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Essay winners

Community Financial Credit Union announced Krupa Patel and Reese Oberksi the winners of its second annual President's Day Essay Contest. Presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln topped the list of the winners' dream lunch guests. For the second year in a row, Community Financial asked students, "Which U.S. President would you like to have lunch with and why?" Krupa Patel, a seventh-grader from Canton Charter Academy who wanted to have lunch with President Washington, earned the middle school group grand prize. Reese Oberksi, a fourth-grader from Smith Elementary in Plymouth who wanted to have lunch with President Lincoln, took home the elementary school grand prize. Both winners will receive \$100 cash along with lunch for their class with Community Financial President/CEO Bill Lawton. Their teachers will also receive a \$100 gift card for classroom supplies.

Trail cleanup

Another long, cold Michigan is coming to a close, and the Friends of the I-275 Metro Trail are busy getting the trail ready for the upcoming biking, running and blading season. The Friends are conducting a series of cleanups on the Wayne County section of the trail from 5:30-7 p.m. Volunteers will focus on picking up a winter's worth of accumulated trash. For more information call Dave Duffield at (248) 982-8776, check out the webpage at <http://i-275.michigantrails.org>, or visit the Friends of the I-275 Metro Trail on Facebook.

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Firefighters from four departments battled this blaze at the Lake Pointe Village Apartments. As of Friday, fire officials still weren't ready to say what caused it.

No cause yet in township fire

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Sharon O'Leary stood maybe 60 yards from the burning Lake Pointe Village Apartments building she's lived in more than three years, watching the blinds flutter in the breeze through a window shattered by firefighters battling the fire that destroyed several buildings in the complex Thursday morning. But her thoughts weren't really on the furniture, books and other belongings she watched perish, nor on the Easter trimmings she'd recently purchased. Instead, O'Leary mourned the almost-certain loss of her upstairs neighbor's dog, who firefighters said likely perished in the fire. "Those are just 'things,'" she said of her own belongings. "I feel really bad for my neighbor. She had a little dog that obviously didn't get out." Plymouth Community Fire Department firefighters were first on scene, called out before 11 a.m. to the blaze at Lake Pointe Village, where just a few years ago a tornado had destroyed part of the complex. According to PCFD Chief Mark Wendel, the fire likely started in the downstairs part of the unit, then made its way into what Wendel called "a common" attic. "Once it broke through



Residents of the complex comfort each other.

the attic, it was a matter of time" before it engulfed the buildings, Wendel said. "When our guys got here, it was fully involved." Wendel said it was too soon to speculate on any possible cause of the fire. He said the residents were all either not home or successfully evacuated, and no injuries had been reported. In addition to the PCFD, departments from Northville/Plymouth city, Northville Township and Livonia responded to the scene. Also called out was the Plymouth Salvation Army Corps, which brought blan-

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At this time the cause of the fire is unknown. Firefighters from Plymouth Township, Northville and Livonia battled the blaze.

Budget fight hits 35th court

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The budget battle between Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and Prosecutor Kym Worthy has reached the courtrooms at 35th District Court in Plymouth. Layoffs in Worthy's office have forced the county prosecutor to limit the number of state days attorneys from her office spend in several out-county district courts, including the 35th District Court. That means Plymouth, which had been getting two state days per week from the prosecutor's office, will now only get one. The 35th District Court serves the townships of Plymouth, Northville and Canton and the cities of Plymouth and Northville. "Due to the county laying off 26 contract attorneys and the lack of funding to fill 30 vacant attorney positions we have had to reduce the state days in Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth and Romulus," Maria Miller, spokesperson for Worthy, said in an email to the Observer. "Each of these courts had two state court days per week. Because of the staff shortages these courts will now only have one state day a week until further notice. This must be done so that we are able to cover all of the out county District Courts," wrote Miller. All the other out-county courts, Miller noted, operate on a regular one-day-a-week schedule.

Judge Michael Gerou of 35th District said the decreased time prosecutors spend in the court means judges can no longer postpone cases and need to keep the docket moving while he has a prosecutor in the courtroom. "We can't grant any adjournments," he said Friday while hearing a case. "There's no place to put these cases." It's all the result of the fallout of the budget fight between Worthy and Ficano, which resulted in the layoffs of 22 attorneys (along with three investigators and one clerical staffer). The cuts reduced the office to some 160 attorneys, down from 222 about five months ago, according to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. Wayne County prosecutors have missed personal protection order cases in Wayne Circuit Court, in addition to criminal traffic and misdemeanor cases that went uncovered in 36th District Court in Detroit, forcing judges to adjourn or dismiss cases. Worthy is suing Wayne County, contending that she can't fulfill her constitutionally mandated duties without more money. The lawsuit is pending. "We are certainly trying to come to some kind of agreement with the prosecutor on how perhaps she can adjust her budget and be more proactive in terms of avoiding a deficit or as large as a deficit as she's projecting so far," said Carla Sledge, chief financial officer for Wayne County. "We do not have prosecutors in all our circuit court courtrooms," Worthy said. "And pretty soon we're going to be forced with having to choose which cases we can prosecute at all. I'm talking felony cases now."

Gannett News Service contributed to this story.

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DDA's concert series 'one of best ever'

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Downtown Development Authority's "Music in the Park" concert schedule has been filled, and DDA officials are calling it one of the best ever. The series, which has been around in one form or another some 30 years, puts music on display in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park Friday evenings through the summer (with a break for Art in the Park). It routinely draws hundreds of people to the park to enjoy what often becomes a nice night out in concert with downtown restaurants.

Tony Bruscato, the DDA's director of operations, said the schedule, which features some new acts and returning favorites such as Steve King and the Dittilies and Gia Warner, "one of the best I've seen." "We've got 50 Amp Fuse and Steve King coming back this year, and they're always a big draw," Bruscato said. "Annabelle Road is really good, and Magic Bus is supposed to be fantastic, we're excited about having them. We've got some really good fan favorites people enjoy coming back to see and a couple of new acts."

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Rod and Pat Hanna danced to the music of 50 Amp Fuse at last year's Liberty Fest in Canton, and will get a chance again when the band performs in Plymouth's Music in the Park concert series.

FIRE

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kets, coffee, juice and comfort to residents.

Vincent Petransky moved into the complex in 2008, just three days before the tornado struck. He said he initially saw some white smoke, and thought it might be dryer exhaust.

"I didn't think anything about it ... Then it turned to black smoke," Petransky said. "So I took a look at what was going on, and alerted whatever neighbors I could."

Another resident, who declined to give her name but said she'd lived in the building directly across from where the fire started "for about 10 years,"

said the building "went up in seconds."

"I was on the phone with the fire department, and it was just a small flame, and then it was big," said the woman. "I had to hang up so I could go start banging on doors."

Another resident said she was sitting on the couch in her apartment in a nearby building when she heard some noise.

"I turned around and flames were shooting out of one end of the building," said the woman, who would only say her name was Phyllis. "It was just that fast."

The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

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The fire began late Thursday morning.



Vincent Petransky watches firefighters battle the fire that destroyed his apartment building. Petransky moved into the building in 2008, just three days before a tornado hit the complex, lifting roofs and blowing out windows.

CORRECTION

An editorial that appeared in the March 14 *Observer Newspapers* should have said that the "Friends of Jim Ellison" were holding a "campaign kickoff event," not the Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce.

The eBlast sent out by the Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce publicizing the event was a paid advertisement. It contained a disclaimer that read, in part: "The Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce does not endorse any single candidate or political party. Only those members in good standing with the Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce are able to utilize the eBlast services from the Chamber. The Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to refuse an eBlast request if management and/or the Board of Directors feel it violates our bylaws and/or standing rules."

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Suspected embezzler bound for trial

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer



Mansfield

A Canton woman accused of embezzling more than \$465,000 from her Plymouth employer admitted taking money, though she seemed surprised by the amount, the company president testified Friday.

Erica L. Mansfield, 39-year-old former administrative assistant for AspenTech Consulting Group, confessed last June when she was called into a company room to discuss company checks she allegedly made out to herself, Gregory Knapp, company president, said.

"She said she needed the money, that there were financial troubles within the family," Knapp said.

His testimony convinced 35th District Judge Michael Gerou to order Mansfield to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court on a charge of embezzling more than \$100,000 during a six-year period before she was fired last summer from AspenTech, a business software and consulting company. Mansfield, free on a \$500,000

personal bond, could face penalties ranging up to 20 years in prison if she is convicted.

Knapp testified he confronted Mansfield, who had worked for AspenTech since 2005, after he reviewed bank accounts and learned she had written checks to herself that Knapp didn't authorize. He said his name appeared on the checks.

"It was a forged signature," he said, adding the checks "were completely outside the scope of anything I authorized."

Knapp testified he learned money was missing from AspenTech after the firm was witnessing an uptick in business, though the increased

business didn't appear to improve cash flow.

Under questioning by defense attorney John Freeman, Knapp said he never saw Mansfield sign any of the purportedly falsified checks, not did he hire a handwriting expert to analyze signatures.

Knapp said Mansfield's job duties included writing company checks to pay invoices, but he said she didn't have the authority to sign the checks. During his testimony, Knapp pointed to an inches-thick binder he said contained documents showing what he called falsified checks.

Knapp testified he confront-

ed Mansfield after he learned it appeared checks had been written to her amounting to more than \$460,000. He said she seemed surprised by the amount but admitted taking money.

"I asked her how much she believed she took," Knapp said in court. "She said she didn't know."

Knapp said Mansfield, a mother of two young children, admitted she needed money due to family troubles. He said part of that involved a stroke her boyfriend's father had suffered.

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The concerts are free to those who attend, and there are hundreds — if not a couple of thousand — music lovers in Kellogg Park every Friday night.

Bruscato said the series remains extremely popular.

"It's been around so long it's become a tradition, a way for people to come down and spend the evening in

downtown Plymouth," he said. "The concerts are free, and they're in a setting like Kellogg Park, and you can't get any better than that. The music is the kind that people can just sit and enjoy and sing along to. There's almost no way you can not have a fun time at one of these concerts."

The concert series is hosted by the DDA, but supported by presenting sponsors Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan (for the seventh year) and

Hines Park Lincoln (for the second year). It's that kind of support Bruscato said is key to the series' success.

"They both see the value of the concert series," Bruscato said of the two major sponsors. "The concerts draw a lot of people, so that's a business reason, but they both also see it's a great community event in a great community venue."

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TAKING THE STAGE

This year's Music in the Park Concert series, presented by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority:

May 24: High-energy blues band The Bluecasters. The rest of the slate:

May 31: Crutches, a pop/rock band that says it's "Funkin' Up Your Favorite Songs."

June 7: Sound Alternative, playing Motown, rhythm-and-blues and funk.

June 14: Shawn Riley, a local favorite that plays Celtic and classic rock.

June 21: Mainstreet Soul

June 28: Steve King and the Dittilies, playing classic rock

July 5: Rusty Wright, a slide guitar master

from Flint.

July 19: Gia Warner, a Detroit Music Awards-nominated Best Rock and Pop Vocalist five years in a row playing rock classics.

July 26: 50 Amp Fuse

Aug. 2: Global Village, playing Motown, rock and blues

Aug. 9: Randy Brock, billed as Detroit's number-one blues guitar master who plays classic rock/blues.

Aug. 16: Annabelle Road, playing country music.

Aug. 23: Magic Bus

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Teacher gets slimed for good cause

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Andrew Cooper really likes Achieve Charter Academy physical education teacher John Gendron, mostly for his sense of humor.

One of Gendron's things, according to Andrew, is to ask who likes apples, and when students raise their hands, he'll say, "Well, how do you like them apples?"

But Andrew's fondness for Gendron didn't stop him — along with his brother Evan — from dumping half-a-bucket of homemade slime over Gendron's head at the conclusion of the school's Jump Rope for a Heart fundraising campaign for the American Heart Association.

The Cooper brothers — Andrew's in first grade, Evan is a kindergartner — raised more than \$700 between them to earn the status of the highest fundraisers and the honor of dumping the bucket of slime over Gendron.

Raising the money "made me feel good," said Andrew, who also reported that sliming Gendron "was really fun."

It was the year for the event at Achieve, where Gendron inherited it from former PE teacher Brett Wells. The entire school population takes part in the event, which raises kids' activity level and awareness of the need for physical fitness.

"It's all about getting them active and raising their heart rates," said Amy Hobbey of the American Heart Association, who partners with



Achieve Charter Academy physical education teacher John Gendron sees what's coming minutes before getting slimed.

Achieve on the event. "Kids need 60 minutes of physical activity a day, and many kids fall well short of that."

Gendron said students in each grade spent 40 minutes with the jump rope event. As part of the fundraiser, kids also collect donations, using on-line pleas or the traditional door-to-door method. Kids even raid their own piggy banks — "That's so heartwarming," Hobbey said — to help the cause. This year, the event

raised more than \$4,300. Any student who raised at least \$60 — and there were 25 of them — got to dump a cup of the slime on Gendron. The top earners got to dose him with the slime left in the bucket.

Gendron took the sliming in stride, happy to be part of something that engaged the children. "We got to reach all the kids," Gendron said.

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Sixth-graders Luca Perri (center) and Chris Madison get in on the sliming. They were among the 25 students who raised at least \$60 for the right to slime PE teacher John Gendron.



Brothers Evan (left) and Andrew Cooper raised the most money, and therefore got to dump the most slime on Achieve Charter Academy physical education teacher John Gendron. American Heart Association representative Amy Hobbey gives them a hand.

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EGG HUNT

Date/Time: Saturday, March 30, 10 a.m.
Location: Plymouth Township Park
Details: The Plymouth Lions Club again hosts its Easter Egg Hunt. Organizers say parents should bring the kids, their baskets and cameras. The hunt will be divided into age groups 0-3, 4-6, 7-8 and 9-10. There will be a collection box available for hearing aids, eyeglasses and cell phones. Donations are welcome.

CRAFTERS WANTED

Date/Time: Sept. 6-8, during Fall Festival hours
Location: Plymouth
Details: Organizers say it's not too early to send in an application for a booth in the Plymouth Fall Festival Craft Show. The spaces are limited and are filling up quickly. Applications are available on the Craft Show page at www.plymouthfallfestival.com.

Contact: For more information contact Colleen Brown crafftshow@plymouthfallfestival.com or (734) 455-1614.

GIVING HOPE

Date/Time: Wednesday, April 10, 7 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth
Details: "Give the Girls a Boost" is coming, an opportunity to support a good cause and enjoy a "Girls' Night Out" to benefit the Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle. The group is also looking for business sponsors.

Contact: For more information and to register, go to: cantonfoundation.org

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Dates/Times: Sundays, April 14, 21 and 28, 2-4 p.m.
Location: Miller Woods (Powell Road, east of Ridge between N. Territorial and Ann Arbor Road)

Details: Free, guided tours will occur in April to see the native spring wildflowers in Miller Woods. Tours depend on when the flowers are blooming, but are tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 14, 21 and 28. Check the website at millerwoods.com for up-to-date tour dates. Tours start every half hour. Park on side of road. Sorry, no dogs allowed in the nature preserve.

