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Sip, Savor, and Shop

Over the past eight years, the annual Sip, Savor and Shop event has raised more than \$50,000 for the Rochester Community Schools Foundation, which supports the Rochester Community School District. Each year the event grows and attracts new and unique vendors.

Attendees can shop from boutique vendors and silent auction/raffle items in an elegant banquet hall—all while enjoying choice beverages and delicious appetizers from local fresh markets and restaurants.

Sip, Savor and Shop will be Thursday, March 19, from 6 – 9 p.m. at the Rochester Hills Banquet Hall (formerly called the Forestre Banquet Center), located at 1919 Star Batt Drive in Rochester Hills. Adults, 21 and over, are invited to an all-inclusive, fun-filled evening for a great cause.

Admission is \$30 if purchased by March 6. Prices will increase to \$35 per person from March 7-18. Admission must be purchased in advance. No admissions will be sold at the door. Entries include assorted adult beverages, appetizers, an opportunity to shop unique vendors, and the chance to win silent auction and raffle prizes. Raffle tickets can be purchased online in advance or at the event.

To be added to the guest list, go to: <https://bit.ly/3cuD1Yg>, or call 248-726-3140 to pay with a credit card.



PAINT A MIRACLE will be hosting Images of Inspiration, its Annual Spring Luncheon and Art Exhibition on Wednesday, April 29 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at The Palazzo Grande in Shelby Township. Paint a Miracle invites the community to come meet its artists and celebrate their extraordinary talents. For more information or to purchase event tickets, call 248.652.2702 or register online at Paintamiracle.org/events. Paint a Miracle is located at 400 Water St., Ste LL4 in downtown Rochester. Pictured above are some of the 2019 Paint a Miracle artists.

Rochester Hills receives awards for capital investments

The City of Rochester Hills was recently presented with two Awards of Excellence by the Michigan Concrete Association (MCA). Both the reconstruction of Auburn Road and Innovation Hills were recognized for their workmanship, decorative concrete finishes, and aesthetic design demonstrated in the finished product.

The Auburn Road Reconstruction project, which opened at the end of November, won the Municipal Flatwork – Streetscape Award. The Auburn Rd project is located on Auburn Rd from Culbertson Avenue to Hessel Avenue. Auburn Road was rebuilt through the Brooklands area, providing a total redesign and concept for the roadway corridor.

Innovation Hills Park, the city's newest in Rochester Hills in 25 years, received the "Special Innovative – Decorative" award. The park is 110 acres that has access to the Clinton River, ponds, and a brand new one mile boardwalk. The latest construction features extensive use of glow stones installed in the concrete creating an ambient light as the sun begins to set.

Coulter, Meisner boast Oakland County's AAA bond rating

Oakland County Executive David Coulter's management team was viewed as "very strong" by Standard and Poor's (S&P) when they assigned a AAA long-term rating to Oakland County.

Coulter and team, with a bipartisan group of Commissioners, met with S&P last week to describe ambitious plans and continued adherence to strong fiscal policies.

"My administration is

committed to balanced budgets, fiscal responsibility, and moving Oakland County forward together. That is what my team presented to S&P and it is great to now have their validation with the highest rating possible – AAA," Coulter said. "This rating is positive news for the residents of the county because it allows us to cut the price tag of government."

The AAA bond rating will enable the county to finance two

bond issues at the best market rates possible, saving a significant amount of money. One bond issue is for the Oakland County Building Authority which will include a new public safety radio system. The other for a Water Resources Commissioner project in Farmington Hills.

"It has been my top priority to keep this AAA hallmark of Oakland County's economic prowess while

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Oakland County Executive David Coulter

leveraging our strengths and addressing our challenges. As I said at the State of County, we can be fiscally responsible with the taxpayer's money and forward-thinking," Coulter said.

S&P said in a report published online that their rating reflects Oakland County's "very strong



Oakland County Treasurer Andy Meisner

management, with strong financial policies and practices..." They also acknowledged the recent change in administration and "continued adherence to strong policies and comprehensive planning."

