

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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SUN, JUNE 3

CANCER SURVIVORS
The Cancer Center at Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center in Dearborn has scheduled its ninth annual Cancer Survivors Celebration noon to 2 p.m. at the Canfield Center in Dearborn Heights. The celebration includes a barbecue lunch, games, prizes, clowns, magic tricks and a tour of the fire station adjacent to the center. The event is for anyone with a history of cancer from time of diagnosis to the remainder of their life, be it months, years or decades. Call (800) 643-WELL.

JUNE 4, 12, 18, 26

BIRTHING CENTER TOUR
Prospective and expectant parents, family members and support caregivers are invited to tour the Miracle of Life Birthing Center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia. The tours are designed for adults and children age 10 and older. Younger children are encouraged to attend a "Siblings Class," which introduces important child-care skills and addresses sibling issues. Participants in meet at 6 p.m. in the Pavilion Lobby. Call (734) 655-1100 or 1-800-494-1616 (out-of-town callers).

TUES, JUNE 5

TOPS
Michigan TOPS Chapter #29

Grillin' from page D4

Clostridium botulinum: This bacterium can produce a toxin that causes illness. Source: Soil, intestinal tract of animals and fish, improperly canned foods, garlic in oil, vacuum-packed and tightly wrapped food. Symptoms: Double vision, droopy eyelids, trouble speaking and swallowing and difficulty breathing. Incubation period: Twelve to 36 hours. Case fatality in the United States is 5-10 percent.

Clostridium perfringens: Called the "cafeteria germ" because many outbreaks result from food left for long periods of time in steam tables or at room temperature. Source: Soil, dust, sewage, and intestinal tracts of animals and humans. Grows only in little and no oxygen. Symptoms: Diarrhea, nausea and gas pains. Symptoms may persist one to two weeks. Incubation period: Six to 24 hours.

Salmonella: Found in humans intestinal tract; rarely found in animals.

Source: Person-to-person by fecal-oral route; fecal contamination

will host guest speaker Betty Domene, president of TOPS International 6 p.m. at the Newburg Methodist Church, 38500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne Road and Newburgh, Livonia. TOPS is the oldest international, non-profit, non-commercial weight-loss support group, with 10,550 chapters in the United States, Canada and other countries. Call Marie at (734) 782-0386.

CANCER SURVIVORS

The Josephine Ford Cancer Center will hold its annual Cancer Survivor's Day celebration noon to 2:30 p.m. at the Burton Manor in Livonia, 2777 Schoolcraft Road between Inkster and Middlebelt. Joe Caruso, a professional motivational speaker who survived a rare form of brain cancer, will be the featured guest. Registration is required. Call 1-888-734-6322.

WED, JUNE 6

MENOPAUSE

Did you know your brain catches fire at menopause? Join the Menopause Support Group 7-9 p.m. at the Marian Women's Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital at 734-655-1100.

SUN, JUNE 3

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE
St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia, will hold a Community Open House 1-5 p.m. Sunday, June 3, marking its first anniversary as a member of Trinity Health. The public is invited to attend all events and activities, which will include hospital tours, a health fair, health screenings, U.S. Army MASH Unit demonstrations and media celebrity appearances. Prize drawings also will be held. All events free of charge. Call (734) 655-1593 or visit

tion of food and water. Most outbreaks result from food, especially salads, prepared and handled by workers using poor personal hygiene. Symptoms: Diarrhea containing blood and mucus, fever, abdominal cramps, chills and vomiting. Symptoms can last few days to two weeks. Incubation period: Twelve to 96 hours from ingestion of bacteria.

Staphylococcus aureus: Found on humans (skin, infected cuts, pimples, noses and throats). Source: People to food through improper food handling. The bacteria multiply rapidly at room temperature to produce a toxin that causes illness. Symptoms: Severe nausea, abdominal cramps, vomiting and diarrhea. Symptoms can last two to three days, longer if severe dehydration occurs. Incubation period: Thirty minutes to eight hours after eating.