SEWING GUILD

Date/Time: First Thursday of each month, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: First Presbyterian Church, 701

Church Street, Plymouth
Details: This Plymouth-Canton neighborhood group is open to sewists of all levels. The Feb. 7 meeting features "Machine Embroidery Primer," followed by "3D Flying Geese-hands on" on March 7; "Charity auction" April 11 (note date change); and "Machine or Hand Applique Quilt Block-hands on" on May 2.

Contact: For more information e-mail asgpc@comcast.net

MASTERING MEDITATION

Date/Time: Saturday, March 23, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Location: The Center - Massage, Yoga Wellness Studio, 1200 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth

Details: Dr. Kapila Castoldi offers a free introductory series on mastering meditation. Topics include concentration, relaxation and meditation techniques; creating a meditative lifestyle; self-awareness through meditation. Castoldi has studied meditation under the guidance of Indian spiritual teacher Sri Chinmoy for 27 years. It is offered free of charge by the Sri Chinmoy Centre of Ann Arbor as a community service.

Contact: For information call (734) 994-7114.

BIPOLAR SUPPORT

Date/Time: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 6-7:30 p.m.

Location: Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 1608 in Plymouth.

Details: The Depression Bipolar Support Alliance is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings are open also to family members. All DBSA leaders are professionally trained and attend two trainings for every year to update their skills in leading the group.

Contact: Call Nancy at (734) 536-3457 for directions.

HOSPICE SUPPORT

Date/Time: Third Saturday of the month, 10-11:30 a.m.

Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Canton

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts a grief support group, "Compassionate Words," providing emotional support to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one. The group focuses on the various stages of grief, and incorporates basic journal writing as a way to express feelings. The program is free of charge.

Contact: To register, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement Coordinator at (888) 983-9050, or email achristensen@cchnet.net.

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FILE PHOTO

Kids from across Wayne County and southeast Michigan take part in the annual Wayne County Parks Marshmallow drop in Westland's Nankin Mills. More than 20,000 marshmallows are dropped from a helicopter to the delight of hundreds of eager children, who scrambled to collect the goodies and exchange them for a prize.

Parks ready for Marshmallow Drops

It will be raining marshmallows Friday, when the Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Department and the Wayne County Parks hold their annual Marshmallow Drops.

This will be the 34th year for the Marshmallow Drop in Wayne. It's being sponsored by Crosspointe Church and will take place at Attwood Park at 10 a.m. There will be three drops offered - first drop for walking toddlers to age 4 and children with a disability, second drop

for ages 5-7 and third drop for ages 8-10.

The event is free of charge to the community.

Wayne County Parks will conduct its 29th Annual Marshmallow Drop at two Wayne County Parks locations: Elizabeth Park in Trenton at 9 a.m. and Nankin Mills in Westland at 11 a.m.

More than 20,000 marshmallows will be dropped from a helicopter to the eager delight of thousands of children, who scramble to collect these good-

ies and trade them in to receive a prize. Children will be divided into age groups, to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to fully participate.

"I look forward to Marshmallow Drop every year," said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. "It makes me happy to see families having a great time, creating special memories together in our Wayne County Parks."

The Wayne County Parks Marshmallow Drop is co-sponsored by Tren-

ton Parks and Recreation, ITC Holdings and Taylor Ford. The event is the first of many fun-filled, warm weather events planned by Wayne County Parks for 2013.

Elizabeth Park is on Jefferson, east of I-75 and south of West Road in Trenton. Nankin Mills is 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland.

For additional information on this or any other Wayne County Parks event, call (734) 261-1990.

ON CAMPUS

Eastern Michigan

Isabelle McCormack of Canton was awarded the Presidential Scholarship at Eastern Michigan.



McCormack

McCormack, a freshman, has a 4.0 grade-point average, and her essay won acceptance into the "Undergraduate Symposium" earlier this month.

McCormack attended All Saints Catholic School and then

was graduated from Salem High School.

Central Michigan

Central Michigan University's fall semester honors list includes students from Plymouth and Canton who earned 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) and higher grade point averages.

The fall semester ended in December.

Canton students who made the list include Christy Lynn Balewski, Nancy Jean Balewski, Scott Anthony Ballelli, Kelsey, Elaine Baptist, Hannah Beth Beaudoin, Sarah Melissa-Nancy

Bleeker, Brian Edmund Chandler, Natalie Ann Demeyere, Jaclyn Rose Denomme, Samantha Joy Dieck, Sarah Marie Duxter, Lauren Alexandra Dworzain, Carrie Lynn Edwards, Kyle, Jeffrey Eggenberger, Thomas William Engle, Emily Katherine Gibson, Gina Marie Girimont, Kelly Marie Gitre, Jacob, Michael Glunt, David Anthony Hales, Rodney Gabriel Harris, Alexa Marie Hoffman, Samantha Ann Kolbicz, Alexander, Stephen Krul, Bradley Scott Larose, Lindsey Anne Mason, Bridget Jennifer McEvilly, Jessica Ann McLean, Ari-

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Plymouth students on the list include Eleanor Marie Ander-

son, Ashley Sue Bicknell, Jonathan P. Blomberg, Amelia Anne Burdette, Taylor Nicole Eppler, Kathryn Grace Fetter, Sheila A. Finch, Allison Charlene Heuer, Ethan Robert Kohler, Samuel Piotr Kokoszka, Emily Jean Lafontaine, Kelly MacDonald, Kerry Ann MacDonald, Christopher David Majer, Joshua Michael Perrin, Sera Petrillo, Patrick Ryan Salo, Kaitlyn Elizabeth Schumacher, Joshua B Skelly, Zachary L Spreitzer, Ryan James Tiderington, Caroline Kay Wall, Haley Rose Willman, Katrina L. Yelick and Allison Jeanette Zylka.



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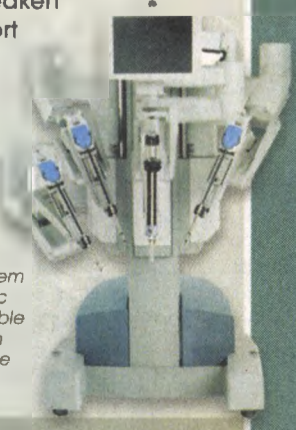
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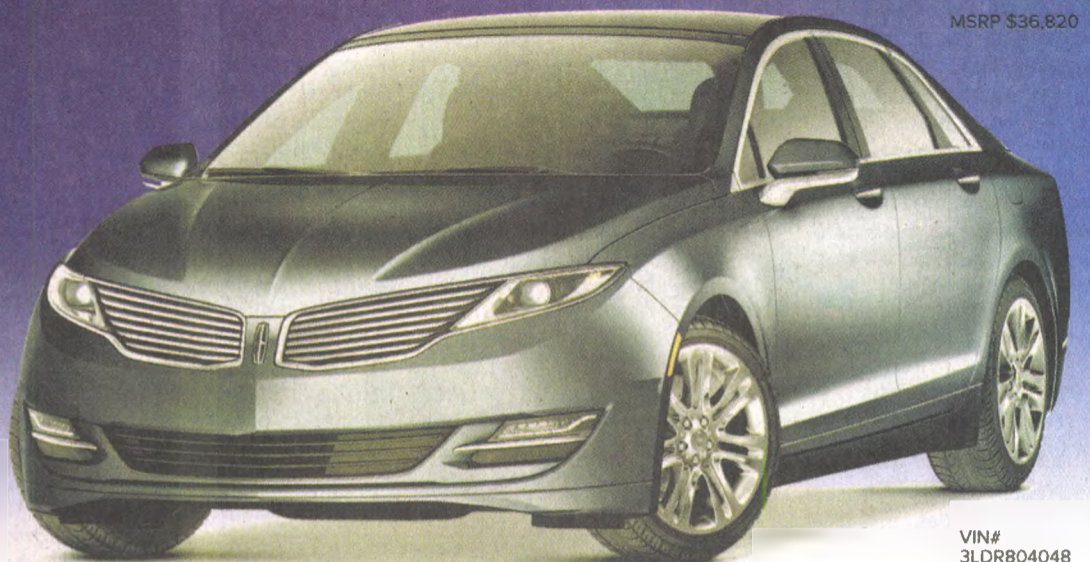
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Put deed for your home in trust for your kids

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: Years ago my husband and I set up a living trust to arrange for our children's care and to protect our assets. Our home is paid off and we are debating if it would be better to put the deed for our home in the trust or to add our children's name on the deed. If we add our children on the deed it seems they would have immediate access to sell the house and obtain the money from the sale. Both children are college graduates, responsible and not in debt. Please address the pros and cons.

A: In reviewing your situation the first issue to address is who are the successor trustees of your trust. It appears that when you initially drafted the



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

trust the children were probably minors and not the trustees of your trust. If you believe your children are capable of being trustees, then it may make sense to amend the trust to name them as co-successor trustees. If I assume that your trust is going to be amended and that your two children will be co-successor trustees, I like the idea of putting the house in the name of the trust. If you put the children's name on the deed as a co-owner they immediately have rights in your proper-

ty. If for some reason there is a dispute between you and the children, your home could be at risk.

In addition, if they have an ownership interest in the home and have any legal difficulties such as a divorce, your property could be subject to litigation. Therefore, to protect you during your lifetime, I recommend keeping other people's name off of your property.

Depending upon the value of your home there also could be a gift tax issue with adding your children's names onto the deed, you are making a gift to them. That doesn't necessarily mean that you would have to pay the gift tax because there are ways around it, but it would be an issue.

From the standpoint of control, whether the children are co-owners of the property or successor trustees of the trust they would have immediate control of the property upon your death. Therefore, in either scenario they would be able to immediately sell your property upon your death. Remember, in a living trust if the kids are the successor trustees there is no probate or court proceeding.

When you consider the issues, I believe putting the home in the trust is the best solution. Since it appears that you completed your estate plan a number of years ago, make sure that your medical durable power of attorney and general durable power of attorney are up to date. After all, at the time

you did your original estate plan your children were minors and, thus, were not named on the various powers of attorney.

If you haven't reviewed your estate plan lately, it's something that you should do. I recommend reviewing your estate plan at least once every couple of years. The reason you have an estate plan is to ultimately protect your family. An out-of-date estate plan doesn't accomplish that goal and sometimes is worse than no plan at all.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like Rick to respond to your questions, please email Rick at rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

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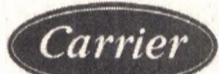
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Conservation group gears up for annual banquet

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

A change of venue last year for its annual Friends of the NRA dinner and auction proved to be a winner for the Western Wayne County Conservation Association. Now organizers are hoping that an earlier date will help grow the event even more.

"Last year was a big year for us," said Bob Haviland, a member of the WWCCA Friends of the NRA committee that is putting on the event. "When we changed the location and upped the number of people who attended, it made a huge difference."

The WWCCA is holding its fifth annual Friends of the NRA dinner and auction Thursday, April 25, at the Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center on North Territorial Road in Salem Township. The banquet raises money for the NRA Foundation. Fifty percent of the proceeds will go to the foundation, while the remaining 50 percent will stay in Michigan to support boys, girls and Women on Target shooting sports programs and range development.

Last year, 215 people attended the banquet. By holding it a month earlier, WWCCA will have more space to accommodate up to 300 guests and improved parking. If that happens, it would be almost double the number of people who attended the banquet when it



The Western Wayne County Conservation Association has used grant money from Friends of the NRA for its boys' and girls' programs as well as its Women on Target program which helps women learn shooting skills in a safe environment.

was held at the WWCCA clubhouse on Napier Road in Plymouth Township.

"We going for the top in attendance," Haviland said. "We don't want to shoot for the bottom."

Raffles and auctions

The evening includes dinner, games, auctions, drawings and door prizes. Doors open at 5 p.m. to preview prizes and the silent auction. Games start at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and

the live auction at 8 p.m. There also will be special drawing and door prizes.

Limited edition firearms, custom knives, FNRA limited edition commissioned art, special ladies merchandise and many items created for the event will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Special raffle ticket packages also will be available.

Dinner tickets are still priced at \$40 each, and guests are automatical-

ly entered in a drawing to win a firearm with their dinner ticket purchase.

Those who purchase dinner tickets by April 4 will be entered in a special early bird drawing.

Several packages also are available, including the \$100 Big Shooter that includes \$160 in raffle tickets and a ticket for a special drawing for "the Big Bang Gun," along with the \$200 Super Shooter with \$400 in raffle tickets and three tick-

ets for the gun drawing. People who purchase either of the shooter packages by April 4 will get a second package free. There also are sponsorships ranging from \$250 to \$2,500.

The success of last year's dinner won the WWCCA the High Caliber Club Award for raising between \$25,000 and \$50,000 for Friends of the NRA. Only four other clubs in the state earned the honor, according to Haviland, a Livonia resident. The club also scored a second place recognition for net proceeds and a first place for the most improved in net proceeds.

Because of those three achievements Haviland received a Volunteer of the Year Award on behalf of the committee which organizes the event.

"Ten people worked on it," he said. "This year we've increased it to 13-14 people. It's a hard-working crew. We've got some young people involved this year."

Ticket sales

The committee is working hard to promote the event. It was at the recent Outdoorama selling tickets for several gun raffles, and has gotten help from the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, which has included the dinner in its calendar events and in a e-blast.

As a result, two gun raffles are almost sold out. They include a Sig Sauer AR-15 high-caliber rifle and a Weatherby Vanguard Eurosport .270WIM rifle with "a really nice Leupold scope." Two winners will be pulled for that raffle at the dinner.

A third raffle is for a Sig Sauer P226 handgun that's used by the U.S. Navy Seals. It comes with a certificate of authenticity, display case and engraved medallion.

Only 300 tickets will be sold for each raffle at \$10 each or three for \$20.

The WWCCA was born around 1937. It got its start in Westland and moved to its current location — 80 acres of land on Napier Road in Plymouth Township — in 1965. Members come from around the tri-county area, including Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Westland and Redford and Downriver communities such as Lincoln Park and Ecorse. The club also attracts shooting enthusiasts from Farmington, South Lyon, Northville, Novi and Milford.

For more information about tickets and sponsorships, contact Haviland at (734) 516-7921 or Nancy Garneau at (734) 259-3341.

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Consultant studied juror behavior at Simpson, Rodney King trials

By Ken Abramczyk
Staff Writer

Jo-Ellan Dimitrius was retained by the O.J. Simpson defense team as a jury consultant.

The hiring of Dimitrius thrust her into the national scene as someone who could decipher messages sent by jurors, judges and attorneys through body language and facial expressions.

"It was a fascinating ride, and something I will never forget," Dimitrius said about the trial. "Some of the fun things were what you didn't see on TV."

Dimitrius, a trial consultant, talked about the Simpson trial with the audience Wednesday at St. Mary Cultural Center at the Livonia Town Hall lecture series.

The television cameras were off when Mark Fuhrman left the stand during a court break.

Prosecutor Marcia Clark threw her arms around him, giving him a hug, as if to tell him "attaboy, good job," Dimitrius said.