The report went on to state their rating is a "reflection of what we consider to be a large amount of discretionary spending, low fixed costs, and our positive view of the management team, which actively monitors the budget and is capable of anticipating and addressing challenges."

Oakland County Treasurer Andy Meisner said, "Oakland County's AAA bond rating saves taxpayers real money and shows the continued importance of fiscal responsibility. I have been proud for the last 10 years to be part of the effort to protect this critical AAA bond rating."

Another ratings decision is also expected this week from Moody's Investor Service.

The county's financial management strategy includes a three-year rolling budget, a five-year fiscal plan, maintenance of equity in the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund, and low debt liabilities.

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Rochester skatepark fundraiser

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The Rochester Downtown Development Authority has partnered with the Skatepark Leadership Advisory Team, aka SPLAT, to create a fundraising event to raise money for Greater Rochester's outdoor, state of the

art, public skatepark. This event is a pre-Deck Art 2020 gathering to be held on Wednesday, May 13, the evening prior to the kick off of Downtown Rochester's event Deck Art 2020. Raise the Park with Deck Art will be held at the Rochester Community House, 816 Ludlow Avenue, from 6-9 p.m. and the entrance fee is a suggested donation of \$5.

First recreational marijuana shop in Oakland County opens

Breeze Provisioning Center, located at 24517 John R. between Woodward Heights and Ten Mile Road, opened for the recreational sale of marijuana starting 9 a.m. on Sunday, March 8.

Breeze held its ribbon cutting February 11 for medical marijuana, including edibles, oils and topicals, and decided soon after to go straight recreational sale after it received its Adult Use Marijuana Retailer license on February 19.

The retail store will be the first to open for Adult Use/Recreational marijuana sales in Oakland County.

Breeze will be fully stocked and ready to accommodate anyone 21 and over with an ID, no medical card needed. Breeze currently only accepts cash and has an ATM onsite. Hours of operation are from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days per week. The recreational menus are available

to view on their website Breeze.us/.

Breeze, the retail brand of Trucenta LLC, is a seed-to-sale business. Trucenta has marijuana growing facilities in multiple locations, including Hazel Park and Emmett Township near Battle Creek. Breeze is working on opening up its next two locations in Warren and Emmett Township, along with other cities to follow.

"We called it Breeze for a number of reasons, but mainly because we wanted to make the buying experience quick and easy from the novice to the pros," says a Breeze representative.

"This store is great for Hazel Park as our products are grown, processed, tested, transported and now available for sale here. We have deep roots with the city and community, and many of our employees including our store manager live here."

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Drunk drivers consume officers' time this week in Rochester

POLICE PATROL



■ **YOU'RE IN ROCHESTER** – It was 1:30 in the morning when a Rochester Officer

was parked on Main St performing selective enforcement. A few moments later, the officer observed a black sedan turn right onto southbound S Main from Third. As the vehicle turned right, it traveled into the fast lane and then entered the northbound left turn lane to Third St. As the vehicle traveled southbound it was driving down the center lane. The officer made a traffic stop on the vehicle on Rochester Road at Cloverport. The driver identified himself as a 34-year-old man from Mexico City. While speaking with the driver, the officer could smell a strong odor of consumed intoxicants emanating from the vehicle. The officer asked where he was coming from, and he said "Rochester." The officer requested the driver to perform several field sobriety tasks. He did so and failed them. He then took a PBT which yielded a .16% BAC. He was placed under arrest for the offense of OWI and taken to the Rochester Police Department where he was given a breathalyzer. That result was .19 and .20 BAC. He was booked and processed and later released. A warrant for BAC of .17% or more being sought.

■ **JUST MOTRIN?** While on patrol just after 2 a.m., Rochester officers were traveling westbound on Second St. when they observed a red F150 Ford pickup truck with a noticeably loud engine/exhaust traveling eastbound on Second St. from Walnut. Officers proceeded to follow the vehicle south on S. Main St. and initiated a traffic stop on Rochester near Avon. Officers made contact with the driver and advised him for the reason of the stop. A LEIN check of the driver showed that he was clear and valid. A LEIN check of a passenger in the vehicle showed that he had two current warrants. The passenger was asked to step out of the vehicle and was placed under arrest for both warrants. He was handcuffed and searched. During the search, a red plastic zip lock bag was located in the front right pocket of his outer work coat that contained two different pills. The passenger advised that the pills were Motrin. He was placed in the rear of patrol vehicle. He

was advised that he was under arrest for the possession of analogues. The driver was cited for a civil infraction and released. The passenger was transported to the Rochester Police Department where he was processed and held on the warrants and pills.

