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- Thursday, April 4, in Livonia just south of Eight Mile.

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.

## Fitness finalist

Canton Leisure Services Health & Wellness Program has been selected as one of three finalists for the 2013 Extraordinary Organization Award by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health, and Sports. The award honors organizations that provide opportunities for physical activity within their communities.

"We really couldn't be more proud of the recognition our Health & Wellness Program has received," said Canton Leisure Services Director Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz.

## 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.

## Slimy predicament



Achieve Charter Academy physical education teacher John Gendron took it in stride Friday when 25 students took turns dumping homemade slime on him as part of an American Heart Association fundraiser. It was all part of the school's annual Jump Rope for a Heart event. For the story and more photos, please turn to page A4.

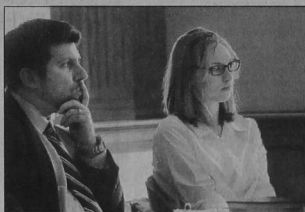
## No appeal in mom's dismissal

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Wayne County authorities will not challenge a judge's decision to dismiss charges against a 20-year-old Canton woman accused of hiding her stillborn baby from her parents by wrapping it in towels and a garbage bag, then placing it on a deck outside their home.

One count of dismemberment or mutilation of a dead body was dismissed Feb. 1 against the mother, Emily Dunklee, after 35th District Judge James Plakas ruled the evidence didn't support the charge.

"We will not appeal the case," Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Maria Miller confirmed Thursday. Defense attorney Daniel Geherin applauded the decision, saying Dunklee has to



Wayne County officials won't appeal a judge's decision to dismiss charges against Emily Dunklee (with attorney Daniel T. Geherin).

live with her actions even though she no longer faces criminal charges.

"Obviously this will affect her and her family for the rest of her life," Geherin

said. "But now she is able to move on with her life the best that she can. It's a great weight off her shoulders."

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## 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 more proactively in terms of avoiding a deficit or as large as a deficit as she's projecting so far," said Carla Sludge, 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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## Chamber draws on rivalry to hype auction

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

A bitter rivalry marked by deep-rooted, seething grudges has swept the Canton landscape, pitting neighbors against each other and forcing even the most casual observer to choose sides. The business community, especially, has locked horns as a long-standing feud has spilled into local banks, shops, restaurants, coffee houses and corporate offices.

Which side are you on? The University of Michigan or Michigan State University? Maize

and blue or green and white? The Canton Chamber of Commerce has stirred up a good-natured feud as U-M and MSU fans compete to draw fans — and money — to the chamber's annual dinner auction, set for 6:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 20, at the Burton Manor Banquet & Conference Center, 27777 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia.

Tickets are \$75 per person and may be bought by calling (734) 453-4040. Donations and sponsorships also are welcome. Event co-chair Amy Miller, a chamber ambassador, laughed

when asked to confirm that she is heading up the Spartans team. "You mean there's another team?" she asked.

### Diamond display

Indeed there is. Just ask co-chair Denise Staffeld, representing the Wolverines. She has been seen carrying a U-M gnome into local businesses such as Showroom of Elegance, where she snapped pictures of it in a diamond display and posted it on social media.

It's all in fun as the chamber expects to draw a crowd of 400 people or more to its latest

fundraiser, dubbed "The Great Divide: U of M vs. MSU."

Team paraphernalia are among more than 200 items that will be raffled, including trips to Cabo San Lucas and Boyne Mountain, airline tickets, jewelry, a \$1,000 cash prize and much more. The evening also includes a strolling dinner and an open bar.

Chamber President Thomas Paden said organizers hope to raise as much money as possible to pay for chamber operations, educational workshops and other

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er events to benefit the Canton basketball community.

"This event pretty much sets the tone for the rest of the year for our organization," he said, and while this year's theme pits U-M against MSU, "we really want to rally people around Team Chamber."

### Buckeyes accepted

Miller and Stafford said they and others are having fun with the in-state rivalry.