"But nobody ever saw that," Dimitrius said, except the jury. "Everyone who did said it was absolutely disgusting. That's Lawyering 101. You don't do that."

High-profile cases

Dimitrius has worked as a trial consultant in several high profile cases, including Simpson, Rodney King and Robert Blake. She has also appeared on news shows and networks discussing the behavior of witnesses, jurors, lawyers and



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Reading people is important especially in the age of the Internet, Dr. Jo-Ellan Dimitrius says.

judges.

The Rodney King case was the first one in which she worked with a law enforcement agency, the Los Angeles Police Department. The department retained her services as a consultant after they learned of her work with a couple who ran a preschool in California who were accused of several counts of child molestation, but jurors acquitted Peggy Buckley of all charges and Ray Buckley of most charges. Dimitrius had been hired by the defense team, and prosecutors and defense teams noticed her work.

She was hired by the defense team in the Simpson case. Several deputies were hired to watch

the jurors in that case. The deputies would report to the judge and attorneys on the jurors' behavior away from the courtroom.

"There were wars over the TV remote in which they were throwing it at each other," Dimitrius said. "There was only one TV to watch." There was another juror who put his stocking feet on the table, and an earphone on his ear," she said. "But the earphone wasn't hooked up to anything."

She knew Judge Lance Ito, whom she described as a friend. She walked into his office after he was named the judge to hear Simpson's case to congratulate him. He quipped, "I don't know if that should be congratu-



Susan Lutz and Gail Spencer, at left, listen to Dr. Jo-Ellan Dimitrius.

lations or condolences."

Soon prosecutors lent more credence to consulting. Dimitrius was hired by the prosecution in the Rodney King case. One juror had filled out a questionnaire indicating that her husband said the officers "should be hung by their toes."

"There is no way she is going to acquit," Dimitrius said, remembering what she told the prosecutors. The woman's husband was authoritarian, Dimitrius said, and she would follow her husband's opinions. Dimitrius found out later from the juror's deliberations that she was right.

Risky business

After that trial and the riots began after the officers' acquittals, Dimitrius was told to leave town, so she went to Palm Springs with her chil-

dren. "You did your job, but we have to send you away for a while," Dimitrius said she was told.

In the federal case when the officers were tried on charges that King's civil rights were violated, the prosecutor focused on the moments after King was on the ground. "That's when his civil rights were violated," Dimitrius said. "The prosecutor was absolutely right." Two of the four officers were found guilty at that trial.

Dimitrius highlighted some of her book, *Reading People*. "It is about a skill set we all have, but we are all so busy."

The characteristics are personal appearance, open or closed body language, a loud or soft voice, communication style (changing the subject), actions (how people treat others) and envi-

ronment.

Dimitrius looks at the way people stand and sit. "I'm looking for that open body position, that says 'I am willing to hear what you have to say.'"

Voice tone and how people answer questions is critical, too. "How many of you have asked a question to avoid a question?" she asked.

Reading people is important especially in the age of the Internet. When an email message makes you wonder about the sender's well-being, you should pick up the phone and call. "You can get a better sense of their angst in their voice," Dimitrius said.

She encouraged the audience to "follow your heart" in living life.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS THURSDAY APRIL 11, 2013 6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 11, 2013 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

1. ZBA application 1504, 41100 Plymouth RD: the applicant is an IND zoning district and is requesting one variance to allow (1) canopy sign on the awning over their front entranceway door. *The variance requested is (1) canopy sign.*
2. ZBA application 1505, 47828 Halyard: the applicant is in a TAR zoning district and is requesting two variances:
 - The applicant is requesting a monument sign height of twelve feet (12) where a maximum height is ten (10) feet. *Variance requested is (2) two feet.*
 - The applicant is requesting an aluminum sign base where brick or masonry base is required. *Variance requested is type of monument base being aluminum.*

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

For further information contact Plymouth Township Building Department 734 354-3210.

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PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN CITY HALL, 201 S. MAIN WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2012 7:00 PM (734) 453-1234

PUBLIC HEARING FOR:

1. PUD13-01 Starkweather Station
333 Plymouth Road
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Applicant: Dev Mar LLC / Mark DeMaria
2. SITE PLAN AND CHANGE OF USE APPROVAL:

SP13-02 Living Peace Church
684 Deer Street
Zoned: O-1, Office
Applicant: William Vowler

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In accordance 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:

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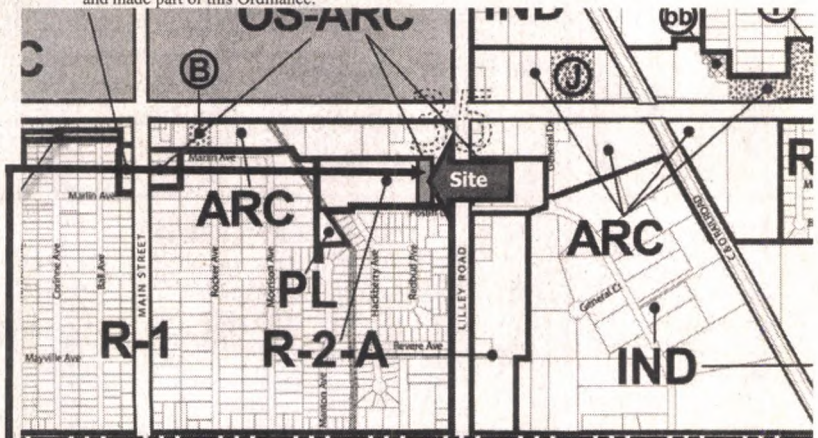
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NOTICE OF ADOPTION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. 99.016

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP. THE TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Part I. The Zoning Ordinance No. 99 of the Plymouth Charter Township, is hereby amended by amending the Zoning Map, by changing those areas indicated on the Amended Zoning Map No. 014, attached hereto, and made part of this Ordinance.



ZONING CHANGE
FROM: R-2-A
TO: OS

ORDINANCE NO. 99.016 AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 014 Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne, Michigan

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R-78-061-99-0009-000.

- Part II. CONFLICTING REVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.
- Part III. EFFECTIVE DATE. The provisions of the Ordinance are hereby declared to take effect on April 12, 2013.
- Part IV. ADOPTION. The Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth by authority of Act 110 of Public Acts of Michigan, 2006, as amended, at a meeting duly called and held on March 12, 2013, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law. The Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Plymouth Township Hall, Community Development Department during regular business hours.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on: March 12, 2013
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CITY OF PLYMOUTH CLOSE OF VOTER REGISTRATION SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2013

Notice is hereby given that registration for Qualified Electors for the Special School Election to be held on TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2013, will be taken at the office of the City Clerk during regular business hours, as enumerated below. The office is located at City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, on the first floor.

MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:00 a.m. - until 4:30 p.m.

Registration will close on Monday, April 8, 2013, and no further voter registrations will be accepted for said Election. Any interested person may also register at any Secretary of State Branch Office during their regular business hours. Qualifications of an elector for registering to vote are as follows:

1. Citizen of the United States
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4. Resident of the City of Plymouth on or before thirty (30) days prior to the day of the election

Qualified Electors who are currently registered with the City Clerk will not have to re-register. If you have a physical problem and cannot come into City Hall, please call and make other arrangements. The telephone number is 734-453-1234.

Linda Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk

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W-W expands school of choice to K-11

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Vowing to provide all children with a quality education, the Wayne-Westland school board Monday evening voted to expand the district's schools of choice program to include grades 9-11.

The board voted 6-0, with board Vice President John Goci abstaining, to change to a K-11 program with limited schools of choice for its two high schools — John Glenn in Westland and Wayne Memorial in Wayne.

Goci had hoped to have the recommendation tabled and brought before the board at a special meeting to allow for an "open discussion" with the community.

"I'd like to have more information on this before we vote," Goci said. "I'd like to know how other communities are going to feel about this. I've heard from the community and they're not happy about this. I haven't heard from anyone who is."

"All the districts around us have been marketing themselves, the competition for children has become fierce," said School Superintendent Greg Baracy. "They're recruiting from other districts because of funding. We have to be competitive."

The district currently offers intra-county schools of choice for its K-8 program. That will grow to include ninth-through 11th-grades as of the 2013-14 school year. Enrollment will be limited at the high school level with 100 slots available at

the two schools.

Good for district

Baracy said expanding schools of choice would be good for the district in that the new students would bring in needed revenue and help maintain current programs.

"Contrary to information on several social media sites, this will not be a free for all open enrollment, we will not be taking over another district," he added. "We have empty slots that could be filled and not raise class sizes."

Rumors about Inkster High School students being sent to Wayne Memorial triggered a flood of postings on the Wayne Pride Facebook page two weeks ago, and comments resurfaced when word got out about the 9-11 schools of choice proposal.

Wayne-Westland's schools of choice program will be open to only students who live in Wayne County. They can apply up until Aug. 23, or until the openings are filled. If accepted, students must provide their own transportation.

And due to changes in the law, the district will be able to screen applicants. Students must supply an affirmation of prior discipline record which asks if there is any disciplinary issues — suspensions, expulsions and criminal charges and convictions. The information must be verified by the student's current school.

"Inkster doesn't need our help, they don't want us to come in rescue them," said board President Carol Middel. "Students come here from all over the county. I hope

they come here because we offer the best education in the county. We offer opportunities that we need to keep offering. This is open to everyone, not one building in one district."

'Heated topic'

A large crowd of residents spoke for the proposal or for tabling it for more information. One woman told the board she had only heard about the plan two days earlier. Chris Bandy of Westland described it as "a heated topic" and said residents don't have enough information.

Parent Dianna Romas of Wayne talked about her daughter's concern about class sizes. However, John Albrecht, the district's executive director of student and legal affairs, told the audience that there are 800 fewer students in the high schools as in 2008.

"I'm all for diversity and openness, but if the class sizes continue to grow and grow, I can't see it being a benefit for anyone," Romas said.

Former school board member Cindy Schofield told that from her experience schools of choice for K-8 has been a success.

"I hope you do vote and would vote for this," she said. "I hate to have to equate students with revenue, but this will allow Wayne-Westland to continue to offer a fine high school program. I fear that if you can't find funding, you'll end up gutting the programs and we will become a district no one wants to attend. I encourage you to vote tonight, that is what you were elected to do."

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People get checkups with Healthy Living

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Offering free and reduced cost medical screenings and tests, the Healthy Living Project made its first visit to the Wayne Community Center last week, but drew returning clients.

"I come every year. I've been doing it since 1999. It's thorough," said David Raman, 70, of Romulus, who also appreciated the price and being able to get many tests and screenings in one visit.

Last Tuesday, Raman was waiting to have cardio and vascular screening — the first time he had that type of test.

Northville resident Sherry Humecky was waiting for her husband, Morgan, who was undergoing a screening.

"We usually go in Farmington, but we are going to be out of town," said Sherry Humecky. "We've gone to this for years. They do excellent blood tests, check your eyes and heart. You get so much information."

Having been hospitalized earlier in the year, Sherry Humecky said she had all of her testing then.

"My husband is kind of skittish and he's more comfortable here. They give us a deal," she said. "We've been coming probably since the program started. We're big believers in it."

"It's a good program when you have high deductibles on your insurance," said Morgan Humecky as he joined his wife. "If you get blood



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Pam Santwire of Wayne gets blood drawn by Laboratory Assistant Ciara Montgomery.

tests, it will cost \$50 instead of a couple hundred dollars. It's good."

People without medical insurance, the underinsured or those with high deductibles are among the target audience for the Project Healthy Living, which will make 48 stops during March, April and May.

"Our major goal is to help the uninsured and working poor. That tends to be our target audience," said Steven Veres, executive director of Metropolitan Health Services, which will provide screenings at about 40 of the Project Healthy Living events.

The free and low cost screenings offered included checks for breast and cervical cancer, behavioral health/psychiatric services,

senior independent living services, legal assistance, information on the Affordable Care Act and health coverage, substance abuse prevention resources and more.

The testing is cutting-edge technology for aortic and carotid artery assessments and ultrasounds, he said. Vascular and cardiac testing that is available for \$199 would normally cost \$6,000, said Veres.

If the tests find a severe problem, Veres said the patient would be rushed to a hospital — something that happens about four times a year. Otherwise, patients are provided information about free clinics and hospitals that do pro bono work, along with preventative care information.

"We'll follow up with

people on changes in diet, stopping smoking and stress reduction," said Veres. "Diet is probably 75 percent of the factor in heart disease. We have a buddy system in our program to see that people get what they need."

A certified medical technician in several areas, Veres has a background in social work and is an ordained Seventh Day Adventist minister. That has driven his professional efforts regarding health care.

"I've placed mobile (health) units in 37 different countries. I consult if a church wants to set up this type of program," said Veres. "I just want to help people."

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Booklet explains county government

A booklet explaining what Wayne County government is, what it does and how it works has been published by the Wayne County Commission.

A *Citizen's Guide to Wayne County Government* is available now at various locations and through county commissioners, as well as online, said Wayne County Commission Chairman Gary Woronchak, D-Dearborn.

The *Citizen's Guide* is 24 pages of information ranging from how the county was formed, to the structure of Wayne County government and a sampling of the services the county provides. It includes a section on how county government is financed, including a breakdown of property taxes collected by the county. It also has a complete listing of all Wayne County elected officials and their contact information.

Woronchak said he got the idea for the booklet from people in his district who commented that they didn't know what the Wayne County Commission does or what services they get from the county. Woronchak, a former long-time newspaper editor, wrote much of the booklet along with the commission's public information staff.

In addition to copies residents can pick up or have mailed to them, the *Citizen's Guide* is available for

download online. It can be found under the News and Resources menu on the commission's home page at waynecounty.com/commission.

Residents can request the booklet directly from their commissioner by phone or email:

- Dearborn Heights, Livonia, Redford Township: Commissioner Diane Webb, dwebb1@co.wayne.mi.us, (313) 224-0930.

- Livonia, Northville, Northville Township: Commissioner Laura Cox, lcox@co.wayne.mi.us, (313) 224-0946.

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- Garden City, Inkster, Westland: Commissioner Richard LeBlanc, district12@co.wayne.mi.us, (313) 224-8855.

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Whalers win big in Game 1

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

From the get-go Friday night, the Plymouth Whalers put their collective skate blades on the gas pedal against Sarnia.

All it took was 1:14 for OHL scoring champion Vince Trocheck to score.

The rest of the team followed suit as the Whalers romped to an 11-2 victory in Game 1 of the Western Conference quarterfinals before 2,119 at Compuware Arena.

"Everything seemed to click tonight," said Plymouth defenseman Nick Malysa, who collected three assists and was named the game's top star. "Everyone's real excited to start the playoffs and everyone wanted to get a good jump and set the tone for the series."

Exhibit A that the team got the memo from head coach Mike Vellucci was the Trocheck goal — his first of three in the game.

