of the Detroit Institute of Arts first started talking to Canton Township officials about partnering in the DIA's "Inside/Out" program, Kathleen Salla thought about some of the display art that lines Ford

As it turns out, the art the DIA is talking about bringing to Canton as part of the program, the DIA's outreach project which installs replicas of its famous works in outdoor public places throughout metro Detroit, wouldn't work well for the kind of driveby viewing the art on Ford Road gets.

That didn't deter Canton and the DIA from

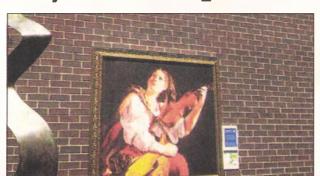


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'Young Woman with a Violin' by Italian artist Orazio Gentileschi will be on display at the Canton Public Library.

entering into the partnership. Canton was one of 13 local communities chosen for the program.

"We're doing lots of different things to promote the cultural arts in our community," said Kath-leen Salla, Canton's DDA coordinator. "We like to promote partnerships and a culturally oriented community. We embrace these kinds of projects."

Now in its third year, this popular program sponsored by The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, continues to surprise and delight community members and visitors with strategically placed reprofrom the DIA's permanent collection.

A total of six weatherprotected reproductions will be on display in Canton for residents and visitors to discover around town. On display will be:

 Animals in Landscape, by German artist Franz Marc, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway.

 Young Woman with a Violin, by Italian artist Orazio Gentileschi, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center.

• Talking Oak, by English artist William Maw Egley, at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center.

• The Merrymakers, by

French artist Carolus-Duran, at the Heritage Park Amphitheater, adjacent to the Canton Administration Building.

· Girl and Laurel, by American artist Winslow Homer, in Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge.

• Saint Jerome, in His Study by Netherlandish artist Jan van Eyck, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

"I think it's a fantastic partnership," said Jill Engel, executive director of the Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities. "To be able to bring the DIA out into the communities is just amazing. We're enriching the lives

of the people who live in Canton."

Celebrating the richness and diversity of the DIA's extensive collection, the InsidelOut program is aimed at inspiring audiences outside of the museum walls in these "temporary" open-air galleries. Close to scale to the original works of art, these brilliantly copied reproductions will remain on display through September 2012.

Canton officials hope the partnership will spark more interest in the arts in Canton, and also inspire some trips downtown to the DIA.

"That's what it's all about," Engel said.







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# Local philanthropy Women are key players in raising money for community projects

By Jill Halpin Correspondent

Forget about "mommy wars" and coffee klatches; those are things of the past.

Most women these days are focused on something much more important: building better communities through philanthropy and charitable work.

Moreover, whether it is through their chosen careers or personal volunteer efforts, women are making a big impact in fundraising and community development, as well as teaching others about the importance of giving back along the way.

"The concept of volunteering and providing support is not new to women; they have just taken it to a new level," said Margo Gorchow, vice president for community relations, marketing and development at Botsford Hospital in Farming-

"Women have been in volunteer roles forever, whether it is through their children's PTA or work with the Red Cross," she added

As executive director of the Botsford Foundation, Gorchow has been responsible for raising funds for a variety of hospital projects including the building of a new cancer center and two significant projects in the emergency room waiting area as well as increasing patient and caregiver education to promote better health within the community.

She has worked in the health care field for over 30 years, first as a nurse and then as a healthcare educator, eventually working her way into the development arena, which she says provides her with the opportunity to improve the overall health of the community through building partnerships both internally and externally.

"It is enormously satisfying and very motivating to know that you are making a difference for those around you," Gorchow said.

Sara Stauffer, director of development for St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, agrees with that assessment.

She says that the ability to make a difference in her own community and positively impact her family and neighbors is very rewarding and what motivates her to keep

Since joining St. Mary Mercy in 2006, Stauffer has been behind several successful fundraising campaigns for a new cancer center, and a new heart and vascular center. She is also involved in the current campaign to build a new South Pavilion which will house a state-of-the-art Emergency



Women from Canton, Plymouth and Northville are part of The Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle, a fund of the Canton Community Foundation. This photo was taken at a past meeting of the group which lets area women combine socializing, education and philanthropy.

Center as well as 80 new private patient rooms and the renovation of the existing North Tower that will renovate semiprivate rooms into private

"I am passionate about my work; it is something I truly believe in. I also give back personally because it feels good to be involved with these programs that are so beneficial to the whole community," she said.

#### Women givers grow

The trend in women becoming actively involved in philanthropy began in the 1970s as more women entered the work force and began earning their own money, experts say, and it has continued to grow on both national and local levels. A 2010 study released by Indiana University's Women's Philanthropy Institute (WPI) at the Center on Philanthropy found that "women at virtually every income level are more likely to give to charity and to give more money on average than their male counterparts.

Gorchow also attributes the increased existence of women philanthropists to the rise of women to more powerful career roles.

"As more women become executives, the landscape has changed a bit. The majority of large contributions used to come from men, now we have more women of means looking at making philanthropic gifts at the major level," she said.

In fact, many area women have been a driving force behind a wide variety of local philanthropic projects, raising money for charitable causes and finding ways to give back to their communities in new ways.

Their projects span the gamut from building new hospital wings to starting and sustaining charitable foundations benefitting hundreds throughout the metropolitan Detroit area to building a facility for abused and battered women, their families and pets.

Longtime Canton resident and active community volunteer Loren Wadington agrees that women have become a stronger presence in philanthropic arenas. She believes that women are still generally the primary caregivers of their children, interacting more often with other parents and therefore often the first to become aware of the needs within their own community.

#### **Grass roots concerns**

"Historically, women are in tune at a grass roots level; more aware of what is going on at a community level... we tend to be the first ones to hear of a child or a family with a special need and then take action," said Wadington.

As a founding member of Giving Hope: Women's Giving Circle, a Canton and Plymouth based group of women aimed at providing assistance for a variety of needs within the community and a board member with First Step, which provides immediate assistance for abused women, Wadington has a long history of volunteer

She said she has seen firsthand the rise of women as philanthropic leaders.

"It is just in our nature. You have heard it said that when women get together, they know everything about each other within an hour, even if they

have never met. When we hear of a problem, we want to take care of it right away."

According to Marion Rozum of Canton, philanthropy used to be viewed as a "boys club."

As the roles of women have grown in the workforce, so has their place in the world of fundraising and community

service, she said. "Now that women have taken charge of their lives, they are finding a way to donate and give back," said Rozum, owner of MSA Delivery Service and an active community volunteer and contributor to a variety of local charities, including Chicks for Charity and Giving Hope: Women's Giving Circle among others.

Canton Community Foundation President Joan Noricks said that women combine passionate hearts with their fundraising efforts, often resulting in a very positive outcome.

'Women also excel at building relationships. Fundraising is not always about the money, it is about finding and matching the right volunteers and donors to the right cause," she said.

Rozum believes that helping people learn and teaching them how to give back is definitely an area where women excel.

"There are a lot of people out there that want to help out and donate their time and money. You have to teach people how to give. Most of the time if you open the door for them, they will jump through to help out," Rozum said.

Like most of the other women mentioned here, Rozum credits her mother with setting a strong example as an active community volunteer. It is an example she has tried to set with her own children, now grown and active in the community themselves.

#### Setting an example

Debra Madonna of Plymouth agrees that setting a positive example is key to raising another generation of giving women and men.

Madonna has lived in Plymouth most of her life and has been an active volunteer in a wide variety of community projects, including the Plymouth Community Arts Council and Miracle League of Plymouth, a baseball league for children with special physical and emotional needs.

'We all set examples for our families and others as we do these things. Our children are in the car with us as we do the booster clubs, the helping out, and they learn from us and I think they are learning well," Madonna said.

Noricks, the mother of three grown children said, "I always knew that my children were watching me. I would take them along and they would hear me talk about the importance of giving back.3

According to Madonna, it is a lesson that has been welllearned.

"I've worked with a lot of teenagers in our community and they are great at fundraising, pitching in and helping out. They hit the ground running and are very generous."

When it comes to giving, it all comes down to a very simple principle, Rozum said.

"Love your neighbor as yourself," said Rozum. "It doesn't take money. Just open your heart and do."

# Area women believe in giving back

Women are increasing their role in community fundraising. Here are examples of local women in the Observer area stepping up to the task.

#### **Marion Rozum**

Marion Rozum of Canton Township has been the owner of MSA Delivery Service in Canton Township for 20 years. For Rozum, the concept of "giving back" came naturally.

"My mother was a very caring person and so was my father. My mom was active with the Goodfellows and my father was always part of the local blood drives. They just firmly believed in the importance of giving back to your community," Rozum said.

Following her parents' example, she first began volunteering as a Girl Scout Leader before her children were even born and passed the "helping gene" along to her own children, now active volunteers in the community.

"It has a lot to do with how you are brought up. It is all about caring about other people," Rozum said.

Rozum is involved with Giving Hope: Women's Giving Circle, an organization of the Canton Community Foundation which is focused on providing grants for immediate assistance within the Plymouth and Canton communities. Rozum is also active in Chicks for Charity, a hands-on group working with



Active volunteer Marion Rozum (center) of Canton with her daughter, Lisa, and son, J. Rozum. Marion Rozum believes in setting a good example of giving back to encourage the next generation of philanthropists.

a variety of organizations in the metropolitan Detroit area; and Angela Hospice, where she has served as a volunteer for the past 12 years. She also helps the Detroit Diaper bank, which provides diapers for families in need and has been active with the local Red Cross blood drive, First Step and Relay for

Life. She is also an active donor to Camp Able, which provides camping opportunities for those with special needs.

She is quick to point out that although she is a very active volunteer, there are many others in the community also finding ways to contribute to the com-

"I am constantly amazed by all of the people that I run into that have spotted a need and found a way to address it," she said. "Philanthropy starts with wanting to help someone else. You don't need money; all it takes is an idea," she said.

Her advice for women looking to get involved in helping out is simply this, "You just make up your mind that you are going to help and you make a commitment ... it's just that easy. Soon you'll find that you just can't stop giving.'

#### **Joyce Pappas**

Like Rozum, Joyce Pappas of Garden City credits her parents with setting a standard for community service as she was growing up in Garden City, where she has lived for the past 60 years.

"When we were very little, my father told us that we needed to choose something — some type of community service. It was our responsibility," Pappas said. "Giving back to the community is something that was stressed in our



Joyce Pappas is an active Garden City volunteer and a member of the Garden City **Hospital Board of Trustees.** 

family.

Clearly, it was a lesson she learned well. A member of the board of trustees at Garden City Hospital for the past 12 years, and sales manager at Orin Jewelers, a business started by her father, Pappas has a long history of community volunteerism and philanthropy. Her

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#### Price: Improve accountability, oversight of executive

**By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer** 

Shannon Price says he has a plan to improve



accountability in Wayne County government at a time when it is awash in red ink, mired in controver-

sy over pay packages and facing legacy costs estimated at \$2.1 billion over 30 years.

The Canton Township resident, long involved behind the scenes of local politics — he is a former county Republican Party chairman — wants a thorough audit of county finances, greater disclosure of potential conflicts of interest, an online county "checkbook" open for viewing by the public, and a charter amendment that would give the **Board of Commissioners** the power to impeach the county executive.

Price, a constituent services staffer for Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette, is a Republican candidate for the 10th District spot on the county commission. The newly created district is made up of Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township.

"I think it's imperative to get another conservative on the board who can second a motion," said Price during a recent interview. Price was referring to the fact that Laura Cox of Livonia is now the only Republican on the 15-member commission.

Price, who faces attorney Richard Convertino in the Tuesday, Aug. 7, primary, said he was prompted to join the race because of what he sees as corruption in county

government and because the new district is a "donor district," sending, for example, about \$2.5 million to the county annually through a parks and recreation tax but only getting a fraction of that back in recreation services.

Price says the commission needs the power to reign in County Executive Robert Ficano in the wake of the "golden parachutes" that have come to light since the disclosure of a \$200,000 severance package for Turkia Mullin, the former economic development director. Facing mounting public pressure, Mullin returned the money last fall, and Ficano, while apologizing for missteps, maintains he did nothing illegal.

Price wants Ficano, who has said he will not resign, out of office, but favors an impeachment proceeding, with a court having the final say, rather than a recall. His primary opponent, Convertino, has started a petition drive to get a recall question on the November ballot.

"That's been his campaign so far," said Price. Convertino defends himself by saying Ficano's ouster is more important to him than winning a commission seat.

Price says he hears frustration from voters while on the campaign trail. "Clean up Wayne County," voters tell him, Price said. "I mean, it's that simple: 'Get that guy out."

He said he has grassroots connections and an ability to work with local officials sets him apart, and that his plan to guide the county out of fiscal crisis starts with "cleaning up the mess" through his proposed charter

#### THE PRICE FILE

Name: Shannon Price Hometown: Canton Township

Family: married to Jacki; children Madeline, 9, and Braden, 6

Profession: constituent relations for Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette

Education: bachelor's degree in computer sci-

**Previous public-sector** experience: constituent relations for Schuette; I have been responsible for responding to constituent requests, complaints and inquiries. I meet with local business, community, civic organizations and political leaders throughout southeastern Michigan on behalf of the attor-

ney general. Community involvement: member of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, Graduate of Leadership Canton, Canton Lions Club, Secretary of Miller PTO, former senior vice commander of Sons of the American Legion, former county Republican Party chairman.

Phone/website: www. PriceforCommissioner. com; 734-70-PRICE

amendment for greater commission oversight over the executive branch.

Price also said he favors:

 A lower overall tax rate that could help lure businesses, rather than targeted tax breaks. "Government can't create jobs but it can create the environment to create jobs," he said

· A streamlined, 90day permitting process for businesses trying to expand or gain a foothold in the county.

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#### Convertino: Independence needed on county board

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

Richard Convertino is running two Wayne County political

campaigns: One to kick County Executive Robert Ficano out of office and anoth-

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er to elect himself to the county Board of Commissioners.

But Convertino, who lives in Plymouth Township, doesn't hesitate to put the former effort above the latter.

"I feel very strongly about the current county executive," said Convertino during a recent interview, blasting Ficano for apparently agreeing to "profligate" pay for top county administrators at a time workers were taking concessions. The recall effort aims to get 150,000 voters' signatures on petitions calling for a recall election.

Convertino, a former assistant U.S. attorney now in private practice, is running for the Republican nomination for the 10th District commission seat. The new district is made up of Plymouth, Canton Township and Plymouth Township; Convertino faces Shannon Price, who works for state Attorney General Bill Schuette, in the Tues-

day, Aug. 7, primary. Ficano, hurt by several controversies since the disclosure of a laterreturned \$200,000 severance package for Turkia Mullin, the former county economic development director, has apologized for what he called mistakes, but says he did nothing illegal and will not resign. A spokesman said last month Convertino's recall drive is designed to bring attention to his commission campaign.

But Convertino defends his two-pronged approach, calling the county a "rudderless ship" with an ineffective government.

Convertino listed "gross mismanagement," a looming budget deficit, a loss of confidence in county government and legacy costs estimated at around \$2 billion over 30 years as among the county's biggest problems.

"What's needed, I think, is a more stable and independent legislative body," he said.

He said he'd favor drastically reducing the size of government. "There've got to be some really hard choices that have to be made," he said.

County government, Convertino said, needs an improved system of checks and balances; to achieve that, the candidate proposed a full audit, an independent inspector general and an end to the political back-scratching he charges goes on between Ficano and many commissioners. Ficano's financial support of many commissioners' campaign funds, Convertino said, make it difficult for them to cross him.

Convertino said he entered the race because he was disappointed with voters' choices and sees Price as a political insider and "exactly the opposite of what we need" to turn the county around.

Said Price of the charge that he is the establishment candidate: "I'd like to say I've got broad support." Price also suggested Convertino's candidacy is a publicity stunt to boost his legal practice.

He also touted his experience in fighting racketeering and fraud as a

#### THE **CONVERTINO** FILE

Name: Richard G. Convertino

Hometown: Endwell,

Family: married to

Valerie for 27 years; five children: Olivia, 25; Victoria, 21; Dominica 19; "A.J.", 16; and Vinny, 13. **Profession:** attorney **Education:** Valley Forge Military College, Wayne, Pa.; State University of New York, Binghamton, N.Y.; Case Western Reserve University,

Cleveland, Ohio. **Previous public-sector** experience: assistant United States attorney, Detroit; federal prosecutor, U.S. Department of Justice; attorney-adviser, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Community involvement: Initiated establishment of the "Blue Mass" in the Detroit metropolitan area, an annual, multi-agency sponsored liturgical celebration commemorating members of the law enforcement community who have been killed in the line of duty. 1998-2002; established program along with former gang members to reach out to local young adults about the dangers of drugs and gang affiliations; long-time athletic coach for several youth programs in baseball, football and basketball in Plymouth and Canton. Phone/website: (734) 927-9900; www.rickconvertino.com

federal prosecutor, and said he "threw a monkey wrench" into county Republican politics by challenging Price.

"I want to stir things up," he said.

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## County Parks gets ready for 25th annual Mud Day

Observer & Eccentric | Thursday, July 5, 2012

Wayne County Parks will transform the Hines Park's Nankin Mills Area into a giant 75-foot by 150-foot mud pit play ground Tuesday, July 10.

From 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. children ages 12 and younger can get down and dirty. This marks the 25th anniversary celebration of Mud Day and plenty of surprises are planned.

Wayne County Parks is partnering with Radio Disney AM 910 for a live show from 10:30-11:30 a.m. At 11:45 a.m., thousands of kids will charge into the mud. Youngsters will be separated into age categories for events such as "Mud Limbo" and wheelbarrow races. Also, the King and Queen of

Wayne County Parks

Nankin Mills Interpre-

tive Center is offering

daily programs for chil-

dren relating to nature,

themes such as Dinosaurs, Butterflies, Owls

and Astronomy.

science and history with

The programs will be

held the Nankin Mills

Interpretive Center on

Hines Drive just east of

Ann Arbor Trail in West-

land. The fees are \$30



**FILE PHOTO** 

Caked with enough mud to win them Wavne County Parks honors for 2011 Mud Day King and queen went to Cole Argo of Novi and Queen Kathryn Hepp of Northville.

Mud will be crowned. Children should wear old clothes and shoes and bring a clean change

Parks offer nature programs at Nankin Mills

per session, and children

must be signed up for

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and

each session individual-

ly. All sessions are from

include waterslide fun at

bathing suit, water shoes

The lineup includes:

• For preschool, ages

3-5 - Mammals and Pup-

pets on Friday, July 13,

Insects on Friday, July

lunch time. Youngsters

should bring a lunch,

and a towel.

of clothes. There are no showers on-site, however, a cleanup area is available with hoses. Parents are also advised to bring towels. Plastic bags will be provided.

The Hines Park Nankin Mills Area is on Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland.

Sponsoring Mud Day are ITC Holdings, Community Alliance Credit Union, Parkside Credit Union, Clorox Plus and the Western Wayne County HMRT.

For more information about the 25th Anniversary of Mud Day, call Kim Healy at (734) 261-9087. For more information about Wayne County Parks, call (734) 261-

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Amphibians on Friday,

July 27.

July 25.

## Annuities favor salespeople, but usually not investors

By Rick Bloom **Guest Columnist** 

gave a talk regarding the Ford and General Motors buyout options and one of the questions concerned annuities. It's a good time to discuss them.

It is important to rec-

ognize that not all annuities are the same. There are different kinds and some are more favorable to investors



Rick Bloom

than others. In addition, just like mutual funds - where not all funds issued by a company are good — the same applies to annuities. Some companies offer multiple, different types of annuities, some are investor friendly and the others are only meant to generate fees. Because of that. it is important to take your time and understand what you're getting involved in before you decide to buy an annuity.

Annuities can be divided into two main catego-

ries: fixed and variable. Variable annuities are essentially buying mutual funds with a band of insurance wrapped around them. On the whole. I believe investors should avoid these annuities. The great majority of them have high fees and limited investment options. In addition, despite what salespeople tell you, they have adverse tax consequenc-

Yes, the money does

grow tax-deferred, however, when the money is withdrawn it's taxed at your ordinary income bracket, not the favorable capital gain rate.

If the money was invested outside the annuity, you would be taxed at a much lower rate on your gains. In addition, variable annuities tend to have very high penalties.

#### **Duration**

Many of these annuities require you to lock up for seven to 10 years and some for even longer. Other than annuities issued by companies such as Fidelity and Vanguard, which have no penalties and have very low fees, I tell investors to avoid variable annuities.

The other type of annuity is known as a fixed annuity. There are two main types of a fixed annuity — a traditional and an equity-indexed.

The traditional fixed annuity is similar to a CD in that the investor is given a guaranteed rate of return for a set period of time. The rate of return depends on the annuity. At the present time, I'm not a fan of these annuities because the rate of return is so low. Like the variable annuity, a fixed annuity does require you to lock you money up for a period of time. Generally, you're committing your money for at least a five- to seven-year period. In today's low interest rate environment, I'm generally not interested in locking my money up for that length of time.

In an equity-indexed annuity, you get a guaranteed rate of return and then if the stock market

does well, your return can increase. The theory behind these annuities is that you can't lose money because you can participate in the stock market if it does well.

Unfortunately, the theory doesn't always work in the real world. The reason for that is some of these equity-indexed annuities have very high fees and some of their provisions make it difficult to make money.

#### **Equity-index**

The only type of annuity I recommend these days, is an equity-indexed annuity, however, in this economic environment, I typically don't want to commit for more than five years. Too many things are changing and I don't want to be in a position where I'm locked into an investment that I cannot get out of without paying substantial penalties.

Annuities are one of the most oversold investment products around. The reason is quite simple commissions. In many of these annuities, not only does the salesperson receive commission when you buy the product, but they also receive compensation every year that you're in the annuity.

My advice is if you are thinking about buying an annuity, take your time, deal with someone you can trust and, lastly, keep it short term. Good luck!

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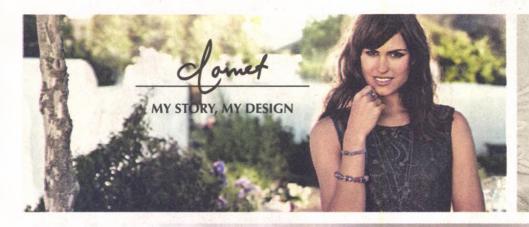
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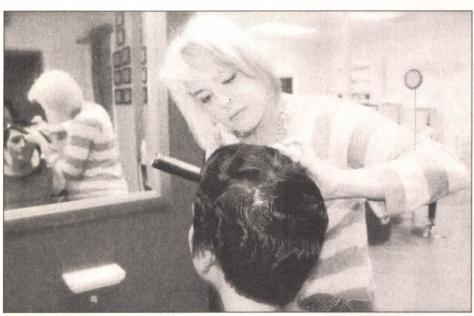
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Stylists at Clover Salon in Plymouth host a July 14 fundraiser to benefit Children With

# Salon event benefits cancer patients

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

For about a year, stylists and staffers at Clover Salon in Plymouth have been planning an event near-and-dear to everyone's heart.