"It's going great," Stafford said. "We have tossed around this theme for several years. I'm a big Michigan fan, and I'm thrilled we're doing it. It's a great rivalry between the two teams, and it's wonderful for our state. "You don't have to be a Michigan

fan or a State fan to come to this event and have a good time."

Miller called the timing great amid the March Madness basketball season. The event's major sponsors are Jack Demmer Automotive Group and MSA Delivery Service.

"Our goal is for people on these two opposite teams to have fun," she said. "Even if you're for Nebraska, you can come and have fun. It's all good."

Stafford and Miller even conceded that Ohio State fans — yes, even Buckeyes — won't be turned away from what could become a feud-healing way to raise money for a common cause.

"We can all be nice to each other," Miller said.

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# Hearing adjourned for accused predator

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

A Canton woman testified in graphic detail Friday afternoon that she corresponded by Facebook instant message with an accused child predator who sought to meet and have sex with her and her 3-year-old daughter.

The woman described lengthy online discussions she purportedly had with 34-year-old Jesse Adam Hermann of Walled Lake, who was arrested Feb. 13 by Canton Police amid allegations he came to the Holiday Inn Express near Lotz Road and Michigan Avenue to meet the mother and child.

The woman said during Hermann's preliminary exam in 35th District Court that she sent Facebook messages to her — since obtained by police — describing how he wanted to kiss, fondle and have sexual contact with her and her daughter.

"I dream of a lady sharing her daughter with me," according to one of many Facebook messages read aloud Friday in



Hermann

in a bathtub.

After hours of testimony, 35th District Judge Michael Gerou adjourned the remainder of the hearing until April 5. Hermann remains jailed in the meantime.

Hermann, a former truck driver and self-employed artist, could face penalties ranging up to 20 years in prison if he is convicted as charged of two counts each of child sexually abusive activity and using a computer to communicate with another person to commit a crime.

The Canton mother said she became Facebook friends with Hermann and that their conversations took a turn when he indicated he wanted to have sex with her and her daughter. She said she continued the discussions to get information she turned over to police.

court. The woman said Hermann also asked her to take pictures of her daughter

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Keith Clark brought printed copies of the Facebook discussions to court Friday, having the woman read what she wrote as another prosecutor, Eric Stierbis, read the comments allegedly made by Hermann.

Canton Police ultimately posed as the woman and also had conversations with Hermann, according to court testimony.

The woman also had phone conversations with Hermann, she said, and she told him on the night of his arrest that she and her daughter were going to a hotel, where police took him into custody.

Canton Detective Andrew Kelley testified he had a conversation with Hermann at the police station about what had transpired between Hermann and the Canton mother.

"He said he knew it was a mistake, what he had done," Kelley said, adding that Hermann said "his intention was to have sexual relations with (the mother) and her 3-year-old daughter."

Defense attorney David Cripps questioned the

mother and asked her if she perceived the Facebook interactions as "game-playing" and "thoughts and fantasy."

She conceded the online conversations involved what appeared to be fantasies, but she said she contacted authorities to report Hermann because she was appalled by his statements.

Two of Hermann's laptop computers still are being analyzed by Michigan State Police to determine what content may be linked to the case.

On Friday, Cripps asked Judge Gerou to reduce Hermann's \$100,000 cash bond, saying Hermann will appear back in court and that he isn't getting the Koshar food he needs as a Jewish man staying in the Wayne County Jail.

Gerou issued an order for the jail to provide food Hermann can eat. Prosecutors argued against a reduced bond. "We do believe he is a threat to community safety," Clark said.

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## 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 pub-

lizing 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 Com-

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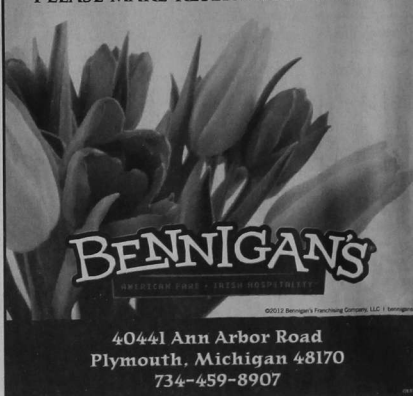
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# No cause yet in Plymouth fire

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 fluttering 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."