For more information on food-borne illnesses, call the Wayne County Department of Public Health's Environmental Health Division at (734) 727-7400.

www.stmarymercy.org.

SAT, JUNE 9

FAMILY FUN DAY

Garden City families can visit the Oakwood Healthcare Center at 29150 Ford Road, just east of Middlebelt, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a day of games, refreshments, face-painting, safety programs and a free miniature golf tournament with movie passes as prizes. Representatives from the Garden City Police and Fire Department also will be there.

MON, JUNE 11

THYROID SUPPORT GROUP

The Michigan Thyroid Disorder Support Group will meet 6:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main St. Guest speaker Dr. Robert Potter, a chiropractor and naturopathic doctor, will discuss the natural approach to thyroid disease 7-8:30 p.m. Call Tracy Green at 734-453-7945.

BLOOD DRIVE

Belleville Church of God will sponsor a Red Cross blood drive 9-4 p.m. at the church, 45170 Hull Road, Belleville. Call Tracy at (734) 697-6606. No appointment necessary.

JUNE 12-21

DIABETES CARE

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will offer "Taking Charge of Living with Diabetes," a series of five classes for diabetes 18 years and older, 7-9 p.m. in the hospital's

Pavilion A. Medicare and other insurance providers may cover program costs. Pre-register by June 5. Call (734) 655-8940 or 1-800-494-1650.

WED, JUNE 13

HOME SAFETY FOR SENIORS

Are your senses not as sharp as they used to be? St. Mary Mercy Hospital will hold a lecture on how declining senses may affect home safety for seniors 1-3 p.m. in the hospital's Auditorium. A team of healthcare specialists will discuss age-related changes and offer strategies for protection of accidental injury. Register for "Home Safety" by calling (734) 655-8940 or 1-800-494-1650.

MANAGING DIABETES

The Diabetes Support Group at St. Mary Mercy Hospital will host a discussion, "What You Should Know About Your Diabetes Pills," led by Dr. Deborah Brill 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. The support group presents a new topic on the second Wednesday of each month for adult diabetics and family members. Call (734) 655-8940.

STOP SMOKING

Providence Hospital will hold the Wellness Seminar for smoking cessation 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 13 at Providence Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road. Session includes hypnosis and behavior modification. First 45 minutes is a free orientation. Afterwards, classes for diabetics 18 years and older, 7-9 p.m. in the hospital's

U-M's cancer survivor day schedules lots of laughs

National champion juggler, author and cancer survivor Scott Burton will bring his one-man show "Looking for Laughter in All the Wrong Places" to the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center's annual Survivors' Day celebration 1-3:30 p.m. Sunday, June 10, at Washtenaw Community College.

Hundreds of cancer survivors from across Michigan, along with family members and health care professionals, will gather to celebrate life and enjoy Burton's clean comedy and high-energy juggling performance that aims to erase the mystique and fear of cancer.

Having been there, Burton believes the gift of laughter helps cancer survivors feel normal and see their lives as precious. "I felt, and still do, each moment laughing is a moment you are in for only a second - in love with life." A comedy club headliner, having worked with Jay Leno and Louie Anderson as well as writing for the Roseanne show, Burton sends a life-affirming message to the youngest and oldest survivors and all the families in between.

The U-M Cancer Center's Survivors' Day celebration is free and open to the public. The

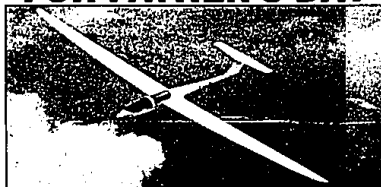


Scott Burton

event includes an information fair, Survivors' Art Display, art projects, door prizes, light refreshments, games of balance and more. It will be held at the college's Morris Lawrence Building, 4800 East Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor.

For more information, call 1-800-742-2300, category 6275, or visit www.cancer.med.umich.edu/share/survivorsday.html

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