Malysa fed Trocheck the puck and the Florida Panthers prospect did the rest, ripping a shot that Sarnia goalie JP Anderson thought he stopped. The puck slid



RENA LAVERTY

Plymouth's Tom Wilson (No. 10) and Ryan Hartman (No. 21) celebrate after Vince Trocheck (No. 25) scored the first goal of Friday's OHL playoff game against Sarnia. At left is Sting goalie JP Anderson.

ered behind Anderson and Trocheck reached far enough to poke it over the goal line as he slid past the right side of the cage into the end boards.

A goal scorer
"That's the way he is,"

Vellucci said about Trocheck's opening tally. "Goal-scorers score goals and he found a way after he made the great shot and he got the rebound."

Trocheck, the Whalers' first player to win a OHL scoring title out-

right (59-50—109), had plenty of company on the scoresheet as Plymouth connected on 11 of 50 shots against the beleaguered Anderson.

Scoring two goals each were forwards Stefan Noesen and Garrett

Meurs, while 13 players had at least one point.

Making 31 saves for the win was Plymouth rookie netminder Alex Nedeljkovic, who flashed a laser-fast glove hand to

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Girls hoop camps

• The Canton High School girls basketball camp is slated for 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, June 3, through Thursday, June 6. It is for girls entering grades 7-10. Canton's basketball staff will oversee the proceedings. The cost to register is \$60, including a camp T-shirt.

• Meanwhile, girls going into grades 4-7 will have the chance to sign up for the "Hoops" camp set to take place 1-3 p.m. Monday, June 24, through Thursday, June 27, at Canton. Taking part will be the coaching staffs from Plymouth, Salem and Canton. It costs \$60 to sign up, with campers receiving a T-shirt.

For both basketball camps, go to www.communityeducation.pccs.k12.mi.us to sign up.

Sign up for 'Cats softball clinic

Hurry up if you are a softball player interested in getting up to speed for the 2013 season.

The Plymouth Wildcats Softball Clinic will take place Saturday, April 13, in the Plymouth High School gymnasium, 8400 N. Beck Road in Canton.

For just \$45 per session, campers receive lunch, a T-shirt and FAST instruction — for Fundamentals, Agility, Speed and Techniques.

There will be intermediate and advanced sessions.

The registration deadline is Friday, March 29. Make checks payable to Plymouth Wildcats Softball and mail to Cindy Senkbeil, 7506 Andover Drive, Canton MI 48187.

GIRLS SOCCER PREVIEW PT. 1

Eager to pounce

Wildcats bring talent, extra incentive to 2013 season

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Not only is the Plymouth varsity girls soccer team well-stocked with talent this season, it brings some extra motivation to finally get over the postseason hump.

In 2012, the Wildcats finished 16-3-1 and won the KLAAs South Division only to fall to Canton in the districts. For three seniors who were on the 2010 state finalists (Zoe Foster, Stephanie Dillon and Morgan Klabunde), this year is their last chance to get back onto the big stage.

Those 2010 finals ended with a bitter loss to Novi, the team Plymouth opens up with Wednesday night's 7:30 p.m. contest at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"Now we want to get ready for Wednesday night's showdown against Novi," Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich said. "It definitely will be a test."

Regardless of how that contest turns out, Neschich is enthusiastic and optimistic about 2013.

"I think we have the talent to make a run deep into the playoffs," Neschich noted. "But you got to stay healthy and improve every day. You got to play your best when it counts, at the end."

She's fearless

It helps to have impact players all over the field,



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Plymouth forward Madi Lewis (No. 14), shown from a 2012 game, will spearhead the Wildcats' potent offense this season. Here, she's pictured with Kylie Knight of Salem.

starting in goal with junior Kylie Robb.

"Kylie is going to be huge for us in goal she is so athletic and just fearless," Neschich said. "She's a great player."

At the opposite end of the pitch, senior forward Madi Lewis (26 goals in 2012) will be causing plenty of trouble for goalkeepers.

Neschich laughed when asked how many goals Lewis might be able to drive in this season.

"I don't know if you can put a number on that,"

Neschich said. "She'll create a lot of goals whether she's scoring them or getting the assists. She's a very unselfish player."

A deep cast of midfielders will pose plenty of problems for other teams, too. At the top of that list are Foster, Stephanie Dillon and Klabunde, along with junior Maria Farmer.

"They are very talented and dynamic players," said Neschich about Foster and Dillon. "The ability and lead-

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GIRLS LACROSSE

Rocks start year with 7-6 OT loss

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Salem rallied to send Wednesday's opening girls lacrosse matchup against Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, only to fall 7-6 in the extra session.

On a very cold night, the visiting Rocks showed they could bring some offensive heat as attacker Rose Krasofsky ran in from midfield to score with 50 seconds remaining for a 6-6 tie after regulation.

Instead of the nonleague contest ending in a draw, the teams decided to play OT.

"Overall, I am happy with the team performance despite the loss," Salem head coach Dave Medley said. "It is difficult after one game under these conditions to really tell what we are as a team."

In addition to Krasofsky's clutch marker, the Salem offense featured two goals by Jenna Carter and another by Bridget Maul, who "played with extreme urgency."

Medley added that senior Megan Wood "seemed to be coming into her own as she showed great ability to get to the ball and get shots on goal."

Sharing goalkeeping duties and playing well were sophomore Samantha Howell and senior Sarah Bowerman.

"The game played on to be low scoring with great goalie performance and saves on both ends of the field," he said.

Medley said the weather did not have a significant impact as the contest went back-and-forth. It was 3-3 at halftime and the beat continued into the second half.

"The weather was cold, dipping to the low 20s with steady winds by the end of the game," he noted. "The weather can be no excuse as it is noted it was also cold on their end of the field."

Salem squared off Friday night in a game against Farmington Hills Harrison, a contest taking place after this issue of the *Observer* went to press.

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MU baseball postponed

The Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference baseball series between No. 24 Madonna University and Davenport slated for March 23-24 at Ilitch Ballpark has been postponed due to cold temperatures and snow in the forecast.

Per WHAC policy, two of the four games will be made up at a later date.

Madonna has had its first three WHAC series altered due to weather and has been idle since March 9.

The Madonna softball team, 10-11 overall, returns to action at 4 p.m. Wednesday when its newly renovated field will be rededicated against non-conference foe Albion College.



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Getting a leg up on Salem's Nancy Krutty (No. 2) during this 2012 contest is Plymouth's Maria Farmer (No. 5), who is expected to be a key contributor for the Wildcats this season.

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ership they bring to this team is outstanding."

Farmer, he added, is "really going to be an impact player for us this year."

Neschich said the team expects big things out of Klabunde, "she's looked good so far in the pre-season."

Promising newbies

Several newcomers have shown promise to chip in at midfield, including junior Emily Smith, sophomores Erin Winters and Hope Sheffield and freshman Anna DeBiasi.

"I'm really excited about Hope," said Neschich, adding that the other newbies "really came out strong this year in tryouts and proved themselves."

Plymouth's defense figures to be another strong suit, led by

junior Alyssa Dillon (already having verbally committed to the University of Michigan). "Alyssa just brings it, she's athletic and smart back there."

Juniors Emily Burkmann, Jillian Aguirre and Lauren Babcock are returning starters "who bring a lot of experience and talent" to the D.

Also in the back will be tough-as-nails juniors Sydney Rouse (who can fill in at midfield) and Amber Allen.

Meanwhile, the Wildcats boast a second freshman with the potential to make some noise, in forward Olivia Janke. "Olivia and Anna (DeBiasi) are really strong, skilled players."

From seniors taking their last kick at the can to impressive rookies, the ingredients are there for Plymouth to be a team to be reckoned with.

"This team just comes in confident and prepared to be successful," Neschich added.

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rob several Sarnia players.

Sarnia actually trailed just 2-1 following a power-play goal by Charles Sarault (the player Trocheck edged by one point for the scoring title) with 9:21 left in the first period.

The Whalers had gone up 2-0 at 6:38 on a goal by Tom Wilson, from Malysa and Trocheck (who had two assists for a five-point game). It was a sharp-angle shot from the deep, right corner that eluded Anderson.

Plymouth finished the first period with three goals over the final 5:46, scored by Meurs (a tap-in of Matt Mistele's cross-crease pass), Trocheck (from Wilson) and Noesen.

The latter goal probably was the back-breaker for the Sting, coming with just five seconds to go in the period. Forward Sebastian Uvira stickhandled around a defender and sent a pass to Noesen on the left wing. Noesen made no mistake.

Living right

An example of how much it was Plymouth's evening came early in the second.

With a delayed penalty being called against Sarnia, Nedeljkovic vacated his net for the extra attacker. Noesen, trying to set up a point shot in the Sting end, wound up sending the puck all the way down the ice.

But it slid just wide of the open net.

Plymouth, enjoying a five-on-three power play,



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This scene was repeated throughout Friday's Plymouth-Sarnia playoff game. Stefan Noesen (No. 11) of the Whalers scores against Sarnia goalie JP Anderson. Noesen was one of eight Whalers to register at least two points.

subsequently upped the lead to 6-1 when Meurs scored from Noesen and Trocheck. Noesen drove a wicked slap shot from the high slot that sailed over the net. The puck bounced off the boards to Meurs to the left of the net for the goal.

The Whalers scored two more goals in the second, and they were the ones likely destined for the highlight reel.

At 7:01, Noesen scored on a partial breakaway to give him his second goal and third point of the game. Winger Zach Lorentz (two assists) sent a stretch pass up the middle to Noesen, who skated in from the Sarnia blue line and drove a low shot through Anderson.

With 5:07 remaining (after Sarnia scored to make it 7-2), the Whalers opened up a six-goal spread entering the third. Defenseman Gianluca Curcuruto did a nifty spin move as he skated through the right circle in Sarnia's zone, then went short side for the goal.

Capping off Plymouth's offensive explosion with goals in the third period

were Trocheck, Mistele (one goal, two assists) and Cody Payne.

Defenseman Connor Carrick also had two assists.

Both Malysa and Vellucci, however, said they expected Sarnia to bounce right back for Saturday's Game 2 (which took place after this issue of the Observer went to press). Games 3-4 will take place Monday and Wednesday at Sarnia.

"You can't get too cocky or too ahead of ourselves," said Malysa, who enjoyed his first-ever three-point game in the OHL. "They're going to come out firing, so we have to get ready."

Seconding that was Vellucci, who called Malysa the "unsung hero" with his physical presence and playmaking.

"They're going to be ready (Saturday) and I like I just told them, you can't have too many highs or too many lows," Vellucci said. "You got to be even-keel."

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Rickard Rakell (right) of the Plymouth Whalers takes down Sarnia's Reid Boucher during Friday night's OHL playoff game at Compuware Arena.

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"His work ethic and focus went to a new level this year and was evident by how he played coming down the stretch," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "Having Connor back there as our backstop — with his maturity — was absolutely key to the state title run."

"His 1-0 shutout win marked the only time that (Detroit) Catholic Central was shut out all season. It was enjoyable for the coaches to watch the growth of Connor as a goaltender, as a student, as a person and as a leader."

Travis Harvey, Sr. Def., Liv. Stevenson: The senior defenseman had 18 goals and 18 assists for 36 points en route to first-team all-state, dream team and all-KLAA honors.

Harvey was also an all-Observer first-team selection in baseball as a junior.

"Travis was a special player and a special athlete," Mitchell said. "He was the rare athlete who excelled in two sports."

"Travis learned throughout his two years how to use his special talents. He is a natural skater, but at the same time possesses a big time shot and if that is not enough, he loves looking for the big hit. His two goals in the championship were sparks with the second being of the highlight variety. He is a great player and a good kid, brought a great deal of personality to the team. He will be successful at the next level in whatever path he chooses to take."

Dean Gunther, Sr. Def., Plymouth: The Schultz brothers did a lot of the damage in the opposing team's end of the rink, but senior D-man Gunther was a force at the opposite end — while also chipping in on offense when the situation called for it.

The all-KLAA pick and second-team all-stater led all Plymouth defensemen with 10 goals and 25 assists for 35 points and earned a plus-28 rating against opponents' top lines night after night.

In addition, the assistant captain and team defenseman of the was instrumental to Wildcats' power play and penalty kill.

"He was the total package on the point," coach Gerry Vento said. "Dean was as complete a defenseman as you could find. He was a force at both ends of the ice night in and night out and was a leader not only on the blue line, but for this team."

"When you think of the numbers he put up this season, while having to play against the opposition's top line every night, it truly was an incredible season. Players like Dean don't come along very often and he will be greatly missed."

Dominic Lutz, Sr. F, Liv. Stevenson: In 31 games, the junior captain racked up 78 points on 43 goals and 35 assists for the Division 2 state champions.

Lutz was the only junior named to the dream team. He also took first-team all-state and all-KLAA honors.

"His work ethic was outstanding both on and off the ice," Mitchell said. "He is an outstanding player, good person and great student. He really grew up this year, both as a player and person. He understood how to play in all situations and got the job done when he knew other teams were game planning to stop him and his line."

Nick Schultz, Sr. F, Plymouth: There was pretty much nothing the high-scoring senior forward could do in 2012-13, as he sparked Plymouth to a 22-6-3 record, KLAA South Division co-title and first-ever regional title.

Schultz scored 36 goals and added 40 assists for 76 points and was voted team MVP. He led Plymouth in virtually every category (including a plus-49 rating) and was named to the first-team all-state and all-conference teams.

"Nick's one of the most dynamic players I have coached in high school hockey," Vento said. "When Nick was on the ice, the opposition always knew it. His skill level is what was most obvious if you watched him play, but his work ethic off the ice,



Connor Humitz Stevenson



Travis Harvey Stevenson



Dean Gunther Plymouth



Dominic Lutz Stevenson



Nick Schultz Plymouth



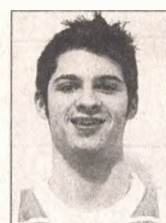
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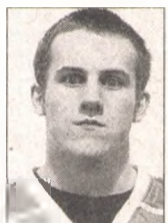
Reece Burnett North-Harrison



Jake Kierdorf Stevenson



Mike Schultz Plymouth



Devin Kelly Stevenson



Tyler Irvine Stevenson



Jake Sealy Salem



David Mitchell Stevenson coach



Gerry Vento Plymouth coach

2012-13 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS HOCKEY FIRST TEAM

Connor Humitz, Sr. G, Liv. Stevenson
Travis Harvey, Sr. D, Liv. Stevenson
Dean Gunther, Sr. D, Plymouth
Dominic Lutz, Sr. F, Liv. Stevenson
Nick Schultz, Sr. F, Plymouth
Alek Zultowski, Sr. F, Salem

SECOND TEAM

John Lethemon, Jr. G, Farmington
Reece Burnett, Sr. D, North-Harrison
Jake Kierdorf, Sr. D, Liv. Stevenson
Mike Schultz, Jr. F, Plymouth
Devin Kelly, Jr. F, Liv. Stevenson
Tyler Irvine, Jr. F, Liv. Stevenson
Jake Sealy, Jr. F, Salem

THIRD TEAM

Parker Godfrey, Jr. G, Salem
Mitch Claggett, Sr. F, Plymouth
Mike Diaz, Sr. F, Liv. Franklin
Cooper McLean, Sr. F, Farmington
Eric Stanis, Sr. F, North-Harrison
Riley Brown, Sr. F, Liv. Churchill

FOURTH TEAM

DJ Rankin, Sr. D, Farmington
Jason Newel, Jr. F, Salem
Zach Tavernie, Jr. F, Plymouth
Tommy Carey, Sr. F, Liv. Churchill
Nick Gensheimer, Sr. F, Farmington
Matt Cox, Sr. F, Canton
TJ Zak, Sr. F, North-Harrison
Adam Stadler, Sr. F, Liv. Franklin
Brad Milks, Sr. F, Liv. Churchill

CO-COACHES OF YEAR

David Mitchell, Liv. Stevenson
Gerry Vento, Plymouth

HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Matt Sinclair, Luke Otto, Evan Gibboney; **Franklin:** Matt Monendo, C.J. Cromie, Corey Ferrier; **Stevenson:** Dante Seychel, Michael Sinclair, Timmy Kelly; **Canton:** Brad Ceci, Christian Flack, Ian Fagan; **Plymouth:** Kyle Bauer, Josh Smith, Jake Zaborowski; **Salem:** Jake Fedel, Noah Willer, Kyle Downey, Jack Driscoll, Noah Saad; **Farmington:** Nick Hefron; **North Farmington-Harrison:** Eamon Devlin, Stephen Coulter, Kyle Witherspoon, Hunter Myers; **Garden City-Crestwood:** Jon Segasser, Matt Sandberg.

and how he prepared himself at practice and before games is what made him special.

