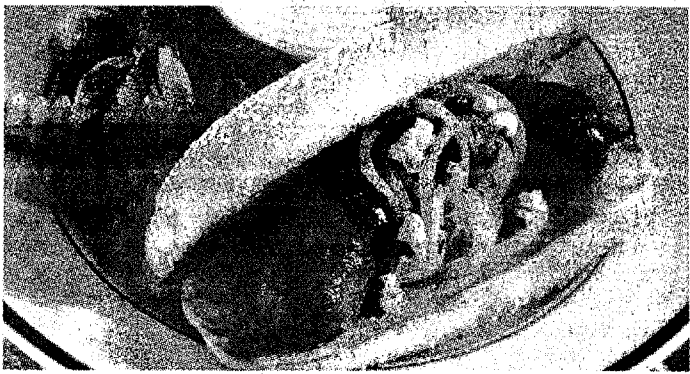


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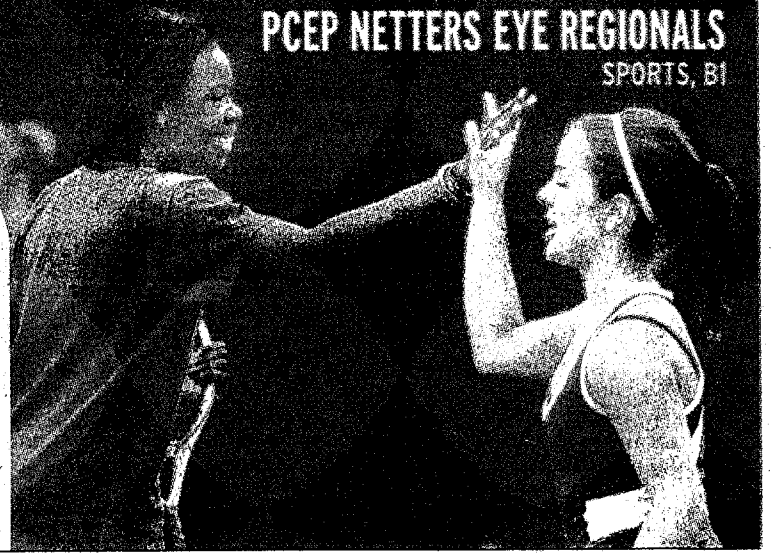
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Board workshop

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education will hold a special workshop meeting 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, May 25, at the E.J. McClendon Education Center on updating its policy covering school sponsored publications and productions.

The workshop is designed to allow board members to discuss and receive input from the community about the proposed updates in the policy before voting on the issue.

The public is welcome to attend this session.

Shred day

Community Financial invites local residents to protect confidential information and shred their documents at the credit union's Canton branch from 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 22. The special event is being hosted in partnership with Iron Mountain, a provider of secure information destruction. The Iron Mountain trucks will be available in the branch's parking lot located at 6355 N. Canton Center in Canton. There's a limit of up to two shopping bags or two banker's boxes per car.

For more information, visit the credit union website at www.cfcu.org or call (734) 453-1200 or (877) 937-2328, toll free.

Local bank fails; Bank of Ann Arbor, FDIC step in

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Plymouth Township community bank on Friday became the latest victim of the financial crisis that has rocked lenders around the country for more than two years.

New Liberty Bank, which operated a single office on Ann Arbor Road, was put into receivership at the request of state officials and was purchased by Bank of Ann Arbor for an undisclosed amount. New Liberty customers automatically became Bank of Ann Arbor customers, and bank and state officials said customers will have uninterrupted access to their money and should continue business as usual.

"Bank of Ann Arbor is a strong, stable institution that understands the needs and concerns of the communities we serve," said Timothy G. Marshall, Bank of Ann Arbor president and chief executive officer, in



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After initially setting up in downtown Plymouth, New Liberty Bank opened its new digs on Ann Arbor Road, between Main and Sheldon, in November 2004.

a written statement. "Our top priority is to assure New Liberty customers that their deposits are safe and remain readily available."

Deposits remain insured for up to \$250,000 each by the Federal Deposit

Insurance Corp. New Liberty was the 70th FDIC-insured bank in the U.S. to fail this year, the third in Michigan, an FDIC press release said.

New Liberty employees will become Bank of Ann Arbor employees, said the

bank's press release. With the purchase of New Liberty, Bank of Ann Arbor assumed roughly \$101.8 million in deposits and \$95.2 million in loans. The loans were sub-

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Rep: Family not only factor in withdrawal

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Marc Corriveau has heard from both sides on his decision to withdraw — at a very late date — from the 7th District Senate race many believe he had every chance of winning.

He's heard from those — many inside Lansing — who can understand the toll public service takes on a dedicated legislator trying to balance doing some good with maintaining a young family. And he's listened to the naysayers, mostly outsiders who seem him largely as a vessel for getting done the things they want to see done.

And he understands both positions, feels grateful to those who understand and sympathy for those who feel betrayed.

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Annual Plymouth Showcase to feature cookoff for chefs

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Brian Belwood of Sean O'Callaghan's (left) and the Rock Bar and Grill's Jay Udyke will compete Monday in Mama Mucci's Pasta Chefs Challenge, a new Plymouth Showcase event. Plymouth Showcase, featuring 91 exhibitors, including 20 restaurants, is 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday at The Inn at St. John's.



The community will put its best foot forward on Monday when the Plymouth Showcase returns to The Inn at St. John's.

The showcase, a social event as well as a chance for local businesses and organizations to tout their products and services, is a Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce fund-raiser.

"It's very reasonably priced exhibit space," said Wes Graff,

the chamber's executive director. "It's an excellent way to get one-on-one advertising."

Some 91 exhibitors are lined up for this year's Showcase, including the 20 area restaurants participating in the Taste of Plymouth, a chance for visitors to sample the restaurants' fare.

The showcase will feature many traditional exhibitors as well as a few newcomers, such as C.J.'s Brewing Co., Arbor

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State Rep. Marc Corriveau, who gave up a shot at re-election to seek the 7th Senate seat, withdrew from that race last week, citing, in part, the toll it would take on his family.

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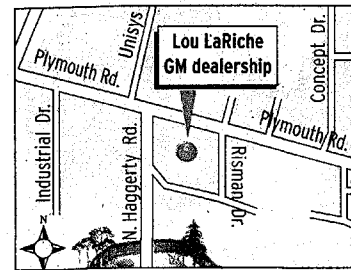
LaRiche wins reinstatement case with GM

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Nearly a year after being dropped by a struggling General Motors Corp., which had just filed for bankruptcy protection, a Plymouth Township dealership has won the right to again sell hot-off-the-assembly-line Chevys.

Lou LaRiche Chevrolet, located on Plymouth Road at Haggerty since 1970, won its bid for reinstatement as a GM dealer in a decision announced Friday, and could be ordering new cars from GM by late this week, general manager Ron Chaudoin said.

"We're certainly feeling better about the future," Chaudoin said Tuesday. "It still is having a significant impact on us at this moment."



GM had stopped supplying LaRiche, and hundreds of other dealers, with new cars after filing for bankruptcy last June. The Detroit-based automaker has since emerged from bankruptcy.

LaRiche, which employs about 70 people, has kept afloat since then in part by buying new Chevrolets from other dealers, then selling them to meet its customers' demands.

"In most instances we met specific orders," Chaudoin said.

"Obviously we weren't able to get all the vehicles we needed for stock."

The decision gives GM seven days to renew ties with LaRiche, and dealership and GM officials were meeting on Wednesday. Chaudoin said LaRiche could be ordering new Chevrolets by Friday.

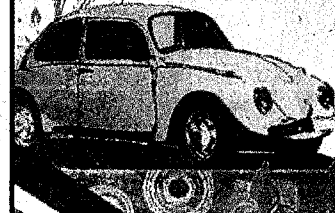
"We're happy to still be here and be a part of the community, and Plymouth is a great town," said Chaudoin.

The dealership made its appeal through a binding arbitration process set forth last year in a federal law designed to address some automobile dealers' complaints that they had been unfairly dropped by manufacturers looking to restructure their companies.

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

YMCA open house

The Plymouth Family YMCA will be holding an open house for its summer day camp 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 23, at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. Potential campers will get the opportunity to meet counselors, explore the camp site and learn more about our state-licensed camp.

Register at the open house and the registration fee is waived. Also everyone who attends the open house will be entered into a drawing for a free week of camp. The camp will take place every week of the summer, from June 22 and run through September 3. Each week has a unique theme, such as Close Encounters of the Y Kind, Behind the Scenes and Building a Better Tomorrow. Camp runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, with drop off between 7-9 a.m. and pick-up between 4-6 p.m., included in the price. There are part time and full week options available.

There is a camp for everyone between the ages of 5-12. For more information, please contact the YMCA office 734-453-2904 or go to www.ymca-detroit.org.

Senior health

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging together with the Plymouth Community Senior Transportation and the City of Plymouth Recreation Department and Cultural Center will host the annual National Senior Health & Fitness Day 9 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, May 26.

There will be plenty of vendors with health and well-

ness information and lots of give-aways. The chef from Heartland Plymouth Court will be on hand preparing healthy food for sampling. Other activities will include a one-mile indoor walk at 9 a.m., Senior Exercise with Ellie from 9-10:30 a.m., blood pressure checks, raffles and refreshments.

Contact Bobbie Pummill at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236, or Kim Boyce at (734) 455-6620, Ext. 303.

Jazz @ the Elks

Plymouth Elks Lodge No. 1780 presents "Jazz @ The Elks," an effort to help keep Jazz, a unique American creation, alive and well in southeastern Michigan.

The next program will be the Sven Anderson Trio 7-10:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 25. The trio consists of Sven Anderson on piano, John Barron on bass and Rob Emanuel on drums.

There is no cover charge but donations are appreciated. Great music, great times at the Plymouth Elks Lodge No. 1780, located on Ann Arbor Road (near Haggerty) in Plymouth. Call (734) 453-1780 for more information.

Car wash

The Canton Chiefs Lacrosse team conducts a Car Wash, rain or shine, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at the Walgreen's on the corner of Ford and Sheldon roads in Canton.

The lacrosse team is completely self-funded and depends on events like this to raise the necessary funds to field the team.

For more information, call (734) 306-2807 or email washlings@comcast.net

Mom2Mom cancelled

The Plymouth Salvation Army's Mom 2 Mom sale which had been scheduled for



Credit union scholars

A scholarship awards reception was held at Community Financial Credit Union's Plymouth headquarters, during which President and CEO of the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation Cheryl Elliott participated in ceremony honoring the winners of \$1,000 scholarships: Christopher Zachariah, Kathryn Hoseny, Gabriela Mueller, Amanda Dewey, and keynote speaker Doreen Layton. (Back, from left) Community Financial Credit Union's Director Dan Herriman with scholarship recipients Sandra Shoukair, Erin O'Connor, Adam Skubik, Community Financial Credit Union's CEO Bill Lawton, and scholarship winner Colin Riley. Other winners who were unable to attend included Riley Hoernschemeyer, Danielle Kanclerz and Jessica Yu, Kelly O'Connor, and Lindsay Poremba. The credit union also awarded scholarships to Mary Schlicher and Colin O'Neill from its north district. Community Financial Credit Union recently awarded \$13,000 in scholarships to 15 students who will be attending an accredited post-secondary institution. The winners were selected from eligible students who are Community Financial members.

Saturday, May 22, has been cancelled due to a lack of people registering.

For more information, call (734) 453-5464.

Tiny Tots open house

The Plymouth Salvation Army's in-house preschool program, Tiny Tots, hosts an open house Tuesday, June 1.

There will be opportunities to attend, one in the morning (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) and the other in the evening (5-7 p.m.).

Corps officer Capt. Jolene Hull, Tiny Tots director Sheila Johnson and Tiny Tots assistant Lisa Spielman will be on hand to answer questions or concerns regarding the play-based curriculum. The open houses provide parents the chance to visit the facility, meet the preschool staff and learn about program philosophy.

The Plymouth Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main, just south of Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-5464. Preschool information is also available at the website, www.misalplymouth.org

Run for Hope

The fourth annual "Run for Hope," a 5K run/walk at Maybury State Park in Northville, is presented by Northville Roadrunners to benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support Saturday, May 22.

Fitness expert Peter Nielsen will be in attendance. New Hope is a bereavement outreach center located in Northville, and run by Plymouth resident Cathy Clough, with grief support services throughout southeastern Michigan. This fund-raising

event will benefit their many services which are provided free of charge to those who are grieving.

The 5k Run/Walk is at 9 a.m., with a one-mile Run/Walk at 8:30 a.m. Pre-register online by May 20 at www.firstgiving.com/newhopecenter. Registration forms and more information are available at www.newhopecenter.net. Registration the day of the event is at 8am. Free T-shirt to all preregistered participants. Maybury State Park is located at 20145 Beck in Northville. Car fee is \$6. The event will take place rain or shine.

Cost is \$25 for people 16 and over and \$10 for children 10-15. Children under 10 are free. Each entrant can collect donations from sponsors and run for free. See Web site for details; add \$5 for registration after May 20.

For more information, call (248) 348-0115.

Dignity of Life series

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church hosts its Dignity of Life series, "What Every Parent Needs to Know About His Child's Sexual Health," featuring Dr. Miriam Grossman, author of the best-selling book, "Unprotected," and her latest, "You're Teaching My Child What? A Physician Exposes the Lies of Sex Education and How They Harm Your Child," 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 26.

The evening is for adults, but high school students at least in their junior year are also welcome. Grossman will be available for book signing. There will be a free will offering. An optional buffet dinner is available at 6 p.m. for \$10 each.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church is located at 47650 North Territorial in Plymouth. For more information, please contact Mark Renfer at mark.renfer@gmail.com.

PCAC exhibit

"Music in Art" is the theme of a new exhibit at the

Plymouth Community Arts Council. The show celebrates the first anniversary of the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society's residence at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, home of the PCAC. The two organizations, while completely separate, have been sharing space as a cost savings measure.

A call for artists brought in an overwhelming number of diverse pieces from artists all over the metro area. Media include watercolor, oil, acrylic, pen and ink, paper painting, collage and others. Themes of the paintings range from classical music, to jazz and rock and roll.

The public is invited to view the exhibit anytime Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through May 24. Visitors may vote for their favorite piece for the People's Choice Award to be given at an artists' reception (free, open to the public) on Sunday, May 23, from 2-4 p.m.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is located at 774 N. Sheldon Rd. at Junction in Plymouth. For further information, call the PCAC at (734) 416-4278.

'Sister' charity

Looking for my Sister plans a charity eat-along, "Survivors Helping Survivors One Life at a Time," at Bennigan's, 40441 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, Thursday, 10 a.m. to midnight June 3.

Looking For My Sisters is a leader in the fight against domestic violence, the only domestic violence organization in Wayne County that provides post-emergency assistance and support programs. The group's website is at www.lookingformysister.org.

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Salvation Army's good works central to its beliefs as a church

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Most people know the Salvation Army for its Christmastime Red Kettle campaigns, its emergency food and shelter programs and its efforts to help people overcome alcohol addiction.

Fewer know that the Army is also a church — an offshoot of the Methodist faith.

In fact, says Capt. Dan Hull at the Salvation Army's Plymouth Corps, those social service efforts — the good works — come straight from Salvation Army beliefs and are central to its mission as a church.

"We believe every person is called by God to serve their fellow man as they are able to," said Hull, who is a pastor at the Plymouth Corps, as is his wife, Capt. Jolene Hull. "We believe that faith without works is a little short-changed."

"It's amazing how many people don't realize we are a church," said congregation member Ross Myers, a Plymouth Corps deacon. "To be a soldier, that's your obligation, is to help people, is to be of service." Myers, of Canton Township, has been active in the church for about 30 years; his wife of 61 years, Anna, is a lifelong member.

The Plymouth Corps offers a variety of church programs at its headquarters on Main Street: Sunday school, Sunday worship services, Bible study, character-building classes and more.

"In each of these programs we put in, and teach, good Christian values," said Hull.

Sunday worship (11 a.m.) is similar to a Methodist service, with similar music and Scripture readings emphasized, said Laurie Aren, a lifelong member and the director of the Plymouth Corps' family



Capt. Jolene Hull and her husband, Capt. Dan Hull, are the corps officers at the Plymouth Salvation Army, whose church services are conducted Sundays at 11:30 a.m.



Pianist Chitose Muramatsu ticks the ivories during a service at the Plymouth Salvation Army.

and community ministries. "We don't do communion," Aren added.

Attendance, said Hull, averages 40 to 50 worshippers each Sunday, most of them regulars. "We do have people who stop in" to find out what the church is about, he said. "We try to welcome them."

The Hulls, ordained together in 1996 after studying at a Salvation Army college in Chicago, are nearing their first anniversary at the Plymouth Corps. Their other assignments have included stops in Missouri, Indiana, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

The Plymouth Corps, Hull

said, has good relations with local churches and social service providers. The Corps' service area includes Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township, Belleville and Northville.

"Each Salvation Army tries to meet the local needs of that community, and we definitely partner with other organizations and groups in town to meet the needs," Hull said.

Founded in London in 1865 by William Booth, the Salvation Army started out as a street ministry for Londoners who weren't welcome at normal churches because they were poor or dressed shabbily, Hull said. From that came the philosophy that being a Christian meant not just preaching to people, but taking direct action to help them in their lives, he said.

"People just don't realize how it makes you feel when you are able to go out and help people in need," said Myers.

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Victim unhurt, man arrested in carjacking

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Plymouth Township man was unhurt Monday night when two men took his car at gunpoint as he arrived home.

A suspect was arrested a short time after the carjacking, following the crash of the stolen car in Detroit, said township Sgt. Steve Rapson, the detective in charge of the case. Police were expecting to formally charge the man in court as early as Wednesday afternoon, Rapson said.

Police were still on the hunt, however, for a second man.

The carjacking occurred in the 9200 area of Lilley Road shortly before midnight, according to a statement from police.

The victim told police that when he pulled into the driveway of his house and exited his Mercury Milan, he was confronted by two men who forced him to the ground. One of them put a gun to his neck, he said.

The robbers searched the victim and took his wallet and keys, then took the Milan and fled the scene, the victim said.

A Livonia officer spotted the stolen Milan a short time later on eastbound I-96, and police pursued the car until it crashed near Schoolcraft Road and Faust in Detroit, police said. The suspect was arrested after a foot chase, and Detroit officers were also involved, Rapson said.

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ject to a loss-share agreement with the FDIC, meaning the bank will share in the losses on New Liberty's bad loans.

Longtime New Liberty customer David Michael, a business and financial consultant, said he's researched how the FDIC handles failed banks and is comfortable with the takeover.

"It'll be OK," Michael said as he left the bank Tuesday. Michael said there is uncertainty among the former New Liberty employees. "It's just been a great bank, great staff," he said.

The takeover of New Liberty came after Ingham County Circuit Court Judge William Collette on Friday granted a petition by Ken Ross, commissioner of the Michigan Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation, to put New Liberty into FDIC receivership. New Liberty was in "an unsafe and

unsound condition," Ross said in his petition.

Jason Moon, a spokesman for Ross, said New Liberty's capital had declined because of poorly performing real estate loans, including loans to developers and homeowners.

Bank of Ann Arbor's transaction did not include approximately \$9.8 million in so-called "brokered deposits." Those funds will be paid by the FDIC to the brokers, and customers with brokered deposits should contact their broker, an OFIR press release said.

The FDIC estimated the transaction will cost its insurance fund approximately \$25 million. The deal with Bank of Ann Arbor was the least costly way of resolving New Liberty's failure, the agency's press release said.

The FDIC had received two bids for New Liberty after marketing it to about 480 potential bidders, said FDIC spokesman David Barr. Bank of Ann Arbor's offer will soon be made public, Barr said.

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Officer sniffs out pot after traffic stop

A 19-year-old Plymouth man was arrested on a marijuana-possession charge after a Plymouth Township officer spotted suspected marijuana stuck to his pants — and six plastic bags of it in the sport-utility vehicle he was driving — on the afternoon of May 13.

Police also recovered three tablets of Xanax, a drug used to treat anxiety and depression, two from the suspect and one from a 16-year-old female passenger, Plymouth Township Police Department report said. The girl was released to her parents.

The arrest came after the officer stopped the suspect, who was driving a Chevrolet Blazer, near Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty because the Blazer was improperly registered, the police report said.

Upon speaking with the driver, police said, the officer noticed the odor of marijuana and had him step out of the SUV. He then noticed a bit of suspected marijuana stuck to a rear pocket of the man's pants, police said.

The officer asked if there was any more marijuana, and the driver replied, "I'll get it for you," police said. A canvas bag containing the six plastic bags of suspected marijuana was located in the Blazer, police said.

The substance later tested positive for marijuana, police said.

Larcenies from vehicles

Two vehicles parked outside a house on Dogwood Drive in the township were reportedly burglarized on the night of May 5 or early the next morning.

A bag of jewelry and com-

pack discs were reported stolen from a Dodge Dakota pickup, while more compact discs were reported stolen from a PT Cruiser. Both vehicles had been left unlocked.

The thefts occurred between about 9 p.m. May 5 and just after 7 a.m. the next day, a police report said.

Miscellaneous coins and some compact discs were reported stolen May 6 from a Ford Flex that was parked in the driveway of a house on Ivywood Lane in the township.

The car had been left unlocked, the victim told police. Police said the theft occurred between the late afternoon of May 5 and about 6 a.m. May 6.

Gasoline theft

Police were seeking a warrant for a man suspected of driving away from a township gas station without paying for a \$38.13 fill-up late Friday afternoon.

The incident occurred just before 6 p.m. at the Speedway station on Beck Road near Five Mile, according to a police report. A man put \$38.13 worth of gas into a Dodge Stratus and left the station, heading west on Five Mile, without paying, an employee told police. The employee was able to get a license-plate number.

Police found the Stratus was registered to a 28-year-old Canton Township man.

— By Matt Jachman

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period May 12-18:

• Tuesday, May 18 - Residential rescue runs

on Dorian, on Newport, on Sheldon and on Dewey; rescue run on Sheldon; commercial rescue run on N. Territorial.

• Monday, May 17 - Residential rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road, on Litchfield, on Newport, on Northville Road, on Quail Ridge, on Ann Arbor Trail, on Woodland and on Russell; vehicle accident on Sheldon south of Ann Arbor Road.

• Sunday, May 16 - Residential rescue runs on Northville Road and on Trillium Court; rescue run on Ann Arbor Road.

• Saturday, May 15 - Residential rescue runs on Van Buren, on Pinehurst, on Woodway and on Sheridan; rescue run on Ann Arbor Road; special run on Forestwood.

• Friday, May 14 - Mutual-aid-given run on Ann Arbor Road east of Tavistock; commercial rescue runs on Port and on Haggerty; residential rescue runs on Van Buren, on Howland Park, on Canton Center, on Mill, on Lilley, on Northern and on Primrose Court; rescue run at Ann Arbor Trail and Forest.

• Thursday, May 13 - Vehicle accidents on eastbound M-14 at Sheldon and on southbound I-275 north of Five Mile; rescue run on Beck; residential rescue runs on Kellogg, on Corrine, on Ann, on Marlowe, on Sheldon and on Grant; special run on Clare.

• Wednesday, May 12 - Investigation on Tavistock; industrial rescue runs on Plymouth Oaks, on Mill and on Helm; residential rescue runs on Sheridan, on Caster, on Wilcox and on Northville Road; vehicle fire on Deer Court; dumpster fire on Galleon.

Police seek suspects in carjack tries

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton authorities are investigating what they believe were two attempted carjackings — possibly related — that occurred within two nights on the township's east side, near the I-275 corridor.

Both incidents, which occurred Friday night and Saturday night, involved guns, though no shots were fired, police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said.

Canton authorities are investigating whether the incidents could be related to a Monday night carjacking in Plymouth Township that led to the arrest of one suspect, with a second man being sought.

The suspects in the Canton incidents fled the scene, prompting a warning by Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner for residents to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity.

The first incident occurred about 11 p.m. Friday on Stacy, in the Meadowwood Townhomes complex northeast of Palmer and Haggerty.

"A guy was coming home and parked his car when he

was approached by three black males. One had a mask on and had a small handgun," Gajeski said.

One of the suspects apparently demanded the man's car keys, but the victim, described as Asian, didn't speak English clearly and hesitated during the incident, Gajeski said.

One of the suspects hit the victim on the back of the head with an unknown object, and the trio then fled — without taking anything from the man — toward a nearby CVS store, Gajeski said.

The victim was taken by a relative to a hospital, where he was treated.

The second incident happened about 11:25 p.m. Saturday on Canterbury Circle, in the Canterbury Mews complex southeast of Ford and Haggerty, Gajeski said.

"A guy was delivering pizza, and as he was leaving the complex an unknown black male dressed in all black with a mask pointed a semiautomatic pistol at him and motioned for him to stop," the sergeant said.

The driver initially slowed down, but he accelerated and drove off as the gun-

man approached his vehicle, Gajeski said.

No shots were fired. The suspect was described as a black male in his early 20s, about 6 feet tall with a thin build.

Due to the proximity of the two incidents and other similarities, Gajeski said they "could possibly be related."

Anyone who has information about either incident — or both — is asked to call the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400. Anonymous tips for a possible cash reward also may be made by calling Crime Stoppers at (800) SPEAK-UP.

Schreiner, meanwhile, said the two incidents underscore the need for residents to use caution and remain vigilant, especially if they notice someone who may be acting suspiciously and approaching them.

"Don't just look away and shrug your shoulders," he said.

Rather, call the police department so that officers can investigate any suspicious activity, Schreiner said.

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LARICHE

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Hearings before an arbitrator were held over four days in late April, and the LaRiche decision was the first disclosed in a GM arbitration case.

Tennison Chevrolet in Livonia recently won an appeal through negotiations independent of the arbitration process.

The LaRiche hearing includ-

ed testimony from former GM chief executive officer Fritz Henderson.

Among the arbitrator's findings were:

• LaRiche demonstrated profitability in 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009, despite "difficult economic circumstances in the Detroit area."

• LaRiche remains viable, with working capital that exceeds GM's standards.

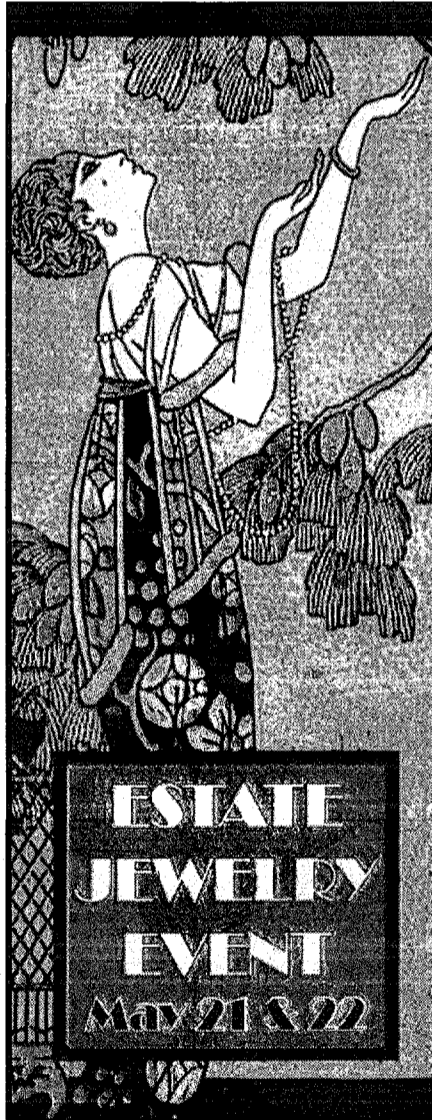
• Retaining LaRiche fits in with GM's stated goal of main-

taining a Chevrolet presence, and possibly opening another Chevrolet dealer, in the area.

• LaRiche exceeded GM's minimum performance benchmarks for 2008, scoring 96.92, above the minimum score of 70.

Chaudoin, who has worked for LaRiche since 1967, called the current climate "probably the most difficult time I've ever seen in the automobile industry."

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O&E columnist named finalist for 2010 entrepreneur award

Rick Bloom, a partner in Bloom Asset Management and a weekly financial columnist for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, has been named a finalist for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year® 2010 Award in the Michigan and northwest Ohio region.



Bloom

The awards recognizes entrepreneurs who demonstrate extraordinary success in the areas of innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities.

Bloom was selected as a finalist by a panel of independent judges. Award winners will be announced at a gala event June 10 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Dearborn.

"I am honored to be selected as a finalist for this prestigious award," Bloom said. "It's great to be recognized not only

for the success Bloom Asset Management has had over the past 25 years, but also for my other passion, which is to help educate people from all walks of life regarding reaching their financial goals."

Bloom is a partner in Bloom Asset Management in Farmington Hills, where he has served clients in the area of financial planning since 1984.

His financial column is featured each Thursday and Sunday in the *Observer &*

Eccentric Newspapers. In addition, Bloom airs twice-daily business updates throughout Michigan on the affiliate stations of the Michigan Radio Network.

Recently, he served as host of the popular "Rick Bloom Show" on WDTK-AM 1400 and was also host of the "Money Talk" radio show on WXYT 1270-AM for 16 years. He was also a financial columnist for other metro daily newspapers in past years.

Bloom has also been selected as one of the Top 250 Financial Planners by *Worth Magazine* for several years consecutively.

The Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year awards program celebrates its 24th anniversary this year. The program has expanded to recognize business leaders in more than 135 cities in 50 countries throughout the world.

Regional award winners are eligible for consideration

for the Ernst & Young LLP Entrepreneur of the Year national program. Award winners in several national categories, as well as the overall national Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year award winner, will be announced in November.

