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Mother's Day

In parenting lore, mothers and fathers are frequently heard telling their children, "Wait 'til you have children one day!" And then those children inevitably find themselves channeling their own parents once they have children of their own.

So here's what the *Plymouth Observer* wants to know in advance of Mother's Day: What rules, sayings, advice or other parenting methods do you channel from things your own mother said to you when you were a kid? Whether it was "Do as I say, not as I do" or "Wait 'til your father gets home!" we'd like to hear about it.

Email your examples to *Plymouth Observer* editor Brad Kadrich at bkadrich@hometownlife.com for a story that will appear on Mother's Day. Include a JPEG photo of you and/or your mom, if you'd like (just make sure to identify the folks in the photo). We'll use as many of the examples and photos as we can. Deadline is Tuesday, May 7.



Plymouth's Farmers Market returns Saturday, and will run through late October.

Farmers market

One of Plymouth's most popular attractions returns Saturday.

The 2013 Plymouth Farmers Market, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, opens Saturday and will run each Saturday through Oct. 26.

The market's hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and will take place in The Gathering and in the street near Kellogg Park.

For more information, contact the chamber at (734) 453-1540.

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Detroit sues township over Dehoco property

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A dispute over 190 acres in Plymouth Township, part of a 323-acre parcel the township purchased out of tax foreclosure for \$606,000 in September 2011, has reached Wayne County Circuit Court.

The city of Detroit, which lays claim to the land, filed suit last month against Plymouth Township and Wayne County Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz, asking

that a judge return the property and award costs, interest, attorney fees and "such other relief to which plaintiff may be entitled."

The suit was filed April 5 and amended April 18; township Supervisor Richard Reaume said the township received a copy of it Monday.

Reaume would not comment Wednesday on specifics of the case. "A lot of the information has already been in the paper before," he said.

The land in question is just

south of Five Mile, west of Ridge Road. It was part of the site of the former Detroit House of Corrections, a prison that opened in the 1920s and closed in 1986.

In the suit, Detroit contends that, following the 2006 sale of 133 acres on the easternmost part of the 323-acre site, to a company called Demco 54 LLC, a property transfer affidavit was filed and a property split approved that should have indicated Detroit had kept the remaining 190 acres on the west

side of the parcel.

But "for reasons not entirely clear," the suit says, Demco 54 was listed as the taxpayer for the entire parcel as if it had not been split, and Detroit did not receive any notices related to the 2011 foreclosure for nonpayment of taxes.

Demco 54 was an offshoot of the DeMattia Group, a township-based developer.

Further, the suit says, state law

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Baltasar and Mary Louise Capote transfer yard waste from bag-to-bag during Saturday's rake-and-go effort.

Cleanup crews

'Great job,' seniors say of United Way volunteers

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Joan Brady knows that, at 81, she can no longer do the kind of work it takes to keep her yard up.

That's why she was so grateful when the Plymouth Community United Way volunteers showed up Saturday as part of the organization's semiannual "rake-and-go" effort that targets senior citizens who need that kind of help.

Brady said the volunteers raked her front and back lawns, picked up fallen branches and cleaned out her flower beds.

"I'm so very thankful for the help I get," said Brady, a Plymouth Township resident. "I have no one to help me. The whole group did such a great job and worked so very hard."

The 10-year-old program is a United Way staple, designed to help seniors who either can't afford or are physically unable to



The Home Depot team, from the Five Mile store in Plymouth Township, cleans a yard during the Plymouth Community United Way's rake-and-go event Saturday.

perform the kind of light yard work the volunteers come around to do. Seniors are selected after applying through either the United Way or the Plymouth Community Council on Aging.

Volunteers worked at nearly 60 homes in Plymouth and Canton Saturday.

Marie Morrow, director of the PCUW, said the program solves the needs of two groups: the seniors and the volunteers.

"There are a lot of disadvantaged seniors who can't get out and clean their yards, and there are a lot of people who want to give back to the community," Morrow said. "(Rake-and-go) serves a dual purpose. It serves both needs."

Mary Louise Capote of Plymouth is a senior herself, and recognizes both the need for help and the desire to provide it.

"It takes a lot of energy," said Capote, who was working with her husband, Baltasar. "It makes you feel good to be doing things for other seniors who can't do the work themselves."

Bud Lanphear and his wife of 59 years, Janet, have lived in their home on Ross since 1943 and graduated from the old Plymouth

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Robotics team among world's best

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

It took four months of planning, vacation time spent at school building a robot and executing a game plan, and a top-20 finish at the state competition to do it, but Plymouth-Canton's Team 862 Lightning Robotics team qualified for the world championships in St. Louis.

And, last weekend, the 100-plus members of Lightning 862 made the most of it, turning in a top-three finish among the 400 or so teams who qualified for the tournament.

"We had one of the most consistent robots ... It did what we wanted it to do almost 100 percent of the time," said Jay Obsniuk, the robotics adviser. "We had a chain break, but it was a simple fix. It's been consistency, find something you can do and do it right."

More than 10,000 students from around the world traveled to St. Louis for the annual FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Championship, held at the Edward Jones Dome.

The three-day event came down to a heart-pounding conclusion Saturday night in front of a roaring crowd of 25,000 when three teams from Mississauga, Ontario, Canada; The Woodlands, Texas; and Toronto, Ontario, Canada, won the coveted FIRST Robotics Competition Championship Winning Alliance.

"You're sitting there in front of 30,000 people, you've got all these CEOs from major companies coming up and asking us ques-

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Lightning Robotics 862 team members Ryan Lewis, Rebekka Neumann, Julian Gabriel and Charlie Fug designed a climbing mechanism for a robot during a practice session prior to the state competition.

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DEHOCO

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and procedures set by the State Tax Commission forbid the forfeiture of property owned by a city.

The issue surfaced last summer, and has been discussed by city lawyers and Detroit City Council members since Timothy Beckett, an attorney with the city's law department, issued a report on it last September. Beckett said he asked Wojtowicz's office, which is in charge of county tax foreclosures, to correct the situation, but was refused.

Wojtowicz's spokesman, Deputy Treasurer David Szymanski, said Wednesday that the dispute is between the township and the city, and urged those parties to resolve it.

"Our response hasn't changed," Szymanski said. "We proceeded on information provided to us by Plymouth Township. They had assessed

the property, taxes were delinquent and we pursued the ordinary course of action (related to) delinquent taxes."

Reaume said he met April 19 with John Nader, the attorney from Detroit's law department who drew up the suit, and that the litigation was never mentioned, even though it had already been filed.

The township Board of Trustees has held two closed sessions recently to talk about the dispute, but took no action coming out of those meetings.

Nader did not return calls Tuesday or Wednesday.

In a separate action, Detroit in March filed a suit in the Michigan Court of Claims against the county and Wojtowicz, but not the township, seeking money damages over the handling of the foreclosure.

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Volunteers from the Plymouth Wildcats pose with the United Way's Betty Nolan, who organized and coordinated Saturday's rake-and-go. Nolan is retiring from the United Way June 7.

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High School (now Central Middle School) together. Lanphear, who walks with the assistance of a cane, knows yard work is some-

thing that's beyond him now.

"I can hire the lawn mowed, but the little things I can't do any more," he said. "This is really beautiful. It's a life-saver."

Lori Bestervelt was helping out at Lanphear's

home, partly because she knows some day she may need the help herself.

"I like to get out and do things for the community," said Bestervelt, who was working with her church group from Friends of Unity in Plymouth. "It's

good for them, and it's good for me. Community is about helping each other out. You never know when you're going to be the one needing help."

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Lori Bestervelt, working with her church group from Friends of Unity in Plymouth, volunteered for the rake-and-go because "community is about helping each other out."

CORRECTION

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley was misquoted in a story in Sunday's *Observer* about her visit to Livonia. The story should have said Haley would continue to oppose the expansion of Medicaid offered under the Affordable Care Act, not that she would oppose the expansion of Medicare. Medicaid is an insurance program for low-income people, while Medicare is the insurance program for people over age 65.

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Showcase a chance to sample food, businesses

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Nearly 100 businesses and other organizations and 650 or more visitors will gather in Plymouth Township Monday for one of the area's biggest annual networking events.

This year's Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's Showcase and Taste of Plymouth is scheduled for 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday at The Inn at St. John's. Ninety-five exhibitors, including the 17 restaurants and food shops taking part in the Taste of Plymouth, will be represented.

"It is a nice community celebration that allows our members to interact directly with the general public," said Wes Graff, the chamber president.

Many business participants, Graff said, don't have traditional storefronts or prominent locations in the community, so the Showcase is a good marketing tool for them.

"This is their chance to get out and meet people," he said.

Tickets for the event are \$10 each and will be available at the door. Chamber members can bring additional people from their companies for \$5 each.

This year marks the 24th year for the Showcase.

"It's been popular for a long time," Graff said.

The event experienced a "surge" a few years ago to get the number of exhibitors up into the 90s, he added, and 650 to 700 visitors typically attend.

The Showcase will feature not only chamber member businesses, but also nonprofits and community organizations, such as the Plymouth Historical Museum, Arbor Hospice, New Morning School, the Plymouth Community United Way and the Miracle League of Plymouth.

The Showcase's Taste of Plymouth event has restaurants and food shops offering samples of their fare to the public, plus a judged food competition. Returning participants will include the Rusty Bucket, Leo's Coney Island, the Ironwood Grill and the Picnic Basket Market, while newcomers will include Kilwin's, B.D.'s Mongolian Grill and Jo Jo's Treats & Sweets.

The Showcase will also feature a segment acknowledging the volunteers of the year from a variety of community groups.

The event's major sponsors at Hines Park Lincoln and Community Financial Credit Union.

The Inn at St. John's is at 44045 Five Mile Road, just east of Sheldon.

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Big crowds are expected when the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce sponsors its annual Showcase and Taste of Plymouth Monday at the Inn at St. John's.

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ROBOTICS

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tions about the robot," Obsniuk said. "It was like being at the Super Bowl."

In this year's game, Ultimate Ascent, two alliances made up of three teams each try to score as many flying discs into their goals as possible during the two-minute and 15-second match. This year, 2,546 FRC teams in 17 countries participated in 77 Regional and District competitions.

In all, more than 10,000 students, ages 6-18, participated in the championship events. Several other U.S. and international FIRST student robotics teams earned honors for design excellence, competitive play, research, business plans, website design, teamwork, and partnerships. A not-for-profit organization founded in 1989 by inventor Dean Kamen, FIRST inspires young people's interest and participation in science and technology.

Obsniuk said Team 862 missed competing in the final match by only "5 or 7 points, something like that," but the near-miss did nothing to abate the kids' enthusiasm.

"We were definitely in shock sitting there in the final four," Obsniuk said. "But it's not even the least bit discouraging. Some teams go every year, but the majority of teams never get there. To get as far as we got is just amazing."

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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Retail fraud

Canton Police were dispatched Monday to the Ford Road Walmart regarding an embezzlement case.

The suspect, a maintenance worker for Walmart, was in the loss prevention office when officers arrived, according to police reports, but the case actually extends back to February, according to the report.

On March 18, the store's loss prevention officer noticed a suspicious register transaction. After initiating an internal investigation, he learned:

- On Feb. 3, the suspect bought a Red Bull drink, a cell phone case and some body wash. However, the cashier voided the Red Bull and the cell phone case, and the suspect paid only for the body wash. The loss from that transaction was \$41.61, according to the report.

- On March 14, the suspect bought a pack of cigarettes. But the cashier (a different one, this time) voided that sale, rang up a Red Bull and handed both items to the suspect. The loss from that transaction was \$8.11.

- On March 15, the suspect paid for a bottle of pop, but the cashier rang up, and then voided, a bag of chips and a Philly Cheesesteak sandwich, and gave all the items to the suspect. The loss was \$4.50.

- On March 15, the suspect bought a

pack of cigarettes and a cigar, but the cashier voided the cigarettes and handed both items to the suspect.

The two cashiers involved in these transactions were fired. Following the internal investigation and interrogation of the maintenance worker he, too, was fired and cited by police.

Stolen merchandise

On Monday, Canton Police were called to the Michigan Avenue Walmart after loss prevention officials saw two males had stolen a wallet and a knife.

Upon arrival, according to the police report, officers were told the two males had left the store and were in the parking lot. The officer found them, and stopped them both without incident, in the parking lot.

The loss prevention officer told police the suspects were seen in the sporting goods department, where one of the men was seen stashing a wallet in his jacket. They also picked up a knife, and the second suspect — with Suspect #1 concealing him — tore open the packaging and put the knife into his pants pocket.

The police officer observed the wallet in the suspect's jacket pocket, whereupon the suspect admitted taking it.

The second suspect was searched, but no knife was found. When questioned

further, the suspect told police he'd discarded it.

Police found the knife underneath their squad car.

Pot possession

Officers investigating complaints of someone ringing doorbells in the area of Inverrary and Gladstar Sunday happened upon two people sitting in a parked car on the street.

When they stopped to talk to the two, officers noted a strong smell of marijuana coming from the car, according to the police report. Upon further questioning, the pair admitted they'd been sitting in the car smoking marijuana and having an argument.

Both were arrested for possession of marijuana.

Vehicle theft

A Canton man told police he woke up Monday morning to discover his 2011 black Ford Fusion missing from the handicap parking space in front of his Foxthorn residence.

The victim said he remembered locking the doors to the car. He showed both his own set and a spare set of keys to the car to police. He said he found a gas can that didn't belong to him outside the door to the apartment. There was no broken glass around where the car

had been parked, and no sign of forced entry to the apartment.

According to the report, the victim's 15-year-old grandson had "seemed nervous" while they were talking to the victim. The grandson eventually admitted to police that he had taken the car to meet up with a friend and the friend's girlfriend. He told police they drove around and eventually ran out of gas.

The boy told police he left the car where it was and walked back to his grandfather's residence. The car was later found by the victim's daughter.

Bad exchange

Witnesses told police a black male made off with \$200 after he convinced a cashier to hand over two separate \$100 bills at the Hobby Lobby on Ford Road.

According to a police report, the man paid cash for a \$20 chess set, then asked the cashier if he could exchange five \$20 bills for a \$100 bill. After the swap, he turned away momentarily, then turned back and told the clerk she'd only given him a \$10 bill. She handed him another \$100 bill.

At the end of her shift, the cashier's register was \$200 short.

Security video tapes show the suspect wearing a black jacket, black jeans, shoes and a black stocking cap.

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Police note fraud reports

Police in Plymouth Township received several reports recently of township residents falling victim to identity theft-related fraud or fraud attempts.

Recent reported frauds and fraud attempts include:

- A report filed April 18 by a township woman who said she had received an e-mail notice from DTE Energy that it had not received her payment of \$1,035.89. The woman's Social Security number and an address in Detroit were attached to the notice; the wom-

an contacted DTE, which is investigating the situation.

Two days later, the woman told police she had received a second notice saying her DTE account at the Detroit address was overdue. The woman told police she had never had an account at that address.

- A report filed April 19 by a township man who had tried to file his taxes online in January and was told his return was already being processed.

Thinking the problem was with his computer, the man mailed in a paper return, only to be told later by the IRS that the return was already being processed, he said.

- A complaint filed April 16 by a township man who said he had learned someone had tried to open three credit card accounts in his name. The man told police he had not lost any identifying documents.

Larceny from vehicles

- Three batteries were reported stolen April 25 from a heavy-duty truck parked at a storage lot on Haggerty near Schoolcraft Road.

The owner told police the batteries were in the dump truck on the afternoon of April 22, but gone when he returned to the lot on April 25.

- Medications, a cellular

phone and \$247 cash were reported stolen from a car belonging to a Canton Township woman while it was parked at the Speedway gas station at Five Mile and Sheldon Road on the night of April 11.

The woman told police she had left the Ford Fusion unlocked for about an hour, with the items in her purse, which was also stolen.

Failure to deliver

A man expecting delivery of an Apple iPhone 4 at his home on Denise Court, in the area of Ann Arbor Trail and McLumpha, received only an empty box on April 5, a police report said.

The man told police the package appeared to have been cut open and retaped after the phone was removed.

Vandalism

Two tires on a Ford Escape were slashed Friday morning as the vehicle sat parked outside a house on Knollview Court, in the area of Beck Road and M-14. The vandalism occurred between just before 1 a.m. and about 7:30 a.m. Friday, the complainant told police.

The complainant said the Escape had also been egged the prior weekend.

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Walk gives a boost to healthy baby cause

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Nancy Henzi of Livonia was walking Saturday, April 27, with the "Madison Hope Henzi" team for the March of Dimes.

She and husband Matt lost their daughter on Christmas Eve 2007, and have walked each year since then, also in honor of son Knox, 2½.

"Great," she said of their son's health prior to the six-mile March for Babies' start. "Dancing and looking at police cars." Knox made it through most of the six miles before needing a ride.

"We're so grateful for the March of Dimes," his mom said. "The organization means the world to us. They were there just to be supportive. There's so much research they do to give each baby a healthy start."

40-year milestone

Rolland Walt of Farmington Hills is a proud 88-year-old who's a regular. "This'll be my 40th year, consecutively," said Walt, who received special recognition that morning.

"I'm walking for babies. I have healthy grandchildren and healthy children and I'm grateful for that." Much of his family attended the Hines Park event, which began and ended at the Nankin Mills area in Westland and moved onto Livonia. Walt has three children and five grandkids. "All of my grandchildren are great," he said with a smile when asked about the coming generation.

"Years ago, we worried about polio," Walt recalled. When the vaccine was developed and polio disappeared in western countries, the March of Dimes moved onto premature births.

'Worthy cause'

"I get together with my family for a worthy cause," Walt said. "The March of Dimes is one of the first to walk for a worthwhile charity."

His dad had a store and would collect dimes to fight polio through the March of Dimes. Walt's proud of there being fewer premature babies: "It's getting lower every year and that's what we're walking for. I'm just glad to be 88 years old and do the six-mile walk."

He walks regularly for fitness. "Forty years ago, it didn't mean anything," Walt said of fitness walking. "That's something new."

A tree was planted in Walt's honor in Hines Park, drawing a round of applause.

Walking the route was Cynthia DeVerney of Garden City, walking in honor of her late mom and Cynthia's sister who had a birth defect.



Walkers during the March of Dimes walk on Hines Drive.

FILE PHOTOS



Walkers for the March of Dimes on Hines Drive in Livonia.

"She died when she was five days old," said DeVerney, whose mother died 20 years ago. She was accompanied by daughter Michelle DeVerney of Leonard, Mich., and grandchildren Jasmine, Caitlyn and Kale.

"It means a lot to support well babies," Cynthia DeVerney said. "That's basically what the March

of Dimes has done. I'm just glad it's a beautiful day. This is awesome." Skies were blue and temperatures rapidly climbed as walkers, many in distinctive T-shirts, made progress. Some T-shirts bore babies' images.

Mom and daughter

Walkers included Gloria Penrod of Livonia and daughter Amanda Pen-

rod, 27, also of Livonia.

"I've just been doing this about the last eight years," Gloria Penrod said. "I enjoy it. Just good exercise, too. Raising money for the babies."

She has friends who've experienced premature births. "It takes a lot of care and a lot of money, especially if you don't have insurance," said Penrod, who likes March of Dimes educational efforts. Her daughter, an Allen Park Cabrini High graduate who also studied at Henry Ford Community College, agreed.

At the site, sponsored by Ford Motor Co. and the UAW, was state Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland. He and wife Liz have two children, Andrew, 11, and Austin, 7.

"Knowing that I have two healthy kids at

home, I'm very blessed," Kosowski said. He agreed premature births and infant mortality are major policy issues.

"It's where we start off at," Kosowski said. "There can never be enough money for that."

The Northville Fire Department had volunteers at the end passing out popcorn. "We've done it for several years," said firefighter/EMT John Sassaman, a Northville Township resident. They have their own popcorn machine, and do the March of Dimes March for Babies as well as many city of Plymouth and Northville events.

Sassaman was joined by Matt Samhat, Corey Devers, Mike Wroblewski, Alex Loiseau and Mike Asher, all firefighters.

"We've gone through a fair amount of popcorn,"

added Sassaman, agreeing the walkers had built up an appetite.

Barbara Bennage of St. Clair Shores is site coordinator/community director for the March of Dimes. The local goal was \$530,000, she said, with money still coming in.

"We do anticipate hitting our goal," said Bennage, adding you can donate online at www.marchofdimes.org under "Donate."

"Awesome," she said in summing up the event. "The people that come out to walk in honor of their babies. We had a great turnout." There were about 2,000 Hines Park walkers and about 200 volunteers.

"We couldn't do it without the volunteers," Bennage said.

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Aaron Tassell and Scott Fowler load a ping-pong table from the Old Village Yard and Trunk sale. Three related families share the sale at this home, at Pearl and York, during the event. The families trade items with each other; even strangers and neighbors who stop by may end up getting something for free.

'Big family'

Old Village welcomes visitors to annual yard sale

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

The sidewalks, driveways and front yards of Plymouth's Old Village were turned into a combination block party and flea market on Saturday.

The Old Village Yard and Trunk Sale, an annual event intended to help residents get started on spring cleaning and raise money for neighborhood beautification, brought out hundreds of people, from serious collectors and bargain-hunters to casual resale fans and people out enjoying the sunshine and each other's company.

"People invite their friends who live in other neighborhoods," said Emily Bassett, who was minding her mother Rhoda's sale on Spring Street Saturday afternoon, joined by grandfather Ronald Bassett and Joy Burnside, a friend from Canton Township. "We're all a big family in this neighborhood."

"We've met more neighbors through the garage sale than any other way," said Diane Ulin on her front lawn on West Liberty, where she was selling tools, glassware, jewelry, framed posters, a sewing machine and more.

Early birds

Sellers said collectors and serious shoppers were out early — even before tables were set up and rummage displayed — asking for specific items and moving quickly on.

People were showing up at 7:30 a.m., Ulin said, though the sale didn't open until 8 a.m. "You couldn't get it out fast enough," she said.

Pocket watches and pocket knives, license plates, cigarette lighters and vintage T-shirts were among the things sought, sellers said.

"Everybody has their own little thing that they collect or that they look for," said Mary Blottie, a seller at Starkweather and Liberty.

Thereasa and Homer Bartley of Northville Township, out on Liberty with son Dakota, weren't in the market for anything in particular, they said.

"Whatever we find that interests us," Homer Bartley said. It was their third year visiting the sale, they said.

"I'm amazed by what they buy. It's crazy," said Lisa Spencer, who set up a display in a parking lot at the Station 885 restaurant, the



Hanging out at a three-family sale are Stephanie Tassell, mother of 2-year-old Henry, and Ian Vincent, on the steps.

"trunk sale" portion of the event. "They like old, they like new. You know, it's a crapshoot."

The trunk sale has Station 885 renting parking spaces to professional sellers — they make the rounds of area flea markets and tend to offer more collectibles than residents — who set up tables or simply open the backs of their vehicles. The money is turned over to the Old Village Association and goes toward beautification efforts.

Spencer had a something-for-everyone system: toys and household goods, vintage and newish, collectibles and everyday items. She had leftovers from her mother's former antiques booth at a market in Royal Oak, and was also selling items to help family members downsize, she said.

It was Spencer's third Saturday in a row at some type of sale, she said; she leaves the unsold items in her van during the week to take to the next one.

Spencer doesn't collect things herself, she said. "I'm not a collector of anything. I'm a seller," she said.

'We hit it perfect'
Event chairman Mark



It looks like Zach Harris, Jessica Harris and Heather Lee are waiting for musicians and golfers to show up at their sale in Old Village on Saturday.

Oppat, a longtime Old Village resident, said the good weather helped with this year's sale. "We really hit it perfect this year," after a couple years of drab weather on sale day, Oppat said.

Sellers and Station 885 hand out Old Village maps, with sale locations highlighted, to visitors, and Oppat said this year's sale, with closed to 30 participating households, might have been the best-attended yet. The sale has been taking place for six or seven years.

"What was really neat was how many people were walking with their maps," he said. "There were more people doing that than ever."

Oppat, who didn't have a proceeds total, thanked Station 885 for its role and for donating its parking lot.

"They always go out of their way," to help the neighborhood, he said.



A kitchen table and chairs — like those Grandma might have had — on sale Saturday in Old Village.

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Sherry Harris takes a swing with a golf club at her sale Saturday during the annual Old Village yard and trunk sale. More than 25 households participated.



In the "trunk sale" portion of the Old Village Yard and Trunk Sale, in a parking lot at the Station 885 restaurant, Mike and Connie DelBusso watch over their daughter Michele Vigliotti's goods as she takes a break.

Different people have different investment needs

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

I want to thank all the people that showed up for my talk at the *Observer & Eccentric* Spring Expo. It was a lot of fun to be out there and I certainly appreciated the opportunity to speak. My main topic was discussing the different types of risks that investors need to be aware of.

