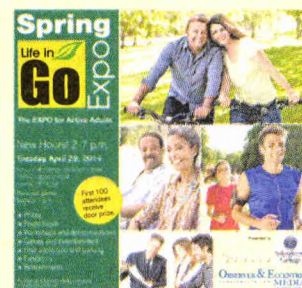


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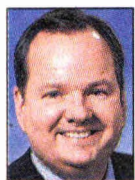
Voters get look at field for '14 races

Four candidates file to replace Slavens in state House 21st District

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The filing deadline for local, state and federal elections passed Tuesday, so the field is set in races local residents will be deciding.

In the Plymouth-Canton area, the state House seat being vacated by Canton Democrat Dian Slavens drew the



Heise



Colbeck



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Slavens



Fausone



Pagan

most interest, with four candidates in the running.

Only two of the local elections will have an August primary. Incumbent state Sen. Pat Colbeck, R-Canton, finishing his first term, is being challenged in the primary by Matthew Edwards of Ply-

mouth. Edwards is the son of Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards.

The winner will face off in the November general election against Slavens.

Slavens was initially going to be challenged by Democrat John Stewart, a former three-

term state representative from Plymouth Township, but Stewart withdrew earlier this year.

The other local primary will come in the race to replace Slavens, the term-limited representative of the state House 21st District.

Three Democrats are vying for the November nomination.

Kristy Pagan of Canton and Cornell Mathis of Belleville are political newcomers, while Canton's Natalie Mosher is a former U.S. House of Representatives candidate who has also worked on other political campaigns, most recently the failed effort of Dr. Sayed Taj, who lost to Kerry Bentiolio in the 2012 election.

Retired U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Carol Ann Fausone of Canton has the Republican

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City officials mull tiny 'publicity tax'

Commissioners again consider fee they rejected last year

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

As Plymouth City Commission members study a spending proposal for the next fiscal year, the possibility of levying an obscure "publicity tax" – raising no more than \$50,000 citywide – has been raised.

City Manager Paul Sincoc told commission members Monday that a property tax to raise money for publicity purposes is allowed under Public Act 359 of 1925. The publicity money could be used to offset monies now spent for such purposes, Sincoc said.

With a revenue ceiling of \$50,000 across all taxable properties in the city, the actual millage rate would be tiny for the typical homeowner.

Sincoc and Finance Director Mark Christiansen have presented commissioners with a balanced budget proposal for the fiscal year that starts in July, but commissioners continue to explore ways to raise more money following the economic downturn that officially began in 2007 and was followed by a slow recovery and continuing cuts in state aid. Commissioners also have projects they'd like to see funded, such as adding officers to the police department to help with bar patrols and liquor law enforcement, an official city commission goal for the year.

Last year, a tax collection fee of up to 1 percent of each tax bill, the maximum allowed by state law, was discussed but rejected, with commissioners against it calling it a tax on top of a tax and a tax not subject to a vote of the people.

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ON THE HUNT



Twins Ava and Tommy Murphy, 6, of Canton check for candy and prizes in the eggs they collected during Saturday's Easter Egg Hunt in Plymouth Township Park. For the story and more photos, turn to page A6.

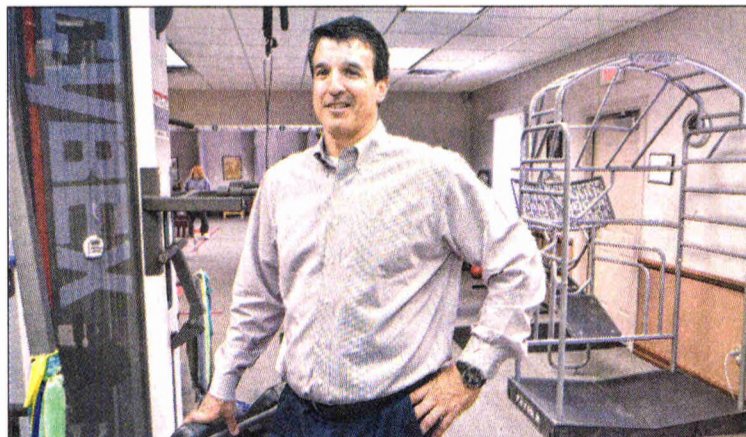
Clinic's growth follows physical therapy's evolution

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Physical therapist Jeffrey Sirabian likens his job to that of a detective: He unravels the mystery of what ails his patients and works with them to make things better.

Sirabian, who founded Plymouth Physical Therapy Specialists in Plymouth Township 20 years ago and now operates 12 area clinics, still spends half his time working directly with patients at his original clinic, carrying a caseload like each of the more than 20 therapists who work for him.

"It's fun working with patients," Sirabian said Monday at the 5,000-square-foot clinic on Lilley. "It's satisfying." Sirabian said he considers himself lucky, explaining that



Jeff Sirabian, founder of Plymouth Physical Therapy Specialists, celebrates 20 years in business. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

his job fits the adage, "Love what you do and you'll never work a day in your life."

Sirabian, who got interested in physical therapy because of

the routines he did – at home on his own – to recover from high school sports injuries, said an increasing body of research shows the effective-

ness of physical therapy in treating musculo-skeletal problems. That, plus a specialization in treating athletes – PPTS works with athletic programs at several area high schools – has helped fuel growth in his business, including three new clinics in the last five years.

"We've experienced a lot of growth and the practice has gotten busier every year," he said.

Building relationships with more physicians and having therapists who also want to take on administrative duties – each of the satellite clinics is run by a therapist-director – also helped with the growth, he said.

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Miracle League could use volunteers

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The Miracle League of Plymouth, the baseball league that provides opportunities to play America's pastime to special-needs players, is approaching its 2014 spring season and can always use some help from volunteers.

Games begin Saturday, May 3, and the league is looking for volunteers to serve as buddies to the players and umpires for the games.

Anyone interested in volunteering is being asked to register by downloading a 2014 Volunteer Release Form at <http://www.miracleleagueplymouth.org>, then scan and return the form to debra@miracleleagueplymouth.org. The forms can also be mailed to Miracle League of Plymouth, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth, MI

48170.

Groups can also sign up to volunteer, but will need one person as the contact person; that person needs to contact MLP Commissioner Deb Madonna at debra@miracleleagueplymouth.org.

Once volunteers have registered, they can go to Volunteer Spot (<http://vols.pt/sA8tYs>), enter an email address and choose their spots. VolunteerSpot will send an automated confirmation and reminders.

Madonna pointed out VolunteerSpot does not share email addresses; however, volunteers who prefer not to use an email address can contact Madonna individually and she will sign them up manually.

"We want you all to know that whether you can volunteer for one game or every game every week, your help is needed and appreciated," Madonna

said. "It is reassuring to our players and parents to see a familiar face in the dugout. Players love their buddies. You can't imagine how important you are to the MLP players and families."

There are some guidelines for volunteers:

» On game day, individuals can wear a white T-shirt (short- or long-sleeved) and groups can wear their company shirts.

» Volunteers must be at least 10 years old. A parent or legal guardian must fill out all forms for those 10-18 years old.

» Registered volunteers should arrive 15 minutes before game time; those who have to register should be there 30 minutes prior.

» More information on being a Buddy can be found at <http://www.miracleleagueplymouth.org/index.php?q=buddies>.



The Miracle League of Plymouth is looking for volunteers to serve as "buddies" to its players, as well as umpires. Games start May 3.

The season lasts seven games, with no games played Memorial Day weekend. The fall season, also seven games, starts Aug. 16. There are no games Labor Day weekend. Bilkie Field, where MLP

games are played, is located at 357 Theodore, in downtown Plymouth. For more information, email info@miracleleagueplymouth.org or visit the league's website at www.miracleleagueplymouth.org.

ACO begins conversion to Ace Hardware

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Deep discounts are being offered at Plymouth Township's ACO Hardware store as it begins transitioning to a Great Lakes Ace under a new partnership between Farmington Hills-based ACO and Ace Hardware.

The ACO in the Plymouth Square Plaza at Sheldon and Ann Arbor roads is among the 26 ACO stores that began the transition this month with

huge sales designed to clear store shelves and displays.

Following the sale, the store will be closed temporarily as physical changes to fit the Ace store model are made, but no date for the temporary closing had been announced as of Wednesday.

The Ace-ACO partnership, reached in January, calls for ACO stores in Michigan to be converted into Great Lakes Ace stores. Twenty-six stores began the conversion in January and 26 others, including

the one in Plymouth Township and others in Livonia, Redford Township and Westland, began it earlier this month. The entire conversion is expected to be completed by July.

New focus, old favorites

Great Lakes Ace stores are designed to have more of a hardware focus than current ACO stores, but will also keep many of the products ACO customers have come to expect, including the made-in-Michigan products, according

to the company. The transition will bring the nationally recognized brands that Ace stores carry, including Craftsman tools and Valspar paints, plus more than 10,000 Ace-branded products.

"Our customers are enjoying seeing the expansion of our product offerings to include more world-class brand names," ACO Inc. President Mark Vandenberg said in a press release.

ACO was begun in 1946 as Traskos Brothers Hardware

Depot in Dearborn and now has 52 stores around the state. The Plymouth Township store opened in 1971 and in 2012 was expanded from about 8,000 square feet to about 15,000 square feet.

Ace, headquartered in Oak Brook, Ill., is a cooperative of about 4,700 independently owned stores around the world; the new Great Lakes Ace stores will be owned by ACO.

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Sports clinic

Sirabian estimated that 30-35 percent of the business involves working with athletes, not including weekend warriors.

"We see a lot of high school athletes. We see some college and professional athletes, as well," he said. That work typically involves

helping athletes recover from injuries, but also things like having therapists at sporting events and providing guidance on conditioning and injury prevention, he said.

He's seen an explosion in high school sports - athletes are competing at higher and higher levels, he said, increasing the potential for injuries.

"It's amazing how big athletics has become," with sports camps growing in popularity and

even young athletes having personal trainers, he said.

Another change, he said, has been the increased use of physical therapy in treating different conditions. Someone with low back pain, for example, would have been medicated 20 or 30 years ago, he said, and if that didn't work, the next step would be surgery. Now, he said, physical therapy is often the first step and surgery a last resort.

Sirabian has a bache-

lor's degree in physical therapy from the University of Michigan and a master's in health science/orthopedics from the University of Indianapolis. Like Sirabian, most of the 26 physical therapists he employs are former high school and college athletes.

"That seems to be a real common theme," he said. "Most of them have sports backgrounds." Between all 12 clinics, PPTS has nearly 100 total employ-

ees.

Continuing ed

PPTS therapists, he said, offer treatments "based on the best scientific evidence out there." Continuing education and keeping up with the latest physical therapy-related research published in medical journals are important for his therapists.

So is informing patients, helping them make lifestyle changes and establish routines

that will keep them healthy.

"We want to educate you to take care of yourself so the pain doesn't come back," Sirabian said.

Sirabian of Novi still plays sports a bit himself, hockey and basketball, but "more golf than anything else," he said. With golf, he joked, no one is trying to tackle you or throw something at you.

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Meetings planned

Commissioners met Monday for a budget study session and plan another session for 6 p.m. Monday at the Department of Municipal Services building on

Goldsmith.

The 2014-15 budget proposal includes a general fund budget, the largest of all city funds, of nearly \$7.5 million. Other major expenditures include water and sewer funds totaling just over \$5.25 million, a waste and recycling fund of \$1.2 million, a recreation fund of \$1.17 million and Downtown

Development Authority funds totaling just over \$919,000.

The commission is expected to hold a public hearing on the budget and vote on its adoption during its meeting of Monday, June 2.

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race to herself in that race. Geoff Boltach of Canton, who owns a small business in Brighton, dropped out of the race and has thrown his support behind Fausone.

The primaries in the state House 20th District race are uncontested. Republican incumbent Kurt Heise of Plymouth, seeking his third term, will face off in November

against the only Democrat to file, Nate Smith-Tyge, also of Plymouth.

And Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price, a Republican from Canton elected to his first term in 2012 in the newly drawn 10th District (which covers Plymouth and Canton), will be opposed by Democrat Milan Peele, a UAW member from Canton.

One national race will also have a local flavor. Former State Department counterterrorism expert Bobby McKenzie, a Democrat from Canton, jumped into the pri-

mary field for the U.S. House 11th District. He is joined by Bloomfield Hills urologist Anil Kumar, Nancy Skinner of Birmingham and Bill Roberts of Livonia.

Incumbent U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio, a Republican from Milford, is being challenged in the primary by Commerce Township businessman David Trott, who owns a mortgage servicing and foreclosures company.

Candidates have until 4 p.m. Friday to withdraw and have their names left off the August ballot.

CORRECTION

A story in the April 20 *Plymouth Observer* about a bowling fundraiser hosted by the Canton Community Founda-

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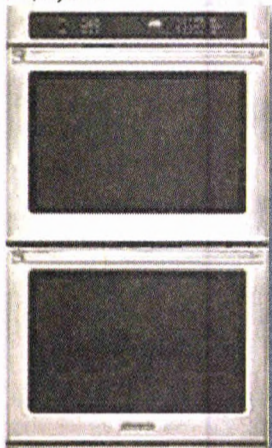
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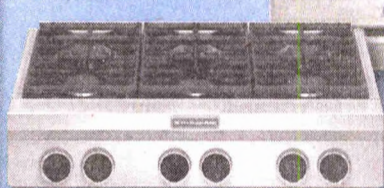
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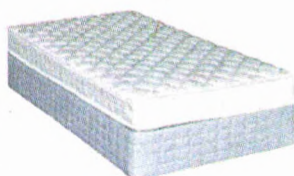
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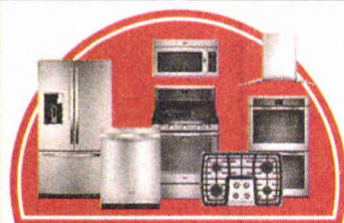
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Suspect in online case waives exam

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A 35-year-old Van Buren Township man charged amid allegations he was involved in robbing a 42-year-old Canton man after they became acquainted through Craigslist, an online advertising website that includes personals, will stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Eric Lee Taylor waived his preliminary exam Monday at 35th District Court. He's been scheduled for arraignment in circuit court April 28.

Taylor is accused of unarmed robbery, identity theft, receiving and concealing stolen property less than \$20,000, theft of the victim's vehicle and using a financial transaction



Taylor

device – or credit card – without consent.

He could face penalties ranging up to 15 years in prison, if convicted.

Canton Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh said police found the victim's vehicle in the Ypsilanti area and recovered his laptop computer from the defendant's home.

The victim was expecting a return visit to his home on Hunters Way Court, near Geddes and Canton Center, from a man he had known about a year when he was robbed, Baugh said.

The victim opened his garage door about 11:30 p.m. Saturday, April 5. Rather than

being paid a friendly visit by the acquaintance, the victim was confronted by two intruders who entered his home through an access door off the garage, robbing him and fleeing the scene, Baugh said.

"We believe there was a gun involved," he said.

Baugh said the victim described the intruders as black males who had their faces partially concealed.

Baugh said it is believed the victim had known Taylor for about a year, adding, "He had met a man on Craigslist and had a relationship with him."

Baugh said the incident should serve as a warning to others who may be contemplating a private meeting with people through an online service.

"It can be very dangerous," he said.

Canton police are continuing to seek two other suspects who authorities believe actually went inside the victim's house, confronted him and robbed him of his 2012 Ford Escape, a laptop computer and credit cards.

Anyone who has information is asked to call the Canton Police Department at 734-394-5400 or make an anonymous tip by calling Crime Stoppers at 800-SPEAK-UP (773-2587).

Craigslist is used by people selling everything from cellphones to appliances to bikes. The site also includes job listings, personals and other sections.

According to the website, the "overwhelming majority" of users are "trustworthy and

well-intentioned." However, the site itself advises users to take common-sense precautions.

When meeting someone, Craigslist urges the following:

- » Insist on a public meeting place.
- » Do not meet in a secluded place or invite strangers into your home. In the Canton man's case, however, he apparently had known the defendant for some time.
- » Be especially careful when buying or selling high-value items.

- » Tell a friend or family member about any scheduled meeting – or consider being accompanied by a friend.
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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Retail fraud

Canton Police were dispatched to the Walmart on Michigan Avenue, after that store's loss-prevention staff reported they were holding a suspect for alleged theft of cellphone accessories.

Upon arrival, the officer was met by the suspect's father, who police said "was very upset" and said his daughter "had stolen property."

The loss-prevention officer told Canton Police he watched the female suspect via security video take a cellphone charger out of its packaging and conceal it underneath her shirt. He also observed the girl remove a cellphone case from its packaging and conceal it in her purse.

The girl then went through a checkout lane and paid for other items, but did not offer payment for the cellphone accessories, which were valued at some \$49.

According to the police report, the girl admitted to taking the items despite the fact she actually had the money to pay for them.

Marijuana possession

At about 1:30 a.m. Monday, a Canton Police officer on patrol noticed a lone silver SUV parked on the west side of the JC Penney's building on Ford Road, sitting with its lights on.

Earlier in the evening, Canton Police had been told that other communities had been suffering break-ins of local businesses, a crime that had been picking up in Canton, as well, according to a police report.

Knowing this, the officer approached the vehicle, which then sped off. The officer affected a traffic stop and asked the car's two occupants what they were doing. According to the police report, they said they'd been at a hookah lounge and were just "killing time."

The officer, according to the report, smelled the odor of marijuana and asked the occupants if he could search the car. The driver denied permission, but the officer, with probably cause, searched anyway. He found a marijuana grinder, marijuana "nuggets" and other marijuana-related parapherna-

lia. The driver was arrested.

Pawn problems

A Canton man brought his stepson into the Canton Police Department and asked police to arrest him for the theft of two of the man's long guns.

The man said his stepson had admitted to taking shotguns and pawning them for cash. He showed a receipt for one of the guns and said his stepson told him Canton Police had the other one in their possession, because the stepson had been arrested on a driving charge with the shotgun in his possession.

According to the report, the stepson told police he'd "fallen on hard times." Police did an Internet search on the stepson's name and found various other items he had pawned or sold, including a computer tablet the stepfather said belonged to him. Upon contacting the son's mother, police learned many of the other pawned items, including jewelry and coins, belonged to her.

– By Brad Kadrich

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Woman nabbed in panty theft

A 21-year-old Plymouth Township woman was ticketed Saturday in the theft of cosmetics and a three-pack of panties from the Kmart on Ann Arbor Road.

Police were called about 3 p.m., according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report, after an employee confronted the woman outside.

The employee reported seeing the woman put the items in her purse, then leave the store after paying for other items but not for the items in her purse, the report said.

The suspect was issued a ticket for third-degree retail fraud with a May court date.

Beer stolen

A man drove off in a black Chevrolet Impala just after 3 p.m. Friday after shoplifting two cases of Budweiser from the CVS store at Sheldon and Ann Arbor roads.

The assistant store manager told police he witnessed the man "briskly" carry the beer from the store and asked him

for a receipt. The man replied that he had paid at the pharmacy counter.

The man then put the beer in the Impala's trunk and accompanied the assistant manager back to the store briefly while the assistant manager tried to confirm that he had paid for it, a police report said.

The man then left the store and drove off in the Impala; meanwhile, it was confirmed he had not paid for the beer, the report said.

Identity theft

A township woman reported April 14 the theft of her Social Security number, a crime she discovered after filing her federal taxes.

The woman said she filed her taxes electronically April 10, but a short time later was notified that someone else had used her Social Security number. The IRS advised her to file a local police report, she told police.

There were at least two other reports of similar tax scams made in recent days.

– By Matt Jachman


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Ficano kicks off re-election bid amid crowded field of hopefuls

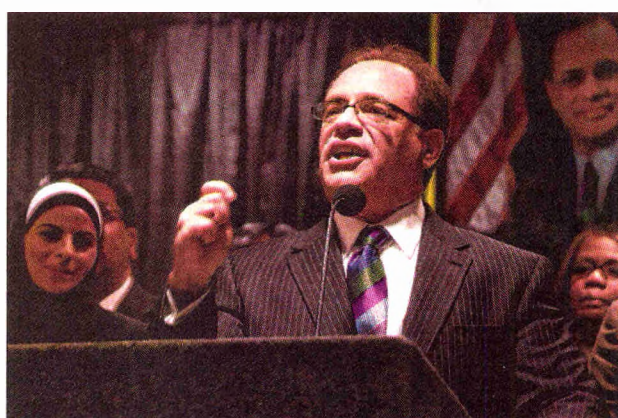
By Marlon A. Walker
Gannett Michigan

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano officially kicked off his hunt for a fourth term Monday afternoon, saying the focus will be on education, enterprise and investment opportunities that will attract and keep people.

"You shouldn't have to get on a plane to visit your kids and grandkids," Ficano told more than 100 people packed into the front hall at the IBEW Local 58 in Detroit.

Ficano's announcement had to share the spotlight with news that former Detroit Police Chief Warren Evans filed paperwork to run against him. Evans, who also served as Wayne County sheriff, is one of a few big names to join the race for the county's top spot.

By close of business Monday, Evans, Ficano, Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara, Westland Mayor William

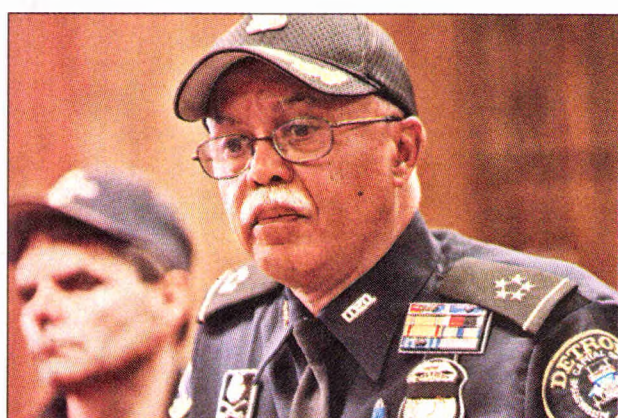


Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano announces his platform for re-election during a press conference held at the IBEW Local 58 offices in Detroit. KIMBERLY P. MITCHELL | GANNETT MICHIGAN

Wild and state Rep. Phil Cavanagh had submitted paperwork with Wayne County election officials. Sigmunt John Szczepkowski Jr. of Detroit also has filed to run. Szczepkowski also ran unsuccessfully for mayor last year.

News of the packed field could mean an easier battle for Ficano, who is running under the

cloud of scandals, including his office being under federal investigation, a \$200,000 severance payment to former chief development officer Turkia Awada Mullin, the failed Wayne County Jail construction off Gratiot and St. Antoine and a grand jury probe that netted convictions of four former Ficano appointees and a vendor.



Former Detroit Police Chief Warren Evans, shown here in a May 2010 file photo, will run for Wayne County executive. WILLIAM ARCHIE | GANNETT MICHIGAN

"Honestly, I think Ficano — if he was running on his own — would be in trouble. But the more people who get in, the lower number (of votes) he has to get to win," said political consultant Stephanie McLean with Lansing firm GMT Strategies. "How many of these folks are going to raise some money and be serious?"

As sheriff, Evans battled with Ficano over the jail's population.

Evans was fired from his job as Detroit Police chief in July 2010 for what then-Mayor Dave Bing said was poor judgment in hawking a reality TV show and for being in a relationship with a subordinate.

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VVA chapter plans Agent Orange town hall

Veterans who may have been exposed to Agent Orange can learn about its possible effects on health and how it may affect future generations from 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Saturday during a town hall at Northville High School. The event is free and open to the public.

The Agent Orange town hall will feature Ed Martini, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Western Michigan University and an Agent Orange expert, and other resources, including a representative from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Martini is the author of *Agent Orange: History, Science and the Politics of Uncertainty*.

The National Academy of Science and V.A. have connected exposure to Agent Orange and other dioxins to diseases and birth defects.

Agent Orange was used to defoliate trees in southeast Asia during the Vietnam War.

The town hall is sponsored by Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 in Plymouth and is designed to inform veterans, their families and the community at large about Agent Orange and how to seek help for related health problems.

Reservations are required for the town hall; call 734-421-1805 and press 2.

Northville High School is at 45700 Six Mile.

Friends of Rouge to hold river clean-up events

The Friends of the Rouge's annual river clean-up takes place in May and June.

Work days have been scheduled for May 3, May 10 and June 7, with the main event May 17.

Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds are invited to participate in hands-on activities to care for the Rouge River.

"It is fun and rewarding work that has immediate gratification," said Cyndi Ross, the river restoration program manager for Friends of the Rouge. "Volunteers can see the fruits of

their labor in the form of large piles of trash collected from the river, piles of bags of invasive plants or gardens planted with native wildflowers. There is also the dramatic change in appearance of the work sites in just a few hours. Our volunteers are really making a difference."

Following are the dates and locations for events:

» May 3: Stewardship Network garlic mustard pull, Dearborn; Maybury State Park, Northville; Holliday Nature Preserve, Westland.

» May 10: Eliza How-

ell Park, Detroit; Goff Nature Preserve, Livonia; Park Clean-Up Day with Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox, Northville Township.

» May 17: Douglas Evans Nature Preserve, Beverly Hills; Flodin Park, Canton Township; Meadows of Canton, Canton Township; Workman Elementary Habitat, Canton Township; Ford Field Greenway Trail, Dearborn; Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn; Henry Ford Estate - Garlic Mustard Removal, Dearborn; University of Michigan Environmental

Interpretive Center, Dearborn; Parkland Park, Dearborn Heights; Rouge Park, Detroit; St. Paul of the Cross Retreat, Detroit; Shiawassee Park, Farmington; Botsford Commons Senior Community, Farmington Hills; Heritage Park, Farmington Hills; Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Campus, Farmington Hills; Coventry Gardens Park, Livonia; Allen Drive Park, Northville; Linear Park, Northville Township; Mead's Mill, Northville Township; Smith Elementary School, Byron Creek,

Plymouth; Plymouth Township Park, Plymouth Township; Lola Valley Park, Redford Township; Beech Woods Recreation Center, Southfield; Berberian Woods, Southfield; Kosch-Headwaters Preserve, Superior Township; Woodside Village Subdivision, Superior Township; Goudy Park, Wayne.