■ **WRONG WAY** – A Rochester officer was traveling eastbound on Second, from Walnut when they observed a Ford truck traveling northbound on the west Alley, approaching Second St. The west Alley is a one-way street, with traffic only permitted southbound with multiple signs posted. The officer performed a traffic stop on the Ford on Walnut, near Third St. Officer made contact with the driver, identified as a 51-year-old man. While speaking with the driver Officer smelled a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the interior of the vehicle. The officer had the driver perform several sobriety tests and he failed them. He was asked to take a PBT and the result was .08%. He was then arrested for the offense of OWI and taken to the Rochester Police and given a breathalyzer. That result was .10 BAC twice. He was then booked and processed and later released with a ticket for OWI.

■ **RUNNING A RED IS NOT ADVISED** – A Rochester officer was in the area of Main and University when he observed a vehicle cross over the solid yellow line. The officer followed the vehicle and observed it turn without signaling, cross over the solid yellow line again, turn without signaling again, cross over the double yellow line, and then go through a blinking red light without stopping. A traffic stop was conducted, and the officer made contact with the driver, a 30-year-old Rochester man. The officer observed signs the male driver had been drinking and he was placed through field sobriety testing. The male driver failed all offered tests and was transported to the Rochester police department where he refused an offered breath test. The officer obtained a search warrant for the driver's blood and the blood draw took place at Ascension Providence Hospital Rochester. The man was held until sober, charges are pending the results of the blood test.

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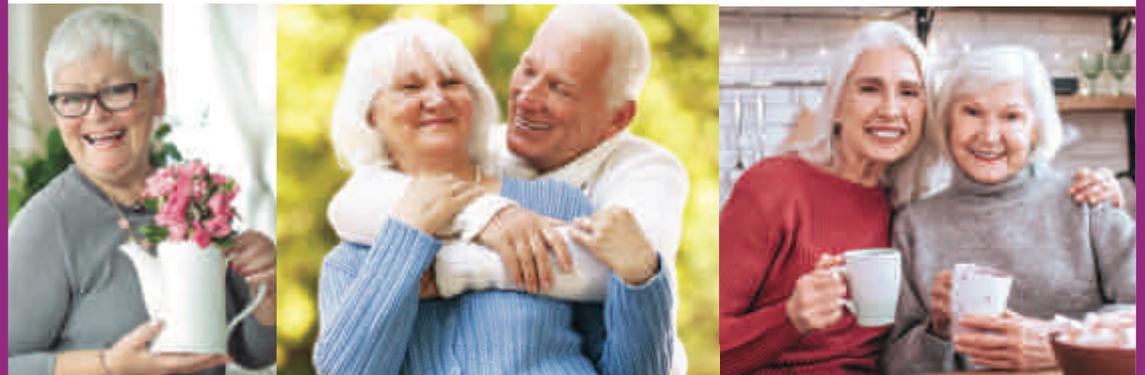
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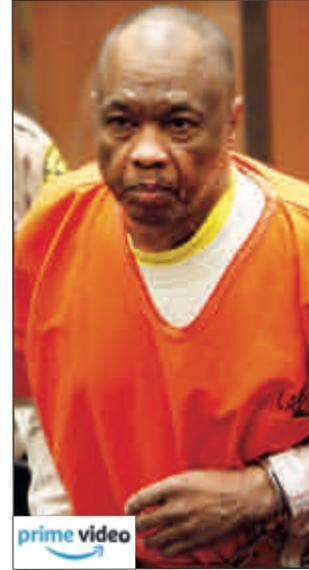
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Little Shop of Horrors serves up a deviously delicious musical treat

