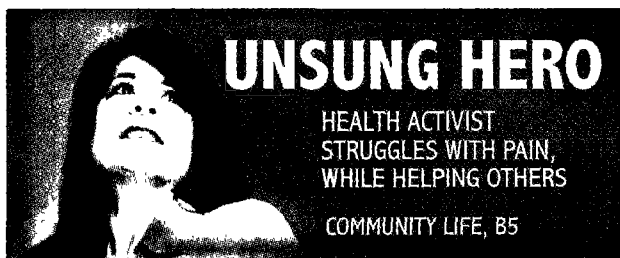




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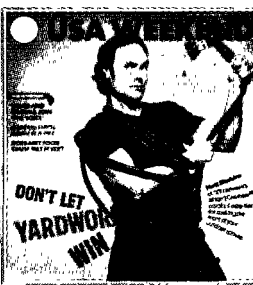


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**Despite fiscal  
woes, officials see  
revival in Wayne**

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Not everything is "gloom and doom" in the City of Wayne. That was the message delivered to members of the Wayne Chamber of Commerce by city officials at the State of the Community presentation Tuesday. Despite a more than 7

percent drop in property values and loss of \$2.4 million in revenue, the city is seeing industries reinvesting and expanding and businesses renovating and moving from being renters to property owners in the community. "We see business expanding and the quality of the business is good," said Mayor Al Haidous.

"It not the quantity of business that will bring in people from outside, but the quality."

Haidous, Mathew Mulholland, the city's personnel director/economic development specialist, and Peter McInerney, community development director, talked about the city's continuing financial difficulties and devel-



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Wayne Mayor Al Haidous talks with City Manager Robert English prior to their report Tuesday on the State of the Wayne Community to members of the Wayne Chamber of Commerce.

opments that continue to improve it.

Haidous pointed out that the city's infrastructure is too big for the community. The merger of the Wayne and West-

land parks and recreation departments and the work that is being done on a new fire authority which has its headquar-

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**Art show  
entries**

The Three Cities Art Club is seeking the work of area artists for an exhibition April 26-29 at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road.

This is the club's first exhibition that is open to non-members. The club is hoping to attract entries from artists who specialize in three dimensional works. Entry forms with complete details can be downloaded from the "Member Corner" of the club's website at www.threecitiesartclub.org.

Richard Rubinfeld, an art professor at EMU since 1986, will judge the entries, selecting the pieces to be included in the show and those that will receive the cash prizes and honorable mentions. Also, Westland Mayor William Wild will select his favorite with the winning artist receiving an additional cash prize.

For more information, contact club president Marilyn Meredith weekdays at (313) 231-3939 or by e-mail at marilynmeredith@wow-way.com.

Livonia resident Jennifer Wakenell with doll houses that are part of her exhibit Turner Town, which highlights Turner Syndrome.



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**Doll houses entertain,  
explain Turner syndrome**

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

There is a Christmas house, a farm and a couple of stone houses in miniature Turner Town, a variety of houses like you might find in any community.

On display in the children's section of Westland's William P. Faust Public Library, the display of doll houses is entertaining but also carries a message about Turner syndrome, a chromosomal abnormality. Part of the syndrome is a nonverbal learning disorder.

"What I want people to take

away from this is that people with disabilities have a lot of abilities and talents that get overlooked," said Jennifer Wakenell, a Livonia resident who put together Turner Town.

To accompany the doll houses, Wakenell has written illustrative little stories about a girl named Joy who has Turner syndrome like herself.

"The stories highlight the characteristics and common challenges we face everyday," she said. "People have more of a fun time reading about a medical issue. There is an I Spy game, you can vote for your favorite house and measure

their growth at the measuring stations."

Affecting only women, Turner syndrome has a number of physical affects and also learning disabilities, particularly a specific difficulty in perceiving spatial relationships, such as a nonverbal learning disorder. This may also manifest itself as a difficulty with motor control or with mathematics.

"By knowing the symptoms that can be overlooked or misdiagnosed, you can adequately help the person," said Wakenell. "They can get medical treat-

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**Westland eyes  
closed school  
to replace  
Dorsey Center**

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

The idea of moving operations from Westland's Dorsey Center to the former Jefferson Barns Elementary School is getting some discussion.

During a recent study session with the council, Westland Community Development Director Joanne Campbell noted the city was looking into applying for a Section 108 Loan from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to facilitate the project.

