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The Dexter Teens To DC group were up early and ready for a busy day seeing the historic sites in Colonial Williamsburg and having some fun at Busch Gardens in Virginia. The Teens To DC program includes young people who have just completed the eighth grade and is led by Melinda Sweeney. The highlight of the tour is visiting Washington, D.C., and seeing the sites in our Nation's Capitol. (Photo by Teens to DC mom Kim Flowers - thanks, Kim!)

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*By Taylor Eggimann,
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The first annual *Rockin' For Racks* breast cancer benefit, hosted by Matt Harris and the Chris Welch Band, is scheduled for 2 to 11 p.m., Saturday, June 9. at the Boathouse Winery in Bloomfield.

Rebekah Northern will take the stage at 2 p.m., followed by Maggie Thorn at 3 p.m., with the group Salvation at 4 p.m. The evening will be rounded out by Crossed Timbers at 5:30 p.m., and the Chris Welch Band will close the show at 8 p.m.

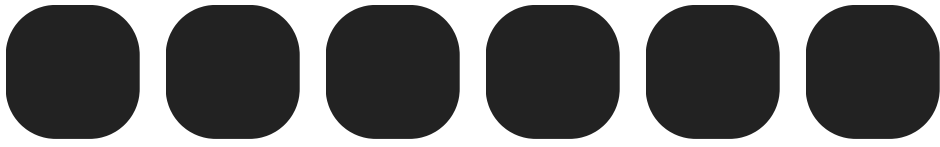
T-shirts will be available for \$15, and Bernie resident Becky Dennington will be doing a signing of her book "Me and the Ugly C". Various items will also be raffled off throughout the day.

"Tell everyone you know; friends, family, and coworkers, and come on out to the Boathouse Winery to help give cancer a fight," said project organizers.

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Tour de Corn Scheduled in East Prairie - June 23

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Exciting plans are being finalized for the 11th annual Tour de Corn bicycle ride on the 23rd of June in East Prairie Missouri. The event has continued to grow each year and has become very popular with many area riders.

The event is a fun bicycle ride for all ages and all levels of cyclists. Tour de Corn is known as a flat, easy ride and offers multiple choices of distance. So participants are able to pick from four routes: 15, 30, 65 and 100 miles. All routes are on state highways, in rural agricultural areas. The terrain is a little more challenging with some rolling hills on the 100-mile route.

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The 10 rest stops are of particular interest to the cyclist as volunteers shuck over 1,200 ears of sweet corn and bake over 70 dozen cookies to be ready for the event. These all important rest stops are well-stocked to rejuvenate energy levels of the cyclist.

The event is also fun for the non-riders as well. Beginning on Friday night (June 22), the City of East Prairie welcomes visitors to the event opening Main Street Party. The evening will include live entertainment, plenty of food choices, fun for the kids and so much more.

Registration is available online at

http://www.tourdecorn.com/?page_id=141. and is \$25.00 for each rider. This is a rain or shine

The Tour de Corn began when a local cyclist, Mike Bryant, had the idea of starting a charity ride in East Prairie. Mike approached the East Prairie Tourism organization in 2001 and with the help of a friends, interested citizens and a committee of local cyclists gathered to form the Tour de Corn Committee.

With 10 years of successful rides complete, the event has continued to grow from 175 riders in 2002 to over 800 in 2011!

The Tour de Corn is marked as a ride and not a race. Participants are encouraged to ride at a rate appropriate to the individual cyclist training level.

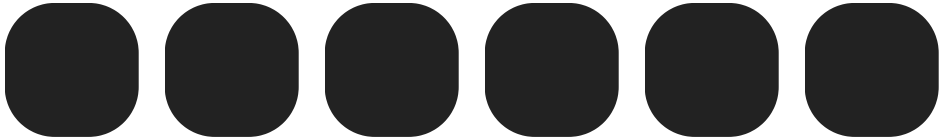
You will also find a treat of a spaghetti lunch available after the ride at Family Life Center. The meal will begin at 10:30 a.m until 2:30 p.m.

Many ShowMe Times readers (and cyclist) will be involved with the Tour de Corn event. Make plans to join them on the ride or just show up to watch this great event in East Prairie.

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Pretty Pink Quilt Crafted for 18 Fore Life

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Pretty Pink Quilt Crafted for 18 Fore Life

*By Annabeth Miller,
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It was a labor of love for Pat Starkl. She exactingly cut the squares, arranged and pieced them together, all to help folks in this area who might benefit fro 18 Fore Life.

Starkl is a resident at Central Gardens, and this spring she has worked, cut, pieced, and stitched a quilt that the residential care center will give tonight to the Silent Auction at the Ben Kruse 18 Fore Life Banquet.

Quilting is nothing new to Starkl, who said she has quilt “many, many” quilts. But she is especially proud of this quilt, knowing that its purchase will benefit a very good organization.

The quilt features a pink border and took about a month to complete.

“I made one two years ago,” she said. She said this quilt was a tad harder than quilts that feature patterns. ”You try to keep them from doubling up, nnot putting the same ones next to each other or across from one another. So you have to pay attention to that.”