At the end of the talk, I spoke to numerous investors about a wide variety of issues. One issue that I was questioned about was Roth IRAs for seniors. I advised a woman in her late 70s that it would make sense for her to do a Roth conversion. She was surprised that I would recommend that at her age. I often hear people



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

stating that age is the determining factor as to how you invest. I believe the exact opposite — age is not that important. I believe investors need to focus on their individual goals and objectives, as opposed to their age. In today's world, age doesn't say much about a person. After all, when you say someone is 70 years of age, what does that mean in today's world?

Some 70-year-olds are working, others are retired. Some 70-year-olds have pensions, others do not. Some people

who are 70 are going to live another 30 years, while others will be around a much shorter period of time. The bottom line is age doesn't say anything about you as an investor.

You may ask why I recommended that the woman convert some of her IRA money into a Roth IRA. My reasoning was first, by converting the money, it would not put her into a higher tax bracket and she did not need the money in the foreseeable future. In addition, she had accumulated from her Social Security and her pension sufficient amounts of cash to pay the taxes generated by the conversion.

Other factors that entered into my recommendation were that her pension and Social Security more than covered

her living expenses and she did not need any of the money from her required minimum distributions.

The bottom line was the money that she's converting would always be taxed. By converting, although she may pay her taxes a little sooner than necessary, the offset of that is tax-free growth and no required minimum distribution.

When you make financial decisions, look at your entire financial position along with short- and long-term goals and objectives. Only then can you can make an informed decision.

I think that society sometimes tries to shove people into a particular category such as conservative, aggres-

sive, long term or short term and then treat everyone within that category the same.

I believe that when it comes to making financial decisions, you need to look at your individual situation and not worry what others around you are doing.

The right decision for you may not be the right decision for your peers. No two people are the same. When it comes to financial decisions, the key is what is good for you, not what's good for others.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like Rick to respond to your questions, please email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

Hearings planned on new county mental health authority

A series of public hearings are scheduled to be held throughout Wayne County in connection with the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency (D-WCCMHA) and its transition into becoming an authority effective Oct. 1, 2013.

The public hearings are slated for 3-5 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, at the Guidance Center, 13101 Allen Road, Southgate, and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 14, at Starfish Family Service, 30000 Hively, Inkster.

"This is a major alteration to the funding of this program and the Wayne County Commission is taking the necessary steps in assuring that services to citizens will not be affected at all as we undergo this transformation," said Wayne County Commissioner Tim

Killeen, D-Detroit, who has been heading the proposed transition of the Mental Health Agency.

The information discussed at these public hearings will be of value to citizens as the Mental Health Agency strives to continue providing outstanding services to some 70,000 Wayne County residents, said Killeen.

"I have taken my role very seriously in all this, and especially in the drafting of the enabling resolution so the authority can be up and running on Oct. 1, with all of the resources needed to serve those in need," he added.

Presently, the agency operates under a \$700 million-a-year budget, with the bulk of that funding emerging from the State of Michigan in the form of Medicaid dollars.

However, last Decem-

ber, the state legislature passed a bill to change the agency from a county agency into a free-standing authority, thus altering the flow of money through the county to the agency.

Upon approval by the commission, the existing agency will be dissolved Oct. 1 in favor of the authority which will then qualify for state funding support through an amendment of Public Act 258 that says a county that is situated totally within it a city having a population of a least 500,000 residents must establish or administer a community mental health services program as a community mental health authority.

The proposed resolution can be viewed on the county's web site at www.waynecounty.com/commission.



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Schoolcraft plans \$18 million in improvements

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer



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The 110,000-square-foot American Community Mutual Insurance, located on the corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads in Livonia, was purchased by Schoolcraft for \$3.4 million.

Schoolcraft College will spend \$18 million on improvements over the next 18 months, including renovating a building it purchased earlier this year that may be used to offer bachelor's and master's degree programs through a partnership with a university.

Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress said Thursday it was too early to say which university it may be, but the college is hoping to partner with one whose programs are in harmony with Schoolcraft's. He gave health professions as an example.

He said students may one day be able to complete an associate's degree, a bachelor's degree and a master's degree without leaving Schoolcraft's main campus on Haggerty Road between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia.

Moody's Investment Services, the nation's leading bond credit rating agency, issued Schoolcraft College one of its highest grades, an Aa1 rating.

Moody's recently released a statement that said Schoolcraft received the rating because of "solid financial management that has controlled expenditure growth and utilized tuition raising flexibility to maintain strong financial revenues." The company also mentioned the "very modest debt burden" the college currently holds.

The 110,000-square-foot building, located on the corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads in Livonia, was formerly occupied by American Community Mutual Insurance. Schoolcraft purchased it for \$3.4 million, Jeffress said. The money for buying the building is not part of the \$18 million in bonds that will be issued, he said. The college will likely spend

at least another \$3.4 million renovating it for classrooms and offices. Offices for the continuing education department, business office, president's office and business development center are expected to move there, Jeffress said.

But the biggest portion of the \$18 million will be spent overhauling the college's main-frame computer, Jeffress said.

Other projects on the list include tearing down the existing continuing ed building and putting a parking lot in its place and building a road around the back of campus so motorists can get from Six Mile to Seven Mile without going onto Haggerty.

Jeffress said the improvements that will be generated from the \$18 million investment will be far-reaching. "We are committed to educating our public, but we also have an obligation to help stimulate economic development in the

region, and that is exactly what we plan to do," he said.

Livonia Chamber of Commerce President Dan West applauded Jeffress and his team at Schoolcraft for the planned investment, saying it will give our area's students and business community the tools needed to adjust to an ever-changing marketplace.

"For more than 50 years, Schoolcraft College has been a proactive educational institution and it continues to emerge as a key economic development resource for western Wayne County and all of the metro Detroit," he said.

Schoolcraft offers classes at its main campus and at its Public Safety Training Complex. It also operates the Radcliff Center in Garden City and offers online courses at www.schoolcraft.edu.

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AROUND PLYMOUTH-CANTON

TOUR MILLER WOODS

Date/Time: Sunday, May 5, 2-4 p.m.

Location: Miller Woods; entrance is on Powell Road, east of Ridge and north of Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township.

Details: The Friends of Miller Woods are offering an additional spring wildflower walk Sunday, with tours leaving every half hour. The guided tours are free and last about one hour in length. No dogs are allowed in the nature preserve.

BLOOD DRIVES

Dates/Times:

• **Monday, May 13, 1:30-7:15 p.m.,** Trinity Presbyterian Church

• **Friday, May 17, 4-7:45 p.m.,** Pioneer Middle School

• **Tuesday, May 28, 1:30-7:15 p.m.,** St. Michael's Lutheran Church

• **Wednesday, May 29, 12:30-6:15 p.m.,** Tonda Elementary School

Details: The American Red Cross sponsors blood drives during the above times at the scheduled locations. Appointments can be made, but walk-ins are welcome.

Contact: To make an appointment for any of these drives contact Diane Risko at (313) 549-7052 or email Diane.Risko@redcross.org

SPRING POTTERY SALE

Date/Time: May 4 (10 a.m. to 6 p.m.); May 5 (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

Location: Village Potters Guild studio, 340 N. Main in Plymouth (behind The Crossings restaurant).

Details: The Village Potters Guild is holding its annual spring sale. Functional and decorative pottery created by members of the guild will be available at this yearly event. Tableware, tiles, jewelry and a wide range of decorative and framed pieces will be sold.

Contact: For more information or directions to the studio for the sale, visit www.villagepottersguild.org or call (734) 207-8807.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: West Middle School, Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Crafters wanted for Delta Kappa Gamma's 29th Annual Craft Show. Proceeds from the show will be used to support college scholarships for local students focusing on careers in education.

Contact: Call or email Judy at (734) 347-1001 or jbstone716@comcast.net or Alice at 248-348-9610 or dachrenko@hotmail.com

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Owner Victor Visocchi and the local staff of ProTect Painters, which completes residential and exterior painting projects in the western Detroit area.

Housing rebound keeps ProTect Painters busy

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

Victor Visocchi: ProTect Painters completes residential and exterior painting projects in the western Detroit metro area. We can also help you with proper color coordination of older homes and contemporary designs, interior or exterior painting services. We are always accessible to answer questions or concerns. We regard communication as essential to our customer satisfaction. After all, our customer's approval is imperative to our continued success.

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Observer: How did you get started in this business?

Victor Visocchi: Business is a passion for me. I do it because it's a lifestyle and a sense of freedom. I started my first business in high school repairing televisions, which were early signs for my love for the service business. What can I say? Small business own-

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ers are pathological optimists. They're like thoroughbred horses — they don't want to be held back, they want to run.

Observer: What's the best reason to do business in this area?

Victor Visocchi: We love the area and we feel it represents the economic growth area for the region.

Record: How are things going lately?

Victor Visocchi: Things could not be better. The Metro Detroit housing market is rebounding, especially in the Northville and Novi area. With homeowners now buying and moving into their new homes, they are fixing up many parts of their new home, including getting new paint jobs inside and out.

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

Victor Visocchi: Depending on where you are working and your attitude towards it, work can be a blessing or a

curse. Whether you are a business owner or an employee, if work is not a blessing for you, the problem is not the work itself but the work you are doing. To quote James M. Barrie, "Nothing is really work unless you would rather be doing something else." Many hard working entrepreneurs were once unproductive employees. Now, with their wagon hitched to their own star, work is the stuff of their dreams. Many productive employees, who were once unsuccessfully self-employed, now understand the blessings of employment. These people become the most valuable of resources — the entrepreneurial employee who loves his or her work. Work feeds our stomachs with food and our spirit with accomplishment. Work creates, produces, energizes and fulfills all things humans need for survival and happiness. Life is short. Keep searching until you find work you can love. I did.

CHAMBER CHAT

After hours

Canton Chamber of Commerce members can celebrate Canton's Acts of Culture Week with what organizers are calling a "creatively different" After Hours event 5-7:30 p.m. tonight (Thursday).

The chamber sponsors this mixer, hosted by D&M Art Studio, in honor of Canton Township's third annual Acts of Culture Week.

The event will feature wine-tasting and hors d'oeuvres, live chalk art will be performed, a masterpiece will be created and door prizes will be awarded.

Admission to the event is free. D&M Art Studios is located at 8691 N. Lilley in Canton.

For more information, call (734) 453-3710.

First Friday

The Canton Chamber of Commerce's next 1st Friday Club takes place 8:30 a.m. Friday, May 3, at the chamber office, located at 45525 Hanford in Canton.

The event, sponsored by Showroom of Elegance, is an opportunity for one on one networking in a small group setting. This networking event is limited to 10 separate businesses plus a sponsor. Participants should bring business cards, flyers, etc., to share with the group. Participation in this networking event is limited to once per quarter.

To make a reservation, reply to this email or call (734) 453-4040.

Coffee Connection

Nico & Vali hosts the next Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Coffee Connection 8-9 a.m. Thursday,



Optical opening

RX Optical's newest location is in the same shopping plaza as Kroger on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township, with the side of their building facing Sheldon Road. This Michigan-based company from Kalamazoo has recently expanded into the area with three locations in western Wayne County. Pictured cutting the ribbon is local optometrist Sonia Burgoyne, along with executives and staff from RX Optical and Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors.

May 9.

The Chamber Coffee Connection, chamber officials said, is "a great way to start your business day. You can enjoy a cup of coffee and breakfast treats while making new connections with other Chamber members."

Nico & Vali is located at 744 Wing St. one block east of Main St. These events are designed for 20-40 members to meet in a comfortable setting where they can get to know each other.

There is no fee to attend this event.

Anyone interested in attending can email teri@plymouthmich.org or call (734) 453-1540 by May 7.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Business news

From the desks of the folks at the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority:

- Eclectic Attic is looking for a business to share their space on Forest Ave (approximately 800 square feet). Interested parties can contact Tina at (734) 416-1186.

- Fremont Insurance, a Michigan-exclusive property and casualty insurance carrier, has designated Kennedy Nemier Insurance Agency as one of the company's "Best of the Best" insurance agencies. Only five agencies from across the state, less than 3 percent of the company's agency force, earn this distinction.

- Core sport is hosting a fundraiser to raise money that will help St. Jude Children's Research Hospital find new treatments for children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases. The event is Saturday, May 11, a family friendly fundraiser workout in Kellogg Park. Any businesses that can donate to the cause should call Jessica Liddell at (734) 459-1547.

- After seven years, ROM Fitness Studio will be closing May 24. We are so grateful to have worked with so many great clients. The current plan is for Whitaker Therapy to remain at the same location. If anyone is in need of scheduling for therapy the phone number is (734) 459-4538.

- Hub Real Estate Solutions added Patty Cramer to the team. Cramer has years of industry experience with consistent sales production and looks forward to doing the same at Hub. In addition, she has a background in Interior Design and will be offering this service and home staging along with her real estate expertise.

Fifth Third and the Scouts

Fifth Third Bank and the Boy Scouts of American Michigan Crossroads Council have entered into a statewide partnership. In keeping with its long history of community involvement, Fifth Third Bank will work on a number of initiatives alongside the Michigan Crossroads Council throughout 2013.

The announcement was made at the Fifth Third Bank Eastern Michigan Affiliate Headquarters' Town Center in Southfield. Local Boy Scouts, officially launching the partnership, formally presented representatives from Fifth Third



Richard Fisher, Field Service Executive, Great Lakes Field Service Council, Michigan Crossroads Council, John Worthington, CFO Fifth Third Bank Eastern Michigan and John Reesor, Scout Executive and CEO Boy Scouts of American Crossroads Council.

Bank with an American flag.

This relationship will work to both strengthen Boy Scout recruitment and retention as well as connect the business community with the scouting community to create long-term partnerships and programs. In order to thrive and stay competitive, Michigan needs a solid base of young people who are enthusiastic about shaping their communities and making a difference across the state. Fifth Third Bank and Michigan Crossroads Council share this vision and support those who seek out opportunities for positive change.

Fifth Third Bank will develop financial literacy programs that will allow the scouts to earn a merit badge upon completion and tailor financial products and services for local scouts and their families.

Wine Month

Vintner's Canton Winery celebrates Michigan Wine Month through April.

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Contest winner will get wheelchair-accessible van

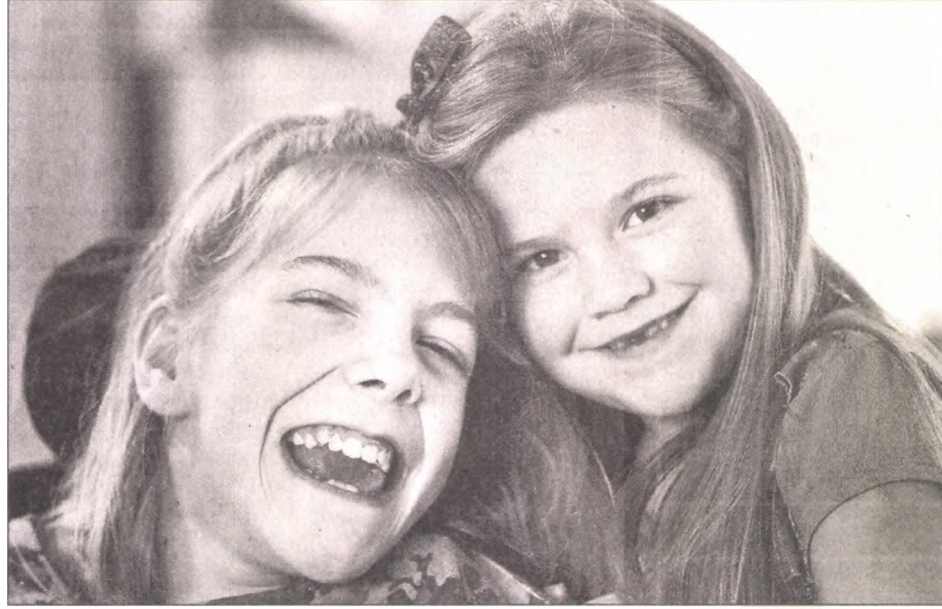
By Diane Gale Andreassi
Staff Writer

Sometimes Breanna Strange, 11, is cooped up at home, because trying to get her from place to place is just too difficult.

The South Lyon resident doesn't complain, she just takes it in stride, her mom, Kim, said.

"She has a new wheelchair and it's so awkward and heavy, I don't take her out as much as I used to," Kim said. "I'll be going to the grocery store and she'll say, 'Oh, Mom, you go ahead to the store, I'll stay here.' She knows how difficult it is for me to lift the chair, and she's so caring. I have been lifting her to her car seat and out into the van and out of the van. I've been doing this for years. I have said we will get a van, but right now we can't afford it."

Life for Breanna, a player in the Miracle League of Plymouth baseball league for special-needs players, and her family could change if she wins a contest for a wheelchair-accessible van sponsored by National Mobility Equipment Dealers Association's Life



Breanna Strange, 11, and her sister, Peyton, 7, pose for the camera.

Moving Forward event during National Mobility Awareness Month.

In less than a week, Breanna received more than 12,000 votes, but the family is hoping to get many more votes from strangers who will take a moment to vote at www.voteforbre.com. The deadline is May 10. The Strange family, which also includes her sister, Peyton, 7, and her dad, Dave, started the com-

petition April 15 and the voting began Feb. 25. But the disadvantage isn't going to stop their drive to continue moving forward in their quest.

"We have gone viral on Facebook," Kim said. "We have friends telling friends telling friends."

Votes are coming from all over the world, Kim said, recalling a recent moment when a stranger approached her and said "Is that Breanna? I've

been voting for her and I have family in Italy who have been voting for her."

The sixth-grade Centennial Middle School student has a knack for touching peoples' hearts — even people she hasn't met. Breanna suffers

from the disease dystonia, a neurological movement disorder that causes painful muscle contractions, repetitive movements and odd postures.

"She is a normal 11-year-old girl stuck in a body that will not obey her commands," Kim said. "She has an aura about her. She is the happiest child. If someone is sad, she says, 'I'm so sorry you are sad. I'll pray for you.' She literally says this from the bottom of her heart. She truly believes God is going to heal her. She touches a lot of people's hearts. She has a way of dealing with it even on a bad day. She is never mad at anyone."

It's not unusual for her to strike up a conversation with strangers by introducing herself. She usually leaves the new friend by asking if she can give them a hug.

"She probably has more hugs from people in different states and countries

than anyone on this planet," Kim said. "People say, 'I love that smile. There's something about her. I just want to vote for her.'"

The middle school student is in the South Lyon Community Schools general education program with some special education classes to help her complete her work despite her involuntary movements. She's not mentally impaired.

On Friday morning, Breanna was in 45th place in a field of 1,000 people competing for the van.

"My goal is close that gap," Kim said. "Everyone is deserving. I just want to go with my story and keep my heart and prayers with my story. I feel for those people. Believe me, there are so many cases out there."

Contest rules allow people to vote every day and multiple times a day as long as it's done on a different device or at a different IP (or Internet Protocol) address.

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Patrick Fellrath P.E., Director of Public Utilities
Charter Township of Plymouth

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Lutheran High students spend day helping others

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Cole Niemi knows something about apples. Also potatoes.

A junior at Lutheran High School Westland, the Garden City teen recently spent a day at Gleaners Community Food Bank in Detroit, doing quality control on more than 8,000 pounds of apples and potatoes that were bagged for distribution to families.

"Each bag was for one family, I think we helped almost 1,000 families," said Niemi. "It's a good feeling to help in the community."

Niemi asked to be assigned to Gleaners — "I wanted to do something with my hands" — as part of a Service Day at the high school that takes students out of the classroom and puts them into the community to help others. One hundred ninety of the school's 204 students participated, going to places like Gleaners, the Lutheran Home in Monroe and Peace Lutheran Church in Detroit.

The all-school Service Day was started by the school's spiritual life group, ALIVE, last year. Students earned a lot of the \$2,500 needed to provide transportation to the 13 different locations, buy painting supplies and prizes for bingo, according to teacher Jeaneen Wyly.

The students were at four-five Lutheran schools, including one in Northville, where they taught lessons. They were at four locations in Detroit, including Peace Lutheran Church, and worked with preschoolers at Starfish Family Services in Inkster.

Making blankets

Some of the students remained at the high



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Lutheran High School Westland student Christine Sankey and teacher Deb Carr work on knotted fleece blankets that were donated to Lutheran World Relief to give to families in emergency or dangerous situations.

school, which draws students from the western suburbs, including Westland, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth and Dearborn. They made knotted fleece blankets, sanitation kits and school kits for Lutheran World Relief. The organization provides the blankets and kits to families who have lost everything due to a natural disaster or violence around the world.

"I think it was very successful," said teacher Jeaneen Wyly. "I think it opened the kids' eyes a little bit by them reaching out to the community. We prepare students to do things in Christ's way, but how do they do that? They hear and learn a lot, but they need to see what's out there, what's outside the school."

This is the second year Niemi participated in Service Day. Last year, he went to the Lutheran Home and visited with its senior residents. He enjoyed it, but it wasn't what he really wanted to do.

"That's not labor intensive, the old folks talk a lot, but I wanted to do

something where I use my hands," he said.

He signed up for Gleaners, but instead of helping fill sacks with apples and potatoes, he handled quality control. The students would bring the produce to him and he'd determine what was good to bag and what was spoiled.

"I felt like I was helping, but it got a little monotonous," he said. "I was a little disappointed, but it was the job I was assigned to do."

"There was a lot of freshmen in his group," said Wyly. "We needed someone who could focus on doing that for awhile. Cole can."

Clair Gordon of Dearborn visited the Lutheran Home where she sang hymns, played bingo and visited with the residents. Unable to participate in the first Service Day when she was a freshman, she found her day at the home "a good experience."

"I felt the residents enjoyed us being there, it was nice to be able to take the time to help others and not focus on ourselves," she said. "It was nice to take the time from school to brighten someone's day."

In the schools

Jonah Lambart of Garden City did Gleaners last year. This year, he was

assigned to work with students at Christ the King Lutheran School, one of four-five Lutheran schools students went to interact with students and in one instance, teach lessons.

Lambart, a junior, helped in the classroom and did whatever needed to be done. He did multiplication bingo with third-graders, made tissue paper flowers with fourth-graders, worked on science with sixth-graders and played a geography game with eighth-graders. "They destroyed us," he said.

He also played basketball with first-graders and even tried his hand at Double Dutch jump rope with second-graders during recess. He let the first-graders score a few baskets, but had to admit

"the second-grade girls were much better than I was" jumping rope.

"I like to go to the grade schools because it's fun," he said. "You get to be a child again and the teachers give you things."

The pastor gave the students a tour of the church, telling them that at one time there were 300 people at Mass, now the church is serving 30 a week. Mika also found the pastor to be "extremely interesting." A former Marine with ministerial experience, he got the job when the former pastor announced he was retiring and pointed to him when member of the congregation asked who was going to replace him.

"He's still trying to do things for the community," Mika said.

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OUR VIEWS

Volunteers give amazing effort to help others

Christmas came early for several homeowners in Canton Saturday, while in both Plymouth and Canton, several others were the beneficiaries of not-so-random acts of kindness.

It was the weekend of helping as several area programs coincided, and partnered, to help senior citizens and families who can't help themselves, some because of age, others through circumstances outside their control. The programs are intertwined, joined together for a common goal: Helping others.

Canton's Christmas in Action, run for years now by Jim Cisek with a team of hundreds of volunteers and in partnership with business such as Home Depot, Canton Waste Recycling, Ibex Insurance and many others, ran its total of homes fixed up to 95 with the nine they did Saturday. And that's just in nine years.

Plymouth Community United Way was back out in force, in both Plymouth and Canton, helping seniors no longer able to do simple chores like raking leaves and pruning bushes.