Now, it's little more than a week away.

Clover Salon, located in the Charlestown Square Plaza, hosts a Children with Hair Loss of Michigan fundraiser Saturday, July 14, to benefit kids stricken with cancer.

"As hair stylists, we have the ability to make people feel happy and confident every day," said Samantha Holt, Clover Salon's manager. "Unfortunately, sometimes circumstances occur that can't be fixed with a pair of shears and a blow dryer. Cancer affects people of all ages, but it is especially difficult and unfortunately all too common in children."

Holt said Clover stylists chose Children with Hair Loss of Michigan because children who lose their hair due to chemotherapy "have enough to worry about" without feeling insecure and being teased in school.



Children with Hair Loss of Michigan takes donated hair and provides wigs for children who've lost hair to disease.

Children With Hair Loss of Michigan provides wigs and support to families who have children with diseases related to hair loss. They provide these things at absolutely no cost to the families, and have been "a wonderful help to local families in need for many years."

Clover Salon hosts a raffle and cut-a-thon at the salon 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 14, to raise money and hair donations. On the day of the event, Clover will have snacks, beverages, prizes, and free hair cuts to everyone donating (whether they are donating hair or cash).

"We would greatly appreciate any type of donation to this cause," Holt said. "Should you choose to help us, we will give you acknowledgement at the event, a write up on your business if you choose to donate a raffle item, and mention your business on our wrap-up page on our website."

Contact Holt at (734) 338-8950 any day prior to the event for more information. Find Clover Salon on the web at www. mycloversalon.com

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#### **PLYMOUTH BUSINESS BRIEFS**

#### **Business** mixer

The next Business2Business Mixer takes place 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, at the Rock Bar & Grill, 844 Penniman, in downtown Plymouth.

There are no fees, no groups to join. just Business2Business mixing. Bring business cards for exchanging with fellow business owners in the Plymouth, Canton, Northville and surrounding

For more information, call Lori at (734) 455-8722.

#### Business news

From the desks of our friends at the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority:

• Penniman Gallery will soon have a new name, look and location. Owner Scott Smith said later this summer he will be moving to Forest Ave., in the location which now is home to Razzamatazz, which will soon be going out

The new name for Penniman Gallery will be Opn Dohr, with a new interior look and a lot of new and different mer-

• Jill Andra Young Photography is also moving from her Penniman Avenue location. Her new studio space will be located next to Opn Dohr.

• Restaurant Week is coming to downtown Plymouth. Look for nearly a dozen restaurants to participate sometime in September. More details to come.

• Forest Computer Solutions has summer computer classes. On Wednesday, July 18, from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., it's Tech Talk. Feeling left behind in the crazy world of technology? Join the discus-

sion about the differences between laptops, tablets & Smart Phones. The cost per session is \$20. To reserve a seat call

• Power washing crews will begin the second power washing of the season on Sunday, July 15, at approximately 10 p.m. Crews are expected to be in town most of that week, during the overnight hours, to complete the work. Please call the DDA office with any questions.

• There are a number of sponsorship opportunities at all price levels for Concours d'Elegance on July 29. Those who participate will be able to be front and center for the nearly 15,000 people who attend the event, including hundreds of car owners and their families who are in Plymouth for at least three days. If you are interested, call the DDA office at (734) 455-1453.

#### Successful outing

Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel hosted its third annual charity golf outing recently, with all proceeds going to the St. Joseph Mercy Oakland neonatal intensive care unit in Pontiac. St. Joseph's NICU is responsible for saving and caring for thousands of new lives each year.

The event was held at St. John's Golf Club in Plymouth and was attended by 134 golfers. Major sponsors included Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel, Sedgwick Claims Management, and Grid 4 Communications.

The outing raised \$20,000. Over the past two years the CBWM charity golf outing has raised over \$38,000 in donations to help battle the ongoing rise in demand for this level of hospital care.

### Deadline nears for grant applications

Michigan's Metro West Chapter of Credit Unions is reminding local nonprofit organizations they have until Friday, July 13, to apply for grants of up to \$2,500 each to support local community improvement activities.

The money must be used to directly benefit the communities served by the Metro West Chapter of Credit Unions. These include Canton and Plymouth, among others.

Non-profit organizations that wish to apply must submit a written

grant request of no more than two typewritten pages by Friday, July 13. The request must include the name of the organization, contact information, website address if available, 501(c)3 number, organization's mission, requested amount of up to \$2,500, complete description of how the funds will be used within 12 months of receipt, and the estimated number of people who will directly benefit from the grant.

Grant recipients will be recognized at the annual Metro West Chapter Charity Golf Outing to be held at the Northville Hills Golf Club on Thursday, Aug. 16.

Organizations interested in receiving more details about grant submissions are requested to email metrowest@cscu.

The mission of the Metro West Chapter of Credit Unions is to support the educational needs, community improvement and political advocacy for credit unions in the Metro West Chapter.

#### PLYMOUTH CHAMBER CHAT



#### **New digs**

Amish Tables moved their showroom from Ann Arbor to Plymouth at 236 N. Main (in the shopping plaza just north of downtown). They have been providing heirloom quality, handcrafted furniture for every room of the home for over 15 years. The company has an extensive web site featuring their furniture at www.amish-furniture-home.com. Pictured cutting the ribbon is Nell Narowski and her son, John Paul Narowski, their staff and the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors.

**Business workshop** 

The chamber hosts the July Business Development Workshop, "How to capture the attention of the hard to reach," Tuesday, July 24, from 8:30-9:30 a.m.

The workshop takes place at the chamber office, located at 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-1540

#### Sidewalk sale

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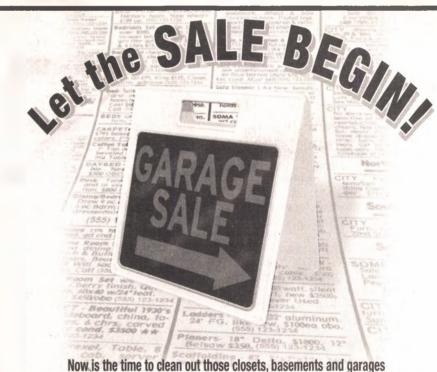
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#### **GIVING**

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other past involvements include serving as chair for the local United Way Foundation drives as well as chairing the American Heart Association of Western Wayne County for two years.

"I think giving back is an important part of everyone's life. It is so important that if you live in a community, you need to be involved in helping to make it better. That is what helps build a strong community," Pappas said.

She said that supporting the community through Orin Jewelers has also been a priority, and the business offers many scholarships to local students as well as regularly donating to churches and other local charitable organizations.

However, it is her work with Garden City Hospital that strikes a chord in her heart, citing first-hand knowledge of the high level of care provided for local citizens

"I really believe that the hospital is such an important entity within this community," Pappas said. "I have experienced the way they have taken care of my family members...the doctors, the whole staff. They really care about their patients," Pappas said.

She believes that supporting the hospital provides her with the opportunity to help her fellow citizens by ensuring that they have access to good health

"This hospital serves a great need in the community. So many people do not have the funds for health care in this economy. This is my way of giving back: making sure that the hospital stays open so that everyone can have good care," she said.

#### **Debra Madonna**

Plymouth resident Debra Madonna says she first started her life as a volunteer in the "traditional way," helping out in her children's school.

"When you are helping out in schools, you really see the needs up front; it's kind of a unique thing. It makes you want to be ready to deliver right to the source," said Madonna, a 1969 graduate of the original Plymouth High School, now Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth.



Debra Madonna of Plymouth addresses the recognized figcrowd during Opening Day of the Miracle League of Plymouth last fundraising. August.

An occupational therapist, Madonna said, "I was fortunate that my job allowed me the flexibility to help out in my children's schools and I always considered it a privilege. I'm smarter because of

Madonna, the mother of three grown sons and cel, is a wellure in the world of Plymouth She has been

a driving force behind a variety of unique local projects, including the Sandra Sagear Wall of Courage and scholarship, honoring one of Madonna's former Plymouth High School classmates who was stricken with polio as a child. The scholarship recognizes Plymouth-Canton graduates who have displayed courage, perseverance, spirit, and creativity in succeeding and achieving an education, despite a physical, mental or emotional barrier when they were a student.

Madonna well remembers her former classmate's challenges, something she calls "inspiring."

"There is nothing that changes you like seeing the struggles of people firsthand," she said.

Madonna is also one of the dynamos behind another large undertaking: the Miracle League of Plymouth, which offers children with special needs throughout the area the opportunity to participate in a baseball league complete with their own baseball diamond

in downtown Plymouth. She has been involved with numerous other charitable organizations and nonprofits and currently serves as president of the Plymouth Community Arts Council as well as the Plymouth AM

Rotary Club. It is very important to Madonna that the goal is clear when fundraising and acting as a good steward is of equal importance.

"You have to be smart, be frugal when you are fundraising. I don't need surplus, just enough to get the job done,"

#### Sara Stauffer

Sara Stauffer, the director of development at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, started out her career in fundraising just 12 years ago after catching a first-hand glimpse of the impact of helping others.

Stauffer was managing a long-term patient care facility in Dearborn and building meaningful relationships with residents when she was struck by the impact that major gifts and donations can have on individuals in need.

"I saw that they can really make a difference, especially in the field of



Sara Stauffer is the St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

"When you development director at look at the community programs, the amount of out-

reach and the difference you can make by helping people as a result of fundraising and development, it is really rewarding," she said.

As director of development, Stauffer has been a key part of St. Mary Mercy Hospital's most successful fundraisers, including signature events such as the annual Tee It Up Golf Classic and the annual gala held at Laurel Manor which together raise almost a half million dollars annually. She was recently elected president of the Michigan Association for Healthcare Philanthropy (MAHP.)

Other projects she has been involved with include the building and completion of the Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, the heart and vascular center at the hospital and the new south pavilion scheduled to open in the fall.

She credits her family with setting a strong example in community service and instilling the spirit of giving for her as she was growing up.

"Giving back to the community was always stressed in our home. Working in fundraising has allowed me to see what is really important," she said.

#### **Margo Gorchow**

With a background in nursing and public health, Margo Gorchow's career path to her current position of vice president for Community Relations, Marketing and Development for Botsford Hospital in Farmington was more than a natural fit.

Her time spent working directly with patients and their families promoting healthy living helped illustrate for her the strong need for community outreach, something she made her mission when she joined Botsford in 1983 as a health educator.



hospital to play an active role in the health of the surrounding community, Gorchow worked hospital administration to p ner with the local community was well as create a formal fundraising arm, The Botsford Foundation, of which she currently serves as executive director.

Margo Gorchow, ex-

The creation of the foundation and its fundraising efforts have helped Botsford become a leader in local health care, as well as increasing its presence as a health care provider within the community through the opening of smaller patient care facilities in the area, Gorchow said.

The foundation serves as the facilitator of grants, which makes these things possible, she added.

'Philanthropy has become an essential role in any hospital's strategic plan," Gorchow said.

"Successful fundraising helps do the important things that a regular budget cannot."

Gorchow said that although the recent economic downturn has had an impact across the state, there has been an increase in gifts as individuals recog-

nize the importance of giving back. "It is enormously satisfying to volunteer and help out in the community and I think people realize that," she said.

Since joining Botsford, Gorchow has played a large role in several major projects. The mother of two children and grandmother of two "amazing" granddaughters, Gorchow also regularly volunteers in her free time. She is involved with Orchard Children's Services, a family preservation service that offers foster care, adoption and family counseling.

She acknowledges that her volunteer work is particularly gratifying because it allows her to use her professional background,

"To be able to give back to my community using my professional knowledge is so rewarding," she said.

#### **Loren Wadington**

Making a difference has always been important to Loren Wadington of Canton. In fact, she has made it a priority in her life; surrounding herself with friends and family that have the similar goal of helping those in need.

A graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in marketing and public relations, she has been actively involved in fundraising and philanthropy both in her professional and private life for many years.

The mother of three grown children, she said she first became aware of the needs within her own community when



Loren Wadington, a founding member of Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle, and her husband, David Treadwell, are also very involved in raising money for First Step, which provides assistance for women and families experiencing domestic violence.

her children entered school. "As mothers, we hear our children talking and learn to pay attention to it; what the needs are in the classroom and the school and right away we want to do something about it," she said.

'We hear all about the little issues within the community that need addressing," she added.

That was the impetus behind the founding of Giving Hope: Women's Giving Circle, a local fund of the Canton Community Foundation aimed at addressing immediate needs within the Plymouth Canton community.

Wadington, who helped start the group in 2006, said that not only was the group looking to help others but also draw attention to the needs within the Plymouth-Canton area in hopes of getting others involved.

'As we learned about the needs of the community, we were looking at a new form of giving: what can we do to help women right here?" she said, "We wanted to create a new vehicle for giving while offering a sense of camaraderie."

Since its inception, the group has been responsible for making donations to a variety of local organizations including the Plymouth Canton Community Schools GEMS Conference (Girls Excel in Math and Science), the Salvation Army Food Bank, the Eldercare and Advocacy Center and New Hope Bereavement Counseling among many others.

Wadington and her husband, David Treadwell, are also actively involved with First Step, chairing the capital campaign for a new facility to serve abused women and their families.

She is proud of this accomplishment, she said, because the money for the project was raised during "...some of the worst economic times in history, she said, something that strongly illustrates the determination of the local community to help others in need.

"Everyone gives from the goodness of their heart but there is also the satisfaction in knowing that you are able to help nity," Wadington said.

#### **Joan Noricks**

A Canton resident for 32 years, Joan Noricks celebrates her 18th anniversary with the Canton Community Foundation, a charitable organization that helps



Joan Noricks, president of the Canton Community Foundation, is involved in many local fund-raising efforts. She is a also a member of Canton Rotary Club and pictured here volunteering at Canton Liberty Fest.

donors create permanent funds to fulfill needs and improve the quality of life in the area, this year. As executive direc-

tor, Noricks has helped the community foundation grow by leaps and bounds through the creation of 40 funds and more than \$500,000 in scholarships provided to local college students.

Noricks, fundraising

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is not always about the money, it's about the people.

"A lot of times it is about putting the right people together with the right cause to help solve a problem or address a need," Noricks said.

Helping people build relationships that benefit the community is very rewarding, she added.

The mother of three grown children, she began her career volunteering when her children were in school, always mindful of the example she was providing for them.

"It was always very important to be a role model for them and for the children to know about the importance of giving back," she said.

Now that her children are grown and "making a difference in the world," Noricks said that this is her proudest accomplishment.

"For them to have learned the benefits of contributing to the world in a positive way is very rewarding," she said.

#### **Sue Methner**

If you have any questions about the importance of volunteering, just ask Sue Methner, director of hospitality, volunteer services and special events at Garden City Hospital.

Last year, her service volunteers logged more than 56,000 hours of volunteer work at the hospital, assisting hospital workers in areas ranging from emergency rooms, various nursing units and the information desk to the Xray and clerical departments.

"We always say that they are not supplements to the departments, they are

complements to the department,' Methner said. "They can offer the extra little touches, the extra things that make it special for the patients."

A Livonia resident, Methner grew up in Garden City and joined the hospital 37 years ago. She start-



Sue Methner of Livonia escorts the Easter Bunny (volunteer/college student Kristen Strasser) through Garden City Hospital hospital to visit with all patients.

ed supervising service volunteers at the hospital in 1989. She said she has seen firsthand the benefits they bring to the hospital and its patients.

"They are key," she said of the volunteers, "they are part of the community and they represent the community. They see things that we don't always see.'

Overseeing a cadre of volunteers ranging in age from 14 to 86 has its own rewards, she said.

"We have former volunteers come back that have become, doctors, nurses, physical therapists as a result of the volunteer experiences they had here," she said.

Volunteering at her local community library and the chamber of commerce has only driven home what she considers the most important part of volunteering, "We bring the community together by working with each other," she said.

#### **Mary Denning**

Mary Denning is a firm believer in

"My mom taught us that what you give to others is what you get back,'



Mary Denning, of Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe in Westland, donned a hat with gingerbread figures, at a local fundraising event.

said Denning, owner of Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe in Westland for 20 years. "If people have been you need to give back."

It is a lesson she has tried to remember throughout her life, both in running her business and serving as president of WOW (Women of Westland), a group that she and her friends started in 2000 in an effort to support area

women and their families. "I always wanted to help other people," Denning said of the impetus for starting the group. "I have been blessed to have been in business here for 20 years and I want to give back. I think it is really important."

WOW was originally modeled after other local women's business and professional organizations and focuses on helping women both personally and professionally, Denning said. The group has been active in supporting women returning to school, helping local Girl Scout troops and even built a playscape for Starfish Family Services, a local charity offering support for area families and children among oth-

"Anything to help women and their families," Denning said of the group.

She said she has noticed that as more women enter the business arena, the group has expanded with women wanting to give back to the community.

"Now we are finally able to help others financially," Denning said. Both a mother and grandmother, she

has instilled the importance of giving back within her own family. When the WOW group participated in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life fundraiser recently, Denning's grandchildren were alongside her.

A pastry instructor at Henry Ford Community College, she also works to pass the importance of giving along to her students.

"Part of their class includes learning how to decorate a wedding cake, and they are always sure to donate their cakes to Lighthouse in Westland," a

homeless shelter. "It is so important for everyone to learn how to give back," she said.

# Volunteers help rebuild Yankee Air Museum

**By Sue Mason** Observer Staff Writer

Rebuilding the Yankee Air Museum has been a labor of love for the members of the Yankee Air Force. With only four paid employees, including Executive Director Kevin Walsh, much of the work is done by the volunteers who painstakingly restore aircraft, create a resource library and organize fundraisers to benefit the museum.

Volunteers have been busy rebuilding the museum after its collection of artifacts, memorabilia and several planes were destroyed in a 2004 fire that leveled the hangar it had called home. The historic wooden building had been used by Henry Ford to build B-24s during World War II.

Luckily, the heart of the museum's collection — the B-17, C-47 and B-25 aircraft — were moved out of the building by volunteers before the fire reached them. Those three planes are the only flyable aircraft in the museum collection and are going somewhere every weekend. Museum volunteers serve as their flight crews.

"I don't get paid, but I get to fly, it's one of the perks," said volunteer Bob Catalano, who serves as the assistant manager of collections.

The fire was a setback for the museum, which didn't re-open until October 2010. Volunteers have been steadily adding displays and restoring aircraft. Many of its planes are leased from the U.S. Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio. However, one industrious group of volunteers is building a French SPAD XII World War I fighter from scratch. The plane will look as it did as part of 103d Aero Squadron in 1918, complete with the recognizable Hat in the Ring emblem.

"We've been in the process of building it for 5-1/2 years," said Bill Rodgers of Brighton. "We bought the blueprints from a guy in California. We started with a pile of 4-by-8 blue prints, sheet

metal and spruce."
The volunteers — Dale
Burgess of Ann Arbor,
Larry Arnett of Wayne,
Joe Kosek of Westland, Chris Curran of
Allen Park, Tom Isman
of Huron Township, Ray
Wall of Plymouth, Bob



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Dale Burgess of Ann Arbor and Doug Imlach, formerly from Livonia, help out with building the French World War I fighter.

Pilz of Lincoln Park, Ken Hauser of Canton and Gene Blanchard of West Bloomfield — work on the plane three days a week and have done

everything from scratch. Tammy Hassan of Livonia is helping out. Rodgers has taught her how to sew the fabric to the

"It's secured with a square knot with a half-hitch, he's the only one who knows the actual stitch," said Hassan, a retired teacher who works in membership and education. Her hus-

band Bob is the curator.

"I always wanted to
do something like this.
It shows children that
things can be done with
no power tools," she said.

"These men sanded the
wood, glued on the fabric.

They did it by hand."
The museum also includes the turret from a B-24 a flight simulator, a Link trainer and displays recognizing prominent figures in aviation history—Charles Lindbergh, Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson,

Women in Aviation.
But the pride of the museum is the "Huey," a helicopter that was gained fame during the Vietnam War. The heli-

a Tuskegee airman, and



An F4-C McDonnell Douglas Phantom II is among the planes up for adoption at the Yankee Air Museum.

copter is set up in the museum as it looked in service in Vietnam. The helicopter was added to the collection last year and reflects the museum's shift to covering later armed combat.

"We need a new direction, it's time to pay tribute to the Vietnam and Gulf War veterans," Catalano said.

The display honors member Jerry Towler of Canton, who flew a Huey in Vietnam. Washtenaw County Viet Nam veterans painted it to represent Towler's helicopter — a blue square for B Company and the number two position, denoting his flying position.

"We marked it like a ship in Vietnam," said Catalano. "We're trying to show how it looked in a landing zone."

Support for the museum comes through the many fundraisers the YAF stages. At the top of the list is the Thunder Over Michigan Air Show Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 4-5, at Willow Run Airport. This year's event will include Mustang Mania with more than 20 P-51 Mustangs, a Sea Harrier, FiFi the B-26 Superfortress, the world's largest World War II air and ground battle reenactment and modern mili-

tary displays.
Advance tickets purchased by noon Aug. 5 are \$25, and \$30 at the gate.
Children age 15 and under are free. Advance parking passes are \$5 per vehicle and \$10 event day. Tickets and passes can be ordered online at www.yankeeairmuseum.org.

The museum is open

to the public 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and closed Sunday and Monday. Admission is \$5 for walk-in visitors age 16 and older, \$8 for families (two adults and their children under age 18), \$3 for students with ID and children under age 18 free when accompanied by an adult. Guided tours, arranged in advance with events director, cost \$3.

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#### PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP SENDS OUT WATER QUALITY

REPORT

The Plymouth Township Water and Sewer Department has sent out its annual

drinking water quality report to consumers.

Among other things, the report discloses the amount of various materials in the

water, including microbial and inorganic contaminants, and pesticides and herbicides.

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

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

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

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The museum also has

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**OUR VIEWS** 

# Steering clear

## Celebrate summer safe, sober, smart

This weeklong Fourth of July holiday has already brought plenty of fun for all - backyard barbecues, swimming, boating, camping and maybe even that crossstate trek to one of Michigan's best tourism towns. And because July 4 fell in the middle of the week — the fun continues through this weekend.