» June 7: Booth Park, Birmingham; Mill Race Village, Northville; Rotary Park, Novi.

Event details are provided on the Friends website at www.therouge.org.



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Grand Piano Dedication
Thursday, April 10
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Mingle with Marilyn
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And they're off – kids rush in to scoop up the candy-filled eggs.

EGGS-tra excitement

Kids storm township park for annual Easter hunt

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

It took about 50 volunteers more than an hour Thursday to prepare some 6,000 plastic, candy-filled eggs for this year's Plymouth Township Easter Egg Hunt.

It took hundreds of kids far less time Saturday to scoop them up.

The sun was shining, the Easter Bunny was smiling and the kids were eager for the annual hunt, sponsored at Plymouth Township Park by the Plymouth Lions Club.

"The kids have a ball," said Lions Club member Jo Ellen Hincker, who chairs the Easter Egg hunt. "And I think the parents have fun, too. I know the Lions have fun."

Hincker said the event generally draws some 200-300 kids, although her husband, fellow Lions member Doug Hincker, said he thought far more than that were there Saturday.

The kids were chasing after the thousands of eggs scattered around four baseball fields at the park. Doug Hincker said volunteers put those eggs together – and had a blast doing it – Thursday. Volunteers included some Lions and some Boy Scouts.

"They get together and shoot the bull and they don't even realize what they're doing," Hincker said with a laugh. "In an hour, they're surprised they got it done."



Sam Camalo, 3, of Livonia gives the Easter Bunny a high-five.

Volunteers from Busch's Market were on hand and Biggy Coffee provided coffee. The Plymouth Community Fire Department brought a fire truck, an ambulance and Sparky the Fire Dog for kids to enjoy.

Five-year-old Emily Baffy, in line with twin brother Jack, couldn't wait to get started chasing down the eggs.

"I'm excited," Emily said. "It's the Easter Egg Hunt!"

Emily's excitement wasn't surprising to Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume.

"It's a 'can't-miss' event," Reaume said. "The kids come out here and have a ball."

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This determined young man swooped in fast for his share of eggs.



Calleigh Davies, 2, of Plymouth enjoys a treat with her dad Brian before the Easter Egg Hunt.



Kids and parents wait for the Easter Egg Hunt to begin.

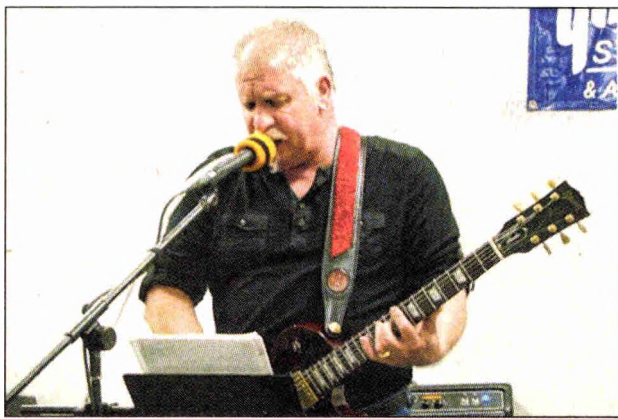
Concert puts music in hands of disabled children

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Three bands will come together Saturday night with the purpose of raising money for the Rock 4 Awareness Foundation.

Black Rose, the Randy Barrett Band and Bad Dog USA will perform at Albert's on the Alley in Garden City to raise money for the Rock 4 Awareness Music Foundation. Founded by Garden City firefighter Tom Wincel, the organization's goal is to supply musical instruments to places like the Burger School for Students with Autism.

"We're hoping to get enough for 25 to 75 guitars," said Bill Bouvier, lead guitarist and singer for Bad Dog. "We get guitars from Fender, they have something wrong with them. We fix



Bill Bouvier is founder of Bad Dog USA, which will part of a three-band concert Saturday, April 26.

them and get them to the kids."

Bouvier of South Lyon is the founder of Bad Dogs. Fellow band member Bill Tremblay of Newport, a retired Detroit police officer, is the man with the magic hands, repairing the guitars and returning them to playability.

"The guitars can cost from \$75 to \$100 and don't have anything majorly wrong with them," Bouvier said. "A guitar might have a broken neck. It's something Bill can fix."

Three bands

The event starts at 6 p.m., with the bands

taking to the stage at 7 p.m. Black Rose will play first, followed by the Randy Barrett Band at 8:30 p.m. and Bad Dog at 10 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each and available at the door. They also include entry into a guitar raffle.

"Black Rose is a little heavy, the Barrett Band is classic rock, but it's going to be mostly classic rock throughout the night," Bouvier said.

The raffle will include two Fender guitars and two trips to Las Vegas with hotel and \$500 to spend in the casinos. There also will be dinner certificates and limo rides raffled off, plus a Detroit Red Wings jersey from the Winter Classic and car care package from Gordon Chevrolet will be part of a Chinese auction.

Other businesses also have helped with the

event. Plato's Restaurant has donated \$400, plus provided two \$15 gift certificates. Fanatic U is helping with the sports memorabilia.

Food will be available for purchase and there will be a cash bar.

In between

According to Bouvier, the benefit ended up at Albert's because it's halfway between Newport and Salem Township. He said Albert's was willing to host the fundraiser.

"It's a nice place," he said. "I've played in a lot of bars and this one is a nice big club." Rock 4 Awareness has a mission of offering children and adults with special needs and other developmental disabilities the chance to participate one on one with a music teacher. And the instruments Bouvier is

looking for go beyond guitars. He's making the rounds of garage sales, looking for drum sets and keyboards. He's also accepting instrument donations.

"We've been working hard on this and we want it to be a big success," he said. "We want to help any kid with a disability any way we can."

For more information, call Bouvier at 313-478-4895 or Tremblay at 734-658-6183 or email them at baddogusa@charter.net. They also can be found at www.reverbnation.com/baddogusa.

People interested in making a donation can send checks, payable to Rock 4 Awareness, to Bill Bouvier, 600 E. Lake St., South Lyon, MI 48187.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Potluck

Date: Friday, April 25
Location: Plymouth Friendship Station, 42375 Schoolcraft
Details: The Plymouth Friendship Station is looking for new members. In addition to the complimentary potluck dinner, participants can play pinochle, euchre or mah jongg.
Contact: Call Martha Shipman for more information at 734-420-2026.

Medicare 101

Date/Time: Tuesday, April 29, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Location: Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth
Details: The Plymouth Community Council on Aging will host Bettie Hughes and her expert staff from the Senior Alliance in Plymouth to answer questions and guide beneficiaries to the most beneficial plan for their Medicare coverage.
Contact: RSVP at 734-453-1234, Ext. 236

Mother's Day tea

Date/Time: Saturday, May 3, 3 p.m.
Location: Abundant Life Church of God, 2100 Hannan, Canton
Details: Abundant Life Church of God hosts a Mother's Day tea, open to both men and women. Guest speaker will be Monica Kelsey. Tickets are \$10.
Contact: For more information, call 313-815-3715.

Surgeon's seminar

Date/Time: Friday, April 25, 10:30 a.m.
Location: Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth
Details: Dr. Ryan Molli, orthopedic surgeon and hip and knee replacement specialist, will offer a free educational seminar. Molli is an international proctor/teacher of this technique. This event is hosted by the Plymouth Community Council on Aging.
Contact: RSVP to 453-1234, ext. 236.

Food pantry

Date/Time: Open every Tuesday, registration 2-3 p.m.
Location: Abundant Life Church of God, 2100 Hannan, Canton
Details: Abundant Life Church of God hosts New Dimension Outreach Food Bank for anyone who needs food. The pantry is run by people who love and care. Registration is 2-3 p.m., free raffles are at 3 p.m. and food distribution follows the raffles. The pantry services more than 100 families per week.

Users will need a photo ID and proof of address.
Contact: For more information, contact Donna at 734-383-5658, Pastor Dan Smitherman at 734-664-5848 or the church at 734-722-7688.

Relay fundraiser

Date/Time: Friday, May 2, 6:30 p.m.
Location: Plaza Lanes, 42001 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: The American Cancer Society and the Relay for Life of Plymouth will benefit from an annual bowling fundraiser at Plaza Lanes. Cost is \$20 per person, which includes three games of bowling, shoe rental, pizza and soda. The event will also feature a DJ, silent auction and door prizes. Want to join the Relay For Life of Plymouth? Visit www.relayforlife.org/plymouthmi or email abigail.stonerook@cancer.org.
Contact: For more information or to register email team captain Nancy Little at wfl2009@wow-way.com or call 734-455-6605.

Open Mic night

Date/Time: Saturday, April 26, 7 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: The eighth Open Mic of the season for the BaseLine Folk Society will celebrate the Emerald Isle in merriment and song. Open Mic welcomes performers, who can sign up 6:15-6:45 p.m. This month's event features a quartet called Soundcheck consisting of Frieda Dickason, Carol Sissen, John Craven and Steve Heavrin. The host is 26-year-old Jessica Carmichael, a singer/songwriter who first performed in September.
Contact: Email BaseLine president Scott Ludwig at BFSpresident@aol.com.

Teen drug series

Dates/Times: 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 7 (Part 1) and 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 14 (Part 2)
Location: Canton High School Media Center, 84015 N. Canton Center, Canton
Details: Growth Works presents a two-part series on how to understand and identify teen substance abuse and how to help when a young person may have a problem with alcohol or other drugs. Part 1, "What To Know," concerns how to understand teen substance abuse problems and recognize when a teen may be harmfully involved with alcohol and other drugs. Part 2, "What To Do," is about

what should and should not be done to effectively help when a teen alcohol/other drug problem is suspected or identified. The program, presented by Brian Spitsbergen, is coordinated and presented by Growth Works with supporting sponsors for this event including Dawn Farm, the Livingston/Washtenaw Regional Coordinated School Health Program Advisory Team and Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. The program is targeted primarily to parents, guardians and relatives of teens, but is inclusive of teens, people who work with or care about teens/families, students, and anyone interested for any reason. Admission is free.
Contact: For additional information visit www.teensusingdrugs.org, call 734-495-1722, ext. 1102, or email bspitsbergen@growth-works.org.

Blood drives

Dates/Times/Locations:
» Monday, April 28, 1-6:45 p.m., VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth
» Wednesday, April 30, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Summit on the Park, 45000 Summit Parkway, Canton
Details: The American Red Cross sponsors a variety of blood drives in the month of April. Donors will be entered into a raffle for a \$150 Kroger gift card.
Contact: To make an appointment, call Diane Risko at 313-549-7052 or email Diane.Risko@redcross.org.

Spring pottery sale

Date/Time: May 2, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; May 3, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; May 4, noon to 4 p.m.
Location: Village Pottery Guild studio, 340 N. Main, Plymouth (behind the Crossings restaurant)
Details: The Village Potters Guild hosts 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, visit www.villagepottersguild.org or call 734-207-8807.

Museum tea party

Date/Time: Sunday, May 4, 2 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, corner of Church and Main
Details: Kids and their dolls are invited to a tea party at the Plymouth Historical Museum. Children can dress up, choosing

from an assortment of outfits with fancy boas or beautiful hats. Kids can get their photos taken while dressed up and also participate in make-and-take activities, where they will make a Mother's Day card, a frame for their photo and will get a flower to plant in the yard. A discussion of dolls through the years will also be a part of the mix, providing ample entertainment for the kids, while giving them a delightful tea party they are sure to remember for years to come. Tickets for the tea are \$25 for one adult and one child; additional children's tickets can be purchased for \$13 each. Tickets purchased after April 25 will be \$5 more.
Contact: Tickets may be purchased at the Plymouth Historical Museum or at the museum's website using Paypal (http://www.plymouthhistory.org/events/Hello-Dolly-Tea_ET710.html?SortBox=201405).

Pamper Yourself

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 7, 7 p.m.
Location: Sunflower Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford, Canton
Details: The Canton Newcomers and Neighbors host an evening

of pampering. The evening features a cocktail-like setting with pampering stations, a charity raffle sponsored by ItWorks! to benefit Warm Hearts, refreshments from Mango's Fruit Market and raffles all evening.

Contact: RSVP is required to holliearnett@me.com. For more information on the club and/or to request a May newsletter, contact Noreen at nrybar@yahoo.com or 734-981-0486.

Drive 4 UR School

Date/Time: Thursday, May 22, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Location: Blackwell Ford, 41001 Plymouth Road, Plymouth
Details: Test drive any vehicle at Blackwell Ford and it will donate funds to help support Salem High School football. Blackwell Ford and the Salem Linebackers Booster Club are partnering to help raise up to \$6,000 in support of the Salem High School football program as part as part of Blackwell Ford's Drive 4 UR School program. For every person who test drives a new Ford vehicle at this one-day event, Blackwell Ford will donate \$20 to Salem's football program (limit one donation per

household). Funds raised from this event will help the Salem football team "Go Further" through the purchases of new equipment, improve current facilities and provide necessary supplies for players in training.
Contact: For additional information, contact Blackwell Ford at 734-453-1100.

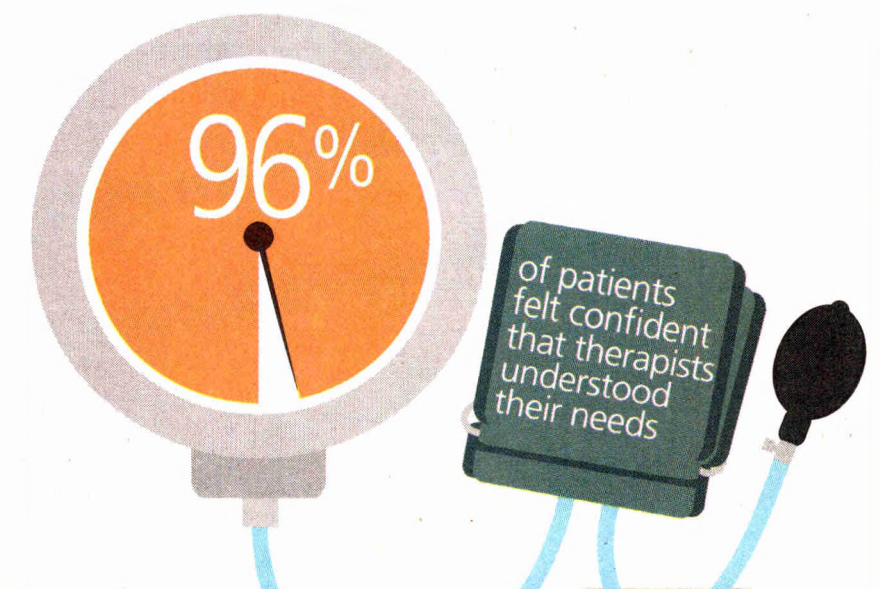
Wildflower walks

Dates/Times: Sundays, April 27 and May 4
Location: Miller Woods (entrance is on Powell, just east of Ridge), Plymouth Township
Details: Join the Friends of Miller Woods for their annual wildflower walks through Miller Woods. Tours start on the half hour and are led by members of the Friends. The walks will highlight the beautiful native spring wildflowers along with the history of the woods and the Miller family's donation to our community. Tours are free and last about 60 minutes. Dogs are not allowed and strollers are not recommended.
Contact: For last-minute weather changes that may affect the bloom times of the flowers, visit the website at millerwoods.com.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

New fitness studio

Orangetheory Fitness, the energizing group interval fitness concept that is sweeping the nation, will open its first Michigan location Friday, April 25, in Canton.

Grand opening festivities include studio tours, giveaways and the launch of the Orangetheory Fitness "Six-Week Weight Loss Challenge."

"We're excited to bring the best 60-minute workout in the country to Michigan," said Chad Smith, co-owner and head trainer of Orangetheory Fitness in Canton. "Orangetheory Fitness classes have proven to create huge results - and with a consistent workout at our studio, you are guaranteed to get toned, lose inches and gain energy."

Led by professional trainers, the Orangetheory workout uses heart-rate-monitored interval training and short bursts of exercise to create a high-energy fitness experience.

Consistent with all OrangeTheory Fitness studios, the 3,000-square-foot Canton location is outfitted with 12 treadmills, 12 rowing machines, suspension training and weights and features computer screens linked to heart monitors to track target workout zones.

The new Canton studio is at 41818 Ford Road. To learn more, visit www.orangetheoryfitness.com or call the Canton studio at 734-844-6100.

Bank promotions

Bank of Ann Arbor is pleased to announce that Jacqueline Jenkins and Mitzi J. Talon, part of the Trust and Investment Management Group, have been promoted to vice



Jenkins



Talon

president.

Jenkins joined the bank in 2007 as a portfolio manager and business development officer and was promoted to assistant vice president in 2010. She coordinates all of the bank's 401(k) advisory services and serves as the relationship manager for a number of investment accounts.

Talon joined Bank of Ann Arbor in 2004 as a personal trust associate. She was promoted to trust officer in 2009 and assistant vice president in 2010. She has 20 years' experience in the trust field and manages a portfolio of estates, complex trusts and investment relationships.

Bank awards

Monroe Bank & Trust was honored at the recent Michigan Bankers Association conference in Traverse City, winning three out of five awards for excellence in community involvement and marketing.

MBT won top awards in the categories of Financial Literacy Education, Public Relations (community service events) and Print Marketing (billboard, direct mail, newspaper and magazine advertising). Other winners included ChoiceOne Bank for Digital Marketing and Isabella Bank for Broadcast.

The print marketing category recognized MBT for innovative, powerful and integrated advertising across print media lines.



Scott LaRiche (center), flanked by son Steven and his father Lou, after winning a Dealer Education Award from Northwood University this month. He is executive manager and vice president of Lou LaRiche Chevrolet, which was founded by his father.

Northwood University honors auto dealer LaRiche

Scott LaRiche, the vice president and executive manager of Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth Township, is one of 10 auto dealers from around the U.S. and the Netherlands to win a Dealer Education Award this year from Northwood University.

The awards are given annually to recognize contributions toward improving education at

all levels.

LaRiche is a board member of the Detroit Auto Dealers Association and its current president; as DADA's leader, he has been active in the Courageous Persuaders program, which works to discourage teens from drinking and driving.

LaRiche will also chair the 2015 North American Interna-

tional Auto Show in Detroit.

He's also active in the Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council and the Plymouth Rotary Club and helped the Miracle League of Plymouth fund its Bilkie Family Field.

LaRiche received his award April 10 at the dealership from Northwood President Keith A. Pretty.

YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Agency offers full-service insurance

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

Burek: We are a full-service insurance agency that offers auto, home, business and life insurance. We also insure rental property, both occupied and

vacant. We can help protect all the toys our clients have, such as boats, RVs, ATVs, golf carts and motorcycles.

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

Burek: I had worked the previous 20 years with the same company in another field and found myself part of a restructuring early last year. I had a few opportunities in front of me and was trying to save some money on my insurance and looked into my coverages and found I was under-insured, so I started looking into changing my provider. Farmers Insurance called about an opportunity to join the company and start my own business. Through the direction of Milene Plisko's district office and her wonderful staff, I became fully licensed and started my insurance career.

Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

Burek: I have lived in the community for close to 20 years. Our sons graduated from the Plymouth-Canton school system and we still have a child who attends Plymouth High School. We raised our family here and both my wife and I love the area.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Burek: I like to think about the way my previous insurance company interacted with me and

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that was very little. My rates would go up and all I received was a bill. I like to sit with my customers and try to earn their business by educating them on what needs to be protected and how I can help them accomplish that goal. We call them with every renewal, good or bad, and explain what may have changed on the insurance company's side and what we can do together to continue to protect them and make suggestions for the client. We perform what's called an FFR (Farmers Friendly Review) annually to see if anything has changed since we first gained their business, because things change and their policy should change, too.

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Burek: Our philosophy of the customer first has not changed since we opened, but we do find ourselves scheduling more appointments around clients' busy

schedules. When we first opened, it was very difficult to find customers since we were so new, but we have sponsored the Plymouth Wildcats athletics this season and, with the help of the Plymouth Whalers, we have sponsored many events at the arena such as the March of Dimes, Breast Cancer Awareness and Military Appreciation events to get our name out there and show support for important topics in the community.

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

Burek: Farmers Insurance commercials have Professor Burke telling consumers we want to make you a smarter shopper about your insurance. We have spent many hours educating clients about the coverages in their policies. For example, if a client has a basement and chooses not to have sewer and drain coverage since they have never had any issues with water, the \$7 or \$8 a month additional is nothing when the sewer backs up and damages the basement or Man Cave and they are not covered.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Burek: Stick to your principles and beliefs to treat every customer as if they were family and do what is right for them. Sometimes you can try and cut corners, but if that is not in their best interest, then do the right thing.

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

Burek: We hope to continue to grow and start adding additional staff in the near future. We hope to be the go-to agency in the Plymouth-Canton area for all your insurance needs.

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Reaching out to raise brain tumor awareness

Local teen, her family believe in helping, plan 5K benefit

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Larry and Lynn Berg of Novi are glad their 16-year-old daughter Kaitlyn is in improving health. Their concern for their daughter continues, but the picture is a lot brighter.

Kaitlyn, a junior at Novi High School, began to have headaches in eighth grade. An MRI revealed a non-malignant brain tumor that required two surgeries. The teen also had radiation that ended more recently, also with good news.

"She's doing a lot better," Larry Berg said, noting Kaitlyn's been weaned off anti-seizure medications. She's been on a couple of college tours recently and hopes to study accounting or finance after high school graduation.



The Berg family of Novi (from left) includes Larry, Kara, Kaitlyn and Lynn. This year's benefit race is set for Saturday, May 10, at Providence Park Hospital in Novi.

Last year, the Bergs organized with others a benefit for the Chicago-based American Brain Tumor Association, held at Eastern Michigan University. The 2013

event raised some \$147,000, well over its goal.

Upcoming event

The Bergs are hard at work on this year's ABTA

benefit, a 5K Breakthrough for Brain Tumors Race, set for Saturday, May 10, at Providence Park Hospital, Beck and Grand River, in Novi.

That day, the program will begin 8:30 a.m., the run at 9 a.m., followed by a walk. Berg is chairman of the event and the family team is "United Against Brain Tumors." For more information, visit www.bt5k.org.

Their family also includes sister Kara, 18, a freshman at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., pursuing journalism studies. Larry Berg is vice president and general manager for Valassis Solutions.

He and Kate Butler, advancement manager, marketing and communications for the ABTA, recently shared their story.

"Larry has been a great advocate for our organization," Butler said by phone from Chicago. "Our goal is to raise money to support brain tumor research."

The ABTA also supports services for patients and their families. Butler said there are seven races around the country involving some

7,000 people, including an estimated 1,100 for the upcoming race in Novi.

Supporters

Organizers here are pleased with business and community support, including the city of Novi and its police and fire departments. "They've really embraced our coming to Novi," Berg said. "We're very excited about a long-term relationship with the Novi community."

Norvthville resident and WDIV-TV (Channel 4) personality Chuck Gaidica, a meteorologist who will soon become pastor of world outreach of Novi's Oak Pointe Church, will be the master of ceremonies. This year's event has a fundraising goal of \$180,000.

Butler said about 700,000 U.S. residents are now living with a brain tumor and nearly 70,000 new cases will be diagnosed this year. It's the second leading cause of cancer deaths among children, she said.

Poll: 75 percent of voters support 'Classrooms and Kids' budget proposal

Three-quarters of Michigan voters support the "Classrooms and Kids" budget proposal that would redirect more money into classrooms without raising taxes, a new poll released Monday shows.

The Glengariff Group poll comes as the Michigan Legislature considers at least four school funding proposals: one from Gov. Rick Snyder, two from legislators and the "Classrooms and Kids" plan developed and supported by educators statewide.

The April 12-14 poll of 600 registered voters has a margin of error of 4 percent. The poll was paid for by the "Classrooms and Kids" coalition, a group of educators, superintendents and administrators.

The "Classrooms and Kids" proposal provides a \$250 to \$291 increase in per-pupil funding by reducing or eliminating \$186.2 million in categorical programs in the School Aid Fund. The categorical programs are mostly programs that reward performance and the adoption of cost-effective practices.

The proposal would also require an extra \$88 million above Snyder's budget, with \$34 million coming from the budget surplus and \$54 million from the general fund.

It is supported by the Michigan Association of School Boards, the Michigan Association of School Administrators, the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators, the Michigan Association of

Secondary School Principals, the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association and the Tri-County Alliance for Public Education.

"Classrooms and Kids" ensures the \$186 million that would otherwise be spent on special pots of money for some schools but not for others is instead spent evenly among all schools - and voters like the idea of treating all schools fairly and evenly," Livonia Public Schools Superintendent Randy Liepa said. "Classrooms and Kids' is a win-win. By streamlining the budget, we can send an additional \$250 per student right into their classrooms, where the money is needed most."

Health care, retirement on agenda

Platinum Planning, LLC, hosts a series of educational seminars throughout the area designed to teach seniors how passage of the Affordable Care Act - dubbed Obamacare - will affect their retirement years.

President Barack Obama signed the act into law in March 2010. Platinum Planning officials said the law will impact senior citizens and said "it's imperative you learn and understand the changes."

The presenter of this informative seminar is a Michigan-licensed, independent insurance agent who represents numerous insurance companies. Those planning to attend should arrive 15 minutes early and spouses are urged to attend.

Reservations are requested and attendance is free,

but seating is limited.

The seminars are intended to provide information on, among other topics, the effects of the act on long-term care; explanation of the Independent Payment Advisory board; how to shelter your retirement from potential taxes; how to protect retirement assets from the markets' ups and downs; and how to reduce and/or eliminate taxation on Social Security.