The awards are the culminating event of the Ernst & Young Strategic Growth Forum, the nation's most prestigious gathering of high-growth, market-leading companies.

SHOWCASE

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Hospice and the Plymouth Wellness Center, Graff said.

New this year will be the Mama Mucci's Pasta Chefs Challenge, a timed cooking event in which pasta dishes from two professional chefs will be judged on taste and presentation.

Chefs Brian Belwood of Sean O'Callaghan's and Jay Updyke of the Rock Bar and Grill are the competitors. Each will be given the same ingredients (including pasta from the Canton Township-based Mama Mucci's) and asked to come up with a dish in about 45 minutes.

"They have a great spirit about doing it," Graff said of the chefs. "They're excited about it." A master of ceremonies will keep the audience filled in on the cooking action, and the panel of three judges will include two chefs from the culinary arts program at Schoolcraft College, Graff said.

Another showcase highlight will be the recognition of the top volunteer from each of 20 local service organizations. Also, four high school seniors will be honored as recipients of the chamber's college scholarships, which recognize community service.

More than 700 people have attended showcase in each of the last two years, and Graff expects as many to attend this year.

Plymouth Showcase tickets are \$10 each and will be available at the door. The chamber is offering a 20-percent discount to members who buy five or more tickets in advance. Buy advance tickets in person at the chamber office by 5 p.m. Friday. The office is at 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth; the hours are weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (734) 453-1540.

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Departure shakes up 7th race

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Marc Corriveau's withdrawal from the race for the 7th state Senate seat being vacated by the term-limited Bruce Patterson changes the outlook not only of the Democratic primary, but also ups the stakes for whichever Republican comes out of the race.

With Corriveau out, the Democratic nomination is left to former state Rep. Kathleen Law of Gibraltar, who served in the 23rd District. Law was surprised by Corriveau's decision.

"It was not anything I expected," Law said. "Marc has served the community very well, and we had a nice working relationship his first two years. I'm relieved (not to have a primary) but frightened, as well. All of a sudden, not having a primary,

it's a double-edged sword, and it makes me nervous."

Political observers also believe Corriveau's departure shifts the focus to the Republican primary, which features four candidates, including a couple of political newcomers.

Bill Ballenger, editor of the political newsletter *Inside Michigan Politics*, said Corriveau's departure could affect which party claims the seat.

"Honestly, most people thought (Corriveau) would have been the favorite to win the primary and, probably, the general election," Ballenger said. "Many people think it may be a Republican year."

The Republican primary includes Abe Munfakh of Plymouth Township, Patrick Colbeck and Deborah Whyman of Canton and

Dan Osterman of Belleville. Munfakh is a former Plymouth Township trustee and Whyman is a former state representative. All but Munfakh have been linked with the Tea Party movement.

Former state Rep. John Stewart, whom Corriveau replaced four years ago and who switched parties (he's now a Democrat) is reportedly considering a run as an independent.

Bill Ballenger, editor of the political newsletter *Inside Michigan Politics*, said Whyman could be an interesting candidate because of her previous service.

"We'll have to wait and see what influence the Tea Party has," Ballenger said. "No one really knows what that will be yet."

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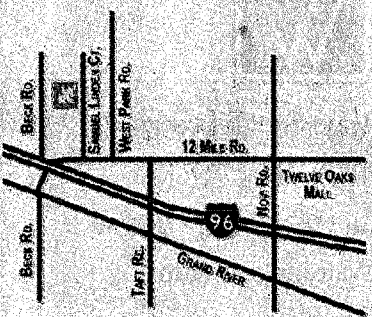
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CORRIVEAU

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But two weeks ago, he missed his 10-year-old son's first Little League home run. A few days later, exhausted after a House floor session that dragged on until 5:30 a.m., he missed his 8-year-old daughter's communion party.

That's when he knew the decision he'd been pondering for weeks — well, since the Christmas holidays, really — was the right one.

Corriveau, a two-term state representative who filed to run for Bruce Patterson's open 7th District Senate seat, reversed field last week, deciding just before Friday's 4 p.m. withdrawal deadline to do exactly that: Withdraw.

"When I began to really look at whether this was something I wanted to do, it became pretty clear that the price I was paying, both professionally and personally and even financially, was far outpacing the joy I was getting out of serving the district," Corriveau said. "When that's the case, however many times I evaluated it, I kept coming back to the spot that this was the best decision for me, for my family and for my future."

There were no shortage of surprises surrounding Corriveau's withdrawal. Lansing insiders were surprised when Corriveau decided to leave his House seat open to run for the 7th Senate seat, being vacated by the term-limited Patterson. Some thought Corriveau could have been Speaker material had he been elected to his third House term.

"He'd developed quite a good reputation (in Lansing)," said Bill Ballenger, editor of *Inside Michigan Politics*. "He was one of a couple of people thought of as possible future Speakers. There are two levels of shock.

For somebody to announce they're giving up their House seat to run for the Senate and then, three days after the filing deadline, to announce he's pulling out of that race ... it was obviously a blow to the Democrats."

But Corriveau doesn't feel like he betrayed his party or left the seat open to change. He said he helped recruit "a very strong Democrat" in Northville school board member Joan Wadsworth, and he leaves the 7th Senate seat to a known commodity in former state Rep. Kathleen Law, now the only Democrat in the race.

"I don't believe I betrayed anyone," he said. "I made a decision I feel is in the best interest of my family. Knowing my life is changing has been difficult. But I'm at complete peace with my decision."

Corriveau said discussions with his family started before the Christmas holidays, talks that ultimately culminated in the decision to seek the Senate seat. When the filing deadline neared, he listened to colleagues and party people who told him he could win and entered the Senate race, despite growing misgivings.

But as he continued working long hours to represent a district with 90,000 people, the number of hours it would take to serve a district three times that size became more daunting.

"I was able to give a lot to those 90,000 people, but it took every second of my time," Corriveau said. "When you think about 300,000 people, it became clear my life was going to be even less of my own."

The considerations aren't only personal, Corriveau said. As Michigan continued to struggle to rebound economically — a rebound he believes has begun — it became clear the state needed to change the way it did things, needed to work more closely together.

It doesn't happen often," he said. He worked with state Sen. Tom George, a Republican from Kalamazoo, on a health care package that has since been overshadowed by President Obama's plan. But mostly, he said, legislators are protecting their seats. And, he said, outside influences like interest groups continue to have too much power.

"Even with that (health care) success, if we don't have people come together to have some common-sense bipartisan change we can't move forward," he said. "Everybody says they want change, but nobody's willing to do anything different."

While fans and critics have their say, and the elections for his current House seat and the Senate seat he decided he didn't want sort themselves out, Corriveau said he'll be doing the same thing he's been doing for four years, and he'll worry about his legacy later.

"I'm going to end this the way I started it ... I'm still going to work 80 hours a week representing the people," Corriveau said. "I did everything I could to be a good state rep, and I want everyone to see it that way. I guess time will tell."

As for what happens when his term ends, Corriveau said the only thing he's sure of is he'd still like to be in a position to help shape what happens in the future.

"I don't have any immediate plans; some have suggested I had something lined up and that's why I made the decision," said Corriveau, who said he will not go to work for any lobbyist. "I've gotten an incredible education on the process, so I'd like to be involved in issue advocacy. I'd like to be involved in shaping public policy, but in what capacity, I don't know yet."

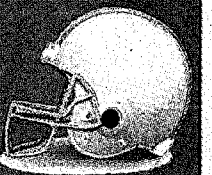
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Democrat Marc Corriveau, who beat Republican Jerry Vorva in the 2008 election, for the state House 20th District, hopes to "continue to help shape public policy," now that he's withdrawn from the race for the 7th Senate district.

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Y program gives teenagers a 'Summer of Service'

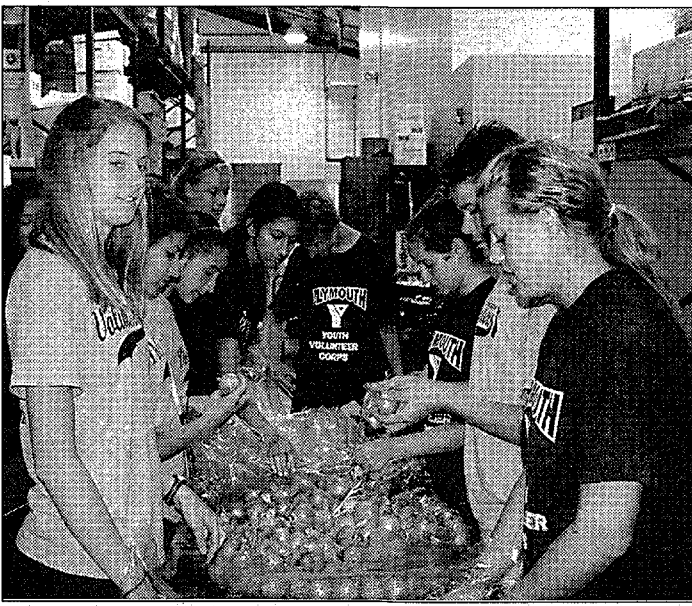
BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jenny Paffi knows today's teens will grow up just fine. "Teenagers a lot of times get a bad rap," said Paffi, community program director for the Plymouth Family YMCA. She and Heather Jones, youth coordinator, are working on this year's "Summer of Service" for area teens, which will run June 28-Aug. 20.

Surveys done at the end of previous "Summer of Service" projects show agency leaders are impressed with teens' work. Students get more done than expected.

"They do quality work and the quantity is high," said Paffi, who is pleased local teens come back summer after summer.

An open house for the YMCA's "Summer of Service" and day camp will be held 2-4 p.m. Sunday in the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, on North Territorial west of Sheldon. Registration for "Summer of Service" is



YMCA volunteers (from left) Phoebe VanHoof, Danielle Foley, Noelle Milad, Sarah Mabie, Amrit Romana, Timmy Merkel, Marina Milad, Alek Yawfimetz and Mackenzie Rogers volunteered at Food Gatherers in Ann Arbor as part of the YMCA's Summer of Service program.

under way, and organizers recommend you sign up early.

For the registration form, call the YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or e-mail Heather Jones at hjones@ymcamedetroit.org.

There is a one-time \$25 registration fee.

One week focuses on young people entering seventh and eighth grades, although they also have other opportuni-

ties during the summer. Most students are entering ninth through 12th grades.

During two separate weeks, students, who must be 16 or up, will work on a Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County home.

"It's going to be the same home," Paffi said of the Habitat affiliate's project on a Michigan Avenue home. Earlier work will be construction, later work detail work. Students will do Habitat work two days those weeks, with other days focused on the environment. Hunger and homelessness will also be addressed. "We're really trying to target kids' interests," Paffi said.

The eight weeks will begin with a Taste Test overview. Students generally come from Plymouth, Canton and Northville, but the program draws from all over.

This is the fifth summer for "Summer of Service."

"There's not a lot of opportunities for teens," Paffi said, noting there's also a school-year service component. "We

just feel it's really important to offer teens meaningful opportunities, especially in the summer." Students make a difference in the larger community, and social service agencies benefit as well.

"Our hope is they find something they're passionate about," Paffi said. That can lead to adult volunteer work or career exploration; right now, teens have trouble finding paid work and "Summer of Service" is a good alternative.

"Ultimately it helps us meet our goals of service," Paffi said of the YMCA. Volunteers meet for the program at the Methodist church on North Territorial.

There are 103 spots open, and last summer organizers filled 100 spots with 60 unique volunteers contributing over 2,500 hours. Agencies to be visited on the 15-passenger bus include Focus:HOPE in Detroit, Gleaners in Detroit, Growing Hope in Ypsilanti and Food Gatherers in Ann Arbor. The Plymouth Community

United Way will get teen help through the local YMCA, and plans now are to paint a mural at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City.

"First and foremost, we really do meaningful projects," she said. "They get to feel good about the work they've done." Teens are in the community meeting people.

"It's meaningful but it's fun," she said. "We have a lot of fun."

Some students fulfill service hours, no longer required by the Plymouth-Canton schools but still needed for some classes and the National Honor Society. "Summer of Service" gets financial support from the Wilcox Foundation and REI stores, including the one in Northville Township.

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11th District GOP sponsor Lincoln/Reagan Day Dinner

The Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee will have Dr. Gary Wolfram, economic and public policies professor at Hillsdale College, as the keynote speaker at its Lincoln/Reagan Day Dinner Thursday, May 27.

The dinner will be held at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, and will serve as a fund-raiser for Republican candidates as well as provide for networking with elected officials, community activists and precinct delegates is the Wayne 11th Congressional District.

"The Republican candidates that have stepped forward to run for elected office offer real change, from lowering taxes, to reforming government, to fostering more investment and jobs growth in our State. That's real



Wolfram



Kersey

change Michigan needs today," said Carl Berry, chairman of the Wayne 11th CDRC.

The doors open at 5:30 p.m. for a Meet the Candidates session and the program begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person and a table of eight is \$350. For ticket, e-mail info@wayne11th.com.

Wolfram is the William E. Simon Professor of Economics and Public Policy and Director of Economics at Hillsdale College, and President of Hillsdale Policy Group, a con-

sulting firm specializing in taxation and policy analysis.

He is a member and former chairman of the Board of Trustees of Lake Superior State University, served as a member of Michigan's State Board of Education from 1993 to 1999, was chairman of the Headlee Amendment Blue Ribbon Commission and has been a member of the Michigan Enterprise Zone Authority, the Michigan Strategic Fund Board and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority Board.

Wolfram's public policy experience includes serving as U.S. Rep. Nick Smith's Chief of Staff, Michigan's Deputy State Treasurer for Taxation and Economic Policy under former Gov. John Engler, and Senior Economist to the Republican Senate in Michigan.

Joining him at the podium

will be featured speaker Paul Kersey, director of labor policy for the Mackinac Center for Public Policy in Midland.

Kersey became director of labor policy at the Mackinac Center for Public Policy in September 2007, having served as the center's senior labor policy analyst since December 2006. As director, Kersey leads the center's Labor Policy Initiative and researches labor and employment issues.

After practicing law in Livonia for several years, Kersey served on the staff of the U.S. House of Representatives Government Reform and Oversight Committee. He then spent three years at the National Right to Work Committee as director of state legislation. In that role, he analyzed and responded to labor legislation in all 50 states.

According to Berry, the goal of the 11th CDRC is to deliver the message of Republican candidates through grassroots efforts and modern technology.

"We can't only rely on those that have large financial resources for our support," said Carl Berry, chairman of the Wayne 11th CDRC. "We need to focus our efforts and message on the average citizen. Our message also needs to be very relevant to all demographics."

The committee offers community outreach in the district through various channels, such as online social networking on Facebook, the Wayne 11th CDRC website, recruiting, training and engaging over more than 800 precinct delegates, and hosting "awareness" forums throughout the district to inform people about the issues and to mobilize support.

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OUR VIEWS

Talk to teens about dangers of drinking

Prom and graduation season is upon us. Sure, students at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park had their prom last week, but many will still attend proms with students at other schools. And graduations are right around the corner.

That makes this the perfect time for parents to remind their teens about the dangers of underage drinking.

The statistics are sobering. One person is killed every 30 minutes in an impaired driving crash, and someone is injured every 26 seconds, according to the Southeast Michigan chapter of Mothers Against Drunken Driving.

But underage drinking poses other risks as well. Don't think it's safe to let teens drink just as long as they don't drive.

A teenager's brain is still developing and is very sensitive to the effects of alcohol, according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

Drinking impairs teens' decision making skills, causing them to do things they ordinarily wouldn't. Furthermore, the consequences of their actions — having sex, becoming violent, committing a crime — can affect them the rest of their lives.

If they have enough to drink, their gagging and breathing reflexes can be suppressed and they can vomit and choke to death or just stop breathing. They may even be at risk for alcohol poisoning.

Contrary to popular belief, teens listen to their parents — even more so than their peers. Research shows that parental disapproval is the No. 1 reason teens choose not to drink.

Even if you've had the conversation before, bring it up again. Make it clear to your teen what your views and expectations are.

Back up your words with actions. What you *do* is just as important, if not more so, than what you *say*.

If you serve alcohol at your teen's graduation party, make sure no one under the age of 21 has access to it. Have a responsible adult serve all alcoholic drinks or don't serve any alcohol at all.

If you drink, drink responsibly by limiting the number of alcoholic beverages you consume.

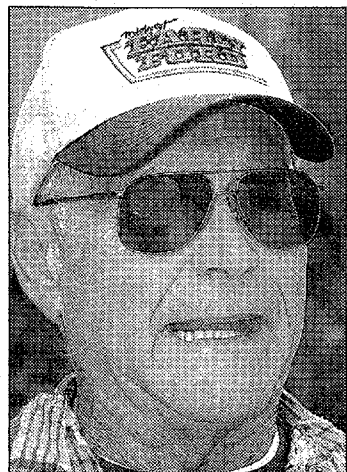
Let teens see that people can have fun without drinking.

Do everything you can to prevent your teen from becoming the next statistic. Graduation should be remembered as happy times, not times of regret.

COMMUNITY VOICE

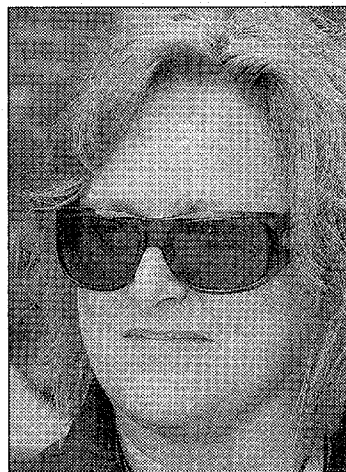
What do you think of the proposal that would loosen Michigan's restrictions on fireworks sales and allow for firecrackers, bottle rockets and the like?

We asked this question outside the U.S. Postal Service branch on Penniman in downtown Plymouth.



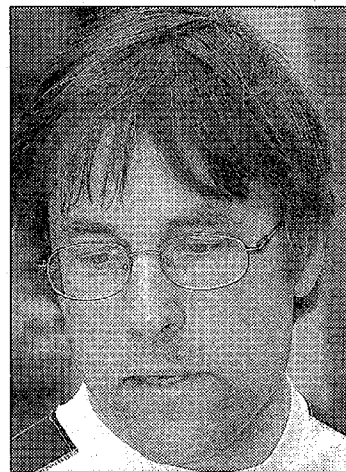
"I kind of hesitate for (people in residential areas) to be blowing them off at night, 'cause it could be disturbing the peace."

Charlie Eudy
Salem Township



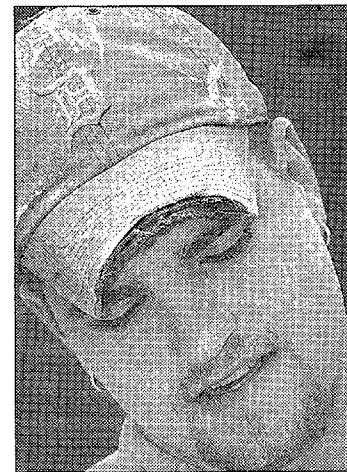
"They're dangerous enough. I don't think we need any more."

Susan Paul
Plymouth



"Actually, I think it's perfectly fine if they also enact classes (to teach) people how to be responsible with such things."

Dale Biros
Plymouth Township



"I don't think the government should restrict what you can buy. ... However, giving people the ability to blow themselves up is not a good idea."

Andy Hess
Canton Township

LETTERS

PCAC thanks

What a great evening! Accolades were given all around for the fabulous Taste of the Arts Gala at the PCAC on Friday, May 7.

Despite the rainy weather, over 100 people came out to enjoy music, art, food and drink all while learning a little more about the Plymouth Community Arts Council. We would like to thank the many people that helped make the evening fabulous: Post, Smythe, Lutz & Ziel, Buschi, Holiday Market, Station 885 and Bacardi donated food and drink. CYO musicians Kelly Kaiser, Ron Thieleman, Derek Thieleman, Aaron Scott and April Scott welcomed our guests with dulcimer, cello, trumpet and flute. Jeff Burda provided pottery demonstrations and instructed our patrons in creating sand art. Kendra and Manuel Barberena and Suzanne Parent discussed the Art Volunteer program and the Barberenas and Dawn Pyko presented video of recent Plymouth Uptown Players productions.

Tours were given of our newly renovated Artsco house and the evening was concluded with guitar music from Brian Paton. Thanks to our volunteers who shopped, prepared food, decorated, set up, served drinks and put everything away: Laura Good, Diane Harrison, Phil Kozian, Deb Madonna, Susan Noetzel, Sheila Paton, Dave Rymph, Mike Stephan and Jeremy Trudelle.

Finally, thanks to our staff, Pat Adams, Amy Storm and Tammy Trudelle for planning and assisting with A Taste of the Arts.

Thank you also to the ongoing support of our community foundations, businesses and patrons who have regularly donated the PCAC over the years. Despite the fabulous turnout on May 7, we are still only half-way to our fund-raising goal for 2010. Donations to the Plymouth Community Arts Council are still needed and Sponsorships for Music in the Park are also available. Contact the PCAC at (734) 416-4278 for more information on how to support Art in the Plymouth Community.

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Postal problems

"For 44 cents, they'll take something that you wrote, stick it on a plane and fly it across the country," The Daily Show's Jon Stewart said in response to a Utah senator's fear that government involvement in health care would make the doctor's office more like the post office.

Many armchair mailmen have been coming up with solutions to the postal service's (government agency, not musical group) fiscal woes. Some have suggested dropping Saturday delivery, a multi-tiered wage structure similar to autoworkers, wholesale cuts in spending, or even the closing of branches. Most of the suggestions that require the nation's oldest government corporation to tighten the strap on its messenger bag say that the USPS should be run more like a business; that in tough times businesses have to cut back.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats.

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True champions of industry will advocate the exact opposite, the perfect time to reinvest and expand are when times are toughest.

With e-mails, e-bills, and even spam (a.k.a. junk mail) flooding America's inboxes, the amount of substance in traditional mailboxes seems to be dwindling. The USPS can use this opportunity to enter the business of sending those e-mails; perhaps opening their own e-mail site offering something all other e-mail providers don't, complete security of information.

All e-mail providers subsidize their operations by selling the information their patrons send via e-mail to advertisers so that the advertisers may target those users with ads geared toward what they talk about in e-mails.

The postal service should also take this time to shift its core business away from letters and towards packages, to compete directly with UPS and FedEx.

The two largest private parcel carriers have also begun entering the field of logistics, working with large companies to help them manage shipping of mass quantities of finished goods. These businesses take advantages of economies of scale not possible when each piece of mail has to be directed to a particular place, instead devoting a whole truck or railcar to a destination.

UPS has been in this profitable business, which the industry calls Less than Truck Load (LTL), since 2006.

The post office would have a built-in advantage in this arena because of the agency's extensive national footprint and scale of its operations.

Andrew Justus
Plymouth

Put phone down

How many people have died from texting and driving accidents compared to, say, fires, cancer, and other hazardous things?

The number of deaths is rising in these easily preventable car crashes, and we need to take even more precautions and stop the taking of innocent lives.

Texting and driving has become a major issue in the newer generations. Recently two innocent lives were taken, one of a Plymouth high school student, and another of a John Glenn senior. Lance McKay was killed on Michigan Avenue, after his car ran out of gas, and was hit by a woman texting and driving, while pushing his car in pursuit of fuel.

Why are we allowing these careless drivers to flood our streets and roads when we have the voice to prevent it? We are losing our future generations, and allowing the others to grow up on a corrupt way of thinking that distracted driving is OK.

Lance McKay was planning on graduating and starting the rest of his life, but now it is all gone because one person couldn't wait to answer an insignificant text. Is your life worth a text message? Are you willing to risk your best friend's, your parent's, your wife or husband's, your role model's, or your children's lives just to answer that one text? If you are willing to give up your life for, "OMG NO WAY!!" or "hey, what's up?" then risk your life on your own time, but stop for those innocent victims.

I want you to support the ban on texting and driving and help making this into a set in stone law. I want you to take the first step in helping me, and just put the phone down.

Tess Laurentius
Canton

Stop the madness

It simply amazes me that our elected officials in Lansing have approved a bill allowing high-powered fireworks to be legally sold in Michigan.

After years of blatantly spending taxpayers' money without any good reason, why now are they trying to find ways to raise any amount of tax money to cover up their useless ways they have spent over the last seven years. I know whose hands these fireworks are going to wind up in and it's not going to be adults.

There are many teenagers in my neighborhood and I'm sure these fireworks will be used to celebrate our country's birthday in an unsafe way. With all the cuts that have been made over the last few years to fire and police protection, I just hope we don't see a night where firefighters are working like former years on Devil's Night in Detroit.

Robert Denstedt
Canton

Oppose amnesty

Recently, a rancher in the state of Arizona was shot and killed by an illegal alien. Even more tragic than this event is the fact that the mainstream media has totally ignored it. Glen Beck, on Fox News, thought that when he finally broke the story, others in the mainstream media would follow suit. However, that did not happen. Could the reason our controlled mainstream media (TV, radio and press) ignores important stories like this is to not hurt Obama's bid to pass an amnesty for 15-30 million illegal aliens?

Amnesty legislation has already been introduced in both houses of Congress. Harry Reid, majority leader in the Senate, says that he is only four votes shy in the Senate from having the 60 votes needed to block a filibuster and pass this bill. If 15-30 million illegal aliens can be granted amnesty and allowed to vote by November, then the Tea Party's plan to "vote the rascals out" may not be easy. Remember, Obama makes the rules. And after all of the unconstitutional tricks used to pass the health care bill, nothing is impossible.

From Obama's viewpoint, illegal aliens will mean permanent Democratic Party control of the US government. If you oppose amnesty for people who have broken our laws, call and write your two U.S. senators and your congressman and urge them to oppose these bills.

Some people say that opposing amnesty for illegal aliens is racist. Exactly what part of illegal do they not understand?

Gerald N. Wiggins
South Lyon

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

Here's a look at what readers are saying about stories on our Web site, www.hometownlife.com:

• **In response to the story, "Plan would replace aging bus fleet:"**

CarFreak wrote:

"Wow - we aren't going to be asked for yet another millage increase? I'm totally shocked!!!"

• **In response to the story, "Consignment shops added to retail mix:"**

allnightdiner wrote:

"Eclectic Attic has a long way to go to make it a place people want to shop. Their merchandise is overpriced, and they don't seem to have a clue as to any real customer service. I eagerly awaited their opening, as I enjoy shopping at consignment stores in Novi, Plymouth, Canton, etc. already - but these people are a breed apart. Bickering over register receipts the first time I was in (they could barely even acknowledge I had come in the store). I came back a second time, in case they were having a bad day, but it seems they are more absorbed in themselves than their customers. They've only been open a short time, and the sizes are all mixed up, and they do not seem to value any customers in this down economy. I will not be back, and will continue shopping the other consignment shops in the area."

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Town hall: Health care reform makes America stronger

BY SUE BUCK
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Plymouth Township resident Adrienne Davis always listens intently to the day-to-day stories about the unemployed without health insurance.

Whether it is her friend, who is in her early 50s and in need of a knee replacement, or a young families who aren't taking their children to the doctor because of no insurance, Davis is interested.

Health care reform is important to this Plymouth-Canton school board member as it is to U.S. Congressman John Conyers, who spoke Saturday at a panel discussion held at Northwest UAW Local 163 in Westland.

Health care reform is a way to make America "better and stronger for everybody," said Conyers the keynote speaker.

On March 23, 2010, President Barack Obama signed into law the first comprehensive health care reform law in the nation's history. By insuring 32 million Americans and reducing the national deficit by \$1 trillion, many say the historic legislation is the first step forward in making health care a right for all Americans, not an expensive privilege for some.

LAW CHANGES

The new health care law bars insurance companies from discriminating based on pre-existing conditions, health status and gender. It provides small businesses and working families with tax credits to help purchase insurance.

It strengthens Medicare and closes the prescription drug "doughnut hole." Many say that prescription drug coverage varies too greatly.

While industrialized countries have universal health care coverage, "We have been trying to get universal health care for 50 years," said Conyers, who is keeping "a health care horror story" file that he hopes to one day reduce. He wants to replace these stories with success stories on his web page.

Conyers said that many people consider having a job more important than having health care. That bothers him.

They have told him, "I would rather have a job and be sick than to be well and not have a job." It's a crazy choice for anyone.

"Of course, you want both," Conyers said. "A job and health care are important for everyone."

He asked members of the audience

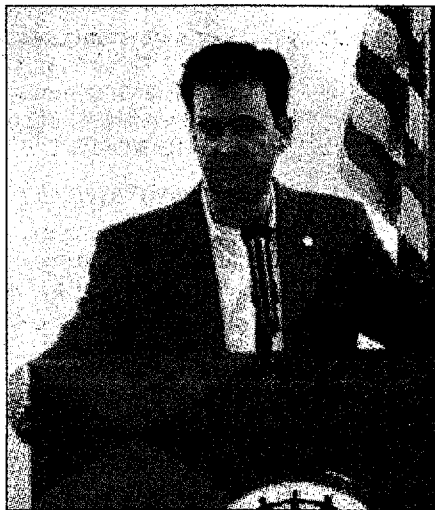


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State Rep. Marc Corriveau, (D-Northville), speaks to a small crowd at the weekend healthcare town hall meeting in Westland.

how many people they knew who had to go into bankruptcy because of health care bills. Hands went up. Similarly, a majority of people who attended did have health care.

Conyers mentioned that Republicans, like Thaddeus McCotter, Candice Miller, Mike Rogers and Peter Hoekstra voted against health care reform and asked the bill opponents: "Granted, you don't like the bill that we are putting forward. What bill are you putting forward?"

"We voted, now everyone has to account for their votes," Conyers said.

He added that he would be willing to debate health care reform with McCotter, who represents District 11, right in the same union hall.