Little Shop of Horrors, the Broadway and Hollywood sci-fi smash musical that has devoured the hearts of theatre-goers for over 30 years will return to Grosse Pointe Theatre this March. Howard Ashman and Alan Menken (Disney's The Little Mermaid, Beauty and The Beast, and Aladdin) are the creative geniuses behind what has become one of the most popular shows in the world. Performances will be held March 27-29 and April 2-5 at Pierce Middle School Auditorium: 15430 Kercheval Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230. Tickets are \$26. Tickets can be purchased through the Grosse Pointe Theatre Ticket Office by calling 313-881-4004 or by visiting Gpt.org/LittleShop. Little Shop of Horrors is rated PG-13. Parents strongly cautioned – some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

The meek floral assistant Seymour Krelborn stumbles across a new breed of plant he names "Audrey II" - after his coworker crush. This foul-mouthed, R&B-singing carnivore promises unending fame and fortune to the down and out Krelborn as long as he keeps feeding it, BLOOD. Over time, though, Seymour discovers Audrey II's out of this world origins and intent towards global domination!

Grosse Pointe Theatre is proud to partner with Turning Point of Macomb County during

the performances of Little Shop of Horrors. Turning Point's mission is to provide programs and resources that enable victims/survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault to regain control of their lives. Grosse Pointe Theatre will be collecting items from their Wish List in the lobby at all performances. Please consider



bringing a donation to help!

There will also be a talkback following the 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, March 29, with the director of Little Shop and representatives from Turning Point. Hear from the director on the difficulty of portraying abuse on stage. Learn the story of a domestic violence survivor and

available community resources for domestic violence survivors and their loved ones. The talkback will be open to audience questions.

Turning Point's philosophy is to work toward ending the use of violence as a means of oppressing and controlling others, and endorses the concept of helping people assume power over their

of the quality of life for present and future generations. To learn more, visit turningpointmacomb.org.

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Meadow Brook Theatre announces 13th Annual Children's Series

Tickets will go on sale Monday, March 9, 2020 for Meadow Brook Theatre's 13th annual Children's Series, beginning in February 2021.

"These shows are a great chance for families to come and experience a live show in an intimate setting that's close to home," says Cheryl Marshall, MBT managing director. "We love seeing the kids enjoying and interacting with what's going on onstage."

First is Ventriloquist Richard Paul - Funny Puppet Guy on Saturday, February 27, 2021 at 1 pm.

Award-winning ventriloquist/funny puppet guy Richard Paul will be performing his Ventriloquist Family Fun Variety Show. Get ready to laugh out loud when Richard selects lucky audience members to join in on the fun by dressing them up and transforming their natural voices into something supernaturally funny. Tickets are \$10, \$8 for groups of eight or more.

On Friday, March 5, 2021 at 10 am Theatreworks USA presents Patrick Garner's History Alive - Thomas Edison: Inventor, Lecturer, and Prankster! and Benjamin Franklin: America's First Citizen. Discover two important pieces of American history while having fun! Great for kids in kindergarten and above. Tickets are \$16.

Next up we have the Theatreworks USA production of Junie B's Essential Survival Guide to School on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 10 am and 1 pm. Now that Junie B. Jones has been going to school for over one-and-a-half years, who better to write the book on EVERYTHING you need to know? With a jillion tips, tricks, and trip-ups, Junie B. shares her hard-won expertise and shows us all how school is sometimes scary, sometimes super-fun, and ALWAYS something to sing about! Tickets are \$15, \$12 for groups of eight or more.

Musician Guy Louis is back by popular demand for Guy Louis: The World of Music Tour on



Ventriloquist and "funny puppet guy" Richard Paul.

Saturday, May 8, 2021 at 1 pm with an all new show. This musical adventure is intended for people of all ages and encourages audience participation during this fast-paced celebration! Tickets are \$10, \$8 for groups of eight or more.

Saturday, May 29, 2021 at 1 pm join Josh Casey: Comedy Juggler. Join Josh Casey as he mashes up a show of comedy and skills; juggling, audience participation, jokes and stunts are all part of the experience! Tickets are \$13, \$11 for groups of eight or more.