The seminars take place:
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OUR VIEWS

Board should take public input on amphitheater

The plan to put an amphitheater at Plymouth Township Park may well turn out to be a good thing.

But there's no indication yet that users will materialize, residents will go to watch or, in fact, whether residents even want such an amenity.

Those questions could be easily answered, which is why we think the township board should slow down and take public comment on the project.

The board voted 4-3 last week to hire Ann Arbor-based Beckett & Raeder, Inc., to draw up the plans and manage the project through construction. The cost is projected at between \$250,000 and \$350,000; the township has sold \$1.9 million in 10-year bonds to help pay for the amphitheater, other improvements at Township Park and at other township facilities.

Not surprisingly, the vote was split, with Supervisor Richard Reaume, Treasurer Ron Edwards, Clerk Nancy Conzelman and Trustee Kay Arnold voting yes, and trustees Bob Doroshewitz, Charles Curmi and Michael Kelly voting against it. An awful lot of township board votes are going that way these days.

While we think the project may very well be a good idea, we wonder: what's the rush? The projected completion date for the amphitheater isn't until October, making it very unlikely any concerts could be held there this year. It also seems likely the work could be done in time for at least an abbreviated concert season next summer.

That leaves time, if township officials are serious about conducting the recreation survey they keep saying they're going to commission, to find out whether their residents even want the improvement. Township officials could either combine that question with the survey they say they're planning on whether residents want a recreation center or they could simply poll their residents about the township park improvements alone.

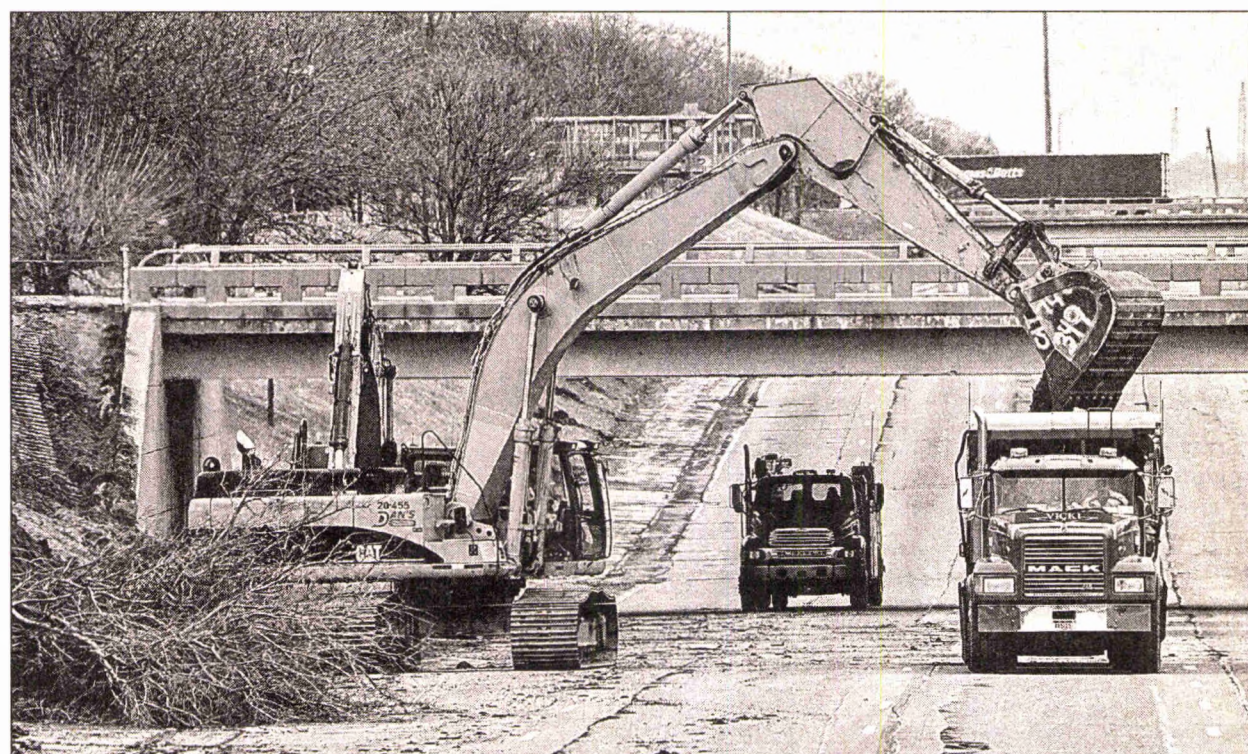
There has been no real public comment about the issue, although a few citizens have spoken up at township board meetings. What's the harm in, at a minimum, conducting a public hearing or two? A survey would be more definitive, but at least public hearings would give the impression the board is listening to its constituents.

Members don't like to hear it, but the board is suffering from the perception it's ram-rodding things through without really taking the desires of the public into account. And while we believe township officials are doing what they think is right, doing it without hearing from the public leaves the perception they don't care what the public thinks.

And this conflict would be so simple to avoid. Put it in the survey. Find out a) if the public wants it and b) are there enough users to warrant it?

The township board needs to find out if, in fact, anyone wants to use it. After all, this isn't the Kevin Costner baseball movie, *Field of Dreams*. Just because you build it doesn't mean they will come.

What do you think?



Construction has started and I-96 has been closed from Newburgh to Telegraph for a couple of weeks now. We're wondering what you think about two questions: Has it been hard on you as a commuter yet? Do you think, ultimately, it will be worth the effort? Send your opinions as a Letter to the Editor to bkadrich@hometownlife.com BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vietnam vets thanks

In recent weeks, there have been several articles written regarding the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 and its positioning in this year's July 4th Good Morning USA Parade. In these weeks, some opinions, emotions and some misunderstandings have been expressed, both good and bad.

On behalf of the men and women veterans of VVA Chapter 528, I want to convey our heartfelt thanks to Frank Sinagra, president of the Plymouth Kiwanis Club, and Fred Hill, the parade organizer, for understanding our concerns and assisting us in our request to walk in the front of the parade, hopefully along with our World War II and Korean War veterans.

As we honor and remember the veterans of the Vietnam War and all other wars, it is also an honor for us to represent the Plymouth community, who have always supported us and thanked us for our service to our country.

We are looking forward to our participation in this year's parade and the overwhelming sense of pride that this brings to us. Thank you.

Ron King
president, VVA Chapter 528
Plymouth

Stop privatization

I am a life-long resident of Plymouth. I've recently become aware of an alarming situation in our schools that has every possibility of doing a considerable amount of damage to the way our children's schools will be maintained; potentially impacting their entire learning environment along

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with health concerns that may arise as a result.

I am talking about privatization of the custodian/maintenance departments of our schools.

I have first-hand experience with the ramifications of what happens when an outside company takes over the cleaning of a district's schools as opposed to the loving care provided by in-house staff. The comparison is frightening. My background: I was employed by the Northville Public Schools as an in-house custodian for more than nine years, then left my position to be a stay-at-home mom. Years later, I was hired by a company representing the Northville Schools to be a custodial leader.

From what I witnessed, the schools were not being properly cared for. There was no personal sense of "ownership" of the buildings, the goal of making them a safe and healthy environment in which our children can learn and thrive was not "on the list." This was a cold business venture staffed by strangers, only interested in a way to save money and cut corners. However, the quality of cleanliness, building care and health standards is what was actu-

ally being cut.

Fundamental supplies, such as toilet paper, paper towels, hand soap, trash bags and appropriate disinfectant, were continually of short supply - or completely missing. When "privatized," your child's schools will be cared for from the list of a la cart "Care Level" choices.

Ask yourself what happens to the locker rooms when they are not cleaned with hospital-grade disinfectants? One answer might be found by going online to look for "Schools with MRSA issues."

So your children grow up. What then? The buildings may continue to fall apart, various cleaning companies will come and go and you will absolutely continue to pay taxes on structures that could deteriorate from lack of dedicated care and eventually need to be torn down and replaced.

Your voice matters. Go to the board meetings to make your opinion heard. Shortchanging our children's school cleanliness and learning environment to save a couple of dollars is not acceptable.

T.L. Cavanaugh
Plymouth

GUEST COLUMN

District dropped ball on baseball seating

This column is in response to Tim Smith's article ("District steps up to Title IX plate," *Observer & Eccentric*, April 4, 2014), which involves yet another P-CCS athletic director and school district debacle.

Unfortunately, Smith missed the boat on this issue. This is not really about Title IX. This is not about the government acting as "big brother." This is not about the boys team vs. the girls team. This is about the school district not communicating with those involved. This is about the district shunning accountability. This is about the district's mismanagement of the situation that resulted in prematurely tearing something down



Rebecca Minch
GUEST COLUMNIST

rather than giving the community time to build something up.

The complaint was filed in 2012. Had officials shared the information immediately, there would have been ample time to raise funds and construct something on behalf of the girls team. But we were not given that chance.

Smith missed an opportunity to shed more light on this situation via the 12-page summary of findings (OCR Docket #15-13-1020). The Department of Education/Office of Civil Rights sent it to

Superintendent Michael Meissen on Oct. 31, 2013. Smith wrote, "An on-site audit late last summer also found that the baseball seating patio lacked a ramp to be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act." If this is true, it leads to many other questions:

Why was the visitor bleachers on the varsity football field (which lack a ramp, aisles and railings) in compliance? Why are the bleachers in the gymnasium and the aluminum bleachers on the girls softball field in compliance? Why is the freshman field, which provides no seating at all, in compliance?

Why was the complaint really filed in 2012 and by whom? A prevailing theory suggests that a member of the girls softball coaching staff, at odds with a member of the boys baseball coaching staff, filed the complaint. If true, this is an example of Athletic Director Tom Willette's inability to manage personnel issues.

According to the report, "The softball coach told OCR that it was an 'amazing' facility until an

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incident in summer 2012 when the irrigation system got turned off by mistake and the grass burned out in the summer sun. She said the district had to spend thousands of dollars to reseed the outfield. The softball coach also told OCR that the perception might be that the district values baseball more highly than softball because of the seating patio at the baseball field."

The complaint was filed Oct. 19, 2012. The report goes on to say, "The athletic director called in a friend who specializes in landscape maintenance and did work to the field to help restore it." It would be interesting to know if the friend was the recipient of the thousands of dollars it cost to reseed the field.

Why did the district

decide to resolve the complaint and demolish the seating structure prematurely, before the OCR even completed its investigation?

Willette stated in the report "that the seating patio was constructed about six years ago, before he started in his position, and it was constructed through the efforts of a parent and was paid for through the team's booster organization. He said that he is not particularly happy with the seating patio and he would not mind if it were removed."

Clearly, confirmation of when he actually became AD of boys baseball is needed. According to the August 2007, March 2008, August 2008 and March 2009 editions of the P-CCS newsletter, *The Communicator*, Willette is listed as the AD

responsible for all boys baseball. Construction of the seating began in 2008 and was not completed until spring 2009.

This was a labor of love and gift to future Plymouth baseball generations. For the parents, players and community supporters who donated valuable time and more than \$15,000 to be dismissed so callously by Willette, who said, "... he is not particularly happy with the seating patio and he would not mind if it were removed," is an insult to those who gave so much.

The district needs to explain to the community how this happened and why we were not given the opportunity to build something up before tearing something down. If the district expects to move forward in partnership with future booster club support at the Park, officials are going to have to start by regaining credibility and eliminating the source of the problem.

Rebecca Minch is a resident of Canton.

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Uniform ban violates team's free-speech rights

To expand upon Mick McCabe's article ("Salem girls have fired coach's back"), it's important you're aware of an ongoing development affecting my daughter and her varsity soccer teammates at Salem High School.

At practice Tuesday, April 8, the team was approached by Salem Athletic Director, Tom Willette, who informed them they would forfeit any future games – and face suspension – if they attempted to wear jerseys featuring their fired coach's last name above their numbers. As a sign of support and solidarity for their fired coach, the girls created custom jerseys which follow mandated uniform regulations from the Michigan High School Athletic Association and the National Federation of High Schools.

The following morning, in a meeting with Salem Principal Nancy Laws, my wife and daughter were told "our girls need to put this behind them and move on." Some of the highest-ranking administrators in our school district – from Superintendent Michael Meissen to K-12 Director of Student Activities Beth Savalox to Laws and Willette – are attempting to push the mis-handling of the Duhl situation under the rug to avoid further public embarrassment and bad PR.

Now they've taken it to another level. We believe that through intimidation, abuse of authority and manipulation, they're infringing upon the Constitutional rights of our children.

Page 5 of the board-approved 2013-14 PCEP Student Code of Conduct addresses the issue of Freedom of Speech: "Students may practice freedom of speech, freedom of expression of ideas and freedom of the press keeping in mind recent Supreme Court decisions."

In 1969, the United States Supreme Court wrote in its landmark decision pertaining



Jason Kaye

GUEST COLUMNIST

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to students' First Amendment rights, "It can hardly be argued that either students or teachers shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech and expression at the school house gate." What is commonly referred to as the Tinker Standard makes it clear: school district officials and administration may not silence student expression just because they dislike it.

Apparently, the P-CCS administration feels it can pick and choose when the First Amendment applies to students. Our girls certainly weren't creating a disturbance, a substantial disruption of the school environment or using any profanity or vulgarity. Our girls have practiced "dissent in an orderly and respectful manner." It's clear our district is attempting to shut our girls down because officials don't like the message.

An email from Willette, received in response to a clarifying inquiry, perhaps says it all: "All uniforms need to be approved by the athletic department before they are purchased and/or worn in competition. Requests for new uniforms need to come from the head coach of that sport." Taking into account that Willette and P-CCS consider the name "DUHL" – in place of individual players' names – an inappropriate reminder of this fiasco, is it

likely that Willette will approve them?

It's worth noting that the (interim) head coach for Salem was hired and brought in without any parent or student input or committee vetting process typically employed during head coach searches. Is it likely he'd want to request his team be afforded the opportunity to show its continued support for the man he's replaced?

The interim coach was brought in, according to Laws, Savalox and Willette "to help us move on." A nice guy in a bad position, it's clear the (interim) coach is trying his best to support the girls, but at the same time his unquestioned loyalty is reinforcing the district's stance to "move on."

Our daughters aren't attempting to be freedom fighters or practitioners of civil disobedience, but rest assured they're getting a hands-on lesson in civics that'll be sure to resonate longer than anything read in a textbook. As far as we're concerned, we don't appreciate the administration of our school district telling our parent group – and then telling our children separately – to "move on." That's not how we raise our children, but I'm disappointed and embarrassed that's the way our district wants to educate our children: if you feel there's injustice, just walk away.

The question remains: is this really the direction our district wants to go? When students choose on their own accord to peacefully protest injustice, will our school district administration attempt to silence them whenever the message contains something the P-CCS administration doesn't want to hear? As painful as the message may be, perhaps some reflection will reveal opportunities to repair damage to the foundation.

Jason Kaye is a Canton resident and father of a Salem varsity girls soccer player.

Beware of sub-prime mortgage offers



Rick Bloom

MONEY MATTERS

I couldn't believe it when I read that some banks are once again starting to market sub-prime mortgages.

Sub-prime mortgages – one of the causes of the financial crisis – were offered to people who did not have good credit or could not come up with the 20-percent down payment to get a conventional mortgage.

Many people who got sub-prime mortgages ended up defaulting, causing them to lose their homes.

Not everyone should get a mortgage. Just because banks and other financial institutions are pushing mortgages doesn't mean you should get one or that you can afford one. All mortgage companies or banks care about is whether you qualify for a mortgage, not if you have the means of repaying it.

I know the general rule is that renting is not a good option and that people should consider buying as soon as they can. I believe that logic is wrong. In many situations, renting is a better alternative financially.

Many people think that if they're renting, they are throwing away their money. That is not the case. When you do the math and factor in the costs of maintaining a house, it is not necessarily a great investment.

Don't buy a home from an investment standpoint. A home purchase is about one's quality of life.

However, if a home doesn't increase the quality of your life, don't buy it.

One thing consumers should have learned from the financial crisis is, if you purchase a home, it is important to make sure that you own your home and that it doesn't own you. Too many people took advantage of these gimmicky mortgages only to find that they could not afford their home – and it ruined their credit.

Don't fall for that same mistake. Prior to purchasing a home, consider all the costs associated with ownership. In addition to principal and interest payments, factor in the cost of repairs, maintenance,

insurance and utilities. These costs tend to be much higher than if you rented.

I believe you must be able to put 20 percent down on a home in order to afford it. There are some cases when 10 percent is acceptable, however, those cases are rare.

Keep in mind that just because the mortgage company says you qualify for a mortgage doesn't mean you can actually afford it. Remember, in addition to paying your mortgage, you also have to consider such things as retirement. Don't sacrifice your retirement to purchase a home. Anyone who thinks that a home is a great investment that can eventually be sold and used for retirement is mistaken.

Unfortunately, some of the same predatory lending practices that existed before the financial crisis are creeping back into the market. The number of people refinancing is down. Mortgage companies are looking for new ways to market their products.

Consumers must be careful. Remember, it's not the mortgage company that determines whether you can actually afford a mortgage – you do. You must determine what your other costs are, such as saving for retirement and a child's college education.

Don't let anyone talk you into a mortgage; take your time and don't be afraid to seek independent advice.

Having a home is part of the American dream. However, having a home that uses all your resources and does not increase your quality of life is an American nightmare.

Good luck.
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CCM HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

SHOWCASE FOR SEALY



Team Michigan players, including Salem's Jake Sealy (red jersey) listen to the coach during Saturday's practice at Compuware Arena.

Salem senior gets chance to show hockey skills to 'hundreds' of scouts at tourney

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Jake Sealy's high school hockey career for the Salem Rocks ended more than a month ago, but good luck getting him to put his skates and sticks into long-term storage.

So he's headed to Minnesota this week to compete for Team Michigan at the prestigious CCM High School National Invitational Tournament — a showcase for top high school players across the country hoping to catch the attention of junior, college and professional scouts.

Sealy is the lone representative from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park to earn a spot on the Team Michigan Seniors roster. He follows Plymouth's Nick Schultz and Salem's

Mark McGee, who played for the team at the USA Hockey-sanctioned tourney in 2013 and 2012 respectively.

And the 18-year-old forward, who tallied 113 career points at Salem (third all-time) doesn't mind missing his spring break if it means getting another kind of break.

"Definitely it's just more recognition," Sealy said. "Get my name out there and hopefully someone picks me up."

Sealy talked about the opportunity following Saturday's practice at Compuware Arena in Plymouth, where the team skated on the Olympic side (opposite from Compuware's NHL-style rink employed by the Plymouth Whalers of the Ontario Hockey League).

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Salem's Jake Sealy practices with Team Michigan's senior team at Compuware Arena.

CCM NIT ICE CHIPS

What: The annual CCM High School National Invitational Tournament, featuring teams from Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota and Massachusetts. Hosting the tourney is Minnesota Hockey, in conjunction with Reebok-CCM, the Minnesota Hockey Coaches Association and the Minnesota Girls Hockey Coaches Association.

When: Thursday through Sunday in Plymouth, Minn., at the Plymouth Ice Center.

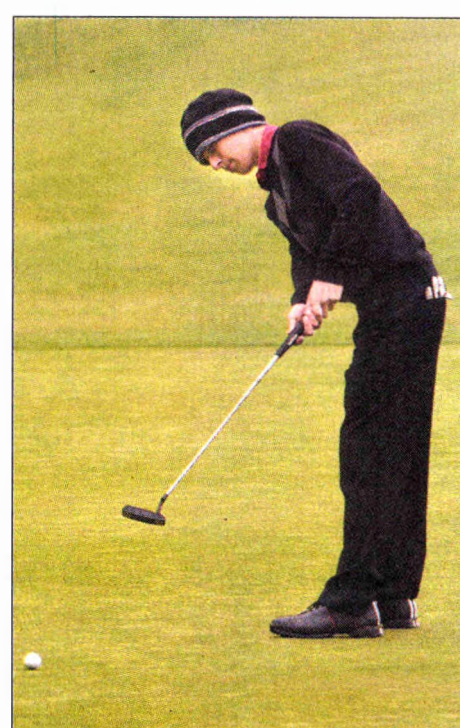
Who: Team Michigan is sending two teams to the regional tournament, attended by junior, college and professional scouts. One team is comprised of all seniors, including Salem's Jake Sealy and Farmington goalie John Lethemon from Observerland teams. Other area players on the senior squad include Brighton's Tyler

Hayes, Brett Pietila, Danny Bosio, Brian Dowd, Aaron Sturos, Novi's Michael O'Reilly, Orchard Lake St. Mary's Anthony Scarsella, Brennan Blaszcak, Sam Nardicchio and Dakota Ulmer. On the U-18 team (primarily high school juniors) are Novi-Detroit Catholic Central goalie Spencer Wright, Northville's Jack Meacham, Orchard Lake St. Mary's Nick Borellis and Hartland's John Nagel.

Games: Four games are guaranteed for both the senior and U-18 teams. It is possible for both Team Michigan squads to face each other on Sunday.

Website: For more information during the tournament, including game results, go to www.minnesotahockey.org/page/show/1154689-2014-boys-nit

BOYS GOLF PREVIEW



Canton's Donnie Trosper sends a putt on its way to the bottom of the cup during a 2013 match. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Chiefs eye continued success

Two-time all-stater Trosper spearheads Canton lineup

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Yes, the Canton Chiefs lost key golfers Alex Champagne, Tyler McMahan and Brent Perry from the 2013 team that qualified for the MHSAA state finals.

But veteran head coach Tom Alles still has all-stater Donnie Trosper — a junior who was among the state's elite golfers his first two seasons.

Along with a handful of varsity returners and several youngsters with quite a bit of upside, the Chiefs very well could keep the positive momentum building in the KLAA South Division standings and subsequent conference and state tourneys.

"We will be led by a strong junior class which includes our best player, Donnie Trosper," said Alles, entering his 20th season coaching the Canton boys team. "Donnie is certainly one of the best high school golfers in the state."

Trosper and the trio of 2013 graduates spearheaded Canton's 8-2 record in the KLAA South. Last year's squad finished sixth overall in the conference and then placed 14th out of 15 teams at the state finals.

The loss of Champagne, McMahan and Perry opens up some big opportunities for others including juniors Noah Lindlbauer, Chris Dooley, Carter Schenk, Josh Johnson and Hunter Schlamp.

"So far in practice, the other juniors have been posting consistent scores in the low 40s, which we will need to be competitive in the KLAA," Alles said.

Added to the mix are freshmen Dominic Dimaya and Suhans Potluri, who Alles said have "shown a lot of promise" during early practices.

According to Alles, how successful the 2014 Chiefs can be is linked to overall consistency over 18-hole increments.

"Consistent, 18-hole scoring will be key for us this season," Alles said. "I feel that despite being a relatively young team we are also talented and confident in our ability to compete successfully with the majority of the schools in the KLAA and other schools throughout the state."

The Chiefs will get an early test when they face last season's state runner-ups (Plymouth) on Tuesday, April 29.

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BOYS GOLF PREVIEW

Wildcats want to finish the job

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Coming oh-so-close to a Division 1 championship has Plymouth's varsity boys golf team hungry to take that one final step to the top.

Not only did the 2013 team win the KLAA South Division and Kensington Conference championships, it nearly won it all — finishing second only to Battle Creek Lakeview at the D1 state finals, falling via the fifth-player tie-breaker.

"Being runner-up last season and being that close is definitely in the back of everyone's mind," said Wildcats varsity head

coach Dan Young, taking over the reins from Nick Brandon (who is focusing on coaching girls basketball). "We were that close and to lose is motivation to do the extra this time around."

Yet one year's success doesn't automatically transfer to the following year, so Young expects his golfers to "put in the work" that will be required for another big season.

"We have to put in the work and know that we deserve it," he said. "The reps on the range, sharpening our short game and being ready for wind, rain. ... Golf is hard and in order to be ready at the end you have to put in the work."

Of course, having three of last year's top five golfers back will go a long way for Plymouth's chances.

Seniors Chris Kozler, John Tatti and Evan Chipman lead the way.

Also fighting for spots on the varsity lineup card will be seniors Kyle Melnick, Lucas Winkler, Alex Decker and promising freshman Jack Boczar.

Rounding out the roster are senior Jack Marentic, juniors Andrew Lloyd and Connor Zydeck, sophomore Kyle Kozler and freshman Justin Kapke.

"We have an excellent group of golfers who are working very hard," Young said.



Watching his tee shot during 2013 varsity boys golf action is Plymouth's John Tatti. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

It won't take long for Young and his team to see how it stacks up against quality opponents. On Tuesday, April 29, Plymouth

will face Canton (also a state qualifier in 2013).

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BOYS GOLF PREVIEW

Rocks tee off with rising expectations

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Salem's varsity boys golf team has plenty of talent as the 2014 high school season gets into the swing.

But Rocks head coach Ryan Nimmerguth is extra pumped up because of the nucleus of seniors who want to close out their prep careers on a high note.

"This team is led with great senior leadership, seven total," Nimmerguth said. "They have set the tone with the way they carry themselves and have been great in making sure this team meshes well.

"This group of seniors is hungry for success and expects to be contending for championships throughout the season."

At the top of the Rocks' lineup card will be senior twins Connor and Brady Cole (although the latter will be sidelined until early May due to an ankle injury) along with seniors Nick Danis and Jake Sealy.

"The last two varsity spots are wide open and could be filled by any of the other guys who are on the team," Nimmerguth said. "From practice so far it looks like junior Jakob Lenders, senior Jack McCormack and senior Franco Papp will get the first shot at those last few varsity spots."

Lenders is the only junior on the squad and Nimmerguth noted that he "will be a very important member of the varsity lineup."

Also battling to get into that lineup are seniors Noah Hirvela and



Watching his putt during a 2013 match is Salem's Josh Eldridge (right). Standing behind him is Adam Stadler of Livonia Franklin. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



During this 2013 varsity boys golf match, Salem's Adam Marcero follows through on a shot.