"We want the American people to make up their own minds," Conyers said, adding that the public shouldn't be daunted by the more than 1,000 pages of the law. "All difficult things can be made simple. Everything can be translated. We're going to put this in plain English."

He considers health care a matter of right.

"You get the health care you need, regardless of who you are working for or if you don't have a job," Conyers said. "What is so complicated about that?"

Panel member Natalie Mosher, a Canton Township resident and a Democratic candidate in the 11th Congressional District, has experience as a public school teacher, mother, community volunteer and has been a non-profit development director. She said

that she and her husband interviewed people about their health care stories and put them on her website.

"You have to start somewhere," Mosher said. "We have a foundation that we can build upon."

She wants to make sure that every man, woman and child has coverage that is affordable and has nothing to do with any pre-existing conditions.

Extending health care to young adults to allow them to stay on their parent's health care plan until age 27 is also important to her.

"Medical costs to individuals is off the chart," Mosher said.

CONYERS PRAISED

Isaac Robinson of Young Democrats of America complimented Conyers in the vernacular by calling him "a bad dude" because he helped to push through the health reform legislation.

The audience submitted questions and one asked if mental illness was covered in the new plan. The answer was that it is unclear.

Marjorie Mitchell of Michucan said that it was important that the coverage for mental illnesses makes it into the benefits package.

"Those are our advocacy roles," she said.

The goal is to include that which wasn't covered before.

"You don't have to go to medical school to know that the mental and the physical are related," Conyers said.

Garrett Arwa, state director of Organizing for America, said that many seniors have concerns.

"They will not have their benefits reduced," Arwa said.

John Freeman, state director for Health Care for America Now, hopes that the new law will also help the home health care force and "professionalize" them.

"You allow people to be empowered by allowing them to stay in their home for a much longer period of time," Freeman said.

That prevents the more expensive 24-hour care in nursing homes.

Joanne Lamar, a Plymouth resident, credited Conyers for his "sensible view."

"He is a very sensible man," Lamar said.

In the end, Davis felt that the forum was beneficial because it provided still more personal stories for her to ponder.

"It resonates with me," Davis said.

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Getting run-around? Time is ripe for research and change

A client was complaining about the fees his bank charged. He was upset because over the last year or so his bank raised their fees substantially.

I asked what had he done about it. He looked at me and said, "What can I do? It is what it is." So I asked him whether he had considered changing his bank. His immediate answer was that it would be too much of a hassle since he had his paycheck direct deposited and he paid bills directly through his account.

My recommendation was to research other banks and credit unions. Credit unions offer basically the same service as banks, but sometimes with substantially lower fees.

Once he did the research as to fees, I urged him to compare them with his bank then make a decision as to whether it was worth the hassle to change his account.

He took my advice and found that he could switch his financial institution and save money over the course of a year. He added that it was well worth the effort and he was kicking himself for not doing it sooner.

Granted, sometimes it is a hassle and somewhat time consuming to change relationships that we've had for a number of years, however, in many situations it is worth it.

Many people are in the same situation as my client, not only when it comes to a banking relationship but other relationships that we have in the realm of personal financial planning. We live in a world where everything is changing and with most of those changes we don't have any control. Sometimes we let things stay as is because we

don't want any more change. However, that attitude, can be a financial detriment.

Whether it is auto insurance, homeowners insurance, Internet service or cable, most of us just don't want to go through the hassle and potential aggravation to change things.

CHANGE FOR THE BETTER

The general attitude is if it ain't broke, don't fix it. However, something doesn't have to be broken before you fix it. I don't believe in change just to change, however, if you can improve the quality of your life or save money, why not?

Change can be empowering. For example, I've had some difficulties with my Internet connection. The company has been giving me the runaround and I didn't think there was much I could do. I finally said, enough is enough and started doing some research to determine other options.

I found that I did have another option and I will have the same or better service at a lower price.

As consumers in today's competitive world we must be proactive in dealing with personal affairs.

Shop around insurance coverage: Don't assume a present policy is sufficient. Don't focus on the hassle to change coverage or services but on the benefits that change can bring.

Whether it is improved services or lower cost, as consumers the ball is in your court.

Spend some time and re-look at all your insurance coverage, services and financial relationships and if you can do better don't hesitate to make a change.

A short-term inconvenience will bring long-term gains.

Good luck!

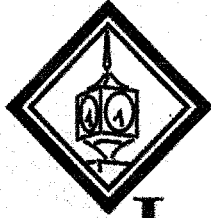
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Pink warriors will walk, run, race for cure Saturday

More than 30,000 people of all ages are expected to gather Saturday at Comerica Park for the 19th annual Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure®.

Some 10,000 pink ribbons and 240 large, pink street banners will line Woodward Avenue and around Comerica Park to greet supporters, honor loved ones and celebrate survivors who are walking or running in Michigan's largest foot race.

Metro Detroiters continue to demonstrate that even in the most challenging of times, their generosity and support for others is heartfelt and unwavering, say organizers of the event.

More than 30,000 participants and 100-plus local sponsors and underwriters will take part in the race.

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute has been the local presenting sponsor of the Komen Detroit Race for the Cure® for the past 18 years.

The community has rallied the support of family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to raise \$2 million in 2009 alone in the fight against breast cancer, according to event organizers.

As a result, \$1.5 million funded breast health education, breast cancer screening and treatment programs in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb

counties, allowing the uninsured and underinsured to receive the needed services they might not otherwise get.

Every three minutes, a woman in the United States is diagnosed with breast cancer and more than 40,000 women will die from breast cancer this year alone.

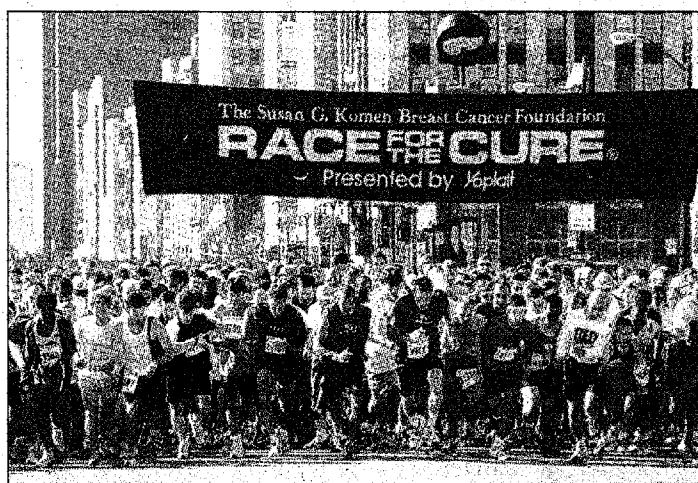
There is something for participants of all ages at the Race. Bands and entertainment groups will perform for the walkers and runners, a variety of sponsors will have giveaways and offer exciting interactive activities. A children's activity area will be available.

Street closure begins at 7 a.m. Sponsor booths open at 8 a.m. and opening ceremonies begin at 9 a.m. Closing ceremony and awards presentations take place 10:30-11:30 a.m.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Participants can register online through midnight (ET) tonight (May 20). Register at www.karmanos.org/detroitracefortheure. Registration fees range from \$15-\$35 prior to Race day.

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Tee-cher

Kids, vets get into swing with PGA pro

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With her eagle eye, Hickory Creek PGA golf pro Tami Bealert can spot a golfer's flaw and quickly nip it in the bud.

For example, while working Saturday afternoon with Monroe's Jim Coffin, she noticed he was pulling his foot during his follow-through and losing power as a result.

Bealert placed a golf ball beside one of his feet, providing a physical reminder to help him keep his stance nice and tidy.

"There's nothing like having someone who can pick something out right away," said Coffin, one of many golfers who Bealert helped out during free, 10-minute lessons.

Every Saturday during May at Hickory Creek Golf Course in Superior Township, Bealert (helped by assistant pro Gary McGettrick) is providing those quick lessons as part of the "Play Golf America" initiative.

"The 10-minute lessons are just making sure their grip, power and alignment are OK and that they're swinging in balance as well," Bealert said. "They may have a question regarding 'Why am I going to the right or why am I hitting the ball left? Why am I topping the ball?'"

"I can just give them two tips and fix it right then."

FUN FOR FAMILIES

But Bealert had a much bigger assignment Saturday — trying to inspire the next generation of golfers.

About 30 youngsters came out with their moms or dads for a two-hour family clinic (also free), designed to introduce the game to the kids while at the same time giving families a chance to do something together.

"Our whole goal is to get people excited about the game," Bealert said, "to play and have fun, learn



Tami Bealert, PGA Golf Pro at Hickory Creek, offers helpful hints about the correct way to address the ball to family clinic participant Hailey Wasik, a 9-year-old from Canton.

something about the etiquette and the rules and get families out to play more golf."

She worked with children ages 5-15 on fundamentals (grip, posture, alignment, balance).

Bealert made sure the youngsters had a blast while learning, too.

The kids used so-called SNAG balls, which are lighter than regular golf balls. SNAG stands for "Starting New At Golf," an easy-to-understand PGA-designed approach to learning about the game.

Bealert set up a string of colorful hoops and targets not too far from the tee-off area and instructed participants to pick, choose and have a go.

HE WAS RIGHT

Among those doing just that were

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Hickory Creek PGA Pro Tami Bealert goes over fundamentals of grip and posture with golf newbies during Saturday's family clinic.

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GAME WRAPS

Girls soccer

STEVENSON 0, SALEM 0: In a KLAAs Central Division clash Tuesday, host Livonia Stevenson (6-4-3, 3-4-1) and the Rocks (8-4-3, 4-3-2) fought to a scoreless draw.

Michelle Krawczyk was in goal for the Spartans.

"It was an average performance, it seems, by both teams," Stevenson coach Chris Grodzicki said. "We had chances and they had chances, but nobody wanted it."

PLYMOUTH 6, FRANKLIN 0: Freshman Morgan Klabunde scored twice Tuesday, leading the Wildcats (9-1-4, 7-0-2) to a KLAAs South Division mercy-rule triumph over host Livonia Franklin (0-15-1, 0-8-1).

Other Plymouth goal scorers included Megan Peplinski, Jessica Scott, McKenzie Hengesh, Abigail Livingston, Katie Krajewski and Katelyn Watson.

Franklin goalkeeper Alexis Smith made 22 saves, while Marissa Williams posted the shutout for Plymouth.

CANTON 4, CHURCHILL 1: Christy Balewski notched a hat trick Monday as the host Chiefs (11-1-3, 8-0-1) clinched at least a tie for the KLAAs South Division crown with a victory over Livonia Churchill (6-7-1, 5-3-1).

All the scoring came in the first half as Balewski scored in the second, 12th and 28th minutes. Lindsey Winters also added a goal in the 36th minute.

Alexa Vkratsis scored in the 15th minute to cut the deficit to 2-1 for Churchill.

"We came out flat, like a deer in headlights and Canton caught us off-guard," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "We played loose in the box and it was our inability to hold the ball in wet conditions."

"But I'm happy we played to the end. We could have easily quit."

Prep baseball

PLYMOUTH 11, S.L. EAST 1: Mike Nadratowski scattered five hits Monday as the Wildcats routed South Lyon East.

Plymouth (12-11, 7-8) scored two in the first on a Matt Priebe single and added four more runs both in the third and fourth innings to blow it open. Priebe had two hits, two runs scored and three RBIs. Freshman Jamarl Eiland had two hits and two RBIs while Nadratowski scored three runs.

Prep softball

SALEM 3-2 AT TOURNEY: The Salem varsity softball team finished with a winning record at last weekend's Madonna Invitational, capping it off with a 3-0 victory over Plymouth in the consolation bracket behind the pitching of Brianna Lee (2-hitter, 15 Ks).

Mary Johnson collected two hits for the Rocks with Kelli

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Rocks, 'Cats play 2 good games for 1 good cause

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

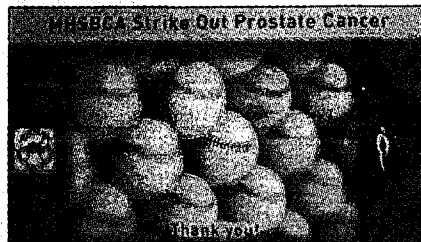
An idea that took root in January came to fruition last weekend, with freshman, junior varsity and varsity baseball teams for Plymouth and Salem competing for a worthy cause — to "Strike Out Prostate Cancer."

The JV teams played Friday, with freshman and varsity squads taking over on Saturday with all proceeds from concessions and a special \$3 program/blue wrist band combo going to the Prostate Cancer Foundation.

The benefit games had been pushed back a week due to rain May 6. But that didn't diminish the positive energy at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

OUTPOURING OF SUPPORT

"We played the JV game Friday and



This thank you card, from the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association and Prostate Cancer Foundation, awaited those who spent \$3 for a game program and 'Strike Out Prostate Cancer' awareness wristband.

met half our goal (of \$1,000) already," said event spokeswoman Audrey Rodriguez of the Salem Baseball Dugout Club booster group. "On a day like today I see people who are buying, selling, enjoying the game and donating money to a great cause."

(On Monday, Rodriguez reported that approximately \$2,000 was raised. She gave thanks to all who supported the endeavor.)

The twinbill was one of a number of high school games in Michigan being designated as prostate cancer awareness benefits.

The Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association and Prostate Cancer Foundation are teaming up this spring for the cause.

According to Plymouth varsity head coach Bryan Boyd, he and Salem's Dale Rumberger were at a MHSBCA clinic in January when the idea was proposed.

"We talked and said let's make our doubleheader we're going to do year in and year out, let's make it a Prostate Cancer Awareness Day," Boyd said. "We're going to do all these different

things to raise money because it's such a great cause. It hits home to so many different people."

The Dugout Club and Plymouth Baseball Boosters co-organized the benefit, and paid plenty of attention to detail.

Bases and foul lines were powder blue — the official "fight prostate cancer" color — and players also sported powder blue wrist bands.

Meanwhile, Dugout Club president Glenn Kordick said coaches, parents and players from both teams easily got why it was important to participate.

"Audrey Rodriguez, both coaches, parents of both teams just felt it was a good thing to do to give back to the community," said Kordick between games of the twinbill. "The rain (on the

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Area teams to contend

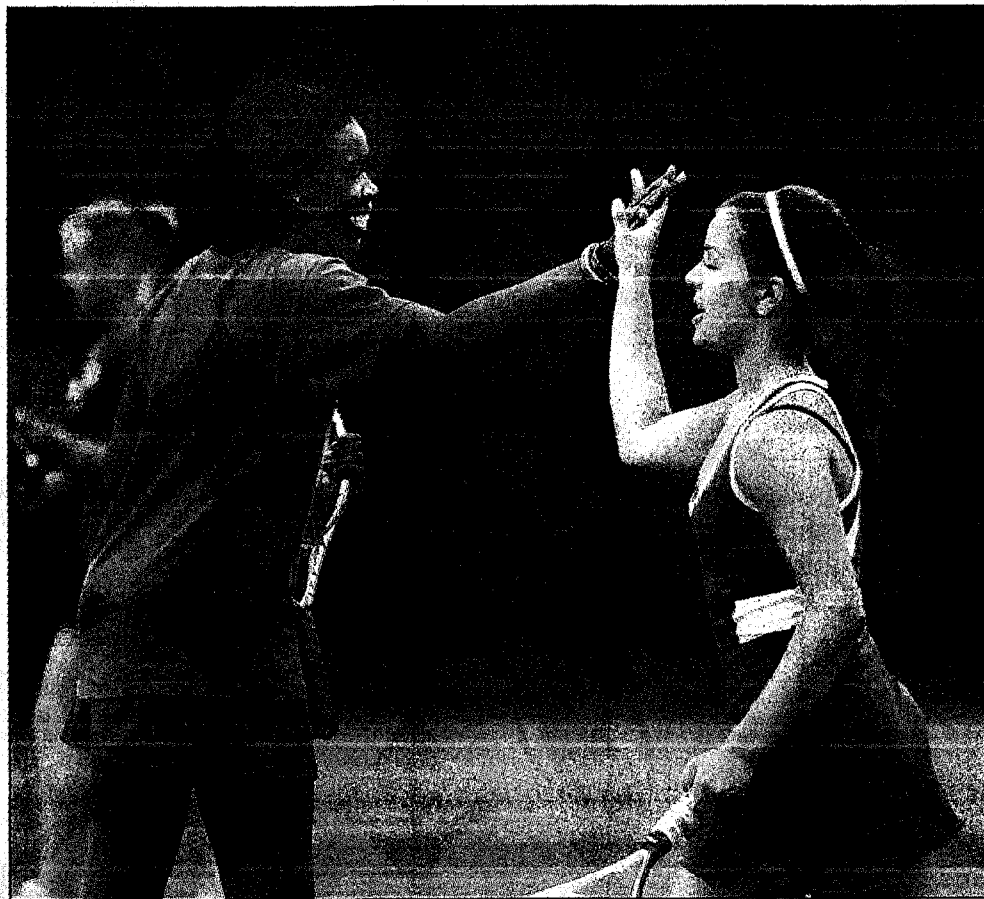
BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Undefeated Salem and Plymouth could be knocking heads at the top of the leader board when they get together Friday at the Division 1 boys track & field regionals.

TRACK — who won the region in 2009 — and Wildcats are among teams who have plenty to contend for the boys regional title at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Both bring 5-0 records in dual meets and are stocked with top-notch athletes.

"We hope to qualify athletes for the state meet in a number of events, from sprints to field to distance," said Salem boys head

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On Saturday, Salem's No. 2 doubles team of Ashley Walker and Mallory Rojo won the conference championship in their flight. They then won again Tuesday against Milford.

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PCEP netters eye regionals

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The final regular season dual matches for Plymouth-Canton Educational Park girls tennis teams were for the most part successful on Tuesday.

Both Plymouth and Salem earned KLAAs post-tournament crossover girls tennis victories as the squads continue gearing up for Friday's Division 1 regionals.

Meanwhile, Canton lost 5-4 to Walled Lake Western, but the Chiefs had a solid effort despite the defeat, noted head coach Barb Lehmann.

The Wildcats grabbed a 6-3 triumph over Walled Lake Central while Salem also won 6-3, over Milford.

For Plymouth first-year head coach Rob McLaren, his team's 5-2 overall and 4-1 record in the KLAAs South (second place) is reason to feel optimistic about next season.

"We're ending the season the way you always want to, with a

victory," McLaren said.

Plymouth needed a big win in doubles by the tandem of junior Mariah Tesarz and senior Jahnvi Patel. They lost the first set 3-6 before bouncing back (6-3, 6-1).

Senior Annie McKenzie also won her final match, with junior Iulia Fratila (3-6, 6-1, 6-4) as did senior Lauren Jeong (with junior Andrea Haidar) at No. 2, by a score of 6-3, 6-0.

The Wildcats' No. 5 doubles team of junior Laura Schmid and sophomore Erin McKenzie also won.

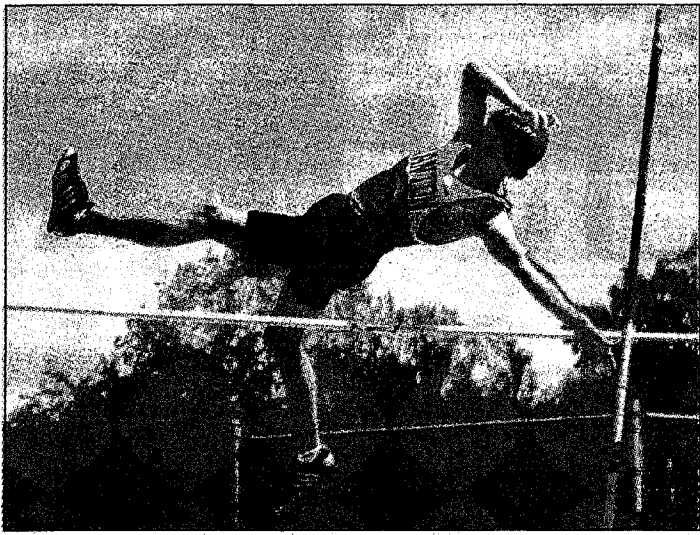
In singles play, Plymouth wins were scored by sophomore Lindsay Stemberger and freshman Marlowe Susselman, at No. 2 and No. 4, respectively.

Of course, McLaren still is hoping for success Friday.

TOUGH FIELD

"Obviously, we have tough teams that we're up against, the Ann Arbor Pioneers... but we

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Canton High School pole vaulter Ryan Kilgore makes an attempt during Friday's KLAA meet at Novi. Kilgore's Chiefs are among teams participating in Friday's Division 1 regional at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

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coach Kyle Meteyer. "We won our division (KLAA Central), which was our most attainable and important team goal at the beginning of the season."

"While we won the region last year, I think that Plymouth has a great shot at it this year."

Meteyer noted that Detroit Cass Tech is out of the picture, but Inkster is in. "I'm curious as to how that might affect our region's outcomes."

Plymouth boys head coach Jon Mikosz also is eagerly anticipating Friday, with key members of the KLAA South champs ready to finish in the top two and thus automatically qualify for states.

"I think we have a good shot at contending for a regional title," Mikosz said. "Our goal is to get guys to states so we are going to change up our lineup to give the guys the best shot. ... If we happen it win it will be a great accomplishment for these guys."

Warren Buzzard (800-meter run, 1,600 run), Matt Neumann (1,600 run, 3,200 run), Joe Porcari (3,200 run), Justin Heck (3,200 relay), Kyle Brindza (shot put), Grant Senkbeil (pole vault), Joe Bockstanz (pole vault), Anthony LeMerise (400 dash),

Pawan Dahliwal (high jump) and Brandon Piligian (110 hurdles) stand excellent chances of qualifying as individuals.

"There is also an automatic qualifying mark that if they run that time, throw that far or jump that high they will go to states," Mikosz said. "... All of these guys have a 75 percent or better chance at either being top two in the region or making the automatic mark."

Plymouth (and Salem) also could make the team state meet by winning the regional, but that is run by MITCA rather than the MHSAA, noted Mikosz.

Canton's Chiefs, of course, also will be at PCEP. So will Observerland teams from Livonia Stevenson, Churchill, Franklin, Garden City, Redford Union, Thurston, Wayne Memorial and Westland John Glenn.

Rounding out the 17-school field are entries from Dearborn, Detroit and Inkster.

Canton is 2-3 on the boys side, however, while the girls team brings a 1-4 mark.

The other PCEP teams on the girls side will need to go some to challenge Central champion Novi or South champion Churchill — both 5-0 in the division.

The Lady Rocks are 3-2 in the Central while Plymouth's girls squad is 2-3.

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Dark Angels smash Fusion in WFA action

Quarterback Kris Vidojevski figured in four touchdowns Saturday as the Detroit Dark Angels routed the winless Dayton Diamonds, 45-0, in a Women's Football Alliance North Central Division game at Westland John Glenn High School.

Vidojevski ran for two scores (11 and 19 yards), passed for another (a 24-yarder to Brooke Kosanic) and picked off a pass

for a TD as the Dark Angels evened their record at 2-2.

Alexis Noel ran for a team-high 120 yards, including a 69-yard TD run. Juanita Payne added 70 yards on the ground, while fullback Ramona Cox ran for three TDs.

Detroit Police officer Yarlen Henry, a middle linebacker, led the Dark Angels' defense with 12 tackles, including three for losses, to go along with a fumble recovery.

Kosanic added eight tackles and deflected three passes from her defensive back position.

The Dark Angels also raised \$2,000 during the week for the family of slain Detroit Police officer Brian Huff.

"We are happy to have won this game convincingly and that our team keeps improving," said Angels owner and GM Chuck Lauber, a veteran

of Wayne County Sheriff's Department. "But we are very proud to have worked together with the community and raised this money for the family of a brother officer who fell while serving the force."

The Dark Angels travel Saturday to take on the Pittsburgh Force before coming home Saturday, June 5 at John Glenn to face the Cleveland Fusion. (Game time is 7 p.m.)



What a weekend!

The U-10 Canton Cardinals baseball team went 4-0 to win the recent Northville Early Bird Tournament. The Cards clinched the weekend tourney title with a 9-4 win over the Northville Broncos. Team members include Dominic Dimaya, Sam Bruscha, Parker Selby, Billy Flohr, Jake Cain, Evan Good, Ben Kandah, Ryan Young, Lou Baechler, Danny Lanava, Tyler Newsom and Logan Dziado.

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original date) didn't stop us. We're still having a great time. "And the players recognize it's important to give back to the community and they're

looking forward to a good game of baseball."

HOME FIELD ADVANTAGE

Each varsity team won on their respective home field.

In Saturday's opener at Plymouth, the home team won 9-1 with Wildcats' pitcher Harrison Michels giving up three hits in a complete-game performance.

Contributing two hits and four RBI — including a homer in the first inning — was Phil Emminger.

Ben Wohl went 2-for-4 with two runs and an RBI.

"Harrison has thrown five straight really good outings," Boyd said. "Over that period he's 4-1, ... he's beaten some very good teams and again he was fantastic today."

Strong defense, after his team committed two errors in the first, helped keep the Rocks at bay.

Plymouth jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the first and never looked back.

The Wildcats' new career

hits leader, Matt Priebe, stroked a single to right-center that scored junior outfielder Mike Nadratowski all the way from first base.

Emminger then belted an opposite-field home run to right.

It was 5-0 in the second thanks to a bases-loaded throwing error and Kevin Lozier's sacrifice fly in the third opened up a 6-0 lead.

Salem finally got on the board in the fourth. Chris Kordick singled and took third on a double by Brett Ramirez. Ken Novak's groundout brought home Kordick.

Plymouth scored again in the fourth as Emminger's single through the hole at short tallied two more runs.

Capping the scoring was a sixth-inning single by Nadratowski, bringing in Wohl. The teams moved to Salem for the nightcap and the Rocks prevailed 5-3.

It was 1-0 Salem (following an RBI-hit by Joe Simowski) when the Rocks tacked on

three in the third thanks to some extra-base power.

A double to left-center by Eric Lorber plated Marcus Olind (who opened the inning with a double). Evan Gambino then launched a two-run homer over the 385-foot mark to the left of dead center.

Plymouth (12-10, 5-8 in the KLAA) registered three runs in the fifth with the key hit a three-run home run to right by Chase Zebari.

Salem (8-11, 5-9) tacked on an insurance run in the sixth as Nick Leventis singled in Lorber, who opened the inning with a base hit.

In a losing cause, Wohl went 3-for-4 for the Wildcats with Rich Guglielmi also collecting a pair of hits.

Lorber went 2-for-3, scored twice and knocked in a run for the Rocks.

Picking up the win was starter Scott Theisen (up from JV) with Corey Streck earning the save.

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Public Courses advertisement listing various golf courses and their rates: Faulkwood Shores Golf Club, Stonebridge Golf Club, The Links at Whitmore Lake, St. Clair Shores Country Club, Coyote Preserve, and Memorial Day Weekend.



Following Saturday's doubleheader, both teams helped pick raffle tickets for customers. Prizes included those donated by Plymouth and Canton businesses, residents and the Detroit Tigers.

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"We are so excited to be a Finalist at the national level for Most Innovative Company of the Year," said Mike Kalis, owner and Managing Partner. "We offer something no one else does—and it benefits both consumers and the new construction industry. We're experiencing tremendous growth because of this."

Marketplace Homes offers a six-year guaranteed lease program to consumers, providing them the opportunity to build a new home with preferred builder partners. Marketplace Homes will lease your first home for up to 6 years—with payments, utilities, and maintenance guaranteed—even tenant damage up to \$5,000 is guaranteed.

Mr. Kalis is a recognized and active entrepreneur in the metro-Detroit community and one of this year's Michigan Economic Bright Spot award winners. In 2009 Marketplace Homes contributed to the sale of 12 percent of all new construction homes in metro Detroit and will be in 12 national markets by the end of 2010. Currently, Marketplace Homes helps to market over 40 communities in the Metro-Detroit market through partnerships with local and national builders.

This year's Stevie Award winners will be announced during the annual gala on Monday, June 21, at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in New York City. More than 600 executives from across the U.S. are expected to attend. The event will benefit Oceana (oceana.org), the largest international organization focused on ocean conservation. The ceremonies will be broadcast on radio nationwide by the Business TalkRadio Network.

More than 2,700 entries from organizations of all sizes and in virtually every industry were submitted for consideration in more than 40 categories, including Most Innovative Company of the Year, Management Team of the Year, Best New Product or Service of the Year, Corporate Social Responsibility Program of the Year, and Corporate Environmental Responsibility Program of the Year.

Members of the Awards' Board of Distinguished Judges & Advisors and specialized final judging committees will select Stevie

Award winners from among Finalists in final judging that will continue through May 28. Finalists were chosen by business professionals nationwide during preliminary judging in April and May.

Healthy eating

Hiller's Markets announces nutritionist Gail Posner, RD, MS, will lead one-hour tours to educate shoppers on healthy eating strategies. Posner will also address sensible and strategic choices for weight loss and various health conditions.

There is a \$25 registration fee and space is limited; interested parties must call 248-855-4558 to reserve a spot. Posner will conduct these guided tours 7-8 p.m. Thursday, May 27, at Hiller's Plymouth location, 15455 N. Haggerty.

Hospice Art Dash

The Arbor Hospice Foundation invites art enthusiasts and community members to enjoy an evening of art, wine, food and fun to benefit Arbor Hospice's pediatric hospice care and grief support services. The ninth annual Art Dash event takes place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 20, at The Inn at St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth.

Throughout the night, guests will enjoy perusing extraordinary visual works, raffle and auction items, all while making note of their favorite pieces. After dinner, attendees kick off their heels and make a dash for the art piece of their choice. Every couple will go home with a work valued at a minimum of \$250 - the average value of last year's art piece was \$459.