Finishing up the series is the Bright Star Touring Production of Old MacDonald's Singalong Farm on Saturday, June 12, 2021 at 1 pm. Everybody on the farm has a favorite song. From tunes like

"Camptown Races" to classic nursery rhymes like "Hey Diddle Diddle," this fun interactive show has a strong character message of sharing and caring for others and is a great option for kids pre-K+! Tickets are \$12, \$9 for groups of eight or more.

Meadow Brook Theatres season ticket holders receive a 20% discount for tickets to the Children's Series. Tickets are available through the MBT box office and Ticketmaster. You can reach the box office by calling 248-377-3300. For groups of eight or more, call 248-370-3316.

For additional information on Meadow Brook Theatre, visit Mbtheatre.com.

Voices of Troy Podcast: Kurt Bovensiep, DPW Director

On this week's Voices of Troy podcast, Gazette Editor in Chief Andrew Neal interviews Kurt Bovensiep, Director of the Troy Department of Public Works.

Bovensiep is a Troy native and started working for the DPW at a young age, slowly working his way up the ranks until he was named director in 2016.

In the interview, Bovensiep talks about how the DPW clears the snow from the roads after a heavy storm.

"We start with major roads," Bovensiep said. "After major roads are complete, we focus on industrial roads... and school routes. When we receive 4 inches of snow or more, we then go into

our sub division roads. Those are rotated and we try to be as fair as possible."

Listen to the interview at Anchor.fm/VoicesofTroy or wherever you get your podcasts by searching "Voices of Troy."



LARGE-SCALE PHOTOGRAPHS of Lakes Erie, Huron, Michigan and Superior are the subject of this exhibition by Detroit area photographer Jeff Gaydash at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Known for his expertise with black-and-white digital printing, Jeff has traveled to coastlines throughout Michigan to capture the sublime beauty and quiet solitude of one of nature's greatest treasures. The exhibition is on display at the DIA through May 3.

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Spring Dining Section

CK Diggs: Consistency in a family-run restaurant

CK Diggs, at the corner of Crooks and Auburn in Rochester Hills, is one of those local establishments that is comfortable because it's consistently good. Whether it's lunch with a friend, happy hour, family dinner, or watching the game, CK Diggs fits the bill.

The family-run restaurant was founded by Michael Khami, veteran restaurateur and former owner of Murdock's, and son Chris Khami, the family operation is also helped by daughter Nichole Kirma.

The clientele is local and usually repeat business. The venue is busy for lunch as well as dinner. On Sundays, when the venue is closed, there is often a private event, a shower, birthday party, sports banquet, or family gathering of up to 120 people,

using the space privately.

"You can watch the game or have a drink anywhere," says Chris. "We're family friendly, our food is always good and our staff is attentive."

"Consistency is the key to repeat business. We tweak the menu occasionally, but keep the items that are most popular. And, we have daily specials."

Michael describes the menu as bistro fare. The offerings are varied with some choice items in every category; Think bar favorites, salad entree, and hearty meals, plus a variety of pasta and pizza choices for any taste.

CK Diggs is located at 2010 Auburn Rd., at the corner of Crooks Rd, in Rochester Hills. For more information or carry-out, call 248-853-6600 or visit their website at Ckdiggs.com/.

Teaching children good table manners starts at home

A trip to a restaurant can be a fun family outing — not to mention a welcome break from making meals at home. But it's not always easy to get children to behave appropriately at restaurants.

Set Realistic Expectations

When teaching your child appropriate restaurant manners, it's important not to set your child up for failure. In other words, set realistic expectations about how long your child can sit quietly at a restaurant.

Practice at Home

If your child is old enough to understand what to do in a restaurant, practice at home first. Start with how you teach them to behave at meals at home. Teach them to sit at the table with you, and to try at least one bite of each part of their meal. Even if they don't want to eat it, they can still sit with you and talk about what

they did today, or to ask politely for more of something they do like.

Remind Kids Before Entering Restaurant

Once your child gets the hang of things at home, then take them out and remind them that when they are out in public, they are expected to sit still and act like big kids. It is also a good idea to start with family-friendly restaurants, as they are the perfect place to test out restaurant table manners.