"You repay the loan over 10 years, the city has used this kind of loan to build the fire station on Annapolis and additions to the Friendship Center," said Campbell.

There have been some very preliminary discussions about the city potentially using Jefferson Barns, said Wayne-Westland Schools Superintendent Greg Baracy.

"We had no bites at all on selling it. We're interested in talking with the city but there have no serious talks at all," said Baracy. "Without reservation, we'd be interested in talking with the city and the Board of Education about this. We'll support the city. We sent letters of

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**Argument over man turns deadly for Westland woman**

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

An Inkster woman is being held by Westland police pending charges that she ran over and killed a Westland mother of four with her vehicle Thursday afternoon during an argument over a man.

The incident occurred at 4:45 p.m. at Manistee Court and Grand Traverse in the Norway section of Westland. A

number of people were outside during the verbal altercation between the Westland woman, 25, and the Inkster woman, 30.

"It was a dispute over a man. The victim and the suspect were competing for the affections of a man," said Westland Police Lt. Michael Harhold. "The victim was apparently getting more attention from the man and that drew the suspect's ire. The victim was struck by a vehicle

in the street and died of her injuries."

The suspect was behind the wheel of a Jeep Cherokee which ran over the victim, who died of her injuries a short time later at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital. The vehicle fled after the victim was struck and the suspect was subsequently arrested.

"She (the Inkster woman) is our one and only suspect. We are not looking for anyone else," said

Harhold.

Police were not releasing the name of the victim but other sources identified her as Amanda Hall. The suspect's name was also being withheld pending criminal charges which were expected over the weekend. The man over whom the women were reported to be arguing was identified as a Westland man.

There were a number of witnesses to the incident — people who were

outside during the argument between the two women, as well as passengers in the suspect's vehicle.

"The witnesses have been cooperating with us and giving us statements," said Harhold. "The passengers in the suspect's car were never in custody. We did talk to them."

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Westland residents Ashley Kroll and mom Jenny check out the doll houses of Turner Town at the Faust Library.

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ment and accommodations in the classroom to really better their lives."

Turner Town started out with a few houses — some made by family and friends, other houses retrieved from being discarded at the curb. Wakenell's parents, Maureen and Raymond, help with fixing up the doll houses and furnishing them.

Currently, Maureen Wakenell said she's working on a church, a medical building and children's home to add to Turner Town.

"It's becoming more of a city than a town. It's over-

whelming to see all of the scenes together," said Wakenell.

Along with the doll houses, there is an informational display on Turner syndrome set up just near the entrance to the Children's section.

"You may not need the information now but you may need it in the future," said Maureen Wakenell.

Having been displayed at all three Livonia libraries, Turner Town was originally set to remain at the Faust Library until the end of March. Now it seems to be having an extended stay.

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ters in Wayne have been positive moves. So has the work on city streets funded through a millage.

He told the crowd that he had thought about getting a group of rich people in the room, locking the door and not letting them out until they solved the city's financial crisis.

#### Working together

"I believe that working together, the city, businesses, citizens, industry and our staff can save this great city," he said. "While it looks painful, it shouldn't be the cause to destroy a beautiful city. We have to make tough decisions and in the end we have to come to the right decisions - save the community and protect vital services for our businesses, industry and residents."

"We need your ideas and your help any way you can to address these issues in the future," he added.

McInerney agreed that the "municipal situation is challenging," but said the city is willing to work with all businesses.

Citing the expansion at Ford Stamping Plant, American Jetway and Mark Chevrolet, McIn-

erney pointed to changes that have been made to speed up the site plan process for businesses that are doing interior renovations.

"We call it Site Plan Light to make it as smooth as we can for business," he said. "It's like one-stop shopping, and our doors are open," he said.

City Manager Robert English said Site Plan Light is one of the things that he is proud of.

"We want to be there to help you, so we're doing things differently," English said.

He added that the city, with the blessing of the county, is working on creating a Commercial Redevelopment District along Wayne Road from Sims to Glenwood. The district would dovetail with the one Westland created and would provide development opportunities stretching from Cherry Hill in Westland to Sims in Wayne.

"It would allow for expansion, modernization and new businesses and hopefully impact the intersection of Glenwood and Wayne Road," he said. "It gives us a wonderful opportunity to market the Franks (Furniture Store) property."

Mulholland added that the city would have the ability to create spot redevelopment districts else-

where in the city for businesses that don't fall into the Wayne Road district.