Patron tickets are \$350 (entitles two people to attend and one to "dash"), benefactor tickets are \$500 (entitles two people to attend and one to "dash" plus recognition at the event) and \$1,600 to reserve a table of eight (entitles eight people to attend and four to "dash").

Art Dash also provides a unique opportunity for local artists to showcase their talent to art enthusiasts, while supporting Arbor Hospice's community programs and services. Arbor Hospice is accepting donations of original pieces of art for the event. To purchase tickets or donate art, please contact Arbor Hospice at (734) 794-5122 or visit www.arborhospice.org.

Sponsors of Art Dash include: UPS; Hantz Benefit Services, LLC; Williams, Williams, Rattner & Plunkett, P.C.; The Knickerbocker Group of Raymond James & Associates; REI; Community Financial; Michigan Commerce Bank; and OfficeStar.

CHAMBER CHAT

Relay For Life

The 2010 Relay For Life of Plymouth will take place on June 12-13 at Central Middle School from 10 a.m. Saturday to 10 a.m. Sunday. For information on how you can get involved or about the kick-off event, contact Katie Brennan at (248) 663-3436 at Kathryn.Brennan@cancer.org.

E-mail power

The chamber presents a "Power of Email Marketing Workshop" 9-11 a.m. Friday, May 21.

According to research conducted by the Direct Marketing Association, email marketing generated a ROI of \$43.62 for every dollar spent in 2009. No business in Southeast Michigan can afford to be without this most powerful resource.

All workshop attendees will receive Constant Contact's Email Marketing workbook (a \$15 value) plus a 60-day trial membership to the Constant Contact email marketing service, including full use of training, toll-free customer support, and interactive website. No credit card, required.

The workshop will be presented by Derek Freund, a multi media marketing expert and one of Constant Contact's top Business Partners. Derek's recent Power of Email Marketing workshop surpassed the local event attendance record by a whopping 300 percent.

There is no charge to attend this workshop and only 35 seats are available. The workshop will be at the Chamber office at 850 W. Ann Arbor Tr. To register, please email teri@plymouthmich.org or call 734-453-1540.

Concerts return

The annual "Music in the Air" concert series begins Friday, May 28 in Kellogg Park. The first band of the season is The Sound Alternative.

The entire concert schedule will be out on our website (www.plymouthmich.org) sometime this week. Look for some old favorites and for some new bands to visit downtown.

Barefoot presentation

Barefoot Productions' final show of the season, *Steel Magnolias*, runs through May 23, featuring an all-female cast. Tickets can be purchased on-line at www.justgobarefoot.com and clicking on the Ticketleap link, or by calling the box office at (734) 560-1493. Tickets are \$12 for adults, and \$10 for seniors and students.



Sisters Nicole, Erica and Jennifer Harris of Detroit were among the hundreds of walkers who took part in the third Plymouth Relay for Life last year. The 2010 Relay for Life starts 10 a.m. June 12 and runs through 10 a.m. June 13 at Central Middle School.

Top ambassador

Each month the Chamber is featuring an active member of our Ambassadors Committee. On this Committee, members do reach out to new and existing Chamber members, volunteer to help at events and attend ribbon cuttings and other Chamber activities. If you are interested in learning more about the Ambassadors Committee, please call the Chamber at (734) 453-1540.

Rita Maltese and her husband Joe are co-owners of WhiteROCK Specialties, a 30-year old promotional products and advertising company. Their goal is very simple - to provide their customers with the best service, skills and products available in a friendly, professional and prompt manner. They want to service you with "valued promotional products", not just sell you products! Rita can be reached at 734-737-0600.

Golf outing

Reservations to golf or to be a sponsor at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's annual golf outing are now being taken. The event takes place Monday, July 12, on the Golden Fox course at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center. Tee off is at 10 a.m.

The golfing package includes lunch, refreshments on the course, cocktails/beer and dinner. Foursomes also receive a tee sign, sponsor recognition and one free \$25 raffle ticket.

For more information about golfing or being a sponsor, call (734) 453-1540 or e-mail wes@plymouthmich.org. Cancellations must be received by July 1, 2010.

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Autism Society and AMC offer 'Shrek' screening

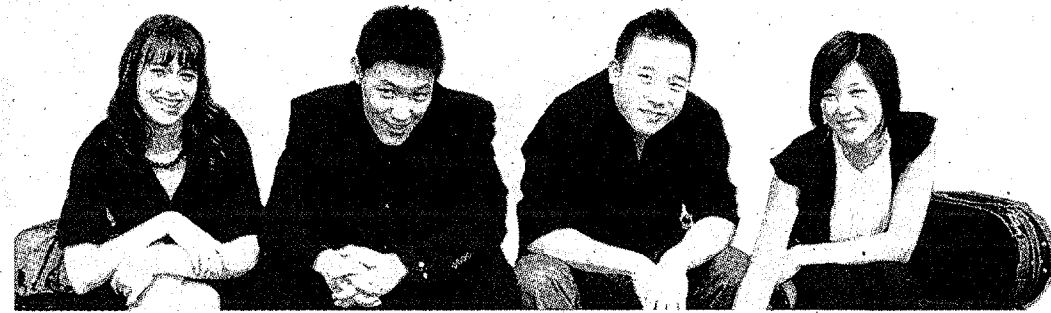
AMC Entertainment (AMC) and the Autism Society have teamed up to bring families affected by autism and other disabilities a special opportunity to enjoy their favorite films in a safe and accepting environment on a monthly basis. Sensory Friendly Films will continue this month with a showing of *Shrek Forever After* at 10 a.m. May 22. AMC Livonia 20 is located at 19500 Haggerty, Livonia.

Autism is a complex neurodevelopmental disability that affects a person's ability to communicate and interact with others. It often comes with sensory challenges, such as hypersensitivity to light or sound, and children or adults affected by autism may not understand the social boundaries of movie theatre etiquette, such as not talking during the film or sitting

still through most of the show.

In order to provide a more accepting and comfortable setting for children with autism or other special needs, AMC movie auditoriums will have their lights brought up and the sound turned down, families will be able to bring in their own gluten-free, casein-free snacks, and no previews or advertisements will be shown before the movie. Additionally, audience members are welcome to get up and dance, walk, shout or sing — in other words, AMC's "Silence is Golden" policy will not be enforced unless the safety of the audience is questioned. Tickets can be purchased on the day of the event.

For more information about sensory films, visit www.autism-society.org/sensoryfilms.



Chamber Music Society of Detroit Concert

The Parker Quartet will perform as part of the Chamber Music Society of Detroit concerts at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 22. The concert will be held at the Seligman Performing Arts Center located at 22305 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills. Contact the Chamber Music Society of Detroit Ticket Service at (248) 855-6070 or online at www.comehearcmsd.org for more information.

LOCAL CONCERTS

The Ark

Time/Date: May Erlewine and Samuel Seth Bernard, May 20; Suzy Bogguss, May 21; Eilen Jewell, May 22; Dala, May 23; Matt Andersen, May 25; Diane Birch, May 27; Gaelic Storm, May 29
Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor
Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Date: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 and 8:30 p.m.
Location: 5200 Woodward Ave
Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

Magic Bag

Time/Dates: The English Beat, May 20; The Mega 80's, May 21 and June 5; The High Strung CD release party, May 22; Members of Morphine, May 28; MacPodz, June 6; The Original Waiters, June 9

Location: 22920 Woodward, Ferndale

Contact: (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com

Music Hall

Time/Date: Hatian Benefit CD release party, May 20; Tim Reeves, May 21-22, \$5; Music Hall Star Search Finals, May 27
Location: 350 Madison Ave., Detroit

Details: Jazz Cafe performances

Contact: (313) 887-8500

Trinity House Theater

Time/Date: Bill Mallonee, May 21; Open Land with Jessica Ripka, May 22; Sweethearts of the Yellowroom Gang featuring Kitty Donohoe, Annie Capps, Jill Jack and Allison Downey, June 4; Wayward Roots, June 5; Jennie DeVoe, June 11; Chris Trapper with Billy King, June 12

Location: 38840 West Six Mile, Livonia

Contact: (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org

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The Livonia Area Piano Teachers Forum will present a "Monster Concert" of multiple pianos and piano players at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 23 at the William M. Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills.

The concert will feature piano duet and ensemble music performed on 11 Steinway grand pianos at one time. More than 160 students from beginning to advanced levels of musicianship will participate. These students represent

the studios of 17 teachers from communities in the surrounding area. Concert proceeds will be used to support scholarship opportunities provided by the Livonia Area Piano Teachers Forum.

The Livonia Area Piano Teachers Forum is affiliated with the Michigan Music Teachers Association and the Music Teachers National Association. Active in the community for more than 35 years, it promotes growth and pro-

fessionalism in the private music teaching business, and provides members' students with performance, competition and scholarship opportunities.

For more information about the organization, visit the Web site at www.laptf.com.

Pianos for the event will be provided by the Steinway Piano Gallery of Detroit; these pianos will be offered for sale. For more information piano sales, contact Steinway at (248) 560-9200.

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ENTERTAINMENT

See films on the big screen outdoors

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Pack the cooler, dress the kids in their pajamas, add the family dog and head to the drive-in this weekend.

Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township starts its summer season with a sneak preview May 21 and 22, and May 28-30. Its grand opening is Friday, June 11, when it begins showing films daily through Sunday, Sept. 5.

"There is something going on here all the time. The fun never stops," said Peter Krupsky, director of communications and community relations for Compuware Arena. "We like what we're doing. It's really family friendly."

The larger lot at the theater can accommodate approximately 250 cars. The smaller lot can include 100-150, Krupsky said. "We're finding that the people who come out to the drive-in are as passionate as people are about the Plymouth Whalers," Krupsky noted, referring to the local hockey team associated with the arena. "It's a different vibe but similar in that it's family fun. We're just doing it in a different way."

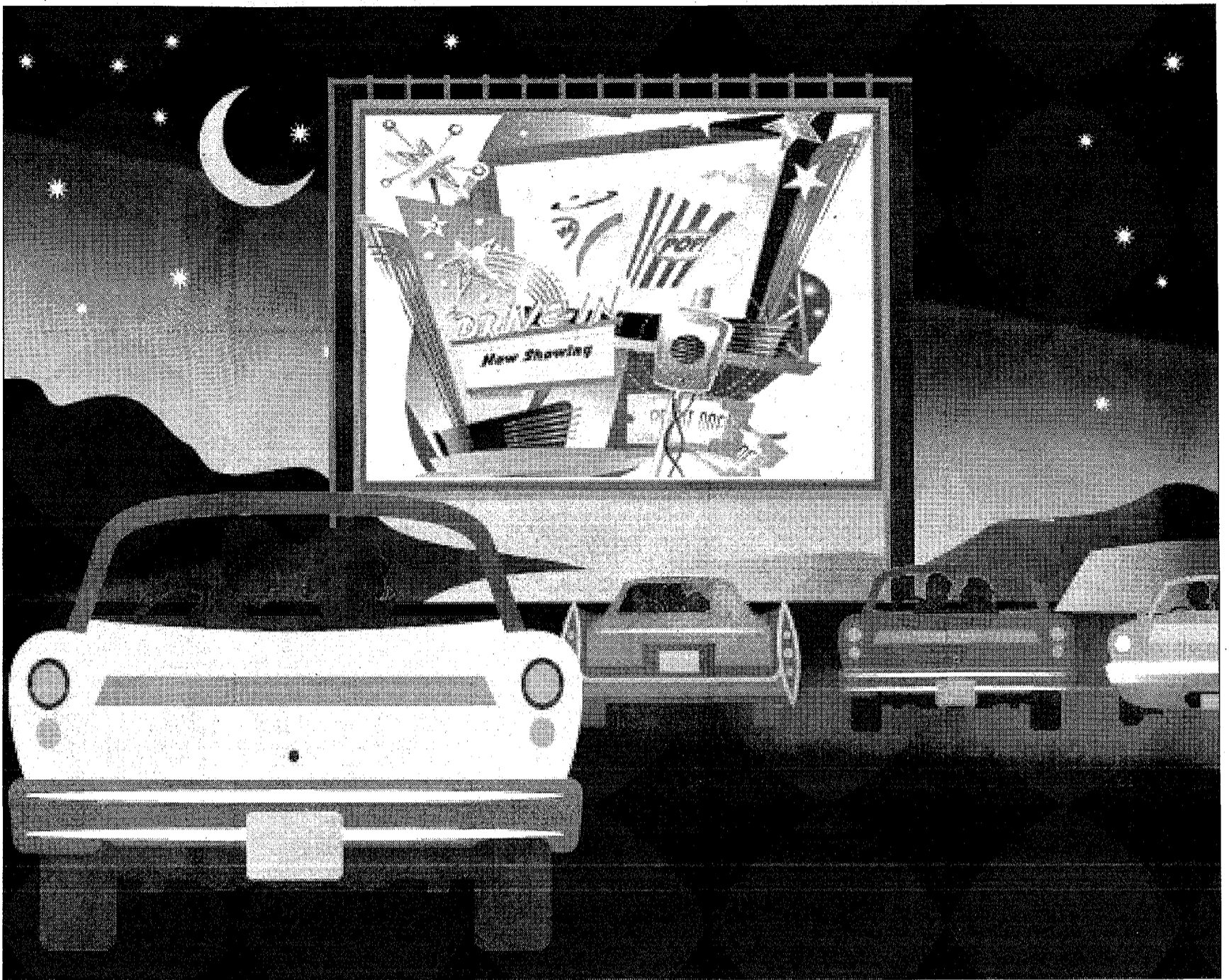
Krupsky said the outdoor theater will be easy on the wallet this summer, too. Regular admission is \$7 for adults, Sunday-Thursday, \$5 for kids, 4-12, and free for kids, 3 and under, everyday. Adults pay \$9 Friday-Saturday.

"We'll have some entertainment stretchers for families," Krupsky added. That includes "pack your car" Mondays with admission set at \$15 per car for a maximum eight individuals; two-for-one tickets and \$2 concession value meals on Tuesdays, \$5 pizza and \$5 tickets on Wednesdays and \$2 burgers at CJs, the restaurant at Compuware Arena, on Sundays. Cash or checks only are accepted.

"We've had the theatre in different forms the last six or seven years, but it's been about three years that we've really concentrated on it. We're looking forward to this season."

Theater management earlier this week hadn't decided which films would run during the sneak preview. Call the hotline at (734) 927-3284 for titles.

The drive-in is located at 14900 Beck, north of M-14, in Plymouth Township. Gates open at 7:30 p.m.



and movies start at dusk. www.compuwarearena.com

WAYNE, OAKLAND DRIVE-INS

The Silverdome Drive-in runs double features through Sept. 17, at 1200 Featherstone Road, north of M-59 and west of I-75 in Pontiac.

Gates Open at 7:30 p.m. and the movies begin at dusk. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$6 for students with ID, \$5 for children, age 4-12 and free for children, 3 and under. Double

features today, Thursday, May 20 are *Robin Hood* and *The Back-up Plan*; *Iron Man 2* and *Clash of the Titans*; *The Losers* and *A Nightmare on Elm Street*. New films start Friday. For more information see www.silverdomein.com

Ford-Wyoming Drive-in runs double features through Sept. 15 at 10400 Ford Road, at Wyoming, in Dearborn. Double features today, Thursday, May 20 are *Just Wright* and *Date Night*, *Robin Hood* and

Repo Men, *Iron Man 2* with *The Back-up Plan*, *A Nightmare on Elm Street* and *The Losers*, *Death at a Funeral* and *Kick Ass*. New films start Friday. Cost is \$8.50 for adults, \$3 for children, 12-6, and free for children, 5 and under. Call (313) 846-6910 or visit www.fordwyomingdrivein.com for more information.

STATEWIDE

Vacationing in Michigan this sum-

mer? Here's a sampling of drive-ins around the state:

- Flint: The New US 23 Drive-in, 5200 Fenton, (810) 238-0751.
- Muskegon: Getty Drive-in, 920 Summit Ave. (231) 798-2608.
- Honor: The Cherry Bowl Drive-in, 9812 Honor Highway; (231) 325-3413.
- Coldwater: Capri Drive-in: 119 W. Chicago Road; (517) 278-5628; check its website, www.capridrivein.com for hotel packages and other events.

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ART
Art & Ideas
Time/Date: Through June 5
Location: 15095 Northville Road, south of Five Mile, Plymouth
Details: "From Women to Little Girls" portrait exhibit
Contact: (734) 420-0775
Livonia City Hall
Time/Date: Through May 28
Location: 33000 Civic Center Drive,

Livonia
Details: Spring Art Exhibit, juried fine arts show, all media, photography and sculpture
Contact: (734) 838-1204
Lotus Arts Gallery
Time/Date: May
Location: 995 W. Ann Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth
Details: Exhibit of figurative works, from minimalist and abstract to detailed

Contact: (888) 889-4ART (toll free) or (734) 453-5400

AUDITIONS
8th Wonder Theatre
Time/Date: Open call, 6 p.m.-10 p.m. June 14-15; 6-9 p.m., June 16, callbacks
Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, at Ridge, in Canton.
Details: Auditions for "Blackwater Ballad" and "Phantom." Both are musicals. Actors auditioning may be asked to stay for a dance call the night they audition. Everyone should prepare two 16-bar selections that are contemporary - musical theatre or pop - and include a ballad and up-tempo piece. Participants may sing songs from the shows. Neither a Capella nor karaoke auditions are permitted. Everyone must have sheet music, and must sing with the accompanist at the piano. 8th Wonder is composed of theater professionals with extensive experience, including Broadway veterans, and faculty in the theater department of Eastern Michigan University
Contact: Ryan Lewis at (734) 945-5316 or e-mail him at ryan.lewis@8thwondertheatre.com



Marc Ryan performs through May 22 at Joey's Comedy Club, in Livonia.

Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield
Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday
Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia
Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays
Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Marc Ryan and Johnny Beehner, May 19-22; Elliot Branch and Mary Ann Demoss, May 26-29
Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickscomplex.com
Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle
Time/Date: Rocky LaPorte, May 21-22; Mike Green, May 27-29
Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak
Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

COMEDY
Go Comedy!
Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays
Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale
Details: Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays
Contact: (248) 327-0575; www.go-comedy.net
JD's House of Comedy
Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

FAMILY
Bakers Keyboard Lounge
Time/Dates: 2-5 p.m. Sundays
Details: Jazz for Kids Program
Location: 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit
Contact: (313) 345-6300, www.bakers-keyboardlounge.com
Detroit Institute of Arts
Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays
Details: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission
Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit
Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org
Detroit Zoo
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Labor Day
Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak
Details: Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free.
Contact: (248) 541-5717

Location: 17360 Lahser, Detroit
Details: "The Music Man;" Admission \$4
Contact: www.redfordtheatre.com

MUSEUMS
Cranbrook Institute of Science
Time/Date: "Artology: The Fusion of Art and Science at Cranbrook" showcases the work of artists whose creations intersect with science; through June 4
Location: 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills
Contact: (248) 645-3200, http://science.cranbrook.edu
Plymouth Historical Museum
Time/Dates: "Show and Tell Collectibles" exhibit, through June 13
Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth
Contact: (734) 455-8940, www.plymouthhistory.org

THEATER
Barefoot Productions
Time/Dates: May 21-22
Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth
Details: "Steel Magnolias;" tickets are \$2 general admission, \$10 for students with ID and senior citizens, 62 and older
Contact: (734) 582-9688; www.just-gobarefoot.com
Andiamo Novi Theatre
Time/Date: 8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 7 p.m. Saturday and 5 p.m. Sunday, through the summer
Location: 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi
Details: "Don't Be Cruel - The Life and Times of the King" is a multi-media show with storytelling, video and a musical montage about Elvis. Tickets are \$25 Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday and \$35 Friday-Saturday
Contact: (248) 348-4448

PUBLIC HEARING

The Plymouth Housing Commission has developed its 2010 Agency Plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. It will be available for review by May 20, 2010 at our office in Tonquish Creek Manor, located at 1160 Sheridan Street, Plymouth, Michigan between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.

In addition, a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 21, 2010 in the Community Room at Tonquish Creek Manor at 1160 Sheridan Street, Plymouth, Michigan at 6:00pm. Everyone is invited.

Publish: May 20, 2010

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE
NUMBER C-2010-02**

REPEAL OF THE TRUCK ROUTES ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 100, CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 62, THE TRUCK ROUTES ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION I. REPEAL OF THE ORDINANCE.

This section repeals Chapter 62, the Truck Routes Ordinance of the Charter Township of Plymouth Code of Ordinances, adopted as Ordinance 100.

SECTION II. SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION III. REPEAL.

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION IV. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION V. PUBLICATION.

This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION VI. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, during regular business hours.

Joe Bridgman, MMC
Clerk

Introduced: April 20, 2010
Adopted: May 11, 2010
Effective: May 20, 2010
Published: May 20, 2010

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
MEETING NOTICE
CITY OF PLYMOUTH,
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A special meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Monday, May 24, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following:

Z 10-04 287 Arthur Non-Use Variance Requested Side Yard Setback Variance; Detached Garage Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential Applicant: Laurent Porte

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator
201 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

Publish: May 20, 2010

SUMMONS AND NOTICE

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF OBJECT OF ACTION STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF CHEMUNG ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE INDEX NO.: 1022/10 US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, INC. FOR ASSET-BACKED PASS- THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-WMC1 Plaintiff, vs. ARLENE HESS, Defendant(s): MORTGAGED PREMISES: 138 EASTVIEW DRIVE HORSEHEADS, NY 14845 SBL #: 59.02-2-14 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Chemung. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgage Premises. Dated this 20th day of April, 2010, TO: ARLENE HESS, Defendant(s) In this Action. The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. JUDITH F. O'SHEA of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated the 12th day of April, 2010 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Chemung County Clerk, in the City of Elmira. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by ARLENE HESS and EDWIN K. HESS dated the 29th day of July, 2005, to secure the sum of \$116,800.00, and recorded at Instrument No. 200508150022 in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Chemung, on the 15th day of August, 2005; which mortgage was duly assigned by assignment dated the 5th day of January, 2010, and sent for recording in the Office of the Clerk of Chemung County; The property in question is described as follows: 138 EASTVIEW DRIVE, HORSEHEADS, NY 14845 SEE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, situate on the Town of Horseheads, County of Chemung and state of New York being known as Lot No. 10 and shown on a certain map made by Abe L. Oppenheim showing the Cummsiskey Terrace Subdivision and dated June 1954, and recorded in Chemung County Clerk's Office as Case Map No. 1412. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The state encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Banking Department at 1-877-BANK-NYS (1-877-226-5697) or visit the department's website at WWW.BANKING.STATE.NY.US. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. § 1303 NOTICE NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT DATED: April 20, 2010 Steven J. Baum, P.C., Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s), 220 Northpointe Parkway Suite G. Amherst, NY 14228 The law firm of Steven J. Baum, P.C. and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose.

Publish: May 8, 13, 20 and 27, 2010

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE
NUMBER C-2010-03**

REPEAL OF THE MOTOR CARRIER FUEL TAX LICENSE AND TRIP PERMITS ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER C-91-12, CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 64, THE MOTOR CARRIER FUEL TAX LICENSE AND TRIP PERMITS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION I. REPEAL OF THE ORDINANCE.

This section repeals Chapter 64, the Motor Carrier Fuel Tax License and Trip Permits Ordinance of the Charter Township of Plymouth Code of Ordinances, adopted as Ordinance Number C-91-12.

SECTION II. SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION III. REPEAL.

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION IV. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION V. PUBLICATION.

This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION VI. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, during regular business hours.

Joe Bridgman, MMC
Clerk

Introduced: April 20, 2010
Adopted: May 11, 2010
Effective: May 20, 2010
Published: May 20, 2010

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE
NUMBER C-2010-01**

REPEAL OF THE PARKING REGULATIONS ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 100, CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 61, THE PARKING REGULATIONS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION I. REPEAL OF THE ORDINANCE.

This section repeals Chapter 61, the Parking Regulations Ordinance of the Charter Township of Plymouth Code of Ordinances, adopted as Ordinance 100.

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Learn about food labeling, nutritious choices on tour

Make dinner quickly tonight with these tips

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Gail Posner guarantees that even the savviest, most nutrition-conscious shopper will learn something new during her guided tour of supermarket shelves.

"And boy, am I going to fool you," said Posner, a registered dietician who scrutinizes product nutritional claims and ingredient labels during her one-hour classes at Hiller's markets. She gave the *Observer & Eccentric* a preview this week of her upcoming tours in Hiller's Plymouth and Bloomfield Hills stores.

"This one just cracks me up," she said, taking a Peaches & Cream Quaker Instant Oatmeal off the shelf. "You'll get far better nutrition out of regular oatmeal, but what I found humorous on this is, what kind of oatmeal is this? Peaches & Cream. But let's read the ingredients...whole grain rolled oats, sugar...corn syrup, whey...ah, here it is, flavored with colored fruit pieces, dehydrated apples and artificial peach flavor. So, the funny thing is, this is this is apple with peach flavor — don't think you're getting peaches."

And so it went, up one aisle and down the next, with Posner pointing out nutritional red flags on product packaging, recommending healthy brands and pointing out new products.

In the bread aisle, she found "white fluffy bread" masquerading as rye. It looked like rye and its packaging included the word rye, but a quick scan of the ingredient list showed otherwise.

"It doesn't say whole rye flour. You want to get three servings of whole grain in," she said. "So many of my clients eat out so much I say buy the 100 percent whole wheat to eat at home because you're not going to get it in a restaurant."

BOX VERSUS CANNED

The soup shelves offered a dizzying variety of canned products, but Posner ignored them all in favor of Kitchen Basics and other brands in a box.

"A lot of people know there is a chemical to avoid in plastic baby bottles, but it also is in our canned goods, except for Eden brand beans."

The Michigan-based company cooks its line of organic beans in cans that are free of bisphenol-A, (BPA) a chemical that has been linked to developmental changes in studies conducted on animals. The National Toxicology Program, which coordinates toxicological research across the U.S. government, expressed "some concern" for bisphenol-A's effects on the brain, behavior, and prostate gland in fetuses, infants, and children, according to the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Web site. It suggests reducing the use of canned foods

FROM THE TOUR

A few more tips from Gail Posner's supermarket tour:

- Buying juice? Look for "100 percent" juice on the label.
- Choose distilled rather than spring water.
- If buying lean meats, such as ground turkey, make sure the label says no less than 97 percent fat free.
- Choose a whole grain cereal and add your own fruit.
- Buy mayonnaise with olive oil.
- If buying lunch meat, look for nitrate- and nitrite-free.
- Try something new in the produce aisle, such as jicama. Peel it, slice it, squeeze on lime juice and sprinkle on chili powder.
- Choose brown rice rather than white rice and whole grain pasta or a blended pasta.

and opting for glass, porcelain or stainless steel containers, especially for hot foods and liquids.

"It leaches into the food. The ones leached into the most would be meat and tomato — acidic products," Posner noted. "Tuna in a pouch is better than tuna in a can. Buy tomato juice in a bottle versus in a can."

And although white albacore tuna generally costs a few cents more than chunk light, Posner avoids it, favoring the less expensive, darker meat.

"You want to go with the chunk light. Chunk light tuna are little fishes that are younger and swim higher in the ocean, so they swallow less mercury. The white albacore tuna and tuna steak come from big tuna that have been polluted with mercury."

PRIVATE COUNSELING

Posner, a dietician for 30 years, said the supermarket tours grew out of her private West Bloomfield practice, where she counsels clients one-on-one and creates healthful eating plans to match their nutritional needs.

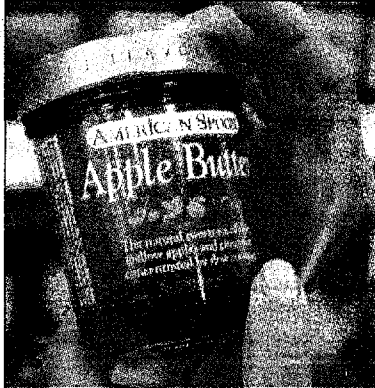
"My office is unique. When people come in their chin drops. I have bookshelves full of empty food boxes. I make practical, sensible recommendations. I show people what the box looks like, so when they get to the grocery store it's quick and easy to find."

With both clients and tour participants, Posner stresses the importance of enjoying food and of eating "mindfully." She points out new products and offers tips on healthy, quick "grab and go" foods.

Her tour runs 7-8 p.m., May 24 at Hiller's West Bloomfield store, 6433 Orchard Lake Road, in the Orchard Mall, and 7-8 p.m. May 27, at the Plymouth store, 15455 Haggerty, at 5 Mile. Cost is \$25. Call (248) 855-4558 to register.



Gail Posner suggests buying tomato products in boxes or bottles to avoid the bisphenol-A found in cans.



With only 15 calories per tablespoon, Michigan-made American Spoonfood's apple butter is "calorically a pretty good bargain," says Posner.



Posner searches for nitrate- and nitrite-free lunchmeat at Hiller's market.



With 7 grams of fiber, this whole wheat flat bread will "stick to your ribs" and help you feel full if you're watching your weight, says Posner.

Try Gail Posner's simple recipes for fast, healthful dinners:

• **Quesadillas:** Place two tortillas on a cooking sheet. Top with 1/4 cup shredded cheese and leftover toppings, such as chicken. Add a veggie if desired, such as chopped green onions, green pepper and olives. Broil or top brown in a toaster oven until the cheese melts. Top one of the tortillas with 2 tablespoons of salsa and place the other tortilla on top.