Unfortunately, it's also a time when, each year, we see tragedies happen on our local roadways and state highways because drivers have taken the fun too far by getting behind the wheel while under the influence.

Just last year, during the Fourth of July holiday, eight people were killed in traffic crashes in our state — three of those deaths were alcohol-related.

Law enforcement agencies in 26 counties across the state, including those in Wayne and Oakland counties, are stepping up their drunk driving patrols during this holiday period.

The campaign, called, "Drunk Driving. Over The Limit. Under Arrest," is funded with federal money that's earmarked for traffic safety enforcement and is administered by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning. It's a great local, state and federal partnership, but don't forget, it also involves every motorist who chooses to celebrate and socialize with alcohol.

So, when you're at that backyard party or out on that boat this week — and every week — pay extra attention to who will be driving home at the end of that funfilled summer day. Designate a driver in advance or make arrangements for a safe ride home if you've been drinking.

Motorists, this week, will see increased patrols throughout the metro Detroit area. They're on the lookout for impaired drivers.

Like Oakland County Prosecutor Jessica Cooper said this week, it's not worth the risk.

"State law penalties range from 93-day misdemeanors to five-year felonies, and drunk drivers who kill face 15 years in prison, or even, when called for, up to life," said Cooper.

In Michigan, a motorist can be arrested for drunk driving with .08 blood alcohol content or higher. Motorists arrested with a .17 blood alcohol content face increased penalties, including the possible installation of an ignition interlock device preventing the car from starting if the driver has been drinking.

It truly is a matter of life and death. According to the Criminal Justice Information Center, 319 Michiganders died in alcohol- and/or drug-related traffic crashes in 2011.

Drunk driving, unfortunately, is prevalent. In 2011, there were 37,540 arrests for drunk and impaired driving throughout the state — that's nearly 103 arrests a day.

And, that's not truly reflective of the actual number of drunk drivers there are on the roads — especially considering there are fewer road patrols on the streets these days, due to budget cut-

It's one of the most often committed crimes in the United States, with more than 1.4 million people arrested nationwide in 2010.

Experts say the percentage of fatalities in alcohol-related crashes is eight times higher than in all crashes, and the percentage of the most serious injury level in alcohol-related crashes is almost four times higher.

But, those are just numbers, right? Wrong.

Those are lives that are taken or completely ruined because someone was too intoxicated to drive. It's a reminder that's worth repeating — don't drink and drive; plan for a safe ride home if you've been

Let's make sure the holiday week ends on a positive note. Make it a fun and a memorable summer by staying safe, sober and responsible. We owe it to ourselves and to everyone else on the road.



**Brad Kadrich,** Community Editor Susan Rosiek, **Executive Editor** 

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#### **COMMUNITY VOICE**

#### What do you think of the Supreme Court's ruling that largely upheld the Affordable Care Act?

We asked this question at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.



"I think it's wrong. We have insurance now and we're just barely making

Susan Wilson Plymouth



"I'm pretty much in favor of it. I thought of it (penalty for not having insurance) as a tax like (Chief Justice) John Roberts thought of it."

Mike Sheedy Plymouth



"I'm surprised, because I thought they would strike it down. ... The truth is, I think there are a lot of good things about it."

**Barb Dyer** Canton Township



"I'm still trying to decide, long term, what this is going to mean for us in terms of the health care we get and the price of health care. ... I'm still processing it."

**Eliess Forney** Howell

#### **LETTERS**

#### No cherry-picking

Thanks for taking time to write about the recent changes at WSDP, the student radio station for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, and the increased emphasis on fundraising.

We serve on WSDP's Advisory Committee and the WSDP Fundraising Subcommittee. Our committees have been working with the students and station management to bring improvements to the station and fundraising (as your article reported, raising more than \$25,000 in the

Earlier this year, the station changed its format to provide even more news and information about the community and the school district to students and area residents. The station is the Plymouth-Canton community's only live media outlet offering 100 percent local coverage of our community; a fact that benefits not just the students who generate this broadcast content, but the school district and the community as a whole.

We are concerned with the idea that the station can be financially selfsufficient in five years, as the previous school board had suggested. This would require raising over \$100,000 year-in and year-out which doesn't

#### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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seem realistic based on the station's limited professional staff (1.5 employees) and its role as an extended communications tool for the school

An increased focus on fundraising would put the station manager in a unique position of having to raise his salary each year. We can't think of any other district employee being asked to meet that burden. Nor can we think of any other booster club, parent group, etc. that is tasked with raising funds for entire salaries. Asking just one extra-curricular program to do so does not seem fair.

As an educator, the station manager's skills are best applied when he is teaching the practical aspects of radio broadcasting and mentoring the station's student managers about leadership. Though the station manager and assistant manager positions are not classified as teachers, they should be looked at as important educators because of the time they spend working with students. That time will only be eroded if fundraising demands increase. We recognize that the board is in a tough position balancing the district's budget, and we appreciate their service to the schools. We hope they will find a way to raise additional funds that has all users of the building, grounds, and district resources contributing in an equal and fair way. We understand that the station has a responsibility to raise funds for its capital improvements and for its share of expenses. But extending its financial burden to include the salaries of staff is not equitable. This is not a time to cherry pick from groups that are working hard to improve their programs, the students, and our community.

Debra Madonna, ReGina Shamberger, Joan Noricks, Todd Chatman, Scott Herrold, Elaine Kirchgatter, June Kirchgatter and Jake Bugeia WSDP Advisory Committee

#### **GUEST COLUMN**

## Social change requires collaboration

**By Joan Noricks** Guest columnist

ometimes, it really does take a village to create change. This awareness and knowledge is driving the Canton Community Foundation's recent formation of a Local College Access Network in far western Wayne

The collaborative effort is



Joan Noricks

designed with the single-minded goal of increasing access to college and other postsecondary education, particularly for first-generation, low-income and students of color. It is whol-

ly unrealistic to

assume a single school district can resolve a large-scale social and economic issue as budget cuts and a lessthan-stellar Michigan economy continue to ravage public education and undercut families' financial well-being.

Today, significant social change requires cross-sector collaboration among local and regional organizations and government institutions. A collective approach will exponentially increase the brain power and resources that the LCAN can use to prevent students from dropping out of high school and to increase the number of students who go on to post-secondary edu-

We are already working with significant leaders from school districts, colleges and universities, businesses and nonprofit organizations. These leaders will collaboratively and passionately work to create a college-going culture in a LCAN district that begins in Northville, encompasses Livonia, Garden City, South Redford, Plymouth and Canton and reaches to Belleville and Van Buren Township.

The foundation recently received a planning grant from the statewide Michigan College Access Network (MCAN). It will help us formalize the LCAN's leadership and programming and create a common agenda that all partners will follow. Our goal is to not only secure our students' futures, but to create an educated work force to improve and sustain our changing Michigan econ-

MCAN's goal is to have 60 percent of all Michigan residents achieve some type of post-secondary education by the year 2025. Currently, Michigan's rate is 36.4 percent.

It is predicted that in 16 short years, approximately 62 percent of all Michigan jobs will require some type of post-secondary education. A high school education alone will no longer offer a promise or even a glimmer of gainful employment for younger gener-

Against that backdrop, retiring baby boomers will take 40-plus years of professional skills and education out of the market. "We will have a significant skills gap here in Michigan," announced Don Heller, dean of the Michigan State University College of Edu-

Heller told a recent gathering of nonprofit organizations that Michigan is simply not producing enough educated and highly skilled workers who can replace the aging Boomers or who can

step in to jobs that truly require

advanced knowledge. As we use a collective impact approach to address the need for increased education, the foundation and its partners will piece together a map of what assets programs and activities – already exist — and where there are gaps. The end result could be combining programs to use across the LCAN district or could include developing new pro-

In particular, it will be the LCAN's goal to work with parents of our targeted student groups to break social and economic barriers that have prevented children from stepping out of familial patterns and attaining brighter futures.

We have already heard from our participating school districts of the urgent need to increase the number of students who fill out the very important Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA can determine a family's eligibility to receive federal funding for higher education. The LCAN leadership has already talked about a number of potential programs the network can institute to work directly with parents and students to complete these forms.

The foundation is looking forward to working with our existing partners and new champions who want to be a part of striking a significant change for our community and region.

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#### PRESIDENTS

"It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor."

- George Washington: Commander-in-Chief in the American Revolution; Signer of the Constitution; First President of the **United States** 

"We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." - John Adams: Signer of the Declaration of Independence; One of Two Signers of the Bill of Rights; Second President of the United States

"Before any man can be considered as a member of civil society, he must be considered as a subject of the Governor of the Universe." -James Madison: Signer of the Constitution; Fourth President of the United States

"And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are of the gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever." -Thomas Jefferson: Signer and the Principal Author of

the Declaration of Independence; Third President of the **United States** "Is it not that in the chain of human events, the birthday of the

nation is indissolubly linked with the birthday of the Savior? that it forms a leading event in the progress of the Gospel dispensation? Is it not that the Declaration of Independence first organized the social compact on the foundation of the Redeemer's mission upon earth? - That it laid the cornerstone of human government the first upon

- John Quincy Adams: Statesman; Diplomat;

precepts

Christianity?"

Sixth President of the **United States** 

#### CONGRESS

"We are a Christian people...not because the law demands it, not to gain exclusive benefits or to avoid legal disabilities, but from choice and education; and in a land thus universally Christian, what is to be expected, what desired, but that we shall pay due regard to Christianity?"

Senate Judiciary Committee Report, January 19, 1853

"At the time of the adoption of the Constitution and the amendments, the universal sentiment was that Christianity should be encouraged...In this age there can be no substitute for Christianity...That was the religion of the founders of the republic and they expected it to remain the religion of their descendants."

House Judiciary Committee Report, March 27, 1854

#### **EDUCATION**

"Let every student be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider well the main end of his life and studies is to know God and Jesus Christ which is eternal life (John 17:3) and therefore to lay Christ in the bottom as the only foundation of all sound knowledge and learning. And seeing the Lord only giveth wisdom, let every one seriously set himself by prayer in secret to seek it of Him (Proverbs 2, 3). Every one shall so exercise himself in reading the Scriptures twice a day that he shall be ready to give such an account of his proficiency therein."

**Harvard 1636 Student Guidelines** 

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> Yale 1787 Student Guidelines

#### SUPREME COURT RULINGS

"There dissonance in these [legal]declarations...These are not individual sayings, declarations of private persons: they are organic [legal, governmental] utterances: they

speak the voice of the entire people...These, and many other matters which might be noticed, add a volume of unofficial declarations to the mass of organic utterances that this is a Christian nation." Church of the Holy Trinity v. U.S., 1892

Unanimous Decision Declaring America Christian Nation Significantly, the U.S. Supreme Court cited dozens of court rulings and legal documents as precedents to arrive at this ruling; but in 1962, when the Supreme Court struck down voluntary prayer in schools, it did so

without using any such precedent. "Why may not the Bible, and especially the New Testament, without note or comment, be read and taught as a divine revelation in [schools] its general precepts expounded, its evidences explained and its glorious principles of morality inculcated?...Where can the purest principles of morality be learned so clearly or so perfectly as from the

Vidal v. Girard's Executors, 1844

Unanimous Decision Commending and Encouraging the Use of the Bible in Government-Run Schools

#### **FOREIGNERS**

New Testament?"

"The Americans combine the notions of Christianity and of liberty so intimately in their minds that it is impossible to make them conceive the one without the other."

"Upon my arrival in the United States, the religious aspect of the country was the first thing that struck my attention; and the longer I stayed there, the more did I perceive the great political consequences resulting from this state of things, to which I was unaccustomed. In France I had almost always seen the spirit of religion and the spirit of freedom pursuing courses diametrically opposed to each other; but in America I found that they were intimately united, and that they reigned in common over the same country."

Alexis de Tocqueville

French observer of America in 1831, author of Democracy in **America** 

There is no country in which the people are so religious as in the United States... The great number of religious societies existing in the United States is truly surprising: there are some of them for everything; for instance, societies to distribute the Bible; to distribute tracts; to encourage religious journals; to convert, civilize, educate... to take care of their widows and orphans; to preach, extend, purify, preserve, reform the faith; to build chapels, endow congregations, support seminaries... to establish Sunday schools... to prevent drunkenness,

**Achille Murat** 

French observer of America in 1832

#### SCRIPTURE

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD Psalm 33:12a

If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

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who will raise up friends to fight our battles for us... Is life so dear, or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I

know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!" - Patrick Henry: Patriot and Statesman

"To the kindly influence of Christianity we owe that degree of civil freedom, and political and social happiness, which mankind now enjoys... Whenever the pillars of Christianity shall be overthrown, our present republican forms of government - and all blessings which flow from them - must fall with them."

- Jedediah Morse: Patriot and Educator, called "The Father of American Geography"

"I've lived, sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: That God governs in the affairs of men. If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We've been assured in the sacred writings that unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it. I firmly believe this, and I also believe that without His concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel." - Benjamin Franklin: Signer of the **Declaration of Independence and the Constitution** 

#### SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

"The Bible is the best of all books, for it is the word of God and teaches us the way to be happy in this world and in the next. Continue therefore to read it and to regulate your life by its precepts."

"Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation, to select and prefer Christians for their rulers."

John Jay: Co-Author of the Federalist Papers; First Chief-Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court

"Human law must rest its authority ultimately upon the authority of that law which is Divine... Far from being rivals or enemies, religion and law are twin sisters, friends, and mutual assistants. Indeed, these two sciences run into each other."

- James Wilson: Signer of both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution; Original Justice on the U.S. Supreme Court

"One of the beautiful boasts of our municipal jurisprudence is that Christianity is a part of the Common Law... There never has been a period in which the Common Law did not recognize Christianity as lying at its foundations... I verily believe Christianity necessary to the support of civil society."

Joseph Story: U. S. Supreme Court Justice; "Father of American Jurisprudence," Placed on the Court by President James Madison

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# Heptathlete Wade eyes 2016 return

# Farmington graduate places fourth in Trials

By Dan O'Meara Observer Staff Writer

All things considered, Bettie Wade competed well in the women's heptathlon and finished well at the U.S. Olympic Trials last week in Eugene,

But the final outcome was a big disappointment for the former Farmington High School all-stater and Big Ten champion from the University of Michigan.

Wade, attempting to make the U.S. Olympic team for the second time, had to settle for the best-of-the-rest title.

She finished fourth in the field of 20 competitors, but only the top three earn a place on the U.S. team.

It also would have been necessary for Wade, who scored 6,018 points in the seven-event competition, to achieve the Olympic standard of 6,150 to qualify for the Olympic Games later this month in London, England.

Hyleas Fountain, the silver medalist at the Beijing Games in 2008, won the heptathlon at the U.S. Trials with 6,419

points.

The next two finishers also met the Olympic standard. Sharon Day and Chante McMillan scored 6,343 and 6,188, respectively.

Two of Wade's best events are the high jump and long jump, and she did well in both.

She was second in the long jump (20-4.5) and fourth in the high jump (5-11.25). Wade had made recent gains in the shot put, and she scored well in that event, too, with a second-place effort of 44-8.25.

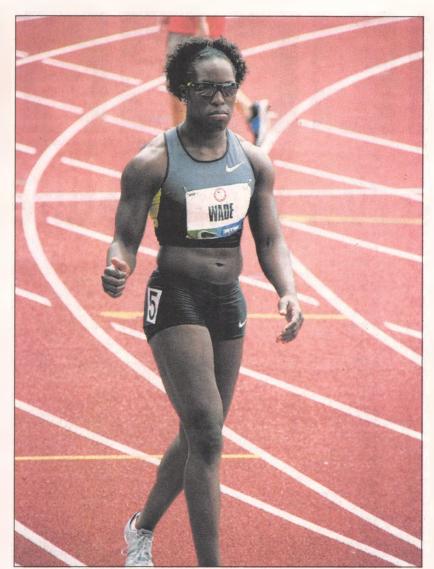
None of her performances in any of the events matched her personal records, however, as she wrestled with the task of scoring a sufficient number of points.

Wade also was 10th in the 100-meter hurdles (13.72), 14th in the javelin throw (117-5), 17th in the 200 dash (24.84) and 18th in the 800 run (2:19.06).

Prior to the Olympic Trials, the 25-year-old Wade told the Observer she was entering her prime and just getting started in the sport.

Based on that statement, it's

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Bettie Wade walks her lane prior to competing at the U.S. Olympic Trials.

# Moss takes flight to Phoenix

**By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer** 

It didn't take long for Livonian Dave Moss to close one chapter of his National Hockey League career and start another.

The 30-year-old right winger, who spent the last six seasons with the Calgary Flames, wasted little time after the free agency period opened at noon Sunday by signing a two-year deal with the Phoenix Coyotes.

"Phoenix is the first team we talked to, we were able to work out a deal and it was somewhere I was comfortable going," said Moss, the former Detroit Cath-

olic Central High and University of Michigan standout. "I knew Jimmy Playfair, the assistant coach there, who was the head coach in Calgary my first year (2006-07). I know him really well. I think lot of the guys who I played with in Calgary that had gone there had really liked it, and had good things to say."

Financial terms of the deal for the unrestricted free agent were not disclosed.

"It's somewhere where I'm comfortable going," said Moss, who was represented by Southfield agent Howard Gourwitz. "It's one of those things, when you get to free agency - guys

like me — you don't want to wait too long before you go somewhere. Other guys are maybe in different situations, but I was happy to sign with Phoenix."

The 6-foot-3, 205-pound Moss was coming off a frustrating season with the Flames where he appeared in only 32 games registering just two goals and seven assists after undergoing ankle surgery.

"It was pretty much you just wait for teams to call," Moss said, "and Phoenix was one of the first ones. I liked the team they have and the coach-

Please see MOSS, B3

#### Livonia native David Moss left the Calgary Flames for a new contract with the Phoenix Coyotes.

# Wayne spiker Horton AAU All-American

**By Brad Emons** Observer Staff Writer

With only three years of volleyball experience, Wayne Memorial High's Katie Horton continues to make a meteoric rise.

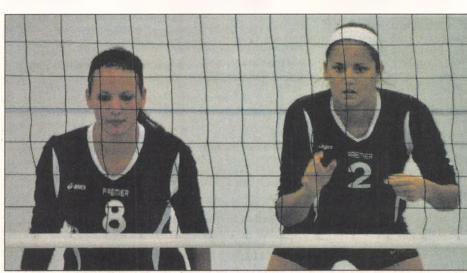


The 6foot middle hitter helped the Premier Volleyball Club of

Maumee, Ohio earn a fifthplace finish among 138

teams in the 18-and-under Club Division at the AAU Girls Junior National Volleyball Championships held last week in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

And in the process, Horton was only one of 14 players to earn All-



Wayne Memorial's Katie Horton (right), along older sister Keri Horton (left), was named a Club Division All-American following the 18-and-under AAU Girls Junior National Volleyball Championships held last week in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

American accolades as Premier Onitsuka captured its first 10 matches in tournament play before falling to eventual

runner-up Mizuno Northern Lights in the quarterfinals.

"It was good experience, our team really

worked hard and it was a good tournament to be in," Horton said. "I feel like my back row has improved a lot as far as

being able to read the other hitters on the other side and seeing where I should be."

Premier Onitsuka's squad also featured Horton's sister Keri, who is bound for NCAA Division III Marietta College (Ohio), along with Livonia Ladywood's Alex Hines (Toledo) and Canton's Alaina Turner (Dayton).

Last fall, Horton helped Wayne reach the Class A regional semifinals. She finished her junior year with a team-best 537 total kills, 247 digs and 181 blocks as the Zebras captured a district title.

Horton, who has already committed to Ohio University and is a two-time first-team All-Observer selection, should be a strong candi-

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#### **Schmitt 3rd** in 100 free

Canton's Allison Schmitt wrapped up her successful 2012 U.S. Olympic Swimming Trials with a third-place finish Saturday night in the 100-meter freestyle at the CenturyLink Center in Omaha, Neb.

Jessica Hardy and Missy Franklin finished one-two in the event with times of 53.96 and 54.15, respectively. Schmitt, representing the North Baltimore Aquatic Club, took third in 54.30.

The 2008 Canton High grad, who took a year off to train from the University of Georgia, won both the 200- and 400 freestyle events earlier in the week and will represent the U.S. in both events later this month in the London Summer Olympics along with the 4 x 100 and 4 x 200 freestyle relays.

She was a bronze medalist in the women's 800 freestyle relay and took ninth in the 200 free at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Meanwhile, Livonian Caroline Arakelian, a recent Stevenson High grad, was 175th overall (2:22.88) in the Saturday's 200 backstroke.

The 17-year-old from the Kingfish Aquatic Club in Waterford was seeded 55th overall with en entry time of 2:15.73.

She will be heading to Queens University (N.C.) in the fall.

#### **Knoph earns** softball invite

Livonia Stevenson infielder Molly Knoph, who hit .511 this season, has been invited to play in the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association All-Star Senior Softball Game for Division 1 seniors beginning at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 18 at Michigan State University's Secchia Stadium.

#### Witherspoon steps down

Livonia Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman announced recently that varsity girls softball coach Rob Witherspoon has stepped down to take an assistant elementary school principal position in the district.

Witherspoon finished with an overall record of 187-116-1, including a Western Lakes Activities Association and Division 1 district championship in 2008.

Hyman also said that Brian Gulick will be unable to continue as varsity boys and girls golf coach due to increased work commitments in the South Redford Schools.

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# All-Observer team features all-state talent

**FIRST TEAM** Briana Combs, P, Ladywood: The senior righthander, headed to Cleveland State, became the first player ever in state history to earn Michigan Gatorade Player of the Year, Miss Softball and a

state title laurels. Combs, who rarely issued a walk, boasted a career record of 149-11 with 1,400 strikeouts and an 0.21 earned run average. As a senior, Combs went 38-

1 with 374 strikeouts and an 0.21 ERA while hitting .528. "Briana allowed us to compete with any teams, anywhere we played," coach Scott Combs said. "She shut out in one day three of the

four top ten teams in Wisconsin. Kelsey Susalla, P/3B, Garden City: The Division 1 all-state performer was a force on the mound and at the plate this spring for the Cougars, who advanced all the way to the Division 1 semifinals in Battle Creek. Pitching-wise, she went 18-4 with 134 strikeouts in 126 innings. Susalla notched 10 shutouts and chiseled out a miniscule 1.44 earned run

average. Offensively, she hit a team-high .611 with 20 doubles, seven triples and seven home runs. She also knocked in a team-high 40 runs. Susalla will continue her softball career at the University of Michigan, where she has been welcomed as a

preferred walk-on.