Jake Lang, Adam Marcero, Hayden Winch, freshmen Matt Schaumburger and Shawn Weldon.

Nimmerguth said the sophomores have "shown great improvement early on and will be pushing for varsity spots all year long."

As for Schaumburger and Weldon, the coach stressed that they are "two good additions to the team who I believe will work hard to improve their game and could be contributing at the varsity level as early as next year."

The Rocks will open the regular Kensington Lakes Activities Association schedule next week, with back-to-back home matches Tuesday, April 29 against South Lyon East and Wednesday, April 30 against Novi.

This week, however, Salem will take part in a tournament at Farmington Hills Golf Club.

Josh Eldridge.

"Noah has shown tremendous improvement in his game so far in practice," Nimmerguth said. "And Josh is really working hard to get a little more consistent."

Salem hopefuls looking to make an impression include sophomores

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COLLEGE SOFTBALL



Madonna University junior right-hander Bree Crampton struck out 13 in a 5-2 Game One victory Saturday over visiting Concordia. PHOTOS BY MADONNA UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS

MU's Senior Day spoiled by Cards

Concordia wins nightcap, 2-1, to delay title celebration

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Jerry Abraham could only sit in the dugout afterward and ponder "what if?"

The Madonna University women's softball coach and his Crusaders now have to play the waiting game to see if they'll get a share of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference title following a 2-1 setback in the nightcap of a double-header Saturday at home against Concordia University.

The Crusaders, now 31-8 overall and 15-3 in the WHAC, have finished their regular season. First-place Davenport University (29-7, 14-2) just needs a split in its final two games to claim the title outright.

Concordia (26-13, 9-3), with six games still to make up including a twin-bill this Saturday in Ann Arbor against Davenport, mathematically stays alive and kept its faint title hopes alive by spoiling MU's Senior Day.

"Now we've got to get help," Abraham said. "We had it right where we wanted it and we let it go, so now we've got to get help. But give Concordia credit. They're a good team and they played well. They kept the pressure on us and we didn't take advantage of opportunities. That's what happens in tight games."

MU took the opener in dramatic fashion, 5-2, thanks to Caitlyn Keuvelaar's walk-off 3-run homer, a no doubter over the right center field fence in the bottom of the seventh.

The Essexville Garber grad, who finished with four RBI in the opener, was one of four seniors recognized between games, along with Kristen Drabek (Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central),



The Crusaders celebrate following Caitlyn Keuvelaar's walk-off 3-run homer to beat Concordia in the first game of a double-header, 5-2.

Erin Mayes (Ida) and Carlee Meek (White Lake Lakeland).

Emma Cook added two hits and scored four runs in the Game One victory, while starting pitcher Bree Crampton (17-5), who earned the victory, went all seven innings, allowing just four hits while striking out 13 and walking five.

Losing pitcher Kortney Loar (11-5) gave up five earned runs on six hits and five walks in 6 1/2 innings.

MU, however, couldn't carry its momentum over to Game Two as Cardinals starter Corrina Rotondo (13-4) kept the Crusaders off balance with her gyrating delivery allowing just four hits and one walk in seven innings.

In the top of the third, Concordia got on the board on a double by Amy Trionfi followed by a double to left center by Cheyenne Brierley.

Concordia added the go-ahead run in the fourth when Katie Austin came home from third after Crampton, who came on in relief of starter Erin Combs (13-4) in the fourth inning, was handcuffed by a soft line drive to the mound.

But MU got a run back in the bottom of the inning thanks to singles from Cook and Erin Mayes followed by a Concordia infield throwing error.

The Crusaders, however, were unable to score the game-tying run, leaving runners on bases in the fifth and sixth innings before going down in order in the bot-

tom of the seventh.

Abraham said his team made some uncharacteristic mental mistakes.

"It was the little things, things we haven't done in a very long time," he said. "A couple of miscues with steals and not covering the bases. Base running mistakes. Hitting on 3-0, not taking first pitches, and not patient at all."

"I don't know. I thought we'd come out and explode the second game. We had everything going for us and I don't know what happened because we usually hit the ball all over the place. Not today. We didn't hit in the second game anyway."

MU, meanwhile, has wrapped up the regular season and remains idle until Wednesday, April 30, when the WHAC playoffs commence at Pacesetter Park in Sylvania, Ohio.

MU will play at 6:30 p.m. against an opponent to be determined. If Davenport clinches the title outright along with an automatic bid to the NAIA National Tournament, then MU will be the second seed.

And with more than a week off until the tournament, MU can only sit back and wait.

"We'll go back and do what we do," Abraham said. "It's no big deal. That's a long stretch without playing, so we'll try to get a game if we can go from there."

"But we let this one go."

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WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Still a Victory-ous ride

Victory Honda women edged in title game at USA Hockey Nationals

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Victory Honda's 19-and-over women's travel hockey team came just one goal short of capturing the USA Hockey Nationals earlier this month in Boston, Mass.

The Plymouth-based squad lost 3-2 to the Gulf Coast Seagals in the title game in the Women's Tier 1 Senior B tournament.

Victory Honda reached the tourney after winning the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association state championship in its age bracket for the second consecutive season.

"We had a great weekend overall and I am extremely proud of our team," head coach Brad Johnson said. "We had three players in the top 10 in scoring for the tournament, including the top scorer."

Stacey Hochkins led all players in Boston with 15 points in six games. Contributing five goals and three assists was Kelly Gittelman (fourth overall) while Alexis Glenn tallied five goals and an assist, good for seventh in the tourney.

Splitting the net-minding duties and respon-

sing spectacularly were goalies Mary Beth Smith (2-0) and Brittany Zeches (3-1) who made 45 saves against the Anaheim Lady Ducks to advance Victory Honda into the finals.

"Obviously, we wanted to win it all," Johnson said. "But I can't be disappointed at all in the team."

"We just played a little too nervous in the championship (game) making some mistakes that we didn't make all weekend. But what a great run this year was."

Members of the team (listed alphabetically) included Nikki Betz, Alexis Bohlinger, Erin Cahill, Justine Cigna, Bethany Croskey, Jenna Donnelly, Stephanie Gierada, Gittleman, Lexi



Plymouth-based Victory Honda's 19-and-over women's travel hockey team is shown celebrating after winning the MAHA state tournament in March. The team then nearly captured the Women's Tier 1 Senior B national tournament in Massachusetts earlier this month.

Glenn, Hochkins, Jenna Leone, Lauren Lobert, Tatum MacLeod, Tricia MacLeod, Emily Nelson, Kristen Schwan, Smith, Becky Sonn, Kyle Tripp, Stephanie Voigt and

Zeches. Johnson is following up that run by leading the Girls 19U Team East squad for the Meijer State Games of Michigan tournament later this

spring. He also intends on returning to Victory Honda next season (tryouts begin in June).

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TOURNEY

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"It's different than PCC (Plymouth Cultural Center, where Salem plays) because the boards are wider," Sealy said. "So in the offensive zone you have a lot more room to maneuver and make plays."

"I think I'm accustomed to it. I've been playing on Olympic ice here and there all my life, so I know the difference between the ice surfaces."

The reason for practicing on the bigger ice was to get the team ready for the CCM NIT. Games at Plymouth Ice Center in Plymouth, Minn., also will be played on an Olympic-sized rink (generally about 210 feet long and 98 feet wide; compared to 200-by-85 dimensions for NHL rinks).

"It's a big difference," stressed Team Michigan Seniors assistant coach Mark Vellucci, who just finished his first season at the helm of the Novi Wildcats after several seasons at Farmington. "Most of these guys don't play on Olympic ice, that's why we're scheduling it for here."

Sealy added that he already has an invitation to skate at the pre-draft and main camp of the Springfield (Ill.) Blues of the North American Hockey League, a junior circuit for American players often with designs on breaking into a college program somewhere.

He would love to follow the path taken by Team Michigan alums Mackenzie MacEachern (a left wing drafted by the St. Louis Blues who plays at Michigan State University) and Colorado Avalanche draft pick Ben Storm, a defenseman at St. Cloud State University.

"That's the dream," said Sealy, about someday turning pro. "But, just one step at a time."

Cream of the crop

Also making the 10-hour bus ride to Minnesota is a second Team Michigan team comprised of high school juniors who will compete in a separate pool during the round robin. Coaching Team Michigan's younger players will be Sealy's Salem coach, Ryan



Getting in on a drill on the Olympic-sized ice sheet at Compuware Arena is Salem's Jake Sealy (middle). JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Ossenmacher. "It's a tremendous opportunity for him," Ossenmacher said. "You're talking about the best players in the state of Michigan and all that high school hockey has to offer, so to be selected for that is a huge honor for him and it's good for our program."

"There are 12 forwards from the state of Michigan and he's one of them."

Coaching the Team Michigan Seniors are Orchard Lake St. Mary's head coach Brian Klanow and Vellucci.

One of Vellucci's former players with the Falcons, goalie John Lethamon (who backstopped Farmington to the 2014 Division 3 state title), is on the senior team roster. Vellucci's Novi defenseman Michael O'Reilly also is making the trek.

"We'll play three games guaranteed, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and depending on how we do we'll play Sunday," Vellucci said. "The last two years this organization has gone, two years ago we won it and last year we finished second. So it's a really good opportunity for the boys."

Vellucci estimated there will be "hundreds of scouts at this showcase."

Klanow will have four players from the St. Mary's Eagles on his roster, including defenseman Anthony Scarsel-

la, wingers Sam Nardicchio, Dakota Ulmer and center Brennan Blaszczyk.

"It's a way for them to get good exposure, playing good competition on a national level," Klanow said. "Tons of scouts will be there, so they will have a lot of opportunities to showcase their abilities."

Go for it

On Saturday, Scarsella was nursing a hand injury sustained during Friday's 1-1 inter-squad game against Compuware Midget Majors. Scarsella said he still hoped to play during the tournament.

"It's a lot of fun, just getting together with a group of guys," Scarsella said. "I played on the team last year, so just getting together with a bunch of all-stars is an honor, it's humbling just to be picked for the team."

The junior team also played against Compuware and won 5-0.

Sealy might have been ready to change gears into spring sports (he also plays for Salem's varsity boys golf team), but Ossenmacher suggested he attend the late March tryouts for Team Michigan.

"He (Ossenmacher) just told me to go to the tryouts," Sealy recalled. "We had tryouts at Chelsea, it was a weekend training camp kind

of thing and I ended up making it."

In addition to Michigan and Minnesota, states to be represented at the tournament include Wisconsin, North Dakota and Massachusetts.

The Ossenmacher-coached Team Michigan junior boys also will play at least three games and girls hockey teams also will compete at the tourney — hosted by Minnesota Hockey, in conjunction with Reebok-CCM, the Minnesota Hockey Coaches Association and the Minnesota Girls Hockey Coaches Association.

Upping the ante

"The tournament itself is probably one of the most-scouted events you can find," Ossenmacher added. "You're going to have NHL scouts, right on down to most of the major colleges, and junior teams (primarily from the NAHL and United States Hockey League)."

"It's an opportunity to get exposure. If he (Sealy) does well, if any of those players do well they're going to get noticed."

That's exactly what Ossenmacher said happened for MacEachern, Storm and "countless guys who played juniors and Division I" after skating at the CCM NIT.

Could it happen again for Sealy or any of the other Team Michigan players over the next few days?

Another strong, medal-winning showing by the team could do the trick.

Yet, according to Sealy, although the spotlight might be brighter and the stakes greater, it's still hockey — albeit faster and more physical than what is played in the KLAAs.

It's the game he and all of the other Minnesota-bound players eat, sleep and drink. It's the game he didn't mind giving up his spring break for.

"Ours is the week of the tournament," Sealy said. "But it's not going to be bad because hockey is a game that I love, so it's going to be fun playing there."

Whatever happens after that will be a bonus.

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PREP BASEBALL

Salem rides hot streak into Ohio

After a hard-fought 3-2 victory over Livonia Stevenson on April 16, the Salem varsity baseball team tuned up for its trip to the Cincinnati, Ohio-area with Saturday's sweep of Adrian.

The Rocks pounded out 28 hits during the road twin-bill, earning 11-4 and 10-7 victories.

In the opener, Andrew Hunt improved to 3-1 on the mound with three innings of relief (Nick March started the contest).

At the plate, Colin Pietron's two-run double in the sixth keyed a five-run rally that put the Rocks up 8-4. Cam Shaughnessy collected three hits and two RBI in his varsity debut while Jack Driscoll and Alex Nicholson also added two hits each.

In Saturday's nightcap, Nick Minichiello and Josh Penn each tallied three hits and three RBIs while Brandon Gillen and Andrew Hunt added two hits and two RBIs.

Eric Scott was the starter and winner with Josh Penn coming in for a three-inning save.

With the sweep, Salem improved to 7-2 overall going into the spring trip.

Meanwhile, the Rocks got the ball rolling on their hot streak by scoring two runs in the top of the sixth to edge Stevenson. The starter and winner was Tyler Brooks, who went the distance.

In the winning rally, Driscoll singled, Mike Vernon walked and moved up on a fly ball. With two out, Gillen singled to left to plate both runners.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Wildcat football

There is an informational meeting and pasta party 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, in the Plymouth High School cafeteria for all incoming freshmen football players.

Coach Mike Sawchuk and his staff will provide information on what will be required to become part of the "Wildcat Family" and help understand what is going on at the All Player/Parent Mandatory Meeting on Tuesday, May 20 (same time and location). On May 6, freshmen can meet coaches, players and booster members and ask questions.

'Meet the Coaches'

Canton High School's football program is hosting a mandatory "Meet the Coaches" meeting for incoming freshmen players and their parents at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 1, in the Canton North Building gymnasium. Players and parents are asked to arrive for

the meeting at 6 p.m.

Contact Julie Baechler at juliebaechler@icloud.com for more information.

'FootGolf'

Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center of Plymouth is proud to announce that it is the first and only golf course in Michigan that has partnered with the American FootGolf League.

FootGolf is a combination of the very popular sports of soccer and golf played on a golf course on shortened holes with 21-inch diameter cups. On Saturday, May 10 (9:30 a.m. on the Strategic Fox Course), Fox Hills will host a FootGolf kick-off tournament open to the public.

These rules are similar to the rules of golf. FootGolf is a game that is played throughout the world in many different forms, but as a sport, it is regulated by the Federation for International FootGolf.

Fox Hills is located at 8768 N. Territorial. To sign up for FootGolf,

visit www.foxhills.com.

'Super Jess' 5K run

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's National Honor Society will host its fourth annual "Super Jess" 5K run at 8 a.m. Sunday, May 4, on the high school campus.

The event was created in 2011 in honor of 16-year-old P-CEP student Jesse Lindbauer, whose sinus infection turned into an abscess which ruptured, causing a traumatic brain injury.

This year, the race will support one present P-CCS student and one P-CCS alum: Salem senior Jerrica Fitzgerald and Salem alum Amy Ladenberger.

Jerrica Fitzgerald was diagnosed with hydrocephalus, a rare medical condition in which fluid builds up in the brain. Jerrica has undergone more than 30 surgeries and countless nights in the hospital since she was diagnosed in 2009. She attended Smith Elementary and West Middle School.

Jerrica is now a senior at the Park and is excited to graduate this spring.

Amy Ladenberger is a 25-year-old Park graduate who attended Hoben Elementary and Discovery Middle School.

She was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, a disease which causes thick, sticky mucus to build up in the lungs, digestive tract and other areas of the body, when she was 3 months old. Within the last year, Amy underwent a double lung transplant and many other surgeries prior to that.

Registration will continue until race day. Signup forms can be found on the SJSK Facebook page, P-CEP website or in Canton, Plymouth and Salem main offices.

Event fees are \$25 for adults over 18 and \$20 for all others.

For questions about the race or volunteering, contact the student coordinator of this event, Shannon Perry, at SJSKcommunity@gmail.com.

Summer camps

On tap this summer through Canton Leisure Services are basketball and baseball summer camps instructed by longtime coach Pat Watson.

The camps will emphasize drills and skills that cover offensive strategies and defensive plays in game situations. Mornings will be spent on drills focused on improving fundamentals, while afternoons will be used for scrimmages. Participants should pack a sack lunch and a water bottle.

Basketball: There will be three weekly basketball camps at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. Those sessions (for ages 7-14) will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. as follows: Session 1, July 7-11; Session 2, July 21-25; Session 3, July 28 through Aug. 1. The fee is \$150 for non-residents and \$160 for residents.

Baseball: The baseball camp is slated to run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

July 14-18 at Canton Sports Center, 46555 W. Michigan Ave. Ages 7-14.

To register, visit cantonfun.org, call Canton Sports Center at 734-483-5600 or visit either Canton Sports Center or Summit on the Park and inquire.

Woods top netter

The weekly honors continue to roll in for the Davenport University women's tennis program as they grabbed their fifth WHAC Tennis Player of the Week nod in Angelica Woods.

Woods joins Alyssa Fuentes, Emily Spiech and Puck Luttkhuis in being honored as the WHAC Women's Tennis Player of the Week after helping the Panthers defeat Aquinas and Spring Arbor.

Woods, who is 20-9 in singles matches this season, will lead her team into the NAIA National Tournament qualifier this weekend as the WHAC will be paired with schools from Iowa

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Boston's Krug eyes series vs. Red Wings

Livonian helps anchor top-notch Bruins defense

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Although he just turned 23, these Stanley Cup playoffs won't be Torey Krug's first rodeo.

With 15 Cup games already under his belt dating back to last year's Game Six loss to Chicago in the finals, the defenseman from Livonia now gets to face his childhood heroes, Detroit, when his Boston Bruins take on the Red Wings in their Eastern Conference first-round series. Game Four is at 8 p.m. Thursday at Joe Louis Arena.

Krug has parlayed a stellar 2013 playoff run with a solid first full NHL season.

In 79 games, Krug tallied 14 goals, including six on the power play, to go along with 26 assists and a plus 18 rating as the Bruins captured the President's Trophy for the best overall record in the league.

The Wings come in as the eighth seed, but Krug knows Detroit is no ordinary eighth seed.

"For us we're not looking at it as a one against eight matchup," said Krug, who signed originally as a free agent out of Michigan State in March of 2012. "There's so much respect for both sides in the series that no one is taking each other lightly. They're a dangerous team because they've been there. They have a lot of guys that have had success in the past. They have that tradition in their locker room and know what it takes. It's moved on from year-to-year and they found a way to get into the playoffs this year and keep the tradition going."

Before the series began, many predicted the underdog Wings

could make things plenty interesting against the NHL's best regular season team. Detroit then went out and won the opener, 1-0.

On the upset alert?

"They have a lot of speed," Krug said. "Their young guys are fast and they work hard. Their older guys are very smart and intelligent with the puck. They play great defense as well. Any time you have a guy like Jimmy Howard in your net, he can steal a game or two for you. That has the makings of a dangerous team in the playoffs."

Krug, who attended Churchill High before going to the USHL's Indy Ice for his senior year, would be the first to admit he grew up watching and cheering for his hometown Red Wings. And he kept a close eye on one player in particular.

"One of the guys I admired was (Pavel) Datsyuk," Krug said. "He's a wizard with the puck. I think there's not many weak points in his game and that's what makes him fun to watch. He's good with the puck, good without the puck."

Krug, who played 63 games in Providence before getting called up during last year's Stanley Cup playoffs, has settled in nicely with the Bruins' defensive corps.

"Coming into the season I had high expectations of myself," Krug said. "I think the coaching staff, my teammates did as well. One of the things I wanted to do was make sure I remain a special player and unique to my situations so that I gained a consistent position in the lineup. I think I did that with the power play."

Despite the Bruins sweeping both the Eastern Conference and Atlantic Division titles, Krug suffered the usual



Boston Bruins defenseman Torey Krug, a 23-year-old Livonia native, will face the Red Wings in the first round of the Stanley Cup playoffs. TOMMY GILLIGAN | USA TODAY SPORTS

ups and downs of an NHL player.

"I think the key was to make sure you manage those," he said. "I watched Zdeno Chara and Patrice Bergeron. They made sure that when you are playing well, and when they have their ups, that they're not too high. When they're struggling, and they're not playing as well, they don't get too down on themselves. They try to remain consistent and I think that's important for me personally."

And when the Winter Olympic break came in February, Krug had mixed emotions. He wanted to keep going.

"I was playing real well individually before the break," said Krug, who spent a portion of the period vacationing in Cancun with his wife Melanie. "That's my favorite month to play hockey. If you look at my past three seasons I've had successful Februaries. I was sad to see it come, but at the same time it was very nice because you got to walk away from the game a

little bit."

Back to work

Following the Olympics, the Bruins didn't miss a beat and finished 54-19-9, while winning home ice advantage throughout the playoffs.

A lot of team's success was due in part to a young defensive corps of players that includes Kevin Miller, Dougie Hamilton, Matt Bartkowski and Krug.

They have filled the void admirably after key defenseman Dennis Seidenberg exited the lineup in late December with a season-ending injury.

Krug, listed at 5-foot-9, 181 pounds, has spent his entire hockey career erasing the stereotypes that he was too small to play in the NHL.

He's the only Bruins defenseman listed under 6 feet and dwarfs in comparison to the league's tallest blue-liner, 6-foot-9 teammate Chara.

"It's a question I'm always asked and I answer, 'I don't know anything else other than I've always been small,'"

Krug said. "It's not like at one time I was big and all the sudden I'm small and I need to adapt. I've just had to survive. It's definitely a driving force when people say you're too small to play and too small to move onto the next level. Or you're only on the team because you're dad is the coach."

"Those are some of the influences that push you forward and provides in the back of your mind motivation. Each year it seems I've had to prove someone else wrong."

During the regular season, Krug played twice at Joe Louis Arena against the Wings and he'll be back again for Games Three and Four, and possibly a Game Six.

Krug, however, will be in lock-down mode for the playoffs. He said Twitter account will go silent.

"It's the time of year you want to make sure there's no distractions and focus on what you can," he said. "I got that out of the way earlier in the season. We've been there twice and got to see

a lot of family members afterwards, and a lot of friends as well.

"This time around it's all business. Not going to be meeting with as many people. I'll still talk to my parents, but that's about it. I'm going to try and keep everything away and focus on our job."

Tough times

Krug, however, remembers the aftermath of last year's Boston Marathon bombings that rocked the city.

"I was playing in Providence at that time," he said. "The playoffs got started and I hadn't got called up. My parents were actually in town for the weekend. On that day my parents came up to Boston. We had lunch in the city. I dropped my parents off and as soon I dropped them off, I'm driving away and see all these police cars and ambulances driving up and down the highway. A lot of traffic. I started freaking out."

"I was trying to get in touch with them and I couldn't because the cell towers were blocked and no one could get a hold of each other. That was scary."

Things eventually returned to normal, even though painful memories have lingered through the one-year anniversary.

But at least for a few weeks, the Bruins helped prop the Boston area back on its feet, going all the way to the finals before losing a heart-breaking Game Six to the Blackhawks, 3-2, to end the season.

"There's a lot of things this city has had to deal with over the past couple of years, but they're pretty tough," Krug said.

With another crack at the Stanley Cup and expectations high, Krug hopes to become another who is Boston Strong.

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BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

Chiefs show signs of breaking loose

Many excel at city meet despite team's 3rd-place finish

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Despite finishing third at last Thursday's city track and field meet, Canton varsity boys coach Jess Shough is optimistic that the Chiefs can step it up following spring break.

Canton tallied 51 points, just 1.5 points behind Plymouth — who Shough said his team "led all the way until the end." Victorious was Salem, with 71.5 points.

"I was pleased with our effort and (there was) much improvement in many areas, including our freshmen who scored two of our three

first places," said Shough, citing Jemal Vaunado in the 110 hurdles and Brennon Pelland in the 300 hurdles.

Also outstanding for the Chiefs were senior pole vaulters Kyle Zander, Grant Mast and junior Teddy Lang who placed 1-2-3, respectively.

Shough added that the team scored in all but three events (long jump, shot put and 1,600-meter relay) and "we should have scored in the shot put except for a foul on the last throw by Shawn Deese. Our other field events did well with Collin Caflish finishing second in the discus and Brett Lee finishing second in the high jump."

Canton's other standouts included sprinters Alan Jones and Jacob Mallad (2-3 in the 200

dash), distance runner Ammar Chisti (second in the mile; third in the two-miler), hurdler Bryan Eastman (third in the 100 hurdles; fourth in the 300 hurdles), Issac Pennock (fourth in the 400) and Peter Bruchnak (fourth in the 800).

Shough noted the second-place finishes by the 4-x-200 and 4-x-100 relays. "(The relays) will get better as we improve our exchanges."

After returning from spring break Monday, the Chiefs will face plenty of competition in a short time frame.

"We have a tough schedule following the spring break with four meets that week," Shough said. "So we hope to get a lot of good preparation over the break."

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ROUNDUP

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in an Unaffiliated group.

Think spring golf

PGA teaching professional Tami Bealert is offering a series of spring golf classes and events at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3525 Napier Road, Superior Township.

Two open houses, which feature free golf games for the whole family, will be 1-4 p.m. Saturday, April 26, and Sunday, May 18, at Hickory Creek.

Among the first sessions for adults include: Get Golf Ready - 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 7; Senior Casual Golfer - 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 6; Senior New Golfer - 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 6; Ladies clinics, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 6.

Among the first sessions for youths include: Junior (ages 8-17) - 5

p.m. Thursday, May 8; Little Linksters (ages 5-8) - 11 a.m. Saturday, May 3.

Adult drop-in clinics are also available including: Golf Enhancement sessions - 6:45-8 p.m. each Monday (locations and times subject to change by season); and Golf Conditioning - 10:30-11:30 a.m. each Saturday (January through November) at Hickory Creek.

To register for classes, visit Bealert's Facebook page at TrainwithTamiGolf.com.

For more information, email TrainwithTami@gmail.com or call 734-731-0238.