• **Stuffed, baked potatoes:** You can cook potatoes in the microwave in a flash. Wash and scrub Idaho potato and pat dry. Pierce with a fork. Place on microwave-safe dish uncovered and cook for 4-5 minutes per medium potato. Let stand for 10 minutes. Slit open and top with low fat cottage cheese, fat-free ranch dressing, a protein such as chicken or veggie patty, salsa, frozen veggies in a low-fat cheese sauce, frozen broccoli. Or spritz a baked potato with butter spray, sprinkle with garlic powder and malt a slice of low-fat cheese on top.

• **Pasta or rice night:** Buy Uncle Ben's Ready Rice, whole grain, and microwave according to directions. When cooked, add prepared frozen veggies, and a cooked protein, such as chicken. If using pasta instead of rice, boil pasta noodles and add frozen peas or canned mushrooms, and then toss with olive oil, garlic powder and a little Parmesan cheese.

• **Chicken or fish in a minute:** Buy flash-frozen chicken breasts or fish, such as salmon, tilapia and cod, and defrost in microwave. Heat 1 teaspoon of oil in fry pan over medium high heat. Add fish or chicken, sprinkle with seasoning/spice mix, such as Mrs. Dash, or jerk spice or sprinkle with a sauce such as Italian dressing, BBQ sauce, or bottled marinade. Cook about four minutes per side until done.

• **Frittata leftover:** Gather all of the meat and vegetables that are left over from the night before, such as chicken, beef, pork, potatoes, rice, vegetables. Heat them in a pan with a little olive oil. Crack one or two eggs per person and scramble them up with some milk, low fat sour cream or plain yogurt. Pour the eggs over the leftovers and bake in a 350 oven for 25 minutes. Serve with toast and a salad.

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CAReport



By Dale Buss

If I had a garage the size of Jay Leno's and could stuff it with, say, my Top Ten vehicles, the top-of-the-line Dodge Ram – the 3500 Laramie Crew Cab version – wouldn't be far down on my list or too far away from the front of the garage.

Sure, I probably would put some sort of Lexus crossover in the first spot, and maybe the Audi TT Roadster in the second. But I would put two Chrysler vehicles not too far behind them in my well-rounded fantasy garage: the Town & Country minivan, for its overall practicality, and the Dodge Ram 3500.

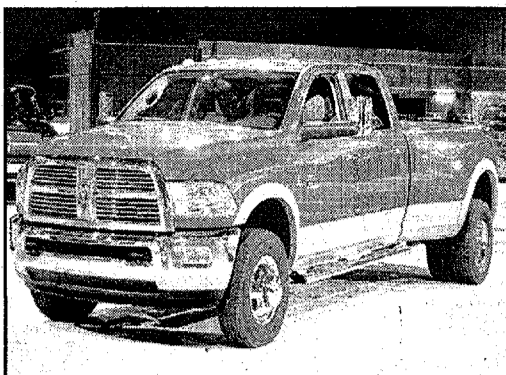
Only a limited number of types of owners could justify to themselves relying on a machine as expensive as the 3500 Laramie – with a list price of \$57,575 for the version I drove – as their primary vehicle. Clearly that list would include all manner of contractors and other small-business owners who like to treat themselves, and their crews and staffs, to stylish rides.

This cohort of consumers is important to the auto industry these days. There's lots of attention to new cars and crossovers, and to fuel-economic offerings that are increasing in availability. But sales of pickup

trucks such as the Ram, the Ford F-150 series and the Chevrolet Silverado offer perhaps one of the surest fingers on the pulse of the U.S. economy. And fortunately – though heavily subsidized by thousands of dollars of manufacturer and dealer incentives per vehicle – pick-up truck sales are holding their own as one important pillar of a slow but steady recover in overall automotive sales.

Give Ram some credit, also, for helping keep Chrysler vital as the company overall awaits the launch of some revised versions of old standards – such as the new Jeep Grand Cherokee due this summer – and, over the next few years, some vehicles jointly developed with new owner Fiat. Besides the Town & Country and Grand Caravan minivan franchise, and a wobbly Jeep brand, the Ram franchise is crucial for the sustenance of Chrysler until it can get to that better future.

And besides construction contractors and others with obvious professional and ongoing need for a truck as fine as the Ram 3500, there are other people who find such a vehicle handy. I'm one of them – and that's one reason the Ram 3500 wouldn't be too far away from the



The Dodge Ram 3500 Laramie Crew Cab upon its introduction last year.

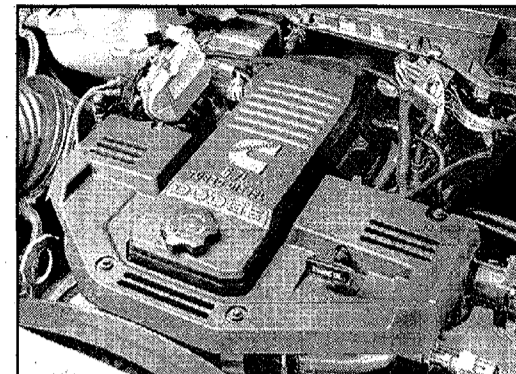
front in my garage of ideal vehicles.

There are many people like me who can make occasional ideal use of such a great vehicle because they're moving stuff, and people, short distances and far. In my case, each of my young-adult offspring have required moves of their worldly goods over some distances over the last six months. And I've been so glad to be able to use a 3500 to do it.

First, there is no pickup that exceeds the Ram 3500 for sheer capacity. Its eight-foot bed ensures that you can easily get an entire room or two, or more, of furniture on board. The supplied bed liner makes sure loading goes smoothly. The many nooks and crannies and hooks available for attaching bungee cords and cinch cords complete the truck's practical package.

Until you go inside the vehicle. The crew cab is an essential part of the attractiveness of the 3500 Laramie package. The second row is huge in width and depth, meaning that it both can hold two people comfortably, and three in a pinch, as well as turn into a second cargo compartment for overflow from the truck bed.

But just as important to the 3500's



The Cummins 6.7-diesel engine that powers the 3500 diesel version.

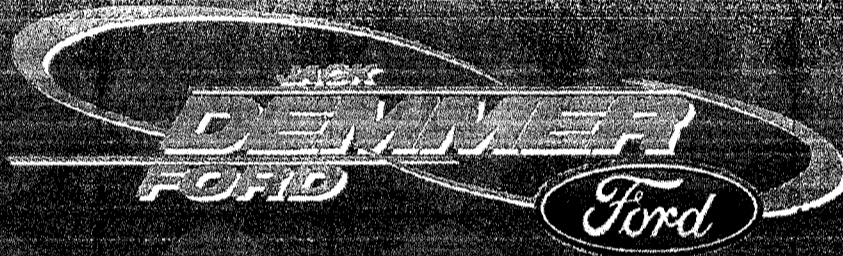
overall appeal is the fact that the experience for occupants is sublime. Sure, the ride is truck-like, but it's about as smooth as what such a large vehicle could supply. And the amenities are sublime including a media center with Sirius radio, a 506w Alpine Premium Sound System with nine speakers, a deeply reclining front passenger seat, a 10-way power driver's seat with memory, and a DVD screen in the rear.

Sure, the 3500's mileage is rough, even with a Cummins 6.7-liter turbo diesel engine and a six-speed automatic transmission. But with a 35-gallon gasoline tank, you can drive a long, long way – with lots of stuff on board, and in comfort and style – before you have to worry about refueling the 3500.

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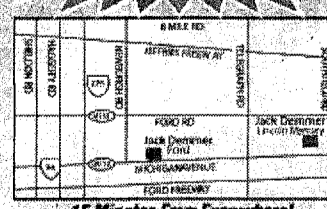
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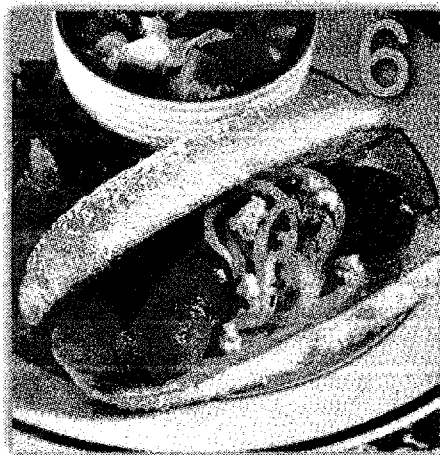
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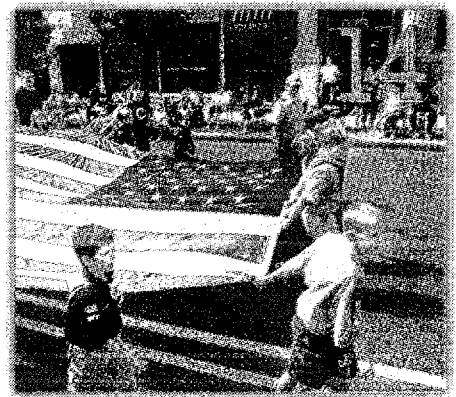
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Skin cancer and summer sun go hand in hand

By LINDA ANN CHOMIN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Younger looking skin is one good reason to avoid the sun. Skin cancer is another.

Summer is the time to cover up with clothing, hats and sunscreen, according to local dermatologists and oncologists.

While it's hard to resist throwing off the long sleeves and pants after a long Michigan winter, UVA and UVB rays damage skin and the cumulative effect could result in the need for disfiguring surgery to remove squamous and basal skin cancers (non melanomas), and even deadlier melanomas.

Dermatologist Dr. David Pegouske sees a lot of skin at the Livonia practice he shares with his wife, Dr. Meena Moossavi.

"Sun damage is what makes you look old," said Pegouske, who's on staff at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

"If you want to look young when you get older, put the sunscreen on. I see a difference between sun protected skin even in 80-year-old patients, a tremendous difference."

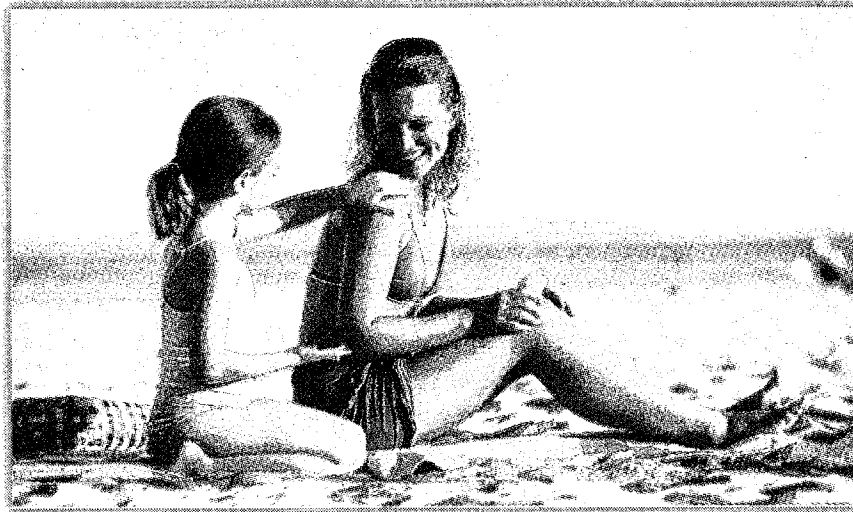
At their get-away on Lake Huron, Moossavi is known as the "Sunscreen Monster" to their four children.

Pegouske recommends using an SPF of 15 or higher. Sunscreen blocks out only UVB rays though. That's why covering up and staying out of the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. is critical.

"We spend a good amount of time by water," said Pegouske. "On the lake the sun's pretty strong. My wife chases everybody down and lathers them up whether they like it or not. I have a big giant cowboy hat and an Amish style hat for just running down to the beach or car. It's quicker. During the hot hours I wear jeans instead of shorts, because I have light skin."

Pegouske follows the skin cancer studies closely so he knows the importance of avoiding the sun and tanning beds.

"You haven't lived till you've



Cover up, use sunscreen and stay out of the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to protect against harmful UVA and UVB rays.

had a hole cut in your face," said Pegouske. "For a young person that can be disfiguring. I have young male and female patients bent on tanning. Tanning beds give UVA and UVB rays."

BEWARE OF CHANGES

Megan Balish was diagnosed with basal cell cancer in her mid 20s after years of using tanning beds and damaging her skin in the sun. A registered nurse, she knew to visit Pegouske when an oddly shaped mole changed to a pink color.

"I'm not a sun block wearer, did tanning booths and smoked, and put on tanning accelerator on trips to Mexico instead of sun block," said Balish of Canton.

"Most people are just concerned with getting a tan. I have a really big ugly scar on my arm. If you want to tan at least wear a sun block. Know the signs of skin cancer. Anything that changes color is not a good thing."

Skin cancer is on the increase whether due to tanning beds or an aging population who have damaged their skin for years.

When Dr. Michael Kraut was growing up in the 1950s in Pennsylvania no one was using sunscreen or taking precautions outdoors. He attributes much of his skin damage from the sun to playing golf. Kraut was diagnosed with a localized basal cell skin cancer and after having it removed visits the dermatologist

once a year.

Kraut is medical director of Providence Cancer Institute at Providence Park Hospital in Novi and Providence Hospital in Southfield. He's been a medical oncologist for 27 years.

"Statistics show there has been an increase in melanoma and nonmelanoma which are very common," said Kraut, a Royal Oak resident. "Typical ones, the damage comes about over a period of time on the face, nose, ears. Melanomas are dangerous, typically fatal if they spread and also caused by the sun and look like a dark mole that turns out to be skin cancer."

SKIN CANCER ON THE RISE

According to the American Cancer Society, cancer of the skin (including melanoma and non-melanoma) is the most common of all cancers. ACS estimates more than one million basal and squamous cell skin cancers are diagnosed every year in the U.S. and about 2,000 people die while there are nearly 69,000 new cases of melanoma and more than 8,600 deaths. The lifetime risk for melanoma is about one in 50 for whites, one in 1,000 for blacks, one in 200 for Hispanics.

At 81, Barbara Silberberg admits to years of tanning and spending time in the sun. The Farmington Hills woman was diagnosed with basal cell carcinoma a year ago and melanoma five

years ago. Plastic surgery was necessary after removal of the basal cell last September to repair skin under her eye.

"You can get skin cancer even if the sun doesn't come out. I put sunscreen on every day and if I go down to the pool I sit in shade to dry off," said Silberberg. "Be very careful. Don't worry about getting a beautiful tan, especially young people. I was lucky they got them early."

Dr. James Fontanesi makes sure his children use hats and sunscreens of 40, 50 or 60 when they go to the pool. A radiation oncologist, he's seen an increase in skin cancer over his 25 years in practice.

"We appear to be having an increase in non melanoma skin cancers in large part because of exposure of sun especially since we don't get it here," said Fontanesi, a Bloomfield Hills resident on staff at the Botsford Cancer Center in Farmington Hills.

"A fair amount of ongoing damage takes its toll and there's a propensity for younger kids to go to tanning booths."

Tanning was fashionable when Fontanesi grew up in Birmingham.

"The earlier the detection, especially squamous, the higher the cure rate," said Fontanesi.

"My message is take care of your skin. Put on a fake tan. There are so many things you can do to prevent premature aging and the risk of skin cancer." *

DOS AND DON'TS FOR ENJOYING THE SUMMER SUN

Dr. David Pegouske of Livonia Dermatology has a list of tips for preventing skin cancer. Baby boomers are especially susceptible as they are aging. It's especially important for them to see a dermatologist once a year or if any changes occur in a mole.

"Melanoma is extremely important (as a reason) to see a dermatologist annually from the age you start getting sun exposure," said Pegouske.

If detected early, treatment of a non-melanoma can be as simple as a cream or as devastating as a microscopically controlled surgery that allows for removal of the tumor but spares as much normal skin as possible.

"The baby boom generation is getting older. When that generation was younger there was a push to get ultra-violet exposure. They used to refer to it as the healing energy. They thought it promoted good health," said Pegouske.

"The official recommendation from the American Academy of Dermatology is we want people to get as much protection from the sun as possible. Vitamin D deficiencies can lead to thinning of bone and cardiovascular disease, but the risk for getting skin cancer far outweighs it."

Milk is probably the easiest way to get vitamin D and multiple vitamins.

For sunscreen protection, Pegouske says to apply an SPF (Sun Protection Factor) of at least 15 liberally every two to three hours. Water resistant is preferred. He tells patients, "if there was a fountain of youth, it's sunscreen."

"There should be enough sunscreen as if you fill a shot glass full to cover exposed areas," said Pegouske. "And 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. is when the sun is highest in the sky and the most dangerous times. A good rule of thumb is if your shadow is shorter than you, seek shade."

"The higher the sun the majority of UV rays penetrate, very few reflect. Even on cloudy days rays still get through. Wearing clothes and wide brimmed hats is a great way to protect yourself from summer sun." *

— By Linda Ann Chomin

welcome

Welcome to the unofficial start of summer

April showers bring May flowers ... and aren't we glad. The childhood rhyme offers up imagery of flower gardens full of color and the promise of sunshine, green grass and a reminder that summer is not too far away.



Today's *Hometown Life Inspire* is full of information on gardens, flowers, grass and everything in between. In addition to a story on when and how to plant, readers will find a Special Advertising Section on Spring Home & Garden.

Look for features on how to improve your home's energy efficiency, supplementing your landscape with rocks, stones and ponds, pet friendly yards and fresh spring home décor ideas. And local nurseries and landscapers come to the rescue with helpful planting tips.

Also inside is a list of area Memorial Day parades and ceremonies. It might be a day off, but don't forget why we celebrate. A host of local activities will honor veterans – past and present – who fought for the freedoms we enjoy.

Memorial Day is a time to remember, reflect and spend time with families. So after the parade or special ceremony, head for the backyard or park and stoke up the grill.

Inside you'll find recipes for grilling and a brownie recipe if it's your turn to provide dessert at your family gathering.

Memorial weekend is the unofficial start of summer in Michigan. Contributing Writer Linda Ann Chomin interviews local physicians who urge sun worshippers to lather up early and often when going outside. Keep your skin healthy by following the common sense advice in our story.

There is a lot to enjoy this upcoming holiday weekend, whether you are working on your home and/or garden outside or enjoying what our local area has to offer.

We hope this month's edition of *Hometown Life* will *Inspire* you!

And don't forget to share your DIY projects and photos. Send your name, address and daytime contact along with a photo of your project to inspire@hometownlife.com. Your project may be featured in an upcoming edition of *Hometown Life Inspire*.

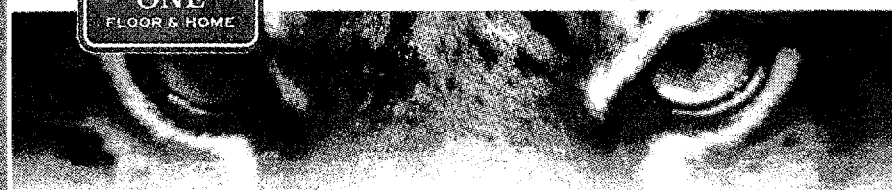
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Local veteran John Spencer, who organizes Canton's annual Memorial Day event, began a ceremony with a prayer.



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Simple summer cookouts hot off the grill



Firestorm Burrito

When getting together with family and friends for cookouts this summer, keep things simple. Simple means less stress and more time to enjoy the good food and good company ... but, it doesn't mean sacrificing great taste.

Foods that have great flavor packed into them, such as Johnsonville Sausage, mean you spend less time cooking, and more time enjoying your guests' company. They're packed with flavor, saving you the time and money you'd need to get extra ingredients for your dishes. And, they're easy to cook — enjoy them hot off the grill as they are, or dress them up with one of these easy recipes.

Make sure you keep the side dishes simple, too. Fresh watermelon wedges, grilled corn on the cob, potato salad and deviled eggs are always big hits.

For more flavorful, yet simple, summer cookout recipes, visit Johnsonville.com.



Summer Sausage S'mores

GRILLING TIPS

- For perfect brats, grill them slowly over medium-low heat with the lid on your grill. Grill the brats for about 30 minutes, turning every five minutes or so.
- Use tongs to turn brats and other sausages to make sure you don't pierce the casings.
- If you start getting flare-ups, move the sausages to another part of the grill. This is easy to do if you don't crowd too many on the grill at one time.



Serve up brats in a bun and with light summer sides.

Firestorm Burrito

Yield: 8 servings

Sauce

- 1 cup sour cream
- 2½ teaspoons roasted chipotle and onion seasoning
- 1 heaping tablespoon fresh, chopped cilantro

Burritos

- 8 Johnsonville BOLD Jalapeño & Cheese Smoked Sausages
 - 1 green pepper, finely diced
 - 1 red pepper, finely diced
 - 1 tomato, diced
 - 1 bunch green onions, sliced
 - 1 red onion, diced
 - 1 jar lime and garlic salsa
 - 8 ounces shredded Pepper Jack cheese
 - 1 package 10 to 12-inch flour tortillas
- Blend sour cream, spice and cilantro; set aside.

Prepare sausages according to package directions and keep warm.

Heat flour tortilla and spread about 2 tablespoons sour cream sauce onto a tortilla with 2 tablespoons of salsa.

Place sausage onto tortilla and top with 1 tablespoon each of diced peppers, tomatoes and onions.

Sprinkle with 1 ounce of shredded Pepper Jack cheese over above and roll as you would a burrito.

Brat Hot Tub

Yield: 5 servings

- 1 11 x 9 x 2½-inch aluminum foil baking pan
 - 2 to 3 beers
 - 2 tablespoons butter
 - 1 medium yellow or white onion, sliced
- Put pan on hot grill. Pour in beer then add butter and onions. Grill brats to juicy, golden-brown perfection. Serve immediately and place any remaining brats into steaming hot tub.

Summer Sausage S'mores

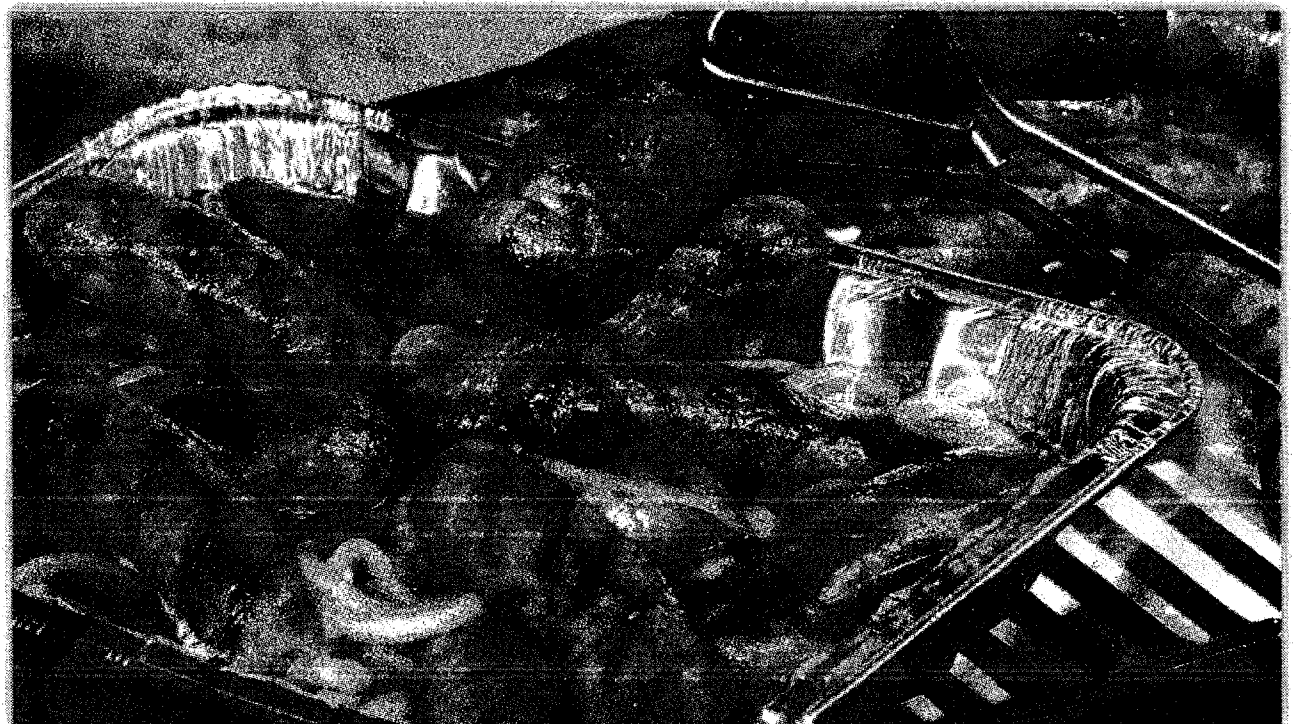
Yield: 24 servings

- 1 12-ounce Johnsonville Original Summer Sausage, sliced ¼ inch thick
- Cheddar cheese (enough for the amount of sausage slices), sliced to the diameter of the sausage
- Round snack crackers (enough for the amount of sausage slices)
- Course-ground mustard

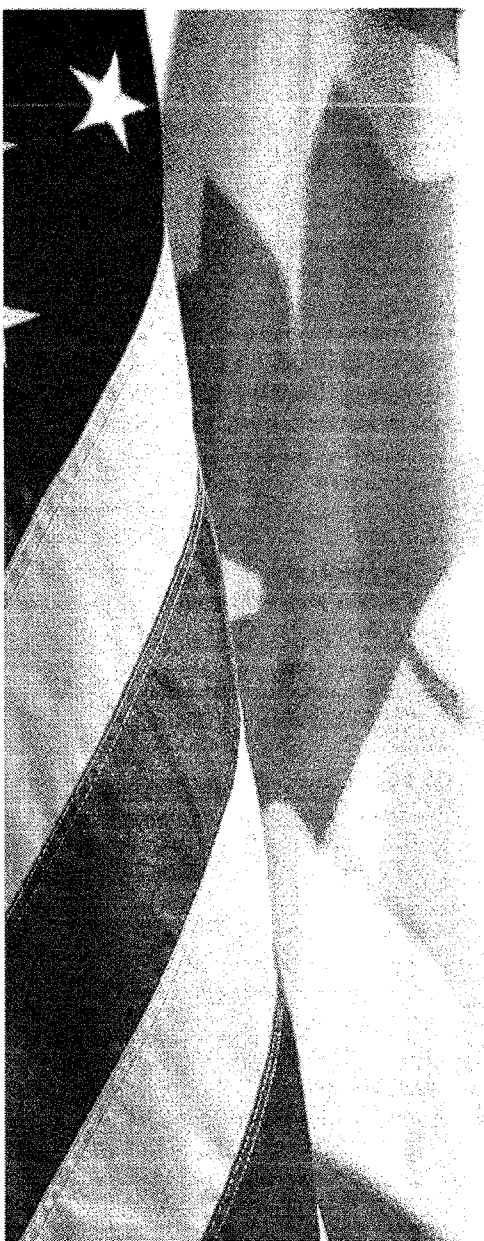
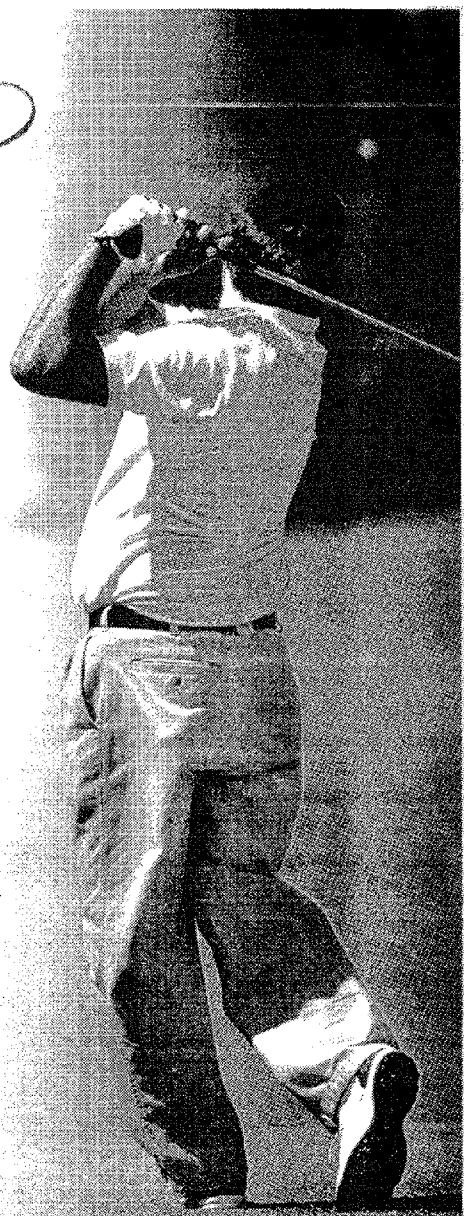
Place sausage slices on a hot grill. Grill until sausages starts to curl into a cup shape, about 3 minutes. Flip sausage and place cheese inside the cupped side. Cover grill and allow cheese to melt.

Meanwhile, spread cracker with mustard, to taste. Remove sausage cups from grill and sandwich between crackers just before serving.

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Experts offer planting tips for DIY gardeners

By DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

You can spend a lot of money planting flowers, shrubs and trees, but if you don't care for them properly, it will be like digging a hole and burying your cash.

Everything from annuals and perennials to shrubs and trees takes a certain amount of care and consideration, especially in Michigan's sporadically hot and cold weather. But, with a little forethought, your work can be fruitful.

"People are staying at home and they're redoing their fifth rooms — the deck, patio and back yards," according to Bob Walker, manager of the Brighton and Ann Arbor English Gardens with other locations in Brighton, Clinton Township, Ann Arbor, Dearborn Heights, East Pointe, Royal Oak and West Bloomfield. English Gardens seasonal flower markets are in Livonia and Rochester Hills.

Spring shoppers are drawn to the exotic, tropical looking blooms, on rhododendrons and azaleas, Walker said, adding that these shrubs need an acid based fertilizer.