"Kelsey is an incredible talent," coach Barry Patterson said. "She has matured as a player from her freshman year to her senior year from a good hitter, to a great hitter to an awesome hitter. From what I witnessed, I'd put her among the top 10 hitters in the state; and it's evident that the University of Michigan agreed. Her swing is effortless; she's one of the best hitters I've ever coach. She pitched for us out of necessity, knowing it's not what she was going to do in college, but she was outstanding thanks to her strong

drive and motivation." Kayce Nieto, P, Mercy: The senior pitcher and four-year starter capped a brilliant career with the Marlins in 2012. She was 20-7 with a 0.66 ERA in 161 innings. A three-time, all-area selection, Nieto also had 279 strikeouts and just 19 walks (two intentional). The University of Utah signee was a force at the plate, too. Nieto, who led Mercy (26-9) to runnerup finishes in the Catholic League and a Division 1 regional, batted .455 with a dozen doubles, four home runs and 28 RBI. She had a

slugging percentage of .697. "She's just been phenomenal for Mercy in her four years," coach Nancy Malinowski said. "She pitched very well; she's really been great. With her knowledge of the game, her work ethic, her hitting, she's the allaround player that you don't always get and will surely be

missed. Katy Severson, P, North Farmington: The three-time, all-area selection did nearly all the pitching for the Raiders, posting a 31-7 record with a 1.53 ERA. Severson is North's all-time winningest pitcher with 90 wins. She had 174 strikeouts and issued just 21 walks in 233 innings this year. She pitched seven shutouts and one perfect game, and she had a combined

Severson, who will play at the University of Detroit Mercy, also batted .396 with 13 doubles, one triple, four home runs and 43 RBI. The all-state honorable mention was perfect in the field for the second time in her prep

career. "Katie was the blood and guts of our team," Brubaker said. "She was out there playing even when she had nagging injuries. She was quite an asset for four years, and she set all kinds of records at North. Being able to field your position, especially at the mound, is very beneficial to your defense. That was always a plus with Katy.

"She's not an overpowering pitcher, but she had command of all her pitches. She could throw it past you if she needed, but she learned how to pitch and had good control. I think she had one of the best bats (with a .400plus career average) in the area for four years, too.'

Mikayela Marciniak, P, Plymouth: It wouldn't be a stretch to say the freshman left-hander saved the season for the Wildcats, taking over after No. 1 pitcher Elaine Gerou injured her arm and sparking Plymouth to division and conference titles in the process

Marciniak logged 205 in-nings, going 25-6 along with a 1.94 ERA. She fanned 159 and walked only 21.

And she chipped in on of-

fense, with a .287 average, three homers and 20 RBI. She collected some hardware, too, with All-KLAA and all-district honors. "What I was most proud of was her ability to adjust the mental side of the game to the competitive level I needed her to be at," coach Canfield said. "She set the bar high for herself, therefore I'm expecting nothing but the best from her next

year seeing the adjustments

made and improvements

needed as she grows with

her ability as a player." Kim D'Arcangelo, C, Redford Union: The senior catcher completed a stellar high school career by hitting .528 while swatting two home runs and leading the Panthers in runs batted in. Her on-base percentage was a sterling .585 as she led her team in every offensive category. A four-year varsity player and multiple all-league selection, D'Arcangelo earned RU's "Senior Female Athlete of the Year" award at the school's post-season banquet. A top-notch athlete (her grade-point average was 4.27), D'Arcangelo has committed to play at the

next level for Adrian College. "Kim was our lone senior and our captain --- she really held the team together," said first-year RU coach Rob Reese. "Along with being a great offensive player, she was an outstanding catcher. She kept the other teams'

running games in check." Allyssa Kashat, C, Ladywood: The senior catcher and co-captain, bound for the University of Findlay (Ohio), hit .342 for the Division 2 state champions while scoring 42 runs.

Kashat also excels in the classroom with a 3.92 gradepoint average.

"Allyssa willed herself, with hard work, into what I believe was the best defensive catcher in the state - bar none" Combs said of the all-Catholic League, all-district, all-region and all-state selection. "She was the heart-and soul of our team, an amaz-

ing leader every day." Alexis Powell, C, Salem: The Rocks will say so long to one of the top players in school history, who slugged six homers to break Salem's previous career record held by 1999 graduate Stefanie

Also an excellent defensive catcher, Powell batted .379 and drove in 34 runs while being named to the All-KLAA, all-district and allregion squads.

"I've coached Alexis for four years and she's had one of the best bats in the league, all four years straight," coach Bonnie Southerland said, about the 2012 team offensive MVP. "It never gets old watching her hit." Powell earned a spot on the all-state academic team

with a 3.8 GPA and will go

to Davenport University on a

#### **2012 ALL-OBSERVER SOFTBALL TEAM FIRST TEAM**

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full-ride scholarship to con-

tinue her softball career. "She will be hard to replace and I know she'll do great things at Davenport just like she did at Salem," Souther-

land said Casey Bias, C, Churchill: The junior catcher earned first-team all-Observer honors for the second straight year hitting .403 with eight homers, 38 RBI and 34 runs scored.

Bias also threw out six-ofeight base stealers. "You don't find many catchers as good as Casey," coach Steve Gentilia said of the all-KLAA selection. " She really takes away the running game and is also a major

threat at the plate. "Some of Casey's best achievements though come in the classroom she is a two-year scholar-athlete and is also a member of the National Honor Society. Casey is being highly recruited right now and will be a major help to any college program that

signs her. Carli SanMillan, 2B, Ladywood: The four-year senior starter, headed to Davenport University, helped the Blazers to three Final Fours and collected hits in all five games she played in Battle Creek

Considered one of the top hitters in Ladywood history, SanMillan hit .438 as a senior with 48 RBI.

"Carli is one of the best clutch hitters I've ever coached - softball or baseball," Scott Combs said of the two-time, first-team all-stater. Brianna Giordano, 2B,

Plymouth: The junior second baseman was instrumental to the Wildcats going 29-8 overall and winning the KLAA South Division (14-2) and their first Kensington Conference crown. In Plymouth's conference-

Northville, Giordano clubbed a three-run home run to salt away the victory That kind of offense was ongoing during 2012, as she batted .396 with extra-base power (13 doubles, five hom-

clinching, 5-1 win over

ers) and knocked in 29 for coach Val Canfield Giordano garnered Plymouth's award for top offensive player and earned conference, district and

region honors. 'She is a gamer and is determined to be the best she can be," Canfield said. "She will be our captain next year as she enters her senior year. She will take the team to a higher level because she has that ability to lead with

authority. "I know she will outpace her play next year as she sets her sights on continuing her career playing softball in

college." Katie Creighton, 2B, North Farmington: The senior second baseman made the Division 1 all-state first team after another solid season in which she batted .462 from the leadoff position. Creighton, who has a scholarship to Davenport University in Grand Rapids, had 56 hits, including three doubles and three triples. She also had 20 stolen bases, scored 34 runs and notched 11 RBI. An academic all-stater and repeat all-area pick, Creighton had just five strikeouts in 121 atbats. She will play in the high school all-star game July 18 in East Lansing.

"She's one of the slickest second basemen I've had the pleasure to coach over the years," coach Dave Brubaker said. "Defensively, she gets to balls other second basemen don't, and she has a great arm on her. She covers the bunt flawlessly. She was rock solid at second base for four years.

"Katie is one of the best leadoff hitters around. She gets the ball on the ground and has a little pop in her bat. When she needed to drive the ball, she could hit with some power.

Ashley Lynn, SS, Garden City: The senior did everything but drive the team bus to away games for the Cougars. Along with being the team's emotional leader, she provided golden glovecaliber defense from the shortstop position, flashing a magnetic glove to go along with an accurate, laser arm. At the dish, she reached base at a .624 clip while hitting .479. Lvnn knocked in 24 runs while scoring a teamhigh 36 times. A four-year varsity performer, Lynn has committed to play collegiate softball for Northwood

University. "Ashley, in my opinion, has been our team leader the past few years," said Patterson. "Along with being an outstanding player, she's the one who keeps the team together, motivating the girls. She made so many outstanding plays at shortstop this season; plays you don't see in the statistics. She was our gold glove award winner all four years. I'd say there are only two to three shortstops in the state who can play with Ashley defensively. She played her best when she was on the biggest stage." Sarah Gutknecht, SS, Farmington: The junior

shortstop and three-year starter had another big year for the Falcons. She made the all-area first team a second time after batting .589 with 63 hits, which included 16 doubles, two triples and three home runs. Gutknecht had just one strikeout in 107 official chances, scored 31 runs and had 29 RBI. Her onbase percentage was .646. 'She carried the weight of the team offensively," coach Stefanie Volpe said. "She was able to come up big in clutch situations. She hit the

ball hard; she never cheated herself out of any at-bat. "Being a junior, her name was out there. Opponents knew about her and tried to pitch around her. She worked hard at hitting anything and everything that was close. Being the caliber of player she is, you walk her. But she was a good

swinger. Ashley Avery, SS, Steven**son:** The senior shortstop earned team MVP and all-KLAA honors with a .545 batting average with 54 hits including nine doubles, two

triples and hone homer. The all-region and all-district pick also knocked in 27 runs to go along with 10 stolen bases. Avery only struck out three times and boasted a fielding average of .945. "Ashley is a very hard working player who made herself into the one of the top players in the area at that position," coach Rob Witherspoon said of the all-KLAA scholar-athlete. "She has excellent range, a strong arm and an outstanding knowledge of the game

defensively. "Offensively she has a great feel for the strike zone and forces pitchers to bring the ball into her zone. She has the ability to play and be very successful at the next

Jessica Webster, 3B, Canton: The junior third baseman cleaned up from the cleanup position for the Chiefs. She set three Canton school records with a .505 average along with 10 homers and 42 RBI. On top of that were seven doubles and seven triples.

And she only committed two errors at the hot corner, providing solid defense at a key position. For her efforts, Webster earned selection to the All-KLAA and all-district teams and also was named as an academic all-state

"Jessica's as solid a player as they come both on offense and defense," coach Jim Arnold said. "She's an allaround player who can play anywhere.

Jackie Murphy, OF, Mercy: The junior center fielder helped the Marlins with her bat, glove and arm. Murphy hit .417 and had 21 RBI. Her 42 hits included seven doubles, three triples and three home runs. She also stole 14 bases and scored 27 runs. Her slugging percentage was .634, and she fielded her position at .971. Murphy was Mercy's No. 2 pitcher, posting a 6-2 record and 2.38 ERA. She recorded 55 strikeouts

and 24 walks in 60 innings. "We moved her to center field (from second base), she just anchored our outfield," Malinowski said. "She's another all-around player with her hitting and fielding She's fast; she's a threat on the basepaths and she gets to the ball. She also pitches and has done very well for us. As of right now, she'll be

Becky Giacobbi, OF, Franklin: The freshman center fielder earned all-KLAA and all-district honors after hitting team-best .438 with 49 hits and 25 runs scored. Giacobbi also excelled in the field with 52 putouts, three assists and only one error. Her fielding average was .982.

our top pitcher next year."

"She was fantastic in the outfield due to her outstanding speed," coach Linda Jimenez said. "She was able to get to many balls that probably would have been hits. Becky was loved by her teammates since the first day of summer ball last year. Her determination is contagious and admired by all. She is an awesome role model on and

off the field." **CO-COACHES OF YEAR Scott Combs, Ladywood:** The fifth-year coach, an attorney and native of Battle Creek, guided the Blazers to the 2012 Division 2 state title in his hometown with a 4-0 victory over Saginaw Swan Valley in the finals to cap a

39-3 season. The Kalamazoo College grad posted a combined four-year record of 151-19. including a 39-3 record this season to go along with Catholic League A-B Division,

district and regional crowns. "This senior class – (Carli) SanMillan, (Allyssa) Kashat, (Briana) Combs, (Nicole) Payne, (Michelle) Nelson, (Kristen) Eisterhold and (Brittany) DeCamillo - is definitely one of the most accomplished ever in the state over a four-year stretch," Scott Combs said. "Even more important, they are all great young ladies, a true pleasure to be around seven days a week. They worked four full years to be the best — and they are."

**Barry Patterson, Garden** City: Since 2008, the Cougars have reached the Division 1 semifinals three times under the guidance of Patterson, who recently registered his 600th career victory. This season's senior-led contingent marched through the Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division with an unbeaten record -- the Cougars have yet to lose a WWAC divisional game in three years — before winning a talent-loaded regional at Grosse Pointe North and a pressure-packed quarterfinal contest against

a solid Monroe club. "The group of girls we had this year has a lot to be proud of," said Patterson. "Their No. 1 goal all season was to get to Battle Creek, and they accomplished that. I know they were disappointed they didn't get to the championship game, but they should feel proud about what they were able to achieve this season. We're really going to miss our strong class of seniors.'

# Friedrichs bolts Chargers to take DeLaSalle position

**By Brad Emons** Observer Staff Writer

The soccer coaching carousel continue to revolve over the weekend when Livonia Churchill boys coach Reid Friedrichs announced he was stepping down to take the varsity job at Warren DeLaSalle.

Ironically, Friedrichs was hired just last month to replace Dave Hebestreit as the Churchill girls varsity soccer coach where he will start in the spring of 2013.

Friedrichs' departure comes on the heels of Churchill losing hockey coach Pete Mazzoni, who resigned just recently to take the assistant principal position at Livonia Stevenson High.

In 12 boys seasons with the Chargers, Friedrichs compiled an overall record of 151-85-29, including one KLAA, two conference, four division and two district titles.

"It's a big loss for us,"
Churchill athletic director Marc Hage said.
"We'll recover from it and look immediately to replace him because the season is coming up and the kids want to know what exactly is going on.

"He was a very good tactician of the game. He knows soccer better than anybody I can think of given our league. His



Friedrichs

mind will be missed. His rapport with the kids will be missed – they really liked

him. He was a players' coach and it will be hard to duplicate. He was a student of the game. I wish him well, but I'm very happy to work with him during the girls season."

Friedrichs is replacing Thaier Mukhtar, who guided DeLaSalle to five state championships, 499 victories and 18 Catholic League titles in 30 years.

In a resignation letter in late May, the 53-year-old Mukhtar cited "a disagreement over the present and future direction of the De La Salle Soccer Program with the administration."

"It's some tough shoes to fill, it would be tough shoes to fill for anyone, but I'd like to reach out to him soon and do my best to keep going in the direction that he built," Friedrichs said. "The first thing I said to the athletic director at DeLaSalle (Brian Kelly) is that 'this is probably the only job that would have gotten me away from Churchill.' I value their program and this challenge.

nis challenge."
The move, however,

didn't come without some reservation for Friedrichs, who teaches sci-

ence and chemistry at

Churchill. "It was a very difficult decision," he said. "I really never wanted to leave. I like Churchill, I like coaching there. The support from the parents is unparalleled. They are some of the greatest parents I've ever been around in high school soccer. And the boys, too, have been great. I really enjoyed my time there and made some unbelievable connections and rela-

Friedrichs, who has relatives on the east side, played high school soccer at Ann Arbor Pioneer and was an All-Big Ten goal-keeper at Michigan State (1992-96).

tionships with the boys."

"The school (DeLaSalle) is out by where I live (Birmingham), which makes it more easier," Friedrichs said. "I've always had aspirations to coach in college and this is that type of atmosphere as far as getting to hire your own staff, you have a soccer budget and it's a good challenge for me.

"I always like to challenge myself and this is a nice step in that direction and for that direction."

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#### MOSS

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es, found out what they thought, and were able to get a deal done."

Moss has accumulated 61 goals and 63 assists for 124 career points in 317 NHL games, but has suffered number of nagging injuries during his career.

"I feel like I'm back to 100 percent," said Moss, who was the 220th pick overall in the 2001 NHL Entry Draft coming out of Michigan. "I've been just getting back on the ice, working out and going full tilt all summer. Right now I feel 100 percent and ready to go."

Moss has played less than 65 games in all but one season with the exception of 2008-09 when he appeared in 81 games (his only injury-free season to date when he had his best year statistically with 20 goals and 19 assists).

"Getting older in my career, obviously I want to go some place where they have a chance to win certainly," Moss said. "I think Phoenix has that. They went to the (Western) conference finals this year. Hopefully I can

go there and help them build on that."

Moss could be a complementary fit for the Coyotes' checking line alongside Lauri Korpikoski and Boyd Gordon.

"I think they see me playing a role as someone in their top nine forwards and probably getting some special teams time and just being solid," Moss said. "I think their whole team is built on playing that good system, playing well defensively and doing all the little things right. I think that's what I think they'll expect out of me."

And it was also be quite a climate change for Moss, who is moving from Alberta to Arizona.

"I've never played in a warm weather state like this," Moss said. "It will be different for me. It looks like a nice city. Scottsdale — I know — there's lots to do. I really haven't been around too much, but from what I've seen it looks pretty nice. It's certainly different than Calgary, but I think it's good."

Moss, however, cherished his time in Calgary.

"I think the thing I'm going to miss the most is probably just the people," he said. "The people in the organization, the staff, my friends at the rink, my friends away from the rink. I think that's what I'm going to miss the most about the city."

Moss' parents also gave a thumbs-up to the sign-

ing.
"I'll head out there a little bit early to see where I'll live and maybe if some other guys are out there meet some other guvs and skate, mavbe get myself established in the Phoenix area a little earlier than I normally would," he said. "I know my parents are really excited because they can make a trip out of it and hang out in the warm weather during the winter, which will be nice.

"The only request they have is that place I get down there has a pool. I think they would have been happy wherever I went, but through this whole process and talking with them, I think they're just happy that I can get to a place where I have a good opportunity to play and somewhere where I'll be happy."

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#### **HORTON**

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date for Michigan's Miss Volleyball honors next season.

But she's is no longer a hidden gem or a wellkept secret. And there's a reason why she has made it a priority to be known more than just for her ability as front row attacker.

"Hopefully I'll play all the way around (at Ohio University)," she said. "That's what I'm hoping for." On Tuesday night, Horton was traveling back from Michigan City, Ind. following a club sand volleyball match.

"I like both," she said.
"They both help out in
different ways to make
you better at both. I just
started sand this year and
I'd like to play it some
day."

Horton has one more high school season and one more club volleyball season on the horizon.

The trips back-andforth to Maumee, while gaining national tournament exposure, has definitely paid dividends.

"You have to work really hard because everybody is equal in position and you have to fight for your spot on the team and everything," Horton said of Premier Onitsuka.

But there will be one void once the fall prep season starts. Big sister (Keri) won't be around and will be sorely missed.

"She's always like there for me and everything, so it will be way different," Katie said.

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#### **Future Bronco**



Plymouth High senior Reagan Engstrom recently signed an NCAA Division I letter-of-intent to compete in track and field at Western Michigan University. Engstrom, a first-team All-Observer selection as a pole vaulter, plans to pursue a degree in nursing and will join her older sister Kirsten, who attends WMU in the pre-occupational therapy program. Reagan was a three-time state qualifier in the pole vault with a P-CEP school record 11 feet, 9 inches. She is a three-year captain and two-time MVP in track, as well as a four-year team MVP, three-year captain and three-year state qualifier in gymnastics. She also has two other sisters including her twin Caitrin, along with Marin.

# Life of Riley: Bulls hurler one-hits Rams

Riley Smith flirted with a no-hitter Monday as the first-place Michigan Bulls downed the Michigan Rams, 2-0, in a Livonia Collegiate Baseball League game played at Bicentennial Park.

Zach Zott's single in the fifth inning broke up Smith's no-hit bid.

Smith, who had to settle for a one-hitter, struck out eight and did not allow a walk in going all seven innings for the 22and-under Bulls.

and-under Bulls.
Madonna University's
Brad Lineberry (Plymouth) was the difference offensively as he belted a 2-run homer off MU teammate Evan Piechota (Livonia Stevenson) in the

top of the fourth inning.
Piechota went all six
innings and deserved a
better fate. He allowed
just four hits, walked one
and struck out four as
the 20-and-under Rams
slipped to 11-12-1 in the

RAMS 3-6, OUTLAWS 2-7: The Michigan Rams (11-11-1) continue to hover at the .500 mark after splitting a LCBL double-header Saturday with the Michigan Outlaws (4-17-1) at Ford Field.

The 20-and-under Rams took the opener, 3-2, as Justin Sherman drove home Garrett Gordon with the game-winning run in the bottom of the sixth inning. Miles Sorise went 2-for-3, while Gordon and Zach Zott also drove in runs for the Rams.

Keith Paslean, who pitched the final 1.2 innings in relief, picked up the victory. Donnie Eaton came on to get the final out and the save.

Rams starter Mitch Patterson worked the first five innings allowing both runs on four hits and seven walks. He struck out four.

Losing pitcher Taylor Eddy went all six innings for the Outlaws, allowing three runs on five hits and two walks.

Travis Cohoon and Kyle Johnson each collected an RBI for the Outlaws, who bounced back to win the nightcap, 7-6, in six innings (due to the 2-hour and 30-minute time limit.

Cohoon went 3-for-4 and scored three runs for the Outlaws. Mike Lollo added two hits and two RBI, while Tyler Baker also knocked in a run for the Outlaws.

Sorise paced the Rams'

seven-hit attack going 3-for-3 with a double and two RBI. Sherman also knocked in two runs, while Mark Wagner and Patterson also added an RBI each.

Cory Vander was the winning pitcher in relief, while Rams starter Jeff Sorenson, who went the first 4.2 innings allowing four runs on five hits, took the loss.

BULLS 2, RAMS 1: Winning pitcher Mark Heard struck out 10 in 6.2 innings Friday as the Michigan Bulls (16-3) edged the Michigan Rams (10-10-1) in LCBL action at Ford Field.

Heard allowed seven hits and walked three before giving way to reliever Ryan Koph, who got the final out in the bottom of the seventh to pick up the save. Losing pitcher Josh Payzant

allowed both Bulls runs in

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the top of the fifth. He allowed four hits, walked one and struck out five. Reliever Donnie Eaton pitched the final 1.2 innings and gave up one hit and one walk.

Offensively, Nick Regnier Kevin Conway went 2-for-2 and Nick Regnier went 2-for-4 to lead the Bulls' six-hit attack. Josh Deeg also had an RBI. Miles Sorise drove in the lone run in the sixth for the



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# Gators topple Breakers in city meet

# Glen Aquatic wins first all-Farmington swim championship

By Dan O'Meara **Observer Staff Writer** 

It was another close competition between the Farmington Glen Aquatic and Beechview Swim clubs in the fifth annual all-Farmington city meet Saturday.

