

ON FREEP.COM Feasting on fish

The Lenten season lasts another week, and many Michiganders are abstaining from meat in acts of faith and sacrifice. To find some of the best fish and chip shops in the metro area, go to www.freep.com/

RUTH TO THE RESCUE

Get information on clinical trials

Many patients or those who love them want to learn about the latest clinical research trials for new drugs and therapies to treat terminal illnesses. You can read about more than 40,000 clinical trials being conducted by logging onto **centerwatch.com**.
- RUTH SPENCER, LOCAL 4 NEWS



TECH TIP Print color pages quickly

Brother's new color laser printers can print up to 21 pages in color or monochrome in one minute. The printers also can print JPEG photos and PDF files from a USB drive. The HL-4040CN will go on sale next month for \$400. The HL-4070CDW provides two-sided printing. It will go on sale in June for \$500. www.brother-usa.com.

- DEBORAH PORTERFIELD, GANNETT NEWS SERVICE.

SATURDAY JUMP START

OVERHEARD

"It's hard to meet people because you're always working on the boat."

FRANK ROLFS, who lives yearround on his 1956 Chris-Craft Constellation. STORY, 3A

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Texas woman indicted in fatal romantic tryst

NATION & WORLD, 7A

Cutesy Chevy HHR gets some mean attitude

BUSINESS, 10A

Old Detroit music venue gets new name

SATURDAY LIFE, 1C

Getting it straight

The Free Press corrects all errors of fact. If you know of an error, please call the newsroom at 313-222-6600.

Clarification: A starting on Friday's Page 1A on an anticipated need for more health-care workers in the state did not mention Michigan State University's accelerated, second-degree program in nursing. MSU's program similar to those at Wayne State and the University of Michigan — allows students with bachelor's degrees to finish the program in 12 months. For more information on MSU's program, call 517-355-6523.

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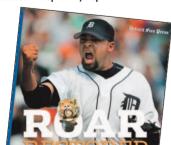
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Plan a great reunion for your family

It's not too early to start planning a family reunion.

SPREAD THE WORD

If you don't already have a family newsletter, now is a good time to start one, to let everyone know about the plans and enable them to clear their sched-



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CHOOSE A VENUE

Parks and campgrounds are great settings for family fun. Go online to www.metroparks.com for a list of

metroparks in the Detroit

Call your choice for its reservation rules. Picnic areas near pools can be hard to snag, but having the pool in eyesight is a plus to keep

roparks have pools. Metro Beach has both. Bike riders can hit the trails at Hudson Mills, Indian Springs, Kensington, Lower Huron, Metro Beach, Oakwoods, Stony Creek and Willow.

Make sure your area has shade. A canopy comes in especially handy if it rains on your reunion. You also don't want to have a long hike to the restrooms.



children under close watch. Kensington and Stony Creek metroparks have beaches. Lower Huron, Lake Erie and Willow met-

Coloring contests, finger-paint-



You don't have to go all out for decorations. A large vinyl banner to hang from one end of a canopy to the other can be obtained from office supply

stores such as Kinko's. Have your family's last name printed on the banner and use it again at next year's

A sea of matching T-shirts makes it easy for others to spot your group when they arrive. The shirts also help if you have to find a wandering child.

Most parks let you post signs to direct your family to your reunion spot. If you happen to have a candidate's lawn sign, unstaple it, turn it inside out, staple it

back onto the stand and write, for example: "Perry Family

GAME TIME

Good old games of baseball, basketball and tug of war always liven up a crowd. Card games are

a jump-off for harmless trash talking. Use the rise-and-fly method — you lose the game, you lose your seat – so that everyone has a chance to play.

Those who dare to get dirty can play the eggtoss game. Players divide them-

selves into pairs; the whole group splits itself into two rows, with the pairs facing each other. Each pair gets an uncooked egg. With each toss, players take a step back. If the egg cracks, you're out. The tossing continues until the last team stands with an uncracked egg. Bring wet naps and an extra

ing, talent shows and three-legged races will keep children enthused



and amused.

Everyone can be creative by designing patches for a family quilt. Visit www.orientaltrading .com and search for "quilts" to buy materials.

FOOD AND PICTURES

Potlucks work well for smallscale reunions. A nice touch is for family members to bring recipes for special dishes to help start a family recipe book.

This also is a great time to collect information for a family tree. Have everyone fill out a questionnaire that includes at least the full name, birthday, spouse, children and anniversary.

Appoint a family historian to keep track of this information and update it later, and a photographer to take pictures throughout the day. Try to get each household together for a photo. Start a family photo album and get extra pictures printed to create a collage for next year's reunion. A board dedicated to deceased family members is also a nice touch.

And, of course, don't forget to e-mail pictures to family members who couldn't attend the reunion.



AWARDS

Recognize the oldest and youngest family members, the person who drove the greatest distance, couples with the most children and grandchildren and the newest parents and grandparents.



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