He recommends getting your soil tested before you dig to make sure your plants get the nutrients they need. Soil testing is done at English Gardens or you can buy a soil test kit that will tell you what kind of fertilizer or other additives are needed to make your soil healthy. Home test kits are available at most garden stores for about \$19.

Most growers say to wait until Memorial Day to begin planting, but a lot of anxious gardeners begin around Mother's Day, an unofficial kick-off date.

BEWARE OF FROST

Most nurseries and garden stores in south-east Michigan only offer annuals and perennials that will survive in the area. This area is designated Zone 5 or 6 on the Hardiness Zone map developed by the United States Department of Agriculture.

The USDA zones are based on average temperatures in the area and average last frost dates in spring. Since cold tolerance is so important to the life of plants, the USDA recommends selecting plants that are more cold-tolerant than less.

Many experts, like Barbara Schwartz, owner of Schwartz's Greenhouse in Romulus, prefer Zone 5 plants just to be safe.

"The things we carry are for this zone," she added. "It used to be Zone 5, and recently changed to Zone 6, because it is getting warmer. But, I still like to go for Zone 5, because it's for colder climates."

Schwartz suggests covering plants with old



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sheets or newspapers if you think the temperature will dip below freezing.

"Never use plastic," she said, explaining it creates condensation which will ultimately freeze the plants.

Consider, too, whether the animals in your area might use your new plants as a smorgas-bord.

Davita Balbes, manager of Milford Gardens, said boxwood, which are deer-resistant, are popular in her area.

The rule of thumb on when to plant trees and shrubs, she said, is based on whether you can dig a hole in the ground. If your shovel can penetrate the dirt, the soil is ready.

"But, don't do it before March," she added.

John Steinkopf, owner of Steinkopf Nursery in Farmington Hills, said if you have clay-based soil you should elevate the plant slightly to allow for drainage away from the tree or shrub.

Dig the hole at least twice or three times wider than the container.

He recommends adding Fafard, top soil, compost and peat moss. Keep three quarters of the native soil and add the mix.

Create a circle of mulch around, but not touching the trunk. It not only keeps the weeds at bay, but prevents the soil from drying out as quickly and limits harsh freezing.

Overwatering and underwatering are the biggest threats to your plants, according to Bernie Artman, owner of Artman's Westland Nursery.

"They need to be soaked and then let them dry," Artman said of trees and bushes. Moisture meters are available to check for soil conditions below the surface.

Add Canadian peat to the dirt when planting flowers and work it in about six inches deep, Artman said. Maple trees have recently dropped in price and are becoming more popular, he added.

There really isn't a best-selling plant, Walker said, because "people want a little of everything."

Among the perennials, however, Walker said, day lilies are always popular.

Steinkopf said Japanese maples are a first pick among green thumbs and have been popular for a long time.

But, those who want something new, he said, Bloomerang Lilac rose bushes are an eye-catching flowering shrub. Another newer plant to the area, he said, is Low and Behold "Blue Chip" butterfly bush.

"It's great for mass planting," he said, explaining that the bush stays short and blooms profusely.

A new azalea called Ballywood comes in neon red and pink flowers with silver and dark green variegated foliage and is semi-evergreen, which means it keeps some of its leaves.

Another spectacular flower that promises to stop passers-by is the pink Hydrangea Invincible Spirit, which is attached to a good cause. A dollar will go to cancer research for every Invincible Spirit sold.

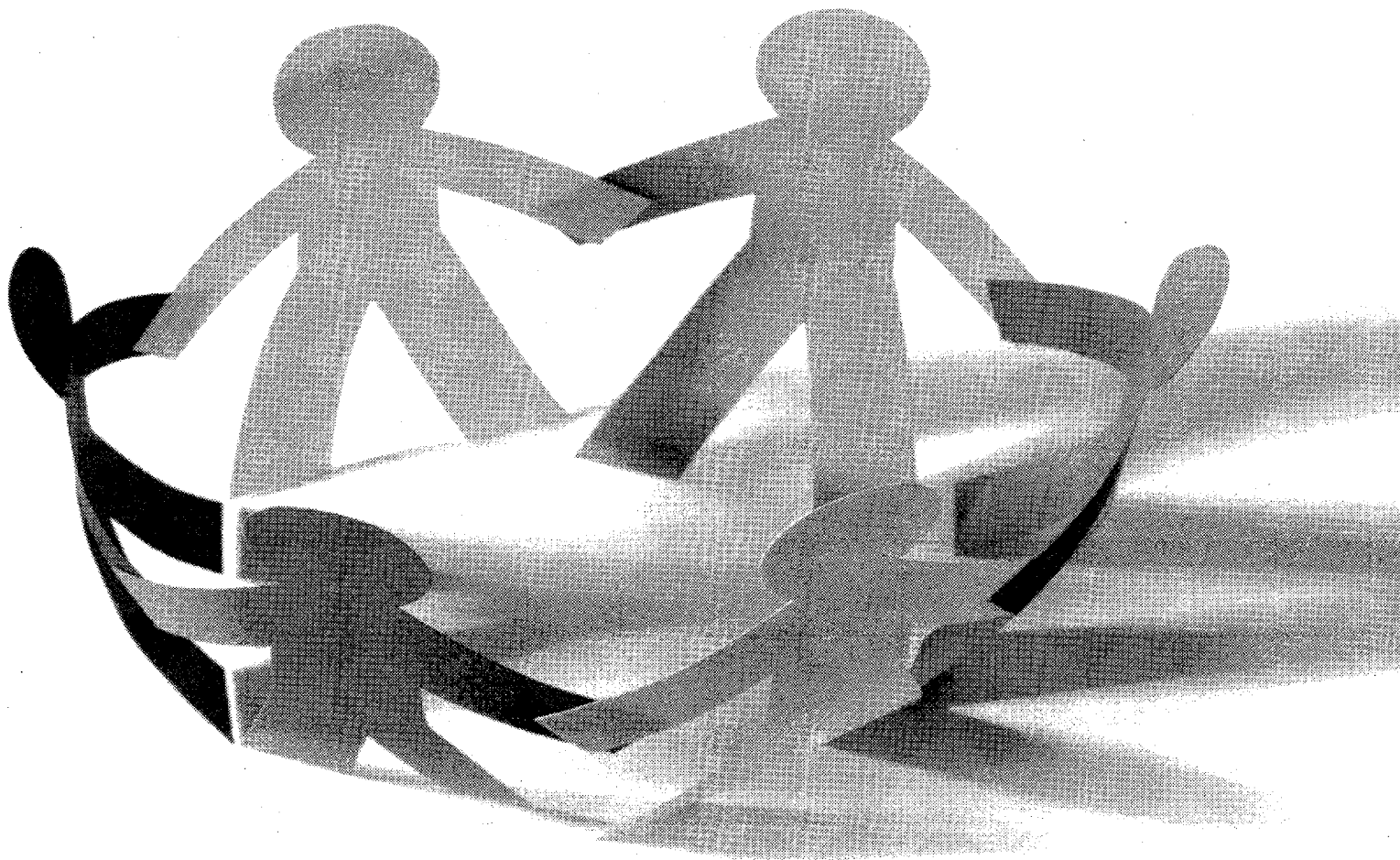
Other newer plants are the Smoke bush, called Young Lady, and a hydrangea called Incrediball.

"We've been here since 1931 and we try to always stay on the cutting edge of getting in new varieties and plants," Steinkopf said. "I only carry things that do well in Michigan."

Decorating your outdoor space with custom pots is growing in popularity, too, and they're no longer only for annuals, Walker said. Gardeners are finding perennials are easier and cheaper since they come back every year.

And remember, Artman said, if you plant before Memorial Day you're betting against Mother Nature. ☼

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Kite fest soars into Lyon Township for second year

By ALISON BERGSIEKER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The sky will be the limit Saturday, June 5, at James F. Atchison Park, where Lyon Township will host its second annual Kite Festival.

The festival will be held at James F. Atchison Park, a venue many kite flyers take to due to its excellent wind conditions. Taking notice of the park's popularity, a kite festival committee was formed in 2008 made up of township officials, residents and experienced kite flyers.

"Kite festivals are one of the most entertaining and popular events in the world, and they're green," said John Bell, organizer of the Lyon Township Kite Festival. "We're so excited to welcome residents to our event and hope for a beautiful spring day in the park."

While kites and a kite store will be the main attraction of the event, entertainment will be aplenty, along with concessions available for purchase throughout the day from the South Lyon Area Kiwanis Club and Rotary Club. Kite decorating, a Diaper Derby, an Elvis impersonator, musical entertainment, inflatable moonwalks, face painting and an "Old School" playground round out the event.

More than 2,250 people attended last year's event. With amped up marketing and last year's success, Bell said he expects the crowd to increase significantly this year.

"Observing hundreds of kites is thrilling," Bell said. "Some of these colorful kites that will be flown during the day measure from as small as 2 feet to more than 200 feet."

Holly resident and lifelong kite flyer Gary Tobias, 46, and his son Christopher, 11, will be on hand during the event to assist those new to the sport.

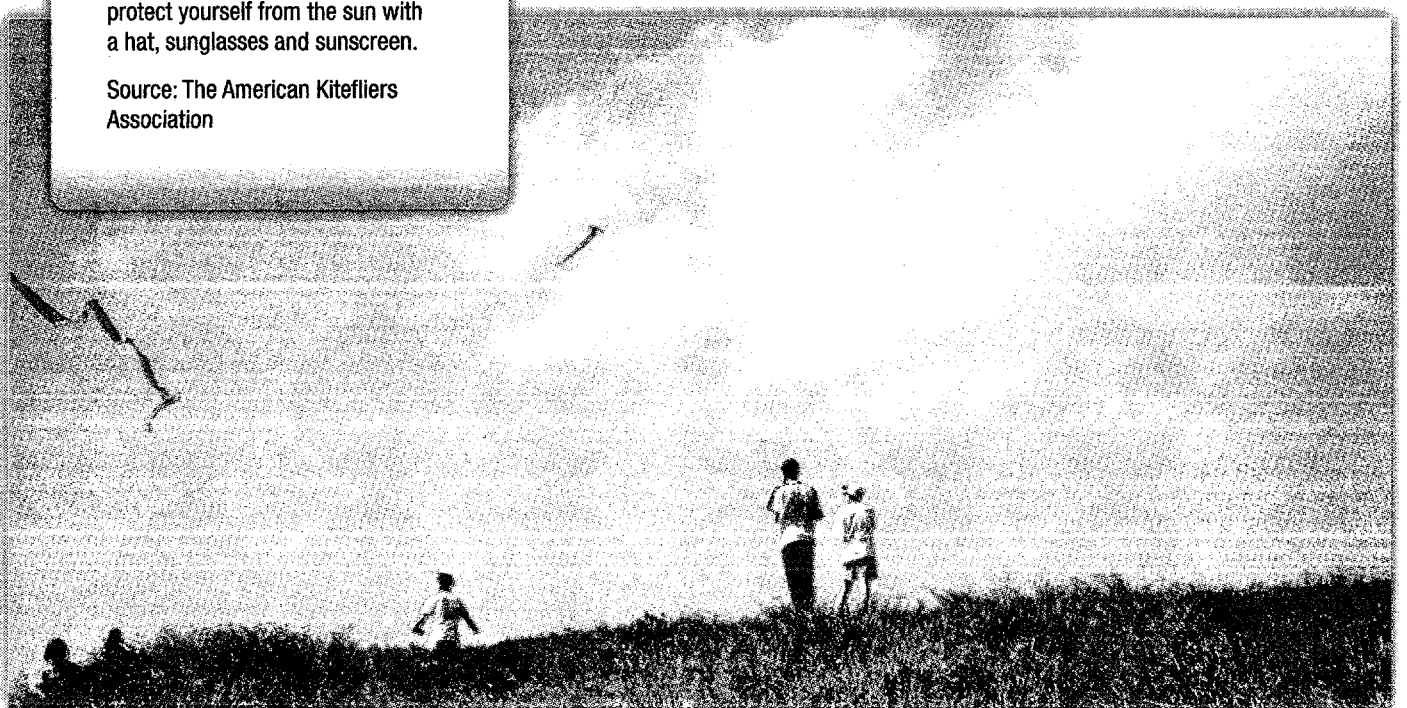
"The hill in the park is awesome," Tobias said. "It's a great place to fly because of the way the valleys and everything meet in at the hill. You don't find wind like that unless you're on Lake Michigan or Lake Superior — you just don't find that here."

James F. Atchison Park is located just off the I-96 and Milford Road exit in New Hudson. Rain date for the event is Sunday, June 6, and Saturday, June 12, if another rain date is needed. Contact Bell at (248) 921-7116 or e-mail jmbell23113@aol.com.

KITE SAFETY

- Never fly your kite near power lines. If your kite becomes tangled in power lines, leave it there and notify your electric company of the situation.
- Never fly near cars
- Never fly near an airport
- Avoid flying your kite too high or allow it near air traffic
- Never fly in stormy weather or when a storm is approaching
- Never fly over people
- Avoid trees (they eat kites!)
- Always keep a safe distance from other people
- Keep your kite under control, never unattended
- The most frequent injury during kite flying is sunburn. Be sure to protect yourself from the sun with a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.

Source: The American Kitefliers Association



Lyon Township's inaugural Kite Festival drew in 2,250 people last year.

Practical meets pretty: Container gardening for beauty and bounty

Container gardening is a great alternative for people who don't have the time or space for a full garden or flower bed. Often, however, container gardeners may feel they have to choose between beauty and practicality. When you can only plant so many containers, what do you fill them with — flowers or veggies?

"Both," says container gardening guru Pamela Crawford, author of "Easy Container Combos: Vegetables and Flowers." "It's possible to artfully combine flowers and vegetables in single, stunning, beautiful containers," she says. "Practical and pretty can go side-by-side on your patio, deck, balcony, or even interspersed in your landscape."

Author of nine gardening books, Crawford was a seasoned floral container gardener when she decided to tackle the task of figuring out a way to make vegetables look pretty in containers. "Did I ever get a surprise when the first 100 or so vegetable combos looked just awful," she says. By the end of the growing season, she had planted 1,768 vegetables, all transplants from Bonnie Plants, and arrived at some insight into how you can make a container garden both beautiful and bountiful.

Here are her top container garden tips:

1. LESS IS MORE — KEEP IT SIMPLE

"My first container attempts included mixing too many different vegetables in the same container. The results looked like a mish-mash," she says. Instead, think simple, like one tall vegetable in the center surrounded by a few flowers. Upright tomatoes with begonias and coleus planted along the edge are quite attractive. Or, plant one tall herb, like rosemary, and surround it with a shorter vegetable, like lettuce.

2. USE PRETTY POTS AND HARDWARE

Even tomatoes look good in attractive pots, supported by nice obelisks or attractive trellises. Try planting one crooked-neck squash in the middle of a large, ceramic pot. Or plant a tomato in a Talavera (bright-colored geometric design) pot with an iron obelisk to support it.

3. PICK YOUR POT PLEASURE

Almost anything can serve as a container for your garden — flower pots, pails, buckets, wire baskets, bushel baskets, washtubs, window planters, even large food cans. Larger veggies, like tomatoes and eggplants, will need a larger container, at least five gallons for each plant. "Use the largest containers you can afford, and that you have space for, especially with warm season vegetables," Crawford advises. "The plants will look better and last longer because the roots will have more room to grow."

4. DON'T FORGET DRAINAGE/DO CONSIDER COLOR

Whatever type container you choose, remember proper drainage is vital. Your container should have holes at the base or in the bottom to permit drainage of excess water. Color is also a consideration. Dark colored containers will absorb heat that could possibly damage the plant roots. If you must use dark-colored pots, try painting them a lighter color or shading the container.

5. FLOWERS AND VEGETABLE LOOK FABULOUS

Interesting-looking plants like squash, okra or crooked neck squash can stand alone in a pot. But others, like eggplant and spinach, look much better accented with flowers. Beans, lettuce, peppers and spinach are among the easiest veggies to start with in a container. Veggies that require little space, like carrots and radishes, or that bear over a long period of time, like tomatoes, are also great for container gardening.

Steer clear of artichokes, asparagus, corn, pumpkins and potatoes, which don't look good, are too big for a pot or require you to dismantle the whole container garden in order to harvest them.

Flowers that pair well with vegetables in containers include dragon wing or wax begonias, coleus, fountain grass, lantana, lavender, pansies and purple-heart tradescantia.

6. STABILIZE WITH CENTERPIECES SURROUNDED BY SMALLER PLANTS

Floral container gardens usually look best with a large plant in the center and smaller plants around it. The same holds true for combo containers that mix flowers and veggies. The large plant is called the centerpiece. Great vegetable centerpieces include peppers, tomatoes and eggplants. Collard greens, cabbage, kale and mustard greens make good-looking cold-season centerpieces.

7. DON'T BREAK THE BANK

Warm-season vegetables do much better in large containers with at least a 16-inch diameter. Since attractive, large containers can be expensive, look for less expensive alternatives if you don't want to break the bank. Since many warm-season vegetables fall over without support, try wooden trellises painted in contrasting bright colors to help support the plants.

"I used to avoid placing vegetables in planting containers because I thought they were unattractive, but now I know better," Crawford says. "Now I will always have vegetables tucked in amongst my flowers." ☀

— Courtesy of ARAcontent



Even tomatoes look good in attractive pots, supported by nice obelisks or attractive trellises.

Have a safe summer at the dog park

By SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

With summer on its way there's no better time to start planning for warm weather visits to the park with your dog.

Planning is key because most fenced, designated dog play areas require at least a vaccination history, identification record and often a use fee before you can saunter inside.

And your work isn't over once the paperwork is filed.

"Just like with kids you have to watch your dog and understand his behaviors," says Traci Sincock, director of parks and recreation in Northville. Although she admits a dog park can be as much a social experience for canine owners as it is for their poodles, she doesn't encourage "people to sit and get so engrossed in conversation that they're not paying attention to their dog."

Northville residents can use the Cady Street or Community dog parks. Nonresidents register for the Community park only. Everyone must attend a mandatory education session as a part of the application process.



Dogs parks provide a social atmosphere and room for plenty of exercise.

"That is what sets us apart from others," Sincock notes. "We talk about the history of the dog parks, about how our residents drove this process, how they fund-raised and then we show the rules and talk about dog behavior."

A video wraps up the 30-40 minute sessions held at 6:45 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at the Community Senior Center, 303 West Main. Only then can potential park users obtain an application for a pass.

Sincock says Canton — which is fund-rais-

ing for a park — and Ann Arbor and Royal Oak, with established parks, have shown interest in the process.

No matter what registration requirements are in place, "the reality is you must know your dog," Sincock stresses.

Sharon Lutz Robinet, a dog trainer and owner of Dunk N Dogs, a dog day care and pet wash in Livonia, endorses dog parks and play dates.

"It makes a whole lot of difference to the dog's mental health and in behavioral health," she says. "People don't realize dogs are social creatures and need to be around other dogs. They learn how to behave in society from other dogs. And for their exercise it helps."

"I used to have a 125 pound Pit bull. I couldn't wrestle with him, but dogs need to do that kind of stuff and they need to do it with other dogs."

Robinet ran an indoor dog park as a part of her business for six years. She rented the space when the economy soured, but hopes she'll be able to bring it back one day.

Here are some of her tips for a positive dog park experience:

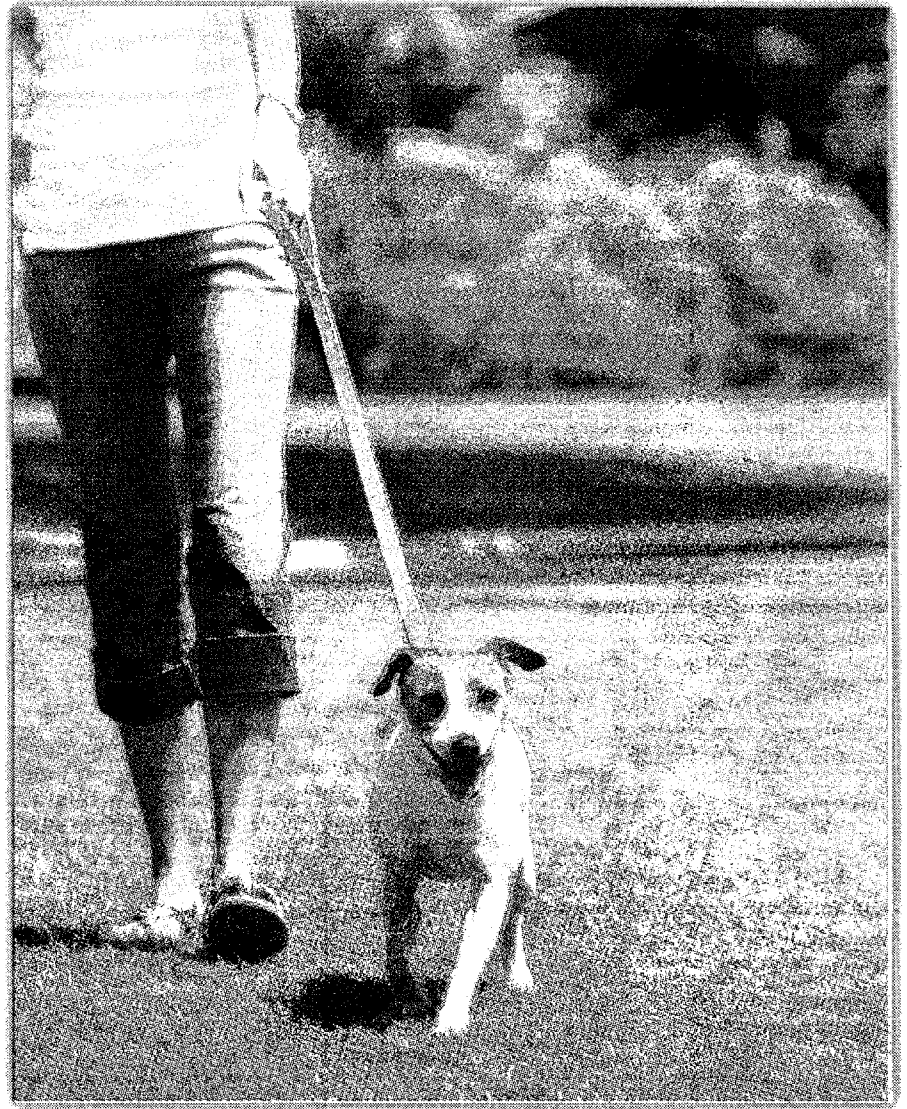
- Let your dog play with other dogs. You want to play ball or tug with your dog? "You can do that at home. Dog parks are for dogs."
- Leave your pet's toys and food at home. They may cause competition between dogs.
- Take the leash off your dog between the inner and outer gate at the park. "No one should be allowed in the park with a leash. Leashes cause fights. Your emotions go straight down the leash to the dog."
- Avoid carrying your dog throughout the park. Robinet likens a small, carried dog to a tempting ball in a game of "keep away."
- No choke collars or chains. "They're going to play with their mouths. Make sure they are wearing collars that teeth and toenails won't get stuck in."

• Not sure if your dog is playing too rough as he chases another dog? Stop your dog and tell him to sit. If the other dog returns to your dog, they're both having a good time. If the other dog take the opportunity to escape, your dog was too rough.

• Just because you've got a little dog it "doesn't mean he can't go into park with 80 pounders." Assess your dog's health, athleticism and personality. "Your dog will let you know" if they want to play with the big dogs.

• "Never force an animal into a situation." But if your dog is shy, let them try the park a few times. "Some dogs take longer like some people do."

• Humping is a domination behavior. If a dominant dog tries to hump another dominant



Check out local dog parks in Lyon Township, Northville and Westland.

dog, a fight might ensue. "You should never allow humping."

THE PARKS

The Hines Park Dog Park is located in the Hawthorne Ridge Recreation area, west of Merriman and north of Warren Road, in Westland. The dog park is close to parking and rest rooms. Registration requires proof of vaccinations. Pass keys cost \$5. Dogs must be at least four years old, licensed and dewormed. Register Wayne County Administrative Offices, Nankin Mills, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. For a complete list of rules visit www.waynecounty.com and click on "my county" and then "parks and recreation." A link to the dog park is listed.

Northville residents can buy a one-year pass to either the Cady Street Dog Park, located behind Northville Art House at 215 W.

Cady, or Community Park Dog Park, at Five Mile west of Beck, for \$25. A combination pass costs \$35. Nonresidents may buy a \$50 pass for Community Park only. A fob security deposit costs \$20 and is returned when membership is discontinued. In addition to the mandatory education session, Northville requires that dogs be licensed and vaccinated. Visit the park Web site at www.northvilleparksandrec.org

The 13-acre Lyon Oaks Dog Park, part of the Oakland County Parks system, is located on Pontiac Trail between Wixom Road and Old Plank, in Lyon Township. No registration is required, but a daily or annual park pass is required. Annual park passes cost \$30 for Oakland County residents and \$46 for nonresidents; daily rate is \$5 per car for residents and \$10 per car for non residents. Visit www.destinationoakland.com or call Lyon Oaks County Park at (248) 437-7345. *

Plan a fun family picnic with easy layer bars

By **JENNY HARPER**

The sun is out, spring breezes are blowing — it's time for a family picnic.

If you're ready to enjoy an afternoon in the great outdoors, pack up a basket or cooler and head out to a nearby park or arboretum. The back yard makes a great spot, too.

Be sure to allow time for exploring and playing. In addition to playing things like tag and Frisbee, try some of these fun activities:

- Scavenger hunt — make a list of things to find, like a bird feather, a pine cone and an acorn.

- I Spy — a great way to help kids learn to observe nature.

- Art al Fresco — use paper plates as canvases. Let the kids draw things they see or create collages out of natural objects.

No picnic would be complete without a fun — and easy — dessert. These bar cookies are a tasty way to wrap up a day of family fun. You can find more picnic-ready treat recipes at www.tollhouse.com.



Photos courtesy of Nestlé

Layers Of Love Chocolate Brownies

Makes 16 brownies

- ¾ cup all-purpose flour
- ¾ cup Nestlé Toll House Baking Cocoa
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup (1 stick) butter, cut in pieces
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- ½ cup packed brown sugar
- 3 large eggs, divided

- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- ¾ cup Nestlé Toll House Premier White Morsels
- ½ cup caramel ice cream topping
- ¾ cup Nestlé Toll House Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsels

PREHEAT oven to 350° F. Grease 8-inch-square baking pan.

COMBINE flour, cocoa and salt in small bowl. Beat butter, granulated sugar and brown sugar in large mixer bowl until creamy. Add 2 eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add vanilla extract; mix well. Gradually beat in flour mixture. Reserve ¾ cup batter. Spread remaining batter into prepared baking pan. Sprinkle nuts and white morsels over batter. Drizzle caramel topping over top. Beat remaining egg and reserved batter in same large bowl until light in color. Stir in semi-sweet morsels. Spread evenly over caramel topping.

BAKE for 30 to 35 minutes or until center is set. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Cut into bars.

Nutrition information per serving: 310 calories; 150 calories from fat; 17g total fat; 8g saturated fat; 55mg cholesterol; 135mg sodium; 38g carbohydrate; 2g fiber; 22g sugars; 4g protein.

No-Bake Chocolate Peanut Butter Bars

Makes 5 dozen bars

- 2 cups peanut butter, divided
- ¾ cup (1 ½ sticks) butter, softened
- 2 cups powdered sugar, divided
- 3 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 2 cups (12-ounce package) Nestlé Toll House Semi-Sweet Chocolate Mini Morsels, divided

GREASE 13 x 9-inch baking pan. **BEAT** 1 ½ cups peanut butter and butter in large mixer bowl until creamy. Gradually beat in 1 cup powdered sugar. With hands or wooden spoon, work in remaining 1 cup powdered sugar, graham cracker crumbs and ½ cup



morsels. Press evenly into prepared baking pan. Smooth top with spatula.

MELT remaining ¾ cup peanut butter and remaining 1 ½ cups morsels in medium, heavy-duty saucepan over lowest possible heat, stirring constantly, until smooth. Spread over graham cracker crust in pan. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour or until chocolate is firm. Cut into bars. Store in covered container in refrigerator.

Nutrition information per serving: 140 calories; 80 calories from fat; 9g total fat; 3.5g saturated fat; 5mg cholesterol; 85mg sodium; 14g carbohydrate; .5g fiber; 10g sugars; 3g protein.

Jenny Harper is Consumer Test Kitchen project manager for the Nestlé Test Kitchens and www.verybestbaking.com.

Sudoku

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Level: Intermediate

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Joseph Girolamo, 2009 Veteran of the Year and member of VFW Post 3941, carries the flag as the color guard begins the Livonia Memorial Day ceremony.

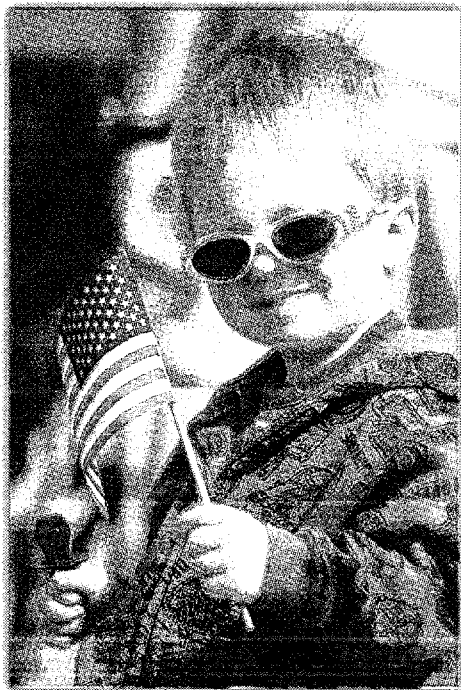


Photo by John Stormzand | Staff Photographer
Rex Klingensmith, 2, of Farmington Hills, holds an American flag during the 2009 Memorial Day Parade in downtown Farmington.