But there was a new winner this year as the Glen Gators won for the first time and dethroned the three-time defending champion Breakers.

**Farmington Aquatic** outscored Beechview at Kendallwood Swim Club, 561-526. Beechview won last year over Glen, 585-533. Woodbrooke Hills Swim & Tennis had 499 points last week and Kendallwood 403.

"It was another close one," Beechview coach Driska McCullough said. "Glen swam really well. They had some great swimmers. All the (Beechview) kids swam well; we had a lot of improvements.

"It was sad to see the (championship) flag leave, but we've had it three years and it's time to share. (The Gators are) getting better. They have the little kids who are pretty good, and that's where we're lacking."

The Gators, who edged Beechview by seven points in a June 25 dual meet, 291-284, had the individual winners in 15 of the 46 events. The Glen boys recorded eight firstplace finishes, the girls seven.

Farmington Aquatic, which is particularly strong in the younger age groups, especially the girls lineup, also won both 40-and-under mixed relays.



Farmington Glen coach Drew Hansz, sporting a Gators hat, accepts the championship flag from Beechview Breakers coach Driska McCullough. Meet director Mike McNeece oversees the transfer.

Glen double winners included Jared Visser (8U), 25 free and fly; Trevor Jones (9-10), 50 fly and free; Trevor Franklin (13-14), 50 back and free; Madeline Greaves (8U), 25 free and fly; and Emma Inch (9-10), 50 fly and free.

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Single winners for the Gators were Julia Kowaleski (8U), 25 breast; Connor Halberg (9-10), 50 back; Julianna Petrak (9-10), 50 breast; Bella Feenstra (9-10), 50 back; McKenna Greaves (11-12), 100 IM; Bev Kowaleski (13-14), 50 breast; and Eric Gensheimer (15-18), 50

Inch and Madeline Greaves also teamed up with Lia Munson and Tanner Neill to win the 40U freestyle relay, and Halberg, McKenna Greaves, Inch and Feenstra won the medley relay.

Most of the Beechview winners were in the upper age brack-

ets. The Breakers had three double winners in Marina Borri (15-18), 50 breast and 100 IM; Emily Brunett (13-14), 50 fly and free; and Grant Borregard (15-18), 50 back and 100 IM.

Beechview also had three single winners -Olivia Rath (15-18), 50 back; Miranda Shelly (15-18), 50 fly; and Charlie Zink (13-14), 50 breast.

In the girls relays, Beechview's Madison Ruffin, Julia Borri, Brunett and Dayna Borregard won the 52U medley, and Marina Borri, Mikayla Doepker, Shelly and Rath earned first place in the 66U freestyle.

The Breakers also won the boys 66U freestyle with the all-Phoenix team of Matthew Peters, David Olson, Peter Romero and

Tvler Roshak. "It was a fun meet; it's been a fun season," McCullough said. "We've had a lot of close meets; we're working on it. As long as the kids keep trying and improving, that's what is impor-

The idea for the city meet originated with former Kendallwood coach Eric Newton since the Farmington clubs didn't always swim against each other in the large Northwest Suburban Swim League.

"He grew up at the Glen and was coaching at Kendallwood," Mike McNeece, the meet director for the fifth straight year, said. "He always thought it would be great to have a city meet. I kinda ran with it, and a lot of folks helped out tremendously.

"It's been a real hit with all the kids. It was a good idea to swim against just the Farmington kids who went to high school together and swam for different clubs during the



Trevor Jones won the 9-10 boys 50-meter butterfly and freestyle events to help the Farmington Glen Gators win the championship.

summer. All the kids and parents look forward to it every year.'

Kendallwood won the first city meet and Beechview the next three. McNeece had predicted Glenn was a team of the future last year with so many good, young swimmers in its program.

"They have a terrific team over there and a terrific coach (Drew Hansz)," he said. "They're growing quickly. I think they'll be a team to be reckoned with the next couple years.

"Going into the meet, I figured it would be very close between Beechview and the Glen. I kinda thought Glen would pull it out, because sheer numbers (the Gators had the most swimmers entered in the meet — 122) help

"They just have a good mindset there at the club of fun, friendly competition. You can tell they really enjoy what they

A portion of the proceeds from the meet, which included the sale of special wristbands commemorating the fifth annual event, will go to the Cipriano Children's

Trust Fund. **ADDITIONAL WINNERS:** The Woodbrooke winners were Hannah Chao (13-14), 100 IM and 50 back; Madeline Surowiec (8U), 25 back; Summer Edwards (11-12), 50 free and fly; Caroline Strauss (11-12), 50 breast; Christopher Barron (11-12), 50 back and 100 IM; Keith Erichsen (13-

Alden Kane (13-14), 50 fly; Michael Barron (8U), 25 breast. Christopher Barron, Erichsen, Kane and Sam Boyes won the 52U boys medley relay. Kendallwood's winners were Nick Leshok (15-18),

14), 100 IM; Colin Caverly

(11-12), 50 free and fly;

50 breast and 100 free; Daniel Haus (8U), 25 back; Isaiah Erb (9-10), 50 breast; David Schmall (11-12), 50 breast; Katy Fedurek (11-12), 50 back; and Lauren Folkert (15-18), 100 free.

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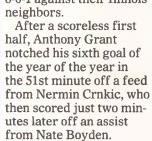
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Bucks goalkeeper Sean Teepen, who made seven saves, improved his

record to 5-0-1 while recording his fourth shut-

**Bucks take Windy City by storm** 

Windy City by storm. The Premier Development League's Michigan Bucks completed successful three-game road swing Sunday at Chicago's Toyota Park by extinguishing the host Fire,

Talking about taking the

The first-place Bucks, who are unbeaten in their last 12 matches, improved to 10-0-2 (32 points) in the PDL's Great Lakes Division of the Central Conference.

The loss drops the Fire, who slipped to fifth place and currently looking on the outside of a playoff spot, to 3-5-3 (12 points).

The Bucks took the season series from the Fire PDL side with a record of 2-0-1 and won both games against the expansion Chicago Inferno. For good measure, the Bucks also beat the Chicago Fire of Major League Soccer in the US Open Cup to make the season record 6-0-1 against their Illinois

"We played some very nice soccer the past two games and I really like the way this team is coming together," Bucks coach Gary Parsons said. "We knew with our US Open Cup run that we had a special group this year, but the more I have the pleasure of working with these guys, the more excited I get. We thought at the start of the season it would take twelve wins to defend our Great Lakes Division title and we have 10 with four to play so I really like where

we are right now." The Bucks return to PDL action at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 7 when they face the visiting Cincinnati Kings at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

Tickets for the game are \$10 (adults) and \$7 (youth), but can be purchased for the special pre-sale price of only \$6 by visiting the Bucks web site at www.buckssoccer. com (click on the tickets link).

#### **Grinwis excels**

On Friday, the Bucks earned a 2-1 victory over host Forest City London (4-3-4, 16 points) as goalkeeper Adam Grinwis turned in a stellar performance with 10 saves.

Kenny Uzoigwe scored in the first half on a header off a corner kick in the 13th minute from striker Tommy Catalano followed by captain Stew Givens' successful penalty kick in the 57th minute after Catalano was taken down near the top of the

penalty area. "We played well in the first half and let them back into it in the second half," Parsons said. "They are a feisty team so we knew even a two goal lead wasn't going to slow them down. We do need to brush up on our closing out of games, as I never like to see last minute goals conceded as we have the past couple of games. But taking four of six points against these two playoff caliber teams on the road is not a bad

result for us.' Grinwis, who made several highlight reel saves, had his shutout bid spoiled during extra time in the 95th minute when FC London's Carl Haworth slotted home a

"Adam Grinwis showed tonight why I believe he is destined for MLS when he finishes college," Parsons said. "This kid is not only a terrific athlete, but he reads the game extremely well back there. He was fun to watch tonight."

#### WADE

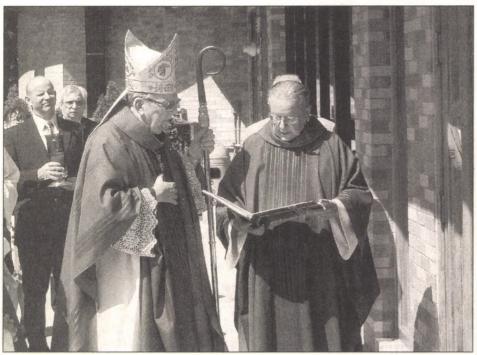
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believed Wade will likely regroup and make another attempt to qualify for the U.S. Olympic team in 2016.

Her coach at Farmington High School, Charles Bridges, who attended the U.S. Trials and spoke with Wade afterward, indicated she planned to return to training and competition in the near future. "As her high school

coach, it was great to see her out there, competing at that level; that was a treat," Bridges said. "She had a lot of support. Her whole family and her coaches from the U-M were out there, and all were solidly in her corner."

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Bishop Francis Reiss and the Rev. Howard Vogan prepare to unlock the door and open the church to the members of the new parish.

# Parishes merge to form new church

Genevieve, two Catholic churches in Livonia, held their final Masses as separate parishes, Saturday, June 30.

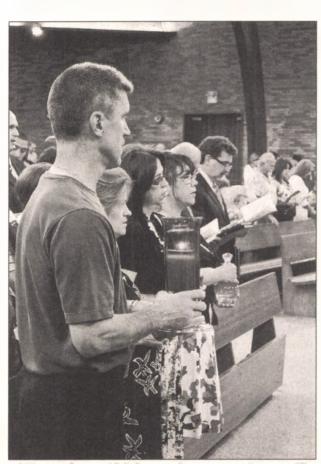
They were among four Catholic communities that merged congregations last weekend.

St. Genevieve-St. Maurice Parish - the church's new name - celebrated a Mass of Unity to mark the occasion on Sunday, July 1. Detroit Auxiliary Bishop Francis Reiss presided.

A Mass of Unity includes special elements, such as the renaming of the parish, a blessing for the new parish community and rites to combine sacred items and sacramental records from the former parish-

The combined congregations will use the St. Genevieve campus at 29015 Jamison. The Rev. Howard Vogan will continue as pastor of the new church.

Other mergers last weekend were St. Clement Parish in Center Line and St. Teresa of Avila Parish in Warren, which was renamed St. Mary, Our Queen of Families Parish;



Parish members prepare to present sacramentals and parish records to the new, unified church.

ish in River Rouge and St. Francis Xavier Parish in Ecorse, which became St. Andre Bessette Par-

Our Lady of Lourdes Par- ish; and St. Joseph and St. Elizabeth parishes, both in Wyandotte, which took the name St. Joseph Par-

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Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.

#### July **ADULT ACADEMY**

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Monday-Thursday, July 30-31 and Aug.

Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile,

Details: The Rev. Paul Stunkel will lead adult learning. The series is "Theology for the Fearless: Who is God? What do we mean by 'incarnation?'

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**CLOTHING BANK** 

Time/Date: 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 11 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, July 28

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CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. July 19 Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church & School, 3003

Hannan, Wayne **Details: Spoke Folk Christian** 

music concert; free will dona-

Contact: (734) 728-3315 **FREE LUNCH** 

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Location: First Baptist Church of Detroit, 21200 Southfield Road, (northbound Southfield service drive), north of Eight Mile, in Southfield

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EANES, LEWIS C., SR.

Age 62, July 1, 2012 of Waterford. Beloved husband of Tania. Loving father of Lewis Jr. and Jacob.Cherished son of June and the late John. Dear brother of Deborah (Patrick) Kenny, John (Mary Ann), Barbara (Charles) Darnell and Christopher (Sheila). Also leaves many nieces and nephews. Funeral Service Friday 12 Noon at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd (between Ford & Cherry Hill) Westland. Visitation Thursday 2-9 PM. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or American Association. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneral-

LEFLER, ROBERT "BOBBY", II

Age 37, of Westland, died suddenly 06/30/12. Visitation Sat. 7/7/12 from Noon-5pm with the service beginning at 5pm at Casterline Funeral Home, 59255 10 Mile Rd., South Lyon.

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

#### MARTIN. RANDALL A.

Age 58. June 24, 2012. Beloved husband of Holly, Dear father of Mark and Julie. Dearest son of Patricia and the late Albert Martin. Brother of Mark and Scott. Funeral Service Sunday, July 8, 2012, 2:00p.m. at Crosspointe Church. Meadow Meadowbrook Rd., between 12 Mile and 13 Mile Road in Novi.

MEFFER,

DONNA J. "YaYa"

Willis, MI. Age 82. Died Friday, June 29, 2012 at her daughter's

home with her loving family

February 20, 1930, in Detroit,

Michigan, the daughter of John

and Madeline Smith. On April 26,

1947, she married Angelo Meffer

and he preceded her in death in May of 1987. Survivors include

four children: William "Bill"

(Bev) Meffer, Patricia Taylor,

Catherine "Cathy" (Mark) Martin

and Barb (Brad) Davidson; nine

grandchildren and six great grand-

children. Funeral service was cel-

ebrated on Monday, July 2, 2012

at 11:00 a.m. at Janowiak Funeral

Home with her son-law-law, Brad

Davidson officiating. Burial will follow in Cadillac West Memorial

Contributions in her memory may

be made to St. Joseph Mercy

Hospice. Envelopes will be avail-

able at the funeral home where

the family will receive friends on

Sunday from 2-8 p.m.

Westland,

Cemetery,

### **JUDY ANN**

MICHELIS,

Age 69, June 30, 2012. Beloved wife of Richard. Dear mother of Matthew (Mary), Leah, Anne (Stacey) and Valerie (Scott). Nannie of Loving Karlee. Kamryn and Evan. Special friend of Danielle and Melanie. Memorial service to be held at a later date. Arrangments by Santeiu & Son Funeral Home.



#### POLICE, FRANK L.

Age 83 of Livonia, passed away on June 30, 2012. Loving husband of the late Louise B. Beloved father of Frank Police, the late Daniel Police, Eva T. Police, Maria (Anthony) Kraska and David Police. Proud grandfather of Shannon Police, Steven and Angela Kraska. Funeral service Tuesday, July 10, 2012 from St. Michael's Catholic Church 11441 Hubbard Rd, Livonia, Mr. Police will lie in state beginning at 10:00am until time of mass at 10:30am. Friends may visit the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth on Monday, July 9, 2012 from 1-9pm with a Rosary service at 7:00pm. Frank will be buried next to his beloved Louise at United Memorial Gardens in Plymouth. Memorials may be made to St Children's Hospital -Tribute Program P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142 Memphis, TN 38148-0421. Share memories at schrader-howell.com

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# ENTERTAINMENT

# Popular gown exhibit returns to Plymouth Museum



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Emily Kirk is dressed as Abigail Adams. The shawl — called a fichu — cap, earrings and necklace are period pieces.

**First Ladies** are everywhere at the Plymouth Historical Museum. The dress on the left is a reproduction of **Lady Bird** Johnson's sabletrimmed coat. The one on the right represents the gown worn by Pat Nixon.



By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Lady Bird Johnson wore a yellow satin gown and sable-trimmed coat to her husband's inaugural balls.

Pat Nixon dressed in silk satin, embroidered in gold and silver and encrusted with Austrian crystals for her spouse's big day.

And Grace Coolidge celebrated in a flapperstyle dress with velvettrimmed gold metallic lace.

"It's red and red is my favorite color. It has a long waist. It's really pretty, and then it has some bling around the low waist," said Elizabeth Kerstens, describing the Coolidge gown—her favorite piece in current exhibit, "Inaugural Gowns of the First Ladies" at the Plymouth Historical Museum, where she serves as executive director.

The exhibit, like hemline lengths and presidential elections, is cyclical. The museum borrows the 14 reproduction inaugural gowns from the Frankenmuth Historical Association every four years for a display that coincides with the race for the White House.

The current exhibit runs through Nov. 7 at the museum, located at 155 S. Main, Plymouth. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday-Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children, age 6-17; (734) 455-8940.

The Republican National Committee commis-



Debbie Eleson, as Mary Todd Lincoln, with Honest Abe, himself.

sioned 22 inaugural dresses in the 1970s. A team of designers, directed by Don Nagel and David Zeese of Frankenmuth, created the gowns from sketches they made while visiting the Smithsonian.

Research and design for each garment took approximately eight months.

"When the Republican Committee was done with them they sold them. The woman who came up with the original idea for them bought them and donated 14 of the dresses to Frankenmuth."

#### Martha to Rosalyn

The collection, which has been shown nation-wide, represents the inaugural gowns of Martha Washington (1789-1797),

Dolley (1809-1817), Louisa Adams (1825), Sarah Polk (1845-1849), Abigail Fillmore (1850-1853), Julia Grant (1869-1877), Helen Taft (1909-1913), Florence Harding (1921-1923), Grace Coolidge (1923-1929), Lou Hoover (1929-1933), Anna Eleanor Roosevelt (1933-1945), Lady Bird Johnson (1963-1968), Patricia Nixon (1969-1974) and Rosalyn Carter (1977-1980).

"They were worn by models, so the dresses are not built to the shape of the first ladies, they are built to the shape of the models," Kerstens noted.

She said the designers tried to match the fabric of the replica gowns as closely as they could to

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John Spence (center) of Livonia holds the photo, "The Man" that inspired him to write a winning entry for the Short on Words poetry and short story contest.

## Local residents win prizes for writing, art

Local writers and artists took home honors in two inaugural events last month.

John Spence of Livonia won first place in the "Short on Words" short story and poetry competition at Arts and Acts in Northville.

Joe and Jennifer Rutherford won second place in the "People's Choice" award for their glass and metal carousel at Detroit River ArtScape competition, held along the Detroit River during the annual Detroit River Days festival

Short on Words challenged participates to draw inspiration from one of several pieces of art and write a story or poem. Spence chose a photograph of a man in a plaid suit for his

Other Short on Words winners were Gene Brade of Northville, second place: Susan Glover of Westland, third place; and Joan Rayford of Livonia, special honors.

Arts and Acts ran June 22-24 in downtown Northville and included a visual arts exhibit in addition to a theater festival. That same weekend Detroit River Days festival celebrated the Detroit Riverwalk with family activities, live music and a first-time art exhibit.

The Rutherfords were among 10 artists invited to show their works and vie for part of \$15,000 in prize money. The couple won \$1,500 for their life-sized fused glass and metal carousel. They're working on a larger version that will be shown at ArtPrize this fall in Grand Rapids.

## Annual fashion show benefits art museum

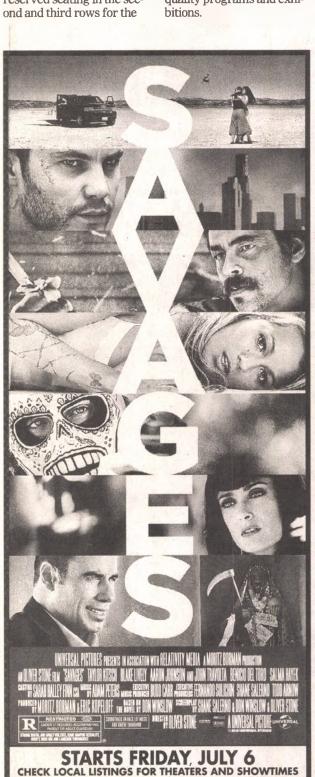
Tickets are available for Fash Bash, the annual fashion show presented by the Founders Junior Council (FJC) and Neiman Marcus.

The event starts at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, at the Detroit Institute of Arts, (DIA) 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. The Founders Junior Council is a young professional auxiliary of the DIA.

four levels. "Haute Couture," is sold out. "Couture Crowd," which is nearly sold out, is limited to 100 couples at \$500 per couple. It includes priority reserved seating in the second and third rows for the

fashion show. "Pret-A-Porter." is limited to 220 individuals and costs \$175 per tickets. It includes general seating at the fashion show. "Fashionably Late," costs \$75 per ticket and provides access to the pre-show cocktail party at 8:15 p.m. for a live feed of the fashion show on the steps of the museum. Ticket holders also may attend the postfashion show "Paparazzi Party After Glow."

Buy tickets at www.dia. org/fjc or call (313) 833-4005. Ticket proceeds will help the museum continue to create imaginative, highquality programs and exhihitions







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#### **GOWNS**

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the originals.

"There are some discrepancies if you were looking strictly historically," Kerstens said.

#### **Dolls and dresses**

Museum patrons, especially women, enjoy the popular display. Kerstens said patrons call in nonelection years inquiring about the exhibit.

Four years ago the museum staff added first lady dolls to the exhibit. The mix of Madame Alexander and Brinn collectibles are back on exhibit with the full-sized manneguins.

"Yesterday, we just received a Michelle Obama doll in her inaugural gown," Kerstens noted. "The dolls add a lot. There are only 14 mannequins and a lot of first ladies. This helps us round out a lot of the history."

The current exhibit also includes furniture and other artifacts from the museum collection. Items highlight the time period of each gown or are directly connected to a president or first lady.

"We actually have Millard Fillmore's guitar. I don't know how we ended up with that, but we did," Kerstens said. "We also have a silver coffee server from his White House service. So, those are out there. And we've got inaugural invitations for several presidents that people have donated



#### **GET OUT!**



"Glacier," by Royal Severs is part of the "Fire and Ice" exhibit at City Gallery in the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills.

#### Art

#### **CITY GALLERY**

Time/Date: July 10-Aug. 24; artist reception is 5-8 p.m. Friday, July 13

Location: Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington

Details: "Fire and Ice" exhibit features photos by Royal (Roy) Severs. Severs was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2001. His now-limited mobility, however, has not put a damper on his love for photography. He often uses a vehicle to get him to his subjects, whether on land or water

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#### **PLYMOUTH COMMU-NITY ARTS COUNCIL** Time/Date: Exhibit runs

through July Location: 774 N. Sheldon,

**Plymouth Details:** "Behind the Lens 6" includes more than 100 photos taken by Pioneer Middle School 8th graders during a trip to New York

#### Contact: (734) 416-4267 **VILLAGE THEATER**

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**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Matt McLowery, July 5-7; Nate Fridson, July 11-14; Mike Dambra, July 18-21; Dwayne Gill, July

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#### **MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE**

Time/Date: Michael McDaniel, July 5-7; Kevin McCaffrey, July 12-14; Mike Baldwin, July 19-21; Andy Woodhull, July 26-28; Shen Wang, Aug. 2-4; James Ervin Berry, Aug. 9-11

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#### Dance

#### **FAIRLANE BALLROOM DANCE CLUB**

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Contact: Jean Orleans at (734) 516-0500

#### **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; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members

Contact: Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197

#### Film

#### **ANN ARBOR SUMMER FESTIVAL**

Time/Date: 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Thursday, July 5 Location: Michigan Theater, located on E. Liberty, just west of S. State, in down-

town Ann Arbor Details: "Cinematic Titanic" features the original cast and creators of "Mystery

#### Wild summer nights

Grievous Angel performs July 11 at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak. Concerts take place 6:30-8 p.m. in the main picnic grove and are free with zoo admission.