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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.

nity 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 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 blankets, 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."

The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

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Authorities had said Dunklee, a slender woman, had worn clothing that helped hide her pregnancy from family and friends. Another defense attorney, Philip Jacques, said she came from a strict Catholic upbringing and was afraid to reveal she was carrying a child after having sex with a co-worker.

Now-retired Canton Detective Tim Wright had testified during a Feb. 1 court hearing that Dunklee admitted having her baby about 3 a.m. last Oct. 14 in an upstairs bathtub, then hiding it after she believed it was dead.

A week passed before Dunklee's father, Philip Arthur Dunklee, found what he believed was a bag of dirty laundry on the deck and dumped it into a washing machine.

"I saw a fetus and an umbilical cord going to the placenta," he testified in February. "I only saw the top of the head. It totally shocked me beyond belief."

Dunklee's parents notified police, and Wayne

County authorities culminated an investigation weeks later by issuing the now-dismissed criminal charge, punishable by 10 years in prison with a conviction.

After hearing testimony, Plakas had ruled the statute under which Dunklee was charged didn't prohibit what she did.

Jacques said Dunklee "was frightened, scared and unfamiliar with what to do" after she delivered a stillborn child.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Laura Weingarden had said a medical examiner believed Dunklee's baby was stillborn at 38-40 weeks and had an infection before birth, though Weingarden contended it couldn't be ruled out that the baby was alive at birth.

Gehring argued the charge against Dunklee was from a 1931 statute and applied to circumstances such as grave-robbing or mutilating a body. He said Dunklee's actions didn't rise to the level of criminal behavior.

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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](http://www.plymouthfallfestival.com).  
**Contact:** For more information contact Colleen Brown [craftshow@plymouthfallfestival.com](mailto:craftshow@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](http://cantonfoundation.org)  
**MILLER WOODS TOURS**  
**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 [millerswoods.com](http://millerswoods.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 GUID

**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 [asgp@comcast.net](mailto:asgp@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](mailto:achristensen@cchnet.net).

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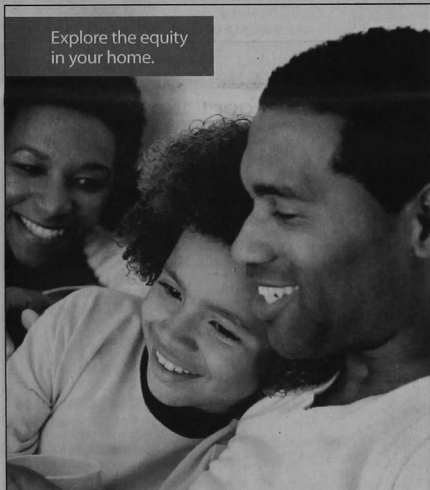
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Kids from across Wayne County and southeast Michigan take part in the annual Wayne County Parks Marshmallow drop in Westland's Nankin Mills. More than 20,000 marshmallows are dropped from a helicopter to the delight of hundreds of eager children, who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

Bleecker, Brian Edmund Chandler, Natalie Ann Demeyere, Jaclyn Rose Denomme, Samantha Joy Dieck, Sarah Marie Duxter, Lauren Alexandra Dworzanin, 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 Williams, Katrina L. Yelick and Allison Jeanette Zylka.



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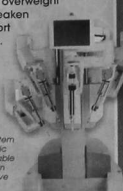
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# Put deed for your home in trust for your kids

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



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Rick Bloom

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 prop-

erty. 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](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com). If you would like Rick to respond to your questions, please email Rick at [rick@bloomassetmanagement.com](mailto:rick@bloomassetmanagement.com).