Create Distractions

Family-friendly restaurants are also more likely to provide paper placemats with pictures for coloring and a few crayons to help entertain kids. Such distractions can help provide an interesting and new thing for a kid who doesn't get such at home during meals, thus helping to pass time until the food arrives.

Take a Break Outside

Of course, with children, not everything will go as planned. If your child has a meltdown during the meal, then don't be afraid or embarrassed to walk out. Give a child one warning to behave appropriately, and if they won't listen, take action. Take the offending child to the car and wait there for a few minutes. Ask them if they are ready to go back in and behave as they should. Unfortunately, it's also a punishment for the parent whose turn it is to go out to the car.

Sometimes You Have to Leave

If things really get out of hand, then it's time to go home. If warnings and time out punishments don't work, it may be time to remove them from the experience entirely. When at home, consider giving them a sandwich or something simple to eat. Most importantly, watch children for cues.

How much should you tip when dining out at a restaurant?

Tipping expectations vary by culture and by service industry. Although tipping is a common practice in the United States in some other cultures or situations, giving a tip is not expected, and offering one could even be considered condescending or demeaning.

In the United States a tip is not legally required and the amount of the tip is at the discretion of the customer. However, it is important to understand cultural expectations of leaving a tip, as leaving an inadequate tip amount can be considered bad etiquette or even unethical.

Restaurants only pay a small portion of their employees' salaries; tips provide the rest. In many states, including Michigan restaurants are legally allowed to pay servers below minimum wage. The server's income is then supplemented with the service they provide — tips. Tips can constitute over 60 percent of a server's total earning. This means servers are paid based on a reward system: the person receiving the service can pay the server according to the quality of their performance. The better service the server provides, the more they are tipped.

It is also common for servers

to give portions of their tip to the restaurant's support staff. At the end of their shift, servers often pay a certain percentage of their sales to other staff members such as the kitchen staff, bartender, and bussers who do not receive tips directly.

When a customer leaves a small tip, the server receives less from the tipping pool than other staff. Over 14 percent of all full service restaurants participate in tip pools.

The appropriate amount to tip servers depends on your service. Typically, 15% is appropriate for average service; 20% if your server is above average. You should feel free to tip above 20% if you received excellent service. If you received poor service, it is better to talk to the manager than skip on the tip. Leaving no tip does not correct the problem of poor service.

Some restaurants have found that big groups with a bigger bill tend to tip very little. In an effort to avoid this issue, many restaurants add an automatic gratuity to parties of six or more; often the gratuity is set at 18%. If you have a party of six or more, you should verify that the gratuity is being added to the bill to avoid double tipping.

It is customary to calculate tips prior to tax. However, many people use the total bill for the ease of calculating or to be more generous. Servers have to pay tax on their tip as well as share the tip with other support staff members. Many people feel that giving tip after the tax amount is fair, ensuring that their server receives a larger amount.

For an easy way to figure out a 20% tip, a good rule of thumb is to round off your total, double the amount, and then add one decimal point. For example, if your check total is \$42.86, round off to \$43, then take \$43 and double it (multiply by 2), which is \$86. Add a decimal point by moving it one place to the left, which would be \$8.6. Therefore \$8.60 is a 20% tip on \$43.

For an easy way to figure out 15% tip, round off your total, divide by 2, then add that amount to the total and move the decimal point one over to the left. For example, \$27.75 rounded off is \$28. Then divide \$28 by 2, which is \$14. Take \$14 and add it to the total of \$28, which is \$42. Move the decimal one place to the left and the tip amount is \$4.20.

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When it comes to fine dining and Italian food, taste pairing is everything. There's a reason Italian food and wine go together; the beautiful combination of rich, herb-infused cuisine and aged, tangy wine create a dining experience that can't be beat. Here is a small guide to help you choose the best wine to go with your meal. Whether you are noshing on pizza, seafood, decadent thin bread or a time-honored pasta dish, the right wine can make all the difference in making your meal simply amazing. Use this guide the next time you go to your favorite Italian grill for decadent cuisine so you don't get confused when the wine list comes your way.