Science Theater 3000" riffing on some of the cheesiest movies ever made; \$25 general admission

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Location: 14900 Beck, Plymouth

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#### Contact: (734) 453-8300 **PENN THEATRE**

Thursday

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 6-7 and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 8

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "The Lucky One,"

Coming up: "Bernie," 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 13-14 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 15

Summer Cinema: All shows screen at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. "Harry & The Hendersons," Thursday, July 5; "Shrek," Thursday, July 12; "Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius," Thursday, July 19; "The Rookie," Thursday, July 26; "Raiders of the Lost

Ark," Thursday, Aug. 2; "Batteries Not Included," Thursday, Aug. 16; "Wallace & Gromit The Curse of the Were-Rabbit," Thursday, Aug. 23; and "Muppets from Space," Thursday, Aug. 30. Tickets cost \$3

Contact: (734) 453-0870;

#### www.penntheatre.com **REDFORD THEATRE**

Time/Date: 8 p.m. July 13 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. July 14

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

Details: "The Wizard of Oz," tickets \$4

Coming up: "Cool Hand

Luke," 8 p.m. July 20 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. July 21, \$4; Abbott & Costello double feature, "Buck Privates," and "Abbott & Costello meet the Killer," 8 p.m. Aug. 10 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 11, \$5; "North by Northwest," 8 p.m. Aug. 24 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 25

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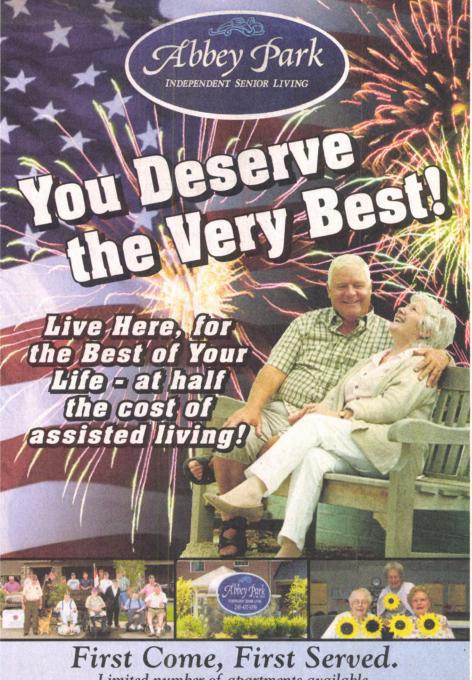
#### Museums

#### **CHARLES H. WRIGHT**

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

Location: 315 E. Warren Road, Detroit

Details: 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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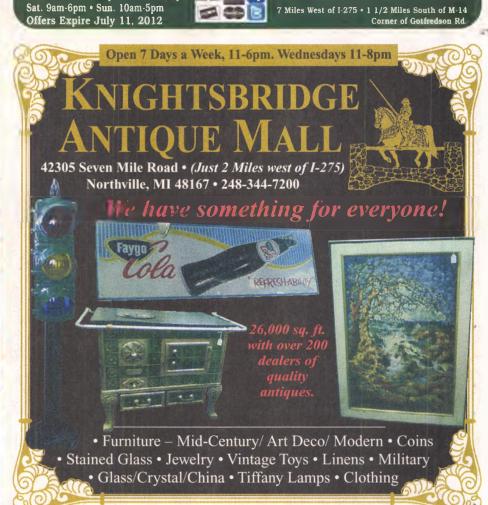
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love to brew my own coffee at home, if you have read any of my previous columns — you know this by now. However, brewing espresso at home is problematic in that it requires expensive equipment — so there is one day a week when I go out and treat myself. I call it Macchiato Thurs-

Dan Dean

day. Just a couple hours ago I had one of the best ever at Astro Coffee located in Detroit. A macchiato is two

shots of espresso served in a small, 2-3 ounce cup with just an ounce or so of silky smooth steamed milk. When crafted like it was this morning, it is a flavor sensation. It is

sweet, creamy and intense. A true macchiato is a coffee drink that separates the pretenders from the pros. If you want to know if your neighborhood shop should be on your "A" list for quality and commitment, ordering a

macchiato is the best way to find out. Finding a place that can prepare this illusive delight, does take some work. But once you have found that place know you have found a true gem.

The word espresso, a macchiato's main ingredient, conjured up many different images and responses from a macho-like grunt of toughness to a sourface grimace when I offered a complimentary taste to customers. Those that took me up on the offer were almost always pleasantly surprised by the natural sweetness.

I have visited many shops over the years and even when I have vetted the shop for all the telltale signs that a great macchiato may be had, few produce what I consider a great drink. The good news is that the list in metro Detroit is growing and the search is well worth the effort.

#### **Ask questions**

To begin your quest for the illusive, but well-worth it search for a great macchiato, start at your favorite neighborhood coffee shop. Leave the smart phone holstered while standing in line and take notice of what goes on behind the counter.

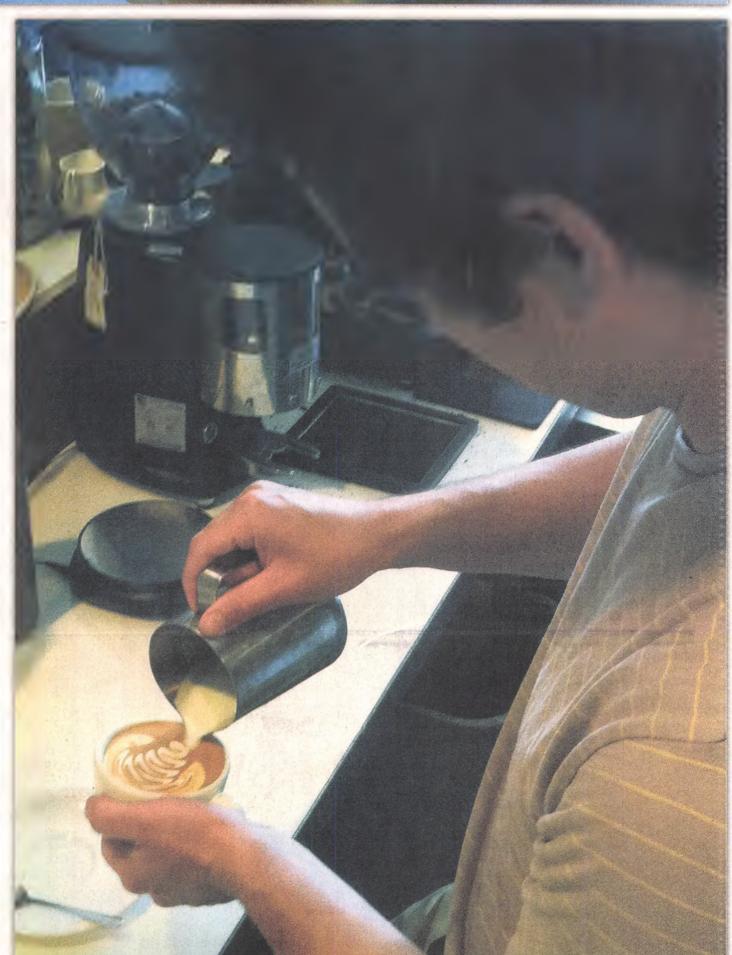
My best advice is to talk to the barista. Ask about the shop's macchiato and please know that a macchiato does not involve the use of caramel at any point during its preparation. A well-trained barista will more than likely be excited about an inquiry. It was always my favorite drink to make as it was received with great appreciation from customers. If the person behind the counter responds with a puzzled look, or lets on that she has never tasted a macchiato or that she does not like espresso - you can trust she cannot prepare it. Your search will need to continue elsewhere.

There are some clues to look for behind the counter that can give you an idea as whether or not you should drop \$3 for a chance at a great macchiato. But know that even those that look like they know what they are doing, in many instances do not, when it comes to espresso, milk and the macchiato. So conversing with baristas and of course tasting are the only true indicators.

• It should be obvious by now, but a well-trained barista will only grind coffee beans when the drink is ordered. There should be a separate grinder that is used to grind the beans and it should be done every time a new drink is prepared. Stay away from ordering a macchiato from a place where the barista pushes one button to grind and produce the espresso.

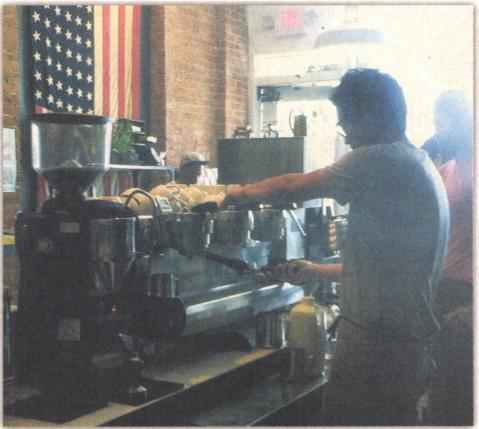
• If it looks like only fresh ground beans are being used - take a mental note of how long it takes the espresso to brew. It should drip out, thick and reddish brown in color. There should be a pause from the time the button is pushed on the machine and the time the coffee starts to drip. And the total time should be anywhere from 18 seconds to about 25 seconds. It should never be a real quick — push on — push off.

• While shops may differ on how the milk is added to a macchiato, the best I have found will steam the milk into silky-smooth microfoam and pour just a small amount into the cup containing the espresso. Some shops prepare a macchiato with a small spoonful of foam on top of the espresso. While this may



PHOTOS BY DAN DEAN

Talented baristas like Daisuke Hughes, owner of Astro Coffee in Detroit, know how to steam milk to a silky smooth consistency allow-



Behind the bar at Astro Coffee. Watching how espresso is prepared and milk is steamed can give you clues as to whether or not you should consider ordering a macchiato at your favorite coffee shop.

be a more traditional approach, and is enjoyable when the espresso is spot on, I have found that more times than not

ing them to create cool designs as they pour the milk.

— the best baristas will prepare it with microfoam, even pouring the milk with a little design of a flower or heart.

• Do not discount the milk — it is just as difficult, if not harder to learn, than pulling great shots of espresso. The manner in which the milk is prepared is a great indicator of the talent and training of the person behind the counter. The stainless steel container of milk will be held an angle under the steamwand as the milk is worked into a spinning motion to create a velvety smooth texture. There should not be loud noises and the container should not be set on the shelf of the machine with the steamwand in the milk as the barista tends to other duties. And lastly, watch the barista pour the steamed milk into the cup — it should be done in a slow continuos pour, no spoon needed.

So you have watched what is going on behind the counter and talked with the barista and you're confident this is the place. By all means give the macchiato a try. It should be a sweet, creamy and intense albeit very small cup of yummy goodness. If you agree, please tip your barista and let folks know of your discovery, and send me an email as I would love to hear about your experience as well. If it was a disappointment, it could simply be that it is not the drink for you or you may need to try another shop. Half the fun is the search. Chalk it up as a fun time to talk coffee and meet new people and continue the quest.

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Is your family tired of eating the same thing for breakfast, lunch or dinner? Not sure if trying a new recipe fits into your busy schedule? It's easier than you think to break out of the usual routine, especially when you have these quick, kidfriendly recipes that bring a taste of the tropics to your meals.

Mangos make the difference in these recipes -- adding a splash of color and vibrant flavor to a savory breakfast burrito, hot panini or a tasty salmon and veggie dinner. And adding mango to the menu provides plenty of good nutrition. Mangos are an excellent source of vitamins C and A. Vitamin C promotes healthy immune function, while vitamin A is important for vision and bone

For more quick and easy recipes for your busy weeknights, visit www.mango.org.

When choosing a mango, don't rely on color alone. Instead, gently squeeze the mango. A ripe mango will be firm with just a little give, like a ripe peach or avocado. If your mango isn't ripe, keep it out on the counter; it will continue to ripen at room temperature, becoming sweeter and softer over several days. Once ripe, move it to the refrigerator, where whole, ripe mangos will keep for up to five days.

#### **Chicken and Mango Panini**

- 1/2 loaf Italian bread, (8, 1/2-inch slices)
- 8 slices deli-sliced mozzarella cheese 1/2 cup whole basil leaves
- ½ red onion, sliced thin
- 1 large mango, peeled, pitted and sliced thin 2 cooked chicken breasts (about 1 pound total), sliced thin

Layer half of the cheese on 4 slices of bread; divide basil, red onion, mango, chicken and remaining cheese among bread slices.

Top with second slice of bread. Heat grill pan, panini press or large non-stick skillet over medium-high heat; spray with non-stick cooking spray. Place 2 sandwiches in pan (close lid or weigh down sandwiches in skillet with heavy pot). Cook sandwiches until bread is golden brown and cheese is melted, about 4 minutes per side.

Repeat with remaining sandwiches. Nutrition Information: Each serving (1 sandwich) contains 438 calories, 40g carbohydrate (13% Daily Value), 3g fiber (11% Daily Value), 40g protein (81% Daily Value), 12g fat (19% Daily Value), 6g saturated fat (28% Daily Value), 100mg cholesterol (33% Daily Value), 746mg sodium (31% Daily Value), and 644mg potassium (18% Daily Value).

# Kid-friendly meals with a tropical twist

#### **Making Panini Without a Press**

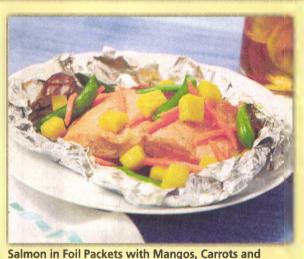
Don't have a panini press? No worries you just need a non-stick pan and one of these

- everyday items: Cast iron skillet
- Tea kettle weighted down with water
- Brick wrapped in aluminum foil

- Pot, weighted down with canned goods All you need to do is: Preheat the non-stick pan. Spray the bottom skillet with non-stick cooking spray. Add sandwich. Spray bottom of weighted object with non-stick cooking spray, place on top of sandwich.



Mango, Sausage and Potato Breakfast Burritos



**Sugar Snap Peas** 

#### Mango, Sausage and **Potato Breakfast Burritos**

- 9 ounces (about 5) small red potatoes, washed and diced
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 8 ounces spicy sausage, casings removed 1 large mango, peeled, pitted and diced
- 6 tablespoons shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 1 tablespoon chopped cilantro 4 small whole wheat tortillas

In medium microwave-safe bowl, toss diced potatoes with oil and cover tightly with plastic wrap. Microwave until cooked through, about 5 minutes. Drain potatoes, set aside.

In medium non-stick skillet, cook sausage until no longer pink and internal temperature reaches 170°F, about 10 minutes. Remove from pan with slotted spoon; drain and cool on paper towel-lined plate.

Heat same skillet over medium heat and add potatoes. Cook until golden brown, about 5 minutes. Transfer hot potatoes to large bowl and mix with cooked sausage, mango, cheese, and cilantro. Divide sausage and potato mixture among tortillas.

Nutrition Information: Each serving (1 burrito) contains 455 calories, 40g carbohydrate (13% Daily Value), 5g fiber (20% Daily Value), 19g protein (37% Daily Value), 26g fat (40% Daily Value), 3g saturated fat (15% Daily Value), 13mg cholesterol (4% Daily Value), 218mg sodium (9% Daily Value), and 390mg potassium (11% Daily Value).

#### Salmon in Foil Packets with Mangos, **Carrots and Sugar Snap Peas**

- 4 salmon fillets (about 6 ounces each), skin removed
- Salt and pepper
- 1 large mango, peeled, pitted and diced
- 1 cup matchstick cut carrots 1 cup sugar snap peas, stems snapped off and strings removed
- 4 tablespoons low sodium soy sauce

1 tablespoon butter, cut into 4 pieces Preheat oven to 450°F. Cut 8, 12-inch

squares of heavy-duty foil. Pat salmon dry and season with salt and pepper.

Place 1 piece of salmon on 1 piece of cut foil. Top each with diced mango, carrots and sugar snap peas. Pour 1 tablespoon soy sauce on top of salmon and veggies, top with 1 piece of butter. Place second piece of foil over salmon and veggies. Fold foil pieces together, sealing around all 4 sides, creating approximately a 7-inch square. Repeat with remaining ingredients and foil. Place on rimmed baking sheet and bake for 15 to 20 minutes, depending on

desired doneness of salmon. Note: Your favorite firm white fish such as tilapia can be substituted for salmon. Just purchase same size fillets and follow recipe.

Nutrition Information: Each serving (1/4 recipe) contains 439 calories, 13g carbohydrate (4% Daily Value), 2.3g fiber (9% Daily Value), 37g protein (74% Daily Value), 26g fat (40% Daily Value), 7g saturated fat (35% Daily Value), 101mg cholesterol (34% Daily Value), 868mg sodium (53% Daily Value), and 875mg potassium (25% Daily Value).

# Report: Realtor incomes beginning to climb

O&E Staff Writer

Making a living in real estate got challenging in metro Detroit these past few years The 2012 National Association of Realtors Member Profile showed, however, that Realtor income/business is growing after years of decline.

The median income reported was \$34,900, a 2.3 percent gain, the first overall gain in nine years. Realtors with experience who have lived through the cyclical nature of the real estate market tend to earn more, according to the NAR. Those who've been in the business 16 years or more reported a median income of \$50,200. Realtors working 60 hours a week or more earned \$80,900, and 17 percent of NAR members earned a six-figure

Repeat business accounted for a median 19 percent of real estate activity in 2011 and is higher for those

with more experience - for NAR members with 16 years or more in the business, the number rises to 38 percent.

Phyllis Pulty is a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel in Northville. "I think especially this year there have been some changes. Houses have been selling faster," she said.

"The good houses go fast. The last three I had sold within two to five days." That's true in all price ranges. "I think this year is going to be really good for listing agents. They're going over the list price.'

One buyer of hers has been challenged to find a house. "I'm very busy with buyers. I think this year there's a lot of potential for making a lot more money," Pulty said.

She has over 20 years in the real estate field. "It's very, very important to keep in touch with past clients. I have gotten a lot of referrals to clients' children."



"The prices will take a little while," she said of the current market. "It's certainly helping the neighborhood." People are putting in extra money to make the appraised price.

If a \$600,000 house is appraised at \$550,000, she finds sellers can put in the extra \$50,000 "because they wanted the house. The appraisals are still low and it's going to take awhile for prices to come back up."

Pulty has advice for younger agents starting their carers.

"Being thorough, keeping in touch with your clients and having a positive attitude at all times," she said. "You have to know what you're doing, you have to have experience.'

"Yes, income is fine," she said. "I would say learn and talk to experienced agents. We have several new people in our office. They're doing open houses for experienced

Some newer people at her office are doing well, Pulty said. "You have to learn from the experienced agents and always talk to your manager." Her firm has a lot of resources and training for new agents.

"Do what they do. If we have too many listings, we always ask a new person. Hit the experienced agents," Pulty advised.

Tony Schippa is a Coldwell Banker Preferred of Plymouth Realtor and president of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors. He's been in the field since 2001.

"I'm hearing from our membership the market is starting to improve. When they (homes) sell, agents get paid," Schippa said.

Well-established agents "have definitely weathered the storm. You're just starting to see that activity increase." He finds word of mouth combined with newer avenues like Face-

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book help to reach customers.

"Your sphere of influence and past clients definitely help you get through this," Schippa said. "It is the referrals from your past clients that keep you afloat."

"You need to write a business plan. You are an independent business," he said. "Try to get your name out," including using social media, he said.

"Do nice communications with your sphere of influence. You should be on your way to being successful. Keep a positive attitude. Try to stay away from negative people."