By ALISON BERGSIEKER
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Bring on the floats, decorated bicycles, veteran salutes and crowds.

Residents across Metro Detroit will celebrate Memorial Day weekend Friday through Monday, May 28-31, with parades, cemetery visits and festivities to honor the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

BEVERLY HILLS

Memorial Day • 11:30 a.m.

The Beverly Hills Parks & Recreation Broad presents the 29th annual Memorial Day Parade & Carnival. Parade begins at 11:30 a.m. from the Groves High School parking lot, traveling north on Evergreen to Beverly Road and east to Beverly Park. The parade includes various marching groups, clowns, Michigan State University mascot "Spartan" and more. Carnival takes place noon to 3 p.m. at Beverly Park. Tickets will be sold for food, carnival games, rides and raffle activities. Call Carnival

chair Jim O'Reilly at (248) 324-9600 for more information.

BIRMINGHAM

Memorial Day • 10 a.m.

Memorial Day Celebration in Shain Park with speeches, performance by the Birmingham Concert Band and honor of veterans and memorials. Call (248) 530-1800.

BRIGHTON

Memorial Day • 10 a.m.

Parade begins at West Main Street from Brighton High School to Mill Pond. A rededication of Old Village Cemetery immediately follows.

CANTON

Memorial Day • 1 p.m.

A Memorial Day service will take place at the Canton Veterans Memorial in Heritage Park. A ceremony will honor fallen soldiers, and a special brick will be added to the memorial in honor of Marine Cpl. Jacob Turbett, a 2007 Canton High School graduate who was killed in February in Afghanistan. The Beckridge Chorale will

have a Memorial Day concert, "Because of the Brave," featuring patriotic music at 2:30 p.m. at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. Cost is \$8 per person. Proceeds after expenses will be divided among the Memorial Day committees in Canton, Plymouth and Northville. Call (888) 459-4887.

DEARBORN

Memorial Day • 10 a.m.

Dearborn's 86th annual parade marches from Michigan Avenue, Greenfield to Schafer and is followed by a ceremony honoring veterans.

DETROIT

May 29-31 • All weekend

The Movement Electronic Music Festival in Hart Plaza features around 100 artists on four stages, attracts crowds in the thousands and celebrates techno music in the city it was born.

FARMINGTON

Memorial Day • 10 a.m.

The parade begins on Mooney Street and heads

west on Grand River through downtown Farmington. The American Legion Post, Auxiliary and SAL will host the festivities. At the end of the event will be ceremonies at the Veterans Monument just west of Farmington Road. Participants, members and their friends are welcome back at the post afterward for refreshments and hot dogs. Awards to the participating groups will be presented. Wally Christensen, Legion Chaplain and Memorial Day Parade chairman, said 3,000 flags will be placed outside every home in Farmington to honor those who have served their country. Flags will also be placed on 175 local gravesites.

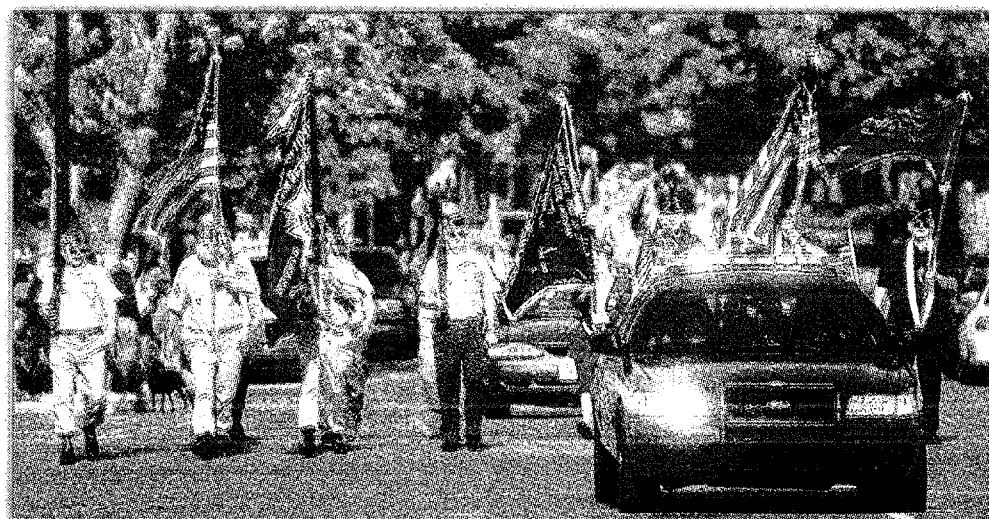
A special service will be held Sunday, May 30, at 5:30 p.m. in North Farmington Cemetery, where service personnel from every war from 1776 until now are buried.

Call Christensen at (248) 474-8554.

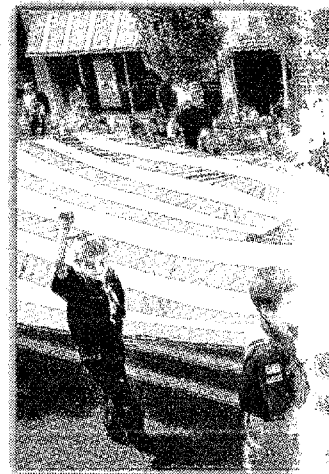
FERNDALE

Memorial Day • 10 a.m.

The Ferndale Memo-



Hal Gould | Staff Photographer
South Lyon area veterans lead the march during last year's Memorial Day ceremonies in town.



Cub Scout Pack 231, from Lar during Farmington's 2009 Memorial Day parade, carries the flag during the parade at Farmington Elementary School community center. Legion Post 346 as a Patriotic

rial Association organizes Ferndale's annual Memorial Day parade that will start on Livernois at West Breckenridge and end at the Memorial Mall in front of Ferndale Fire Station No. 1.

GARDEN CITY

Memorial Day • 11 a.m.

Memorial Day services will be held on the front lawn of City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road between Ford and Warren roads.

LIVONIA

May 29 • 9 a.m.

Memorial ceremony takes place at Veterans Memorial Plaza at Five Mile and Farmington roads, complete with military statues, a wreath-placing ceremony, special guest and music performed by the Churchill High School Band under the direction of Elizabeth Hering.

After the event, guests are welcome to visit the Memorial Wall that honors those Livonia veterans who were killed in action, wounded in action, missing in action or a prisoner of war. Call (734) 466-2418.

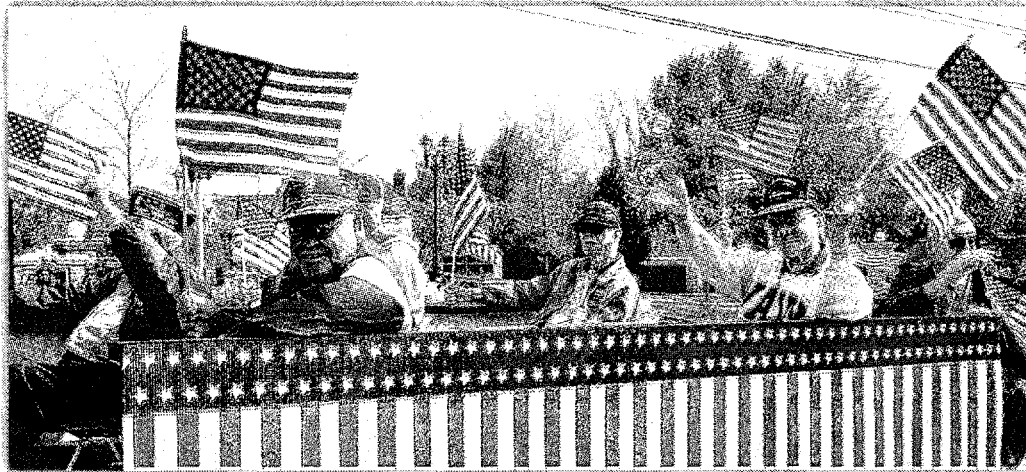


Photo by John Heider | Staff Photographer

Veterans wave to the crowd during last year's 2008 Novi Memorial Day Parade.

MILFORD

Memorial Day • 11 a.m.

Parade begins at the American Legion Post 216 on Commerce Road and ends with a brief ceremony at Central Park. Call Joe Salvia at (313) 701-8000.

NORTHVILLE

Memorial Day • 10 a.m.

Northville's Memorial Day Parade is one of the best, drawing thousands of people each year to honor veterans. Parade begins in downtown near Northville Downs Race Track on Griswold and Main streets. Call the VFW at (248) 348-1490.

NOVI

Memorial Day • 10 a.m.

The Novi Parks' Annual Memorial Day Parade begins on 10 Mile and Karim Boulevard and travels west to the Novi Civic Center. Following the parade will be a ceremonial presentation honoring veterans. Children are invited to show their community spirit as a bike rider. Decorate your bike with streamers, crepe paper, balloons, American flags and more.

Call Rachel Zagaroli at (248) 347-0403.

PLEASANT RIDGE

Memorial Day • 8:45 a.m.

Parade begins on Oakland

Park and Ridge roads. Ceremony immediately follows in Memorial Park. Call (248) 541-2900.

PLYMOUTH

Memorial Day • 7:30 a.m.

The annual parade, hosted by the American Legion Post 391, begins at Harvey and Wing streets and heads down Main Street in downtown Plymouth. Call (734) 459-4384.

REDFORD TOWNSHIP

June 6 • 2 p.m.

Parade begins on Six Mile at Beech Daly Road. Call Parade President Walter Bates at (313) 768-6858.

ROYAL OAK

Memorial Day • 9 a.m.

The Royal Oak Historical Society is hosting a Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast at 7 a.m. Breakfast will be served at the Royal Oak Farmers Market from 7 a.m. to noon.

The parade starts at south Main Street and Harrison heading north to Second Street, then east to the Veteran's Memorial.

SOUTH LYON

Memorial Day • 9 a.m.

The VFW Memorial Day Parade starts at Bartlett Elementary School on 10

Mile and ends at South Lyon Cemetery on Reynolds Sweet Parkway. A brief cemetery ceremony immediately follows the parade. Food and refreshments will be provided free of charge to the public following the ceremony at the VFW Hall, 125 E. McHattie. A U.S. flag retirement ceremony performed by the South Lyon area Boy Scouts takes place later that afternoon. Residents are encouraged to bring their tattered or faded flags. Call (248) 437-5046.

SOUTHFIELD

May 28 • 9 a.m.

Southfield hosts a Friday ceremony in front of City Hall. Call Southfield Community Relations at (248) 796-5130.

WALLED LAKE

Memorial Day • 11 a.m.

The annual Memorial Day Parade is sponsored by the Walled Lake Parks & Recreation Committee and begins on Pontiac Trail and Walled Lake Drive.

WAYNE-WESTLAND

May 30 • 1 p.m.

The annual Wayne-Westland Memorial Day Parade starts at Wayne Road and Avondale in Westland and will go south to the Wayne Public Library in Wayne.



Local veteran John Spencer, who organizes Canton's annual Memorial Day event, began a ceremony with a prayer.



Ryan Noe, senior at Plymouth Salem plays taps at the Memorial Day Ceremony in downtown Plymouth Monday.



Photo by Bill Bresler | Staff Photographer

American flags fly over veteran graves in Plymouth's Riverside Cemetery just a few days before Memorial Day 2009. George Buyea died in 1916. He served with the 16th Michigan Infantry during the Civil War. The Bunyea's are an old Plymouth farm family, farming west of town until the 1990s.

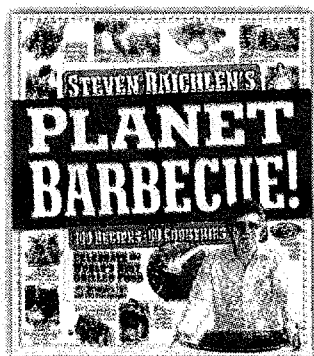


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Jan Elementary, carries the flag Memorial Day parade. The Lanigan was recognized by the American school.

The latest in books, music and movies

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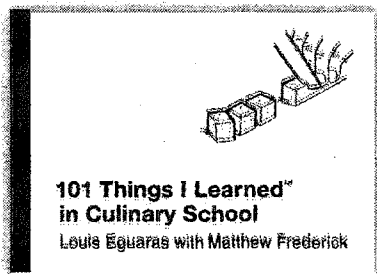
MAY NEW RELEASE > PLANET BARBECUE:
275 RECIPES, 53 COUNTRIES, 6
CONTINENTS OF GREAT FLAVOR
Steven Raichlen | Workman Publishing Co.
Release Date: May 1

Welcome to Planet Barbecue, the book that will take America's passionate, obsessive, smoke-crazed live-fire cooks to the next level. Planet Barbecue, with full-color photographs throughout, is an unprecedented marriage of food and culture.

MAY NEW RELEASE > 10 THINGS I LEARNED IN CULINARY SCHOOL

Louis Eguaras | Grand Central Publishing
Release Date: May 20

Eguaras is a former White House chef and is currently a culinary professor at the California School of Culinary Arts, Le Cordon Bleu Program. His book is packed with fun, helpful tips and illustrations — perfect for home cooks looking to improve their skills.



« NOW PLAYING »

IN THEATERS MAY 7

Iron Man 2
Starring: Robert Downey Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow, Don Cheadle, Mickey Rourke, Sam Rockwell

Babies (documentary)

Mother and Child
Starring: Naomi Watts, Annette Bening, Kerry Washington, Jimmy Smits, Samuel L. Jackson

Badmaash Company
Starring: Shahid Kapoor, Anushka Sharma

Trash Humpers
Starring: Rachel Korine, Brian Kotzue, Travis Nicholson, Harmony Korine, Chris Gantry

IN THEATERS MAY 14

Robin Hood
Starring: Russell Crowe, Cate Blanchett, Scott Grimes, William Hurt, Matthew MacFayden, Mark Strong, Oscar Isaac, Lea Seydoux, Scott Grimes, Kevin Durand, Alan Doyle, Danny Huston, Max von Sydow, Vanessa Redgrave, Gordon Pinsent

Letters to Juliet
Starring: Amanda Seyfried, Chris Egan, Gael Garcia Bernal, Vanessa Redgrave, Franco Nero

Just Wright
Starring: Common, Queen Latifah, Paula Patton

Looking for Eric
Starring: Stephanie Bishop, Eric Cantona, Steve Evets, John Henshaw, Lucy-Jo Hudson

Princess Kaiulani
Starring: Q'orianka Kilcher, Will Patton, Barry Pepper, Shaun Evans

IN THEATERS MAY 21
Shrek Forever After
Starring: Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz, Antonio Banderas, Kathy Griffin

MacGruber
Starring: Will Forte, Ryan Phillippe, Kristin Wig, Val Kilmer, Powers Boothe

Solitary Man
Starring: Michael Douglas, Susan Sarandon, Mary-Louise Parker, Danny DeVito, Jenna Fischer, Jesse Eisenberg, Imogen Potts, Ben Shenkman, David Costabile

Perrier's Bounty
Starring: Cillian Murphy, Brendan Gleeson, Jim Broadbent, Jodie Whittaker

Holy Rollers
Starring: Jesse Eisenberg, Justin Bartha, Ari Graynor, Danny A. Abeckaser, Q-Tip

Chain Letter
Starring: Nikki Reed, Noah Segal, Keith David, Betsy Russell

IN THEATERS MAY 27
Sex and the City 2
Starring: Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall, Cynthia Nixon, Kristin Davis, Chris Noth

IN THEATERS MAY 28
Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time
Starring: Jake Gyllenhaal, Ben Kingsley, Gemma Arterton, Alfred Molina

George A. Romero's Survival of the Dead
Starring: Alan Van Sprang, Kenneth Walsh, Devon Bostick, Richard Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Munroe

Micmacs
Starring: Dany Boon, André Dussollier, Nicolas Marie, Jean-Pierre Marielle, Julie Ferrier

« LOCAL MUSIC EVENTS »

THURSDAY • MAY 20
The Attention Mongers
» Stinger's Bar and Grill, Wixom

Chuck Bradley Band
» Mediterranean Bistro, Livonia

Extreme Air Band Karaoke
» Rock Starz Bar, Garden City

Hidden Agenda Band
» Pi, Southfield

Karaoke » Traveling Fork, Livonia

FRIDAY • MAY 21
Daniel Harrison & the \$2 Highway » Bullfrog Bar & Grill, Redford

Live Flamenco Show
» Tasca de Plata Tapas Bar & Restaurant, Canton

Kimberly Fairchild
» Pi, Southfield

The Heidelberg Rock Project » Magic Stick, Detroit

SATURDAY • MAY 22
Clearly Quartet » Tom's Oyster Bar, Royal Oak

David Gerald Band » Sideline Tavern, Westland

Eddie Money » DTE Energy Music Theatre, Clarkston

Hidden Agenda
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» Tasca de Plata Tapas Bar & Restaurant, Canton

Karaoke with Eric
» Weal Inn, Highland

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» The Palace of Auburn Hills, Auburn Hills

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SUNDAY • MAY 23
Extreme Air Band Karaoke
» Rock Starz Bar, Garden City

MONDAY • MAY 24

Extreme Air Band Karaoke
» Rock Starz Bar, Garden City

Karaoke » Double 00 Pub, Redford

Movement Mondays
» Bullfrog Bar & Grill, Redford

TUESDAY • MAY 25
Benny and the Jets
» Wayne Road Pub, Westland

Chris B Acoustic Show » Uptowne Grill, Commerce Township

Extreme Air Band Karaoke
» Rock Starz Bar, Garden City

Live Karaoke Band
» Bullfrog Bar & Grill, Redford

Open Mic » Boulders, Plymouth

Spirit of Detroit Chorus
» Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Farmington Hills

WEDNESDAY • MAY 26
The Attention Mongers
» Gus O'Connors, Novi

Double Take
» JB Bamboozies, Farmington Hills

Extreme Air Band Karaoke
» Rock Starz Bar, Garden City

No Lookin' Back Open Jam Session » Uptown Grill, Commerce Township

THURSDAY • MAY 27

Carole King/James Taylor "Troubadour Reunion" » The Palace of Auburn Hills, Auburn Hills

Chuck Bradley Band
» Mediterranean Bistro, Livonia

Extreme Air Band Karaoke
» Rock Starz Bar, Garden City

Hidden Agenda Band
» Pi, Southfield

Karaoke » Traveling Fork, Livonia

FRIDAY • MAY 28
Daniel Harrison & the \$2 Highway » Bullfrog Bar & Grill, Redford

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» OCC Orchard Ridge, Farmington Hills

Live Flamenco Show
» Tasca de Plata Tapas Bar & Restaurant, Canton

SATURDAY • MAY 29
Karaoke with Eric
» Weal Inn, Highland

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» Tasca de Plata Tapas Bar & Restaurant, Canton

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ADVERTISING FEATURE — BY SALLY RUMMEL

LOCAL COLOR

Plan the perfect garden with help from area experts

Spring has sprung and the beauty of spring flowers is all around you.

Whether your yard is bursting with color from a flowering pear tree to peaks of pastel-inspired daffodils or carpets of fuchsia phlox, you're enjoying a spring shower of color from Mother Nature that can last the entire growing season — if you plan your garden right.

"Start with a large flowering shade tree like a flowering pear that provides foliage for the entire growing season," said Sharon Milarch of Milarch Nursery in New Hudson. "It blooms with beautiful white flowers in the spring, green foliage in the summer and then turns into rich, reddish-orange fall colors in the autumn, holding its leaves longer than most. A flowering pear tree can grow up to 25 feet tall with a 25-foot spread, making it a perfect shade tree, too."

Milarch suggests that homeowners look at landscaping their yard similar to how they would place furniture in their living room, beginning with the largest item first.

"You start out with a couch (tree), then add accents like tables (shrubs and bushes) and lamps (perennials and annuals)," Milarch said.

For color that comes in bursts of blooms, deciduous shrubs like spirea, viburnum and hydrangea might be the answer for many landscapes, accented with easy-to-maintain perennials like day lilies, hostas and astilbe.

"Perennials are used as an accent and can successfully be underplanted beneath shade trees or used as anchors in a flower bed," Milarch said.

For many homeowners, the biggest "shock" of color comes in the form of long-lasting annuals that bloom dramatically during the entire growing season.



PHOTO COURTESY OF BELL'S LANDSCAPING

Bell's Landscaping of Wixom designs and maintains landscaping projects, like this residential property that is blooming with color.

While favorite varieties like geraniums, petunias, zinnias and marigolds will always have their place in local flower beds, homeowners with an eye for "what's new" will find lots of new varieties debuting this year.

According to Deb Barson of Barson's Greenhouse in Garden City, a bunch of new annuals have flowered this year, including a new petunia variety called "Pretty Much Picasso," featuring a purple-rose flower edged in green.

"We've got it available in 4-inch pots," Barson said.

Another new petunia variety is called "Sophistica Lime Bicolor," with a striking rose star pattern lining each delicate lime bloom in pink.

A new variety of *lubularia alyssum*

called "Snow Princess" isn't grown from seed and is perfect for hanging baskets, said Barson.

Even if you don't have a green thumb, help is as close as your nearest garden center, nursery/greenhouse or landscape supplier.

Mike Bell of Bell's Landscaping in Wixom always asks his customers how much work they're willing to put into the landscape design he suggests for their property and most often the answer is "little."

"People are looking for maintenance-free landscaping, but there is always going to be a certain level of upkeep required," Bell said.

Most maintenance issues stem from three areas, according to Bell: water management, fertilizing and knowing site conditions.

"The biggest problem for most annual flowers, including hanging baskets, is water — too much or too little," said Bell. "People often underestimate how much watering a hanging basket requires, especially during the heat of summer. But over-watering a plant can also be a problem. You can tell if a basket needs to be watered by sticking your finger in the soil and if it comes out moist, it's OK."

Bell believes strongly in the power of education when it comes to helping people find their inner gardener.

"Most people you identify as having a green thumb generally just follow proper plant care management in terms of watering and fertilizing," Bell said. "Almost anyone can have a green thumb if they understand these main principles."

DRESS YOUR GARDEN WITH BRIGHT, NEON FLOWERS

This year, gardens will see lots of brights and neons more than pastel shades in the gardens and landscapes around town.

"Oranges and shocking pinks will highlight many outdoor spaces this year," said Kerri Vizona, sales manager of Gerych's Greenhouse in Fenton, which stocks the outdoor garden center at Gerych's Graziella in Birmingham.

The monochromatic look is also in style this year, providing the dramatic use of one color in different intensities of shades. Ornamental grasses are another trend, offering outdoor garden textures.

"Texture in one's outdoor spaces is every bit as important as color," Vizona said. "It provides depth of color and adds visual interest to a garden area."

For homeowners looking for "instant color," today's artistically designed combination pots provide a huge fashion statement for front entrances, decks and porches, according to Tamara Gorham, manager/wedding event designer for Gerych's Graziella. Perennial baskets that feature an endless variety of heights, colors and textures, can later be replanted in the garden for an annual "show" when they return next season, she added.

Today's popular outdoor decor includes metal sculpting, wrought iron birdhouses and wrought iron pergolas, all available at Gerych's Graziella.

"You can make your home's entrance or deck area as ornate or statuesque as you like, dictated only by your own personal taste," Gorham said.

Gerych's Graziella is located at 2211 Cole St. in Birmingham. Visit www.gerychsflowers.com or call (248) 723-5650.

— By Sally Rummel



PHOTO COURTESY OF BARSON'S GREENHOUSE

"Snow Princess" is a new variety of *alyssum* that isn't grown from seed, and makes a dramatic presentation in a hanging basket, according to Deb Barson of Barson's Greenhouse in Garden City.

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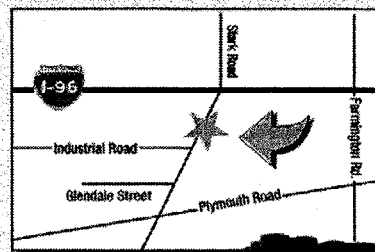
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Hardwood Blend	650	\$16.50	110 sq. ft. @ 2" deep
Cedar-Shredded 100% Pine	650	\$26.50	110 sq. ft. @ 2" deep
Cypress Mulch	650	\$39.50	110 sq. ft. @ 2" deep
Dark Cherry Brown Mulch	650	\$27.95	110 sq. ft. @ 2" deep
Red Mulch	650	\$27.95	110 sq. ft. @ 2" deep
Black Mulch	650	\$27.95	110 sq. ft. @ 2" deep
Brown Mulch	650	\$27.95	110 sq. ft. @ 2" deep
TOPSOIL, SAND & UTILITY			
Screened Topsoil	2400	\$16.00	110 sq. ft. @ 2" deep
Screened Peat	1900	\$26.00	110 sq. ft. @ 2" deep
Compos	2200	\$22.00	110 sq. ft. @ 2" deep
50/50 Mix	2200	\$28.00	110 sq. ft. @ 2" deep
Garden Blend	2200	\$19.95	110 sq. ft. @ 2" deep
Fill Dirt	2200	\$14.00	110 sq. ft. @ 2" deep
Fill Sand (per ton)	2900	\$14.00	110 sq. ft. @ 2" deep
Mason Sand (per ton)	2900	\$18.00	110 sq. ft. @ 2" deep
Slag Sand (per ton)	2400	\$19.95	110 sq. ft. @ 2" deep
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6A Stone	2600	\$22.50	100 sq. ft. @ 3" deep
4" -8" Oversize Rock	2280	\$60.00	30 sq. ft. @ 2" deep
Egg Rock/River Rock	2800	\$52.00	80 sq. ft. @ 3" deep
Boulders 1' -2'	3000	\$65.00	1" high 20" long

	Weight Per Cu. Yard	Price Per Yard	Approx. Coverage Per Yard
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Premium Sunny	25 lbs	\$44.50	8 lbs./1k sq. ft.
Contractors	25 lbs	\$42.50	8 lbs./1k sq. ft.
Shady	1 lbs	\$2.19	
Premium Sunny	1 lbs	\$2.39	
Contractors	1 lbs	\$1.99	
Fertilizer 19-19-19	50 lbs	\$25.00	
Seed Aide	50 lbs	\$16.95	
Herbicide	25 lbs	\$35.00	
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SUPPLEMENT YOUR LANDSCAPING WITH ROCKS, PONDS, STONES AND MORE

There's no better time to make outdoor landscaping renovations than the spring. The weather is cool and the time to enjoy new home and garden improvements can last all summer. Find out how to personalize your backyard and garden with mulch, decorative stone, outdoor living spaces and even streams and ponds with the help of a few local landscaping companies.

COLOR UP WITH NEW MULCH

Stone Depot in South Lyon stays true to its name specializing in decorative stone, but also offers a variety of mulch because sticking to one color of mulch is a thing of the past.

"Right now we carry eight types of mulch in any color you like," said Ben Vanborowski of Stone Depot. "The last house we worked on probably had eight different colors of mulch. I would use any of them in my own yard."

Stone Depot has also taken a unique approach to making backyards safer for children with a new product called playground mulch.

"It's Virginia Pine mulch with no sharp edges," Vanborowski said. "It goes through a tumbled process that rounds the edges; it's becoming more popular."

Vanborowski said the soft mulch does not pop as much as the color-dyed mulches but will still outfit a yard nicely.

Stone depot also carries a wide-variety of natural boulders, specialty boulders, bagged rock, steps, soil and wall-systems for your home.

LIVE OUTDOORS THIS SUMMER

The best of the indoors can also be enjoyed outdoors in the summer with the help of Unilock, a South Lyon company specializing in manufacturing and installing outdoor home living spaces. "We do patios, outdoor

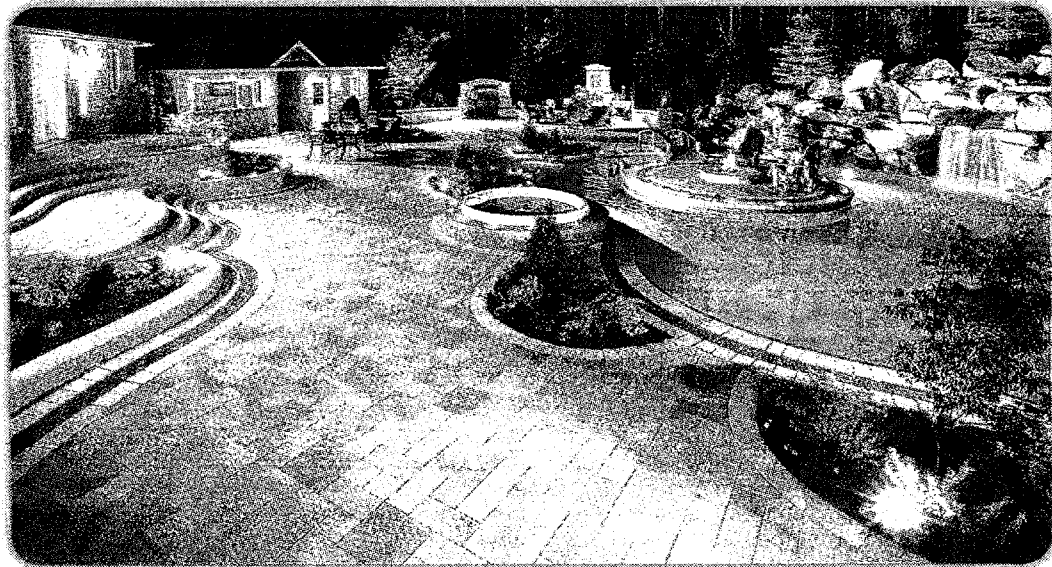


PHOTO COURTESY OF UNILOCK

Unilock of South Lyon specializes in manufacturing and installing outdoor home living spaces, including patios, outdoor fire places, grill units, fire pits and more.

fire places, grill units, fire pits and complete outdoor living spaces," said Tom Niebauer of Unilock. "As the cost of travel increases, people are staying at home more and spending the money on their backyards."