Pinot Grigio

If you are having a classic pesto dish, then pair it with a classic wine. Pinot Grigio is known for its robust yet simple flavor, and is a white wine that will bring out the charm of pesto. If you are having bread with your meal, talk to your waiter about the best types of bread that will bring out the most flavor in your wine choice so you can fully complement your meal.

Chianti

Chianti is perhaps one of the most popular wines to pair with Italian dishes. Chianti is a very dry red wine that goes best with a cheese dish or a light salad, although you can pair Chianti with any meal for a true Italian culinary experience. Ask your waiter what dishes they recommend in their restaurant for Chianti wine so you can enjoy both your drink and your meal to its fullest.

Chardonnay

Any creamy Italian dish calls for a flirtatious chardonnay. Pair chardonnay with Alfredo dishes or any cuisine that calls for a lighter meat, such as chicken or clams. Chardonnay is also a great wine to choose if you don't consider yourself a wine enthusiast, as chardonnay has a pleasing flavor that won't overwhelm your taste buds.

Zinfandel

The richer the red sauce you have in your pasta or pizza dish, the more tangy and bold you want your red wine to be. An excellent choice is Zinfandel, which not only matches the rich tones of a zesty pasta sauce note for note, but adds its own flair to tantalize your taste buds. Zinfandel is an excellent choice for pairing with meat-based dishes as well, such as Italian meatballs or a zesty pork dish. Don't be afraid to ask your waiter to sample different makers of this decadent wine so you can choose the flavor that best meets

your palette.

Pinot Gris

Seafood dishes call for a fruity wine that is bursting with pear, apple and other light essences. Pinot Gris fits the bill and brings out the creamy opulence of lobster, crab, clam, oyster and calamari dishes. If you love a

fruity and fun wine, then don't be afraid to pair Pinot Gris with any dish that calls for a light and buttery sauce or your favorite side cheeses. Your waiter will be happy to show you the seasonal wine list where fruity and decadent wines take center stage.



Dining out when you have food allergies

Having a food allergy used to mean dining out was limited to carrying your plate from the kitchen to the porch or, at best, eating at the home of a close friend or relative who could guarantee your food offenders were nowhere in sight.

Today, however, eating out is a lot easier, and safer, for the 2 million Americans who suffer with a mild, moderate, or even a severe food allergy.

Among the most important steps in this direction is a training program for restaurants introduced by the Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network (FAAN) and The National Restaurant Association several years ago.

Where do you begin? Experts say it starts with a good understanding of your food allergy.

Clearly, the most obvious way to avoid having a food allergy reaction while eating out is not to order the offending food. But that's not always so easy. Sometimes you can't fully see what you're getting on your plate.

Milk/Dairy - Some hidden sources with milk or dairy include: hot dogs, canned tuna, granola

bars, chocolate chips, desserts containing caramel coloring, and grilled steak (because many restaurants rub steaks with butter after grilling).

Eggs - Hidden sources with eggs include baked goods with a shiny surface like bagels and pretzels, the foam on some coffee drinks, and the pasta in prepared foods such as soups.

Wheat/Gluten - Hydrolyzed wheat protein is sometimes listed only as a flavor enhancer or binder in prepared foods and sauces, alcoholic beverages, hot dogs, ice cream cones, and soup mixes. Beware of some brands of butter as well.

Seafood - Caesar salad and caponata have anchovies, and foods fortified with omega-3 fatty acids include some orange juice, baby cereals, and soy milk.

While not every restaurant staff can tell you exactly what's in every dish, most of their corporate websites provide either a menu listing major ingredients or an email address where you can access specific recipe information.

— Colette Bouchez, WebMD

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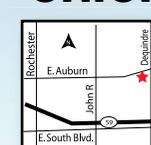
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Arts and Crafts

Believe it or not, a good arts and crafts session does not need to be messy – unless you want it to be. Instead, you can pull out some coloring books and crayons (or, print out free coloring pages from online). If you have a hobby such as knitting or crocheting, you can teach your children the basic steps and let them practice with some inexpensive yarn. Or, if you have a collection of buttons, your grandkids will likely enjoy going through them, sorting them, or stringing them.