MU cross country

Madonna University will stage its summer cross country base camps for serious high school runners from 8:45-9:45 a.m. July 28 through Aug. 1. The cost is \$75.

MU will also hold long runs from 7:30-9 a.m.

Saturday, July 12, July 19, July 26 and Aug. 2, at Cass Benton Park. The cost is a \$2 donation for each long run.

For more information, email Madonna cross country coach Pat Daugherty at pdaugherty@madonna.edu.

Daugherty can also be reached during the evenings at 734-658-0226 (cell) or 734-432-5634 (office).

Motor City Hoops

The MetroPCS Motor City Hoops Classic, a new 3-on-3 basketball tournament, will be Saturday and Sunday, June 7-8, on the Detroit Riverfront.

The Classic will have divisions for all ages and skill levels with both men's and women's teams invited.

Team registration is under way with the deadline Friday, May 23.

To register or for more information, visit motorcityhoopsclassic.com.

Cover Contest

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HOW TO ENTER:

In person at the Spring Expo Tuesday, April 29 at Schoolcraft College. Come dressed in your best or goofiest Christmas attire. Photos will be taken between 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

JUDGING:

The winner will be selected using a combination of readers' voting on facebook.com/OEHometown beginning May 2 and staff picks.

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Tuesday
April 29, 2014
2 p.m. - 7 p.m.
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Livonia, MI 48152



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RELIGION CALENDAR

APRIL

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

Time/Date: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon and 3 p.m. April 27
Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Roman Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth
Contact: 734-453-0326; www.olgparish.net

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday, April 27
Location: In the community room at Prentis Apartments, located on 10 Mile east of Greenfield in Oak Park
Details: Judy Galperin will lead a Swedish weaving (huck embroidery) workshop. Attendees will be in creating bookmarks, place mats and challah covers. The group also will prepare for its display, May 1-3 at the Farmington Festival of the Arts, "Grow with the Arts."

Contact: Judy Galperin at 248-661-5337

RECOLLECTION DAY

Time/Date: Registration at 8:30 a.m., Mass at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 26
Location: St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, located at West Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford
Details: The Rev. Ben Luedke will lead participants through a day of prayer. The program, which runs until 3 p.m. is sponsored by the Association of Christian Therapists. Cost is \$5. Participants may bring a sack lunch. Coffee and snacks will be provided

Contact: Antoinette McDermott at 313-255-9676 or email Kris at fuzziandcompany@gmail.com

TRIVIA NIGHT

Time/Date: Doors open 6 p.m., game begins 7 p.m. Saturday, April 26
Location: Ss. Simon and Jude Catholic Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland
Details: Cost is \$20 per team of up to four individuals and includes 10 rounds of questions, popcorn, six hot dogs and six chips per team. No registrations at the door; www.stsimonandjude.com/trivia.html

Contact: Kathy Hansen at 734-716-4436; stsimonandjude@gmail.com

YOM HASHOAH

Time/Date: 5 p.m. Sunday, April 27
Location: The Berman Center for the Performing Arts, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: In recognition of Yom HaShoah — Holocaust Memorial Day — the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit will show *I Believe: A Shoah Requiem*, a film featuring 150 choral voices singing an a cappella cantata composed by Cantor Daniel Gross of Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills. The film version was recorded last year at the Orchestra Hall in Detroit

Contact: jccdet.org

MAY

ANTIQUA APPRAISAL

Time/Date: Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 4
Location: Commerce United Methodist Church, 1155 Commerce Road, Commerce Township
Details: \$5 donation for each item appraised; silent auction and lunch items available. Proceeds go toward restoration of 1841 chapel

Contact: Linda Komatowski at 248-505-3191

COMMON GROUND

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, May 2
Location: Connection Church, 3855 S. Sheldon Road, Canton
Details: Girl's night out with a God focus for women and girls, 13 and over. Includes teaching, outreach for homeless veterans, giveaways and party. Lifesavers, Rice Krispies Bars, packaged plastic utensils, Ritz snack mix, and easy-open cans of fish or meat will be collected at the event

Contact: 734-397-1777, Ext. 111; tami@connectionchurch.info

RUMMAGE ITEMS NEEDED

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 12-14
Location: Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 W. 13 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Items are needed for the church's rummage sale. Leave donations in the church hallway. Donation receipts will be on a table near the back door

Contact: Judy Glass at 248-626-7906; antiochelca@sbcglobal.net

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Thursday, May 1, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 2, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 3
Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Newburgh and Wayne Road, Livonia
Details: \$2 admission per adult Thursday only; free admission Friday and Saturday. Saturday half-price sale.

Contact: 734-422-0149

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE, ROUND-UP

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon and 1-2:30 p.m. Monday, May 19; kindergarten, Young 5's and preschool roundup, 1-2:30 p.m. Friday, May 9
Location: St. Genevieve Catholic School, 28933 Jamison, Livonia
Details: Preschool through eighth grade. School tours available

Contact: 734-425-4420

ONGOING

CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberg at 734-464-9491

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township
Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday.
Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Catholic author and Bible scholar Gary Michuta leads the study of Acts of the Apostles.

Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniastmichael.org

Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays
Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township
Details: Learner's Bible study is held

Contact: 248-374-5920

FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: The Salvation Army,

27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday
Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

Nardin Park United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday
Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests.

Contact: 248-476-8860

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back
Details: Music, singing, prayer
Contact: Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday
Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304
Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated. Occasionally includes guest speakers; open to the public and visitors are welcome.

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.
Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville
Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org for additional information

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.

Contact: 313-534-0399

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday
Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township
Details: Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship, coffee, doughnuts, conversation.

Contact: 248-374-5920

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm

Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in translation as well as the original Hebrew.

Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church

Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily
Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia
Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.

Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202
Details: Addition No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling.

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August
Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills
Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City
Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

Riverside Park Church of God

Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Adult Day Ministry offers an adult daytime care program with a specialty in dementia care. Not a drop-in center

Contact: 734-367-4220 or 734-464-0990; www.riversideparkchurch.org; or email to rpadm@riversideparkchurch.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday morning
Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available

Contact: 734-421-8451

St. John Neumann

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesdays
Location: 44800 Warren Road, Canton
Details: Overeaters Anonymous meets

Contact: Mary at 734-634-7154 or Jennifer at 734-812-6077 for additional information

St. Thomas a' Becket Church

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group meeting starts at 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton
Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly encourages members of the organization to lose weight and keep it off for good.

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322 for additional information

Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia
Details: Overeaters Anonymous

Contact: 248-559-7722; www.oa.org for additional information

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts)
Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township
Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.

Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterrecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

THRIFT STORE

St. James Presbyterian
Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford
Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

Way of Life Christian Church

Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May
Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth
Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.

Contact: 734-637-7618

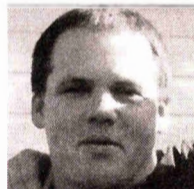
TOUR

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month
Location: The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit
Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. He provided soup for the hungry, kind words for the troubled and a healing touch for the ill. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.

Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

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 Age 69, of Livonia, formerly of Northville, April 18, 2014.
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HICKS, DONALD JAMES "DON"

Of Perry, MI, passed away after a courageous battle against Melanoma, on Thursday, April 17, 2014, at the age of 48. After attending Farmington High School, Don set out with an adventurous spirit and sense of curiosity. He was able to explore much of the United States through his career as a truck driver. Don was an extraordinary father to his children, and regularly provided advice and counsel to their friends. His loyalty to friends was legendary, and he will be remembered for his compassion, support and sense of humor. Don is survived by his wife Michelle Hicks; mother Sharon Hicks; son Ronnie Schan; daughter Heather Hicks; sister Christy Hicks; brother Tim Fife; step-daughters Marie Depoorter, Nicole McCubbin and Rachel McCubbin; and step-grandsons Jacob, Jonathan, Julian, and Carsyn. In accordance with Don's final wishes, his body has been donated to medical research at Michigan State University. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be sent to the American Cancer Society. A celebration of Don's life will be hosted by his family in the near future.

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Local choirs pay tribute to Gershwin, Broadway, Hollywood, the heavens

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Bid in a silent auction and hear a mix of contemporary and classical tunes Sunday, April 27, in Bloomfield Hills.

Celebrate the sun, moon and stars with celestial songs next weekend in Livonia.

And give a nod to Gershwin the week after that in Garden City.

Local choruses, chorales and choirs are wrapping up their seasons with annual spring concerts over the next month with a wide variety of music and themes.

"We do a show, not just a concert," said Shelly Addison, manager of the Farmington Community Chorus. "We'll have dancers from the chorus dance and small acts, from solos to quartets. We have one guy doing a comedic song. We try to put on almost like a variety show."

The group of approximately 60 singers, accompanied by drums, piano, saxophone, clarinet and flute, will pay tribute to the music of George Gershwin at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 9-10, at Garden City High School, located on Middlebelt between Ford and Warren roads. Tickets are \$12 in advance from chorus members and at farmingtonchorus.com; and \$15 at the door.

The chorus will give listeners a taste of their upcoming concert from 2-2:30 at the Festival of the Arts, Saturday, May 3, at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. It also will sing some Gershwin tunes during its appearance Aug. 28 in Heritage Park, as a part of the annual Stars in the Park summer music series.

"Everything on this show is a Gershwin tune," said Ginny Lundquist, soprano, and a chorus co-founder. "We memorize our music, so we're not holding pieces of music up between us and the audience. It helps us make a connection with them."



Farmington Community Chorus will perform music by Gershwin May 9-10 at Garden City High School.

Lundquist joined the group when it was called the Kendall larks, after the neighborhood, Kendallwood, where its members, "basically wives of Ford executives," lived. Lundquist said the all-women choir added men to its ranks, changed its name and became a city parks and recreation-sponsored activity in 1980. She said the chorus is beginning to plan for its 35th anniversary next year.

Challenging music

The Madrigal Chorale, which rehearses at Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills, also got its start as an all-women choir. It originally was called the Madrigal Club of Detroit when it was founded in 1914. Its members joined with singers from the all-male Orpheus Club to form the Mad-

rigal Chorale of Southfield in 1980. The new group, which later shortened its name, broadened its repertoire to include jazz, popular, spiritual and ethnic songs, in addition to classical music.

"We are a semi-professional choir. The music is challenging," said Mary Simmons, vice president of development. "The year I joined, I got all this music and the first thing they went over was Verdi's *Requiem*. I thought, oh, dear, what have I done?"

Simmons, a Farmington resident, stuck it out and now looks forward to both rehearsals and concerts.

"It feeds my soul. I get home Tuesday nights (after practice) and I'm physically exhausted, but it feels so good."

Fundraiser concert

Simmons and other members of the 40-voice choir will sing a variety of "favorite songs" including *Shenandoah*, *Ching-a-Ring Chaw* by Aaron Copland and *Easter Hymn* by Pietro Mascagni, at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 27, at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, 1250 Kensington, Bloomfield Hills. The Academy of the Sacred Heart Upper School Concert Choir and Middle School for Girls Advanced Choir, will be the guest singers. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for students and seniors and \$40 for a family of two adults and two children, 18 and under. They cost \$2 more in all price categories if purchased at the door. Buy them in advance at mcs-notes.org or by calling 248-804-

1377.

The performance will include a silent auction to raise money for scholarships.

Here's a sampling of other local choirs with upcoming concerts:

» Livonia Civic Chorus: "Touch the Sky," 3 p.m. Sunday, May 4, at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, between Seven Mile and Eight Mile, Livonia. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students, available from chorus members, at the Livonia Recreation Center or by calling 734-542-9071. Tickets at the door are \$15.

"We'll sing songs about stars, sun, moon and wind," said Peggy Gaskill, president. Selections include *Aquarius*, *Good Morning Star Shine*, *When You Wish Upon a Star*, *Fly Me to the Moon*, *It's Raining Men* and more.

» HarmonyTown Chorus: "Barbershop Showstoppers," with special guest quartet, Bucket List, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 4, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. The show will include musical hits from Hollywood. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$14 for youth. Call 734-394-5460 or visit cantonvillage-theater.org.

» Plymouth Oratorio Society: 4 p.m. Sunday, May 4, First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. The concert will consist of *Te Deum* by Antonin Dvorak and *St. Nicolas* by Benjamin Britton. The Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra and organist Mary Ann Balduf also will perform. A free will offering will be taken. For information, call 734-455-8353 or visit: plymouthoratoriosociety.org.

» Cherry Hill Singers: "It's a Grand Night For Singing," includes Broadway classics, 7:30 p.m. May 2, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Tickets are \$12. Call 888-459-4887 or visit beckridgechorale.org.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Labor Day, with closing time at 8 p.m. Wednesdays in July and August

Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking

Senior Day: Seniors, 62 and older, and a caregiver admitted free from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 30. Features live music, tractor train tours, bingo and senior resource area

Greenfest: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 26-27, featuring earth-friendly crafts, endangered species and green scavenger hunt, rock climbing wall, family yoga classes, animal enrichment, exhibits by local conversation groups and entertainment by Joe Reilly and the Community Gardeners. All activities are free with zoo admission. Anyone who brings a wine cork, rinsed Capri Sun pouch, empty chip bag or cell phone for recycling or is carrying a refillable water bottle, will receive a reduced admission price of \$8

Contact: 248-541-5717

ART & CRAFTS

JANICE CHARACH GALLERY

Time/Date: Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 12 through June 26

Location: Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: The works of Abraham Loewenthal are on exhibit. Loewenthal's paintings incorporate themes of Kabbalah, holidays and prayer with contemporary design

Contact: 248-432-5448

LIVONIA ARTISTS CLUB

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, May 2-30

Location: Livonia City Hall lobby, located on Five Mile, east of Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: The club, which was founded in 1960, will hold its 54th annual Exhibit

Contact: Yvette Goldberg at 248-476-2313

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Gallery hours, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through April 26

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "Detritus," an exhibit of works

by airbrush master Tom Thewes

Contact: 248-344-0497; <http://www.northvillearts.org>

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Friday, April 25

Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: An open life drawing event for artists with costumed professional model and an Arabian Nights theme, is open to all ages, although children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Bring your own art supplies. \$10 at the door includes refreshments

Contact: 734-416-4278 or email lisa@plymoutharts.com

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public performances; artist reception, 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 29

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Glass orbs and columns created by Paul Stankard and photography by Ron Farina, Bernie Meyers, Dave Chiemlewski and Dennis Krukowski; lunch buffet and panel discussion by the artists will be held at noon, Wednesday, April 30. Tickets are \$15, available at cantonvillage-theater.org

Contact: 734-394-5300

COMEDY

EMERGENT ARTS

Time/Date: Open mic, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 27, following 5 p.m. "Comedy Dojo" class

Location: The Mix Studio Theater, 8 N. Washington St., Ypsilanti

Details: Chili Challis, national headliner comedian and former staff writer for *The Tonight Show With Jay Leno*, coaches new and experienced comics in the nuances of their craft during his Comedy Dojo. Mark Sweetman emcees the open mic. \$5 suggested donation at the door. For more about the fee-based classes, visit ChilliChallis.com

Contact: 734-985-0875

DANCE

MUSIC HALL

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 3

Location: 350 Madison, Detroit

Details: Moscow Festival Ballet performs Giselle. Tickets range from \$30-\$50

Contact: 313-887-8501

FILM

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, April 24 and May 1, Friday, April 25; and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 26-27

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: *The Lego Movie*, admission \$3

Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penn-theatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, April 25, and 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 26

Location: 17360 Lahser, north of Grand River Avenue, Detroit

Details: Three Stooges Film Festival, \$6

Contact: 313-537-2560

MUSEUM

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday, through June 8

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: Vintage Runway exhibit features men's and women's clothing fashions from 1820s-1970s; admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17

Contact: 734-455-8940

MUSIC

BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

Time/Date: Open mic sign up, 6:15-6:45 p.m.; performances 7-9 p.m., April 26

Location: The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Open mic musicians may perform two songs, original or cover. Featured performer is "Soundcheck," consisting of Frieda Dickason, Carol Sissen, John Craven and Steve Heavrin. Jessica Carmichael hosts. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Annual memberships are \$25 for individuals and include free admission

Contact: Scott Ludwig at BFSpresident@aol.com for additional information

JAZZ@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge 1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: On April 29, Johnny Trudell Quartet will play jazz favorites. \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres

Contact: 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

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Aaron York (left, standing), Pam Gunderson, Randall Birk, Rachel Kain (left, seated) and Catherine Rayes will sing songs from Rodgers and Hammerstein musicals, May 2-4 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, in Livonia.

Paul's Players sing Rodgers and Hammerstein

Paul's Players presents "Some Enchanted Evening," a musical revue of songs from Rodgers and Hammerstein shows, 7:30 p.m. May 2-3 and 2 p.m. May 4, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia.

Songs will include *Surrey With the Fringe on Top*, *A Grand Night for Singing*, *There Ain't Nothing Like a Dame*, *Do I Love You, Oklahoma*, *Bali Hai* and others. Tickets are \$12 for

adults, and \$10 for seniors and students. To reserve tickets, call 248-347-4134, or email paulsplayers@gmail.com. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Cast members are Pam Gunderson of Redford, and Randall Birk, Rachel Kain, Sue Krekeler, Catherine Rayes, and Aaron York, all of Livonia. Patricia Hutchison directs this performance, with Sandra Main-Niemisto as pianist.

Concert benefits Trinity House



Folk duo, Lac La Belle, will perform along with the Motor City Troubadours, 8 p.m. Friday, May 2, at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia. Tickets are \$15, \$12 for Trinity House Theatre subscribers. Proceeds will benefit Trinity House, a nonprofit venue that presents music and theater in Livonia. www.trinityhousetheatre.org.

GET OUT

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Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 3
Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 40500 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
Details: Performance features Andre Myers, composer and narrator; tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors, and \$5 for youth
Contact: 734-451-2112; michiganphil.org

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, April 25
Location: VisTaTech Center on the main campus, located on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia
Details: Percussion Group Cincinnati; admission is \$20 for adults, \$10 for students
Contact: 734-462-4403; www.schoolcraft.edu/music

TUESDAY MUSICAL OF DETROIT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 25
Location: Max Fisher Music Center (Orchestra Hall), 3711 Woodward, Detroit
Details: The concert features Bill Baxtresser, trumpet, Mark Watson, bass-baritone, and Dizhou Zhao, piano, playing music by Handel, Liszt, Balakirev and a new composition by David DiChiera, founder and director of the Michigan Opera Theatre. Admission is \$35 and includes and afterglow
Contact: 313-520-8663; TuesdayMusicalofDetroit.org

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.



The Moscow Festival Ballet will perform *Giselle* May 3 at Music Hall in downtown Detroit.

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Erin Zindle, April 25; Michigan Fingerstyle Guitar Society presents Muriel Anderson, April 26; Gurf Morlix, April 27; open mic, April 29; Rod Picott, May 3; Empty Chair Night featuring Annie and Rod Capps, Joel Palmer, and Dan Hazlett, May 4; open mic, May 6; Bill Bynum and Company, May 9; Four Block Empire with Cold Tone Harvest, May 10; The Choir, May 11. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted.
Benefit concert: Features Lac La Belle and the Motor City Troubadours, 8 p.m. Friday, May 2, at Trinity Church of Livonia, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia. Tickets are \$15, \$12 for subscribers. Proceeds benefit the theater
Contact: 734-464-6302

VIVACE MUSIC SERIES

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 10
Location: Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Paul Vondiziano, a classic guitarist, will play works of the Baroque era, including

the music of Bach and Ponce. Tickets are \$23 general admission, \$20 for seniors and students

Contact: Joyce Cheresch at 248-788-9338 or Ann Sipher at 248-661-1348

THEATER BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. April 25-26 and May 2-3; 2 p.m. April 27 and May 4; afterglow follows the performance on April 26
Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth
Details: *Five Women Wearing the Same Dress*, is a raunchy comedy about five reluctant bridesmaids at the wedding reception of a mutual friend. Each has her own reason to avoid the party, and they come together to share jokes, tears, and revelations. Open to age 18 and over. Tickets on April 26 are \$20 and include the afterglow; all other performances are \$15
Contact: 734-560-1493; justgobarefoot.com

FARMINGTON HILLS YOUTH THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, April 25 and Saturday, May 3; 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 26-27 and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, May 4
Location: Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: *Disney Camp Rock The Musical* features 139 cast members, ages 6-18. The musical tells the story of youngsters who show up for another great summer at camp, but discover that a newer, flashier camp in town threatens the existence of their beloved Camp Rock. Tickets are \$10; children, 3 and under, are free
Contact: 248-473-1848; https://recreg.fhgvo.com

MOTOR CITY YOUTH THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. April 25-26 and May 2-3; and 2 p.m. April 27 and May 4
Location: 27555 Grantland, Livonia
Details: *Peter Pan*. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors
Contact: 313-535-8962; mcy-t.org

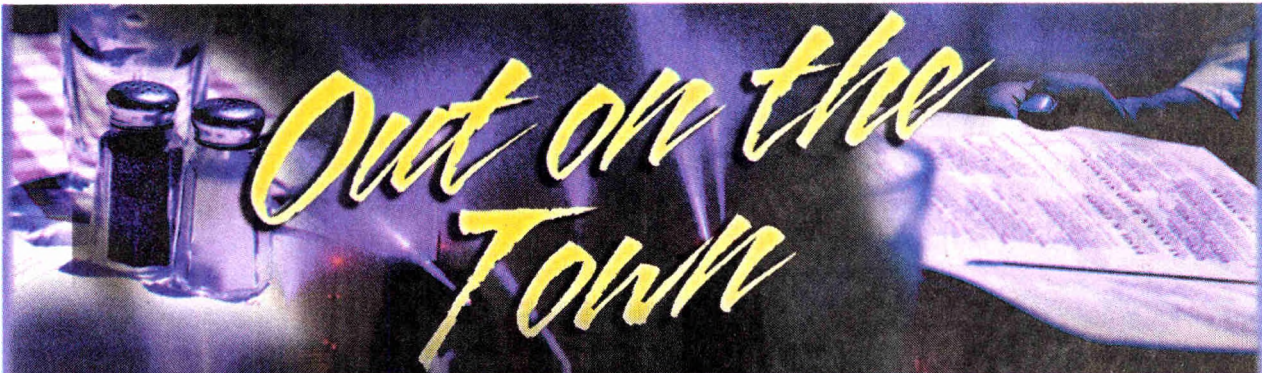
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Makes 4 to 6 servings

¾ pound boneless, skinless chicken breast, cut into 1½- to 2-inch cubes
18 medium shrimp, shelled and deveined (½ to ¾ pound)
½ cup olive oil
½ cup prepared mango chutney, chopped if coarse
½ cup bottled teriyaki sauce
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
18 large bamboo or metal skewers (about 12 inches long)
1 medium yellow onion, cut into ½-inch wedges
1 medium red onion, cut into ½-inch wedges
2 firm, ripe mangos, peeled, pitted and cut into large cubes
1 large green bell pepper, halved, trimmed, seeded and cubed
Nonstick cooking spray, as needed
Ginger Mango Dipping Sauce (recipe follows)

Place chicken and shrimp in shallow glass pan or large re-sealable plastic bag. For marinade, combine oil, chutney, teriyaki sauce and vinegar in small bowl with lid. Pour half of marinade mixture over chicken and shrimp. Cover or seal and marinate in refrigerator at least 3 hours, preferably overnight. Cover and refrigerate remaining marinade for basting. If using bamboo skewers, soak in water at least 1 hour before using. To prepare kabobs: Drain and discard marinade from meat. Thread chicken, yellow and red onion, mango, green pepper and shrimp alternately onto skewers. Be sure to keep enough room at one end of each skewer for a "handle." Coat grill grate with nonstick cooking spray. Place skewers over medium coals, and grill for 12 to 15 minutes or until meat is done and vegetables are tender. Brush often with reserved marinade and turn skewers until cooked through. If needed, use spatula to gently loosen skewers before turning as they may stick. Arrange skewers on a platter and serve with Ginger Mango Dipping Sauce. Alternate preparations: Omit shrimp and use 1½ pounds boneless, skinless chicken breast, cutting into 36 cubes and using 2 per skewer. Instead of grilling, place kabobs in broiler pan coated with nonstick cooking spray and broil 3 inches from heat about 10 to 15 minutes or until done, basting and turning as needed.



MAKE DINNER SIZZLE WITH GRILLED KABOBS

Kabobs are a simple way to enjoy many of your favorite fresh flavors in a single meal. With their easy preparation and quick cooking time, kabobs make a perfect weeknight meal when served over rice along with a crisp salad. The potential combinations of meat, vegetables and fruit on a kabob are nearly endless. Spring/summer varieties of onions are especially well-suited for kabobs. Their flavor ranges from sweet and mild to slightly pungent. Easily identifiable by their tissue thin skin, spring/summer onions are higher in water content, which gives them a tender crisp texture when grilled.

Kitchen tips

For the best results, follow these tips from the National Onion Association:

1. Chill onions at least 30 minutes before cutting, and use a sharp knife to reduce tearing.
2. Soak onions in ice water overnight to dampen their flavor, yet keep their crisp, juicy texture.
3. Cut onions can be refrigerated up to 7 days in sealed containers.

Before you begin experimenting with kabob combinations of your own, try this deliciously simple recipe, which melds chicken and shrimp with two colors of onion, bell pepper and mango for a sweet and savory main dish. Remember to cut ingredients into uniform pieces and leave space between each piece to ensure your kabobs cook evenly and thoroughly.

Add a tasty side salad and dessert for a complete meal.

Find additional recipes at www.onions-usa.org.

Courtesy of Family Features

GINGER MANGO DIPPING SAUCE

Makes about 1 cup

1 mango, halved, pitted and scooped out of skin (about 1 cup)
¼ cup frozen orange juice concentrate
2 teaspoons grated fresh ginger root (or ½ teaspoon ground ginger)

Combine ingredients in electric blender and puree until smooth.