And Comcast held its annual Comcast Cares Days, packaging food out of its Plymouth Township offices to help feed the hungry. And their effort

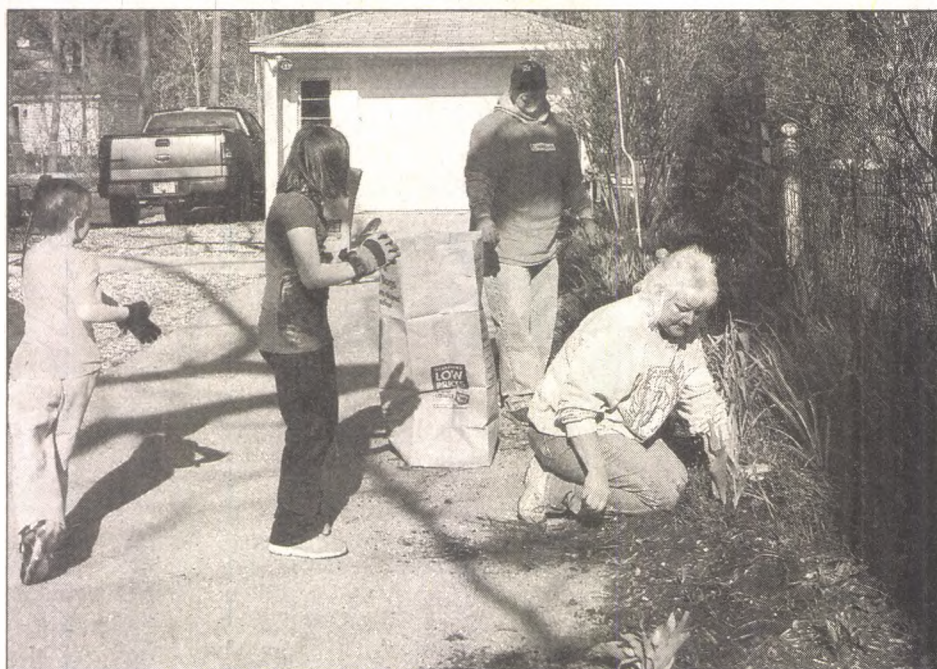
wasn't just the one day; Comcast held a blood drive at its Plymouth call center on Monday, and some of the food they packaged Saturday will go to the Plymouth Community United Way.

The PCUW, meanwhile, ran the rake-n-go in Plymouth and Canton, and also gave a \$2,500 grant to Christmas in Action.

It's all about neighbors helping neighbors, about making life easier — and better — for those who can't for themselves any more.

It's a great day, but don't take our word for it. Listen to 81-year-old Plymouth resident Joan Brady: "I am so very thankful for the help I get from the United Way ... They are a blessing to me."

And to Canton resident Harry Weaver III, left paralyzed from the waist down after being shot in a robbery attempt after leaving a meeting — in a cruel twist of irony it was a meeting of a group of people planning ways to help other people — in Detroit. As Christmas in Action volunteers worked in his Canton home, Weaver called "amazing" the "outpouring of help from total strangers like this army of people doing all of this for us." It's an accurate word to describe not



A team of volunteers from the Home Depot store on Five Mile in Plymouth Township works the United Way rake-and-go event Saturday.

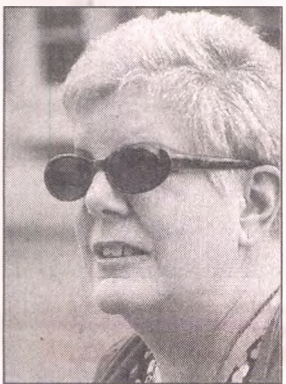
only the people who do the work, but also the people who run the programs and the folks who own the businesses that contribute so greatly to the proj-

ects. If you haven't been part of it, perhaps you should. And then you, too, can be amazed. And amazing.

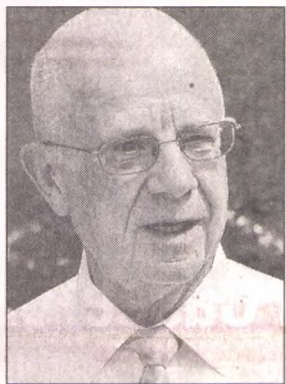
COMMUNITY VOICE

Were you surprised by the April 15 bombings in Boston, and why or why not?

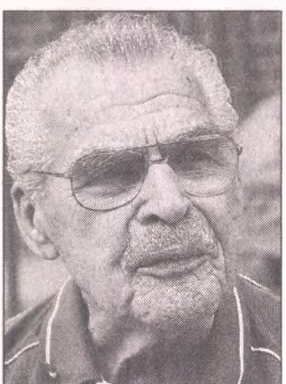
We asked this question outside the U.S. Postal Service's postal station on Penniman in downtown Plymouth.



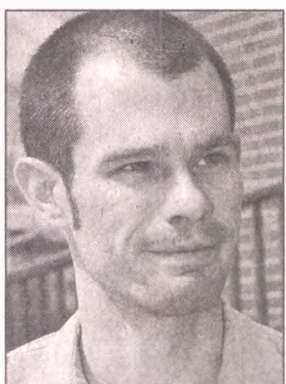
"Yes. It hit too close to home, I think."
Robyn Lowenstein
Plymouth



"No. It's simple: If you have a terrorist entity that's around the world, I'm surprised it hasn't happened sooner and with greater frequency."
Jim Danielski
Canton Township



"Not really. We've got a lot of funny people running around the streets."
Leonard Jordan
Plymouth



"Yeah, it was surprising. You just don't expect something like that after all the high security we have these days."
Colin Young
Plymouth Township

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GUEST COLUMN

Time for regional cooperation on water

By Kurt Heise
Guest Columnist

The decision last month by Federal Judge Sean Cox to dismiss a 35-year lawsuit against the Detroit Water & Sewer Department is a mixed blessing for millions of southeast Michigan residents who are the water and sewer customers of the system (124 communities and nearly a third of Michigan's population depend on this critical water and sewer utility).



Kurt Heise

As an attorney and former city and county official who has been actively involved in this issue for nearly 20 years, Judge Cox's dismissal of the case was an event I frankly never thought would happen.

But this good news comes with a challenge for our region — do we stay on the current path for DWSD, with its history of corruption, unreasonable rates, secret meetings, no-bid contracts and bloated bureaucracy, or do we the residents in both the suburbs and Detroit deserve to operate it?

Current DWSD leadership would like to preserve the status quo. They asked Judge Cox to order a regional authority as requested by the DWSD's "root cause committee." But this secretive committee, itself created by

court order, operates outside of any law or ordinance, and is dominated by current and former Detroit and Wayne County politicians, employees, and appointees looking to maintain their hold on the system.

Customer in charge

Fortunately Judge Cox rejected their request, saying in part that their financial assumptions were 'purely speculative.' Cox recommended that the region resolve the issue of a regional authority through the legislative and political process.

As state representative for Plymouth, Northville and eastern Canton, I've introduced House Bill 4009, which would create the Southeast Michigan Water Quality Alliance. The legislation would put the customer in charge while retaining each community's ownership in the system. It would put all decisions out in the open.

It also allows for 40-year bonding for current and future water and sewer projects. By taking advantage of refinancing and today's favorable interest rates, the region would see millions of dollars in savings.

My bill would create permanent regional oversight by customer communities — represented at the table by your publicly-accountable mayor or supervisor. A new executive board made up of Detroit, Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Genesee, and local government representatives would jointly manage water and sewer operations, hiring an executive

director, overseeing the budget, water rates, procurement, contracting, and the bidding process.

Working together

This legislation would create a new way of working together — smarter, more efficient, and with the highest level of transparency and accountability. Similar regional governance models are already in place in Southeast Michigan and around the country, and should be demanded by the public from any modern public utility.

I'm also calling on Governor Snyder and Detroit's Emergency Manager Kevin Orr to conduct a full outside audit of DWSD. It's time to shine some light into the sewers and find out where our money is being spent. Detroiters, and our region, deserve nothing less.

You can help make DWSD more accountable and responsible for the customers it serves. Call or write your legislator today and demand an audit of DWSD, and passage of House Bill 4009. We own it, we paid for it, and our hard-working taxpayers deserve to manage it. The time is right for all of us to join together and make our clean water assets the best they can be, at a price we can afford.

State Rep. **Kurt Heise**, R-Plymouth Township, is a second-term lawmaker representing the 20th House District. He can be reached toll-free at (855) 737-5878, via e-mail at KurtHeise@house.mi.gov.

LETTERS

Opportunity knocks

On May 7, the residents of the Plymouth-Canton school district have an opportunity to upgrade all facilities, improve safety and enhance technology, with zero increase to the current millage rate.

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Now is the perfect time to get more bang for the buck. Providing an excellent education for our children, and enhancing the property values in the Plymouth-Canton community, are the paramount goals for all of us.

If we understand the infrastructure needs of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, then it makes business sense to vote yes for PCCS. The children of our community are counting on us.

John Stewart
Plymouth

Chamber supports bond

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After careful consideration, including a discussion with our superintendent over several issues related to the bond, the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors agreed to support the bond proposal on behalf of the organization. We encourage voters on May 7 to cast a vote in favor of the bond to create an even more attractive community for students, citizens and employers.

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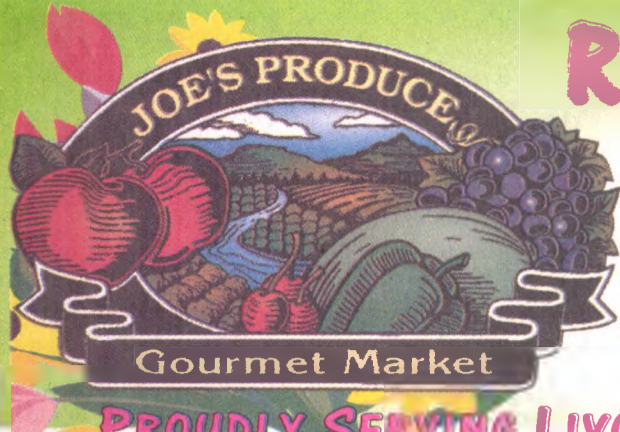
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OBSERVERLAND RELAYS

Teams look to track CC

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

If the 43rd annual Observerland Relays follow the same pattern as the previous four competitions, area boys teams will be chasing Novi-Detroit Catholic Central again this year.

The Shamrocks will try to maintain their claim to the championship trophy and win their fifth consecutive title in track and field Saturday at Farmington High School.

The meet begins at 3 p.m. with the field events, and the running finals start at 6:30.

CC racked up 80 points a year ago to finish ahead of Farmington (64) and Salem (63). The top five also included Livonia's Stevenson (52) and Churchill (48).

Salem will be looking to move up the ladder this time around.

"We have a pretty balanced team and hope to score in a lot of different events," Rocks head coach Steve Aspinall said. "We are led by our deep sprint crew who will be looking to run fast times and try to earn some medals. This is a prestigious and fun event and I know our guys are looking forward to competing under the lights."

According to Bob Richardson, veteran Canton coach, a finish in the top six would be a plus and the Chiefs have talent to score points in numerous events.

"We have some strength in some of the areas, with our high jumpers, long jumpers, pole vaulters," Richardson said. "We do have a fairly decent sprint group as far as the 100, 4-by-2, 4-by-1. We have a couple hurdlers who might be able to get in there and pick up some places."

"The key is the more events you score in, obviously the higher you place. That's how we were successful for so many years when we won it two or three times in a row. We scored almost every event."

Field dominance

Catholic Central coach Tony Magni acknowledged it won't be easy to enjoy a repeat performance, cit-

Please see RELAYS, B3



Mike Vellucci of the Plymouth Whalers, shown during a 2012-13 game, has a winning rapport with his players. It was announced Tuesday that the Farmington native was named OHL Coach of the Year.

Vellucci OHL's top coach

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

A lot has changed in the hockey world since Mike Vellucci started coaching the Plymouth Whalers more than a decade ago.

But Vellucci, who Tuesday was named Ontario Hockey League Coach of the Year for 2012-13, emphasized that it still comes down to coaching kids who want to learn and become the best players they can be.

"It's always evolving, the game has changed," said Vellucci Tuesday, during a media conference call. "I'm maturing as I get older. But still, you're coaching 16- to 20-year-olds and it's a lot of fun."

"Most of them, if not all of them, want to improve every day and make it to the next level."

Vellucci, who won the coveted Matt Leyden Trophy for the second time in his dozen years as Whalers coach (he also won in 2006-07), certainly had a lot of fun this season — a year capped off by an OHL West Division title and subsequent trip to the Western Conference finals.

Plymouth finished 42-17-5-4

for 93 points, giving the team its 12th division title in franchise history. It also put the Whalers in the playoffs for a 22nd consecutive season and improved Vellucci's overall record to 440-278-40.

Keeping it together

For much of the season, Vellucci had to swap puzzle pieces due to World Juniors, players spending time in the AHL during the NHL lockout and injuries.

"We were playing with nine forwards at times," Vellucci said. "We either had guys away at camp or didn't get some players back in time. There were injuries. It was difficult."

"We were playing Ryan Hartman at center, he's never played center before. ... Those are the times, the struggles that make you stronger as a team and we got through those times."

For as thrilling a ride it was to helm a team that went 27-5-0-1 in the second half, followed by three exciting playoff rounds, the 46-year-old from Farmington talked at length about how a team filled with NHL prospects put aside egos to root for a teammate.

Vincent Trocheck, a valuable midseason acquisition from Saginaw, needed three points on March 17 at Windsor to claim the OHL scoring title.

"Every single guy on that ice was trying to get Vince the puck to get his points," Vellucci noted. "... There was no jealousy whatsoever, everybody wanted Vince to win that award. It was just great to see as a coach, all that hard work you put in to make sure that kids believe it is a team game and not individual."

"To see that happen was probably my favorite moment of the whole year."

One of the best

Several Plymouth players were pretty happy to see their coach get lofty honors, too.

"He did a lot for me, personally," said forward and Ottawa Senators prospect Stefan Noesen. "He believed in me when nobody else did. He's one of the best coaches who have ever worked in the league and you definitely learn a lot from him from start to finish."

Please see VELLUCCI, B4

Chiefs crush Rocks, 10-5

Canton built a 7-1 half-time lead Monday night and went on to post a 10-5 victory over Salem in a KLAA varsity girls lacrosse matchup.

Annelise Niermann spearheaded the win with four goals. Contributing three each were Kelly Harris and Cassidy Tucker. Also scoring was Alexis O'Flynn.

"I was very pleased with how we controlled the ball and were patient for scoring opportunities," Canton head coach Dave Bower said. "We had some really beautiful pass-shoot-and score plays, with four goals coming off assists."

Defensive standouts for the Chiefs included senior co-captains Meredith White and Laura Murphy, along with senior Nicole Farley, allowing just three Salem shots on goal in the first half.

Midfielders Niermann, Tucker, junior Anika Nuler and sophomore Jordan Church also played well in transition.

Salem grid meeting May 6

All new players to the Salem football program (including incoming freshmen) are invited to attend a player/parent orientation meeting, 7-8 p.m. Monday in the Salem High School presentation room.

The meeting will be an opportunity to receive valuable information before the mandatory May 15 "Kick-Off" meeting.

For the latter, slated for 7-8 p.m. in the Salem auditorium, all 2013 football players (plus one parent each) must attend to garner information, meet coaches, find out about summer schedules and program expectations. For more information, contact Rocks football coach Kurt Britnell at (734) 416-7768 or e-mail him at football.salem-rocks@gmail.com.

Salem enjoys scoring surge on Senior Day

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Sophomore Noah Willer succinctly summed up how important Saturday's Senior Day was for Salem's varsity boys lacrosse team.

"It was Senior Day, so we wanted to win big for our seniors," said Willer, who merely tallied a team-leading six goals in Salem's 18-5 romp over Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Salem (8-2) really poured it on in the fourth quarter, scoring seven times to completely blow the non-conference tilt open.

Willer said the younger players wanted to get it done for the squad's eight seniors, led by goalie Justin Oldani and co-captains Patrick Kretschmer, PJ Rogers, Brandon Lee and Phil



Saturday was Senior Day for Salem's varsity boys lacrosse team and the Rocks celebrated by pelting visiting Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 18-5. In the top row (from left) are head coach Paul Nemzek, Turner Solterman, Cameron Hussey, Jake Perkins, Justin Oldani and assistant coach Pete Kimmel. In the bottom row (from left) are senior captains Patrick Kretschmer, Phil Sutfin, Brandon Lee and PJ Rogers.

Sutfin.

The remaining seniors include Cameron Hussey,

Jake Perkins and Turner Solterman. All eight were honored for their athlet-

ic and academic accomplishments.

"And we wanted to win

"We're a senior-laden team this year, most of the strength talent-wise is in that class and we wanted to send them out with a great Senior Day."

PAUL NEMZEK
Salem boys lacrosse coach

for Phil Sutfin, too," Willer said. "He has a concussion, so he wasn't playing."

Salem head coach Paul Nemzek said the seniors carried the load against Gabriel Richard.

"We're a senior-laden team this year, most of the strength talent-wise is in that class and we

Please see LACROSSE, B2

Ladywood's golf outing

Livonia Ladywood's 20th annual golf outing will be Monday, June 24, at Walnut Creek Country Club, 25501 Johns Road, South Lyon. The cost is \$175 for a single golfer or \$700 per foursome for the four-person scramble. (Dinner only is \$75.)

Registration begins at 11 a.m. (includes barbecue lunch buffet) with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. A cocktail reception, sit-down dinner and silent auction are also included, along with contests and prizes. Hole sponsorships are also available. For more information, call the Ladywood athletic department at (734) 591-2323; or e-mail athletic director Sal Malek at SMalek@ladywood.org.

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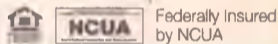


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Rocks in record-breaking mood

Dave Gerlach is getting used to watching world-class athletes come through for his Salem varsity girls track and field team.

Such was the case again Saturday at the Oxford Invitational. The Rocks (60 points) placed third out of 23 teams in a highly competitive field and set three school records in the process. Finishing 1-2 were Rochester Adams and Walled Lake Central, with 92 and 72 points, respectively.

Junior Kayla Kavulich set new Salem standards in the 800 run (2:15.17) and 1,600 run (5:02.08), coming in second and third, respectively, in those events.

Also, the 400-meter relay team of Sarah Martin, Shekinah Johnson, Nancy Krutty and Khyli Ray set a record with a time of 50:42, also second place overall.

"A great competition and venue brought out the best in our ladies today," said Gerlach, in his first season as the team's head coach. "Big-time athletes know when it's time to step up and they did that today, breaking three school records during the competition."

"Finishing third at a competition of this caliber is impressive and a true testimony of how this core group of athletes is really setting the tone for the rest of the team."



Salem's Kayla Kavulich set two school records at the Oxford Invite.

Salem enjoyed several other solid performances, including a fourth-place finish in the 1,600-meter relay by Anya Cho, Alexdra Davis, Ray and Kavulich.

In field events, Dana Blankenship registered a second-place finish in the discus, with teammate Rebecca Falzon taking sixth. Krutty came in third in the pole vault and Shara Long's finished sixth in the shot put.

Ray (third, 100 dash), Alexandra Davis (sixth, 200 dash) and Johnson (seventh, 100 dash) also placed.

SALEM 99, SOUTH LYON 38: On Tuesday the visiting Rocks improved to 4-0 on the season.

Key performers included Annie Patterson (3,200 run), Chineze Mbango (long jump), Khyli Ray (100 dash), Dana Blankenship (discus), Shara Long (shot put), Rebecca Falzon (discus), Kayla Kavulich (200, 400 dash), Shannon Flynn (1,600 run), Anya Cho (800 run), Nancy Krutty (pole vault) and high jumpers Kelly Whalen, Morgan Tilley and Jamyra Wilson.

"We wanted to go into South Lyon and take care of business while working on a few things before the conference finals," Salem coach Dave Gerlach said. "We did that and got to see some things in our preparation."

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Salem senior PJ Rogers (No. 7) carries the ball during Saturday's victory over Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

LACROSSE

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wanted to send them out with a great Senior Day," Nemzek said. "We had great weather and they played a great game. Our seniors really led us to victory today."

Kretschmer scored five goals and collected seven assists, while Lee contributed four goals and three assists along with an 18-3 record on faceoffs.

Rogers scored one goal and added three helpers, with junior Parker Godfrey connecting for two goals.

"He's our faceoff leader," Nemzek said about Lee. "He's been a tremendous leader for us all year and just a great faceoff guy."

Nemzek said having such a force on faceoffs is a major reason for the

kind of offense the Rocks displayed Saturday.

"It means everything. As long as you have the ball, the other team can't score," Nemzek said.

"It lets us run through our offense and dictate what happens throughout the game and declare the pace of the game and we did a good job of that today."

Although Senior Day went as well as it possibly could have, Nemzek and the team knows plenty of challenges are around the corner. For starters, the Rocks visit KLAA thorn-in-the-side Northville on Wednesday.

"They just kept playing hard," he said. "We know we have a long road ahead of us and we said we wanted to play our best lacrosse in May and May is upon us. We're going in the right direction."

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RELAYS

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ing quality opposition and the absence of senior hurdler Josh Gandy, who has a hamstring injury. Gandy helped CC win the shuttle hurdles relay last year.

"One thing people don't realize, when we get to this meet, is we're at a disadvantage, because we don't have any pole vault," Magni said. "People say, 'It's CC this and CC that!' We're in a hole before we even begin."

The Shamrocks have found a way to make up the deficit, however, on the track and with superb performances in the field events.

Junior Dylan Roney and senior David Houle, who will play football at Harvard, were on the teams that won the shot put and discus last year. They will be joined by Shane Campau in both events.

Senior Jack Malinowski of Farmington Hills (Our Lady of Sorrows) is a multi-talented athlete who will play a key role for the Shamrocks again.

He anchored the shuttle hurdles team and helped CC get second place in the high jump and 1,600 relay. He'll do those events and the 110-meter hurdles.

"Jack is our workhorse," Magni said. "Jack has been on the team four years and has done a great job for the school."

CC has been greatly helped in the sprints by the addition of senior Dan Jassop, a first-year member of the team. On the flip side, Magni said he had a 4:23 miler who decided not to run this year.

"One area we'll be strong is with our shot put and discus throwers," Magni said. "We'll do well there. Our high jump is not bad. We've got one good jumper and, hopefully, we'll get a couple guys to go with him."

He added the Shamrocks are more consistent in the long jump and could score

THE BIG EVENT

WHAT: 43rd annual Observerland Boys Track & Field Relays.

WHEN: Saturday, May 4. Field events begin at 3 p.m. Running prelims are at 6 p.m. and the finals at 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Farmington High School, 32000 Shiawassee (just west of Orchard Lake Road between Grand River Avenue and Ten Mile Road).

WHO: Novi Detroit Catholic Central, defending champion; Farmington, Salem, Livonia Stevenson, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Canton, Livonia Clarenceville, Plymouth,

well there, too.

"We have three guys in the mid 18-foot range," he said. "Usually, that will put you in the top three or four, hopefully."

Magni said he has some pretty good distance runners, but he can't afford to run them in more than one event each.

"That's a tough meet to double, the way the order of events are," he said. "But I have enough distance kids, if I can put them in the right spots, we'll do well in the distance events."

"I don't know if we can win any of those (sprint races), but we'll put a pretty good team together to fight for second, third or fourth place."

The Shamrocks, who are 4-0 in dual meets, also won the Patriot Relays at Livonia Franklin on April 13, and they were third Friday at the Jackson Invite behind the top two teams in the state, East Kentwood and Saline.

Though the school is now in Novi, CC has been a fixture at the Observerland Relays since the late 1970s when it was located in Redford.

"I'm always thankful when they invite us back," Magni said. "It's a great meet and the kids look forward to it."

Farmington Harrison, Northville, Westland John Glenn, Redford Union, Redford Thurston, Garden City, Wayne Memorial. Schools listed in order of 2012 finish.

RELAY EVENTS: Shot put, discus, high jump, long jump, pole vault, 6,400 meters, distance medley (800, 400, 1,200, 1,600), 800, 3,200, sprint medley (400, 200, 200, 400), shuttle hurdles, 400 and 1,600.

OPEN EVENTS: 110-meter high hurdles, 1,600 run and 100 dash.

COST: The price for admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students (non-college); children 4 and under will be admitted free of charge.

"They know a lot of the kids they're competing against. They live in the same neighborhood. It's kinda like bragging rights for us and them."

"We're going to have our work cut out for us. But we'll show up. I just know we won't win the pole vault."

The host Falcons have finished second to CC three years running. They've lost many good athletes since then, but they're getting better after a slow start, according to coach Charles Bridges.

Drew Lindman, who helped the Falcons win the 3,200 and 6,400 relays last year, is back. Josh Craven, who was third in the high hurdles, and Paolo Guarano, who also was in the 3,200 relay, will be there Saturday, too.

"This meet will give some of our better athletes a chance to compete against a group of competitive individuals and teams," Bridges said.

Harrison, which ended Farmington's nine-year reign as the city champion, will be good in the hurdles and sprints, and it also has some ability in the distance events.

Tim Smith contributed to this report.

'Cats Melnick powers win

Plymouth junior Kyle Melnick demonstrated Tuesday why he is emerging as a key member of the Wildcats' varsity boys golf team.

Melnick parlayed long shots off the tee into comedalist honors at Fox Hills with a 37 to spark Plymouth's 157-180 victory over Livonia Franklin.

Sharing top honors were senior Ryan Rieckhoff and junior Chris Kozler, each with 37.

"I think Kyle Melnick was the featured player today in terms of turning in an outstanding set of nine holes," Plymouth head coach Nick Brandon said. "He was hovering around par most of the afternoon."