Family Photo Albums

Most kids enjoy seeing photographs of their parents and other relatives as younger people – especially if you have some pictures that are less than flattering – or downright funny! So, pull out those family photo albums and take your grandchildren on a guided tour down memory lane.

A Nature Walk

Children are usually curious about the world around them. So, when the weather is nice, take them to a local park (or your own back yard if you are close to a wooded area) and explore nature. You can get in some exercise while discovering opportunities to teach your grandkids about flowers, trees, birds, insects, and rocks.

Gardening

Again, when the weather turns warm, let your grandchildren help you in the garden. Even if you only grow a few things within a small space, most kids are fascinated by growing things. And they will likely draw a great deal of satisfaction from seeing their seeds or bulbs turn into flowers or vegetables.

A Puppet Show

It is easy to create fun puppets with socks or brown paper bags. You can also use felt, glue and popsicle sticks. Or, to get even more creative, visit your local library and pick up a book on puppet making. Then, once you

have your cast of puppet characters, use them to act out your favorite story. Inexpensive puppet theaters are available, or you can simply get behind a sofa or chair.

A Movie Date

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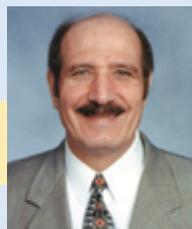
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The exhibition also will feature several other objects, including paintings, ivories and ceramics of different time periods.

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Make friends and stay active in the community. This may not sound like a budgeting tip, but being social helps with the issue of having an abundant amount of free time. When you're by yourself, you might shop for things you don't need or spend extra money on dining out. When around friends, there's a better chance that you'll engage in activities like taking walks, visiting local attractions, and cooking for one another. Check out the community center near your home for free senior activities.

Take advantage of senior discounts. People over the age of 65 can literally save money on anything. Restaurants, retail stores, hairstylists, and movie theaters all offer senior discounts. Sometimes you have to ask about

them, but it's worth taking the extra effort.

Use coupons and keep an eye out for sales. This is something that you and your friends can do together. Whether you clip coupons out of newspapers the old-fashioned way, or get them online, finding little discounts on the things you use is a fun and rewarding hobby.

Declutter your house and make some extra money at the same time. The longer you live, the more stuff you accumulate. And, at a certain point, in order to preserve your sanity, some of that stuff has to go. Sure, having a garage or yard sale is one way to get rid of unwanted items, but you may want to explore other options for your more valuable possessions. If you have antique furniture or jewelry that you no longer want, selling these things online may get you better prices.

Always make room in your budget for savings. This is good advice for anyone, of any age. Having money set aside to cover emergency expenses is absolutely crucial. So, always include a "savings" category when planning out your budget for the month.

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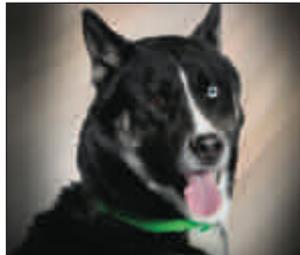
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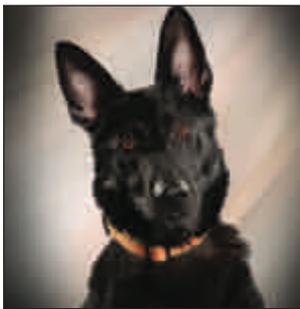
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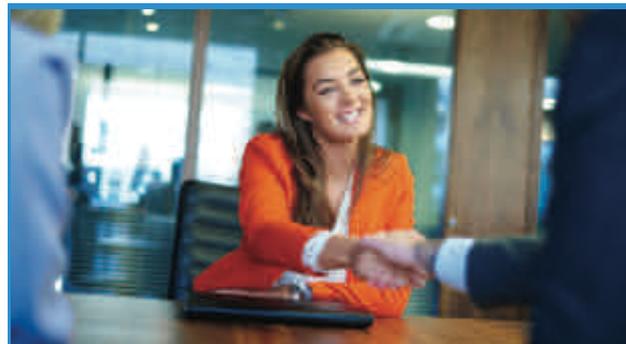


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