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# Consultant studied juror behavior at Simpson, Rodney King trials

By Ken Abramczyk  
Staff Writer

Jo-Ellen 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-Ellen 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 congrat-



Susan Lutz and Gail Spencer, at left, listen to Dr. Jo-Ellen 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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ATTEMPT 00-0



## 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.



## 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. 8-76-061-99-0009-000.

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  
Effective Date: April 12, 2013

Publish: March 24, 2013

ATTEMPT 100-0-7

## 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:

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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 with the following:

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201 S. Main Street  
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ATTEMPT 1-0-0



## 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
2. At least 18 years of Age
3. Resident of the State of Michigan for thirty (30) days
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 by 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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CHARTER 100-0-0

# W-W expands school of choice to K-11

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

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."

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

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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 Clara Montgomery.

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

People without medical insurance, the underserved 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 Wronchak, 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.

Wronchak said he got the idea for the booklet from people in his district who commented that they didn't know what 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](http://waynecounty.com/commission).

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

• Dearborn Heights, Livonia, Redford Township: Commissioner Diane Webb, [dwebb16@co.wayne.mi.us](mailto:dwebb16@co.wayne.mi.us), (313) 224-0930.

• Livonia, Northville, Northville Township: Commissioner Laura Cox, [lcx@co.wayne.mi.us](mailto:lcx@co.wayne.mi.us), (313) 224-0946.

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• Belleville, Romulus, Wayne, Westland, Huron Township, Sumpter Township and Van Buren Township: Commissioner Kevin McNamara, [kmcnamar@co.wayne.mi.us](mailto:kmcnamar@co.wayne.mi.us), (313) 224-0944.

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

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# SPORTS

## 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-



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](http://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.

### 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.

### 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 KIAA South Division only to fall to Canton in the district. For three seniors who were on the 2010 state finalists (Zoe Foster, Stephanie Dillon and Morgan Klubunde), 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.

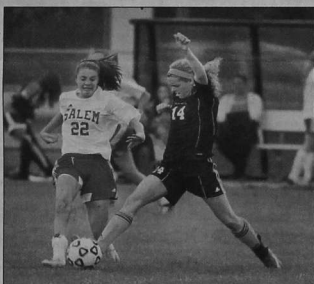
"Now we want to get ready for Wednesday night's showdown against Novi," Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich said. "It definitely will be a test."

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,



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 Klubunde, 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 excused 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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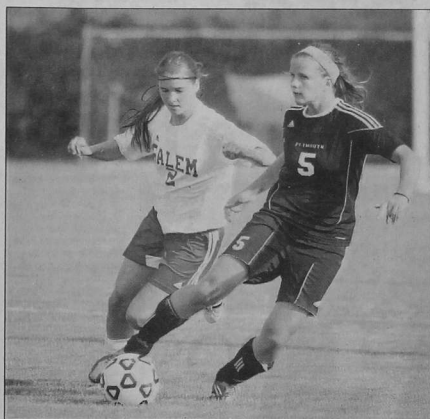


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Getting a leg up on Salem's Nancy Krutty (No. 2) during this 2012 contest is Plymouth's Maria Farmer (No. 5), who is expected to be a key contributor for the Wildcats this season.

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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."

Neschick said the team expects big things out of Klubunde, "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 Neschick, 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 Burkman, Jillian Aguirre and Lauren Bebock 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 cat 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," Neschick 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 stickkied 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 game 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 that 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 have too many highs or too many lows," Vellucci said. "You got to be even-keel."

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**Connor Humitz, Sr. G, Liv. Stevenson:** The senior goaltender posted a 21-7 record in 28 games started for the Division 2 state champions with a .904 save percentage, including five shutouts.

**Humitz, a three-year starter, earned second-team all-state and all-KLAA honors.**

"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 with our backstop - with his maturity was absolutely key to the state title run."

"His 1-0 shutout win marked the only time that (strong) Catlin 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 years how to use his special talents. He is a natural scorer, but at the same time possesses a big shot and a great stick that is not enough, he loves looking for the big hit. His two goals in the championship were the second and third goals of the game, the beginning 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 Schultzs 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.