"He is a powerful player, probably the biggest hitter on the team. His power really showed through today."

Junior Evan Chipman tallied a 41 for the Wildcats, while juniors Alex Decker and Jack Marentic made their varsity debuts with respective scores of 41 and 42.

Suntel Invite

On Monday at Birmingham Country Club, Plymouth finished third at the Suntel Invitational with 304 strokes, with Canton not far behind with 310.



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Canton's Brent Perry, shown from a tournament last season, sank his first hole-in-one at Monday's Suntel Invite.

Capturing the event was Novi-Detroit Catholic Central with 292, followed by White Lake Lakeland (297).

Tourney medalist was Plymouth senior Kyle Rodes, with a 68.

"I was proud of the way our guys played against some very stiff competition," Brandon said. "Far and away, this was the best field we've played in this season."

Rieckhoff chipped in with a 78 at the invite

with Chipman and junior John Tatti each registering 79s.

For the Chiefs, Donnie Troser led the way with a 72, followed by Tyler McMahan (75), Chris Dooley (81), Brent Perry (82) and Alex Champagne (87).

Canton's highlight was a hole-in-one by Perry. He used a 9-iron on the 166-yard No. 7 hole.

PCEP RYDER CUP: The Plymouth Wildcats won Friday's PCEP Ryder Cup event at Fox Hills, with 72 strokes.

In second with 79 was Canton, followed by Salem, 82. For Plymouth, Kyle Rodes and Ryan Rieckhoff shot a 34 and 38, respectively.

For Canton, Donnie Troser shot a 37 with Alex Champagne chiming in with a 42. Salem's top golfer was Brady Cole, with a 40, followed by Brian Patterson's 42.

Plymouth also finished first (either all alone or in a tie) in three other events.

Results were as follows:

- **Alternate Shot:** 1. Plymouth (Evan Chipman-Chris Kozler), 36; 2. Canton (Chris Dooley-Noah Lindlbauer), 39; 3. Salem (Jake Sealy-Nate Sass), 41.
- **Best Ball:** 1. (tie) Plymouth (John Tatti-Jack Marentic), 37; 1. (tie) Salem (Connor Cole-Jake Lang), 37; 3. Canton (Tyler McMahan-Brent Perry), 39.
- **Scramble:** 1. Plymouth (Alex Decker-Kyle Melnick), 34; 2. (tie) Canton (Carter Schenk-Andrew Champagne), 35; 2. (tie) Salem (Nick Danis-Jack McCormack), 35.

GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

LIVONIA STEVENSON 6 PLYMOUTH 3

April 30 at Plymouth

No. 1 singles: Aimee Moccia (LS) defeated Keerthi Chekuri, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 2:** Caroline Hay (LS) def. Miranda Cerny, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 3:** Laura Shureb (LS) def. Kirithi Duraiswamy, 6-3, 6-3; **No. 4:** Batool Hussain (LS) def. Marlow Susselman, 3-6, 7-5 (10-4 super-breaker).

No. 1 doubles: Arryn Dochentz-Sam DiGiovanni (LS) def. Sarah Gamble-Swetha Duraiswamy, 6-3, 6-1; **No. 2:** Josie Abdulkabi-Shelby Seay (LS) def. Amber Maroudis-Emma Mullenax, 7-6, 6-0; **No. 3:** Amber Tseng-Teahn Horton

(P) def. Maddie Chimento-Julia Grammatico, 6-4, 6-2; **No. 4:** Ally Cizek-Kym Facto (P) def. Sarah Morse-Sam Cyrus, 6-4, 6-4; **No. 5:** Shannon Huff-Hannah Cobane (P) def. Caitlin McCamant-Claire Smith, 6-3, 6-0.

Dual match records: Stevenson, 3-3 overall; Plymouth, 5-1 overall.

SALEM 9 SOUTH LYON 0

April 29 at Salem

No. 1 singles: Ashley Walker (S) def. Amanda Montrief, 6-0, 6-2; **No. 2:** Chelsea Yu (S) def. Hannah Munzenberger, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Tiffany Chen (S) def. Kaitlyn Osterdale, 6-0, 6-2; **No. 4:** Kylie Enright (S) def. Hannah

Dean, 6-1, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Julia Merries-Katie Vena (S) def. Sabrina Thrall-Sara Plohet-ski, 6-1, 6-3; **No. 2:** Abby Collingwood-Kylie Flynn (S) def. Madeline Herzog-Ashley Pogue, 6-3, 6-1; **No. 3:** Rachel Hershock-Kendall Berghofer (S) def. Sarah Hawkins-Onnalee Lach, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 4:** Natasha Consul-Courtney Simpson (S) def. Kaitlan Richter-Devon Schaffer, 6-2, 6-3; **No. 5:** Ashmi Nagar-Madison Kulik (S) def. Ashley Koltz-Amanda Wandrie, 6-0, 6-0.

Dual match records: Salem, 4-3 overall, 4-2 KLAAs Central Division.

Canton vaults to first win

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

Canton enjoyed a field day — literally — at the expense of host Westland John Glenn on Tuesday.

The Chiefs defeated the Rockets 101-36 for their first dual meet victory of the season after three losses.

Canton broke it wide open in the field events, which took place at the end of the meet, securing a 42-3 edge.

"They put all the field events at the bottom of the sheet," Richardson said. "It was much closer until we had the field events and then we swept four out of five field events."

"I'm happy for our guys (to get the win), we were close a couple times."

Richardson said several double winners keyed the win.

"If I had to nominate an athlete of the day it would have to be (senior co-captain) James Hildreth," he said.

Hildreth had "the biggest day of his career" with firsts in the pole vault (10-feet, 6-inches), 100 hurdles (17.7 seconds), 300 hurdles (42.3) and as part of the 1,600-meter relay.

Other double winners included Olaniyi Owagbemi in shot put and discus (39-10, 110-4, respectively), Jamal Dixon (high jump, 6-6; long jump, 20-1.5) and Evan Dunklee (1,600 run, 4:51.5; 3,200 run, 10:39).

"This gives us more confidence than what we've been feeling lately," Richardson said. "Not used to what happened to us in the first month. But again, our kids rose to the occasion today. ... Colby Morris had a big day, Evan Dunklee

had a big day. I could go on and on."

Morris tallied seconds in the 100 and 200 dashes with times of 11.2 and 22.4, respectively. Richardson noted that Morris actually tied first-place Jaron Flournoy but "he got out-leveled" at the wire.

The Chiefs excelled in the relays, particularly the quartet of Morris, Jacob Mallad, Anthony Tillman and Alan Jones. That unit finished first in the 400 relay (45.7) and 800 relay (1:32.7).

"We like that little unit, they work hard every day on their exchanges," Richardson said. "I think we're going to get faster. I hope they're ready for Saturday because that's the line-up we'll use at Observerland."

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TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

RAIDER RELAYS BOYS TRACK & FIELD

April 26 at N. Farmington

Team scores: 1. Novi, 82; 2. Milford, 82; 3. Birmingham Brother Rice, 66; 4. Canton 43; 5. (tie) Farmington Harrison and Royal Oak, 29; 7. North Farmington, 25; 8. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 20; 9. Troy Athens, 14; 10. Westland John Glenn, 12.

6,400-meter relay: 1. Milford (Monagle, Black, Duddell, Graves), 18:25.29; 2. Royal Oak, 18:27.21; 3. Canton (Tom Walkinshaw, Ammar Chishti, Billy Toth, Evan Dunklee), 19:39.09; 4. Edsel Ford, 19:42.0; 5. Novi, 19:51.84; 6. John Glenn, 20:39.72.

Shuttle hurdles: 1. Harrison (Reed, Onen, Forest, Ojemudia), 1:04.18; 2. Novi, 1:06.5; 3. Milford, 1:09.12; 4. Canton (Ryan Jimenez, Bryan Eastman, Andrew Stephens, James Hildreth), 1:09.21; 5. Edsel Ford, 1:11.56; 6. Royal Oak, 1:15.37.

800 relay: 1. Novi (Taha, Qadeer, Daly, Love), 1:32.2; 2. Brother Rice, 1:32.8; 3. Canton (Colby Morris, Jacob Mallad, Anthony Tillman, Alan Jones),

1:34.5; 4. Milford, 1:34.7; 5. John Glenn, 1:34.9; 6. North Farmington, 1:38.3.

Raider Relay: 1. Brother Rice (Carey, Wile, Pennington, Smith), 5:50.3; 2. North Farmington, 5:57.0; 3. Edsel Ford, 6:04.8; 4. Milford, 6:04.9; 5. Harrison, 6:06.6; 6. John Glenn, 6:09.9.

Sprint medley: 1. Brother Rice (Bulger, Flynn, Onzurike, Price), 2:30.0; 2. Milford, 2:34.87; 3. Novi, 2:36.52; 4. Canton (Hildreth, Morris, Jones, Stephens), 2:36.56; 5. Royal Oak, 2:39.52; 6. Harrison, 2:40.43.

Distance medley: 1. Novi (Baeza, Sutton, Hall, Barnes), 10:43.7; 2. Royal Oak, 10:48.7; 3. Milford, 10:53.8; 4. Brother Rice, 11:14.5; 5. North Farmington, 11:17.7; 6. Edsel Ford, 11:18.4.

400 relay: 1. Novi (Li, Taha, Daly, Love), 44.18; 2. Brother Rice, 44.38; 3. Canton (Morris, Mallad, Tillman, Jones), 45.9; 4. Milford, 45.9; 5. John Glenn, 46.18; 6. Athens, 46.21.

1,600 relay: 1. Brother Rice (Bulger, Wile, Price, Flynn), 3:27.8; 2. Royal Oak, 3:32.6; 3. Milford, 3:33.8; 4. Novi, 3:33.9; 5. John Glenn, 3:38.2; 6. Canton

(Isaac Pennock, Hildreth, Billy Nicholson, Stephens), 3:40.1.

Pole vault: 1. North Farmington, 34-0; 2. Novi, 34-0; 3. John Glenn, 27-0; 4. Canton (Kyle Zander, Jimenez, Ted Lang), 22-6; 5. Harrison, 21-6; 6. Milford, 19-0.

Shot put: 1. Novi (Ballard, Summers, Sayles), 130-9.25; 2. Milford, 129-11.25; 3. Brother Rice, 126-11.25; 4. Athens, 120-6; 5. North Farmington, 119-7; 6. Canton (Olaniyi Owagbemi, Adam Armeto, Austin Lynn), 112-2.25.

Discus: 1. Brother Rice (Anderson, Grisan, Norris), 394-6; 2. Athens, 366-0; 3. Milford, 351-8; 4. Novi, 319-11; 5. North Farmington, 319-5; 6. Edsel Ford, 277-10.

High jump: 1. Canton (Davon Taylor, Akil Wade, Jamal Dixon), 17-10; 2. Milford, 17-4; 3. Harrison, 16-7; 4. Novi, 16-0; 5. Edsel Ford, 15-6; 6. Athens, 11-6.

Long jump: 1. Milford (Schwartz, Dawson, Moore), 58-11.5; 2. Harrison, 56-3.75; 3. Novi, 55-1; 4. Edsel Ford, 52-1.25; 5. Canton (Dixon, Stephens, Jimenez), 51-8.25; 6. North Farmington, 51-5.

Wildcats skill camp set

The Plymouth Wildcats football skills camp is set to take place from Monday, June 24 through Wednesday, June 26 at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity turf field.

Sessions are as follows: 5-to-7 p.m. for youngsters entering grades 5-9; 7-to-9 p.m. for those in grades 10-12 this fall.

Speaking of Plymouth football, a mandatory parent/player meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14 in the cafeteria. Ninth graders will meet from 6-to-7:30 p.m. followed by players entering grades 10-12 from 7:30-to-9 p.m. Mandatory paperwork will be issued and team expectations explained.

For information on the skills camp and parent/player meetings, go to www.plymouthwildcats-football.com to download a camp brochure or for more information. Questions can be directed to Plymouth coach Mike Sawchuk at (734) 765-1766.

Salem boys prevail in boys track

Salem defeated South Lyon 70-67 Tuesday in a KLAAs varsity boys track and field dual meet.

The Rocks (2-2) featured several strong performances, including Michael Hoover, who anchored both winning sprint relay teams and was second in the shot put and discus.

Joining Hoover on the relays were Sean Davis, Steven Homrich, Drake Jordan and Gu-woin Ingram. Jordan also was

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Golf May 5 for Miracle League of Plymouth

The 12U Canton Cardinals travel baseball team is going to bat for The Miracle League of Plymouth and community members who like to golf are invited to do the same.

On Sunday, May 5, at The Inn at St. John's, the Cardinals will host a charity golf outing.

Cost is \$120 per golfer for the four-person scramble format. That fee takes care of 18 holes of golf, lunch and dinner and prizes.

A portion of the proceeds from the event will be earmarked for the Miracle League, which "provides opportunities for all children with special needs to play baseball regardless of their abilities."

The Inn at St. John's is located at 44045 Five Mile Road in Plymouth.

For additional information, contact Paul Cassatta at (734) 377-1380 or paulc826@gmail.com or go to the Cardinals website to download a registration form (sites.

google.com/site/canton-cardinals700/).

Drive 4 UR School

Blackwell Ford in Plymouth is partnering up with the Salem Linebackers Booster Club for the "Drive 4 UR School" program, slated to take place 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 16.

The goal is to raise \$6,000 for the Salem high school football program, by test driving a Ford vehicle that day. Blackwell will donate \$20 to the program per test drive, with that money earmarked to help purchase new equipment, improve football facilities and provide necessary supplies for players.

Blackwell Ford is located at 41001 Plymouth Road. For more information, call Blackwell Ford at (734) 453-1100 or e-mail Salem Linebackers Booster Club vice president David Kwiecinski (dkwecini@ford.com) or Jim Whyte, Blackwell's new vehicle general sales manager (jimwhyte@blackwellford.com).

victorious in the 100 dash and placed second in the long jump.

In the 3,200-meter relay, the tandem of Jeremy Drouillard, Patrick Casey, Alex Creekmore and Riley Doxtader finished first.

Miles Mason finished first in the 110 hurdles with Justin Broughman third, as the Rocks scored some depth points.

Likewise, Jon Hoeschele and Evan Bruyere went 2-3 in the 400 and the Rocks swept the pole vault

(Chris Dierker, Austin Whitted, Dhruv Patel).

In other showings, Donovan Drouillard placed third in the 1,600 run and second in the 3,200 while Brendan McCann came in third in the two-miler.

Meanwhile, Creekmore won the 800 run and Russell Sharpe finished third with Sean Davis and I'Van Rhodes 2-3 in the 200.

Mick Girardot finished second in the pole vault and Devin Cameron took third in the shot put.

Hot-hitting Chiefs on roll

Canton parlayed a big weekend into even more success to open the week.

The Chiefs went 5-0 to win the Macomb Classic and followed up with Monday's 6-2 win over South Lyon in a KLAA crossover varsity softball matchup.

In Monday's victory, the Chiefs (8-0 overall, 3-0 in the KLAA) were sparked by Paige Aresco's 3-for-3 day at the plate, including two homers. Aresco drove in three runs.

Also having a big day was winning pitcher Hanna Warren, who homered and drove in two while going 2-for-3 at the plate.

At the Macomb Classic, the Chiefs held off Troy 9-8 in the only game that was closely contested. Aresco went 2-for-4 with two RBI while others to chip in on offense were Hannah Shuler (homer, two RBI) and Kaitlyn Keys (two RBI, double).

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Following are highlights from the other tourney wins:

- Canton 8, Yale 1: Kendl Richter went 3-for-3 with two RBI; Halee Warren had a double and triple in three at-bats to support winning pitcher Shuler.

- Canton 2, Fraser 0: Winning pitcher Kenna Payne benefited from the offense of Aresco (2-for-3), Richter (1-for-3, one RBI) and Elizabeth Yager (1-for-2, one RBI).

- Canton 5, Anchor Bay 3: Swinging big bats for the Chiefs were Jessica Webster (2-for-4, homer, two RBI) and Hanna Warren (2-for-5, homer).

- Canton 6, Eisenhower 0: Catherine Porter went 1-for-2 and drove in a run while Shuler (1-for-2, two RBI) and Webster (1-for-2, two RBI) chipped in on offense. Earning the shutout win was Shuler.

PLYMOUTH 3, STEVENSON 0

Brooke Senkbeil went 2-for-2 and drove in a run while Elaine Gerou singled in a run and Lindsay Lutton singled twice in two at-bats as the Wildcats prevailed Monday against Livonia Stevenson.

Sophomore pitcher Mikayela Marciniak earned the win, scattering three hits, walking one batter and striking out four.

MERCY INVITE: Plymouth split four games at the recent Mercy Invitational, but really had the offense rolling in 18-0 wins over Dearborn Divine Child and Ann Arbor Skyline.

Against Divine Child, big days were enjoyed by Brooke Senkbeil (3-for-3, six RBI), Elaine Gerou (3-for-4, three RBI), Brittney Miller (3-for-4, three RBI) and Celeste Miller (3-for-3). Gerou pitched for Plymouth, giving up just two hits while fanning five.

In the rout of Skyline, Senkbeil homered and drove in three, Kayla Rebain had a 4-for-4 showing including a homer and five RBI and Gerou went 4-for-5. Other Wildcats with multiple hits included Lindsay Lutton (2-for-4), Bri Giordano (2-for-2), Miller (2-for-4) and Mikayela Marciniak (two doubles, one single).



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Salem's Justin Sydlowski crosses home plate during a varsity baseball game earlier this season. The Rocks did plenty of scoring in a Saturday twinbill against Milan.

Rocks pour on offense

Saturday tournaments agree with Salem's varsity baseball team. The host Rocks enjoyed a sweep of Milan, winning 10-0 (in a mercy-rule shortened game) and 14-11.

In the opener, Tyler Brooks earned his first varsity win, going all five innings and allowing just two hits.

At the plate, senior third baseman Kyle Penn had two doubles and a single and two RBI while Demetrius Dunlap and Jack Driscoll chipped in with two hits each. Dunlap knocked in three runs and Driscoll tallied two RBI, as did Josh Penn and Brandon Gillen.

Salem kicked it off with four runs in the first and never looked back.

The nightcap was a sloppy affair, with each team committing seven errors. But Salem prevailed, thanks to five runs in the fourth and

three each in the fifth and sixth.

Jeremy St. Laurent was the winning pitcher, with a save going to Austin Silletti.

Sophomore Gillen had a big day on offense, featuring a three-run homer to left for his first Salem round-tripper. Gillen tallied three hits, scored three times and drove in five runs.

Senior second baseman Aaron Moore also had three hits and drove in the go-ahead run in the bottom of the sixth with a double.

GLENN 6, SALEM 3: On Monday, Westland John Glenn (10-2, 3-1) scored five times in the second inning to beat the host Rocks in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Clark Boston, Chris Scheffer and Adam Singleton each drove in runs during the surge.

Salem cut the deficit to 5-3 in the fourth, but Glenn starter Ryan Wheeler got out of a no-out bases loaded jam thanks to a double play when a Salem runner was ruled out after tagging up too soon on

a sacrifice fly.

Wheeler went the first 5.2 innings allowing all three runs. Daniel Ammons came on to get the final four outs.

Brandon Gillen had two RBI for Salem, while starter Nick March, who gave up five runs on six hits, took the loss.

Colin Pietroniro pitched 3 2/3 innings of solid relief to keep Salem in the ballgame but the Rocks left too many runners on base.

STEVENSON 3, PLYMOUTH 2: Travis Harvey went 2-for-3 and stole home for the game-winning run to propel Livonia Stevenson (8-3, 4-0) to the Kensington Conference crossover win Monday over the visiting Wildcats (4-5, 2-3).

Mike Vomastek also went 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Josh DeYonker also knocked in a run for the victorious Spartans.

Winning pitcher Jake Semak worked the first 6.1 innings, allowing two runs on four hits and six walks. He struck out six.

Mike Kanitra came on for the final two outs to earn the save.

Plymouth starter Kevin Anthony went all seven innings, allowing three runs on six hits and four walks. He struck out two.

Brian Schmid and Brandon Waack each knocked in a run.

VELLUCCI

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Defenseman and captain Colin MacDonald said Vellucci's "results don't lie and he's continued to be a great coach year after year and always puts together successful teams. I'm really excited for him individually to win this award."

Vellucci becomes the 10th coach in OHL history to win the award. The list includes Hockey Hall of Fame member Brian Kilrea of the Ottawa 67s, former Whalers coach Peter DeBoer (who won in 1998-99 and 1999-2000) and George Burnett (Niagara Falls).

"I'm very honored to be in the same category as those guys," he said. He made sure to share

accolades for the award with the rest of the organization — especially team owner Pete Karmanos for bringing him into the Compuware youth hockey fold in the early 1990s.

"I have a great owner in Pete Karmanos who gave me the opportunity to start coaching here 12 years ago and work in the greatest developmental league in the world," Vellucci said. "He gave me a chance as a 26-year-old, 21 years ago. I owe him everything."

"It's a great organization to be part of and I'm just privileged that I'm still here and able to work for a great owner in a great league."

Family ties

Meanwhile, Vellucci (also president and general manager of the Whalers) said he is look-

ing forward to the OHL awards ceremony this June in Toronto and sharing the big moment with his family more than he was able to in 2007 when Plymouth won the OHL championship.

"I think it was in the middle of the playoffs that that was announced (in 2007)," Vellucci said. "I had so much on my plate I didn't get to enjoy it to be honest with you. My family wasn't able to go to the award show in Toronto in June, it was the middle of school."

"... This year I'm hoping they'll be at the awards ceremony. It definitely makes it more special right now and my kids are 10 and 15 and they understand what it is and you can share it with them."

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The 7th grade Plymouth-Canton Force boys basketball team won last weekend's Brighton Spring Classic, played both in Brighton and White Lake. Members of the team include: (front row, from left) Chris Chin, Brandon Stevens, Niko Barach, Eian Barker, Matt Buschman and Trevor Genaw; (back row, from left) coach Brown, Connor Engel, Andrew Neal, Noah Brown, Chase Meredith and coach Meredith.

Sweeeeeep!

Plymouth-Canton Force 7th graders win two cage tournaments in row

For the second time in two weeks, the 7th Grade Plymouth-Canton Force boys basketball team swept to a tournament championship.

On Saturday, the Force captured the Brighton Spring Classic with a 39-31 victory over the Cereal City Hoopsters in White Lake Twp.

The team got to that point with three double-digit wins, including

49-38 over Greg Grant, 57-13 over DSO Orange and 45-16 over DSO Black.

That followed the April 13 championship win at the Dexter Spring Blast Basketball Tournament, where the Force won four straight to claim first place in their division.

They opened with a 68-9 drubbing of Oakland Elite and fol-

lowed up with wins over Grand Ledge (51-28), Onsted (46-35) and, in the final, 48-34 over Jackson Rampage.

Members of the team include Chris Chin, Trevor Genaw, Niko Barach, Eian Barker, Connor Engel, Brandon Stevens, Matt Buschman, Chase Meredith, Himmat Jagdev, Noah Brown, Andrew Neal and Tyler Troyer.

Crusaders win 16th straight

The No. 24-ranked Madonna University baseball team waited out an hour-long rain delay and overcame an early deficit to win its 16th straight game and close the 2013 regular season with an 11-7 victory Sunday over Lourdes College (Ohio) at Mercy Field in Toledo.

Game Two of the doubleheader was rained out.

MU, which captured its eighth Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) championship in the last 10 years on Friday, ends the regular season at 33-7 and with a 20-1 mark in the WHAC, the highest winning percentage for a league season in program history. The 16-game winning streak is the longest in school

history, surpassing the 2005 squad's 13 straight victories.

The Crusaders entered the WHAC playoffs as the top seed Wednesday at Davenport University's Farmers Athletic Complex. MU will face the winner of Northwestern Ohio and Aquinas at 4 p.m.

Catcher Brett Ramirez (Salem) went 3-for-4 with three RBI, while Shane Dokey and Mike Tibbits each added two hits and an RBI for MU in the opener.

MU starter Peter Renaud (4-1) went the first five innings allowing one earned run on four hits and four walks while fanning seven.

Tim DeCant and John Crooks each collected two hits and two RBI for Lourdes (14-29-1, 5-20-1). Starter Frank Shaf-

fer (2-6) took the loss.

On Saturday, MU swept Lourdes in a double-header, 12-4 and 6-1.

Freshman right-hander Evan Piechota (Livonia Stevenson) ran his record to 5-0 by winning the opener. He allowed one earned run on five hits and two walks while striking out three.

Justin Cook came on for the final out.

Matthew Cook went 3-for-3 with two RBI, while John Lauro also contributed two hits. Justin Cook knocked in two runs.