"His desire to win and compete level became contagious with the team and without a doubt both were a key factor to the successful season we had."

He also excelled in the classroom, earning honors as a KLAA scholar-athlete.

Alek Zultowski, Sr. F, Salem: The senior co-captain was instrumental to the Rocks' KLAA South Division co-championship and second-half dominance.

Zultowski scored 17 goals and added 42 assists (59 points) for one of the best single seasons in Salem history, rewarded with selection to the all-state first team.

Also an all-conference pick, Zultowski now ranks seventh all-time in scoring for the Rocks.

The all-KLAA academic selection was a vital member of the first-line and also excelled on the power play and penalty kill as well as racking up , coach Ryan Ossenmacher said.

"(Alek) was incredible consistent this year," Ossenmacher said. "He only went 2 games all year without registering a point" even though opponents knew to focus defensively on him.

"I am looking forward to watching Alek continue his hockey career at the next level," Ossenmacher said. "His future is bright."

SECOND-TEAM John Lethemon, Jr. G, Farmington:

The junior netminder was in goal for all but one game, facing 790 shots and making 717 saves

for a .908 save percentage. Lethemon, who posted a 14-10-1 record, still has a big upside to his game, according to coach Mark Vellucci. Lethemon was named to the Division 3 all-state second team by the coaches association.

"Our season started slow and we turned things around when John started to heat up," Vellucci said. "The team fed off him and he carried us along with us winning 15 games. He was a leader on our back end. His work ethic is second to none."

"He's the best goalie to ever come out of the Farmington program. His sky is the limit. He absolutely has the potential to move on

to juniors and even college hockey."

Reece Burnett, Sr. Def., North-Harrison: The senior defenseman was a three-year varsity player and an all-round standout for the Flyers. In addition to being one of the top defenders in the area, Burnett played in all situations and led North-Harrison to a runner-up finish in the OAA Red Division. He also contributed nine goals and 10 assists to the offense. Burnett received a Division 1 all-state honorable mention from the coaches association.

"Reece was solid last season, but he really stepped up his game and proved to be a top defenseman in our league the past season," coach Ken Anderson said. "He was asked to play against our opponents' top lines and still managed to put up good offensive numbers. He sees the ice extremely well and is great at making the all-important first pass out of the defensive zone."

"Reece is planning on playing at the junior level next year. He has some invites from a couple teams in both the USHL and NAHL."

Jake Kierdorf, Sr., Def., Liv. Stevenson: The senior all-state honorable mention and all-KLAA pick was one of the backbones of the state championship squad. Kierdorf had four goals and 17 assists in 27 games.

"Jake enjoyed playing on the bigger stage as two of his best games of the year came against both D 1 finalists, the 1-0 win over CC and the 2-2 tie against Brighton," Mitchell said. "He was a beast for us on the blueline during the state title run as well, usually hitting the ice every other shift. He overcame the flu, then pneumonia to return to help us with it all this year. For Jake to have the season he had, to grow the way he did both on and off the ice was special."

"His growth is the type of growth that is needed by players for a team to have the successful season that we did. I couldn't be happier for Jake as a player and as a person. His hard work finally paid off."

Mike Schultz, Jr. F, Plymouth: The younger Schultz — like his brother — was a catalyst for the Wildcats,

scoring 29 goals, 43 assists (72 points) and registering the game-winning marker in double overtime of a pre-regional tilt against Salem. It was that goal that paved the way for Plymouth's first-ever regional title.

In addition to the offense, Mike Schultz played in every situation possible with linemates Nick Schultz and Zach Tavernie and had a plus-47 rating.

In addition to being named to the all-KLAA team, he earned second-team all-state honors.

"One of the things that is unique about Mike is that he is never satisfied," Vento said. "His vision on the ice is a special skill that you can't coach and his assist totals are evidence of that."

"Mike really seemed to turn the corner this year in regards to his work ethic and the way he approached the game. He has set himself up for what should be a special senior year."

Devin Kelly, Jr. F, Liv. Stevenson: The junior center earned second-team all-state honors after piling up 54 points and 16 goals and 38 assists.

"When you look at Devin, what stands out is the ability to finish," Mitchell said. "This was evident as he scored the only goal in the 1-0 win over CC in early February. But Devin also possesses the ability to move the puck at a high level. He would find ways to get his teammates the puck in the right situations."

"He also knew that playing the middle on that line often meant more responsibilities in the defensive zone, which he excelled at as well. He is a good kid to go along with his outstanding play on the ice."

Tyler Irvine, Jr. F, Liv. Stevenson: The junior played on Stevenson's top line and scored 20 goals and 32 assists en route to second-team all-state and all-KLAA accolades.

"Tyler joined us this season for his first year and had an immediate impact both on and off the ice, Mitchell said. "To show what is thought of Tyler, the staff thought so highly of him that he was made an assistant captain as both a junior and a first year player, which is rare. He is one of those special players who always seemed to think a step ahead of the game. He knew when and where to find his teammates."

"His four-goal performance in the state semifinals (vs. Saginaw Heritage) was one to remember. And again, for as good as a player as Tyler is, he is an even better person."

Jake Sealy, Jr. F, Salem: Salem's success (18-7-1) owed much to the play of Sealy, who complemented Zultowski and winger Jason Newel to form one of the top two-way lines in the KLAA.

Sealy netted 19 goals and added 40 assists for 59 points and earned selection to the all-KLAA team as well receiving all-state honorable mention honors. Ossenmacher cited the junior's consistency and ability to shrug off constant defensive pressure (he scored a point in all but one game.)

"Jake is extremely skilled with the puck," Ossenmacher said. "He is one of the best players we have had with protecting and moving the puck. He sees the ice exceptionally well."

In addition to his hockey skills, Sealy is an excellent student, having been named to the all-KLAA Academic Team.

CO-COACHES OF YEAR David Mitchell, Liv. Stevenson:

The fifth-year coach guided the Spartans to a 23-7-1 record and Livonia's first-ever state title with a 5-4 victory over Hartland in the Division 2 championship final.

"I could not be any prouder as a coach than I am of this group," Mitchell said. "Also, as a person, I could not be any happier for the players, for the staff, for the families, for the administration and for all those that came before us. This title was surely one that was to be shared by all."

Stevenson also captured its first regional title since 1987 with a convincing 4-1 win over Trenton.

"This group of players took on every challenge that was presented to them," Mitchell said. "We had our ups, such as beating CC, and we had our downs as the sickness and injury bug hit mid-season where we had practices with only 8-10 players."

"This group learned, they hated to lose, yes, but they were able to take a loss as a learning experience. We watched more hours of film than any other group I have been associated with and not because they were forced to, because they wanted to."

Mitchell was ably assisted by Jay Thompson, Mike Flatt and Brett Rosbury.

"This coaching staff is second to none," Mitchell said. "And there were countless others in a supporting role, worked tirelessly to give our players every opportunity to be successful."

"This season was truly a special one for all those involved with Stevenson hockey, Stevenson athletics and the school and community as a whole."

Gerry Vento, Plymouth: It hasn't taken long for Vento to put his stamp on the Plymouth varsity boys hockey program, overseeing a dominant machine that rolled to 22 wins and a Division 1 regional championship — the first in team history.

The Wildcats finished 22-6-1 and shared the KLAA South Division title with Salem, finally being knocked out of the postseason by D1 finalist Novi-Detroit Catholic Central at Yost Arena in Ann Arbor.

Another reason why the team is riding a wave of success is Vento's steady leadership and insistence that team comes first in every situation.

That is why Vento insists that the rest of his staff had as much to do with his selection as Observer co-coach of the year as he did.

"It is quite an honor to win coach of the year, with so many great coaches to pick from," Vento noted. "Fact is, there are two reasons I was able to win it and that is because of my coaching staff and my players."

Vento said assistant coaches Tim Pilut and David Smiatcz, goaltending coach Lonnie Middaugh and strength and conditioning coach Dan West "made my job as head coach very easy and were instrumental" in the Wildcats' successful season.

"You combine that with a group of players that never stopped working hard and always did what the coaching staff asked, it becomes a recipe for success," Vento said.

With a number of key players returning in 2013-14, it is a recipe far from its expiration date.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, April 4, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following:

Z 13-04 210 Elizabeth
Non-Use Variance Requested
Front & Side Yard Setbacks
Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential
Applicant: Mark & Debbie Stevens

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:

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Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

RENEE PICARD, Attorney, 441 Clay Street, Lapeer, Michigan 48446

STATE OF MICHIGAN, PROBATE COURT, COUNTY OF LAPEER, File No. 13-037059-DE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate
Estate of EVELYN J. PICARD, Deceased, Date of Birth: May 18, 1934.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, Evelyn J. Picard, died February 19, 2013. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Renee Picard, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 441 Clay Street, Michigan 48446 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: March 20, 2013
Personal Representative: Renee Picard, 441 Clay Street, Lapeer, Michigan 48446. Telephone No.: (810) 664-4321.
Attorney: Renee Picard, 441 Clay Street, Lapeer, Michigan 48446. Telephone No.: (810) 664-4321.

JLA swan song

Stevenson alum Voran cherishes CCHA's final weekend at the Joe

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia's Michael Voran knows all too well the significance of the 42nd and final Central Collegiate Hockey Association Championship this weekend.

"You grow up watching the CCHA, you love playing at Joe Louis Arena," said the 5-foot-11, 197-pound right winger from Notre Dame. "Any time you're there you want to be out playing. You have family and friends that are going to be coming out to watch you. And especially since it's the last one, it makes it that much more exciting."

Voran, a junior who played three seasons of high school hockey at Stevenson High, hopes he'll be able to suit up after suffering an undisclosed injury in last Friday's quarterfinal opener against Bowling Green.

"I want to be our there, let's say that," said Voran, who has four goals and seven assists in 31 games this season.

The CCHA playoffs are down to the final weekend with the championship game 2 p.m. Sunday at the Joe.

A win over the Ohio State Buckeyes in one of Saturday's semifinals would also help cement an NCAA postseason tournament berth.

"Our main goal is to win the CCHA," Voran said. "They (Ohio State) are a good team. They play hard and they have a great coach over there. I feel like we match up well most teams in the league. That's the great thing about the CCHA.



NOTRE DAME SPORTS INFORMATION

Livonia native Mike Voran (16) takes the puck near the boards in a recent CCHA game against Bowling Green.

Every night you're in for a battle. Ohio State will be a great test for us and we're excited to play."

Keeping focus

With the Big Ten starting up next year and the CCHA dissolving, Voran and his Notre Dame teammates will be playing Hockey East against the likes of such teams as Boston College, Boston University, New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont.

But right now the focus is on the CCHA as the Irish move into the semifinals with a 5-0-2 record in their last seven games.

Notre Dame started out the 2012 portion of the season with a 16-4 record, but hit a slump during the month of January.

"I thought the first half of the season went pretty well," Voran said. "As a team we had a lot of success. We were definitely on the roll. I came back after Christmas

and actually got injured. The second half has been kind of a tough one personally dealing with injuries, but the team has battled through a little adversity that we had early in the second half. I feel like we're back to where we were when we were rolling good, so we're excited to be back at the Joe."

Voran, despite missing seven games, has firmly planted himself as a key contributor.

"Michael came back this year with a great attitude and work ethic and really established himself as one of our top two line right wingers in the early stages of the year," Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson said. "Unfortunately he had a few injuries that have set him back a little bit. He just started to come back and got dinged up again last weekend. His energy has helped our penalty kill and he's been

effective playing with some of our top players and I really like where he is headed as far as his future goes."

New duties

Coming off a sophomore season where he had five goals and five assists, Voran has taken on added responsibility this year.

"My role has increased," he said. "I've really started to do a lot more penalty killing time. I take a lot of pride in that being a P.K.'er. Also, I've been in-and-out on power plays, getting a little more ice time. I'm just happy my role has increased and also it's that our team is also doing so well."

Last year, the Irish finished 19-18-3.

"Last year, we kind of had an off season, but now all those guys are older and we have great seniors," Voran said. "We've kind of all

been there. We deal with adversity maybe better than we have in the past.

"We're a pretty exciting team and play good defense. We think we have a pretty good team now."

Voran played his freshman and sophomore seasons at Stevenson, then spent his junior year with Honeybaked's AAA team before returning to high school hockey his senior year where he led the state in scoring with 33 goals and 36 assists (69 points).

He then migrated to the junior ranks, first with the Wenatchee (Wash.) Wild of the North American Hockey League, followed by a season with the Sioux Falls (S.D.) Stampede of the USHL where he proved to be a capable goal scorer with 56 and 74 points, respectively.

As a freshman at Notre Dame, Voran had his best season statistically with four goals and 15 assists (19 points) in 43 games.

Prep pride

Voran, however, still holds his high school hockey days in high esteem, especially after following Stevenson earning its first-ever state championship with a 5-4 win over Hartland on March 10.

"I was pretty pumped," Voran said. "Me and my buddies still haven't gotten over the losses we had over the years. It was nice to finally see them get one for our school obviously. Stevenson was a great school and they did a lot for me. I'll always be a Stevenson Spartan fan. I actu-

ally got up and watched the game. I saw it on a live feed and my parents were there and they were getting me live updates and my buddies were there. It was a pretty cool time for Livonia and Stevenson hockey. It was pretty cool being able to watch, but I wanted to come home. It just didn't work out."

Michael Voran also played high school hockey at Stevenson with his brother, Marcus, who graduated from U-M-Dearborn and now works in Ann Arbor.

"He (Marcus) comes down quite a bit to watch me and it's cool to have the support from him, and from a guy who also played hockey," Michael said. "He knows the struggles and ups and downs, stuff like that."