"He was the top 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."

His 10 goals and 25 assists numbers he put up this season, while having to play against the opposition's top scorers, made him an incredible season. Players like Dean don't come along very often and he will be missed by the team.

**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 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:** Dean 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 ever coached in high school hockey," Vento said. "When Nick was on the ice, the opposition always knew his level and level is what was most obvious if you watched him play, but his work ethic off the ice,



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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."

**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 for the Rocks.

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 Ossennacher said.

"(Alek) was incredible consistent this year," Ossennacher 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," Ossennacher said. "His future is bright."

## SECOND TEAM

John Lethemon, Jr. G, Farmington: The junior reminder was in goal for all but one game, facing 79 shots and making 71 saves

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 offense 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 Kiendorf, Sr. Def., Liv. Stevenson:** The senior all-state honorable mention and all-KLAA pick was one of the backbones of the state championship squad.

Kiendorf had four goals and 17 assists in 27 games. "Like enjoying 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 blue line 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 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 to return to 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 line mates Nick Schultz and Zach Tavernier 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 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 his 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 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 in our sport."

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 Newell 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 while receiving all-state honorable mention honors.

"Sealy's leadership as 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," Ossennacher 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 KLAA Academic Team.

## CO-CHIEFS OF YEAR

**David Mitchell, Liv. Stevenson:** The first-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 cannot be any prouder of my coach than I am of this group," Mitchell said. "Also, as a person, I could not be any happier for the players, 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, we had our heart-breaking 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 get through 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. His 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 athletes and coaches, and the community as a whole."

**Gerry Vento, Plymouth:** It hasn't taken long for the Plymouth varsity boys hockey program, overseeing a dominant machine that won its first Division 1 regional championship - the first in team history.

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

Another season why the team is riding a wave of success is Vento's steady leadership and insistence that his players 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 coach Tim Smith and assistant coach Lonnie Middaugh and strength and conditioning coach Dan West "did a great job as head coach very easy and were instrumental" in the Wildcats' successful season.

"You combine that with a group of players that never stop 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:

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Non-Use Yard Setbacks  
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Applicant: Mark & Debbie Stevens

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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Personal Representative: Renée Picard, 441 Clay Street, Lapeer, Michigan 48846; Telephone No.: (810) 664-4321. Attorney: Renée Picard, 441 Clay Street, Lapeer, Michigan 48846; Telephone No.: (810) 664-4321.

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# JLA swan song

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

By Brad Emmons  
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."

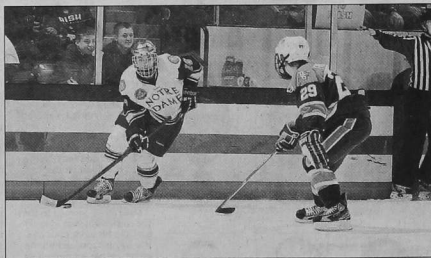
Voran, a junior who played three seasons of high school hockey at Stevenson High, hopes he'll be able to suit up after suffering an undisclosed injury in last Friday's quarterfinal opener against Bowling Green.

"I want to be out 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."



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're 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 36 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 proud," 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. "It is 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, 30 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.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Triple Threat games

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 games

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 camp 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@sbcbglobal.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 kelbertc@livoniaschools.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@sbcbglobal.net.

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## 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.

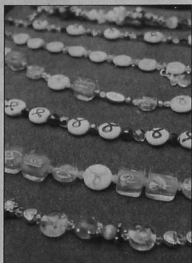
She runs two online support groups, a health advocacy website, and is a "Chemo Angel" to cancer patients.

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."



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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."

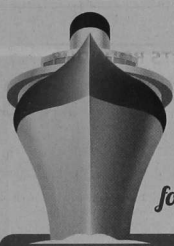
She underwent nine surgeries to repair accident-related injuries, including the foot operation that brought on the RSD/CRPSII. She had a heart attack not long after the accident, was given a pacemaker and prescribed Coumadin, a blood-thinner. Last month, she had her second pacemaker put in place.