AVOCADO CITRUS SALAD WITH MARINATED ONION

Makes 4-6 servings

Marinated Onions (recipe below)
2 oranges
½ cup olive oil
¼ cup rice vinegar or white wine vinegar
1 tablespoon honey
1 avocado, halved, pitted and skin removed
1 grapefruit, peeled and sliced, seeds removed
Endive and/or small romaine lettuce spears

Marinated Onions: Peel and thinly slice 1 medium red onion. Combine ¼ cup rice vinegar, ¼ cup honey, and ¼ cup water in jar with tight lid; shake until well blended. Add onions to the jar. Shake jar to coat onions in liquid, then refrigerate overnight or for at least 6 hours. If necessary, shake the jar 2-3 times during the 6 hours to be sure the onions marinate evenly.

Grate 2 teaspoons of orange peel. Combine orange peel, oil, vinegar, and honey in a small jar with a lid. Pare and slice oranges; remove seeds. Slice avocado.

For each serving, arrange endive and/or romaine leaves in a spoke-fashion on individual plates. Portion oranges, avocado and grapefruit pieces onto the center spokes of endive and/or romaine. Lift Marinated Onions from liquid with a fork and transfer to the top of each salad. Drizzle with dressing before serving.



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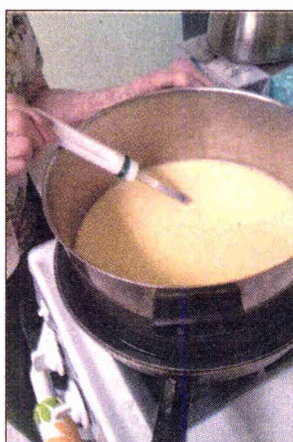
By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

I crave egg cheese once a year. That's as much as my heart and arteries will allow — just once annually. Made with two dozen eggs and whole milk, it's one of my family's favorite spring-time traditions. It has its roots in Eastern Europe and is a "must make" at or just after Easter.

The recipe, passed down from grandmother to mother to daughters, makes enough for two cheese balls, which last at least a week when sliced thin and paired with beets or beet relish.

If you want to give it a try you'll need a pot, strainer, cheesecloth, string, double boiler or a pan deep enough to hold an inch of water along with the cooking pot. Ingredients consist of the eggs, whole milk and a little butter.

Follow the photos for step-by-step directions. If you have a favorite food or family specialty that you'd like to share with readers, send a list of ingredients and directions and a few photos that show the progression of the recipe to sdargay@hometownlife.com. Make sure the photos are in jpg form attached to the email. Include your phone number or email address.



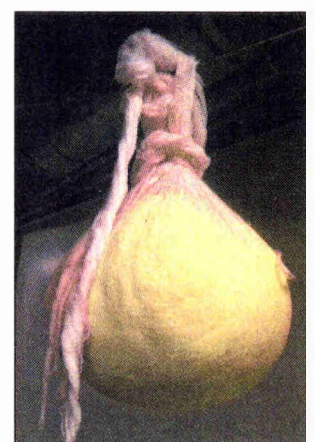
Beat 24 eggs and combine with 1½ quarts of whole milk. Place in a pot over a pan containing approximately one inch of water on medium heat. Stir constantly, scraping the bottom of the pot occasionally.



Cut several pieces of cheesecloth and place over a strainer, making sure the ends of the cloth extend beyond the strainer. Place the strainer over a bowl or large plate. When the liquid mixture has congealed into the consistency of loose scrambled egg, spoon it into the cloth. Excess liquid will pass through the cloth into the dish or bowl below.



Pull the ends of the cheesecloth together, allowing the congealed mixture to form a ball. Wear clean, heavy rubber gloves to squeeze excess liquid from the hot cheese ball. Tie the ends of the cloth together with string.



Hang the cheese ball over a bowl to catch excess liquid. Cut it down when dry — or after it has hung overnight. Remove the cheesecloth. Rub butter or margarine over the cheese. Place in an ovenproof pan and place in a 325-350 oven for 10 minutes. Cool. Slice. Goes well with beets or beet relish. Store in the refrigerator.



Realtors are pleased with solid sales in 2014. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

ECONOMIST: HOME SALES STEADY FOR 2014

Existing-home sales are expected to retain the healthy gains seen this year, while prices will stay on an uptrend in 2014, according to a forecast presentation at a residential forum during the 2013 Realtors Conference & Expo.

Lawrence Yun, chief economist of the National Association of Realtors, said existing-home sales have shown a 20 percent cumulative increase over the past two years, while prices have gained 18 percent, but incomes have risen only 2 to 4 percent in the same timeframe.

"We've come off of record high housing affordability conditions in the past year, and are now at a five-year low, but conditions are still the fifth best in the past 40 years," Yun said. "While the median-income family in many areas will still be well positioned to buy a home in 2014, income is barely budging given growth in consumer prices."

Yun said the other headwinds moving forward include limited inventory conditions in many areas and mortgage lending standards that are still unnecessarily stringent. "Although home sales have recovered over the past two years, mortgage purchase applications have been flat for the past four years, even with rising sales," he said.

With higher mortgage interest rates, he expects refinancings to collapse in 2014 to the lowest level in at least 15 years, and hopes purchase applications will begin to rise. "This is an incentive for banks to increase mortgage origination, especially considering the low default rates in recent years. But even with cheap mortgages for the past four years, all-cash buyers stayed high, accounting for over 30 percent of sales," Yun noted.

Beyond bank motivation, Yun said Washington policies for mortgage lending have been too restrictive. He cited rising fees for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, higher Federal Housing Administration premiums, as well as Dodd-Frank banking regulations, which have been strangling community banks. In addition, Yun said banks are holding onto funds for potential Department of Justice lawsuits, rather than making

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LAWRENCE YUN
chief economist of the
National Association of Realtors

them available to mortgage borrowers.

He said job creation, and hopefully a relaxation in stringent lending standards, will offset higher mortgage interest rates. Existing-home sales this year are forecast to rise 10 percent to nearly 5.13 million, but should hold fairly even at about 5.12 million in 2014.

Limited supplies were the biggest factor in price performance in the past year, with inventory bouncing around 13-year lows, and seriously delinquent mortgages have been trending steadily down. The national median existing-home price for all of 2013 was up just over 11 percent, to about \$197,000; then increase nearly 6 percent this year.

Yun expects the inventory shortages to be felt again this spring. "Housing starts are the only way to alleviate inventory shortages," he said. "Housing starts need to rise 50 percent to meet underlying demand."

Housing starts are forecast to hit 917,000 this year and reach 1.13 million in 2014, which is still well below the underlying demand of about 1.5 million. New-home sales were forecasted to total 429,000 in 2013, and grow to 508,000 this year.

Inflationary pressure may begin to build during the course of 2014, with consumer prices projected to rise 2.7 percent, but Yun said inflation could reach 4 to 6 percent in 2015. Mortgage interest rates are expected to trend upward and reach 5.4 by the end of next year.

Yun projected growth in Gross Domestic Product to be 1.7 percent in 2013 and 2.5 percent in 2014. "If not for the housing recovery, we could be on the

verge of a recession," Yun noted. "The rent component of inflation is rising, so the only way to tame price growth is new home inventory."

Since the economic downturn, 8.8 million jobs were lost, but only seven million have been regained. "We need another six to eight million jobs to get back to normal," Yun said. The states with the fastest job growth are North Dakota, Utah, Idaho, Texas, Colorado, Minnesota, Georgia, Washington, Arizona and New Jersey. The unemployment rate is projected to decline to about 6.7 percent around the end of 2014.

Based on the forecast, the top 10 markets to watch for a housing turnaround in 2014 are Salt Lake City; Naples, Fla.; Tampa, Fla.; Atlanta; Boise, Idaho; Houston; Charlotte, N.C.; Denver; Seattle; and Tucson, Ariz.

Also speaking was John Krainer, senior economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, who said near-term economic momentum is weakening, but improvement in growth is expected going forward. "Inflation has been subdued, and is expected to remain below the Fed's 2 percent target over the next few years," he said. "Despite improvement in the labor market, the unemployment rate remains elevated but will be falling slowly."

Krainer notes improved household net worth, aided by rising home values, is supporting consumption spending, but home sales and inventories are not growing as expected. "New-home sales are significantly underperforming, and have been bouncing around World War II lows," he said.

"There is a big disconnect between rising home prices and inventory slowing down," Krainer said. Normally, higher levels of new construction would be expected in a rising sales environment.

Krainer notes there is a relationship between the share of underwater mortgages and the number of homes for sale. "In markets where we saw a high percentage of underwater home owners, we also saw lower inventory levels."

Cuba: Interesting land, some old ways remain

Q: We are thinking about visiting Cuba through a cultural exchange; can we buy real estate there?

A: As best I can tell from talking to Cubans on my visit, you must be a resident or have close relatives such as a wife or parents or have business with the government to own real estate. Surprisingly many of the apartments in Havana are owned by their inhabitants and over the last two years, the government has allowed them to sell them. Nor do they pay any taxes at this time but the government is looking into implementing it for the first time. The housing in downtown Havana is extremely overcrowded, but in the Miramar region, where Castro purportedly lives, there are upscale private homes formerly owned by upper crust families before the revolution in 1959, but don't count on investing there for the foreseeable future.

Q: I have heard about cultural exchanges between the United States and Cuba where you are able, as U.S. citizens, to learn more about the country and its neighborhoods. Do you have any experience or knowledge about that?

A: Yes, I recently went on an educational-cultural exchange which is allowed by the U.S. government under certain circumstances. Because of the shortage of raw materials and almost everything else, because of the embargo, etc., Cuba must be creative and innovative in not only fixing its old U.S. cars, but building and refurbishing homes and apartments. I visited a neighborhood where a famous artist not only artistically decorated his own house, but much of the neighborhood in graphic and colorful designs, similar to what we have seen by an artist in Detroit attempting to cover up blight. Many of the homes that were formerly owned by rich Cubans before the revolution are now embassies and government offices which are well maintained on beautiful boulevards; yet much of the exterior of many of the homes and buildings remains unpainted. It was an interesting visit.

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 2-6, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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16244 Buckingham Ave \$273,000
31220 Churchill Dr \$273,000

BIRMINGHAM

1584 Ashford Ln \$519,000
2822 Dorchester Rd \$170,000
1061 Forest Ave \$375,000
1313 Latham St \$395,000
185 Northlawn Blvd \$938,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

5363 Brookdale Rd \$650,000
726 E Fox Hills Dr \$93,000
2489 Hickory Glen Dr \$345,000
1750 Woodward Ave \$142,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

523 Newburne Pointe \$400,000
5481 Provincial Dr \$395,000
1844 Rockledge Ln \$60,000

1114 S Timberview Trl \$194,000
1930 W Square Lake Rd \$245,000
5167 Woodlands Ln \$292,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

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3895 Ranya Dr \$258,000
5338 S River Dr \$180,000
954 Sherbrooke St \$250,000

FARMINGTON

32231 Valley View Cir \$188,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

28649 Balmoral Way \$165,000
25838 Branchester Rd \$219,000
25260 Carrollton Dr \$274,000
38633 Darbyshire \$123,000
37874 Glengrove Dr \$315,000
21503 Hancock St \$128,000
30657 Ramblewood Club Dr \$168,000

GARDEN CITY

32153 Red Clover Ct \$195,000
28309 Ridgebrook Rd \$194,000
27673 S Bridle Hills Dr \$195,000
30733 Shiawassee Rd # \$33,000

LIVONIA

46 \$190,000
32463 Sprucewood St \$190,000
33500 Stocker St \$130,000

28418 W Eight Mile Rd \$27,000
Unit A3 \$125,000
22151 W Brandon St \$150,000
27682 Westcott Crescent Cir \$117,000
21623 Whittington St \$185,000
30126 Woodbrook Ct \$185,000

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27310 Wellington Rd \$625,000
17381 Wiltshire Blvd \$123,000

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44121 Galway Dr \$267,000
37847 W Greenwood Dr \$275,000

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45549 Bristol Cir \$406,000
23780 E Le Bost \$124,000
45498 Emerald Forest Dr \$339,000
25986 Glenmoor \$425,000
41700 Kirkwood Dr \$175,000
25827 Strath Haven Dr \$230,000
41457 Twain Pl \$375,000

SOUTH LYON

57298 Hidden Timbers Dr \$419,000
1014 Paddock Dr \$198,000

1137 Paddock Dr \$267,000
24681 Padstone Dr \$80,000
789 Pepper Dr \$190,000
61850 W Eight Mile Rd \$40,000
24630 Wedgewood Dr \$380,000

SOUTHFIELD

21539 Avon Ln \$43,000
30275 Balewood St \$103,000
28232 Bell Rd \$140,000
18179 Cornell Rd \$114,000
25583 Farmbrook Rd \$155,000
21763 Hidden Rivers Dr \$41,000

TRIMBLE

19623 Middlesex Ave \$172,000
20446 Midway Ave \$40,000
21235 Midway Ave \$29,000
20130 N Greenway St \$70,000
28426 Pierce St \$72,000
29821 Rambling Rd \$115,000
19310 Red Maple Ct \$165,000
25487 Saint James \$100,000
5000 Town Ctr # 3202 \$105,000
21300 Wallace Dr \$63,000

WHITE LAKE

955 Mallock St \$145,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 23, 2013, to Jan. 3, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

45836 Bartlett Dr \$225,000
854 Bristol Ct \$295,000
4004 Cornerstone Dr \$122,000

44974 Danbury Rd \$280,000
51210 Federal Blvd \$85,000
8367 Orhan St \$135,000
3683 Parklawn Dr \$156,000
47777 Red Run Dr \$330,000
1714 Steeplechase Rd \$84,000

GARDEN CITY

33440 Donnelly St \$65,000
28536 Leona St \$75,000

LIVONIA

28142 Elmira St \$100,000

36027 Hees St \$132,000
14417 Knolson St \$160,000
8863 Louise St \$135,000
35823 Parkdale St \$146,000
15424 Sunset St \$148,000
19401 Victor Pkwy \$10,200

NORTHVILLE

39528 Village Run Dr \$281,000

PLYMOUTH

46805 Bettyhill \$296,000
14860 Farmbrook Dr \$187,000

17678 Gaylord \$60,000
25520 Graham Rd \$57,000
15512 Macarthur \$50,000
14124 Seminole \$28,000

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 17 Pewter component
 18 Motion picture
 19 Wacky
 20 Early cameras
 23 Groundhog mo.
 24 "May it not be an —!"
 25 Kind of bean
 29 Wham!
 30 Composed, as a letter
 32 Not their
 33 Tofu source
 35 Churn up
 36 Freddy Krueger's street

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1 White vestment
 2 Dash off
 3 Pub pint
 4 Dyeing method
 5 Harness parts
 6 Osprey kin
 7 Three — Night
 8 Thumbless monkeys

37 Exactly like this (2 wds.)
 39 "Blume in Love" actor
 42 Vanna's boss, once
 43 Proceed laboriously
 44 Salsa ingredient
 48 French friar
 49 Gas tank status
 50 Loud argument
 51 Police bust
 52 Smooch
 53 Dazzle

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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9 Mock butter
 10 Viking name
 11 — Jane Grey
 16 Read hastily
 19 It may be spliced

20 Sennett zanies
 21 Melville title
 22 —-eyed (naive)
 23 No-no for Jack Sprat
 25 From, in Hamburg
 26 Booty
 27 San — Obispo
 28 Woody's son
 30 Feeling good
 31 Meadow grazer
 34 Like many moccasins
 35 Host's request
 37 Firms up
 38 Caspian Sea range
 39 Marina sight
 40 Corsica neighbor
 41 Mongolian desert
 42 Haleakala's isle
 44 NYC airport
 45 Historical period
 46 Even as we speak
 47 Feel grateful

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	1		3							5
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	7	5						9		

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9	2	4	1	2	3	1	3	7
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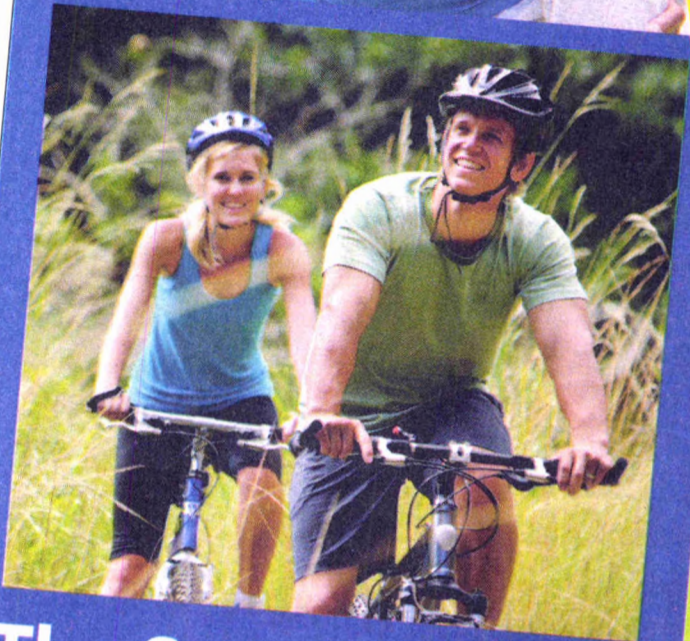
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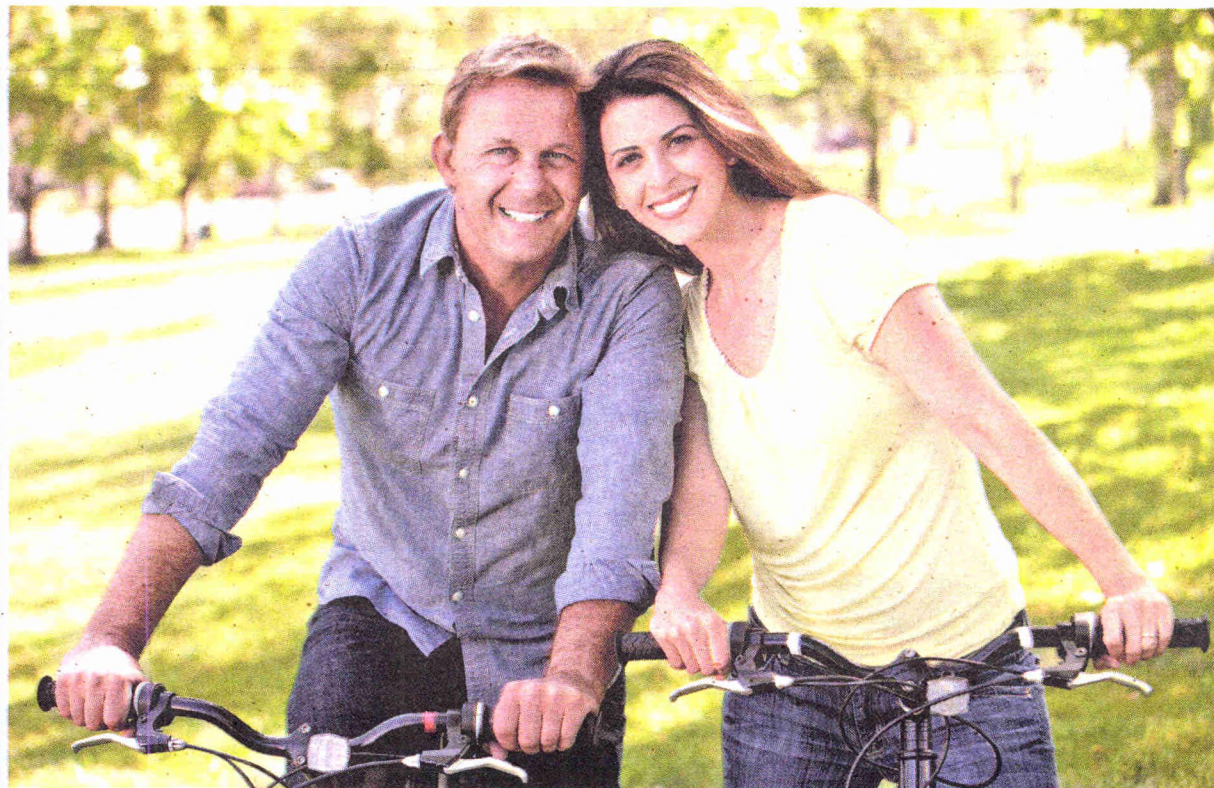
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Today, active adults are busier than ever. Parents are working eight- to 10-hour days, followed by a plethora of after-school and weekend activities. Older adults have more going on now than before retirement. And most everyone is searching for ways to save, make or give money more wisely. Today's adults are on the **GO** all of the time.



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It's important during these fast-paced times that we take care of ourselves, our family and our finances, while finding ways to have fun and grow. The 2014 11th annual *Observer & Eccentric* Spring Expo is designed to do just that. When we take time to proactively prepare and plan for what life has in store for us, we can look forward to the future.

What's new for this year's Spring Expo? New hours, more fun and more experts. The new expo hours make it more convenient for working adults to be able to participate.

The expo officially begins at 2 p.m. with the first set of workshops and demonstrations. We have planned an action-packed day featuring 19 different presenters and more than 50 different business exhibitors. Come prepared to learn, ask questions and have fun. Admission and parking are free.

Those who want to jump-start their afternoon with a little excitement before the expo officially begins are in for a treat. Thanks to one of our entertainment sponsors, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, we will tickle your funny bone with a rendition of the Family Feud, conducted by Entertainment Network, beginning at 1 p.m.

The first 100 expo attendees (which also includes those coming early for the Family Feud game) will receive one movie pass that will admit two people into any Imagine Theatre as well as a Buddy's Pizza coupon. The excitement continues with random drawings for other great gifts throughout the afternoon.

Expo patrons can also capture the moment in the photo booth located inside the exhibitor area thanks to Humana, another entertainment sponsor. Lastly, enjoy refreshments (while they last) thanks to food sponsors Twisted Rooster and SMART.

We would be remiss if we did not express gratitude and appreciation to the staff and administration of Schoolcraft College's Continuing Education and Professional Development department, plus the world-class staff at the VisTaTech Center.

I'm sure you'll agree that Spring Expo is the place you want to be April 29. So grab a friend, put it in gear and let's **GO!**

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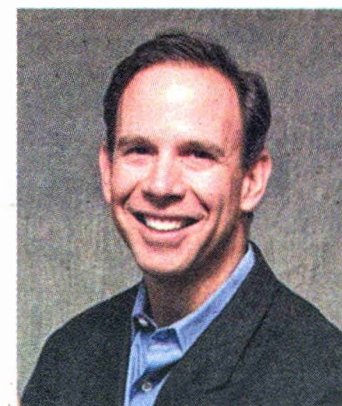
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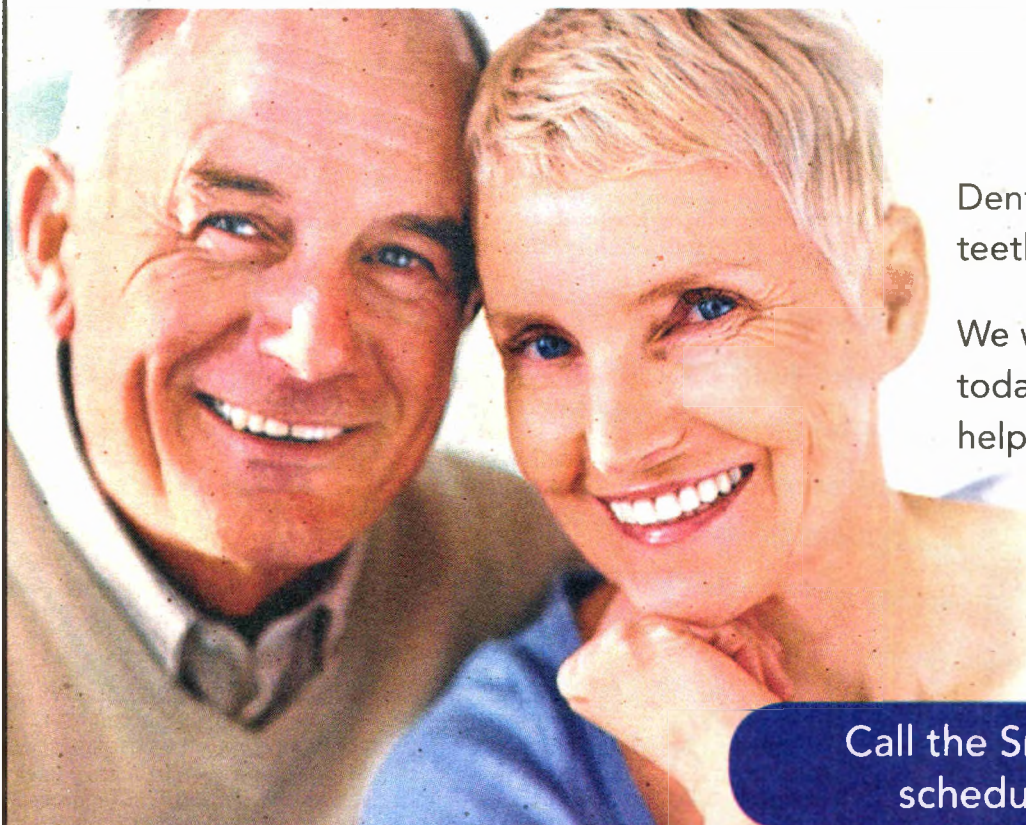


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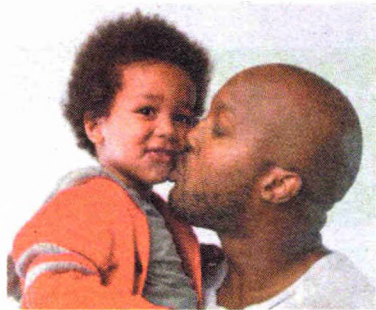
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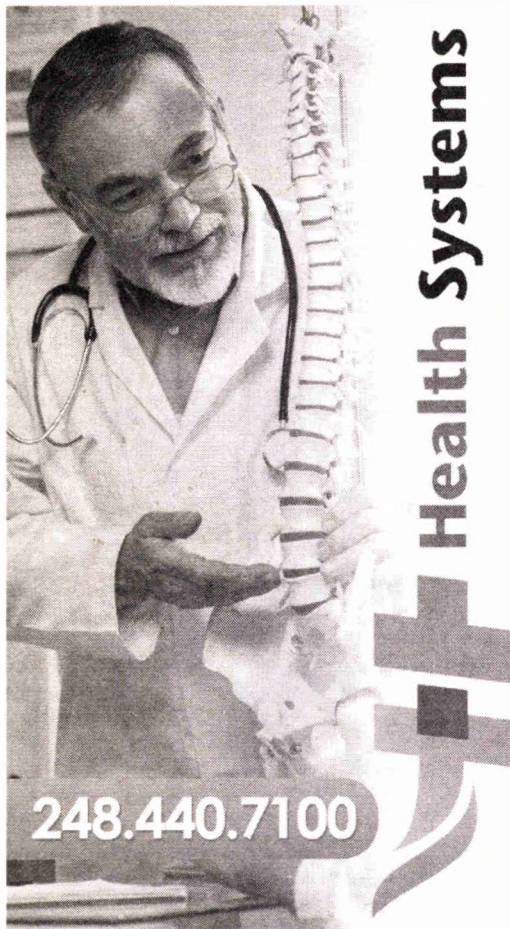
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» **Monday: Start the Week Strong** – Kick off the week with a medicine ball workout, which is a great way to work various muscles all at once. Try using a medicine ball with exercises that you're already familiar with, such as push-ups, lunges or squats, or look up demo videos online to learn some new ways to use the medicine ball.