A business-marketing major at Notre Dame, Voran pulled a 3.6 grade point average during the fall semester and holds a 3.3 G.P.A. overall, so he'll have something to fall back on once he graduates.

But there's a lot of unfinished business when it comes to his hockey career and beyond.

"I want to keep playing and you do it because you love it," Voran said. "In it's your blood. Whatever happens, happens. I guess I'll worry about it when the time comes. Right now our goal is to win a couple championships and hopefully the first one is this weekend."

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Emma May, 7, of Plymouth, proudly displays her first-place trophy and event medals following last weekend's USA Swimming state meet at Walled Lake Western. She swims out of Ann Arbor-based Club Wolverine.

Plymouth girl tops field at USA Swimming state meet

Plymouth's Emma May is a state champion in club swimming.

Just 7-years old, Emma on March 16 represented Club Wolverine in medal-winning fashion at the USA Swimming-sanctioned Michigan 8-and-Under Championship Swim Meet at Walled Lake Western High School.

Emma captured the overall state title for 7-year-old girls with the most overall points.

Other gold medals that she garnered included those for win-

ning the 50-yard butterfly, 50-yard breaststroke, 25-yard butterfly and 100-yard individual medley events.

Emma, who swims out of Ann Arbor-based Club Wolverine, also took second in the 50 free, 50 back and was part of the seventh-place 200-free relay team.

Participants in the meet were age 8 and younger and currently registered with United States of America Swimming.

They took on six lanes of 25 yards with non-turbulent lane markers.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Triple Threat cagers

Canton-based Triple Threat Training is opening the doors for sixth-grade girls interested in joining T3, a brand new travel basketball team.

Spokesman Dominique Washington said sixth-graders would play in eight to 10 tournaments throughout the local area.

A parent information meeting is slated for 7 p.m. Friday, April 5, at High Velocity (located on Michigan Avenue west of Canton Center Road), where more details about practice times and tournament locations will be presented.

Parents wanting more information can send an email to TripleThreatTrainingMI@gmail.com or call (734) 341-1336.

Soccer camps

The Michigan Wolves/Hawks Soccer Club will stage a spring break boys and girls soccer camp from 9-11 a.m. (ages 6-14) and noon-2 p.m. (ages 9-16), Monday through Thursday, April 1-4, the Jaycee Park, located at 19800 Mayfield Street, Livonia.

The cost of the four-day came is \$75 (includes T-shirt).

The Wolves/Hawks Academy for boys and girls ages 4-9 will be from 6:15-7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, April 8 through May 22, at Jaycee Park.

For information, visit michiganwolveshawks.com; or email dbradley1515@sbcglobal.net.

Football coaches

Livonia Franklin is seeking two assistant football coaches for the 2013 season.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate knowledge and proven ability to train and teach the fundamentals with prior high school coaching experience.

For more information, e-mail Franklin varsity coach Chris Kelbert at ckelbert@livoniapublicschools.org.

Foul shot contest

The third annual Sons of American Legion Post 32-Livonia Youth Free Throw championship will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Saturday, April 6, at Memorial Church of Christ gymnasium, 35475 Five Mile Road (between Levan and Farmington roads).

First place and runner-up trophies will be awarded, along with door prizes, for the following age groups: 6-and-under, 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12.

The cost is \$5 per participant (payable at registration) will all proceeds going to Blum's Landing, a Michigan bed and breakfast for returning wounded veterans.

Former Grand Valley State and University of Michigan basketball player Jerret Smith will also be making an appearance.

For more information, call Charles Wagner at (248) 420-8472.

Pom pon clinic

The Livonia Stevenson varsity pom pon squad will stage a clinic for grades three through high school from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 20 at the high school fieldhouse.

Included in the \$25 cost is a light snack, CD and T-shirt. (You must be registered by Friday, April 5.)

For more information, email Kelly Sikorski at kelsikorski@sbcglobal.net.

Unsung hero

Health activist struggles with pain, while helping others

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Suzanne Stewart sells her own hand-beaded jewelry and donates the profits to health organizations.

She runs two online support groups, a health advocacy website, and is a "Chemo Angel" to cancer patients.

The Canton woman, who's also a wife and a mother, does it all while in constant pain.

"The shower feels like bullets pelting on me. I can't go in hot water, like a hot tub. And a soft towel, it feels like sandpaper to me," said Stewart, during an interview at her home recently.

Stewart, 51, suffers from RSD/CRPSII (reflex sympathetic dystrophy/complex regional pain syndrome), a progressive disease of the nervous system. She was diagnosed with the autoimmune disease after a nerve was severed during minor foot surgery in 2007. The disease is characterized by intense pain, swelling, changes in skin color and extreme skin sensitivity. Type I can follow a minor trauma, such as a sprain or fracture. Type II involves a major nerve injury. RSD/CRPS usually affects a limb, but can occur anywhere in the body and it can spread.

Stewart feels pain in her mouth, both arms, legs, feet, hands and eyes. She takes pain medication, ste-



Sales of Suzanne Stewart's jewelry help the cause. She has been nominated for a WEGO Health Health Activist Unsung Hero Award for her work in raising awareness of her disease.

roid creams and eye drops to control symptoms of the disease.

"Your nerves feel like an ice cube on fire," said Stewart, who walks with a cane, but tires easily and often uses a wheelchair or walker. "It's called an invisible disease. You can't always see it. People look at you and say, oh, you look fine."

Stewart is thrilled to have been nominated for a WEGO Health Health Activist Unsung Hero Award because it is helping her to raise awareness of the disease. The online blog website helps empower "health activists to help others."

Stewart's husband, Craig, a fourth grade teacher at Eriksson Elementary in Canton, initially nominated her for a different activist award

on the website. She didn't make the finals in that category, but was chosen, along with six others from 100 entries, as a finalist in the "Unsung Heroes" category. She'll find out through a Facebook event on March 28 if she will win the top award.

"Down to seven people from 100, that's pretty cool," said Stewart, who added that she's happy just to be nominated for the honor.

"Being nominated makes me feel good about myself," she said. "Instead of crying about (the disease) and feeling sorry for myself every day, I'm helping other people and that makes me feel good. If you can find something that makes you feel good, it can help that pain. It doesn't make the pain go away, but it helps."



Craig Stewart greets Suzanne when he comes home for lunch and to check in on her.

Reaching out

As a Chemo Angel, Stewart stays in contact with cancer patients through cards and letters. She's also a mentor to individuals with RSD/CRPS. She sells jewelry made of beads in colors that relate to various health causes. Her collection also includes seasonal and fashion pieces.

"I have two pain support groups. We're starting to do Google hangouts. And then I have a cause group called RASE for Invisible Diseases. It means research, awareness, support and education. I try to help people and get them whatever they need. I'm helping the best I can," she said, noting that she facilitated a swap of different-sized wheelchairs between two group members.

Hardships

Stewart has struggled with many difficulties in her life, including a childhood and a first marriage that she describes as abusive. She graduated from Canton High School and Madonna College and previously worked as a

sign language interpreter for the deaf. She was a working single mother — daughter, Amy, earned her master's degree last year — when she met Craig, her second husband, while volunteering for Plymouth-Canton schools. Stewart earned a volunteer award for her work teaching sign language to students. She also led a sign language club at Eriksson for four years.

The couple had been married just five years when another driver went through a red light and struck their vehicle.

"We got in the car accident and everything fell apart," she said.

Stewart suffered a closed-head injury and ended up in rehabilitation therapy for several years, learning to cope with the injury that has left her with short-term memory problems.

"I was reading the Harry Potter books when I got hurt. I still haven't gotten through the sixth book," she said. "I read and re-read it. I forget what I read. Now I just read small things, like articles."

She underwent nine surgeries to repair accident-related injuries, including the foot operation that brought on the RSD/CRPSII. She had a heart attack not long after the accident, was given a pacemaker and prescribed Coumadin, a blood-thinner. Last month, she had her second pacemaker put in place.

"If I didn't have Craig, I don't know what I'd do. Craig and Amy are my life."

They attend North-Ridge Church in Plymouth Township, and occasionally visit LifeChurch in Canton. Stewart feels strongly about maintaining a sunny attitude.

"You've got to find some reason every day to get up. Keep a good attitude and keep a bright light in your head no matter how many things happen to you."

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Tickets are on sale now for a barbershop quartet performance next month at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

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The group consists of Allen Holmes, tenor; Dave Peiffer, lead; Frank Adams, bass; and Charles Naibandian, baritone. The quartet won first place in the Battle of the Barbershop Quartets in Belleville last year.

Tickets to the show are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door and can be purchased at the Museum or on the website at <http://www.plymouthhistory.org>.

Purchase a new or renewed membership to the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum and receive up to two free tickets to this event.

Guests may arrive early for the concert



Impulse will perform next month at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

and explore the Museum's special exhibit "Made in America," which runs through June 9. The exhibit pays homage to American ingenuity and industry through the centuries.

For more information visit the website, or call (734) 455-8940.



MARCIA FOWLER

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GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

Send garden and nature information and photos to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Livonia Garden Club

Pat Mann, who is also known as the 'Hypertufa Lady,' will talk about herbs and "growing organic" at the Livonia Garden Club's next meeting, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 2, at the Livonia Senior Center, located at Five Mile and Farmington Road, Livonia. Mann is involved in the Chef's Garden at Greenfield Village in Dearborn. Light refreshments will be served. Guests are welcome to attend. For more information visit www.orgsites.com/mi/livoniagardenclub.

Miller Woods Tours

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• Annual garden party weekend includes "Top 10 Garden Tips" by Nancy Szerlag on April 6 at 10 a.m. in West Bloomfield and 1

p.m. in Royal Oak and at 3:30 p.m. April 7 in Dearborn Heights; "The Best, Easiest Perennials" by Janet Macunovich, at 10 a.m. April 6 in Royal Oak and on April 7 at 12:30 p.m. in Dearborn Heights and 3:30 p.m. in West Bloomfield; "Top 10 Lawn Care Tips" by Ashton Ritchie, Scotts Co., on April 6 at 10 a.m. in Dearborn Heights, 1 p.m. in Ann Arbor and 4 p.m. in Royal Oak; and "New Vegetable Plants from Burpee Home Gardens," by Mason Day, on April 6 at 10 a.m. in Ann Arbor, 1 p.m. in West Bloomfield, and 4 p.m. in Dearborn Heights, and at 12:30 p.m. April 7 in Royal Oak. The presentations all are free of charge.

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Easter Sunday, March 31 at 8:30 & 11 am
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GOOD FRIDAY - Friday, March 29
7:30 p.m. Service of Shadows (Tenebrae) - Chapel
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EASTER SUNDAY - Sunday, March 31
9:00 a.m. Friends in Faith Service with Praise Team
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

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Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday, March 24 8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday, March 31 Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m.
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Friday, March 29 - Good Friday
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Easter Sunday - 8 a.m., 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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Safety is key: Gas explosions make you think

By Joe Gagnon
Guest Columnist

finished working the Home Improvement shows for March yesterday and it's been four weeks of meeting and talking

with several hundred consumers.

I thoroughly enjoy the eye-to-eye contact and the great questions I am privileged to answer. I do learn a great deal about the many appliances that people want

to talk about. The most frequent question this month has been about the safety of products which operate using natural or propane gas. I believe the recent explosion of a house that killed a retired auto worker has heightened the awareness of many homeowners.

I went to the Internet looking for more information on explosions and there is a lot to read there. In my many years of investigative work in the field of major appliances I have witnessed first-hand the aftermath of home explosions. Several people have asked if it is important to have a shut off installed on the gas line just before it connects to a gas-operated appliance and I have only one quick reply: You had better get it done ASAP! If you should have a leak on the appliance itself, then you had better be able to access that shut off immediately. Make sure the shut off is someplace on the gas line where you can get to it. Tie a yellow ribbon or something on to the shut off to prevent any confusion in a panic situation. While you



Appliance Doctor
Joe Gagnon

are at it, tie another ribbon on the water shut off valve for the house. While you're at work this week, ask people around you if they know

where the water shut off valve is located in their home. Better still, ask them if they know where the shut-off is located for the clothes dryer. You will be surprised at the answers.

Dangerous mistake

Here is a quick story that shows the importance of a shut-off valve. A lady replaces her gas dryer with an electric dryer which means there is now a gas line attached to the ceiling of the basement. This gas line does have a shut-off installed on it and the delivery guy did shut off the gas valve. But he didn't put a cap on the end of the gas

line and because he didn't, the house blew up and the lady and her two children suffered severe burns. Here is what happened two years after she purchased her new electric dryer: One day she picked up a mop that was located in the laundry room and the top part of the handle hit the shut-off valve. Although it was just a soft hit it allowed gas to seep out of the end of the gas line.

For several days, they smelled gas and if only they would have called Consumers Energy, I wouldn't be writing this. To show you how easy it is to ignite and blow up a house as in this case, the woman lit a candle in the bathroom. The explosion propelled her and the two children outdoors, to the lawn. The arc inside a light bulb when you hit the light switch could have done the same thing. Smell gas, call the gas company immediately.

Deadly explosion

I've got other stories about home explosions and here is one that should

spark your brain into motion. A woman in Redford had a gas range with a pots and pan drawer at the bottom of the stove. For many years, every time she pulled out that drawer the back part of it would rub on the flexible gas line which hooked up to her stove. Eventually the rubbing caused a hole in the flexible line and raw gas was bleeding out into the kitchen. She came home one day and flicked on the kitchen light and it was lights out for eternity. I would wish that all of you who read this column would further the conversation with others.

Note: Many readers have asked me what is the status on the gentleman who was ripped off by a crooked air duct cleaning company. I will tell you the whole story after it becomes public. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmi.rr.com.

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Alleluia!

SERVICES
Palm Sunday, March 24, at 11:00a
Maundy Thursday, March 28, at 7:00 p.m.-Communion Service
Good Friday, March 29, at 12:00 noon
Easter Sunday, March 31
9:30 a.m. - "Son Rise" Easter Brunch
10:00 a.m. - Program/Children's Pageant
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Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week
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Holy Thursday, March 28
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM,
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Good Friday, March 29
Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday at 3:00 PM; Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM
Holy Saturday, March 30
Blessing of Food at 1:00 PM; Easter Vigil at 8:30 PM
Easter Sunday, March 31
Masses at 8:30 and 10:30 AM, and 12:30 PM in Church

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Holy Week and Easter Schedule

March 24 - Palm Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m.
March 28 - Maundy Thursday Worship at 7 p.m.
March 29 - Good Friday Community Worship at Noon
(First Congregational Church - Royal Oak.)
March 31 - Easter Sunday Celebration at Starr!
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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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Mass of The Last Supper 7:00 pm
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3/29 GOOD FRIDAY Stations of the Cross 2 pm
Solemn Liturgy of The Passion of Our Lord at 3:00 pm
No Confessions today.