"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."

Visit Stewart's jewelry site at [www.free-webs.com/jewelrymk](http://www.free-webs.com/jewelrymk). For more information about RSD/CRPS, visit [rdsdope.org](http://rdsdope.org). Find the WEGO site at [wegohealth.com](http://wegohealth.com).



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# Barbershop quartet set to perform in Plymouth

Tickets are on sale now for a barbershop quartet performance next month at the Plymouth Historical Museum. Impulse, made up of members from the Harmony Town Chorus of the Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, will perform at 7 p.m. Friday, April 19, at the Museum, located at 155 S. Main Street, Plymouth. Doors will open at 6 p.m. The group consists of Allen Holmes, tenor; Dave Peiffer, lead; Frank Adams, bass; and Charles Nalbandian, 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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Send garden and nature information and photos to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto: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/ml/livoniagardenclub](http://www.orgsites.com/ml/livoniagardenclub).

**English Gardens**  
•Get tips on pruning and dividing at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 27 and 1 p.m. Saturday, March 30, at free presentations.

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See native spring wildflowers blooming at Miller Woods in Plymouth Township during free, guided tours from 2-4 p.m., leaving every half hour, Sunday, April 14, 21

and 28. These dates are weather dependent because the flowers don't always bloom when expected. Check the Miller Woods website, [www.millerwoods.com](http://www.millerwoods.com), starting in April for last-minute changes to the dates when flowers are in bloom. Entrance to the nature preserve is on Powell Road, just east of Ridge Road, between N. Territorial and Ann Arbor Roads. No dogs are allowed in the nature preserve.

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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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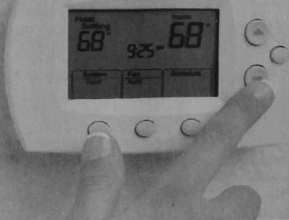
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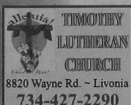
722-4651 or scott@wcccd.edu. The class of 1963 will be honored at the event.

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6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Oct. 26, at Burton Manor Banquet and Conference Center, Livonia.

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Maundy Thursday, March 28 at 7 pm  
Good Friday, March 29 at noon & 7 pm  
Holy Saturday, March 30 Easter Vigil at 7 pm  
Easter Sunday, March 31 at 8:30 & 11 am

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PALM SUNDAY - Sunday, March 24

8:00 a.m. Friends in Faith Service with Praise Team  
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Chancel Choir performing Cantata with Orchestras

MAUNDY THURSDAY - Thursday, March 28

7:30 p.m. Service of the Last Supper - Fellowship Hall  
Nursery Care Available

GOOD FRIDAY - Friday, March 29

7:30 p.m. Service of Shadows (Tenebrae)-Chapel  
Nursery Care Available

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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Livonia, Mich. 48150  
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http://www.rosedalegardens.org



### First United Methodist Church of Birmingham

#### Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday, March 24

8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, March 28

7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, March 29

7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, March 31

8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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March 29 - Noon

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Children's Ministry and Bible Study 9:40 am

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### Holy Week & Easter

Thursday, March 28 - Maundy Thursday  
7:00 PM Communion in the Sanctuary  
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Friday, March 29 - Good Friday

1:00 PM Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary

Dr. Norman Pritchard

7:30 PM A Choral Meditation - Passion of Christ

Chancel Choir

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday

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### What will you remember about this Holy Week?

Monday, Tuesday - 8 a.m. Morning Prayer

Wednesday - 7 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Thursday - 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Liturgy

Friday - Noon Good Friday Liturgy

7 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday - 9 a.m. Liturgy of the Word

7 p.m. Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday - 8 a.m., 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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**St. James Episcopal Church**

# Safety is key: Gas explosions make you think

By Joe Gagnon  
Guest Columnist

I finished working the Home Improvement shows for March yesterday and it's been four week-days 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

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@twinkl.com](mailto:appldr@twinkl.com).