» **Tuesday: Turn it Up** – Running is a great form of exercise, but it's important to mix up your cardio workouts to help prevent injury and become stronger overall. Grab your friends and try a



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» **Friday: Give Yourself a Star** – Gold stars aren't just for classrooms. At the end of the week, mark each day that you exercised with a star on your calendar. Whether you went for a run, hit the gym or went for a walk with friends, the calendar will be a visual reminder of how often you've been working out and will encourage you to keep going.

Remember, setting a long-term goal, such as running a marathon or dropping two dress sizes, can help keep you motivated over time, but also remember to celebrate your first mile run or your first five-pound loss. Keep tackling your new program one week at a time and your goals will easily become reality.

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about them after they've been stashed in a mail drawer or purse that has been retired to the back of the closet. Before your next shopping excursion, check to see if you have any gift cards that might save you money.

» **Stop wasting food.** The National Resources Defense Council says the average American discards as much as \$43 worth of food each month. That amounts to more than \$500 per year, which is a large portion of the food budget to simply toss in the trash. Store foods so that they are easily visible in the refrigerator so that lettuce doesn't turn brown or you forget about those strawberries that are now covered in fuzz. If you are prone to produce amnesia, simply buying frozen vegetables can help prolong shelf life and save you money.

» **Put loose change to good use.** While not much can be purchased for less than \$1 these days, that doesn't make loose change worthless. Coins can quickly accumulate and add up to big bucks. According to the coin-counting

company Coinstar, across the country there may be approximately \$10 billion in coins just sitting around unused.

» **Stop losing receipts.** Who hasn't delegated an ill-fitting item to the back of the closet because of a lost receipt? Missing receipts often deter people from going to a store to return or replace items that do not fit or did not work out. Instead of being stuck with a piece of useless clothing, be mindful of receipts, always opting to have them put into your wallet instead of just leaving them in the bag. New smart phone apps enable you to scan and store receipts if you're prone to losing them.

» **Make payments on time.** Failure to make certain payments on time, particularly credit card bills, may incur interest charges. Those few dollars in late fees or several hundred dollars in interest can quickly add up. Set up automatic payments whenever possible so you can avoid late fees and interest charges.

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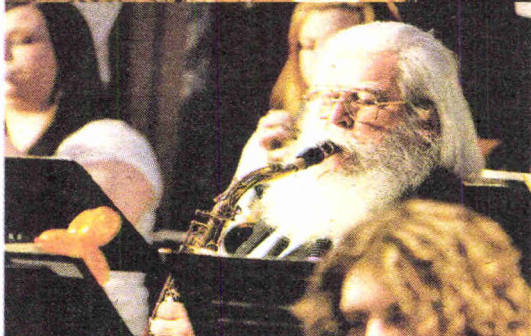
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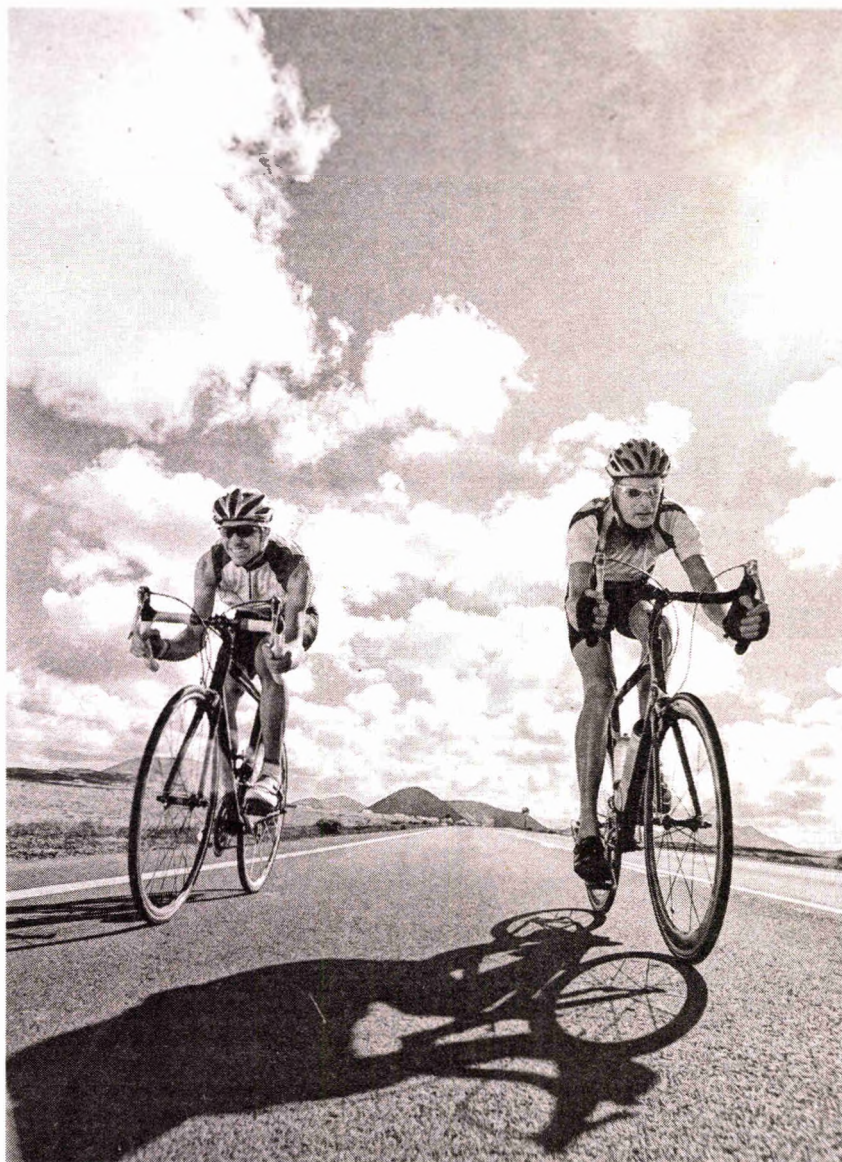
Active people tend to have varying views on cardiovascular exercise, or cardio. Often done at the end of a workout, cardio rarely evokes a staid response from fitness aficionados asked to share their thoughts on this valuable type of exercise. Fans of cardio will admit they love the feeling they get during and after a rigorous round of this type of exercise, which includes activities like running, cycling and walking. But those men and women who dread their time on the treadmill, elliptical machine or stationary bike are likely to categorize cardio as a boring and uninspiring activity. But regardless of a person's opinion on cardio, there's no denying it offers numerous benefits, many of which even avid athletes might be unaware.

» Cardio boosts brain power.

Perhaps the least known benefit of cardio is its positive impact on the brain. During cardiovascular exercise, the brain is being flooded with chemicals that improve decision-making, memory and problem-solving. Cardio can also help preserve memory and improve its ability to learn. So while the physical benefits of exercise are widely known and noticeable to the naked eye, cardiovascular exercise can be just as effective at improving cognitive function.

» Cardio can improve your appearance. Improving physical appearance is a motivating factor for many physically active men and women and cardio can go a long way toward improving physical appearance, because it increases lean body tissue while reducing fat. Cardiovascular exercise is a healthy way to burn calories and burning calories is a healthy means to losing weight.

» Cardio can help reduce the severity of pre-existing conditions. Arthritis sufferers have long looked to cardiovascular exercise as a healthy means to relieving the pain caused by their condition. Water exercises like swimming make for great cardiovascular exercises, especially for those looking to relieve arthritis pain. That's because an exercise such as swimming keeps joints moving, while strengthening muscles surrounding those joints. Studies have shown



Fans of cardiovascular exercise admit they love the feeling they get during and after a rigorous round of cycling.

that cardiovascular exercise also can lower blood pressure.

» Cardio can improve mood. Cardiovascular exercise can benefit men and women suffering from depression or those who are simply having a bad day. That's because the mood-boosting chemical serotonin is released to the brain during cardio, helping to improve mood and alleviate symptoms of depression or fatigue.

» Cardio can make tomorrow's workout easier. Recovery time is important to athletes, many of whom want to ensure their bodies

are ready for tomorrow's workout even before they finish today's. Cardiovascular exercise helps to deliver more oxygen-rich blood to muscle tissue, aiding in tissue repair and recovery. The quicker your body can rebound from today's workout, the more effective tomorrow's workout will be. So even if you don't enjoy that pit stop at the treadmill before you head home, it's paying more dividends than you might know.

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Change up your routine

Healthy ways to reinvent yourself

Aging gracefully is as much about feeling good on the inside as feeling good on the outside. It's never too late to make changes to reinvent yourself and maximize your mental and physical well-being.

Self-improvement is at the top of many women's to-do lists and doing so can take many forms. According to a recent survey by Post Great Grains Cereal, 73 percent of women said they'd reinvented themselves since they turned 40 by improving their health, finding a new passion or changing their career.

Eighty-three percent of survey participants (women ages 40-plus) think the greatest obstacle to reaching their full potential is what they think of themselves, rather than what others think of them. Follow these tips to become your own best friend and take steps toward creating a happier, healthier you.

» Give proper attention to your diet. A common form of reinvention is improving your eating habits. A balanced diet that promotes a healthy digestive system is an important step in creating a healthier you. Starting each day with a nutritious breakfast is one easy change. Fill your menu with nutrition you can see and wholesome ingredients, such as those in Great Grains Digestive Blend cereals, which have active cultures in addition to whole grains and natural fiber.

» Take time to understand yourself. Digging deep to understand your true passions may help reveal a new, more fulfilling path in life, whether it be in the form of new hobbies or even a new career. If you're not sure where to start, begin by making a running list of situations which capture your attention, such as news articles or engaging conversations. Over time, look for patterns to emerge. Topics or themes rising to the top could signal a special interest you may have overlooked in the past.

» Nurture valuable relationships. Knowing (and loving) yourself comes first, but having a strong support system is also important for overall well-being. While it's important for women to surround themselves with people who will boost them up, that boost doesn't always have to come from another woman. When they need a good laugh, 59 percent of women in the Great Grains survey said they turn to their significant other. Investing time to strengthen your personal connections improves not only the health of those relationships, but the effects of those relationships on your physical health, as well.

While charting a new path may seem daunting, focusing on your physical and mental health as you work to introduce change into your life can smooth the way to reinventing a better and brighter you.

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Scams, fraud and identity theft

By Choya Jordan
Staff Writer

Deceit is becoming a daily occurrence. The unlawful work overtime to trick, confuse and steal identity. In order to combat this growing problem, the public must be alert and vigilant to protect themselves. Some of the more common crimes include Medicare fraud, identity theft and scams. Here are some prevention tips from local experts.

Medicare fraud

According to a recent news release from the Senior Alliance to southeast Michigan Medicare enrollees, the federal Health and Human Services Agency indicates that four million Medicare recipients receive summary statements, which are sent four times a year. The agency encourages Medicare enrollees to regularly review their summary statements for accuracy.

"People don't read their notices, opening them up to possible Medicare fraud," says Bettie Hughes, the Senior Medicare Patrol coordinator in Western Wayne County. Hughes manages the free Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program counseling service, offered at the Senior Alliance.

Medicare fraud can include being charged for services an enrollee did not receive or need. The Senior Alliance indicated that last year alone, a federal Medicare investigation uncovered multimillion-dollar abuse cases, where it was discovered that some podiatry services such as toe nail clippings were being billed to Medicare as surgery.

"Medicare beneficiaries need to review their statements for accuracy and suspicious activity," Hughes said. "They should call the Senior Medicare Patrol as soon as they see anything suspicious."

Other scams

In the consumer guide titled "Protect Yourself Protect Your Future," produced by the Michigan Office of the

Attorney General for the program Senior Brigade, a number of helpful tips and resources are provided to help unsuspecting consumers guard against becoming victims.

Common scams to be on the lookout for include:

» **The Bank "Investigation" Scams:** Caller pretends to be someone investigating a case and asks for your help.

» **Work-at-Home Offers:** Companies advertise opportunities to work at home. Most work-at-home scams require a stiff up-front fee.

» **Credit Card Fraud Protection Scams:** Someone pretends to represent a credit card company and persuades the consumer to enroll in bogus protection program.

» **Advance-Fee Loan and Credit Card Scams:** Consumers are "guaranteed" to get a loan or a credit card and are usually charged a non-refundable hefty up-front fee, later to discover that they did not qualify for the loan or credit card.

» **International Lottery Scams:** Customer receives notification from a business offering to buy tickets in a foreign lottery.

» **Phishing:** An email that appears to be from a familiar business or organization asking consumers to provide personal information (i.e. Social Security number, credit card number, etc.).

» **Sweepstakes and Travel Scams:** Businesses claim that the consumer won a contest, but the real motive is sell products, services or membership, usually accompanied by a processing fee, or get them to call a 900 number.

» **Home Improvement Scams:** Unscrupulous businesses which use intimidation and scare tactics to pressure people into purchasing unnecessary home repairs.

» **Identity Theft:** You may be a victim of identity theft if someone else uses your personal information without your consent for fraudulent activities, including – but not limited to – your name, SSN, bank or credit card account numbers.

To reduce your chance of becoming a victim:

» Do not give your personal information to people contacting you unless you initiated the contact.

» Dispose mail and trash carefully, especially private records, statements and credit cards that might contain SSN, account numbers or birth dates.

» Consider stopping mail credit offers.

» Review your bills and statements for unfamiliar charges.

» Do not carry Social Security cards in your wallet.

» Avoid leaving personal information and mail where others can see it.

» Limit the information on personal checks. Consider removing information such as your middle name, phone number, SSN or driver's license numbers.

» Regularly check your credit reports several times a year.

Helpful resources

If you suspect that you have been a victim of Medicare fraud or need help understanding your Medicare benefits, contact the Senior Medicare Patrol at Senior Alliance at 800-803-7174.

To receive the quarterly Medicare summary statements from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, call one of the following:

» **Social Security:** 800-772-1213. Ensure your address is correct with Social Security. Medicare obtains address information from the Social Security database.

» **Medicare:** 800-MEDICARE

» **Reduce junk mail by removing your name from the national mailing list:** www.dmachoice.org.

» **Stop pre-approved offers of credit:** 888-567-8688 or visit optoutprescreen.com.

» **Request annual credit reports:** 877-322-8228 or visit annualcreditreport.com.

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Paying by card is an abstract concept that doesn't become real until bills are received or bank statements are reviewed. GETTY IMAGES

Weigh your options regarding credit and debit cards

Credit and debit cards are how many people make their purchases, both big and small. Many people would rather swipe a card at the checkout counter than count cash. These cards offer unmatched convenience and can help keep receipts organized and purchases accountable with minimal effort.

But credit cards and debit cards are not perfect. One of the biggest disadvantages to using cards to make all purchases is the tendency to lose track of your spending. When paying with cash, consumers can visibly see the money leaving their pockets and know when that money has run out. Paying by card is an abstract concept that doesn't become real until bills are received or bank statements are reviewed.

Although debit and credit cards are frequently used interchangeably, there are times when one is preferable over the other. Here's how to decide which card to use.

» **Need to build credit?** Use a credit card if you are trying to establish a positive credit history. However, you must pay your bill in a timely fashion and it helps to pay the entire balance each and every billing cycle to develop a good credit score.

» **Don't want a large monthly bill?** Debit cards withdraw money directly from your account at the moment the transaction occurs. Much like spending with cash, debit cards let users know when they have run out of cash, as cards will be denied if the transaction is not approved. If you do not want to pay a large bill at the end of the

month, debit cards are the better choice.

» **Prefer greater security?** Great strides have been made to thwart would-be identity thieves and keep financial data safe. However, as was evidenced by the major data breach in Target's payment system in late 2013, when millions of credit and debit card numbers and PIN codes were hacked, no system is entirely fool-proof. Credit cards offer added security because if fraudulent purchases are made, your credit card account will be quickly frozen and you will not be held accountable.

» **Want to minimize fees?** Debit cards do not charge interest or minimum charge penalties. There's no need to worry about being late for a payment and getting charged a fee and causing your balance to skyrocket. Gas stations and other retailers that may charge more per purchase for using credit cards will treat debit cards like cash and offer the same discounts.

» **Enjoy perks?** Credit card companies will sell you their card over another based on various perks. In addition to competitive interest rates, perks may include being able to accumulate travel points, cash-back dollar amounts and more.

More and more, consumers are relying largely on credit cards and debit cards to make their purchases. Each type of card has its benefits and disadvantages, so consumers must weigh their options to determine which type of card works best for them.

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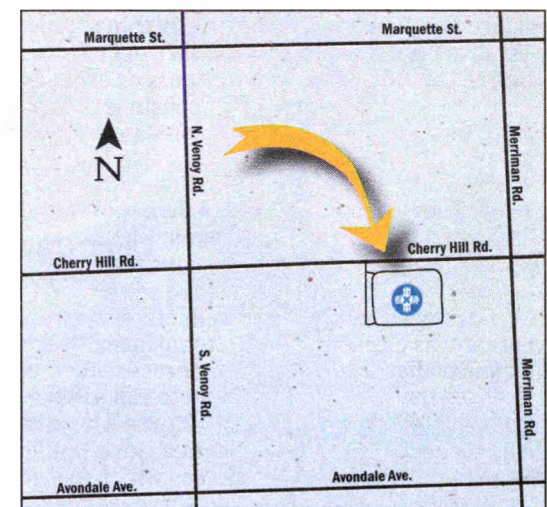


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How to change your brain for the better

By Peter James Field
Articles Factory

Our brain continues to change, even after we have finished growing as adults. Research has now proven that we can influence brain changes and improve our brain functioning on many levels. Here's how.

Your brain is truly remarkable. It influences the functioning of practically every other part of your body. Yet so often we spend more time and energy tending to our bodies than to our brain and nervous system.

This may be in part because our knowledge of the brain's functioning is relatively new and still expanding.

We can encourage positive changes by using some of the same strategies we depend on for our physical health, while adding on activities designed for brain health. Here are some tips to help you treat your brain – and yourself – in the best possible way.

» **Eat right:** A good diet is as important for our brain as it is for our body. Many of the nutrients needed for physical health also support brain health.

We know, for example, that Omega-3 fatty acids have benefits for heart health. Recent research shows that they additionally play an important role in the brain's structure and also in balanced cognitive functioning. Likewise, vitamin D is needed for bone health, but it also appears to be needed for our mental health.

» **Exercise regularly:** Aerobic activity delivers more oxygen-rich blood to the brain. This aids its ability to process new information and also improves memory function.

» **Challenge the brain:** Just like the body, the brain needs to be kept agile. Just like a muscle, it needs to be used in order to develop and remain healthy. Specifically, target your brain health by frequently presenting it with new cognitive challenges. Work a crossword or Sudoku puzzle.

» **Pay attention to your thoughts:** You've probably heard the saying, 'Fake it 'til you make it.' In other words, think and behave in ways that make you the person you want to become. Even if it's uncomfortable at first, it will gradually feel more natural.

SPEAKERS

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SOCIAL MEDIA 101



Hickson

Time: 6-6:45 p.m.

Speaker: Monica Hickson, Schoolcraft College Continuing Education. Hickson has 15 years of experience in training, instruction and instructional design. She has earned a master's degree

in education, a bachelor's degree in journalism and an associate's degree in office information systems and liberal arts. As a second-year instructor for Schoolcraft College Continuing Education and Professional Development, she has expertise teaching Microsoft Office Suite, Google Mail, Google Calendar, Google Docs, Open Office and other software.

Location: Room W210

Details: Millions are using it to connect with family and old friends. It is growing more powerful each day – social media. In less than nine months, social media sites added 100 million users. Are you using this social networking tool? Hickson discusses how to use the power of social outreach tools.

In this presentation, you can gain an understanding of social media, its history, its emerging role and effective ways to use it to enrich your life.

HOW TO DETERMINE WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO RETIRE AND STAY RETIRED



Bloom

Time: 6-6:45 p.m.

Speaker: Rick Bloom, financial adviser and partner in Bloom Asset Management in Farmington Hills and a financial columnist with the *Observer & Eccentric Media*. He is also an attorney and

CPA and was the host of the Rick Bloom and Money Talk shows on local radio stations for 20 years.

Location: Presentation Room

Details: Do you know how much money you will need to retire comfortably? Do you have an investment strategy to ensure you won't run out of money during retirement? Bloom will provide tips to help you determine how much you will need to retire based on your particular situation. He will also discuss investment strategies to help your retirement portfolio grow while providing you with the income necessary during retirement.

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According to Wipp, long-term care is one of the biggest unresolved issues in estate planning and may be the single largest threat to a person's financial security. Additionally, planning for care isn't just about long-term care insurance! Proper planning is key and you must be sure that you do it right. The laws have changed and your

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Kathy Groman became a Certified Pain Laserologist and, in October of 2013, she opened three BlastPain franchises in Garden City on Ford Road, in Commerce on Haggerty Road and in Plymouth on Main Street.

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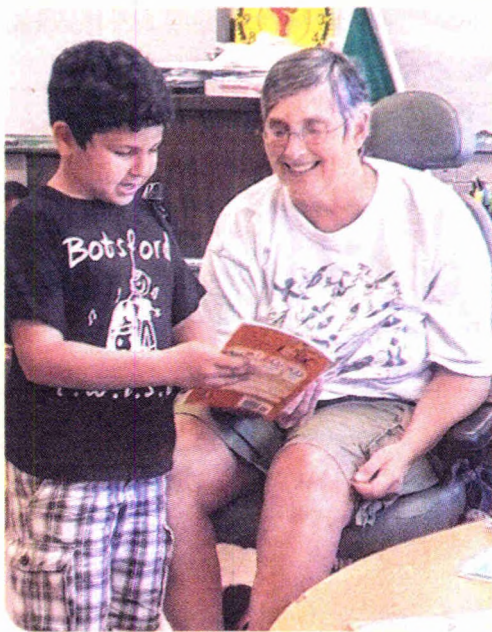
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Check out our website, www.botsfordcommons.org and "Like" us on Facebook to follow the events and happenings at Botsford Commons.

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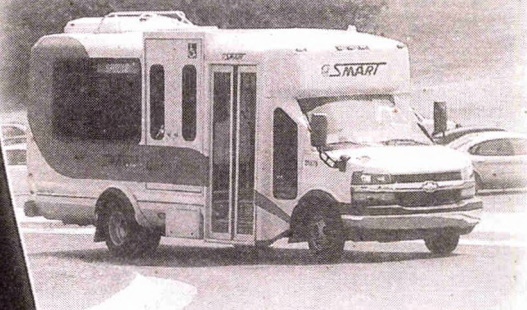
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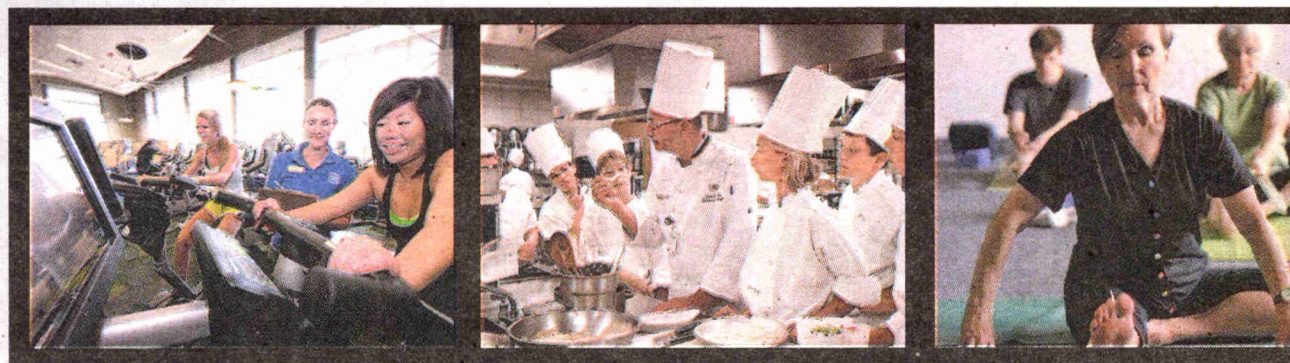
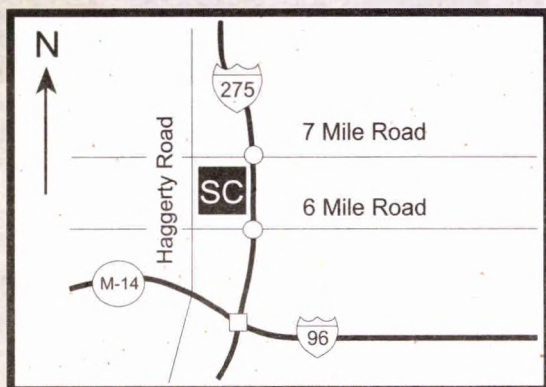
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Demonstrations and Workshops

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1:00-1:45 p.m.