Kyle Vandecaveye (2-6) took the loss for Lourdes, while Ryan Kovar went 2-for-3.

In Game Two, Steve Pelletier (Farmington Harrison), Victor Barron, Justin Cook, Tibbits and Matthew Cook each drove in two runs.

Lutheran Westland rolls to lopsided MIAC victory

Nick Andrzejewski went 2-for-4, including a 3-run homer in the third inning, as Lutheran High Westland cruised to a 15-0 Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division baseball triumph Tuesday at Plymouth Christian Academy.

The Warriors, who mounted a 16-hit attack, also got big games from Brandon Ruelle (3-for-4, three RBI); Mark Mika (2-for-4, two RBI); Jordan Williams (2-for-4, three runs, RBI); Kevin Brewer (2-for-4, two RBI); Nate Abbott (2-for-3, RBI); and Nick Flanery (2-for-3, two runs).

Williams went all five innings, allowing just five hits to earn the victory. He struck out four and walked two as the Warriors improved to 6-1 overall and 4-0 in the

MIAC Red.

Michael Slater took the loss for PCA (2-4, 2-2).

"We know PCA is a very good team and they have some guys who can flat-out hit," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade. "Today was just our day and we know we have to be ready for when we see them again."

HVL 13, BAPTIST PARK 2: Ryan Schaffer, Jordan Rundstadler and Justin Howell each collected three hits and knocked in a run Tuesday to propel host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (2-1, 2-1) to a MIAC Red Division triumph over Taylor Baptist Park. Schaffer pitched the first three innings in the run-rule shortened game allowing just one run on two hits. He struck out six.

Alex Harris worked the final two innings.

ANNAPOLIS 9-2, LUTH. WESTLAND 7-12: On Saturday, host Lutheran Westland (5-1) bounced back to gain a

split of a double-header with Dearborn Heights Annapolis (2-7).

Annapolis rallied with six runs in the top of the seventh to erase a 5-3 deficit to win Game One, 9-7.

Mark Mika then belted a 2-run homer to bring the Warriors to within two, but left the tying run at the plate.

Mika and Nick Andrzejewski each went 3-for-4 in the loss, while Jordan Williams added two hits and Nate Abbott had two RBI.

Kevin Brewer, who pitched the final four innings in relief of starter Brandon Ruelle, took the loss.

In Game Two, Brewer went 3-for-3 and scored three runs in a 12-2 triumph stopped after five innings because of the 10-run mercy rule.

Other top hitters for the Warriors included Andrzejewski (2-for-3, two RBI); Nick Flannery (2-for-4, RBI); Mika (2-for-3, two RBI); and Ruelle (2-for-2, two RBI).

Williams, who allowed two runs on four hits and two walks in four innings, got the victory. Abbott finished up.



The longest-married couples are: Joseph and Mary Podzikowski, (back, left) 50 years, and the Rev. Kevin Thomas; John and Maggie Nemec (front row, left), 50 years; Bob and Bette Kross, 60 years; Helen and Tom Oppat, 60 years; and Mary Lou and Hank Stuart, 55 years. They attended the annual Jubilarian Mass at St. Aidan Catholic Church, Livonia.

Couples renew wedding vows in Livonia

Twenty-five couples celebrated their anniversaries with a special Jubilarian Mass, Sunday, April 28, at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia.

The Rev. Kevin Thomas gave them a special blessing and led them in a renewal of their wedding vows.

Participants were:

- 15 years — Jim and Diane Policelli
- 25 years — Sheran and Hiranthini Alles, Pat and Kathy Culkeen, David and Christine Tyl, Robin and Ann Spaulding
- 30 years — Christopher and Kathleen Boudreau, Charles and Denise Cassar, Jerry and Merlyne Jurado, Anthony and Dr. Margaret Sartori, Frank and Marie

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- 35 years — Paul and Cindy Horgan, Jeff and Patti Houslander, Richard and Darice Schubatis, Andy and Arlene Lendrum
- 40 years — David and Beverly Bydlowski Sue and Neil December, Marshall and Pearl Hall, Conrad and Connie Kanclerz, Harold and Christine Mitchell,
- 45 years — Enrico and Quintino
- 50 years — John and Maggie Nemec, Joseph and Mary Podzikowski, Ed and Merriam Weglarz
- 55 years — Hank and Mary Lou Stuart
- 60 years — Bob and Bette Kross, J. Tom and Helen Oppat

RELIGION CALENDAR

May

ASCENSION SERVICE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, May 9

Location: Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverne, Redford

Details: A dessert social will follow the service

Contact: Diane at (313) 937-2424

ASCENSION SERVICE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, May 9

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: Service celebrates Jesus' ascension and will be followed by a free ice cream social

Contact: (313) 532-8655 or

(734) 968-3523

CAMP ENROLLMENT

Time/Date: Now through May 31

Location: Consuming Fire Christian Center, 31463 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland

Details: Enrolling kids and teens, age 5-15, for six-week Bible/Homework Enrichment Camp that will run July 8-Aug. 16. Full day sessions are \$700 and a half-day is \$480. Families get a \$25 discount for added siblings for the full day rate; \$10 discount for the half-day rate. A non-refundable \$100 registration fee at the time of enrollment secures a place. Cost includes the registration fee, snacks, materials for class, tutoring in most subjects and assessment testing

Contact: Melanie Staten or Sylvia Brown at (734) 266-2293

Seminar aimed at igniting your faith

St. Michael the Archangel Parish will present the internationally-recognized spiritual seminar, *Life in the Spirit*, May 16-18, in the church, located at 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia. This seminar, led by Deacon Bob Ervin of Holy Family Parish and Paco Gavriledes of Sacred Heart Major Seminary, has been acclaimed for leading many from a "pilot light" kind of spirituality to lives operating "on the main burner" of faith.

The meetings run 7-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. May 18.

Registration is required. For more information and registration form: e-mail lifeinthespirit@livoniastmichael.org, see the parish website at www.livoniastmichael.org or call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200

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KOWALCZYK, HELEN

Of Westland, died April 30 at the age of 88 after a long bout with Alzheimer's. Beloved wife of the late John. Loving mother of Chris Olds, Jan (Rick) Martin, Kathy (Steve) Varkoly, Sue (Don) McGee, John (Karen), Jim (Debbie) and Dave (Pat). Proud grandmother of 14 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Visitation Sunday 3-9PM with a 7PM Rosary at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd. (between Ford and Cherry Hill) Westland. Instate Monday 9AM with a 9:30AM Funeral Mass at St. Richard, 35637 Cherry Hill, Westland. Donations may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, Michigan. Entombment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, West.

To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



NICHOLLS, LEONARD JAMES

Leonard "Bud" Nicholls, 84, died in Hawkinsville, Georgia on April 23, 2013. He was born in Ishpeming, Michigan on February 23, 1929 to John and Myrtle Nicholls. His older brother, John S. Nicholls, predeceased him. Bud graduated from Ishpeming High School and Northern Michigan University. He received his Master's Degree from Wayne State University. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He met Eleanor Zaborsky when she visited relatives who lived next door, and they married on August 1, 1953. Bud survived by his wife of 60 years and their five children: Sam Nicholls, (Beaver-ton, OR), Evelyn Nicholls, (Vancouver, WA), Linnea (Stanley) Kava, (Buford, GA), Jennifer (Stan) Jones, (Boring, OR) and John Nicholls, (Hawkinsville, GA). Nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren also mourn his passing. He considered Sandra Nicholson Lee, of Decker-ville, Michigan, his fourth daughter.

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Oz, a deaf pit bull, will make his third appearance this weekend at Pawject Runway at the International Women's Show in Novi.



An adoptable pup sports a denim look on the fashion runway at the International Women's Show in Novi.

Animal rescue tells canine success stories at 'Pawject Runway' event

By Sharon Dargay
 Staff Writer

Oz the deaf pit bull and Sadie the heartworm survivor, will walk the fashion runway this weekend at the International Women's Show in Novi.

The modeling platform will be a long way from the mean streets of Detroit which Sadie, a yellow Labrador retriever, called home for several years. For Oz, it will be an easy stroll compared to the walks he took as a puppy with a former abusive owner.

Their sad-to-happy success stories — and those of some 28 other rescued dogs — will underscore canine fashion walks at Pawject Runway-Fido Fashion Show, which will start at 1 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 4-5 at the International Women's Show, located at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., between Novi Road and Beck.

"It's a fun time. It gives us a chance to tell their stories, to tell how important it is to adopt

a rescue dog," said Sandy Mezza, president of Guardian Angel Animal Rescue (GAAR) in Livonia. "About 44,000 people walk through this show. It's a great opportunity to tell people what we do."

Mezza and other volunteers at GAAR have rescued abandoned cats and dogs from high-kill shelters and taken owner give-ups since she founded the group in the late 1990s. They made Detroit a rescue priority a few years ago after Mezza saw first-hand how rough life is for homeless animals on the streets of the city. The group takes on hard-luck cases that often require extensive medical treatment or socialization. Volunteers venture into abandoned buildings in the inner-city with food for strays and work cooperatively with All About Animals in Warren to supply financially-stress pet owners in Detroit with food, collars and other items.

"Detroit is our first priority because there are so many (pets in need) that if you say no

to Detroit, you are signing their death warrant," Mezza said. "Every animal we get we try to save. We've never turned one away or said we can't afford it."

Fashion veterans

Sadie, the Labrador retriever, will make her second appearance at Pawject Runway, which is in its third year at the Women's Show. GAAR volunteers tried to rescue the dog for five years, but couldn't catch her. When they finally did, they discovered she had heartworm, numerous pellet wounds and a tumor in her chest.

She was treated and adopted.

Oz was beaten as a puppy because he wouldn't walk on leash.

"He almost died from the beating. Then he got parvo and survived that."

His new owner communicates through hand signals and sign language. It will be their third appearance at Pawject Runway.



Oz, the deaf pit bull, walks the runway with a fashionable model.

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Stories through quilting

The cast of "Quilters" rehearses at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia. The show runs 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 3-4 and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 5 at St. Paul's, 27475 Five Mile. The show, with words by Molly Newman and music by Barbara Damashuk, reflects the reality of life on the American prairie through vignettes about love, marriage, pain, loss and death. A quilt is the centerpiece for the musical. Made up of 16 giant "blocks," each of which help tell the story of the 12 women characters who make up the cast. A quilt show is being held in conjunction with the performance. Tickets for "Quilters" are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors. Reserve tickets by calling (248) 347-4134, or e-mailing paulsplayers@gmail.com. Tickets will also be available at the door.

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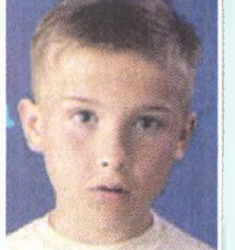
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Reel Michigan to highlight state's film talent

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Lisa Meinzing-Abraham of Northville, co-director for Reel Michigan, is excited about the event moving to downtown Northville's Marquis Theatre on Main Street this summer.

Reel Michigan is the film portion of the Arts & Acts fest, and will take place Saturday, June 29, at the Marquis Theatre.

Meinzing-Abraham is joined by Michael Zervos, a local filmmaker, in directing this year's event.

"I asked him to join forces with me because we're both from Northville," she said.



Lisa Meinzing-Abraham



Michael Zervos



Kathi J. Moore

in 2011. More information can be found at www.reelmichiganfilmfest.com. They're also on Facebook.

"Most of them will be short films," Meinzing-Abraham said. "They're all made in Michigan."

Kathi J. Moore will be this year's emcee. She's an actress who's been on stage and also appeared in film as Phyllis in the James Franco project "Tar." Moore has worked in

casting and production. "There's usually a wide range" of films, said Meinzing-Abraham. Approximately 20 were submitted last year, including a couple done by kids, as well as horror and experimental works.

"They love Reel Michigan because we try to showcase a wide range of talent," she said. "This year, it's going to be a lot bigger. We're excited. It's really a big deal they're (the Marquis) letting us use that."

The theater will improve on the previous event at the Northville Art House, she said.

Meinzing-Abraham had a few small parts in independent films, and more recently helped in writing. "I've always loved film," she said. "I have tons of friends in that community."

An after-party will be held the evening of June 29 at the Bak Bar of Poole's Tavern in downtown Northville. There will be awards for filmmakers.

She hopes to have a red carpet with paparazzi for the event. "It can only get bigger now," Meinzing-Abraham said. "It's really important to have that venue."

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NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday, through May 18; artist reception is 6-9 p.m. Friday, May 3

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: 14th annual juried Student Fine Art Exhibit features the work of high school and middle school students

Contact: (248) 344-0497

Film

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:25 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 3-4; 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 5

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "Jack Reacher," \$3

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Music

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Time/Date: Sign up for open mic, 6:15-6:45 p.m.; performances, 7 p.m., the third Saturday of the month.

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Contact: Scott Ludwig at BFSpresident@aol.com

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 10-11

Location: Mercy High Auditorium, 29300 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: 33rd annual spring concert, "Even Stephen" features the 80-voice chorus directed by Steven SeGraves and accompanied by assistant director Susan Garr. The M4 Choir from Meads Mill Middle School in Northville also will perform. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Get advance tickets from the Costick Center at 26800 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills or call (810) 632-4067

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Young models carry puppies in Guardian Angel Animal Rescue's annual Pawject Runway event.

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"We always dress him up," Mezza said. "But if any of the dogs don't like being dressed, we do a bandana with them."

The dogs' human handlers this year will wear outfits from Deja Vu and Love Child boutiques in Franklin.

"There will be different dogs each day. While they walk the runway, I will tell their stories. If the model is the one who rescued the dog, I'll also tell their story."

Mezza said some of the Pawject Runway dogs, like Oz and Sadie, have found new homes. Others await adoption.

"When we're on stage we tell success stories. The audience is fantastic. We get a lot of tears and

laughs. It's standing room only. We've had people calling and asking if we'll be there again this year."

Other activities

Mezza, who is married and the mother of an adult son, will have her hands full at the show this year. In addition to Pawject Runway, GAAR will offer information and a few adoptable animals at a booth all four days of the International Women's Show, from Thursday-Sunday, May 2-5.

Mezza works in advertising for Kroger and also will coordinate the grocery-chain's booth — which will include some free product samples — at the show.

"There is something for everyone at the show. Everything a girl could want will be there."

The International Women's Show will include

reality show stars, shopping, cooking demonstrations, a fashion show by the Novi Fire Department, health screenings, makeovers, and hundreds of exhibitors displaying cosmetics, fragrances, lingerie, purses, shoes, gifts, food, clothing, accessories, travel information, arts and crafts and more.

Show hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$10 for adults; \$5 for youth, 6-12; and free for children, 5 and under. Advance tickets are \$8 online.

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Servings: 4
Ready time: 60 Minutes

½ cup prepared Italian dressing
2 tablespoons lime juice
1 tablespoon chili powder
4 whole chicken legs with thighs, skin on
1 ½ pounds (4 medium) red potatoes, cut into 1 ¼-inch cubes
2 tablespoons water
1 red bell pepper, cut into 1 ½-inch pieces
2 medium zucchini, cut into ¾-inch-thick slices
4 to 8 flour or corn tortillas, warmed (optional)
Prepared salsa (optional)

In small bowl, combine marinade ingredients; remove ¼ cup and combine with chicken in resealable plastic bag. Turn to coat; marinate in refrigerator 30 minutes or up to 2 hours, turning occasionally.

Meanwhile, in microwave-safe dish, combine potatoes and water. Cover and microwave on high 9 to 10 minutes or until just tender; cool. When potatoes are cool enough to handle, alternately thread with bell pepper and zucchini onto eight 10- to 12-inch skewers; brush with remaining marinade. Remove chicken from plastic bag; discard marinade from chicken.

Grill chicken over medium to medium-low coals 30 to 40 minutes or until juices run clear, turning occasionally. About 10 minutes before chicken is done, add vegetables to grid; reserve marinade. Grill until tender and lightly browned, turning and basting occasionally with reserved vegetable marinade. Serve chicken and vegetables with tortillas and salsa, if desired.

Roasted Red Potatoes with Pesto

Servings: 8
Ready time: 40 Minutes

3 pounds medium-size red potatoes
Olive oil cooking spray
½ cup white or golden balsamic vinegar
¼ cup extra virgin olive oil
½ teaspoon sea salt
3 cloves garlic, minced
Freshly ground pepper to taste
½ cup shredded Parmesan cheese
¼ cup finely minced fresh basil
¼ cup toasted pine nuts (optional)

Place potatoes in a large microwave-safe bowl; cover with lid or plastic wrap. Note: If using plastic wrap, make sure plastic wrap is not touching any ingredients and poke one small hole in cover to vent. Microwave on high for 10 to 12 minutes or until potatoes are tender (cooking time may vary depending on microwave). Use oven mitts to carefully remove from microwave.

When cool enough to handle, cut potatoes in half or quarters and spray liberally with olive oil spray. Grill over high heat for 5 to 7 minutes, turning occasionally, until grill lines are apparent. Remove from grill and let cool.

Cut into bite-size pieces and place in a large bowl. Whisk together vinegar, oil, salt and garlic; pour over potatoes and toss lightly to coat. Season with pepper, then cover and refrigerate until ready to serve. Just before serving, toss with Parmesan cheese and basil, then sprinkle with pine nuts.

Grilled Red Potato Skewers

Servings: 4
Ready time: 20 Minutes

2 medium russet or Yukon gold potatoes or 6 red potatoes
2 medium zucchini
½ smoked sausage rope
4 12-inch skewers
½ cup Italian dressing

Preheat grill. Cut potatoes in half. Cut zucchini and sausage the same width as potatoes. Place skewer through potato, zucchini and sausage. Repeat for each skewer.

Place skewer in dish and pour Italian dressing over skewers. Marinate in dressing for 5 minutes.

Place skewers on grill and cook 5 minutes each side, or until potatoes are done. Remove from grill and serve.



Little Havana Grilled Beef and Potato Salad

Servings: 6
Ready time: 30 Minutes

2 pounds medium unpeeled potatoes (about 2 ½-inch diameter), such as yellow flesh or round reds
2 teaspoons ground cumin
Salt and pepper
1 beef top round steak, cut 1 inch thick (about 1 ½ pounds)
¾ cup prepared white wine vinaigrette
2 cans (15 ounces each) black beans, rinsed, drained
½ cup chopped fresh cilantro

Cut potatoes crosswise in half; place in microwave-safe dish with 1 cup water. Cover and microwave on high 10 to 14 minutes or until almost tender, rearranging once. Immediately rinse under cold running water; drain well.

Meanwhile, combine cumin and salt and pepper; press evenly onto beef steak. Place steak on grill over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, uncovered, 16 to 18 minutes for medium rare doneness, turning occasionally. Remove; let stand 5 minutes.

About 5 minutes before steak is done, brush potatoes with some of the vinaigrette. Place on grid around steak. Grill 5 to 7 minutes or until golden brown, turning occasionally.

Carve steak into thin slices. Combine beef, potatoes, beans, cilantro and remaining vinaigrette in large bowl; toss gently. Serve immediately.

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Cinco de Mayo

FARMINGTON HILLS — Camelia's Mexican Grill, 30685 W. 12 Mile, will feature food and drink specials Friday-Sunday, May 3-5. The restaurant will celebrate Cinco de Mayo with Family Fun Day on Sunday. A moonwalk will be available throughout the day; face painting and a balloon clown are scheduled from 2-4 p.m.; and youngsters will break a piñata from 4-5 p.m. For more information, call (248) 474-0902.

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- Put in order
- A schooner has two
- Clammy
- Adds brandy
- Overhang
- Great Lakes st.
- Diminishes
- Vases with feet
- Down for the count
- Winslet of "Titanic"
- Passed out
- El — (ocean current)

DOWN

- Unvarnished
- Midterm, e.g.
- Vaccines
- Recipe qtzs.
- High-IQ group
- Batik need
- Algae
- Nutritional regimen
- Hostel

Answer to Previous Puzzle

M	E	W	B	O	S	S	O	P	E	C
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10 Golf coup
11 Aberdeen kid
17 Thomas Hardy heroine
19 RNS' supply
22 Lumps of clay
23 Harlow or Simmons
24 Golden Rule word
25 Mao — -tung
26 Coat or sweater
27 — for the money
28 Worker's no.
30 Tackle a slope
31 Mysterious sighting
32 Famous Teddy
35 Duck or hue
36 Born as
39 Unexpected victory
40 Wife, to a lawyer
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43 "Brian's Song" lead
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47 Industrial container
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12				13				14		
15				16			17			
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	9		7					
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	5		8	2				
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8			6			1		
3						7	4	

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L	N	I	P	L	O	T	Z	N	M	I	H	E	E	P
I	A	U	D	A	G	U	J	T	A	T	N	E	T	H
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S	E	T	B	Z	Y	T	R	E	Q	I	H	M	A	N
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E	C	X	A	K	T	C	I	R	C	U	S	O	D	Q
W	S	L	K	N	M	C	L	S	X	O	G	Q	G	B
X	G	P	E	L	N	V	P	O	I	A	F	U	F	
T	I	G	H	T	R	O	P	E	W	M	M	V	P	
Y	M	Z	B	B	Y	L	I	H	U	N	E	S	J	F
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5	3	1	6	4	9	7	2	8
2	8	6	3	1	7	5	4	9
8	6	5	4	9	3	2	1	7
3	2	5	7	4	1	8	9	6
7	1	7	2	6	8	3	5	4
6	5	3	1	8	4	7	6	2
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Q Who are the two guys in the car in the Sonic commercials?

—John Daniel, Albuquerque, N.M.

Improv comedians **T.J. Jagodowski** and **Peter Grosz** have played the two quirky Sonic guys since 2002. New Yorker Grosz, 39, has appeared on TV's *The Weather Man*, *Curb Your Enthusiasm* and *Veep*. He received two Emmy Awards for his writing on *The Colbert Report* and frequently can be heard on NPR's *Wait Wait ...Don't Tell Me!* Jagodowski, 41, a native of Holyoke, Mass., has been improvising on stage in Chicago for more than 15 years with the groups Second City, Improv Olympic and Annoyance. His film credits include *Oz the Great and Powerful*, *Prison Break*, *The Ice Harvest* and *Stranger Than Fiction*.

Q Could you tell me something about Paul Revere of the 1960s rock band Paul Revere & the Raiders?

—Connie Hammonds, Andalusia, Ala.

Paul Revere Dick of Harvard, Neb., a former barber and fast-food restaurant owner, organized a band called The Newbeats in 1958 in Boise, Idaho. A few years later, the keyboardist and his mates, including lead vocalist Mark Lindsay, now 71, changed the group's name to Paul Revere & the Raiders, put on Colonial-era costumes and churned out the hits "Kicks," "Hungry," "Good Thing" and "Indian Reservation." The band has 40 to 50 concerts scheduled this year, including a summer "Where the Action Is" tour with The Association, Mary Wilson of The Supremes, and Mitch Ryder. In 2001, Revere, 75, established the Ride to the Wall Foundation, which assists veterans' outreach programs.

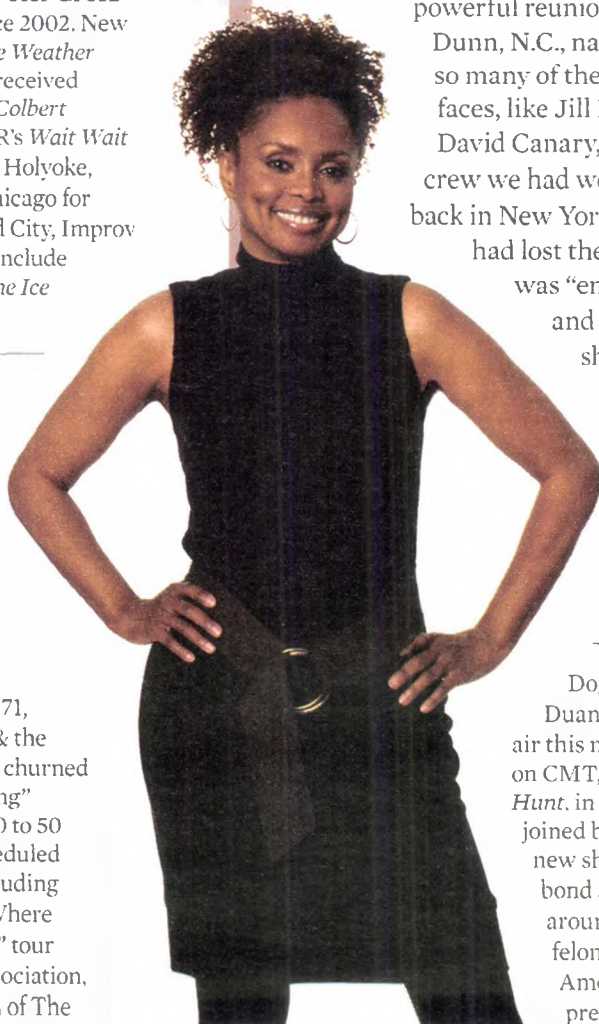


Q What is **Debbi Morgan** doing since she finished *The Young and the Restless*?