Schippa remained upbeat through the challenges of recent years in the housing market. "It's just a matter of how you look at it. We can make things happen, and they do happen," he said. "Just work on good communication

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### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 26-30, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

| CANTON               |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| 7817 Charrington Dr  | \$138,000 |
| 171 Cherry Stone Dr  | \$189,000 |
| 39539 Dorchester Cir | \$185,000 |
| 7016 Foxthorn Dr     | \$30,000  |
| 6089 Meadowview Dr   | \$285,000 |
| 42311 Metaline Dr    | \$194,000 |
| 2098 Preserve Cir W  | \$133,000 |
| 43443 Proctor Rd     | \$163,000 |
| 7245 Provincial Ct   | \$126,000 |
| 1984 S Cavalier Dr   | \$145,000 |
| 45936 5 Stonewood Rd | \$240,000 |

| 755 Stonehenge Dr<br>GARDEN CITY | \$155,000                               |
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| 32911 Florence St                | \$74,000                                |
| 442 Henry Ruff Rd                | \$65,000                                |
| 32624 James St                   | \$30,000                                |
| LIVONIA                          | ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, |
| 27706 Buckingham St              | \$90,000                                |
| 8823 Crown St                    | \$140,000                               |
| 14055 Denne St                   | \$140,000                               |
| 18367 Foch St                    | \$76,000                                |
| 31554 Gable St                   | \$35,000                                |
| 18636 Gillman St                 | \$45,000                                |
| 9031 Harrison St                 | \$65,000                                |
| 9860 Harrison St                 | \$115,000                               |
| 15055 Hubbard St                 | \$29,000                                |
| 37516 Kingsburn Dr               | \$263,000                               |
| 27616 Lyndon St                  | \$113,000                               |
| 37764 N Laurel Park Dr           | \$166,000                               |
| 14175 Newburgh Rd                | \$175,000                               |
| 14193 Park St                    | \$118,000                               |
| 31733 Penn St                    | \$127,000                               |
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| NORTHVILLE              |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| 17848 Briar Ridge Ln    | \$737,000 |
| 44951 Broadmoor Cir S   | \$368,000 |
| 16237 Brook Trout Ln    | \$135,000 |
| 19250 Northridge Dr     | \$68,000  |
| 15489 Prestwick Cir N   | \$490,000 |
| 39658 Rockcrest Ln      | \$111,000 |
| 17637 Rolling Woods Cir | \$485,000 |
| 39566 Village Run Dr    | \$196,000 |
| PLYMOUTH                |           |
| 12749 Andover Dr        | \$280,000 |
| 13406 Andover Dr        | \$240,000 |
| 13540 Canterbury Ct     | \$402,000 |
| 40905 Greystone Blvd    | \$275,000 |
| 157 Hamilton Ave        | \$169,000 |
| 13047 Hollywood Dr      | \$440,000 |
| 8821 Northampton Dr     | \$265,000 |
| 41678 Riveroaks Dr      | \$185,000 |
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| 18261 Centralia         | \$13,000  |
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| 7341 Sorrell St<br>36105 Traditions Dr<br>6014 Wilmer St  |  |
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#### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 12-16, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

| BEVERLY HILLS        |             |
|----------------------|-------------|
| 31410 Evergreen Rd   | \$300,000   |
| BIRMINGHAM           |             |
| 222 Arlington St     | \$1,308,000 |
| 1790 Birmingham Blvd | \$220,000   |
| 1602 Cole St         | \$127,000   |
| 1340 Fairfax St      | \$1,255,000 |
|                      |             |

| 2018 Hazel St<br>1990 Maryland Blvd<br>301 N Eton St<br>1005 N Old Woodward                              | \$400,000<br>\$230,000<br>\$55,000<br>Ave                     |
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| \$112,000<br>1795 Stanley Blvd<br>BLOOMFIELD HILLS   | \$573,000   |
| 1965 N Hammond Lake<br>\$255,000<br>BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIF<br>450 Billingsgate Ct                           |   |
| 4811 S Chipping Gln<br>2780 S Telegraph Rd<br>6458 Thorncrest Dr<br>631 Windsor Run<br>6530 Wing Lake Rd | \$530,000<br>\$450,000<br>\$319,000<br>\$340,000<br>\$256,000 |
| COMMERCE TOWNSHIP  |   |

| 2347 Brigantine<br>3581 E Commerce Rd<br>ARMINGTON | \$225,000<br>\$225,000 | 24775 Reeds Pointe Dr<br>22822 Vasilios Ct<br>22697 Waycroft Dr | \$435,000<br>\$258,000<br>\$259,000 |
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| 21132 Robinwood St<br>35591 Tall Pine Rd           | \$145,000<br>\$230,000 | 28243 Wolcott Dr<br>SOUTH LYON                                  | \$84,000                            |
| ARMINGTON HILLS                                    |                        | 54495 Brentwood Dr  | \$286,000                           |
| 29939 Club House Ln                                | \$235,000              | 22542 Lazy K  | \$345,000                           |
| 33722 Heritage Hills Dr                            | \$200,000              | 24035 Prescott Ct   | \$61,000                            |
| 23004 Montclair St                                 | \$80,000               | 23660 Spy Glass HI N  | \$405,000                           |
| 30750 Springland St                                | \$135,000              | SOUTHFIELD  |                                     |
| 32273 Tall Timber Dr                               | \$257,000              | 26939 Fairfield Rd  | \$115,000                           |
| 10/I   |                        | 18220 Mount Vernon St   | \$78,000                            |
| 45667 Addington Ln                                 | \$325,000              | 30220 Rock Creek Dr   | \$39,000                            |
| 22425 Alton Ct                                     | \$308,000              | WHITE LAKE  |                                     |
| 44474 Gwinnett Loop                                | \$154,000              | 9565 Garforth St  | \$42,000                            |
| 27869 Hopkins Dr                                   | \$117,000              | 9108 Glasgow Dr   | \$74,000                            |
| 23190 Inverness Ct                                 | \$600,000              |   |                                     |
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## 'Sunshine law' not for condos

By Robert Meisner **Guest Columnist** 

Q: We have a board that has stayed in power for seven years since we can't get a quorum at the meetings. They do not answer our questions, are not properly maintaining the community, keep hiring their favorite contractors, and do not allow us to go to the meetings of the board. Is there a sunshine law in Michigan? Do we have a right to go to the meetings of the board?

A: I have abbreviated your questions concerning the operation of your association, but what you need is a good association lawyer to pursue the board for what appears to be a breach of their fiduciary duties. There is no "sunshine law" in



Robert Meisner

Michigan, and the Open Meetings Act does not apply to condominium associations. So, you have no absolute right to

attend board meetings. Nevertheless, the board's

fiduciary duties include keeping the co-owners reasonably informed of the administration and operation of the Association. In addition, the Michigan Condominium Act does give coowners an absolute right to inspect the association's books, records and contracts, and requires the books and records to be audited by independent accountants once a year. What your board is doing or not doing sounds to be improper and you should seek to remove the board in accordance with the bylaws or Michigan Non-Profit Corporation Act.

Q: I am a tenant in a condominium. I understand that the association has insurance with me as a coinsured and therefore. I cannot be sued by the insurer that pays a claim. Is that correct?

A: Yes. In a recent case out of Washington State, a condominium's declaration required the board to obtain and maintain fire insurance in an amount equal to the full insurable replacement value of the building for the benefit of the board and the owners. But after the insurer paid the claim, it sued the tenants, claiming they negligently caused the fire. In that case, the court found for the tenants on the basis that they were co-insureds under the insurance contract and thus were not liable to the insurer on the basis of subrogation. The appellate court in that case held that the law presumes that a tenant is a coinsured on a landlord's insurance policy unless there is an express agreement to the contrary.

#### a lawyer and author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition, available for \$9.95

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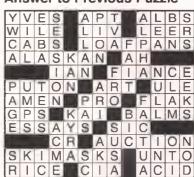
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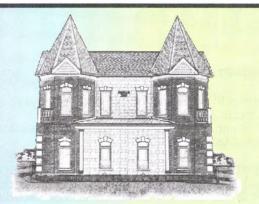
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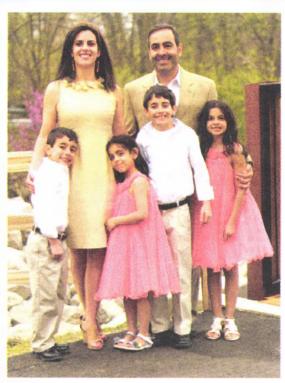
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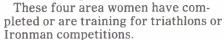
# Area women train, compete, succeed

often use work responsibilities as an excuse for not exercising. I'm too busy. I'm too tired. It's too late. It's too ear-

ly. I'll wait until tomorrow. I have used them all

Sound familiar? I know I'm not alone in feeling this way. Many of us feel mighty guilty about those lame excuses.

But thanks to Jill Halpin's story in this edition, we have four role models to inspire us.



All of the women work, have lots of

Susan Rosiek

other responsibilities and interests and still they make time to train.

Now most of us are never going to compete in the Ironman but these women demonstrate why it's important, and possible, for the rest of us to get fit and stay fit.

In fact, Kori Retzbach of Novi is the mother of three children — all under the age of 3. She also works full time as a engineer. Allison Smith, 26, is a graduate student and works full time. She, too, finds time to train (17 hours per week at least) and compete.

Exercise is a priority for them but they do it because it is fun and makes them feel good.

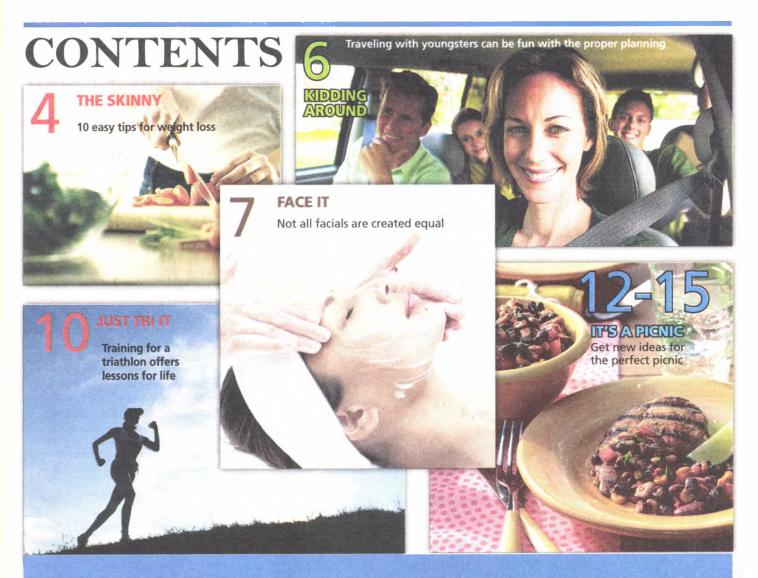
Although training and competing takes a little bit of juggling sometimes, it also brings a "certain level to sanity to my life," Retzbach told our reporter.

Read the story inside today's *Hometown Life Woman*. Share your exercise challenges and triumphs with other readers. E-mail your comments to me at srosiek@hometownlife.com.

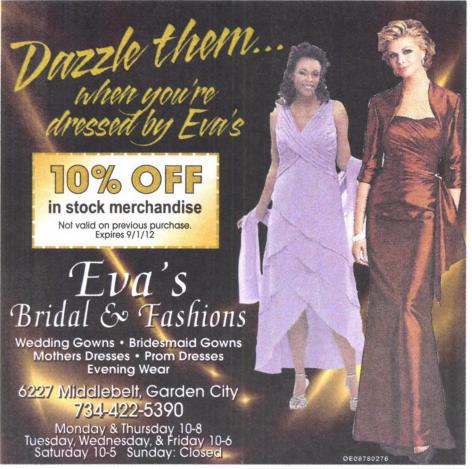
And as the now-famous Nike slogan urges: "Just Do It."

Preview: Come back to Woman in August for our third annual edition on upscale, resale shops that specialize in fashion, home furnishing, kids' clothes and accessories and vintage jewelry. It's fun to shop resale, see why in the August edition of Hometown Life Woman.

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# 10 easy weight loss tips to help you slim down

When it comes to losing weight and getting in shape, Jamie Walker, co-founder and president of the online health community Fit Approach (www.FitApproach. com), knows a thing or two. A Yoga Alliance certified instructor and boot camp leader. Walker is also the winner of multiple marathons.

"Losing weight and getting in shape is more than just counting calories and squat repetitions," says Walker. "It's about implementing healthy habits and actions into your daily life." With this in mind, Walker shares her tips for shedding pounds and living healthier.

1. Trim your plate.

When preparing meals, consider proper portion sizes for vegetables, lean proteins, grains and dairy. Using a smaller salad plate will help you keep portions in control, while also providing the visual cue that you have eaten enough food to feel satisfied. To learn more about portions, visit www.ChooseMyPlate.gov.

2. Grab your toes, not a fork.
"When you're feeling time! "When you're feeling tired or stressed out your first instinct may be to grab a snack. But before snacking, consider stretching," suggests Walker. Stretching can help you feel rejuvenated, provide you with longer lasting energy, as well as help clear your mind.

3. When dining out, go dutch.
When you're out on the town try splitting a meal with a friend. Most restaurants serve portions that far exceed our dietary requirements for a single meal. Sharing

food minimizes the chance you'll overeat. Wake and weigh.

"Set a goal to step on the scale at the same time each week," says Walker. "Sticking to a routine will help keep you accountable, making it easier to track your progress." Walker recommends the iHealth Wireless Scale which allows you to track your weight over time and compare results to daily activities such as diet and exercise regimens. Results can be shared with your doctor, personal trainer, family members or fitness partners via the free companion iHealth Scale app. Learn more at www.ihealth99.com.



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5 Drink more water. Thirst is often mistaken for hunger. According to the Mayo Clinic, men should drink roughly 3 liters of water each day (13 cups) and women should drink 2.2 liters (9 cups). Create the habit of drinking a glass of water before each meal to avoid over-eating. Learn more at www.Mayo-Clinic.com.

Go green.

Make a sincere effort to add something green to all of your meals. Dark, leafy greens are full of fiber, which is proven to help you feel fuller longer. Greens such as spinach and kale are also packed with important vitamins, minerals and disease-fighting phytochemicals.

Don't call it a workout, call it fun. Instead of associating your workout with "work," channel your positive energy and make your exercise time pleasurable. Walker recommends working out to your favorite tunes and trying fun, non-

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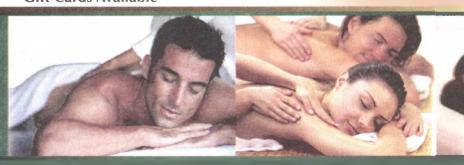


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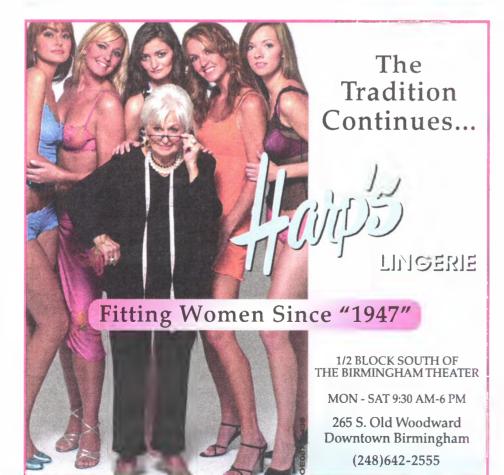
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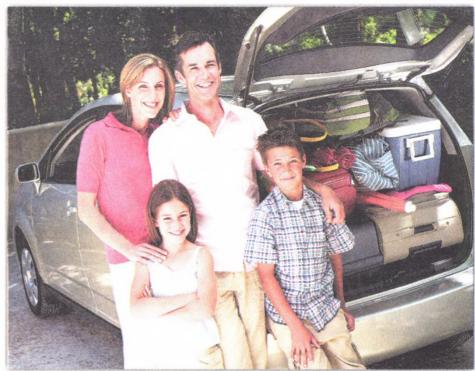
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Plan ahead and you can have a fun trip with your kids.

# No kidding — traveling with youngsters can be fun

By Beth Jachman

Contributing Writer

Traveling with your kids doesn't have to remind you of the "National Lampoon's Vacation" films.

With a lot of planning, some patience and the right travel destination, fun can be had by all.

"You want to involve your children in your trip planning. It makes your children feel more part of the trip," said Nancy Cain, AAA Michigan spokeswoman. "But don't overplan," Cain said. Families get overtired when they try to do and see too much, she said. "Kids have a lot of energy but they run out of it when they are doing too much."

A lot of the destinations these days will have a kids program, according to Carla Chupac, vice president of Livonia Travel Service on Seven Mile in Livonia.

Resorts and ships often have programs

for kids that allow parents to have some time for themselves at the pool or the beach, Chupac said. Teen discotheques are offered at a lot of the Caribbean resorts, she said.

"Mexico is always a good buy," Chupac said, adding that the bad press Mexico has gotten lately is largely undeserved, especially in resort areas. Another great family destination is Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic which has all-inclusive packages, meaning parents don't have to keep pulling out their wallet every time their child wants a pop.

Disney World is always the most popular destination, but also quite expensive because of the cost of the park tickets, Chupac said.

If you're planning to visit a theme park, Cain suggests having your kids wear matching clothes or colors so you

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# Put your best face forward

By Barbara Deyo Guest Columnist

ot all facials are created equal. When I started in the cosmetics business back in 1987, I was trained to use a "computer" — which was actually a little aba-

cus-style box with color-coded slide knobs to determine the client's "skin type." Now, if you have to Google "abacus" then I will prove my point that technology has evolved immensely. But one thing has not—skin is still skin—and we always will need to



Barbara Deyo

take care of it in order to preserve it. So, that leads me to this month's topic:

A facial is a facial is a facial, right? The short answer is no.

For the long answer, I decided to have a chat with Karen Edwards, Deyo's facial queen, who has been helping the world be a more beautiful place for the past two decades — one face at a time.

BD: With so many options today in products, procedures and protocol, where do you start?

KE: "I always like to do a thorough consultation before I begin. I like to ask my clients about their lifestyle, eating habits, products they're using at home, and other treatments they've tried. I find a lot of this relates to problems with their skin and often an adjustment to their routine can alleviate many skin problems like bumps, breakouts, redness and premature aging."

So, I guess Karen doesn't need an abacus or an iPad to determine a client skin

type. And as medical-type procedures are becoming more and more mainstream; I'm still convinced that nothing can replace the power of the healing hand.

BD: You don't offer a laundry list of options on your service menu. Why is this? Don't I need a dozen different choices to confuse me?

KE: "Many spas offer lengthy menus of available facials that the client chooses. I prefer to create a custom treatment that addresses the concerns they are having at the moment. The flexibility also allows me to use the stress relieving techniques that I think will work best."

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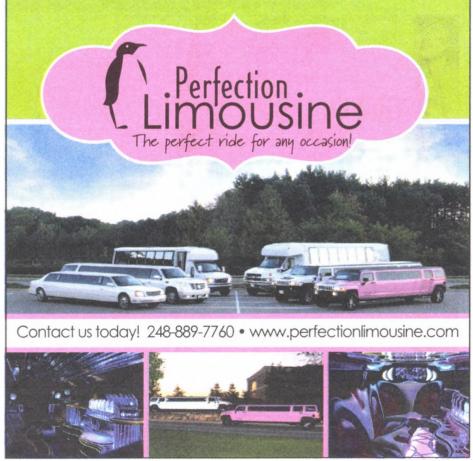
BD: Common misconception No. 1 — "If I get a facial, I'm going to break out, right?"

KE: "If you've broken out after a

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Know where you're going and pack the right stuff and your trip with kids will be a success.

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can spot them in a crowd. Also, some places rent strollers, but it might be cheaper to bring your own and it can also serve as a place to put packages and souvenirs.

For those who are headed to a sunny spot, Cain cautions that their agents have heard of many occasions when travelers got badly sunburned on the first day of a vacation. "Watch the sun so it doesn't spoil the vacation," Cain said. Use lots of sunscreen and bring hats so you don't get burned. Also, little ones need sunglasses in the car for when the sun is glaring in the windows.

#### Safety first

And, if you are going somewhere with a pool, talk with your child about pool safety and make sure they know not to go in alone, Cain said. If you are staying in a high-rise hotel, make sure windows

and doors are secure so nothing can happen.

Depending on age sometimes when they are older having a cell phone or a walkie-talkie is a good thing so they have some independence, but not too much, Cain said.

Chupac suggests considering the age of your children when planning a trip, especially if they are small. "This is probably not the best time to take a long trip to Australia," she said.

"Obviously, make sure you have planned a destination that has kidfriendly things to do," said Dallas Phillips, owner of Phillips Travel Service in Milford, which specializes in student group trips. Make sure you have done your research and that it is a safe place for kids, he said. Some resorts, such as those in Mexico, are great for family travel while some are for adults only. Some offer children's programs so adults might have some relief from the kids and time for themselves, he said.

The same thing is true with going on

a cruise. "A lot are geared with kids in mind," he said, such as Disney cruises. "Other companies might not have as much available for kids to do."

To put off the inevitable "are we there yet?" question, have things in mind for kids to do while traveling in a car or plane.

**Keeping busy** 

With today's longer times at the airport, "Make sure your kids have stuff to do to keep them do busy," Phillips said. Keep in mind you have to buy snacks after security because you can't take them through security, he said.

Cain suggests each child should have their own bag to keep them busy and occupied. If they are little, bring crayons and coloring books. If they are a little older bring handheld video games. Also, pack little snacks, especially when traveling on a plane where they don't serve much food now, she said.

"It's important just to plan," Phillips said. "Even going on a driving vacation you have got to have stuff to keep them busy," he said.

Take breaks when driving, Cain said. "Don't drive more than three hours at a time," she said. Take breaks and get out of the car and everybody stretch, she said. "Sitting in the back seat can get boring for a little one," Cain said

When you are stopped, though, remember to keep an eye on kids and don't let them go wandering around, she said.

It's also a good idea to talk with them about a plan of where to meet if they get separated, she said.

Timing might also make a difference on a trip, such as taking a later flight so it's closer to a child's bedtime, and they fall asleep during the flight.

Chupac recommends seeing a local travel agent when planning a trip as online information may not be as complete. Travel agents may also be able to recommend kid-friendly hotels and other information that could be time consuming to track down on your own, she said.



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12 ounces boneless, skinless chicken breasts, grilled and sliced

1 medium avocado, peeled and sliced

1 red bell pepper, sliced

4 cup sliced red onion

2 cups mixed salad greens

Spread Mayonnaise Dressing with Olive Oil on tortillas.

Layer chicken, avocado, red pepper, red onion and salad greens down center of each tortilla.

Roll and fold the filled tortillas.

#### The Original Potato Salad

Serves: 8 Prep Time: 10 minutes Cook Time: 15 minutes

2 pounds potatoes (5 to 6 medium), peeled and cut into  $\mbox{\ensuremath{\i|}}\xspace$  into  $\mbox{\ensuremath{\i|}}\xspace$ -inch chunks

1 cup Hellmann's  $\$  or Best Foods  $\$  Mayonnaise Dressing with Olive Oil

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# Triathlete training: Good lessons for life



Allison Smith, 26, of Birmingham, is pictured after completing the Ironman Triathlon last August in Louisville, Kentucky.



Yoshiko Tischler of Novi at the finish line of the off road Xterra National Championship in Utah last September. Tischler is pictured with close friends and fellow triathletes Sandy and her late husband Jon Logan. Tischler credits the Logans for providing her with support and encouragement during her many racing events.

#### By Jill Halpin Contributing Writer

Yoshiko Tischler still remembers the day in 2003 that her calling as a triathlete began.

"I just picked up out of the blue and started running around the block. At the time, I couldn't go more than a few blocks at a time without stopping," said Tischler, a Novi resident.

A married, mother of two young (at the time) children with a busy career as an account manager with an automotive supplier, Tischler was looking for ways to relieve stress and get in shape at the same time.

Although not overweight, "I felt like I needed to do something," Tischler, 46, said. "I needed an opportunity to clear my head. It was my 'me' time."

She said that even though she did not lose



Kori Retzbach, 35, of Novi is married and the mother of three (under the age of 3) with a full time job. She still finds time to compete in triathlons across the country.

much weight, she quickly began to notice a difference, both in the way she felt as well as the way she looked.

"I started to get a little leaner, a little more muscular and it just felt so good mentally and emotionally. It gave me an outlet and really helped for me to be more than just a mother, a wife and a worker," she said.

Relatively athletic as a child participating in tennis, gymnastics and swimming, Tischler said she had never been a runner before. Despite starting from scratch, she was soon able to stick with it, running for longer distances and, before long, running a straight mile and quickly progressing to 3-4 miles at a time.

Soon, Tischler began participating in local races, running a local 5K (3.1 miles) and soon after a 10K (6.2 miles) in Northville's annual Solstice Run.

#### **Next level**

It was not long before Tischler took it to the next level, competing in the 2004 *Detroit Free Press* Marathon with a pace fast enough to make her think about running the Boston Marathon. Unfortunately, a knee injury forced her to put those plans on hold as well as temporarily curtailing her ability to run.