- Play a fun version of Family Feud and win prizes!

2:00-2:45 p.m.

- Top 10 Estate Planning Mistakes People Make (And How to Avoid Them)
by William H. Gaggos, Gaggos Law Firm, P.C.
- Filing for Social Security, Flexibility and Choices for your Retirement Income
by Jose Mila, Mass Mutual
- Reduce Unnecessary Stress
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2:30-3:15 p.m.

- Advances in Dentistry for Adults Age 50-plus
by Dr. Steven Cohen Parkside Dental Team

3:00-3:45 p.m.

- Medicaid and Medicare Fraud
by Bettie Hughes, The Senior Alliance Area Agency on Aging 1-C
- Continuing Education Bingo
by Michele Fuher and Michele Bialo, Schoolcraft College Continuing Education
- Virtual Dementia Tour, Your Window Into Their World
by Diane Zide, and Kevin Snyckerski, Botsford Commons Senior Community

3:30-4:15 p.m.

- Hope After Loss
by Margie Martin, Hospice of Michigan

4:00-4:45 p.m.

- New Technologies in Pain Relief
by Dr. Sol Cogan, HealthQuest and HealthQuest's Back & Neck Solution Centers of America

4:00-4:45 p.m.

- Present Moment Meditation™
by Kathy Bindu Henning, Schoolcraft College Continuing Education
- Do You Need a Will, a Trust or Neither?
by Nicole C. Wipp, Family & Aging Law Center

4:30-5:15 p.m.

- Healthy Smiles for a Lifetime with Dental Implants
by Dr. Bruce A. Smoler, DDS, Smoler Institute of Implant Dentistry

5:00-5:45 p.m.

- Super Foods
by Amanda Behring, Priority Health
- Be "Hospital/ER" Ready with a Legal I.C.E. Pack
by David C. Brunell, the Legal Care Plan Attorney

• Laser Pain Therapy

by Kathleen Groman, Blastpain

5:30-6:15 p.m.

- Celebrating A Life Well-Lived
by Bob Alexander, Angela Hospice

6:00-6:45 p.m.

- Osteoporosis – Exercise to Protect Your Bones
by Polly Swingle, The Recovery Project
- Social Media 101
by Monica Hickson, Schoolcraft College Continuing Education
- How to Determine What you Will Need to Retire and Stay Retired
by Rick Bloom, Bloom Asset Management

Exhibitors:

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| American House (42) | Managed Rehab (31) |
| Angela Hospice (4) | Mass Mutual (46) |
| Angels with Wings Transport (36) | MassageLuXe FaceLuXe (48) |
| Atlas Home Improvement (44) | Michigan Hearing (34) |
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| Community Dental Associates (39) | SMART (3) |
| CSI (5) | St Mary Mercy Hospital (1) |
| DuMouchelle Estate Auctioneers (63) | The Care Plan Attorney (37) |
| Ear Center Audiology (61) | The Entertainment Network (13) |
| Edward Jones Investments (60) | The INHALE Study (30) |
| Family and Aging Law Center (21) | The Recovery Project (7) |
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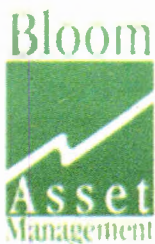
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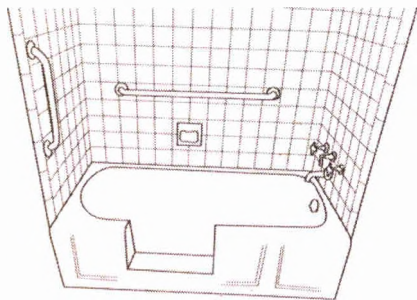
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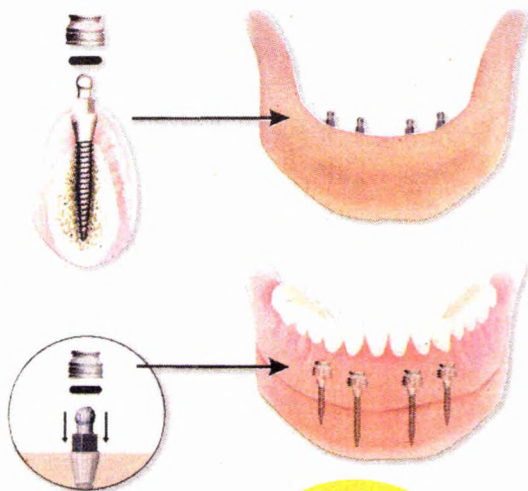
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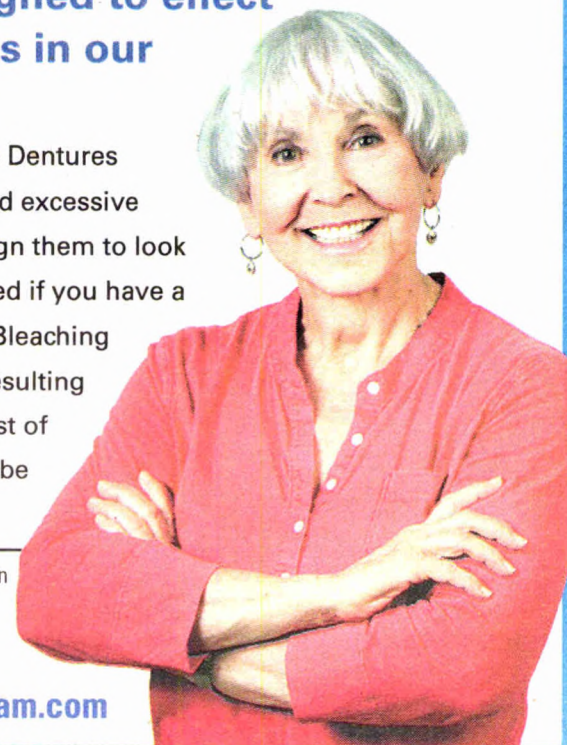
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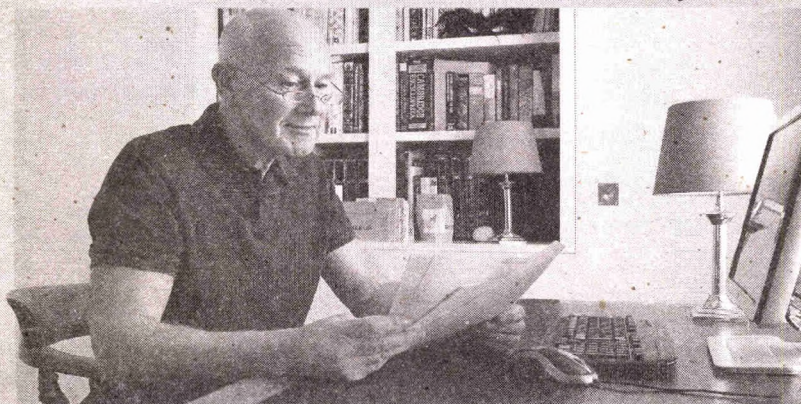
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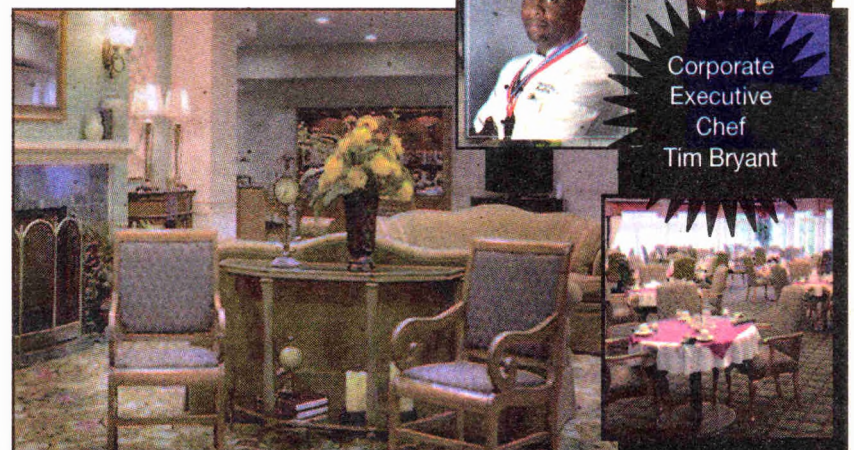
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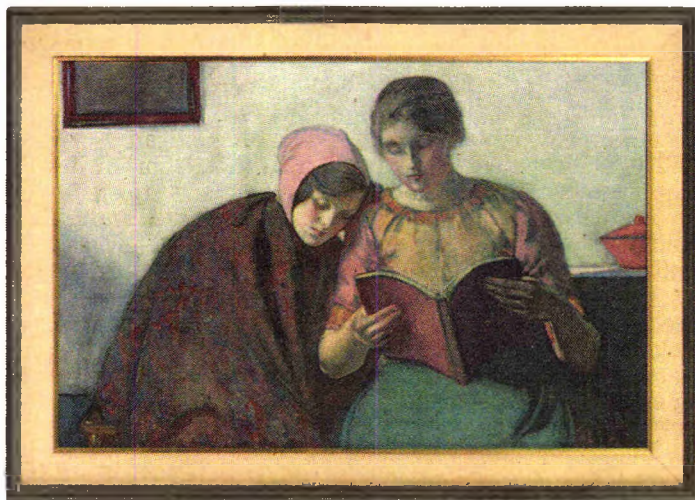
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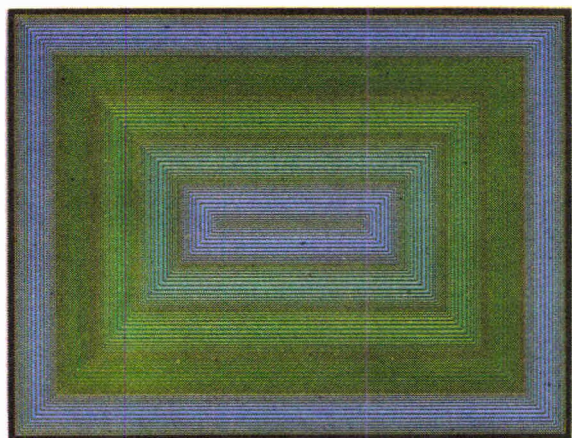
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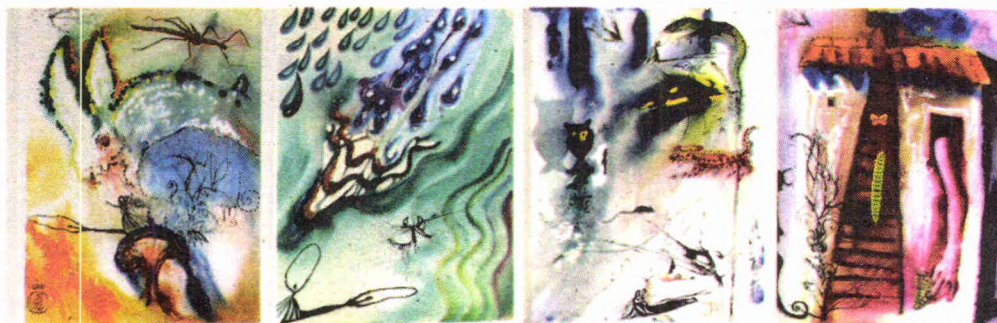
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SPEAKERS

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Details: Ouch, what a pain! You may not have to live with those pains any longer. Dr. Cogan discusses new technology available to relieve old pains that you thought you had to live with forever. If you or someone you care about suffers from back pain, neck pain, bulging disc, hernia, neuropathy or joint pain, this presentation is for you.

PRESENT MOMENT MEDITATION™



Henning

Time: 4-4:45 p.m.
Speaker: Kathy Bindu Henning, Schoolcraft College Continuing Education. Henning's transformational work is the culmination of 35 years of experience in the areas of meditation and the art of

self-discovery. Henning has studied with some of the world's most renowned meditation teachers of our time. For six years, she lived full time in meditation centers in India and throughout the U.S.

Location: Room W210

Details: Present Moment Meditation™ is a light-hearted, practical approach that makes meditation inviting and beneficial for everyone. Henning teaches how to release stress, relax your body and quiet your mind. Discover how meditation can bring positive results to every area of daily life, including work, family, home, health, relationships, personal goals and more.

DO YOU NEED A WILL, A TRUST OR NEITHER?



Wipp

Time: 4-4:45 p.m.
Speaker: Nicole C. Wipp, V.A. accredited elder law attorney and the principal attorney at the Family & Aging Law Center, which has offices in Oakland, Livingston and

Wayne Counties. Wipp's entire law practice focuses on estate planning and elder law, including advanced strategies to preserve your hard-earned money. Her goal helps ensure a stress-free transition when and if a health crisis occurs.

Location: Room 425

Details: Wills, trusts – what is really needed and why? Wipp will discuss the importance of having a will, a trust or neither. She will share various tools that should be put into place today, to

ensure that long-term health care costs do not devour your financial future.

HEALTHY SMILES FOR A LIFETIME WITH DENTAL IMPLANTS



Smoler

Time: 4:30-5:15 p.m.
Speaker: Dr. Bruce A. Smoler, DDS, FAGD, FI-COI, implant director, Smoler Institute of Implant Dentistry. Smoler is an I.V. sleep sedation practicing dentist who specializes in surgical dental implants

and cosmetic dentistry. As a life-long learner and founder of S.M.I.L.E. (South-eastern Michigan Implant Learning Exchange), he blends his knowledge of advanced dental technology and clinical judgment to mentor other dentists about the advances and benefits of dental implants.

Location: Room 460

Details: If you wear partials, dentures or are looking for ways to deal with missing teeth, this presentation is for you. Smoler discusses new advances in gorgeous dental implant-supported smiles and how dental implants can prevent facial collapse. Learn how to restore life's simple pleasures of chewing, eating and speaking in comfort in this informative workshop.

SUPER FOODS



Behring

Time: 5-5:45 p.m.
Speaker: Amanda Behring, registered dietitian and wellness account representative at Priority Health. Behring is passionate about helping people lead healthier, happier lives through proper nutrition and a balanced diet.

Location: Presentation Room

Details: Super foods can lead to a healthier you. Improve your health by eating a variety of foods that are rich in vitamins, minerals and antioxidants. Behring talks about how to live a healthier lifestyle with super foods that contain nutrients for health, disease prevention and longevity.

BE "HOSPITAL/ER" READY WITH A LEGAL I.C.E. PACK



Brunell

Time: 5-5:45 p.m.
Speaker: David C. Brunell, the Legal Care Plan attorney. Brunell has been a local attorney for 25 years. He and his team have developed a unique system that helps organize and educate clients on



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estate planning and probate issues.

Location: W210

Details: Are you prepared in case of an emergency? Brunell discusses what everyone should have to be ready for an emergency. This presentation may particularly useful for seniors. Each attendee will receive a basic Legal I.C.E. pack, including contents to help collect necessary information needed to be ready for emergency transport to a hospital.

LEARN HOW LASER PAIN THERAPY CAN SAFELY ELIMINATE YOUR PAIN WITHOUT DRUGS, SURGERY OR SIDE EFFECTS



Groman

Time: 5-5:45 p.m.
Speaker: Kathleen Groman, owner, Blastpain Centers in Commerce, Plymouth and Garden City. Groman is a certified pain laserologist and owner of Blastpain since 2013.

Location: Room 425

Details: Groman offers a drug-free pain relief option for those who suffer from pain. Learn how Laser Pain Therapy can offer a non-invasive, non-addictive and non-surgical alternative to significantly reduce or eliminate your pain.

CELEBRATING A LIFE WELL-LIVED



Alexander

Time: 5:30-6:15 p.m.
Speaker: Bob Alexander, manager of business development at Angela Hospice. Alexander oversees and guides all of the agency's public communications, coordinating messaging efforts in all media over the entire service area of

southeast Michigan.

Location: Room 460

Details: Learn to create cherished memories and celebrate life. Alexander offers an upbeat and purposeful discussion about creating, preserving and cherishing life memories, including tools and suggestions for capturing precious elements of a lifetime and producing a personal legacy heirloom for generations to follow.

OSTEOPOROSIS – EXERCISE TO PROTECT YOUR BONES



Swingle

Time: 6-6:45 p.m.
Speaker: Polly Swingle is a Certified Expert in the Aging Adult (CEEAA). Swingle is a physical therapist and president and co-CEO of The Recovery Project. Prior to co-founding The Recovery Project

in 2003, she served as a physical therapist with Detroit Medical Center's Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan for eight years, where she was named Physical Therapist of the Year in 2002. That same year, she was also named Michigan Clinical Instructor of the Year by the Michigan Association of Physical Therapists.

Location: Room 425

Details: Is osteoporosis preventable? Swingle teaches attendees the proper way to exercise to prevent osteoporosis. She shares ways to improve bone strength, increasing your chance to have an enriched quality of life. In the workshop, Swingle will show how doing appropriate exercises for as little as 30 minutes a day can help prevent weakened or broken bones, leading to healthy living.

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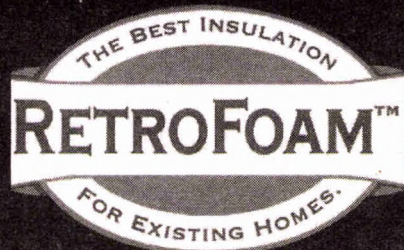
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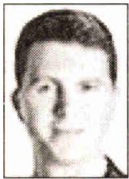
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2014 SPRING EXPO SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TOP 10 ESTATE PLANNING MISTAKES PEOPLE MAKE (AND HOW TO AVOID THEM)



Gaggos

Time: 2-2:45 p.m.

Speaker: William H. Gaggos, Attorney & CPA, partner Gaggos Law Firm, P.C.

Location: Room W210

Details: Can you imagine your family fighting over your estate or your heirs receiving an unexpected tax bill after you pass away? Gaggos will address common mistakes that can result in significant financial loss and avoidable family discord. Learn how to make simple changes in your estate plan to avoid serious problems. Get peace of mind in knowing you are protecting the savings you have spent a lifetime building.

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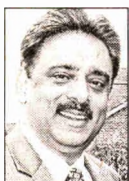
Time: 2-2:45 p.m.

Speaker: Jose Mila, financial adviser, CFP, Mass Mutual

Location: Room 425

Details: Social Security should not be a mystery to understand, but are you armed with all the facts to maximize your benefits? Mila shares helpful strategies that can be used when filing for Social Security to ensure that you are well-informed of your options.

REDUCE UNNECESSARY STRESS



Judge

Time: 2-2:45 p.m.

Speaker: Surinder Judge, global quality manager, business coach, area developer, MassageLuXe FaceLuXe. Judge is an accomplished global automotive executive specializing in quality management and quality operating systems. He is also a franchise owner and business coach with a successful family history in national brand franchising. Additionally, Judge has lived and worked in three different continents and has enjoyed living in the U.S. for the last 30 years.

Location: Presentation Room

Details: Learn techniques to identify good vs. bad life stress by taking control and living in the present. Judge explores the power of priority and shares other helpful strategies to reduce unnecessary stress at work and home.

ADVANCES IN DENTISTRY FOR ADULTS AGE 50-PLUS



Cohen

Time: 2:30-3:15 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. Steven Cohen, a general dentist at Parkside Dental Team in Westland. He practices with a team of four doctors and 22 team members serving the community for 55 years.

Location: Room 460

Details: Don't let your smile make you look older than you have to. Cohen shares the latest procedures and cosmetic advances to help maintain or regain a nature healthy smile. He will discuss the relationship between gum disease and life-threatening ailments including heart disease, stroke and diabetes. Additionally, he will reveal techniques to stabilize loose dentures and stop root decay. Learn how to keep your teeth for a lifetime.

MEDICAID AND MEDICARE FRAUD



Hughes

Time: 3-3:45 p.m.

Speaker: Bettie Hughes, regional Medicare/Medicaid assistance program coordinator. In her role at The Senior Alliance area agency on Aging 1-C, Hughes helps to empower and educate

seniors in health care resources and how to assist in the fight against Medicare and Medicaid fraud.

Location: Presentation room

Details: You have heard about it. You or your family member may even be a victim of it. Now it's time to protect yourself against it. Medicare and Medicaid fraud have no boundaries. Hughes will expose the latest scams being used to target seniors and unsuspecting adults. She will show you how to protect, detect and report Medicare or Medicaid fraud.

CONTINUING EDUCATION BINGO



Fuher



Bialo

Time: 3-3:45 p.m.

Speaker: Michele Fuher and Michele Bialo, Schoolcraft College. Fuher began her employment with Schoolcraft College following a 20-year career as an adult services librarian. Presently, she oversees the Professional Development classes and certificate programs available through Schoolcraft College's Continuing Education and Professional Development department. Fuher's education includes master's and

bachelor's degrees from the University of Michigan and certified program planner certification from LERN. Bialo is the programming manager for Continuing Education and Professional Development at Schoolcraft College. Prior to joining Schoolcraft, Bialo was the marketing and operations manager with Lawrence Technological University's Continuing Education department. Bialo holds a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University in psychology.

Location: Room W210

Details: Learning can be fun at any age and the Continuing Education and Professional Development experts explore the wide range of engaging class options, including computers, aquatics and many others offered at Schoolcraft College. Presenters Fuher and Bialo play a fun-filled interactive game of Continuing Education Bingo with those attending this workshop. Everyone attending will have an opportunity to play and win fun prizes.

VIRTUAL DEMENTIA TOUR, YOUR WINDOW INTO THEIR WORLD



Zide

Time: 3-3:45 p.m.

Speaker: Diane Zide, executive director of operations, Botsford Commons Senior Community, and Kevin Snycerski, nurse manager, senior helpers.

Zide graduated with a master of science degree in individualized studies from EMU, with graduate certificates in dementia and health care systems teaching. Snycerski graduated from Schoolcraft College with a degree in nursing with a special in-



Snycerski

terest in geriatrics. Their mission has been to educate community members and support caregivers of persons with dementia during their individual journey.

Location: Room 425

Details: It's hard to

know what a person suffering from dementia goes through unless you actually walk in their shoes. Here is your chance to have first-hand experience to better understand how dementia affects your loved ones. In this Virtual Dementia Tour – in which physical and mental experience simulates having dementia – Zide and Snycerski help us learn how to create a positive environment for those with this disorder. Using technology created by P.K. Beville, a specialist in geriatrics, this valuable experiment is designed to instill hope and empathy in caring for family and to better understand the behaviors and needs of loved ones.

HOPE AFTER LOSS



Martin

Time: 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Speaker: Margie Martin, M.A., grief support services manager, Hospice of Michigan. Martin has been serving bereaved families for 14 years. She has helped countless people find

healing following a loss.

Location: Room 460

Details: Coping with the loss of a loved one can be difficult and overwhelming. In her presentation, Martin offers an opportunity to learn more about grief and how to approach loss with an element of hope. If you or a loved one is trying to deal from the loss of a loved one, this workshop can help lead you on a journey of healing.

NEW TECHNOLOGIES IN PAIN RELIEF




Cogan

Time: 4-4:45 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. Sol Cogan, CEO of HealthQuest and HealthQuest's Back & Neck Solution Centers of America and official team D.C. of the Detroit Lions.

Location: Presentation Room

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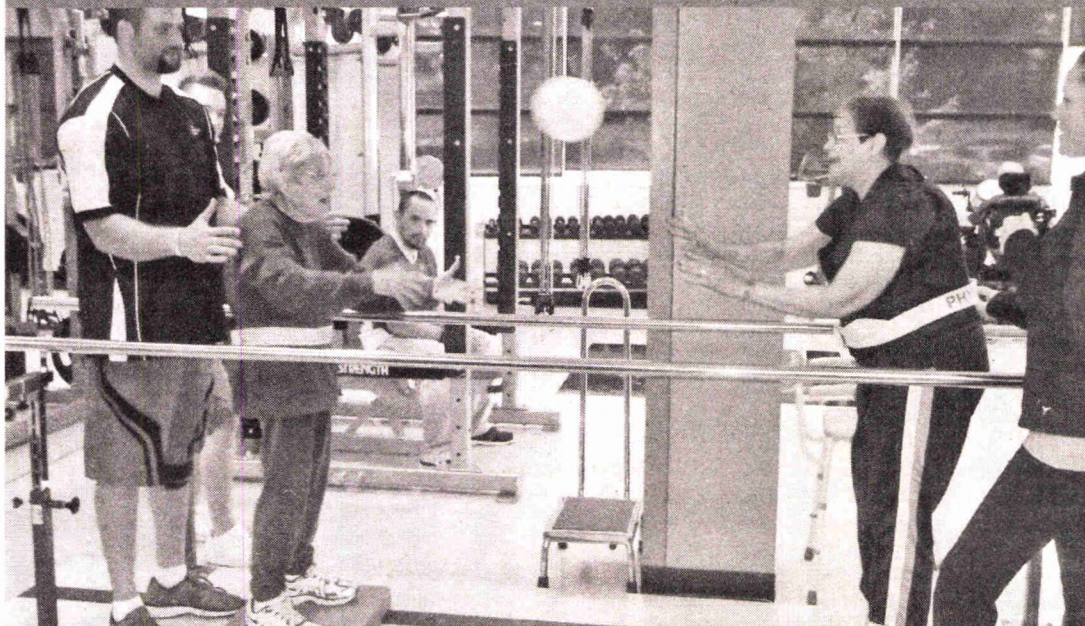
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