—Caroline Wilde, Yakima, Wash.

Morgan, 56, returned to her role as Dr. Angie Hubbard on *All My Children* now that the series has been re-launched and is available via the online streaming service Hulu. Returning to the role she's played off and on for more than 30 years—and the "family" of the show's cast and crew—made for a

powerful reunion, says the Dunn, N.C., native. "Seeing so many of the familiar faces, like Jill Larson and David Canary, and the crew we had worked with back in New York, who had lost their jobs," was "emotional and exciting," she says.



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Q What happened to **Elizabeth Montgomery** of the TV series *Bewitched*?

—H. Splinter, Jefferson City, Tenn.

Famed for her 1964-72 sitcom role as "good witch" Samantha Stephens, the actress, daughter of film star Robert Montgomery, died in 1995 of colorectal cancer at age 62. Married four times, she had three children and was wed to actor Robert Foxworth at the time of her death. The Los Angeles native also starred as the alleged axe murderer in the TV movie *The Legend of Lizzie Borden* (1975) and in the miniseries *The Awakening Land* (1978).

Q I miss **Dog The Bounty Hunter**. Is there any chance it's coming back on TV?

—Misty Feeney, Bend, Ore.

Dog, whose real name is Duane Chapman, returns to the air this month in an all-new series on CMT, *Dog and Beth: On The Hunt*, in which he and his wife are joined by their son, Leland. On the new show, they'll visit faltering bond agencies, help turn them around, and join in the hunt for felons in different cities across America. Watch the season premier Sunday, April 21, at 7 p.m. Central on CMT.



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BY MARTI ATTOUN, CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

River Trips

Whatever boat you float

CHRIS PAUL leisurely paddles his canoe through the sparkling water of the Namekagon River, flanked by the balsam fir and pine forests that blanket northwest Wisconsin.

"Look! There are some loons off to the left," says Paul, 53, nodding toward a pair of black-headed birds bobbing in the water near the riverbank.

Along the serene stretch of the Saint Croix National Scenic Riverway, the stirrings of wildlife attract his attention, whether it's a wispy dragonfly skittering across the water or a monster muskellunge swimming beneath the boat.



// Paddlers drift a section of the Saint Croix National Scenic Riverway, where Mary and Chris Paul (above right) are frequent floaters.

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Last spring, Paul, of Osceola, Wis., and 50 other paddlers enjoyed a weeklong, 92-mile trip organized by the Saint Croix River Association, leaving their workday worries behind while basking in the pristine beauty of the river.

"I've seen multiple eagles," says Paul's wife, Mary, 50. "I haven't been lucky enough to see an otter yet, but you never know what's around the next corner. That's part of the fun."

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// Deb Ryun kayaks the Namekagon River, a tributary of the St. Croix in Wisconsin.

Floating down the scenic river can be a life-changing experience, says Deb Ryun, 55, president of the 102-year-old Saint Croix River Association.

“By the end of a paddle, your mind clears and you put things in perspective,” Ryun says. “Big issues become little issues when you have time to reflect.”

A raft of rivers

Millions of miles of rivers and streams flow across America, from the gently moving Niobrara River in Nebraska to the roaring whitewater of the Gauley River in West Virginia, beckoning canoeists, kayakers and whitewater rafters.

Leisurely rivers for floating abound in every state, while whitewater adventures are abundant in the mountainous states.

“In upstate New York, New Hampshire and Maine, it’s not uncommon to float a section of river that’s leisurely and the next section of river has rapids and waterfalls,” says Todd Ambs, 53, president of River Network, a conservation organization based in Portland, Ore.

The Penobscot River in Maine, the Green River in Vermont and the Lehigh River in Pennsylvania, for example, offer both ripples and rapids.

Across the West, whitewater enthusiasts thrill to the roar of the Middle Fork of the American River in California, the Colorado River as it rushes through the Grand Canyon, and

the Middle Fork of the Salmon River that snakes through the Idaho wilderness.

The southeastern United States boasts rivers with the greatest biodiversity. Among the showplaces for a vast array of plant and animal life are the Upper Chattahoochee River in Georgia, the Suwannee River in Florida and the Cahaba River in Alabama, which is famous for its rare Cahaba lilies.

“People come from far and wide to float the river just to see the beautiful white blossoms,” Ambs says.

Ripples to rapids

Depending on the river and boat you float, paddlers can mosey downstream at 2 miles per hour or run rapid rapids in heart-pounding seconds. Outfitters offer gear, guides and how-to information on hundreds of recreational rivers nationwide.

At Glidden Canoe Rental in Mullen, Neb., Mitch Glidden rents round metal livestock tanks, outfitted with benches, for drifting the Middle Loup River.

“The tanks are real stable. I’ve had babies and a 97-year-old woman go tanking,” says Glidden, 53. “People bring coolers and lunch. It’s like a floating picnic.”

Peggy Bostron, 70, of Mullen, can’t swim and was too scared to take a float trip until she shoved off in a stock tank surrounded by her children, grandchildren and Border collie, Sophie.

“You can’t tip those over,” she says about the 9-foot-diameter tanks. “It’s fun for everyone.”

More adventurous “river rats” raft

the Yellowstone River—the longest undammed river in the contiguous United States—with Wild West Rafting in Gardiner, Mont.

“This is a great river for first-time rafters,” says owner Mike Barlow, 48, a river guide since 1994. “We have Class II and III rapids, which is right in the middle. It’s high roller-coaster waves where you get soaking wet, but have a lot of fun.”

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// A flotilla of metal livestock tanks drift the Middle Loup River in Nebraska. Drifters rent the unconventional vessels at Glidden Canoe Rental in Mullen, Neb.



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While rafting the Yellowstone, paddlers might see elk, pronghorn, buffalo, beaver and bears. “And as you’re traveling, you’re looking up at snow-capped peaks and pine forests,” Barlow says.

Linda Neeley, 50, of Tyler, Texas, screamed and white-knuckled her paddle last spring when she rafted the Yellowstone with a boatload of her family members.

“I was scared to death,” Neeley says of her first whitewater adventure. “We’d go in these giant holes in the water that would drench everyone in the boat. It was such a rush and great fun.”

Rafting trips are popular family activities, according to Brad Niva, 43, owner of Rogue Wilderness Adventures in Merlin, Ore. Eight or more people can ride in a large inflatable raft, which a guide steers from the back as he directs paddlers.

“The Rogue River offers a glimpse of old-growth forest,” says Niva about the guided trips on one of the first federally designated National Wild and Scenic Rivers. “You see osprey, river otters and turtles playing. It’s a day when you get to clock out, take a deep breath and enjoy the moment.”

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// Linda Neeley (center) and a boatload of her family members raft the Yellowstone River in Montana. The Yellowstone rises in northwestern Wyoming, flows 692 miles and is the longest undammed river in the contiguous United States.

Ride on the wild side

While rafting is ideal for beginning paddlers, kayaking requires training and skill to maneuver a small, single-person craft through raging rapids and around logs and boulders, says Leland Davis, 40, an avid kayaker and co-author with wife, Andria, of *The River Gypsies’ Guide to North America—A Whitewater Travel Guide to 294 of the Continent’s Best Rivers*.

“I like interacting with a moving power of nature that is so powerful and beautiful,” says Davis, of Swannanoa, N.C. “Unlike going for a hike or a rock climb, kayaking is with a moving medium that allows you to dance with it.”

Some of Davis’ favorite whitewater rivers include the Upper Youghiogheny in Maryland, the Arkansas River in Colorado and the South Fork of the American River

in California. The tallest waterfall that he’s kayaked over is 80-foot Metlako Falls on Oregon’s Eagle Creek.

While few paddlers will attempt such a daring plunge, Davis says there’s a river trip to suit almost everyone.

“If you could be outdoors in a beautiful wild place and riding a roller coaster at the same time,” he muses, “wouldn’t you want to try?” ★



// Paddlers approach whitewater on the Salmon River in Idaho.

Tennessee's Wonderful Waters

By Pat Bean



The *American Queen* cruises the Mississippi River.

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MARY CLOR, 53, of Rising Fawn, Ga., often surprises her out-of-town guests by offering to take them to the Grand Canyon. But instead of embarking on a cross-country trek to the famous national park in Arizona, she drives them 25 miles north to the Tennessee Aquarium in Chattanooga, where they board a high-speed catamaran for a cruise through the scenic Tennessee River Gorge.

Often called Tennessee's Grand Canyon, the gorge is the fourth largest river canyon east of the Mississippi River. The canyon was carved by the Tennessee River as it winds 26 miles through the southern Cumberland Mountains.

"Within 15 minutes of leaving the dock, you find yourself looking up at cliffs that have to be a thousand feet tall," Clor says.

Onboard naturalists explain the passing landscape's biodiversity and identify Civil War sites as they pass landmarks such as Moccasin Bend, Signal Mountain and Williams Island.

"A pair of bald eagles is frequently seen near Williams Island," says John Dever, the aquarium's naturalist. "Our younger passengers always have fun identifying and calling out great blue herons and kingfishers. It's fun to see them getting excited about wildlife."

"We always see deer and turkeys, and sometimes river otters, falcons, ospreys and eagles," says Clor, who also enjoys kayaking on the Tennessee River with her husband, Jerry.

After the two-hour tour, the boat stops at one of the world's largest freshwater aquariums, where passengers can follow a drop of rain from the Appalachian Mountains to the Gulf of Mexico in the River Journey building, or pet a stingray and watch a blue whale as big as a school bus in the Ocean Journey building.

"Kids grow quite fond of our lake sturgeons after getting to pet one," says aquarium spokesman Thom Benson. An ancient species, sturgeon can grow up to 9 feet long and live up to 150 years.

Rollin' on the river

In western Tennessee, the mighty—and muddy—Mississippi River provides a natural playground for outdoor pursuits and is likely why *Forbes* magazine in 2012 named Memphis one of the Top 10 best places for a weekend getaway.

You can get acquainted with Old Man River aboard an old-fashioned riverboat. Options range from a one-hour tour to an overnight cruise on the *American Queen* steamboat. Whatever your choice, begin your river excursion at Beale Street Landing where, if you time it right, you can enjoy an outdoor concert or a festival.

Memphis also boasts many parks, including 11 along the banks of the Mississippi, where visitors can watch river barges pass by or enjoy activities such as fishing, canoeing, kayaking, picnicking and sailing.

Learn more about the mighty Mississippi on Mud Island. The attraction isn't actually on an island but on a peninsula that can be accessed by car, ferry or rail. It's home to the Mississippi River Museum, which explores 10,000 years of the great waterway's history. Why's it called Mud Island? Perhaps because every gallon of Mississippi water contains a teaspoon of mud, says city spokesman Jonathan Lyons.

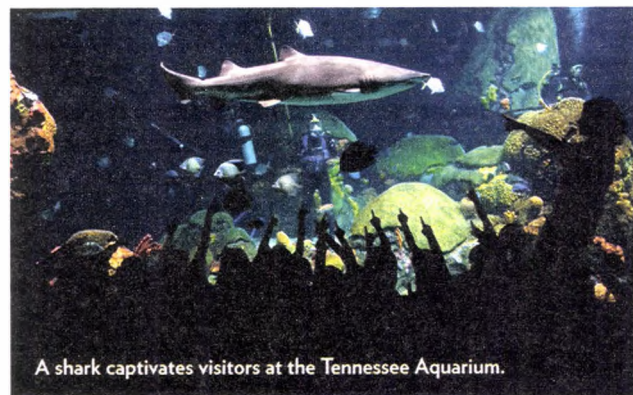
Riverfront path

Hikers and bicyclists who enjoy riverbank outings might want to visit Nashville. While known as a music mecca, the city also has created nearly 50 miles of trails, including the 9-mile, multiple-use Stones River Greenway, which follows the river from the Percy Priest Dam to the Cumberland River.

Get a workout exploring the hilly trail while taking in the scenic views or doing a bit of bird watching. The path connects to a skate park, a soccer complex, a shopping center, restaurants and the Two Rivers Golf Course.

Much of the Stones River Greenway owes its existence to the Two Rivers Mansion, which was occupied by three generations of the McGavock family before the city purchased the antebellum home and its surrounding 475 acres.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the 1859 mansion boasts a scenic setting between the Cumberland and Stones rivers and can be rented for parties. ★



A shark captivates visitors at the Tennessee Aquarium.

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ILLINOIS—Actress Tempestt Bledsoe, who was born in Chicago in 1973, is best known for her role as Vanessa Huxtable on *The Cosby Show*. The sitcom aired from 1984 to 1992 on NBC-TV.

INDIANA—A house outside of Cloverdale (pop. 2,172) boasts an extensive display of bells, earning the home the nicknames House of Bells and Bell Farm. The display also includes miniature windmills and a replica of the ax of folklore lumberjack Paul Bunyan.

IOWA—Grinnell (pop. 9,218) was named the No. 1 small town in the nation in 2010 by *RelocateAmerica.com*, which bases its selections on factors such as education, crime and employment.

KANSAS—Guests can observe grassland birds such as the upland sandpiper and greater prairie chicken in Cassoday (pop. 129), the Prairie Chicken Capital of the World. The town also is the starting point of the Flint Hills Wildlife Drive, where travelers can view

birds and other local wildlife.

MICHIGAN—Students and culinary workers from Michigan State University in East Lansing (pop. 48,579) broke the *Guinness World Record* for longest taco line on Sept. 30, 2011. The line, which consisted of 847 tacos and measured 490 feet, was shaped in a gigantic block “S” in honor of the logo for the school’s Spartan mascot.

MINNESOTA—When the 1908 water tower in Lindstrom (pop. 4,442) stopped meeting the town’s needs in 1990, Plastic Products owner Marlene Messin converted the structure to resemble a giant Swedish coffee pot. *Valkommen till Lindstrom*, Swedish for “Welcome to Lindstrom,” is painted on the tower’s face to honor the town’s Swedish heritage.

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brothers’ collection, which includes arrowheads and stone sculptures, is on display at the Petrified Wood and Art Gallery in Ogallala (pop. 4,737).

NORTH DAKOTA—Founded in 1883, Towner County (pop. 2,246) was named for Oscar M. Towner (1842-1897), a member of the territorial legislature, a Civil War officer, and a farmer.

OHIO—On Sept. 17, 2011, 801 participants of the Midwest Birding Symposium in Lakeside (pop. 694) called out “Who cooks for you? Who cooks for you-all?”—the call of the barred owl—to break the *Guinness World Record* for the most people bird-calling simultaneously.

SOUTH DAKOTA—A historical marker in Epiphany commemorates the contributions of William Kroeger (1853-1904), a Catholic priest and medical doctor, who owned the first hand-operated X-ray machine in South Dakota and once was known as “the great healer.”

WISCONSIN—When the home-building business of August Klatt (1877-1951) declined during the Great Depression, he began to create miniature houses in the front yard of his residence in North Prairie (pop. 2,141). In 2004, the houses were relocated to a local park.

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Roasted Asparagus and Shrimp Salad

This bright, fresh recipe makes a perfect light dinner.

1	small bunch of asparagus	2	teaspoons honey
8	medium shrimp, peeled and deveined	2	tablespoons red wine vinegar
3	tablespoons olive oil, divided	2	cups salad greens or mesclun mix
1/2	teaspoon coarse salt, divided	1	tablespoon fresh basil, shredded
1/2	teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, divided	1	teaspoon fresh oregano, chopped
1	tablespoon Dijon mustard	1/4	cup grape tomatoes
			Shaved Parmesan cheese (optional)

1. Preheat oven 400F.
2. Trim off woody ends of the asparagus and discard (or use them for soup base in other recipes). Cut asparagus into thirds. Place on a foil-lined baking sheet. Make a foil bowl and place shrimp inside. Place on baking sheet with asparagus. Drizzle 1 tablespoon olive oil on asparagus and shrimp, sprinkle 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper on top.
3. Place in oven and cook 7 minutes. Remove shrimp from oven and continue roasting asparagus 8 more minutes.
4. In a small bowl, whisk together mustard, honey, vinegar, remaining salt and pepper. While whisking, slowly add the remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil until the vinaigrette is emulsified. Place salad greens, basil and oregano in a medium bowl and add enough dressing to moisten. Arrange on plates, top with shrimp, asparagus, tomatoes and a few shavings of Parmesan cheese if using. **Serves 2**



—Recipe submitted by Amy Tong, Anaheim, Pa.

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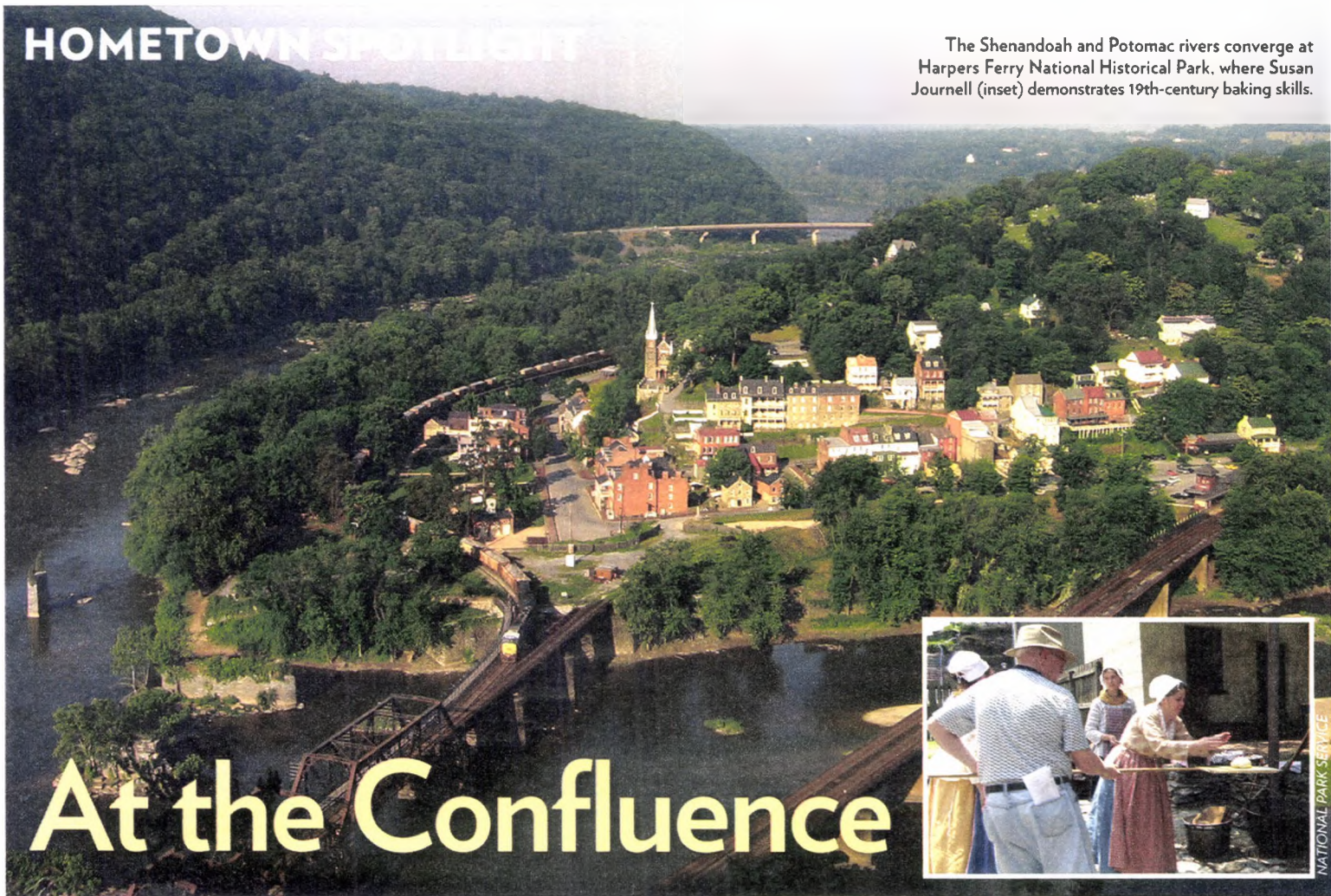
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The Shenandoah and Potomac rivers converge at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, where Susan Journell (inset) demonstrates 19th-century baking skills.



At the Confluence

History and recreation intersect in Harpers Ferry, W. Va.

Story and photos by Stuart Englert, senior editor

WHEN SUSAN JOURNELL walks past the 19th-century brick buildings in Harpers Ferry, W.Va. (pop. 206), she often thinks about the town's many incarnations since English colonist Robert Harper built a gristmill in 1747 and operated a ferry at the confluence of the Potomac and Shenandoah rivers.

"Building in the floodplain was the cost of doing business at the time," says Journell, 52, a volunteer at the 3,700-acre Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, which surrounds the town.

Since its founding, Harpers Ferry has contributed to the Industrial Revolution, been targeted by anti-slavery militants, endured military occupation during the Civil War, advanced the civil rights movement and survived a dozen devastating floods.

Today, the town is a hub for history buffs who explore its architectural and natural landmarks, museums and riverside ruins—and a destination for outdoor enthusiasts who hike, bike and float the nearby trails and rivers.

"The fact that there's so much history adds another dimension to the town," says Steve Paradis, 49, chief operating officer of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, headquartered in Harpers Ferry.

After President George Washington selected Harpers Ferry in 1794 as the site of a national armory, other industries—including a tannery, iron foundry, machine shop and sawmill—sprang up to harness the power of the rivers and to use them for transportation.

As the U.S. Armory and Arsenal and Hall's Rifle Works—which developed interchangeable parts technology—produced firearms for the nation's military, the arms

factories attracted the attention of abolitionist John Brown, who with 18 raiders invaded Harpers Ferry in 1859 to secure weapons for a planned slave rebellion.

Following a deadly two-day standoff, U.S. Marines stormed the armory's firehouse and captured Brown and his surviving men. Within two months, Brown was convicted of treason and hanged in nearby Charles Town. His cause and execution were immortalized in the song "John Brown's Body," and set the stage for outbreak of the Civil War.

When Virginia seceded from the Union in 1861, Federal troops set fire to armory and arsenal buildings so weapons wouldn't fall into Confederate hands, but the Rebels salvaged the gun-making equipment and sent it south. During the war, Harpers Ferry changed hands eight times and the town, annexed in 1863 to

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the newly created state of West Virginia, was left in ruins by occupying forces.

"Occupation by both armies created more devastation than battle," says Dennis Frye, 54, the park's chief historian, explaining how soldiers dismantled homes and businesses for firewood.

After the war, Harpers Ferry was in the forefront of the civil rights movement. In 1867, Storer College opened as an integrated school to educate former slaves, and in 1906 the college hosted a gathering of black leaders, a precursor to formation of the NAACP.

"Harpers Ferry is one of the best examples in the world of domino history," Frye says. "Each domino affects the next domino."

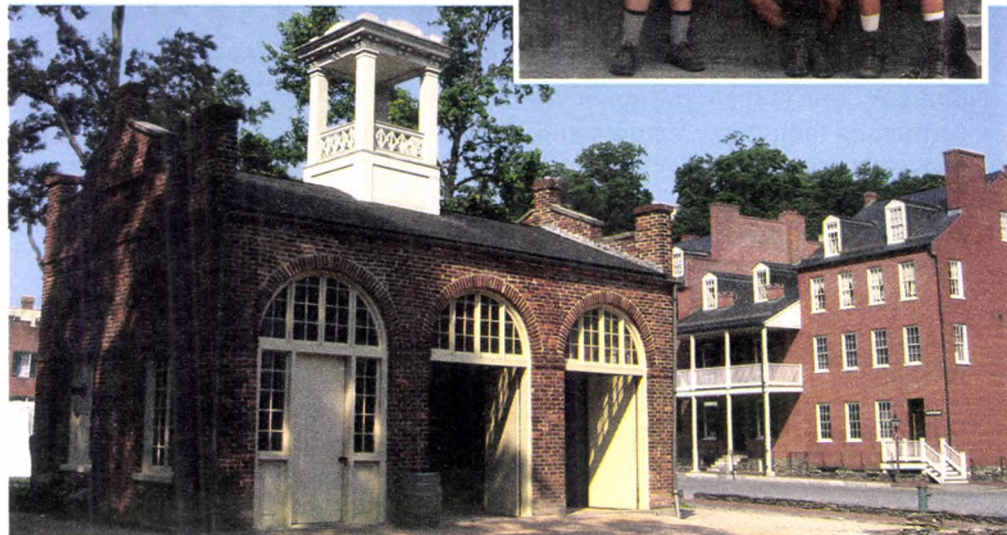
Nowadays, the former industrial center and war-torn town is a charming and picturesque village with bed & breakfast inns, hostels, restaurants and souvenir shops that serve sightseers and trekkers.