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**Easter Sunday**  
March 31 at 6:30, 8:30 & 11am  
**Maundy Thursday**  
March 28 at 7:00pm  
**Good Friday**  
March 29 at 12:30pm & 7:00pm Tenebrae

**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
555 S. Wayne Rd Westland  
(734) 721-5223  
[www.stjohnschurchwestland.com](http://www.stjohnschurchwestland.com)

**Holy Week Schedule**  
Palm Sunday 8:30am and 10:30am  
Maundy Thursday 7:00pm  
Good Friday 12:00pm and 7:00pm  
Easter Sunday 8:30am and 10:30am

**First Baptist Church-Detroit**  
21200 Southfield Rd., Southfield  
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**SERVICES**  
**Palm Sunday, March 24, at 11:00a**  
**Maundy Thursday, March 28, at 7:00 p.m.**-Communion Service  
**Good Friday, March 29, at 12:30 noon**  
**Easter Sunday, March 31**  
9:30 a.m. – "Son Rise" Easter Brunch  
10:00 a.m. – Program/Children's Pageant  
11:00 a.m. – Sunday Service

**Resurrection Parish**  
48162 Warren Road, Canton, MI 48187, 734-451-0444

**Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week**  
Mass each day at 8:30 AM  
**Holy Thursday, March 28**  
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM,  
followed by adoration until midnight  
**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

**PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK AND EASTER!**

**Newburg United Methodist Church**  
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**Easter 2013: "Things We Carry"**  
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**Good Friday** - Worship at 7pm "The Weight of the World"  
**Easter Sunday** - "Baggage Claimed!"  
 Sunrise Service at 7am at Greenhead (8 Mile at Newburg Road)  
 Festival Worship at 9:15am & 11:00am at Newburg UMC

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**Starr Presbyterian Church**  
**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!  
9:00 a.m. – Breakfast – 10:30 a.m. – Worship  
11:30 a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt

**Starr Presbyterian Church**  
1717 W. 13 Mile at Crooks in Royal Oak  
248-288-3230  
[www.starrchurch.org](http://www.starrchurch.org)

**Covenant Community Church**  
25800 Student – Redford, MI 48239  
313-535-3100 – [www.covenantredford.com](http://www.covenantredford.com)

**Easter Sunday Service Schedule**  
**Good Friday, March 29, 2013 – 1 p.m.**  
**Sunday, March 31, 2013 – 2 services**  
9 a.m. & 11 a.m. – Morning Worship  
9:30 a.m. – Breakfast - Open to Everyone

**Christ the King Lutheran Church**  
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March 28- **Maundy Thursday** worship 7:00 p.m.  
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**EASTER SUNDAY - MARCH 31**  
9:00 a.m. Easter Family Service  
10:30 a.m. Easter Worship  
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**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**  
**3/28 HOLY THURSDAY**  
Confessions 5:00 - 6:45 pm  
Mass of The Last Supper 7:00 pm  
Followed by the procession to Altar of Repose - The Stripping of the Main Altar and Adoration at the Altar of Repose until midnight  
**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









## 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 jerky for the Easter basket.

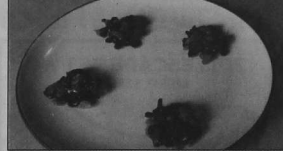
"I loved these as a kid. It works best with strawberries," she said. "Core the strawberries and then put them in the oven for about 10-15 minutes. I've done it an about 350 degrees."

Derocha's "Bunny Ears" snack calls for persimmon, pear and 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 [miflupus.org](http://miflupus.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 7:30-9 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.

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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 crème 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!

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Let's assume you eat two Cadbury Crème 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](http://GCH.org) and click the Health Generations icon.

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# Car Report

Advertising Feature

## Chevy Volt needs ads that are as advanced as the car



By Dale Buss

Now that the other shoe has dropped for Chevy advertising — the end of its relationship with Goodby Silverstein, not long after the brand slugged the ineffective slogan conceived by the agency — the next move by McCann should be for a fresh, significant new campaign for Volt.