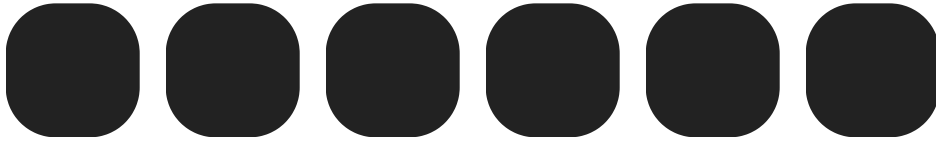
She’s proud of the quilt, so much so she plans to take a photo of the finished product for the ladies at Weber’s Ben Franklin to see. She purchased the material for the quilt squares at the store in Downtown Dexter.

Pat’s pretty pink quilt will be featured in tonight’s Silent Aucion, part of the Ben Kruse 18 Fore Life festivities.

(Photo Above: Pat Starkl shows off her hndmade quilt that will be part of the Silent Auction at the Ben Kruse 18 Fore Life Banquet Friday night. ShowMe Times photo by Annabeth Miller)

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Kennewick Couple Manages Culinary Greatness

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It all started when Larry and Karen Barcot were searching for a specific recipe among the many they had collected in cookbooks and on slips of paper during the years.

The result of the Kennewick couple's Saturday morning search is TheRecipeManager, a program that allows people to add their own recipes, change them, share them and search for them on an iPhone, iPad or desktop computer.

Now, about eight years after the first version was sold, the Kennewick couple's program is available at Walmart, Office Max and Office Depot. An app also is available through iTunes.

Their company, TheDataManager, has several hundred thousand customers who use TheRecipeManager in about 46 countries, said Larry Barcot, a programmer. Measurements can be converted by the program from U.S. standard to metric depending on what people use.

Karen Barcot said she never thought their effort to find recipes more easily would turn into a program that so many people are using.

She and her husband use the program frequently and said they have about 2,000 recipes filed away in their version.

"I would not live without it," Karen said.

They even have a desktop computer in the kitchen that they use when cooking, she said.

People can search for a recipe based on an ingredient or who created the recipe, said Karen Barcot, who has a marketing background.

The program allows people to change recipes, such as using different ingredients, she said. Recipes can be imported from websites, and photos can be added.

It even allows someone to make up a grocery list, Larry Barcot said.

"It is a valuable tool," Karen said.

The desktop version of TheRecipeManager has the ability to help people determine the nutritional value of recipes, Larry said. It uses the U.S. Department of Agriculture's nutritional database.

The couple said it hasn't just been their crew of seven who has made the program work. Focal Point Marketing of Kennewick does the videos for TheDataManager, and Artmil of Kennewick has designed the packaging, which won the American Package Design Award in 2010. Photos are taken by Seattle photographers Lara Ferroni and Clare Barboza.

And PocketiNet of Walla Walla will help by making high-speed dedicated wireless available to the Barcots' home, which Larry said will speed up the downloads for users for items such as videos. The company's servers are in Larry Barcot's home office.

To add to what their program can offer, the couple also have produced five cookbook programs with national and world-renowned chefs called TheInformedChef.

TheInformedChef was recognized recently by the International Association of Culinary Professionals for outstanding technology use.

That is among the most prestigious awards given in the culinary industry, said Meredith Deeds, director of cookbook development for TheInformedChef and the executive director of the International Association of Culinary Professionals.

While most people say they know what they need to know about cooking, Larry said they don't know as much as a professional would.

Chefs such as Deeds come to the Barcots' Badger Canyon home and demonstrate making the recipes in the couple's kitchen. The result is a cookbook app, such as Deed's Counter Intelligence.

Deeds, author of six cookbooks including The Big Book of Appetizers, said print media doesn't allow her to adequately describe techniques and sometimes ingredients. When she teaches cookbook classes, students only get the chance to see the technique once, and the number of recipes is limited.

Each program includes 25 recipes and videos and tips that go along with each recipe, Larry said.

For example, one video in Counter Intelligence shows how to make salted caramel sauce for an apple pecan cake, and another shows a quick way to slice a bell pepper.

With the app, people can get as much or as little out of it as they want, Deeds said. They can watch videos of techniques as many times as they want.

"I am not aware of any other app that is so dense in video content as TheInformedChef."

Deeds said that for Counter Intelligence, she picked recipes that were not only delicious, but also would include meaningful videos.

"I tried to pick those lightbulb moments," she said. Those are ones she has found while teaching cooking.

More of TheInformedChef cookbooks are planned, and Deeds said she would love to do another one herself.

Deeds and Larry Barcot have picked chefs to feature in TheInformedChef. Deeds said that although she loves all of the apps, Raghaven Iyer's Indian Flavors stands out.

"Indian food can be so mysterious for people," she said.

TheInformedChef is available through iTunes and theRecipeManager's website.

The program's website also includes free cookbooks such as one from the Washington Apple Growers Association. Larry Barcot said they hope to add more free cookbooks such as one from a Tri-City group.

TheRecipeManager is \$5 on iTunes, and each TheInformedChef is \$10. To find it in the App Store, search for TheRecipeMgr.

The retail price for the desktop version of TheRecipeManager is \$29.95, but Larry said it is sold at different prices depending on the retailer.

For more information, go to www.therecipemanager.com.

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