While some visitors enjoy touring the industrial ruins and historical landmarks such as the 1782 Harper House and John Brown's Fort, others prefer climbing to a scenic overlook that boasts a view extolled by Thomas Jefferson, drifting down the Shenandoah River on an inner tube, or taking a respite from hiking the 2,180-mile Appalachian

Trail, which courses through town.

"I hit the 1,000-mile mark today," says hiker Gavin Jaremba, 21, of Olivet, Mich., en route to Maine's Mount Katahdin. "Only 1,180 miles left to go!" ★

Hikers (right) pause at the Appalachian Trail Conservancy headquarters in Harpers Ferry, where the U.S. Army's brick firehouse (below) stands as a testament to a failed 1859 raid by abolitionist John Brown and his followers.



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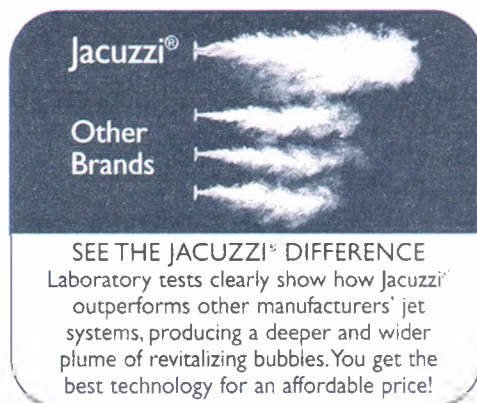
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Mothers and daughters: The ties that bind

The relationship between a mother and daughter can be caring, complex, terrific, tortuous, joyful and steadfast.

All of the above describes the dynamics between mother and daughter at some point in their lives, according to experts. While some relationships grow and thrive, others can be difficult and rocky at times.



Susan Rosiek

The relationship between mothers and daughters has provided fodder for many movies, books, magazine articles, television shows, support groups ... well, you get the idea.

Today's *Hometown Life Woman* profiles several area mothers and daughters and their relationships — the joys and the sorrows. Read about the Canton mom who devoted herself to her daughter's rehabilitation after a serious auto accident. Share in the joys of moms who are now celebrating their daughters' lives as

mothers. Read about the Plymouth daughter who takes her 101-year-old mom to lunch each week because she loves her mom's company.

Relationships are complex, but today's *Woman* shows that they can also be caring and fruitful.

And be sure to look at the *Honor A Special Woman* photo gallery at hometownlife.com now through May 31. We invited readers to send a photo of and message for a special woman in their life — mother, grandmother, aunt or mom-like woman — that they admire and want to thank. The gallery is sponsored by Indigo Salon and Day Spa of Canton.

Enjoy our tribute to moms and women in print and online.

Happy Mother's Day!

Susan Rosiek

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May day! May day! My makeup needs help

By **Barbara Deyo**

Guest Columnist

Admit it — you have piles of makeup sitting in a drawer collecting dust. I do too. And it's probably in your bathroom. Makeup needs to be stored in a cool, dry place out of direct sunlight. So, the bathroom, that's constantly getting steamed up is not a good choice.

Opt to keep it in a case that you can

keep in your closet and bring into the bathroom with you if that's where you get ready.

Your first step to making over your makeup is to go through your drawers. Pitch anything you have not touched in a year. If you haven't used it in that time, you prob-

ably aren't going to and it's more than likely expired anyway.

Yes. Makeup expires. Every product is different, so the best way to judge — if you aren't sure — is to check the appearance, texture and smell. Mascara is the first to go. Three months is it. Even if isn't dried out, pitch it after 90 days. Being that it's an enclosed tube, it can easily build up bacteria. No one likes an eye infection, right? The same rules apply to liquid eyeliner.

Creams and liquids such as foundation and concealer last about a year — but more than likely you will be replacing it before its expiration date anyway because you use it every day.

Lipsticks and pencils, which we tend to have a variety of, last about two years.

If your foundation is separating and appears oily, it's time for a new one. Concealer will have a dryer consistency and probably won't apply very well if it's old, causing it to cake up on the skin.

If your pencils are developing a white film or have hardened, they are done. Always sharpen your pencils before use to keep them clean, and always keep the lids on.

The best test for lipsticks is the smell test. The best way I can describe it is, if it's turned, it will smell like an old crayon.

Powders are more forgiving, being they are a dry product. They don't hold



Barbara Deyo

bacteria as much as the cream-based products do. Pressed and loose powder, blush and eye shadow can last up to three years. But beware that oil transfers from your skin can deposit into the powder, causing it to oxidize and can change the color, and won't apply as well. Remember to replace sponge applicators often in your compact and wash your brushes regularly to avoid oil buildup. One sure way to tell if it's gone bad is if the color changes.

So ladies, what are we going to do this weekend? Spring makeup cleaning? Out with the old and in with the new. Not only is it necessary to do, it's a great excuse to buy some new goodies. And if it's been longer than you can remember since you bought stuff, you might want to come see me. I can help.

Barbara Deyo, a health, wellness, and beauty writer, and owner of Deyo Studio for face and body, is an acclaimed makeup artist, having groomed the faces of Paul McCartney, Bob Seger, Kerrie Washington, Shaun Robinson and more. She has been named Best of the Best by Allure, Hour, Real Detroit and WDIV. Deyo Studio is at 576 N. Old Woodward Ave., second floor, in downtown Birmingham. Contact her at (248) 203-1222 or visit www.deyostudio.com for more information.



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When: Saturday, May 18. Registration and sponsor booths open at 7 a.m. Opening ceremony at 8 a.m. Competitive 5K starts at 9 a.m. followed by 5K walk and other events. Closing ceremonies at 10:30 a.m.

Where: Comerica Park, Detroit

What: Locally presented by Karmanos Cancer Institute

Why: Komen's mission is to end breast cancer forever. Net proceeds from the Komen Detroit Race for the Cure are distributed as follows: 75 percent to local breast cancer screening, treatment support and education programs serving low-income, uninsured and underinsured people in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties; 25 percent funds breast cancer research grants made by Susan G. Komen for the Cure

"With your help, we will get to a world without breast cancer" — Mo Keenan Meldrum, chair, Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure and 22-year breast cancer survivor.

"Every day in my practice I see Komen dollars at work. Research progress on some of breast cancer's toughest problems is under way right now at Karmanos and Wayne State University. Thanks to Komen grants, we have programs that offer lifelines to women who would have nowhere else to turn," Simon said.

When these area residents take to the starting line in this month's 22nd annual race, they will unite in an effort to raise money to help low-income, uninsured and underserved women and men in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties access life-saving breast cancer screenings and treatment services.

However, like Simon, who will join colleagues in the race, they all have distinct and very personal reasons for participating.

As mom to daughter Kelsey, 17 and Nick, 20, Riley's life is deeply impacted by the disease. Six close relatives have fought breast cancer, one of them is currently undergoing treatment at age 48.

"I have no idea why it seems to be all around us," said Riley, 46, who will be joined by her daughter, mother and sister-in-law in the race.

A better future

"I hope that through the money

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Participants share their reasons for being part of a Race for the Cure

Canton resident Kelsey Riley, 17, will join her mom, Kim, as part of "The Healing Hooters" in the 22nd annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. The race/walk raises money for breast cancer research.



By Jill Halpin
Contributing Writer

For Kim Riley, it is about her mom, grandmother, aunt, sister-in-law, friend, and now, her brother's girlfriend.

For Erica Brennan, participating in the 2013 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, a 5K run/walk through the streets of downtown Detroit later this month, is an effort to honor the memory of a good friend's mother as well as celebrate her aunt, a five-year survivor of breast cancer at age 60.

And for Jennifer Jones, it is about her sister, Julie Hipple. Diagnosed with breast cancer 11 years ago at the age of 34, Hipple underwent a double mastectomy, chemotherapy and radiation only to suffer a recurrence last year of stage IV cancer.

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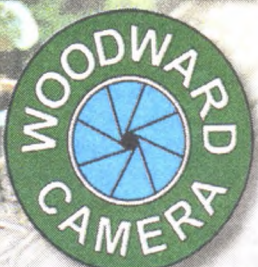
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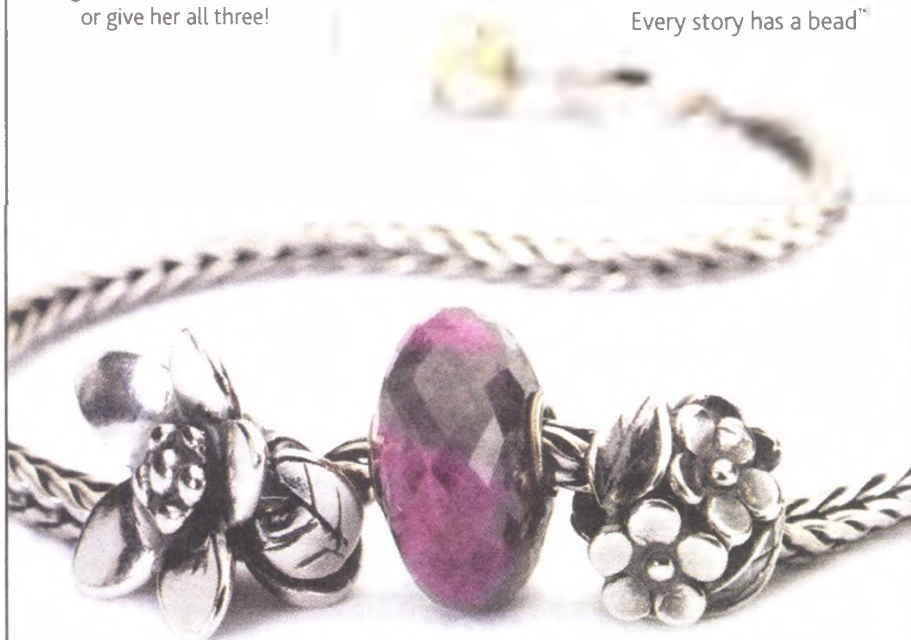
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Jennifer Jones of Livonia (left) with her sister, breast cancer survivor Julie Hipple of Atlanta, Ga.

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raised by these fundraisers, scientists can continue to perfect treatments and cures for breast cancer so younger generations — like my daughter — won't have to have breast cancer touch their lives," said Riley, a Canton resident.

Brennan, 32, of Novi is optimistic.

"I hope that one day breast cancer will be looked upon like the chicken pox: you get a vaccine and that is it," she said.

Brennan, who has been participating in Komen fundraisers for nine years, said it is the memory of a good friend's mother, Kristy Kaherle, who died in 2008 that keeps her motivated to continue.

"She battled cancer for 10 years and never had a bad attitude about it — she was always looking for the good in things. In fact, she spent her time in chemo waiting rooms cheering up other patients," Brennan said.

Finding a cure in time to save Jones's

sister is the driving force behind the Livonia resident's commitment to participating not just in the Detroit Race for the Cure, but many other breast cancer walks and races across the country.

Her sister, the mother of two young sons, thought that she had beat breast cancer only to have it come back in 2011. She's currently in remission, and her family and friends are working tirelessly to raise money to fund research aimed at discovering a cure for the disease.

"At the suggestion of my uncle, we have developed a traveling team of walkers traveling all over the country to raise money," Jones said.

Walking together does more than just raise the money, according to at least one team member.

"When you walk with the same purpose, it's very uplifting. It really gives me a feeling of hope to see some 40,000 people whose lives have been touched by this disease working together to help find a cure," said Brennan.



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Tips for using chalkboard paint

- Chalkboard paint comes in classic black, but also comes in other colors as well.
- Make sure it's completely dry before trying to write on it.
- Some chalkboard paints require you to condition the paint with chalk before

using it. Read label instructions carefully.

- Tips for decorating
- Using spray paint and hot glue guns may require adult supervision.
 - Give the kids creative control — it may not turn out perfectly neat, but it will be perfect for mom.
 - Not sure what to paint on the flower pot? Let the kids dip a hand or foot into the paint and put prints onto the pot. Or, cut fun shapes out of sponges or potatoes and let them stamp around the pot.
- You can find more ideas, project guides and supplies at www.joann.com.

Chalkboard herb pot

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SUPPLIES AND TOOLS:

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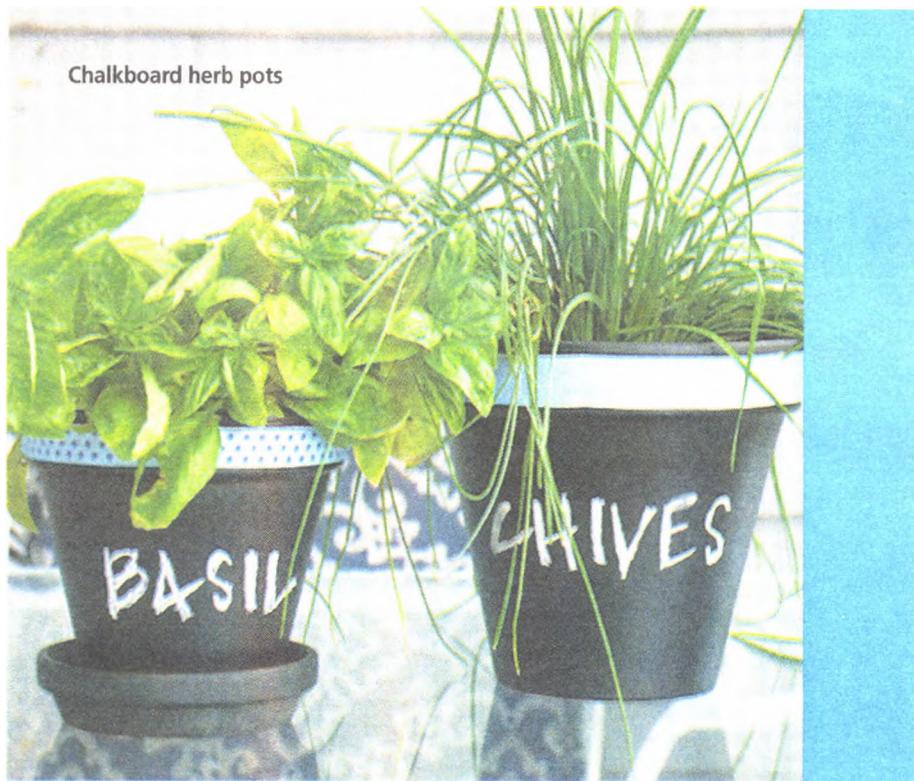


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Chalkboard herb pots

Blackboard spray paint
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Potting soil
Plant of your choice

1. Wipe pot and saucer clean to remove all dust.
2. Spray pot and saucer with chalkboard spray paint — no need to paint the interior of the pot if using for planting.
3. Allow paint to fully dry — approximately 3 to 4 hours.
4. Attach ribbon around rim of pot using hot glue.
5. Fill the pot with a potting soil mix.
6. Transplant your favorite herbs or flowers into the pot.
7. Write the name of the herb or flower on the outside of the pot using paint pen for a permanent finish or chalk for changeable finish.

Mommy's Favorite Flower Pot

Crafting Time: 3 to 5 hours
Skill Level: No experience necessary

SUPPLIES AND TOOLS:
1 Ceramo red clay flower pot
Gesso spray paint
Non-toxic poster paint
Small paintbrush
Spray fixative
Potting soil
Plant of your choice

1. Wipe pot clean — remove all dust.
2. Spray pot with gesso spray paint —



Mommy's Favorite Flower Pot

no need to paint the interior of the pot if using for planting.

3. Allow paint to fully dry — approximately 3 to 4 hours.
4. Paint the rim of the pot with the poster paint color of choice using paintbrush.
5. Allow rim to dry to the touch.
6. Decorate the body of the pot with poster paints.
7. Allow pot to fully dry.
8. Spray decorated area of the pot with a coat of fixative.
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"Our new stores are a reflection of our fashion-forward direction — designed to address the needs of today's women," said Lisa Axelson, Ann Taylor creative director and a member of the Council of Fashion Designers of America. "The stores are light, modern, feminine, and showcase the full collection in a way that makes women feel comfortable and welcome."

"Ann Taylor is really changing things up, giving us more of what we love — more fashion and more choices, in a setting that's super chic and inviting," added brand ambassador Kate Hudson

about the new store design.

The new boutiques are inspired by a stylish home and provide an intimate shopping experience. The residential influence is brought to life through white-washed maple hardwood floors, luxurious crystal chandeliers, modern tufted furniture and sleek feminine fixtures inspired by the ultimate closet. Special attention was also given to the design of the styling rooms, which feature unique floral wall coverings, luxe ottomans, plush carpeting, and a new proprietary lighting system with flattering backlit mirrors.

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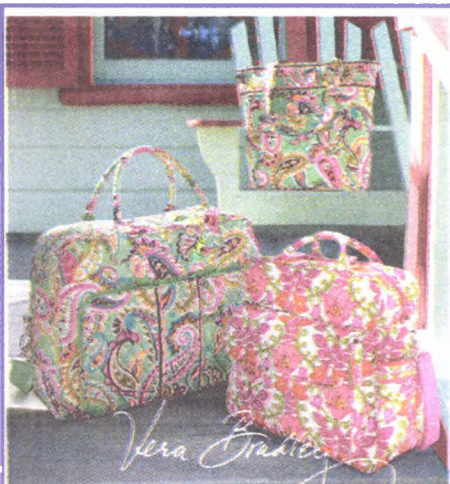
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But is your breakfast the best it can be?

Experts recommend 20 to 30 grams of protein at each meal, and while breakfast is typically lower in protein than other meals, it's a particularly important time to include protein in your diet — to help you get the right start to your day.

In fact, when you have your protein can be just as important as how much you have, and research suggests that spreading protein intake throughout the day — rather than just at lunch or dinner — can optimize how your body uses it, and that means making sure you include enough protein at breakfast.

A protein-packed breakfast can also help you feel "healthy full" so you stave off mid-morning cravings and can stick to healthier eating throughout the day.

Help your whole family start the day right and include protein in your nutritious breakfast. Try these tips to maximize protein in the a.m.:

— Make your morning oatmeal with milk instead of water. Top with almonds for extra protein, too.

— Include a glass of milk with your morning meal. An 8-ounce glass of milk has 8 grams of quality protein.

— Make your own smoothie and choose your favorite frozen fruit.

— Grab a latte, instead of black coffee,

and pair it with peanut butter toast and some fruit for a balanced meal.

— Whip up a bowl of cottage cheese topped with fruit and honey.

— Create a breakfast BLT with a whole grain muffin, lean turkey bacon and lettuce and tomato.

Find more ways to give your morning a boost with recipes at www.thebreakfast-project.com.

Hearty Oatmeal with Strawberries, Dried Cherries and Almonds

Servings: 2

- 1 1/2 cups low fat or fat free milk
- 1 cup old-fashioned or quick cooking oats (not instant)
- 1 teaspoon brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup sliced strawberries
- 1/4 cup dried cherries
- 2 tablespoons toasted sliced almonds

Combine milk, oatmeal, brown sugar, and cinnamon in a saucepan; bring to a boil over medium-high heat, stirring often to prevent boiling over. Cook until thickened; divide between two serving bowls and top with strawberries, cherries, and almonds. Serve immediately.

Nutrition: 360 calories; 6 g fat; 0 g saturated fat; 0 mg cholesterol; 15 g protein; 61 g carbohydrates; 6 g fiber; 0 mg sodium; 300 mg calcium (30% of daily value). Nutrition figures based on using fat free milk.

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Chrissy and Susie Hadjinian of Canton.

Mothers and daughters:

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a special bond

Area women discuss their special relationships

By Jill Halpin
Contributing Writer

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12, and while there are few relationships as complex as those between a mother and daughter, most agree that few relationships are also as rewarding.

For some, the trials and tribulations of life from infancy to the hectic teenage years give way to deep and rewarding friendships born of mutual admiration.

Just ask Plymouth residents Joan White, 79, and her mother, Mary Kilner, age 101.

The two spend every Thursday shopping, spending time together eating out and just talking. It's a special treat they look forward to each week.

"She is really good company ... and after 80 years of cooking, it's really nice to eat out," said

Kilner with a smile.

Kilner and her daughter cherish each other's company.

Wilte and Kilner are not alone in cherishing their time together. Canton mom Sousanna Hadjinian nursed her daughter back to health after an automobile accident left her daughter, Chrissy, with traumatic brain injury. The two are now closer than ever.

New mother Jenn Marshall of Novi has developed an even deeper bond with her mom, Milford's Claire Marshall, after giving birth to daughter Elliana last November. And 24-year-old Lindsey Rebhan and her mom, Jeri Brand of Beverly Hills, continue to enjoy a lifelong closeness.

The bond between a mother and child starts early and can be beneficial for both, according to Cheryl Mattison, a licensed master social worker



Joan White, at right, and her rounds of local restaurants. Ma favorite.

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Women are driven by the co with others, something both m ters feel quite strongly, Mattis

Important bond

"A healthy bond is important esteem," Mattison said.

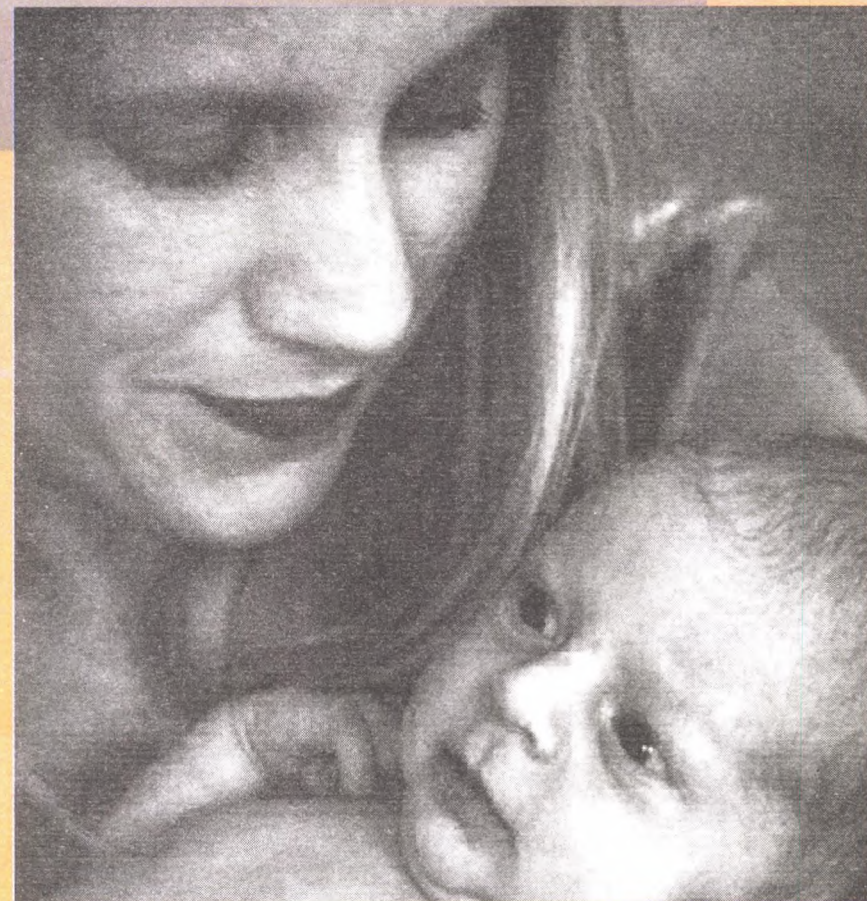
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Jenn Marshall of Novi, with her daughter Ellie, born November 2012.

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Although she and her daughter were extremely close through the elementary school years, "when she entered middle and high school, we had a very typical teenage relationship. Her friends were more important," Hadjinian said.

That all changed in the winter of her daughter's senior year when a serious car accident left Chrissy seriously injured. She was in a coma for more than two weeks and then a grueling five-month hospital stay while coming to terms with her traumatic brain injury.

"When she came out of the coma, she could not do anything. She was unable to open her mouth, to chew, to talk. She had to relearn everything. She had two people supporting her in therapy because was not able to control the way her body moved," Hadjinian said.

Mother's instinct

Although the hospital recommended a full-time live-in group facility upon discharge, Hadjini-

an instead brought her daughter home in a wheelchair, following her "mother's instinct" that being at home would facilitate the healing process.

"It was like having a newborn at home. I became a light sleeper because I needed to be able to hear her if she needed me," Hadjinian said.

The next two years of intense rehabilitation in Ann Arbor also saw Hadjinian working tirelessly to help Chrissy finish high school. She graduated from Plymouth High School in 2007 then went on to Schoolcraft for two years before transferring to Madonna University, where she received a bachelor's degree in fine arts in May 2012.