Now used to the intense activity, Tischler began looking for an alternative form of exercise and decided to start swimming three-four times a week.

Admittedly competitive by nature, it was not long before Tischler joined FAST (Ford Athletic Swim and Triathlon), a local club and began thinking about adding biking to her regimen and becoming a triathlete in her own right.

She competed in her first race, a sprint (or mini-triathlon) in 2007, which included a 300m

swim, 11km bike race and a 3K run.

She did it all using her husband's mountain bicycle.

"I am 5-3 and my husband is 5-11 so his bicycle is quite large for me. People kept coming up to me shaking their head in disbelief and saying, 'You raced that?' Still, I finished and I was hooked," Tischler said.

#### Stress relief

She is a firm believer that the high level of activity is extremely beneficial to both her physical and emotional well-being. "The stress relief that comes from training and racing is enormous," she said. She has competed in 32 triathlons across the United States.

Recently discovering an affinity for mountain biking, Tischler is now training for her

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Mia Byrne, 47, of Plymouth began her own journey into the world of racing after watching her husband, Michael, finish a triathlon while battling cancer.



## Triathlon events

Triathlon events are offered a variety of different levels aimed at all levels of competitors, said Katy Michalski of FAST, a local swim and triathlon club.

Here is an explanation of the different levels of triathlons and their approximate distances:

•Sprint Triathlons are short distance races and usually include a half-mile swim, 12-mile bike ride and a 5K (3.1-mile) run.

•Olympic Triathlons usually include a .93-mile swim, 24.8-mile bike race and a 10K (6.2 miles) run.

•Half Ironman Triathlons (also known as a "70.3" for the total distance covered) include a 1.2-mile swim, 56-mile bicycle race and a 13.1-mile run.

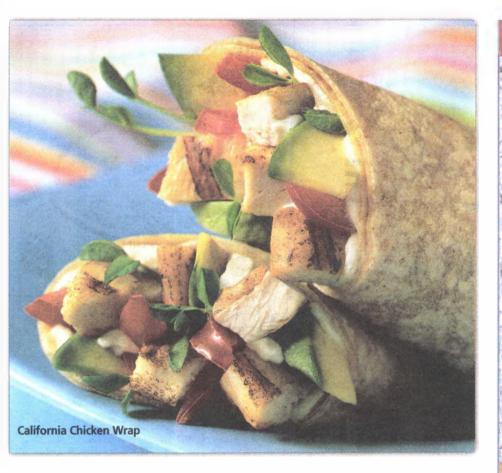
•Ironman Triathlons (also known as a "140.6" for the total distance covered) include a 2.4-mile swim, 112 miles of bicycling and a 26.2-mile run

Over the last several years, mini-triathlons have emerged and are designed to appeal to the beginning triathletes, Michalski said.

"It's a great way to try the sport out," Michalski said. "Although distances can vary, they are typically one half of the distance of a Sprint Triathlon."

For more information on finding races throughout the United States, go to trifind.com.

By Jill Halpin



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2 tablespoons vinegar

1½ teaspoons salt

1 teaspoon sugar

¼ teaspoon ground black pepper

1 cup thinly sliced celery

& cup chopped onion

2 hard-cooked eggs, chopped (optional)

Cover potatoes with water in 4quart saucepot; bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Drain and cool slightly.

Combine Mayonnaise Dressing with Olive Oil, vinegar, salt, sugar and pepper in large bowl. Add potatoes, celery, onion and eggs and toss gently. Serve chilled or at room temperature.

#### Easy Vegetable Dip

Makes: 2½ cups Prep Time: 5 minutes Chill Time: 2 hours

1 package Knorr® Vegetable recipe mix

 $\mbox{\ensuremath{\not{\mid}}}\xspace$  cup Hellmann's® or Best Foods® Mayonnaise Dressing with Olive Oil

1 container (16 ounces) sour cream

Combine all ingredients in medium bowl. Cover and chill 2 hours to blend flavors. Stir before serving. Serve with your favorite dippers.

#### Pasta Salad with Vegetables

Serves: 8

Prep Time: 20 minutes Cook Time: 25 minutes

¼ cup Hellmann's® or Best Foods® Mayonnaise Dressing with Olive Oil, divided

2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar

& teaspoon ground black pepper

6 cups assorted fresh vegetables (zucchini, red and vellow peppers and/or red onion), sliced

1 box (16 ounces) fusilli pasta, cooked, drained and cooled

½ cup sliced Kalamata or pitted ripe olives

1 cup loosely packed fresh basil leaves, chopped

Blend ¼ cup Mayonnaise Dressing with Olive Oil, vinegar and ground black pepper in medium bowl. Stir in vegetables.

Arrange vegetable mixture in grill pan or on foil on grill. Grill vegetables, stirring once, 20 minutes or until vegetables are crisp-tender. Cool.

Combine vegetables with remaining ingredients in large bowl. Serve immediately, or cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

Tip: Vegetables may also be roasted in the oven.

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# Pack a perfect picnic

Food always seems to taste better when enjoyed outdoors. No matter the occasion or location, these packable, snackable recipes are foods fit for a fabulous picnic.

Bean salad stuffed shells are a simple, flavorful, portable appetizer. Jumbo shells filled with a can of 3 or 4 bean salad, herbs and cheese make great finger food.

Baby beet and farro salad is an easy pack-and-go side. Whole pickled baby beets — just right for one bite — are the star of this whole grain salad, tossed with Dijon mustard dressing.

Picnic sandwiches with pickled beetmango slaw, piled high with deli meats, goat cheese and a tangy-sweet slaw can be made ahead. Wrapped tightly and refrigerated for several hours, the flavors meld deliciously.

Warm weather classic lemonade gets a ruby-red makeover. Simply add antioxidant rich beets to frozen lemonade concentrate, and pink lemonade is ready to enjoy.

A tex-mex inspired picnic of southwestern marinated chicken with bean salad is a meal all its own. The grilled chicken — marinated in liquid from a can of southwestern bean salad — pairs perfectly with the bean salad for a fast fiesta that can be served warm or chilled — just add tortillas and perhaps a margarita.

For additional recipes, visit www. AuntNellies.com and www.READsalads.com.

#### Picnic Sandwiches with Beet-Mango Slaw

Preparation Time: 20 minutes Makes 6 servings

- 1 jar (16 ounces) Aunt Nellie's Sliced Pickled Beets
- 1-1/2 cups cabbage slaw mix
- 1/2 cup cubed mango (about 1/2-inch cubes)
- ¼ cup sliced green onion
- 2 to 3 tablespoons prepared vinaigrette Baquette or other loaf, plain
- or multigrain (about 21 inches x 3 inches)
- 1 package (4 ounces) creamy goat
- cheese or other spreadable cheese
- ½ pound thinly sliced deli roast beef or turkey

  1. Drain beets well; discard liquid
- or save for another use. Coarsely chop beets; reserve ½ cup for Pink Lemonade (see recipe to follow).
- 2. In large bowl, toss together slaw mix, mango and onion. Add vinaigrette; toss to coat well.
- 3. Cut baguette lengthwise in half. Remove insides leaving ½-inch shell on top and bottom. Spread bottom half with goat cheese.
- 4. Toss beets with slaw mixture; spoon half over goat cheese. Arrange beef over slaw; spoon

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remaining slaw over beef. Close sandwich and press firmly. Wrap tightly with aluminum foil; refrigerate up to 4 hours before serving.

5. To serve, cut baguette into 6 pieces.

#### Pink Lemonade

Makes about 2 quarts

Place ½ cup reserved chopped beets in food processor or blender container; process to puree. Add one 12-ounce can of lemonade concentrate (thawed); process to combine. Pour into pitcher. Add 4 cans water; stir. Serve over ice with lemon slice garnish.

#### **Bean Salad Stuffed Shells**

Preparation Time: 20 minutes Makes 6 servings

1 can (15 ounces) READ 3 or 4 Bean Salad 12 jumbo pasta shells ½ cup cubed (¼-inch) cheese (see note) ½ cup chopped fresh basil, parsley, chives or a combination Coarsely ground black pepper Additional herbs

- 1. Drain bean salad; discard liquid.
- 2. Cook pasta al dente according to package directions. Drain; rinse in cold water and drain well.
- 3. Combine bean salad, cheese and herbs. Add black pepper, as desired.
- 4. Spoon bean mixture into shells. Sprinkle with additional herbs, as desired. Serve immediately or chill.

Note: Use smoked Gouda, mozzarella, Monterey Jack, or other favorite cheese.

#### **Baby Beet & Farro Salad**

Preparation Time: 25 minutes Makes 6 servings

1 jar (16 ounces) Aunt Nellie's Baby Whole Pickled Beets

3 tablespoons white or red wine vinegar

1 tablespoon grainy Dijon mustard

½ cup olive oil

6 cups cooked farro (see note)

½ cup coarsely chopped toasted walnuts

Lup finely chopped red onion

3 tablespoons chopped fresh herbs such as rosemary, thyme, basil, chives or a combination  $\frac{1}{k}$  cup crumbled feta (optional)

Salt

Pepper

1. Drain beets well; discard liquid.

2. For dressing, in small bowl, whisk together vinegar and mus-

tard, then whisk in oil.

3. In large bowl, toss together farro, walnuts, onion, herbs, dressing and feta, if desired. Gently toss in beets just before serving. Add salt and pepper, as desired. Serve chilled or at room temperature.

Note: Pearled couscous, barley or favorite grain blend may be substituted for farro. Prepare according to package directions.

#### Southwestern Marinated Chicken with Bean Salad

Preparation Time: 20 minutes Marinating Time: 1 hour up to 6 hours Cook Time: 12 minutes Makes 4 servings

1 can (15 ounces) READ Southwestern Bean Salad

2 tablespoons fresh lime juice

2 large cloves garlic, minced

2 teaspoons vegetable oil

1 teaspoon lime zest

½ teaspoon salt (optional)

½ teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper

A teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes (optional)

4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves

4 boneless, skinless chicken breast l Bean Salad (see recipe below)

Chopped fresh cilantro

1. Drain bean salad. Place bean salad in large bowl; place liquid in medium bowl. For marinade, stir together bean liquid, lime juice, garlic, oil, zest, salt, if desired, black pepper, and red pepper, if desired.

2. Place chicken in large food-safe plastic bag or place in single layer in glass dish. Add marinade; coat chicken well. Close bag or cover dish. Marinate, refrigerated, 1 hour up to 6 hours.

3. Remove chicken from marinade. Place on grill over medium coals or medium setting on gas grill. Grill about 12 to 15 minutes, turning once, or, broil in oven 5 to 6 inches from heat about 6 minutes per side, or until chicken is cooked through. Serve with bean salad. May be served immediately after cooking or chilled. Sprinkle with cilantro just before serving.

#### Bean Salad

Preparation Time: 10 minutes Makes 4 servings

Reserved Southwestern Bean Salad 1 large tomato, coarsely chopped ½ cup chopped fresh cilantro

1. In large bowl, combine bean salad, tomato and cilantro. Toss gently. Serve at room temperature or chilled.

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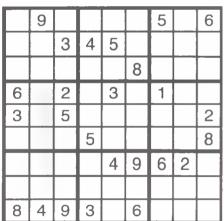


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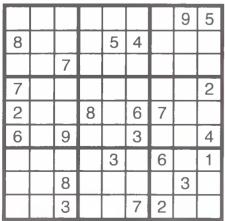
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Level: Beginner



Level: Intermedia



Level: Advanced

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tenth XTerra Triathlon, an off-road race which includes some grueling trail rides, something that she looks forward to.

"Maintaining your balance while biking through mountain trails requires 100 percent mental concentration. It just feels so good and is so freeing, it is almost like meditation," Tischler said.

According to Katy Michalski, vice president of marketing for FAST, more and more women are finding that exercise is an excellent way to reduce stress and increase emotional well-being, and added that there has been a notable increase in the presence of women in both triathlon clubs and events.

"There is a huge sense of strength and empowerment that comes from participating in and finishing an event that most women can carry over into other aspects of their lives," Michalski said.

Mia Byrne of Plymouth agrees.

Byrne, 47, began her own journey into the world of racing after watching her husband, Michael, finish a triathlon while battling cancer.

"I was sitting there watching him thinking, 'Look at him and all that he



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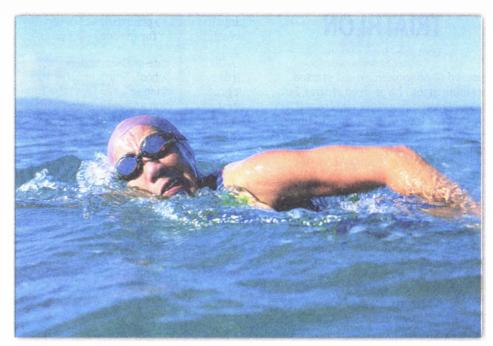
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has been though ... and I'm just sitting here," she said.

Byrne was never a runner, instead she played softball and basketball as a youth and teen.

"It was hard to get out and try to run, but I set a goal for myself and ended up competing in my first race, a sprint triathlon in Windsor. Ontario." she said.

Although she found it difficult to run the full four miles required without stopping, she finished the race successfully.

"I am OK with walk breaks. To me, there is no shame in walking when you need to. Not everyone can win — even just competing is worth it," said Byrne.

After completing her first race, she, too, was hooked and soon began looking for more challenging events, eventually competing in her first full Ironman competition.

"It's something I never imagined I would do. However, you start to meet some wonderful people who compete, and they are so encouraging and positive. They just don't give up — they inspire me," she said.

Currently training for a half-Ironman competition in September, Byrne spends between nine-12 hours per week training for the event. Although finding the time to train can be difficult, it is worth the effort, she said.

"I just feel better about myself when I am being physically active," she said.

**Healthy lifestyle** 

For Byrne, the mother of a 16-year-old son and full-time accountant, the physical and mental activity required during training not only helped her navigate some tough times during her husband's illness but also allowed her to help promote a healthy lifestyle for her family.

"It's a terrific way to live and a great example for our son, who now runs cross country on his own," she said.

Setting a strong example for her children is also forefront on the mind of triathlete Kori Retzbach, 35, of Novi.

In fact, as the mother of three children—a daughter, 2½ years and 11 month-old twins—her children are her focus, as are her full-time engineering career and marriage to husband Eric.

"It can get pretty hectic at times," she admitted, however, "I want my kids to see me as someone who sets goals, follows through and gives 110 percent," she

Although training and competing takes a little bit of juggling sometimes, it also brings a "certain level to sanity to my life." Retzbach said.

An athlete most of her life, she got more and more into running as she aged, and began competing in marathons, starting with a local Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's TEAM in Training Event in 1998.

"It was my first marathon and from there it took off," she said. She soon added swimming and biking into her training sessions and competed in her first triathlon in 2006.

Retzbach said that she trained throughout both of her pregnancies, and believes it helped her deliveries.

"I was back to my pre-pregnancy weight within three weeks," she said.

The structure that training added to her life, especially as a mother with three children under the age of 2, was invaluable, she said.

"Right after I had the twins I was feeling kind of 'blah.' I knew that I

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needed to do something so I started training again. I was tired at first, but then I started to get energy from it. It is a great me time, a great time to think," she said, "I started to really look forward to it. I don't have to think about anything except putting one foot in front of the other."

She has competed in two Ironman competitions and is training for another Ironman on July 22 in Lake Placid, N.Y.

The race, which starts at 7 a.m., takes approximately 13 hours to finish. Retzbach said she is looking forward to crossing the finish line.

#### 'You are an Ironman'

"There is nothing like hearing the announcer say, 'Kori Retzbach, you are an Ironman!' with the crowds cheering. It is just amazing," she said. "It just brings such a huge sense of accomplishment."

In addition to a sense of accomplishment, training for triathlons brings a variety of other benefits, said Allison Smith, 26, of Birmingham, who has been running since high school.

"It has helped me in so many ways: time management; goal setting, plan-

ning, learning to prioritize — I even schedule a time for grocery shopping," said Smith.

A 2003 graduate of Birmingham Groves High School, Smith received a degree in exercise science from the University of Dayton and is finishing a master's degree at Oakland University.

She said that after graduating, she began looking for a challenge beyond running marathons.

"I needed something more, so I decided to do an Ironman in September 2009. You have to sign up a year in advance, so I had time to train," she said.

Train she did: running a half-triathlon in June, a sprint triathlon in July, and an Olympic triathlon in August before competing in the main event September 2010.

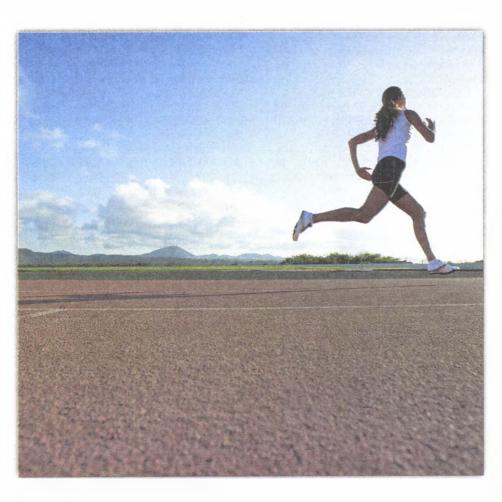
Since that time, Smith has competed in another Ironman in August 2011 and is training for a half-Ironman in Tawas in September.

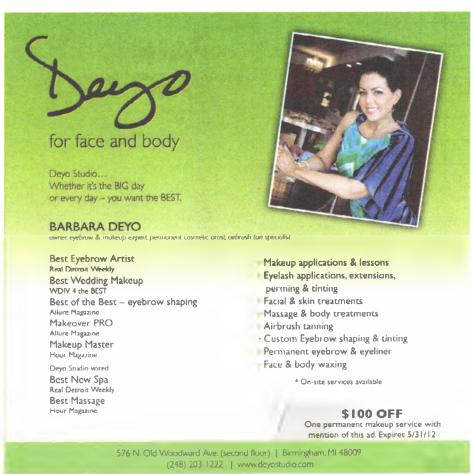
Training up to 17 hours a week, she said she is constantly motivated by the challenge of trying something new and the thrill of participating in something that can be both "crazy and stupid" at the same time.

"I love it when people ask, "How do you do it?" because I know I am doing something that is pretty special," she said.









#### FIT

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conventional ways to burn calories like dancing, jumping rope or doing squats while brushing your teeth in the morning. For more tips on creative ways to work out, visit www. LiveStrong.com.

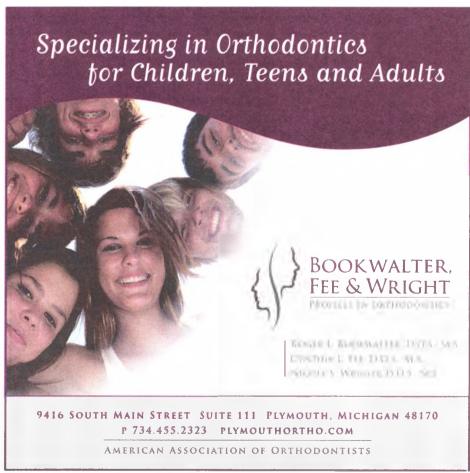
Oitch the sweatpants and opt for something that makes you feel amazing. Studies show that you're less likely to overeat if you feel confident.

9. Don't subtract, just add.
Instead of focusing on foods you have to subtract from your diet, focus on the foods that can always be added, like fiber-rich fruits and vegetables. Try new combinations of wholesome foods. You may be surprised by how much you enjoy flavorful, seasonal produce in some of your favorite dishes, such as vegetarian lasagna.

10. Early to bed, early to rise.
According to the National Sleep Foundation, short sleep duration is linked with an increase in body mass index due to an increased appetite caused by sleep deprivation. Learn more about getting a good night's sleep at www.SleepFoundation.org.

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facial, or left the spa looking red and blotchy, that's not normal. The cause may have been low quality products that have a lot of fragrance or preservatives, cheap massage oil or ineffective extractions. Any or all of these can cause irritation and inflammation, resulting in bumps. The whole idea of a facial is to leave you feeling and looking better than when you came in, so if you didn't don't go back."

Key words here: You leave looking better than when you came in. Enough said.

BD: So what are you really doing after you put the mask on ... lunch date? Mani? Updating your Facebook status? Come on, you can tell me.

KE: "I never leave the room during a facial. There is always something to do while my client is steaming or while the mask is processing, such as a hand, foot or scalp massage. Many spas double book their clients so their estheticians can work on several clients at once. I don't believe in this, and like to keep my focused attention on one person."

You hear that, ladies?? If you are lying there listening to a loop of Enya's Watermark album, you are getting short changed.

BD: There is not much more in life that is more irresistible than picking a pimple; and frankly nothing more satisfying than seeing "results." Of course, we are always sorry we did it afterwards. But we just can't help ourselves, can we?

KE: "Oh, to pick or not to pick, that is the question. I always include gentle extractions to help rid the skin of congestion. This helps to reduce redness and prevent future breakouts. When done properly, the impurities are removed without leaving a red mark."

So the short answer on that one is:

Don't pick it yourself. But, let the professional pick it properly.

BD: Seriously, does organic really matter? Isn't that just a myth?

KE: "I use an organic skincare line. I've been giving facials for 21 years, so I've used both plant-based skin care and petroleum derived synthetics (which is what most products are made out of) I am absolutely convinced that my clients that go natural have better-looking skin. They tend to have less redness, fewer breakouts and a healthier glow than my clients that use synthetic or prescription products. I'm not a fan of the glossy, translucent look that some women get from over processing their skin with acids and retinols. I'd rather they have a dewy, smooth, even toned skin that requires minimal makeup. There's also some debate about how much our skin can or cannot absorb into our bodies, so I like to play it safe and avoid ingredients that could be potentially harmful."

And do you really want to be rubbing stuff on your face that you can't pronounce? After all, our skin is the largest organ on our body and once the damage is done, it's darn near impossible to undo it. We really need to protect, respect and preserve our precious commodity.

Thanks, Karen, for your words of wisdom and sharing your insight. If you would like to experience Karen's magic firsthand, you can make an appointment with her at Deyo.

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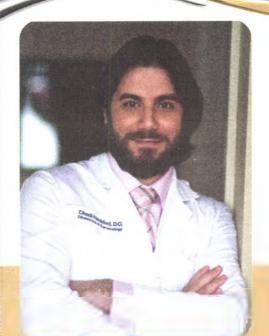
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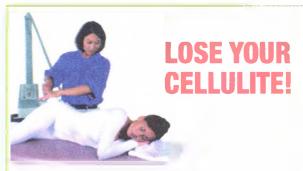
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