3/30 HOLY SATURDAY Confessions 9:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Easter Vigil 10:30 pm

3/31 EASTER SUNDAY Confessions 9:15 am
Mass of The Resurrection 10:00 am

Beware: Problem gambling takes big toll

By Len McCulloch
Guest Columnist

On March 4, during National Problem Gambling Awareness Week, which runs March 3-9, I attended the fifth annual Problem Gambling Symposium presented by the Michigan Department of Community Health.

The issue of gambling is highly pertinent to all communities since its proliferation — in the form of gambling problems, casinos, and online gambling — has far-reaching detrimental effects which go beyond geographical parameters.

The American Psychiatric Association defines problem gambling as a disorder of impulse control characterized by: persistent, maladaptive gambling behavior. Several factors which may be involved, include; pre-occupation with gambling, a need to gamble with increased amounts of money to achieve excitement, repeated failed efforts to cut back at gambling, use of gambling to escape feelings, and denial that gambling is a problem.

Recent research has shown that answering 'yes' to one or both of two screener questions, correlates with a very high likelihood of having a problem

with gambling. Question 1: "Have you ever bet more than you intended?" Question 2: "Have you ever lied about the amount of money spent or the time spent gambling?"

History of problem

The Bible says that when Christ was crucified on Cavalry: "The soldiers cast lots for his garments." This may have been the first recorded reference to gambling, i.e. "Casting lots" being a crude form of a game of chance entered into with the hopes of winning something.

In 1929 Sigmund Freud wrote what is considered the first account of a case of pathological gambling in his study of the writer Dostoevsky, author of: *Crime and Punishment*. Freud wrote: "He, (Dostoevsky) always remained at the gambling tables until he had lost everything and was completely ruined. He insisted that the main thing was the gambling itself, and that greed for money had nothing to do with it."

A problem drinker will have a couple of drinks, feel better and say: "I'm just getting started, bring me more." A non-problem drinker will have a couple of drinks, enjoy them and say: "That's it for me." Similarly, if a person gambling wins some and takes the attitude of: "Let the games begin," there is a distinct possibility that he/she has a problem with gambling. Compare this to a gambler who will win some money and put it in their pocket

and go home. The same person might lose some money and stop gambling because they don't want to lose more.

Well, the casinos are here and intend to stay. They run 24 hours a day, seven days a week. And, it is near impossible to get into a convenience store now without encountering a barrage of opportunities to gamble with the scratch-off cards. The ease with which multiple forms of gambling are readily available to all of us makes every demographic group a target. Youngsters, teens, adults and geriatrics are all candidates for giving into the desire for "fun" that goes along with gambling, without knowing that at the center of the desire is the certainty that the gambler must lose. The games are set up that way.

Treatment

Treatment for problem gamblers is more available now than ever before. Michigan Association of Problem Gambling is one group that is leading the way in gambling treatment, education, prevention, and training of problem gambling counselors. Their website is www.

michap.com. The Michigan Problem Gamblers hotline is (800) 270-7117. The Neighborhood Service Organization is Michigan's state-funded program which offers ongoing training leading to certification in problem gambling counseling. There are now nearly 100 graduates of the NSO gambling counselors program in our state. Also, the National Council for Problem Gambling maintains the (800) 522-4700 hotline which is available 24 hours seven days a week with 100 percent confidentiality. Through this helpline a caller will be put in direct contact with their own state's evaluation and treatment programs.

Other resources

A marvelous book written by Michael Burke, a member of the Michigan Problem Gambler's Association and titled *Never Enough*, subtitled *One Warrior's True Story of How He Gambled His Career Away*, is inexpensive, and available through the websites of Amazon, Barnes and Noble and The American Bar Association. All proceeds go to the victims of problem gambling.

Another prominent leader in the problem gambling treatment field is Denise Phillips, who has an office in Plymouth. She not only treats problem gamblers and their families, but also trains therapists to become problem gambling specialists and she offers presentations to schools, churches, and community groups. She was my classmate in one of the first graduating classes of problem gambling counselors, established in Michigan in the late 1970s. Her e-mail address is denisephilips186@msn.com.

Mentioning available resources would not be near complete without including Gambler's Anonymous, (GA). GA is a community-based, free, 12-step, self-help group similar to Alcoholics Anonymous. In addition to treatment for the gambler, offshoots of GA include Gam-Anon and

Gam-Ateen which are targeted for the loved ones of the gamblers and for adolescent problem gamblers. GA's phone number is (888) 424-3577.

The community of professional treatment for problem gamblers is growing nearby and afar. If you, or know of someone you care about who might have a gambling problem, don't hesitate to call on any of us.

Leonard J. McCulloch is a Diplomat of the American Psychotherapy Association. He is credentialed in problem gambling, as well as mental health, brain injury, traumatic stress, substance abuse and social work. He has authored 150 articles to date, through his column: "Our Mental Health," which is archived now at www.farmlib.org/heritagecollection/news-papers.html. McCulloch can be reached for consultation at (248) 474-2763, Ext. 22.



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LABS AND LUPUS

Physicians often hear a patient say: "Blood tests showed that I have Lupus," then the patient describes experiencing back pain, fatigue, "low grade fevers," stiffness in the morning, cough and diminishing energy which the patient ascribes to having "Lupus."

The first problem for the physician is that blood tests do not show or prove that a person has Lupus. The diagnosis comes from a group of changes in a person's health that represent the features of Lupus. Such changes include seizures, fluid around the heart and lungs, blanching of the fingers called Raynaud's phenomenon, low blood count, and decrease in blood platelets, small joint pain and swelling, and a variety of rashes.

Certain laboratory findings reflect Lupus changes; for instance a urinalysis can tell a physician if the kidneys are impaired. A complete blood count is the way a doctor finds that the patient has an anemia associated with Lupus.

But the patient who says that the blood test showed Lupus, is referring to the ANA or Anti-Nuclear Antibody test. As already mentioned, this test does not diagnose Lupus. It is the constellation of physical findings and changes that allows the doctor to say Lupus is the cause.

All the presence of an ANA says is that the patient is making at least one antibody against cells of his or her own body. Many people have such antibodies but very few have Lupus.

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Charlotte Mae Ryzyi

Charlotte Mae Ryzyi was born Jan. 6, 2013 at Providence Park Hospital Novi. She joins her parents, Joseph and Sheila Ryzyi, and sister, Gabriel, 2, at home in South Lyon. Grandparents are Walter and Patricia Kornylo of Livonia and David and Mary Ryzyi of Northville. Great-grandparents are Ksenia Kornylo of Dearborn Heights, Loretta Farris of Detroit, and Helen Ryzyi of Northville.

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ARNOLD, BARNY WINDY

February 6, 1933 - March 14, 2013. Barny Windy Arnold, 80, of Venice, FL and Plymouth, MI, died on March 14, 2013. He was a veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include his wife, Marilyn; children Karen (Dan) Burdette, Mark (Vicky) Arnold, Diane (Jay) Tucker, and Sherri Arnold; grandchildren Jason and John (Amanda) Burdette, Holly Arnold, Miranda Tucker, Mark A. and Elliot Arnold. He was predeceased by his parents, Asa and Laura Arnold. Barny was a veteran of the Korean War. He worked for GM for over 35 years and for State Wayne Theaters for 25 years. Burial will take place at a later date in Michigan.

DAHLIN, WILLIAM JOHN (BILL)

March 18, 2013; age 89 of Fairview, Michigan. Beloved husband of Marjorie for 61 years. Surviving are children: Eric (Pam), Chris (Julie), Lisa Kenger (Herb); four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Also surviving are sisters: Sally Hurston and Pearl Schaller and many nieces and nephews. Bill was born in Manitoba, Canada, became a United States citizen and served in the United States Army Air Corp during World War II. He was an avid golfer and garage sale guru. Retired from the Michigan Consolidated Gas Company and American District Telegraph. Per his request, Bill has been cremated and there will be no memorial service.



DERMYRE, FRANK R.

Passed away March 21, 2013 at the age of 80. He was born in Plymouth August 2, 1932 to Charles S. and Elizabeth (Carmer) Derymyre. Frank is deeply loved and will be missed by his wife Lorraine. He is the dear father of Dennis (Karen) Derymyre, Dave (Kim) Derymyre and the late Howard Derymyre, also dear father-in-law of Louanne. Dearest grandpa to Christina, Amber and the late Shelby Derymyre. Dear brother of Charles (Susie) Derymyre. Frank attended Ford Motor Trade School and then worked as a tool and die maker at Ford Motor Company for nearly 45 years. He retired in 1994. He served his country in the U.S. Army in Korea. Frank loved cars and more cars. He loved to tinker with them and he loved to draw them. Frank drew pictures of cars 30 years ago that look like what cars look like today. He did not have a green thumb, he had a green hand. Having grown up on a farm he could make anything grow. Among Frank's other interests were painting pictures, fishing and driving. He loved to drive and explore all of the side roads, however, Frank's greatest love was his family. Funeral Services will take place Tuesday, March 26, 2013, 11AM at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth. Friends may visit Monday 2-8PM. Interment will be at Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia, MI.

HOY, ALBERT HOMER

Of Ann Arbor, MI. Age 90, formerly of Garden City, MI, passed away on March 16, 2013 at Sunrise Assisted Living Facility. Albert was born on February 1, 1923 in Lewiston, Maine, the son of the late John and Emma (Hoffman) Hoy. Albert served in the Army during WWII and also worked at Cadillac Automotive, retiring after 35 years. Albert is survived by his son, Lane (Jennifer) Hoy, grandchildren, Jeremy and Shannon Hoy and brother, Charles Hoy. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 59 years in 2008, Doreen Mae (Giggey) Hoy. A funeral service was held on Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at the Nie Family Funeral Home, Carpenter Road Chapel. Please visit Albert's personal webpage to leave a memory at: www.niefuneralhomes.com



HARTEG, CHARLES ALAN

Of Whitmore Lake, MI. His Legacy...Age 49, passed away on March 16, 2013. Charles was born May 22, 1963, in Ann Arbor, Michigan to Robert and Patricia Harteg. Chuck (Charles) worked for Service Iron Works as a Paint and Delivery Supervisor. He was an avid gardener, willing to share the fruits of his labors with anyone who stopped by. Chuck was an active participant in many projects for Habitat for Humanity. As a faithful servant at Wesley United Methodist Church, Chuck fulfilled the position as chair of the PPRC for many years, and represented the church in many other facets. Chuck was the epitome of a devoted and enthusiastic Detroit sports fan. His Family...Chuck is survived by his beloved wife, Sue, and his children, Charlie Harteg, Alex Ellsworth and Zach Ellsworth. He is also survived by his siblings Robert Harteg and Patty Mack. His Farewell...The celebration of Chuck's life will take place Saturday, March 30, 2013 at Whitmore Lake High School, located at 7430 Whitmore Lake Road, Whitmore Lake, MI. Visitation with family begins at 10:00 a.m., celebration at 11:00 a.m. A luncheon will follow at the Whitmore Lake Rod and Gun Club, located at 11150 Lemen Road, Whitmore Lake, MI. Remember this is a celebration, so please wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt, Sports Jersey, or something bright and colorful (symbolizing Chuck's beautiful garden). In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Whitmore Lake Methodist Church, for the Charles A. Harteg Butterfly Garden Memorial, or the Charles A. Harteg Scholarship Fund. Please leave a Message of Comfort to Charles's family by calling 877-231-7900 or sign his guestbook at www.borekjenning.com



RHINEHART, JOHN EDWARD (1925-2013)

Passed away on March 4, 2013 in Troy, Michigan. He was born on November 23, 1925 in Raleigh, North Carolina to William Edward and Crickett Audrey (Husted). John graduated from Tech High School in 1942 and enjoyed many Tech reunions. He attended Northwestern University and received his BS in Business Administration in 1960 and his MBA in Industrial Accounting in 1962. John worked for General Motors for 9 years before he began a long career with Ford Motor Company. John started with Ford on July 2, 1953 as a Cost Analyst and retired as a Financial Analyst in 1992. John married Donna Marie Mills on September 21, 1968. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham since 1974. John loved to travel and he visited at least 5 of the 7 continents with his wife and friends. He also prided himself on his photography skills including serving as photographer for Nomads Solos Group and Kirk in the Hills Successful Singles. John was a long-time member of ACLU, Sierra Club, and Public Radio/Television. John was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, his sister, Shirley Ann Hoffman and many half-siblings. He is survived by nieces, Suzanne Storer and Sally Hoffman-May, and nephew, Jay Hoffman. John is also survived by numerous half-cousins, half-nieces and half-nephews. Memorial Services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, on Saturday, March 30, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Donations can be made to First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, Friends of Troy Public Library, American Red Cross, or WTVS Channel 56.



IVERSON, MARGARET ELLEN

Margaret Ellen (Golibart) Iverson died Friday, March 15, 2013 at age of 85 from complications of a stroke at her home at Homewood at Crumland Farms, Frederick, MD. She was born March 28, 1927 in Washington, DC. She and her family moved to Lancaster PA in 1935 and then in 1940 the family resettled in Frederick, MD. Her parents were Mark J. Golibart and Margaret J. (Rohrbach) Golibart. She attended the Frederick Academy of the Visitation, and later graduated from the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in 1949, where she received her RN Degree. She was employed at Mercy Hospital before she entered into the US Air Force and was awarded the commission of 1st Lieutenant, and stationed at Clarke AFB in the Philippines. Margaret was a member of the Catholic Daughters of America, volunteered at Frederick Memorial Hospital and American Red Cross, and also worked as a Nurse for several years at Homewood (Frederick, MD downtown location). She married Dr. Warren P. Iverson on Feb. 4, 1956 at St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, in Frederick, MD. She resided at Homewood at Crumland Farms (and for many years previously on Beechwood Dr. in Frederick, MD). She was predeceased by her husband Warren on Aug. 26, 2008. Also by her sister Madeleine Sherald, brothers Martin T. Golibart and Mark J. Golibart, Jr. Margaret is survived by her son, Martin Philip Iverson (Frederick, MD) and daughter, Mary Katherine Rosso (Birmingham, MI). Grandchildren: Timothy D. Iverson (Frederick, MD); Melody Baumgardner (Frederick, MD); Emily Rosso (Missoula, MT); Jennifer Rosso (Birmingham, MI); Caitlin Rosso (Birmingham, MI); Krista Threefoot (Columbia, MD). Great Grandchildren: Michele & Norah Threefoot. Also sister Jeanne Rogers (Bethany Beach, DE) and Sister-in-law Chica Golibart (Cape Charles, VA). And numerous nieces and nephews. She will also be remembered by many friends, neighbors, and care-givers at Homewood at Crumland Farms. Visitation was held on Monday, March 18 at Stauffer Funeral Homes of Frederick. Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday, March 19 from St. John's Catholic Church, Frederick. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made in memory of Margaret Ellen Iverson, sent to St. Katherine Drexel Church Building Fund (8428 Opossum-town Pike, Frederick, MD 21702); or to Homewood at Crumland Farms (7407 Willow Rd, Frederick, MD 21702). Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family at: www.staufferfuneralhome.com.