"Doctors call us the 'dynamic duo,'" Hadjinian said.

A single mom with a 28-year-old son, Hadjini-an nursed her daughter back to health — all while working full time as a Realtor at Remerica Home-town III in Canton, Chrissy Hadjinian said.

"My mom is my strength. She is behind every-thing I have done," she said.

"My mom would go swimming with me and carry me down the stairs to use the treadmill for physical therapy; take me to the store to buy beads so I could make bracelets for occupational therapy and play games with me for my memory. She is always there for me," added Chrissy.

A gifted artist, Chrissy recently completed an internship in Arlington, Va., at the U.S. Department of Defense's graphic arts department.

"Leaving her there alone to fend for herself after everything we had been through took everything I had. I drove home from Virginia with a towel on my lap to catch my tears," Hadjinian said, "I am so proud of her."

'A blessing'

Chrissy offers some advice for daughters: "Mothers are a blessing. Don't get caught up in the moment and forget that their love is unconditional."

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Planning financially for when baby makes 3 ... or 4 or 5

By Paula Swain
Guest Columnist



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Children are a special blessing and their arrival brings boundless love and joy into our lives that you can't put a price on. But adding a child to the household impacts the family budget in measurable ways. Whether this is your first child or your

fourth, here are some financial matters to think about and plan for before and after baby arrives.

Check your health insurance

Read the policy carefully to see what maternity coverage is provided. Also find out if the policy covers complications from a premature birth, including a stay in a neonatal unit, and whether a separate deductible applies if your baby is hospitalized beyond a certain period of time. Typically, your baby will be covered under your policy from the time of birth, though you'll have to contact your insurer to officially add your child to the policy.

Budget for baby

Some expenses typically increase when you add a baby to the household, including:

- Groceries, including diapers, formula, and baby food
- Clothing and baby equipment
- Transportation costs — Will you need to buy a larger, more practical, or second car?
- Housing costs — Will you need to move to a larger apartment or house, or will you simply need to push a bureau a few feet to make room for a crib?

Thinking about the ways a child can impact the family budget often leads to a larger question.

Will you go back to work?

The decision to go back to work after



having a baby is a personal one, and often depends on many factors. Maybe you want to work because you enjoy your job, or maybe you have no choice but to work because it's the only way you can survive financially. Or perhaps you want to stay home. Whatever you decide, know that your decision isn't etched in stone.

If you don't plan to return to work:

- Find out if your employer will pay you for any unused vacation/sick time.
- Be upfront about your plans and remain on good terms with your supervisor in the event you change your mind about working or need a reference in the future.
- Pay down debt where possible.
- Try to live on one paycheck before you leave work, which can help you cut non-essential spending.
- Continue to save for retirement.
- Keep your professional skills up-to-date.

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For White and her mother, it is that same kind of unconditional love that has seen their bond blossom from a mother-daughter relationship to a true friendship.

Although, White said, “She still yells at me to wear my slippers and to put a hat on in the cold weather. So I guess some things never change — she’ll always be my mother.”

The mother of three children, Kilner also had two sons (one is deceased).

“I wish I had another like her (Joan),” said Kilner.

She said that although she was close with all of her children, she always enjoyed spending time with her daughter, even trading clothes which they still do.

“When I was a teenager, I had a job in a department store and I would always bring one thing or another home. Sometimes I would buy my mom something and then ‘borrow’ it myself,” White said.

It is a tradition that the two have continued. Similar in size, “we still might buy something and then say ‘Here, you take it — it looks better on you,’”

Bingo buddy

These days, their time is spent playing a weekly bingo game with Kilner’s neighbors, traveling to local restaurants to try the fare and taking long rides in the countryside during the warmer months.

“I think we have eaten everywhere in Plymouth — maybe even in Michigan,” Kilner said jokingly.

Her pride in her daughter is evident. “Everyone tells me I have the nicest daughter and sometimes I think they might be a little jealous,” she said, “The last time we played bingo she brought candy for everyone — and sugar-free candy for the diabetic people, too.”

Kilner is not just a mother: she is also a grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother with the newest addition to her great-great-grandchildren due in July.

White is grateful for the example her mother set, not just as a mother but also as a grandmother.

“She is still close with all of them, just as I am,” she said. “We are a close family and have a lot of fun together.”

Claire Marshal, a Milford mother of two, is looking forward to the same closeness with her grandchildren.

With three grandchildren currently living in Utah, the birth of 5-month-old Elliana to her daughter, Jenn Marshall, and Joe Versch of Novi has given her an



Lindsey Rebhan (right) and her mom, Jeri Brand of Beverly Hills, continue to enjoy a lifelong closeness.

Claire Marshall of Milford holds her granddaughter, Elliana, just hours after she was born.



opportunity for some up close and personal interaction.

Providing part-time day care services for Elliana while Jenn works as a therapist/social worker gives Claire the opportunity to connect with her granddaughter and to deepen her relationship with her own daughter as she navigates the world of new motherhood.

“I really enjoy watching her with Elliana. You can just see the love in her eyes; it is really rewarding to see this side of my daughter; what a wonderful mother she is,” Claire Marshall said.

For Jenn Marshall, she is grateful for the inevitable bond that is developing between her mother and her daughter.

“My mom and Ellie already have something going between them. You can see both of their faces light up when they see each other,” Jenn Marshall said.

Her bond with her mom is strengthened by her own maternal experience, she said.

She is ‘always there’

“My mom is never one to tell me exactly what I have to do. But she is there whenever I need her and sometimes all she has to do is hug me and that’s enough,” she said.

For Brand, the birth of her daughter was special.

“After eight years of infertility, she came along unexpectedly. She was always kind of special as a result,” Brand said.

“Every milestone was important: first time she took driver’s education, first time she went to college: there was no one behind her that was going to do the same thing so it was always a little more special for us,” she said.

Her daughter, Rebhan, agrees.

“We were always very close from a young age: we did everything together. She was my confidante. I told her everything. She got to hear it all ... whether she wanted to or not,” said Rebhan with a laugh.

Rebhan is now married and Brand said she enjoys watching her daughter as a newlywed.

“It has been amazing watching her grow and become this wonderful woman. It’s sometimes hard to remember, but you raise your kids to get out — and to be ready and successful when they do. And she was totally ready,” Brand said.

Brand is looking forward to future grandbabies.

“I tease her that she is going to give me five grandbabies since I only could have one. No matter what, she will be a great mom one day,” Brand said.

Says Rebhan, “I am looking forward to being a mom one day. I am not so sure about five but we’ll see.”



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PLANNING

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If you plan to go back to work:

- Confirm your leave with your employer. Can your spouse take paternity leave? Make sure you know your rights under the law.

- Talk with your supervisor about your current job responsibilities and plan for your leave.

- If you'd like to modify your current schedule, think about your ideal work arrangement, then request a meeting with your supervisor to discuss your well-thought out proposal.

- Start researching child care options now. At work, contribute to a dependent care flexible spending account (if available) so your child care costs won't be part of your taxable income.

If you return to work, try to keep everything in perspective as best you can. Working outside the home with young children requires a significant amount of mental and physical stamina. For some women, it's the hardest, busiest time of their lives.

Finally, remember that no arrangement is permanent. You might stay home for awhile and then decide you

want to go back to work, or vice versa.

Build a financial foundation

You've had the baby, taken leave, gone back to work, and things are going smoothly for the most part. But you can't stop there! Here are some other things you need to do:

- Draw up or revise your will so you can name a guardian for your child and make sure your assets will be distributed according to your wishes.

- If you don't already have life insurance, consider getting it. If you already have life insurance, re-evaluate your coverage.

- If you're working, consider disability insurance to protect your ability to earn an income.

- Start a college fund and contribute monthly, even if you can only afford a small amount at first.

- But don't overlook retirement planning, and don't fund college at the expense of putting money aside for retirement.

Now sit back, relax, and enjoy all those moments with your child that you can't put a price on.

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Kathy Tosoian leads various training classes for teens to acquire valuable life skills.

With so much emphasis on technology, human beings are losing their ability to communicate face-to-face, maintain eye contact, and be diplomatic in dealing with others. Many of the young people Kathy Tosoian encounters through her position as a high school counselor and Dale Carnegie Instructor, lack self-confidence and have not acquired the skills they will need in life to reach their potential. All that changes when they meet Kathy and begin to learn for themselves "how to win friends and influence people."

Kathy Tosoian, MA, LPC, NCC is the Director of Educational Services & Youth Development for Ralph Nichols Group, sponsor of Dale Carnegie Training in southeast Michigan. She began her career 20 years ago by taking the Dale Carnegie Course to improve her pro-

fessional skills while being a stay at home mom. Tosoian achieved a Bachelor's Degree in Education and a Master's Degree in Counseling.

"I really love working with teenagers," Kathy noted. Each class session is designed to build the student's self-confidence, improve their communication skills, develop leadership skills, strengthen their relationships, help them manage stress and worry, improve their attitude, and help them to reach more of their potential. Parents see this as an opportunity to help their teens create a successful future," Kathy said.

Kathy encourages people to attend a free orientation so they can see how this course will benefit their teens before making their decision. She also likes to meet with parents and teens ahead of time to assess their needs and maturity level. This allows the teen to ask questions they might be afraid to ask in a group (the course also helps them to overcome these fears).

Classes this spring/summer are being offered for teens and adults in Novi, Ann Arbor, Lansing and Troy. Students may be able to earn up to three college credits for participating in the exciting course.

Call Kathy at 248-867-6138 or email kathy.tosoian@michigan.dalecarnegie.com. Classes fill quickly!

PROTEIN

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Go Green Smoothie

Servings: 2

- 2 cups fresh spinach leaves, lightly packed
- 1 cup low fat or fat free milk
- ½ cup green grapes
- ½ cup honeydew melon, chopped
- ½ cup ice cubes
- 1 kiwi fruit, peeled and chopped
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 tablespoon unsweetened almond butter
- 1 tablespoon lime juice

In a blender, combine all ingredients. Cover and blend until smooth. Serve immediately.

Nutrition: 240 calories; 5 g fat; 0 g saturated fat; 0 mg cholesterol; 7 g protein; 45 g carbohydrates; 3 g fiber; 90 mg sodium; 212 mg calcium (20% of daily value). Nutrition figures based on using fat free milk.



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By Dennis Zelazny

What lady doesn't enjoy jewelry? However, some ladies have expressed that jewelry for them, can be, too big or too heavy, too thin or too flashy. There is an 18 year established business, which allows you to be the creator, designer and craftsman.

Too Cute Beads is your local connection for the latest in jewelry design, creation and inspiration. Karen Woodson is the owner of this establishment. Woodson's love of jewelry goes way back, she has been making and designing jewelry almost her whole life. Her son John Woodson remembers her selling her creations out of their long time family home in Livonia. Karen Woodson believes that jewelry is a treasure that comes in all sizes and styles.



There is a fantastic selection of beads at Too Cute Beads in Farmington.

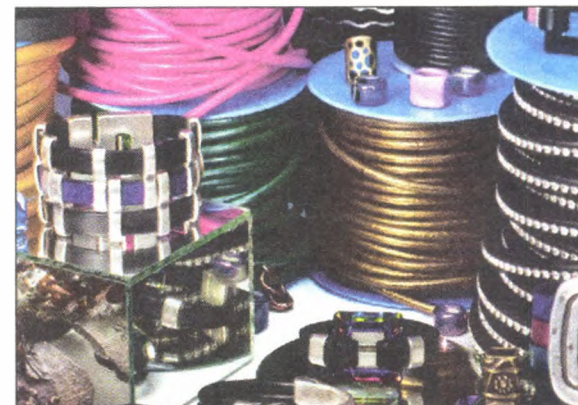
John Woodson saw that his mother's designs were special, so he gathered up trays of her work and landed a spot as a vendor at the local Farmington Art Festival in

1995. The pieces sparkled and delighted the attendees. Having a successful show, the Woodsons opened their storefront in Farmington and named the store, Too Cute Beads.

Too Cute Beads continues to be trendsetting and fashionable. The latest trend is the Regaliz Leather Bracelet System. It is a fun new way to create jewelry and is very easy to follow. Simply pick from an array of colored leather cords and countless ceramic or metal beads including Pave components. You will cut your leather cord to size, slide on your beads, and finish up by gluing your clasp onto the leather cord.

"Your custom made bracelet can be produced in a matter of minutes, and the design possibilities are endless."

Karen tells us that your bracelet creation can be produced in a matter of minutes. The classes are a great way to exchange ideas and concepts. Too Cute Beads carries a wide selection of lead and nickel free metal beads, ceramic beads of every color imaginable, and multiple choices of Licorice leather, and the new Crystal leather. The design possibilities are endless. Regaliz beads and clasps are made from zinc or pewter, and are electro-plated with 99.9% sterling silver,

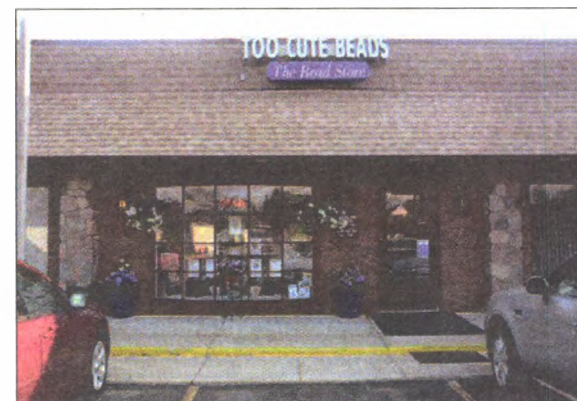


Too Cute Beads has styles for every personality, including many choices in leather cording and accessories.

brass, copper or gold. Every metal Regaliz beads is certified lead and nickel free.

The Woodsons pride themselves on their selection of pave beads and pave clasps for creating unique and stylish jewelry. Too Cute Beads carries beading supplies and beading tools to meet the needs of either a novice or professional jewelry designers. Designers can find Swarovski crystal, gemstones, stringing materials, Metal beads and findings, as well as the newest leather supplies. Designers will find that Too Cute Beads has all the beading supplies and beading tools necessary to create a wide range of jewelry styles.

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The storefront on Grand River Ave. in Farmington.

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Clothes Mentor Manager Jen Khoury stands amidst full racks of spring and summer clothing for women of all ages.

By Sally Rummel

Kade Spade, Michael Kors, Dooney & Bourke and Coach are just a few of the designer names you'll find on the shelves at Clothes Mentor in Novi - Michigan's premiere store for upscale, yet affordable womens' clothing and accessories.

Located at Novi Town Center next to The Children's Place, Clothes Mentor takes the resale shopping concept to a whole new level, where you'll find trendy styles and designer fashions at purse-friendly prices. Because it's a national chain yet individually owned, you'll reap all the benefits of high quality standards while enjoying a very friendly shopping experience.

"This is the first Clothes Mentor location in Michigan," said Manager Jen Khoury. "It's exciting to bring this innovative concept to the local retail mix of womens' fashion stores. Who doesn't love a good deal?"

That's exactly what you'll find on the racks and shelves at Clothes Mentor. "We cater

to a wide range of women, from 18 year old trendsetters to 80 year old women who know their own classic style," said Khoury. The store is filled with colorful spring and summer clothing, including maternity, from active-wear to cocktail-style (no formal-wear) in sizes XS through 3X. Pant sizes range from zero to 26 and shoe sizes from five to 13.

One of the most fun parts of the store is its accessory department, for affordable fashion items like jewelry and scarves, shoes and purses. "Purses are a huge seller here," said Khoury. "We are proud of our authentic designer labels that go for just a fraction of their original price tag."

As much fun as it is to shop at Clothes Mentor, it's also fun to get cash on the spot for cleaning out your own closet. "We look for current styles that have sold within the last two to three years," said Khoury. "We love Chico's, Ann Taylor, The Loft and other quality brands that women are looking for but don't want to pay full price for. You're



Designer purses, like this Coach tote, are authenticated before being sold and are often snapped up as soon as they arrive.

welcome to bring in your gently used styles to have a friendly consultation with one of our sales associates, up to an hour before closing each day."

Clothes Mentor is located at 42299 Crescent Blvd, telephone (248)-348-3830. "Like us on Facebook and learn all about our newest styles arriving daily," said Khoury.



Clothes Mentor is conveniently located at Novi Town Center next to The Children's Place.

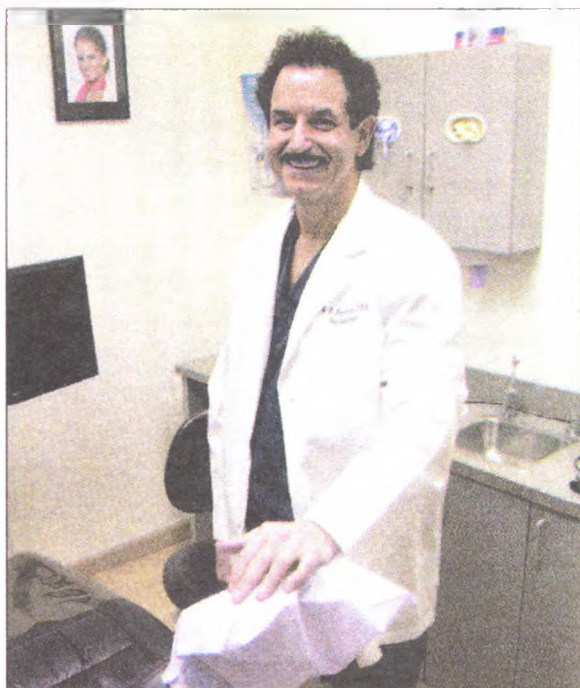
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By Rebecca Balas and Sally Rummel

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Dr. Bernstein, an instructor at his Alma mater the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry, is a self-proclaimed "smile designer." Though he has the education and the accolades of a true cosmetic dentist, he prefers to use the term "Aesthetic" dentist. As a long-standing member of the American Society for Dental Aesthetics (ASDA), an elite group of cosmetic dentists which use the most advanced aesthetic and restorative techniques available, Dr. Bernstein is the only dentist in Michigan with this ASDA accreditation.

"I prefer to use the term aesthetic dentistry instead of cosmetic, because

aesthetics conveys beauty whereas cosmetics are used to cover something up," said Dr. Bernstein. "In my opinion, aesthetic dentists are trained to create things." The concept of smile design is an artistic talent that involves many aspects that all have to be considered to produce a beautiful and natural result.

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Whether he is performing traditional general dentistry focusing on oral hygiene and the prevention and treatment of tooth decay, or improving the appearance of a person's smile with aesthetic dentistry, Dr. Bernstein wants every patient to have the best dental experience possible. "At the end of the day, I like knowing that I did everything I could to make sure my patients were happy, comfortable and received the best care possible. I like knowing that each day I made a difference in the lives of my patients."

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Laura Dyas is the Executive Director of the Michigan Chapter for the Scleroderma Foundation and she encourages everyone to, "Set some goals for yourself, make them small and work towards achieving

them, push a little extra each week and before long you will achieve that goal." Dyas knows about that extra push, she is responsible in helping others achieve a three-fold mission that includes: Support, Education and Research.

"Set some goals for yourself, make them small and work towards achieving them, push a little extra each week and before long you will achieve that goal."

The Scleroderma Foundation is for persons who have experienced Scleroderma, or Systemic Sclerosis. It is the chronic connective tissue disease generally classified as one of the autoimmune rheumatic diseases, which can range from very mild to life threatening. It's estimated that



about 300,000 Americans, have scleroderma, and its diagnosis is difficult. Localized scleroderma is more common in children, whereas systemic scleroderma is more common in adults. Overall, female patients outnumber male patients about 4-to-1.

Currently, there is no cure for scleroderma, but there are many treatments available to help. With your help, research can continue, and a cure might be a step away, please plan on joining us at these two community events.

Sunday, June 9th, 2013 is Family Adventure Day at the Detroit Zoo. Start your day off by joining in on a 5K Run or a 10K Run through Huntington Woods! If running is not what you enjoy, a 2 mile walk is available through the Detroit Zoo. Afterwards you are invited to spend the day at the Zoo, wouldn't it be great

if your friends and family joined in too. There are also so many fun activities to keep everyone in your family happy. Entertainment, food, mascots, crafts for children, a meet and greet with a Detroit Red Wing and much more!



Saturday, November 9th, 2013 is the Hideous Holiday Sweater Run at Kensington Metro Park. Grab your tackiest holiday sweater and join your friends for a fun filled morning.

Online Registration is available now! Plan now to start community fundraising! As with every step, every dollar helps make a difference!

The Scleroderma Foundation-MI Chapter is located at 23999 Telegraph Rd., Southfield.

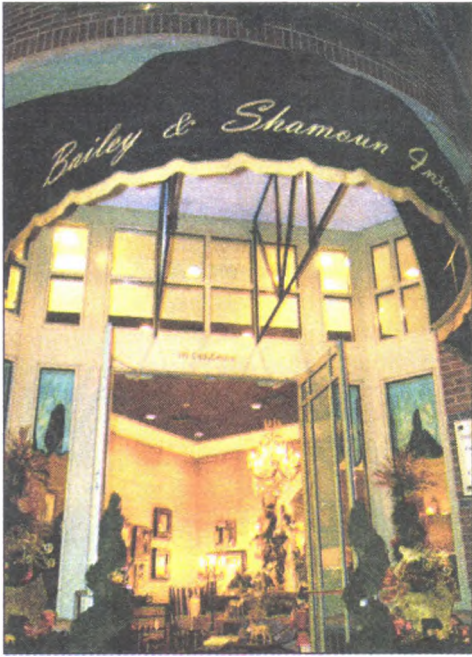


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Professional interior designers have been asked about trade secrets for years. Most of us have asked "how can I improve the appearance of my living space?". Kathryn Bailey and Basma Shamoun-Miscovich, owners of the business, set out to turn that question around ten years ago when they opened the doors to their downtown Northville store. Bailey & Shamoun Interiors.

And they always ask..."How can we help you?". They listen to how you express yourself and then create a plan for you. There are no designer "secrets" here because they willingly share their talents and knowledge with you. They can help create, change, build, and transform your home from floor to ceiling. They offer superior interior design services to

all of metro Detroit and have delighted homeowners ranging from 15,000 square foot mansions to lakeside cottages!

An amazing thing happens when you walk into the downtown Northville store, you instantly are transported into a beautiful home—complete with all of the elements that will make your home spectacular. The store is your one stop shop for home accessories, lighting, art, draperies, and area rugs. Bailey & Shamoun Interiors is also a one stop shop for home remodels including kitchen and bathroom cabinetry and countertops (you have to see the working kitchen in their downtown store—you'll want to duplicate it in your home!)



Owners/Designers Basma Shamoun-Miscovich (left) and Kathryn Bailey recently celebrated the tenth Anniversary of their successful design business.

They have an extensive line of upholstered furniture and at varying times they will showcase some favorites from Hickory Chair, Taylor King, Century, Hancock and Moore, Hooker, Lillian August, Carico and others. You will find that the furniture is competitively priced and offering 30% off MSRP everyday! If you don't see what you need in the store, a special order is not a problem.

Bailey & Shamoun Interiors' downtown Northville store is also a wonderful place to find that quick gift. Whether for a hostess, a birthday or a special 'you' day, they have an extensive collection of gift ideas. Items such as jewelry, including Tory Burch look-a-likes, tabletop pieces, candles and more are always available with an abundance of other ideas for that special occasion!

A truly unique item is the "Rewined" candles line. Cabernet, Sauvignon Blanc, and a new seasonal scent, Mimosa, are the new favorites. These candles are natural soy wax and the containers are recycled wine bottles. They make a truly great gift.

Come by anytime and discover why our Northville friends voted Bailey & Shamoun Interiors as the best home decor in the Northville Record's, People's Choice Awards for the third consecutive year!

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Standing (from left) Carolyn Tack-West, Bethany Schihl, Jennifer Miller, and Ryan Murphy. Sitting, Alexa Tack.

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The agency, which has been in Clawson for over 15 years and moved to its new office in Bywood Square two years ago, prides itself on personal service above and beyond other agencies. "I have a personal drive to excel in customer service," Carolyn says, and makes sure all agents in her office have the same drive. She never lets herself get complacent with long-term customers, but remains sharp as a "tack" in her abilities. The knowledge and experience of her agents is important, and they truly under-

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From left to right: Mamta Chaudry, Celeste Fletcher, Nichole Smith, Lisa Walker, and Jaskirat Khalsa.

By Dennis Zelazny

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In February of this year Lotus Bank opened a new office in Farmington Hills.

Celeste Fletcher was named Branch Manager. Celeste brings over 10 years of banking experience and is committed to providing unparalleled customer service to her clients.

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