And that may be just what Chevy's new chief marketing officer, Tim Mahoney, orders up when taking the reins of his new job after a highly regarded two-year stint as CMO of Volkswagen of America.

Sales-wise, Volt has continued tanking and from depending on how many of the car GM is manufacturing and, especially, how well the company is doing in meeting the strong demand for a California-specific, car-pool-lane-eligible version of the plug-in hybrid that was introduced last year.

In February, for example, Volt sales were 43 percent ahead of January, but that was mainly because GM was short of stock for a while, not because of a huge surge in underlying demand for the car.

GM plans to build as many as 36,000 Volts and other plug-in hybrids (including the start of production of the sibling new Cadillac ELR) this year, or about 1,500 to 3,000 a month, according to Bloomberg, while it sold about 30,000 Volts and similar Opel Ampera models last year.

That would represent an output increase of as much as 20 percent, but in a U.S. market where electrified vehicles of all sorts continue to face a short-term

acceptability challenge, don't expect demand for Volt genuinely to mushroom anytime soon, no matter how good its advertising might become.

And yet, Volt's inconsistent sales performance masks the much more formidable reality of the car itself.

Plug-in hybrids remain the type of electrified vehicle that makes the most sense because they release the driver from dependence only on a battery-fed powertrain.

And while competing makes have been introducing their own plug-ins, Chevrolet Volt remains not only the pioneer for this technology but also very much the face of it. Just as Toyota's Prius brand still dominates conventional hybrids, there's no reason Volt shouldn't continue to be the best-selling plug-in hybrid by far.

But from the very launch of Volt three years ago, GM arguably has done a poor overall job of communicating that identity and has failed to mainstream the vehicle perceptually among American consumers so that Volt would have a shot at joining the mainstream of U.S. auto sales.

One of GM's first mistakes was assigning Volt a status not very much unlike all

the other Chevy models under the "Chevy Runs Deep" tag line and positioning. Clearly, the idea was for the acknowledged cutting-edge technology of Volt to provide a halo to the rest of the Chevy lineup.

But while the brand re-dressing conceived by then-GM Chief Marketing Officer Joel Ewanick didn't do much for the entire Chevrolet lineup, it did a particular disservice to Volt. This was a car that Chevy should have set apart unequivocally from the rest of its brand, right out of the chute, instead of largely subsuming Volt's unique identity into a re-branding of the entire marque that unfortunately went very awry.

Chevy's more recent Volt-only TV-ad campaign featuring testimonials about the car from real owners was more effective and got closer to communicating the passion that many Volt owners feel for their plug-in.

But, now helmed by Mahoney and with McCann as the only creative agency involved, Chevy advertising should do more and better by Volt. What, exactly?

For one thing, the Mahoney-McCann team should be able to figure out a way to drive home the huge advantage that Volt, as a plug-in hybrid, enjoys over the all-electric wanna-bes. It has a



GM will be boosting production of Chevy Volt by up to 20 percent this year.

highly fuel-efficient gasoline engine that gives Volt drivers a peace of mind and a confidence about not being stranded that drivers of Nissan Leaf and other EVs can only envy — coupled with most of the advantages of being able to drive Volt in electric-only mode when desired.

With the reputation he built for fielding effectively humorous advertising while helming Volkswagen's marketing, such as the masterful "Little Darth Vader" spot during the Super Bowl a couple of years ago, Mahoney certainly seems like a guy who could make such an approach work.

Chevy's new uber "Find New Roads" positioning for the overall brand and product line has yet to really unfold. The first ad the brand showed, during the Oscars telecast last month, gave Volt a largely superfluous cameo.

The existence of such an interval before Chevrolet presumably begins seriously redefining the brand is one reason — and opportunity — for Mahoney and McCann to give Volt the quick, effective moment in the sun alone.



Volt made a cameo appearance in Chevy's first "Find New Roads" TV ad.

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