McGAUGHEY, JANE

Age 93, March 20, 2013 of Westland. Beloved wife of the late George H. Loving mother of Janet (Gregory) Brett and Gary McGaughey. Proud grandmother of Eric, Sarah, Amy and Andrew McGaughey and Meredith and Natalie Brett. Dear sister of Leonard Shields, Jessie Childs, Grace (Bill) Jackson, John McNab and Angus McNab. Family and friends will gather Saturday from 10 AM until 11 AM Memorial Service at Kirk of Our Savior, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland. Memorials may be made to Kirk of Our Savior. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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KALINOWSKI, GEORGE J.

Age 87, passed away March 15, 2013. He was born on March 27, 1925, in Lodz, Poland. He was a member of the Polish Underground Army during the German invasion of Poland. During that time, George became a P.O.W. After the war, George found and moved his immediate family to Detroit, where he attended college and received a formal education. George retired from Ford Motor Co. as an Electrical Engineer at age 65. He is survived by his beloved wife of 58 years, Alexandra, his loving children: Mark (Patrice), Annie, Thomas, and Susan (Chuck) Dziadzio. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Christopher (Ana), Brittany, Christine, Michael, Nick, Ava, Melody (Tony), and Paul Overley, his great grandchildren: Chris Jr., Marcos, Elijah, and Selah and his two nieces: Christine and Barbara. He was preceded in death by his brother John in 1969 and his grandson, Ricky in 1990. Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 21 from 4:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, March 22 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon.

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KENT, GLADYS M.

Age 94, of Farmington. Passed away March 16, 2013. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home. www.thayer-rock.com.

RANDOLPH, DONNA M.

March 17, 2013, age 72. Beloved wife of the late Buell H. "Randy." Survived by 1 sister and several nieces and nephews. Care and services are entrusted to the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home (734)981-1700. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com

RISTOLA, CAROLINE SUE

76, passed away peacefully on March 21. Loving mother of Kim (Bill) Warren, Toni Stewart, and Patrick (Margaret) Ristola. Beloved grandmother of Jonathan, Susan, and Katherine. The family will hold a memorial service at a later date.
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TODD, LINDA LOIS

Age 77, March 14, 2013. Linda taught at Henry Ruff Elementary for 30 years. She was the loving wife of James for 55 years. Cherished mother of Michael and Carol (Frank) Roberts. Beloved grandmother of Sara Roberts, Ian Roberts, and the late Chad Todd, Christa Todd and Thomas Kraus. A memorial service will be held on Saturday April 6 at 11 am at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt Rd. Memorial donations are appreciated to the Michigan Humane Society, Garden City Presb. Church or Divine Child HS, Chad M. Todd Scholarship Fund. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

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39 of Ubyly, formerly of Garden City, died suddenly Tuesday, March 19, 2013.
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RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

March

BETHANY

Time/Date: 8 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, March 30
Location: Don Hubert VFW Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft, east of Inkster, Redford
Details: Bethany, an organization serving Catholics and other Christians, offers a singles dance. Tickets are \$13. Beer, wine, pop, snacks and coffee are included
Contact: (586) 264-0284

BRUNCH

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., Sunday, March 24
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills
Details: Palm Sunday brunch will be served between the 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. services
Contact: (248) 553-3380

CAMP ENROLLMENT

Time/Date: Now through May 31
Location: Consuming Fire Christian Center, 31463 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland
Details: The Center is enrolling kids and teens, age 5-15, for its six-week Bible/Homework Enrichment Camp that will run July 8-Aug. 16. Full day sessions are \$700 and a half-day is \$480. Families get a \$25 discount for added siblings for the full day rate; \$10 discount for the half-day rate. A non-refundable \$100 registration fee at the time of enrollment secures a place at camp. All tuition must be paid in full by May 31. Cost includes the registration fee, snacks, materials for class, tutoring in most subjects and assessment testing
Contact: Melanie Staten or Sylvia Brown at (734) 266-2293

DISCUSSION GROUP

Time/Date: Miniseries shown 8-10 p.m. Sunday, through March 31; discussion from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, through April 3
Location: Kenwood Church, 20200 Merriman, Livonia
Details: The church will offer a discussion group on the History Channel miniseries, "The Bible"
Contact: (248) 476-8222

EASTER SERVICES

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Maundy Thursday, March 28; noon and 7:30 p.m. Good Friday, March 29; 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Saturday, March 30; 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Easter Sunday worship, March 31
Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia
Details: A breakfast will be held at 9 a.m. on Easter morning
Contact: (734) 427-1414 or (734) 338-6722

EASTER SERVICES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, March 28; 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Friday, March 29; and 9:30 a.m. Sunday, March 31
Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford
Details: All services have

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Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Palm Sunday, Sunday, March 24; 7 p.m., Good Friday, Friday, March 22; 5 p.m., Holy Saturday, Saturday, March 23; 10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday, Sunday, March 31
Location: New Life Church, 33111 Ford Road, Garden City
Details: Good Friday includes communion, sign team worship and a message on the importance of the cross. Holy Saturday offers a message on the importance of the burial; Easter focuses on a message of resurrection and includes sign team worship and children singing
Contact: (734) 326-7000

EGG HUNT

Time/Date: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, March 30
Location: Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1000 Beech Daly, between Plymouth and West Chicago Roads, Redford
Details: Children, grade 5 and under may hunt for eggs and stay afterward for stories, lunch and crafts. Free. RSVP deadline is March 24. Parents are asked to remain with their children during the event
Contact: Maggie at (313) 850-2252

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the general theme "Names of Wondrous Love."

Maundy Thursday sermon theme is "The Lamb." Sermon theme for Good Friday is "The Alpha and the Omega" and for Easter is "The Light." A free Easter breakfast will be held from 8-9 a.m. All visitors will receive the free DVD, "The Road to Emmaus."
Contact: (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523

EASTER SERVICES

Time/Date: Worship service 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 28; prayer and meditation, noon-3 p.m. Friday, March 29; service of darkness, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 29; 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Easter service, March 31
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills
Contact: (248) 553-3380

EASTER SERVICES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, March 28, 3 p.m. Friday, March 29, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 30, 10:30 a.m. Sunday, March 31
Location: Kirk of our Savior Presbyterian Church, located on Cherry Hill Road between Wayne Road and Newburgh, in Westland; Good Friday service set for Grace Moravian Church on Hively west of Merriman across from the Westland Golf Course
Details: A soup and rolls dinner will start at 6 p.m. before the Maundy Thursday service. Easter Vigil service on Saturday will include the Sacrament of Holy Baptism and reception of new members. An Easter breakfast will run 8 a.m.-10 a.m., Sunday, March 31. It will include: pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee and juice. Cost is \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, free for children under 5, and \$8 for families. Pay at the door
Contact: (734) 728-1088

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Fill your child's Easter basket with healthful snacks

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Skip the chocolate bunnies, coconut eggs and jelly beans. For a healthful Easter basket, start with kumquats.

"Kumquat is a citrus fruit. It's shaped like an egg. It's got a lot of great fiber, vitamin C, antioxidants," said Grace Derocha, a dietitian and certified diabetes educator for Blue Cross Blue Shield. "My mother always mixed them with chocolate eggs (for Easter) and my sister and I would fight over them."

"Golden Eggs," a mix of kumquats, grapes and chocolate, is among several healthful Easter basket snacks that Derocha listed in a press release from Blue Cross Blue Shield. The ideas originated with her mother, a retired pharmacist, who raised her children to prefer whole foods rather than processed fare. Derocha, a featured blogger at A Healthier Michigan and a certified health coach, is leading her 1 1/2-year-old daughter down that same healthy path.

"It was my creative mom who taught me," said Derocha, in an interview with the *Observer*. "My mom was creative about us wanting to be healthy. Last year around Easter I began telling people my secrets."

Her recipe for "Bunny Poop" consists of dried raisins, cranberries and blueberries that are drizzled with chocolate. Her mom sometimes substituted caramel for chocolate. The snacks may be refrigerated to harden the chocolate.

Another Easter basket alternative, "Peeps S'mores," is a fruity take on the traditional campfire snack. Derocha suggests swapping out the graham crackers for apple slices. Sprinkle on a little cinnamon, melt chocolate on a colorful Peep candy and place it between the apple pieces before microwaving.

"Rice Krispies Treat Eggs" substitutes colorful Peeps marshmallow candies for regular marshmallows in the traditional Rice Krispies treat recipe. Derocha forms each snack into an egg shape. She also adds other whole grain cereals to the mix.

"By adding the whole grain cereal, it kicks up the nutritional value," she said.

"Cottage Cheese Bunnies" can kick off Easter morning and entice youngsters to eat breakfast before dipping into their baskets. The simple recipe consists of shaping cottage cheese and half of a canned pear into a bunny shape. The cheese serves as the body and the pear is the bunny's head.

Derocha said homemade fruit snacks is another healthful alternative to candy or packaged fruit jerky for the Easter basket.

"I loved these as a kid. It works best with strawberries," she said. "Core the strawberries and then put them in the oven for about 10-15 minutes. I've done it an about 350 degrees."

Derocha's "Bunny Ears" snack calls for persimmon, pear or mango slices dipped in chocolate.

"Persimmons look like a tomato, but they are orange. My mom would cut them



Skip the chocolate and get your children involved in making cottage cheese and pear bunnies.



Grace Derocha, a registered dietitian for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, calls this mixture of dried fruit and chocolate "bunny poop."

into wedges to look like bunny ears. They have a mild, pear taste but are sweeter. They've got lots of vitamin A, C and fiber."

She suggests that parents include their children in food selection while grocery shopping, to encourage healthful choices.

"Have them pick out broccoli or something they don't necessarily like, so they become part of the process. It takes 20-30 times trying something before you acquire a taste for it. My mom made a poster board and every time we tried broccoli, we'd get a sticker."

Thirty stickers later, Derocha was allowed to decide if she would include the vegetable in her diet.

"It was always yes, across the board."

In addition to healthful snacks, Derocha suggests including small toys or useful items in a child's Easter

basket.

"Make the basket unique toward the child."

She looked forward to finding socks and a toothbrush in her basket when she was a child.

Other ideas include balls, chalk, movies, jump ropes, new tennis shoes, music, activity or coloring books, crayons and pens or markers, and jewelry.

She also suggests family Easter activities that include exercise.

"We would literally do bunny hop races and carry an egg on a spoon."

Egg hunts would include plastic eggs that contained just one or two candies along with a note suggesting a physical movement. "Moon walk to the next egg ... hop on one foot ... do jumping jacks," Derocha said, suggesting physical exercises. "It's also fun if the parents get involved."

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

March

JOINT REPLACEMENT

The Center for Joint Replacement at St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers free monthly educational seminars with orthopedic surgeons and expert staff who will answer your questions, discuss joint pain, joint replacement procedures, and available implant options. An upcoming session is 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 27 with Jeffrey Mendelson, MD. All meetings are held in Classroom 10 at the hospital, located on Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. Register by calling (734) 655-2345.

LUPUS SUPPORT

The Michigan Lupus Foundation will hold a support group meeting 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 27, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. The meeting is designed to assist individuals with lupus and their family and friends to get connected with each other and to get a better understanding of the disease and how to fight it. For more information visit milupus.org or call (800) 705-6677.

April

DIABETES SUPPORT

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will present a free educational seminar, "Glycemic Index: What is it? How is it determined? How can it be used for weight and blood sugar control?" The presentation runs 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 10 in the North Auditorium of the hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. The program is open to the public. Visitors who come to the event should park at the North Entrance. Registration is not required. For more information about the event, call (734) 655-8961.

DRUGS AND TEENS

"Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do," is a free, ongoing, two-part workshop series, presented in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. Part one, "What To Know," is set for 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday April 2. It will provide information on understanding and recognizing teen substance abuse problems. Part two, "What To Do," will run 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday April 9. It will provide information on what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is suspected or identified, and will include a short talk by a recovering teen speaker. The program is free and open to the public. It is targeted primarily to parents/caretakers of teens but is open to anyone. For more information call (734) 485-8725 or e-mail to info@dawnfarm.org.

CANCER BENEFIT

Autographed guitars from famous pop, rock and country musicians will be on the auction block April 20 to support the Charles A. Main, M.D. Pediatric Cancer Survivor Scholarship Fund and the Pediatric Oncology Late Effects Clinic at Beaumont Children's Hospital. Stars Guitars is set for 6 p.m., at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center in Dearborn. The event features a live and silent auction, strolling dinner and a performance by Little River Band. Along with autographed guitars and many other auction items. Descriptions of all auction items can be found on the event website, www.starsguitars.org. Tickets for this family-friendly event are \$75 for general admission and \$125 for preferred seating patron tickets. Both tickets include the live and silent auctions, gourmet strolling dinner and concert by Little River Band. For tickets and more information, visit starsguitars.org or call (248) 551-9887.

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Eggs-actley, what's in your basket?

Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



Dr. Scott
Family Practice

It's Easter again! Get ready for three-legged races, traditional Easter egg hunts, and of course, heaps and heaps of those yellow peeps. Before you dive into your basket or bite into that cr me filled egg, you may want to hear what Garden City Hospital Health Expert and Family Practice physician, Dr. Thomas Scott, has to say about a number of springtime favorites.

Q: When I was young "The Easter Bunny" always left me a basket filled with jellybeans and various chocolate treats. It was a time for sugar overload in our house. We never had a problem with, or heard about, childhood obesity and diabetes. These are concerns I don't want to worry about with my children. On one hand, I want them to experience childhood joys as I did, but I also want to keep them healthy. Do you have any suggestions or guidelines to help us stay balanced?

A: You bring up a great point about the rise in obesity and diabetes, but I would point out this is not exclusively a childhood problem. These two health concerns are affecting every age and are especially prevalent in our area. There are a number of factors contributing to the rapid gain in overall weight and declining health of society. A diet laden with sweets is one, and lack of activity and consumption of processed and fast foods rank high on the list as well. But in the spirit of Easter, let's focus on the sugar. As you fill this year's baskets, consider adding activities, puzzles or games that will engage your child's mind or get them playing outside. Work in some nutritious treats as well. Carrots and colored boiled eggs are great snacks from the Easter Bunny!

Here are some nutritional facts for some classic Easter favorites:

1 Cadbury Creme Egg	150 Calories
5 Peeps	160 Calories
1/4 Cup of Jelly Beans	150 Calories
1 3/4 oz. Medium Hollow Chocolate Bunny	260 Calories
1 Reese's Peanut Butter Egg	180 Calories
2 Deviled Eggs	130 Calories

Let's assume you eat two Cadbury Creme Eggs and a half a cup of jelly beans in a day. You will have eaten approximately 600 calories solely on the desire to satisfy your sweet tooth. This is not by any stretch of the imagination out of the ordinary, and something most parents will do while "inspecting" their child's basket. I suggest getting out and enjoying some fresh spring air as a family - consider cycling or a brisk walk to burn off those calories and as you said "stay balanced".

Dr. Scott has 24 years of experience practicing Family Medicine. If you would like to read more from GCH Health Experts like Dr. Scott, on a variety of important health issues, visit GCH.org and click the Health Generations icon.

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