Niebauer said many customers who create outdoor living spaces with the help of Unilock use umbriano stone for pathways, driveways and areas surrounding pools.

"It is easier than natural stone because natural stone varies in size and is uneven," Niebauer said. The increasingly popular stone is also cheaper than natural stone and a great

compliment to a pool, fire pit or outdoor kitchen. Unilock carries four different colors of umbriano stone and offers expert installation from authorized contractors. Unilock also provides customers with a custom design center with hundreds of renovation ideas for extraordinary landscapes.

PERSONALIZE YOUR OUTDOOR SPACE

When it comes to pathways and pavers, granite is still king at The Rock Shoppe in Salem

Township, which touts a diverse selection of products and stone. The Rock Shoppe sells a broad range of stone from Thailand, Brazil, Morocco and North America, and also provides customized stone carving and etching.

"We can create a custom carved rock," said Helena Sappatacci, owner of The Rock Shoppe. "We can create your own gateway estate stone, pet memorials and garden markers with color graphics."

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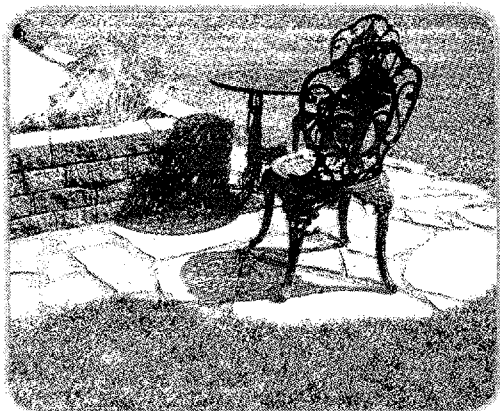


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Stone Depot of South Lyon supplies pavers, mulch, stone, gravel and soil for any landscaping project.

NOW IS THE TIME FOR OUTDOOR MAINTENANCE

MAINTAINING THE GROUNDS

Rose Excavating in South Lyon provides topsoil, gravel and septic tank maintenance. Rose says now is the best time to apply new gravel and topsoil.

"It's the best time," Rose said. "That way the gravel settles before winter, and top soil can be down before the grass grows through the summer."

Rose also recommends that residents have their septic tanks pumped every few years. Rose Excavating can provide that service. If septic tanks are not maintained regularly, they could overflow or produce a smell.

ASPHALT DRIVEWAYS ADD CURB APPEAL

Moll's Asphalt of South Lyon provides a full line of asphalt services. Asphalt driveways have many benefits including increased curb appeal and better parking. Asphalt is very tolerant in extreme temperatures. It is very forgiving compared to concrete driveways and also works well for sloping driveways.

Moll's Asphalt provides expert resealing services. Resealing is extremely important to do in order to reap all the benefits of an asphalt driveway. Resealing keeps the sun from oxidizing the asphalt, and driving can cause the asphalt to be dry and brittle if not resealed. Resealing also stops oils from vehicles from penetrating the driveway. It is also important to fix cracks, as water can get underneath the driveway and wash away the soil, causing sinking. Resealing overall makes an asphalt driveway look better and increases its value and longevity. Moll's Asphalt recommends to seal the first two years and to reseat every other year after that.

— By Alison Bergsieker



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE ROCK SHOPPE

The Rock Shoppe in Salem Township sells stone from around the world and offers custom carving and etching.

complete with custom digital photo etchings on granite, marble or stone, or with decorative statues and materials for aqua gardeners. The Rock Shoppe carries ready-made waterfalls, ponds and pumps. Don't know where to put your new fountains or stone? The Rock Shoppe offers free one-on-one instruction to customers for any product they sell including flagstone and pavers.

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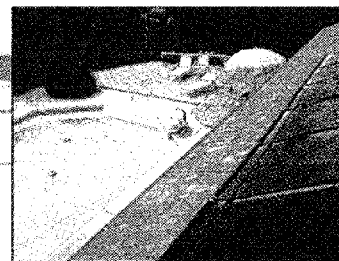
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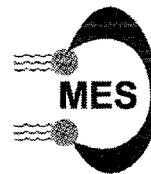
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IMPROVE YOUR HOME'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY

With energy costs on the rise, it is more important than ever to improve existing homes. New lines of windows, insulation, doors, air conditioner and more are available that not only add value to a home, but are cost efficient in the long run.

FALLERT HEATING & COOLING • SOUTH LYON

A home energy audit is the first step to understanding how much energy is consumed in a home. Fallert Heating & Cooling of South Lyon can evaluate all aspects of a home's energy use. Proper energy management will keep all systems running efficiently. An energy audit of electrical heating and cooling includes checking insulation, draft stopping, windows and doors, as well as the overall envelope of the home. The assessment will determine the efficiency of the heating and cooling system and how to conserve energy. Corrections in the system will save homeowners time and money.

Air conditioners are 50 percent more efficient today than ever before. Homeowners can cut up to half or more of their electric bill when installing a high efficiency air conditioner. Fallert Heating & Cooling installs a full line

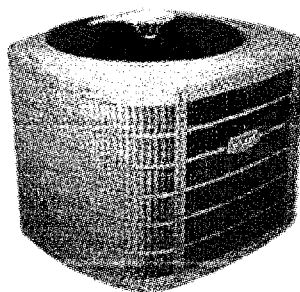


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Fallert Heating & Cooling installs a full line of air conditioners to suit any home, including the Bryant High Efficiency Air Conditioner.

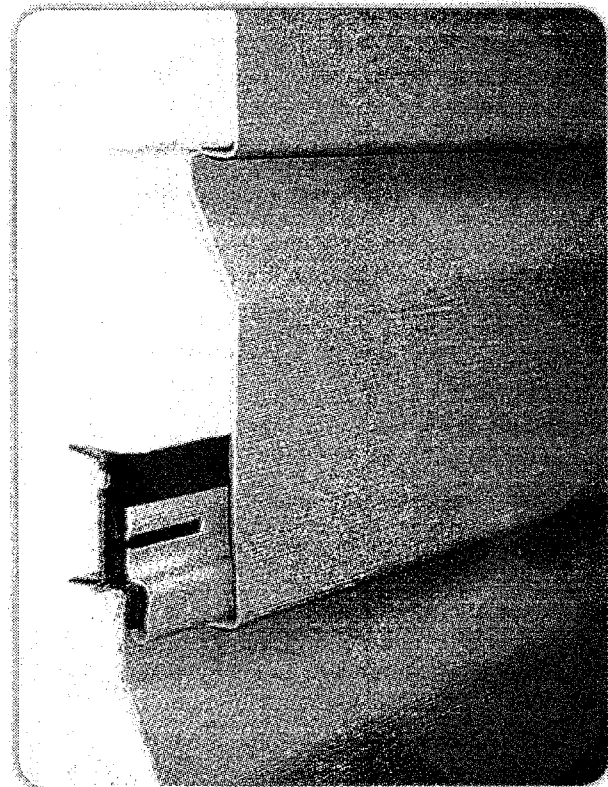


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KC Construction in Garden City offers insulated siding as an energy efficient option. It is resistant to pressure and wind, allowing it to last up to 50 years.

of air conditioners to suit any home. Planned maintenance is important to keep air conditioners and heating systems operating at peak efficiency. All systems must be maintained in order to keep energy costs lower. Heating systems should be checked in the fall right before the heating season, and air conditioners in the spring before the cooling season.

Geothermal systems are the most efficient way to heat and cool a home. The system draws heat of the ground to warm and puts heat in the ground to cool the home. The temperature of the ground about five feet under the surface stays relatively stable throughout all seasons. Not only is this energy efficient and environmentally friendly, the tax credit for geothermal systems have been extended.

Homeowners who install geothermal systems may be able to claim up to 30 percent of the installed cost in tax credits in the year the system is placed into service and it no longer has a cap.

Whether a homeowner is installing a new or old system, planned maintenance is crucial to keep heating and cooling systems operating at peak efficiency. It will not only increase the lifetime of the system but will also ensure it is energy efficient.

Fallert Heating & Cooling is located at 10075 Colonial Industrial Drive in South Lyon. Visit www.fallertheatingcooling.com or call (248) 782-5861.

KC CONSTRUCTION • GARDEN CITY

While many homeowners believe now is the time

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to pick up and sell rather than invest in their current home, KC Construction believes it is the perfect time to stay put and make some updates that will add value and increase energy efficiency. Making small changes such as new windows, insulation or siding will not only keep a home in shape — it will add value back faster than non-energy efficient homes.

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KC Construction provides expertise in all phases of residential and light commercial construction work, specializing in exterior work. The company offers reconstruction as well as remodeling services — anything from one storm door to an entire subdivision.

The company sells do-it-yourself supplies with free usage of its equipment for various projects. Visit KC Construction June 12 for an open house event, featuring manufacturer's representatives, a car show and give-a-ways.

KC Construction is located at 28826 Ford Road in Garden City. Visit www.kcconstructioninc.net or call (734) 425-6372.

MECHANICAL ENERGY SYSTEMS • CANTON

Mechanical Energy in Canton specializes in solar energy options for homeowners, including solar hot water heating, solar pool heating, solar space heat-

ing, solar electric, solatube and more.

Converting sunlight into usable energy helps to reduce utility bills and protects home and business owners from rising energy costs in the future. Solar thermal systems, or heating systems, can be used to heat water for home and business. One of the most cost effective uses of solar is heating pools. Solar can heat pools to warm temperatures throughout the season and eliminate the cost of fossil fuels heaters.

Water heating is the second highest energy cost in homes. Solar can accomplish 70 percent of this task. Systems are designed for Michigan's climate and can retrofit to a home or small business very easily. The average temperature for a solar heated pool is mid 80s throughout the entire swimming season. This low maintenance option also gives homeowners and their

families an extended swimming season.

The government is promoting the use of alternative energy and supports this effort with a 30 percent Federal Tax Credits and Michigan State Rebate of \$1200. Because of the great need for warmed water, taking advantage of the free energy from the sun makes dollars and sense.

New programs offered by DTE Energy help homeowners invest in Solar Electric systems for their home. This program offers up to 50 percent of the investment through rebates, credits and net metering. Add to that the 30 percent federal tax credit and the investment numbers look great. This investment actually pays back in five different ways.

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Don't wait until an 80-degree summer day to test your air conditioner.

George Klempert, owner of Family Heating, Cooling & Electrical recommends turning on your air conditioner as soon as warm weather hits to ensure it works.

"There are some simple things that people can do on their own, like changing the furnace filter," Klempert said. "If it's plugged, it will stop the A/C from working. I also recommend taking a hose and spraying the top and sides out of the unit to rid debris collected from the winter."

If you are in need of a new air conditioning unit, Family Heating, Cooling & Electrical will give you the "best bang for your buck," because they carry all major brands, not just a few.

"We carry, service and install all brands, so we can give our customers an honest opinion rather than one that is dictated by manufacturers," Klempert said. "Customers trust us for that."

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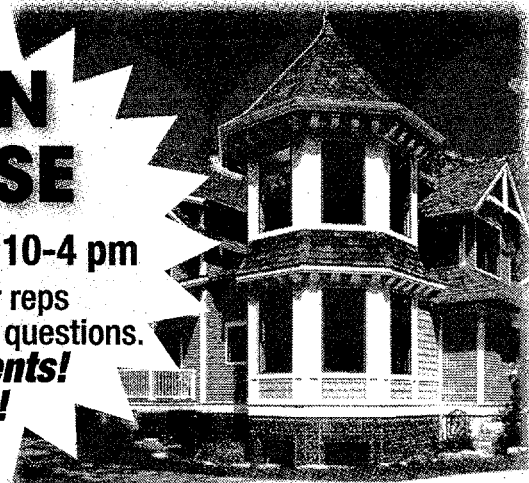
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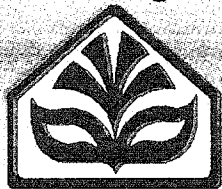
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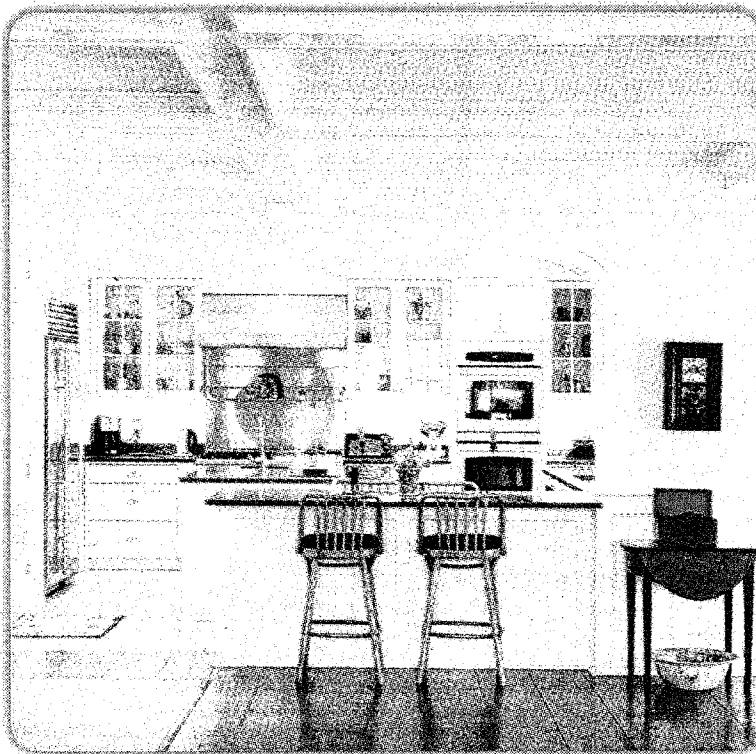
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ADVERTISING FEATURE — BY SALLY RUMMEL

FRESHEN YOUR HOME THIS SPRING WITH NEW DESIGN TRENDS INSIDE AND OUT



Jim Seghi of Seghi Renovations in South Lyon said more families are creating a larger kitchen space to use as a gathering area by giving up their formal dining area.

Color is the "bright spot" of this year's spring home interior design trends, putting a lift in every area of one's home, as well as one's spirits.

Homeowners wanting to get the most enjoyment from their homes in this new season should keep their eyes on neutrals paired with bright accents.

"Gray is the new neutral, but it's paired with yellow or other spring brights," said Judy Schurman of Huron Valley Furniture in Milford.

Whether you're refreshing your winter-weary decor or decorating a brand new space, a selection of muted grays and basic colors offer a versatile palette upon which to build.

Judy and Chuck Schurman are noticing that many of their customers are updating their styles with a pop of color, adding yellow to greens and browns.

"People are definitely adding color to their interior decor," Judy said. "One of our most popular sofa looks is a peach-colored sofa accented with yellow, peach and green pillows."

This season's trends also forecast bold,

outdoorsy and abstract patterns paired with neutrals.

"You can add these fresh, new trends by selecting a new piece of art," suggests Judy. "At Huron Valley Furniture, we have a nice selection of 'waterproof' art that can be used to decorate either an indoor or an outdoor space."

Wall mirrors, candles, pillows and art can add even more depth and character to a room.

To easily change the decor of a living space, a fresh coat of paint in one of today's new colors will easily make a dramatic difference.

"Bold colors are definitely 'in' this season," said Kevin Kopko of VanGogh Painting of South Lyon, who has been painting local interiors and exteriors for more than 20 years.

"I always suggest to people that they go a bit darker and bolder than the original color they select," added Kopko. "It will make their room much more warm and inviting."

For homeowners wanting to make the most dramatic change in their homes, a

Sudoku Answers

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PHOTO COURTESY OF HURON VALLEY FURNITURE

"Gray is the new neutral" according to Judy Schurman of Huron Valley Furniture in Milford, where clients can view groupings of furniture as they might appear in a home, helping to visualize a new spring interior look.

kitchen or bath update or a complete renovation will add value and quality of living to their investment.

"More and more people are creating a larger kitchen area for their family to use as a gathering space, by giving up the space in their formal dining room," said Jim Seghi of Seghi Renovations in South Lyon. "People are also removing their bathtubs from their bathrooms in many cases, replacing them with a more functional shower with many amenities."

People who want to put a "spring in their step" by changing their flooring may want to check out Perfect Floors in South Lyon and Rochester.

"There are so many different options for flooring right now, including family-friendly carpets with stain resistant qualities, and even wood floors that offer greater durability than ever before," said Ron Williams of Perfect Floors.

Even garage doors and front entrances can benefit from a spring up-lift. These areas serve as a "focal point" for most homes and can make a huge difference in a house's curb appeal, according to Beckway Door of South Lyon, which specializes in

garage doors and openers and entry doors for both residential and commercial applications.

Beckway Door can provide a free in-home inspection of garage doors, as well as household doors and windows.

"It's a good time of the year to make sure all the parts aren't worn," said Jeff Bury of Beckway Door. "We also check the safety adjustments for all garage door openers."

Whether your home needs just a spring "fresh up" or a complete renovation, it helps to do your research on trends in color and design by talking with local professionals.

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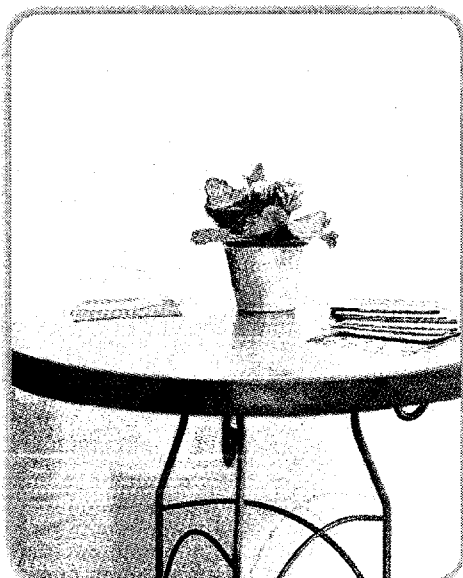
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Kevin Kopko of VanGogh Painting in South Lyon, suggests homeowners choose a paint color slighter darker than their original choice to make a room warm and inviting.

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CREATE A PET FRIENDLY LANDSCAPE

A pristine lawn or garden is hard to manage if you're a pet owner. But homeowners can have the best of both worlds — several local businesses have offerings to help balance between gorgeous yards and pet friendly play areas.

INVISIBLE FENCES

When it comes to pet safety, there isn't a stronger seal than one from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

"The ASPCA seal isn't something that's just given away," said Brad Scott of Invisible Fence in Wixom. "You have to earn it, and we've earned it."

The ASPCA has found the Invisible Fence system to be effective, and most importantly, safe for pets. Each system is tested and designed specifically for the pet.

"We have over 180 different settings," Scott said. "That means on one system, we can program each collar to work 180 different ways, based on the pet."

The big draw for using an invisible fence is how it can adapt to any outdoor setting. Installation specialists from Invisible Fence can run the system through almost any obstacle. The fence can work through gravel, concrete, and even water.

THE RIGHT SOIL

Obviously soil is an important part of any exterior renovation. In South Lyon, A&R Soil Source can find the perfect product to match your landscape plans and your pets.

"We take the time to find good samples and good products," Kraweic said. "We provide great service along with quality product."

With more than 30 years in the business, A&R is able to answer almost any question you might have. Kraweic says his customers walk away knowing much more about their soil and mulch than they did walking in.

"We like helping out customers that have no idea what they're doing," Kraweic said. "We've been in the business so long that we're incredibly knowledgeable when it comes to this. We'll be here to take care of what you need."

All soils at A&R Soil Source are safe for pets.

Bush Wackers Landscaping of Redford can also accommodate homeowners in need of landscaping services but are concerned with the safety of their pets.



Designated a good "pet area" in your yard to avoid excessive pet waste and to keep your pet safe from harmful plants, pesticides and fertilizers.

"We wouldn't use pesticides. We'd use friendly organic fertilizers to ensure your pets are safe," said Jim Cox of Bush Wackers.

Bush Wackers offers lawn cutting, weed-and-feed fertilizer programs, landscaping, installation and repair of sprinklers, power washing, tree cutting, small cement jobs and more.

PLANNING AHEAD

Once you take into account the type of products you'll be using and the methods you'll use to keep your pets safe, it's time to think about how your pet will react to different circumstances outdoors.

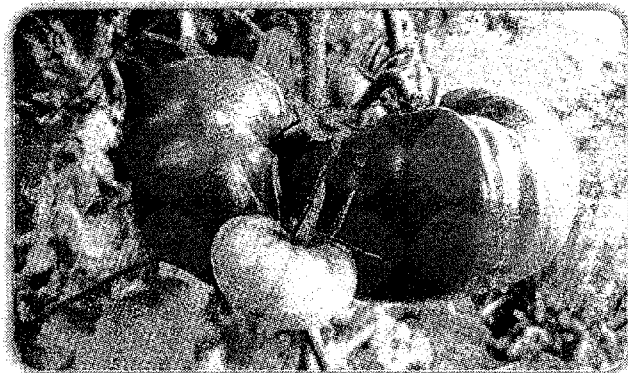
- Plan for nature. If it rains, will certain areas of your yard flood? Will your pet have a safe area to be protected from sun, hard rain or even other animals?
- All plants look like food to pets.

Assume that at some point, your pet will try to eat what you have planted outside. Bushes with poisonous berries, for example, could seriously hurt your pet.

- Find a good "pet area." Letting your pet have free reign over the yard could be disastrous, especially when it comes to pet waste. Decide if having a special yard space for your pet is right for your landscape.

HOME GROWN TOMATOES RIPE OFF THE VINE

With store-bought tomatoes nearly devoid of flavor, growing your own is the best way to truly savor the taste of this vegetable that captures the essence of summer. But with thousands of varieties available — from cherished heirloom types to the hottest new hybrids — how do you narrow your choices?



SEEDS OR TRANSPLANTS

The easiest way to get your tomato patch started is to purchase young plants, also called transplants or starts. You can pick up plants at garden centers or order them through catalogs or the Internet.

That said, starting your own seed gives you an almost endless list of varieties to choose from, allowing you to get just the type that will suit your growing conditions and tastes. Starting seeds gives you a chance to exercise your green thumb earlier in the season, and nurturing plants from seed to harvest is a rewarding experience.

Plant seeds six to eight weeks before the last frost date for your region, and place them under fluorescent lights. Contact a nearby Extension Service office or your local weather service to find out your last spring frost date.

DISEASE RESISTANCE

By planting tomato varieties with built-in resistance to diseases, you can have a bit more control over your garden's success.

For instance, many tomato varieties are resistant to soil-borne diseases such as Verticillium and Fusarium wilts and nematodes. Most seed catalogs indicate resistance to these diseases by putting F (Fusarium), V (Verticillium), N (nematodes) after the variety name. You'll also see varieties with resistance to viruses such as tomato mosaic virus (T), and to Alternaria (A), the fungus that causes early blight.

Talk to a nearby Extension Service office or to other home gardeners to find out if any tomato diseases are common in your area.

For more tips and garden information visit www.garden.org.

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RIPENING TIME

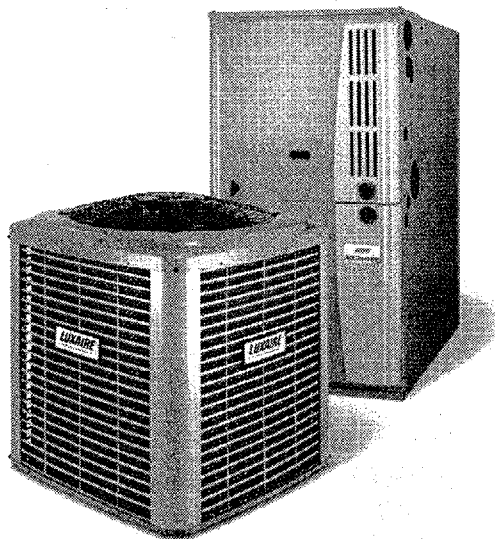
If you're buying seeds to start your own plants, read catalog descriptions carefully to discover "days to maturity." This indicates approximately how soon you can expect ripe fruit once you've transplanted seedlings to the garden. Plants sold at garden centers are often labeled "early," "midseason," or "late" to indicate when the variety should start ripening.

DETERMINATE VS. INDETERMINATE

Determinate plants stop growing once the flower buds emerge. Because of their more restrained size, many determinate varieties need no staking or caging, but providing support can improve the quality of the fruit. All the fruit ripens within a relatively short period of time -- usually about a week to 10 days. This can be a boon if you're canning, but for the gardener who prefers to have a fewer number of tomatoes over a longer period of time, indeterminate varieties are a better choice. The vines continue to grow and set fruit throughout the season and won't quit until the weather turns too hot or too cold to sustain fruiting and growth.

HOW YOU WILL USE THE FRUIT

When selecting a tomato variety, keep in mind what you plan to do with the fruits. There are varieties suited for just about every purpose -- eating fresh, making tomato paste, canning, drying -- even for grooming into a county fair prizewinner.



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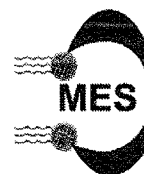


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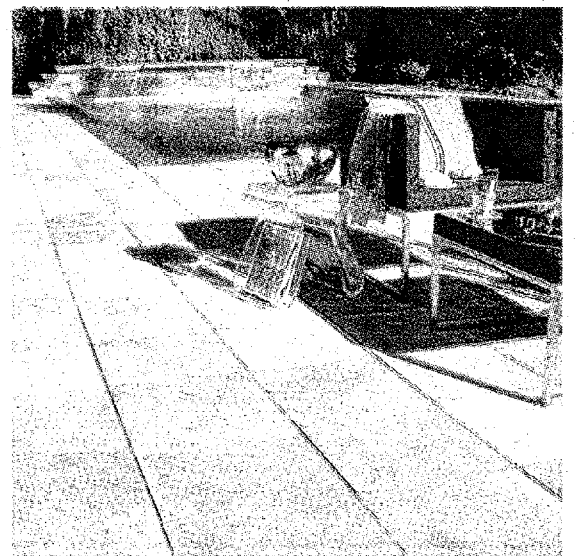
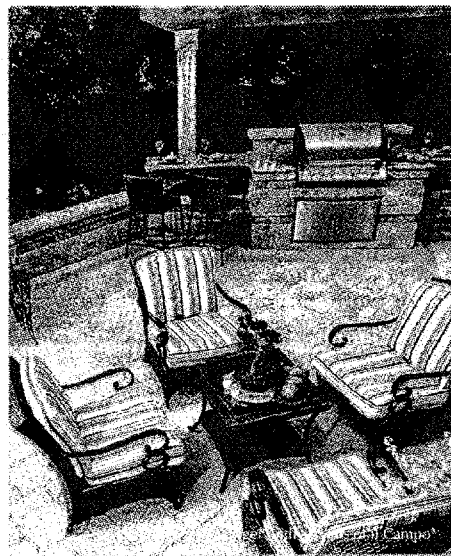
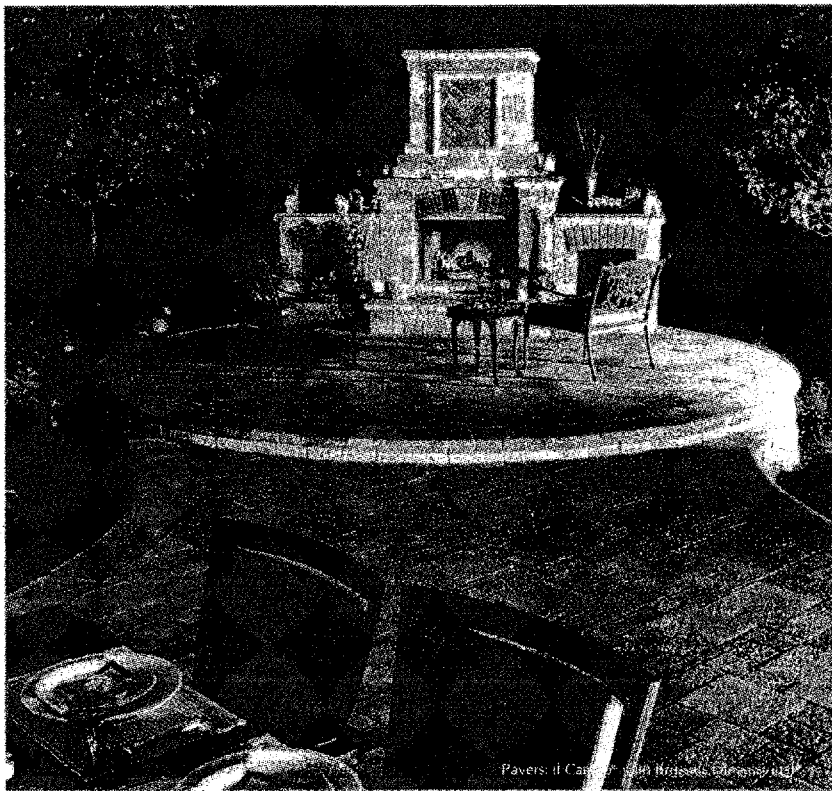
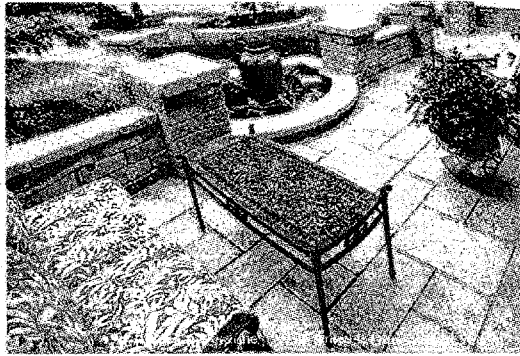
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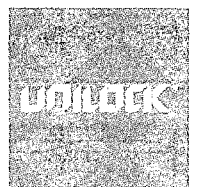
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