#### Other improvements

Another bright spot has been the improvements at the State Wayne Theater. Now operated by the Michigan-based Phoenix Theatres, the State Wayne has become a 21st century movie theatre, showing first-run films. The improvements, especially in the concession area, has helped keep ticket prices down, and Mulholland assured chamber members that the drag-on on an interior wall is staying.

"It's important to bring in new business, but its important to retain the old," said Mulholland, equating the downsizing of city government to playing with an injury in the NCAA tournament. "The development department looks a lot different than it did before, we're playing with the pain and working to get a good outcome for the city."

With a smaller staff, the use of the fire department to do inspections has helped. At one time, 25 percent of the housing stock was rentals, the number is now 40 percent and going up, he said.

"We have to keep out neighborhoods strong, it's important to monitor them and keep them in a

state that keeps us moving forward and not sliding backward," he said. Mulholland added that he believes Wayne's future will revolve around recreational opportunities. It has a parks and trail system second to none and with the removal of the dam under Wayne Road, the Lower Rouge River is accessible to canoeists from border to border.

The city is joining with Canton and Dearborn, the Friends of the Rouge and the Association of Rouge Communities in applying for a \$50,000 Urban Waterways Project grant to develop the river into the Rouge River Water Trail.

"Wayne is so far ahead on this," he said. "If we get this designation as a water trail, we can use this leg as a demonstration project. We'd like to put in canoe launches and a group of Lawrence Technological University students are working on such a project and want to get involved."

"We all have a goal of making Wayne a better place," said Paul Strom, the chamber's executive director. "We have to have an infectious positive attitude. That is what's going to affect change in Wayne."

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support on grants (sought by the city)."

If the city is able to use the school, which was one of six elementary schools closed in 2010, Campbell said that Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency could expand its local operations.

"We have had other nonprofits inquiring,"

said Campbell, adding one idea was setting up a youth boxing gym.

The proposed 2013-14 Community Development Block Grant program includes \$49,850 for Dorssey Center renovations.

"Joanne (Campbell) will have people look at the building. This sets aside money for this," said Westland Mayor William Wild. "They will look at it before we go ahead. If we don't go this route, we can reprogram the funds."

Like other schools, Jefferson Barns had been renovated before it closed. In assessing the needs for the building to be converted to a community center, Campbell said installation of air conditioning and construction of offices would need to be considered.

"We would be willing to get into serious talks in the best interest of the schools, the city and community," said Baracy. "We're willing to dis-

cuss any viable use of the building in the best interest of all."

Since Jefferson Barns has been closed, Baracy said is has been used for regular training by Wayne County canine officers. Only one of the six closed schools has been sold — the former Patchin Elementary School.

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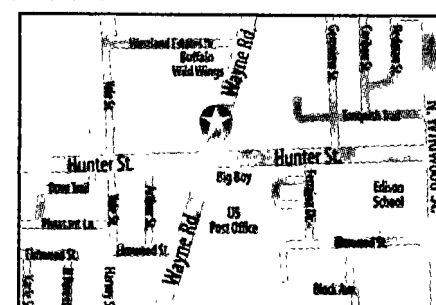
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# Merriman Road Church presents 'Lamb of God'

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

The passion of Christ will come to life in an Easter drama being presented Friday and Saturday by the congregation of Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City.

*The Lamb of God*, an Easter play written by pastor Wayne Parker, tells the story of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection as seen through the eyes of John Mark who is believed to have been present for the Last Supper and that the dinner may have even been held at his home.

"He appeared in Jerusalem during the passion of Christ and he played a role in the early church," said Parker, who wrote the play six years ago and revamped it for this year's production. "The setting is when Paul is under house arrest in Rome. John, Mark and Paul relate the gospel story to the Roman guards."

Parker has written several plays. This one is the "most dramatic."

"To me it's the most dramatic of the plays I've written because of how it ends with the beheading of Paul," said Parker. "We have this final scene that is very dramatic, very moving."

By writing the play himself, Parker has been able to use musical pieces that are favorites of the choir.

More than 120 church members are involved in the production, including

the cast, choir, support and stage hands.

Eight to 10 men have been at the church in the evening working on the set. The sanctuary has been transformed to include the room where Paul is confined. On an elevated platform is a large wooden cross that is raised to an upright position for the crucifixion. Below it is the tomb where Jesus is buried.

The play will be presented at 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday and Saturday, March 29-31, at the church, 2055 Merriman, south of Ford, Garden City. Admission is free for general seating.

"We'll be filled both evenings," said Parker.

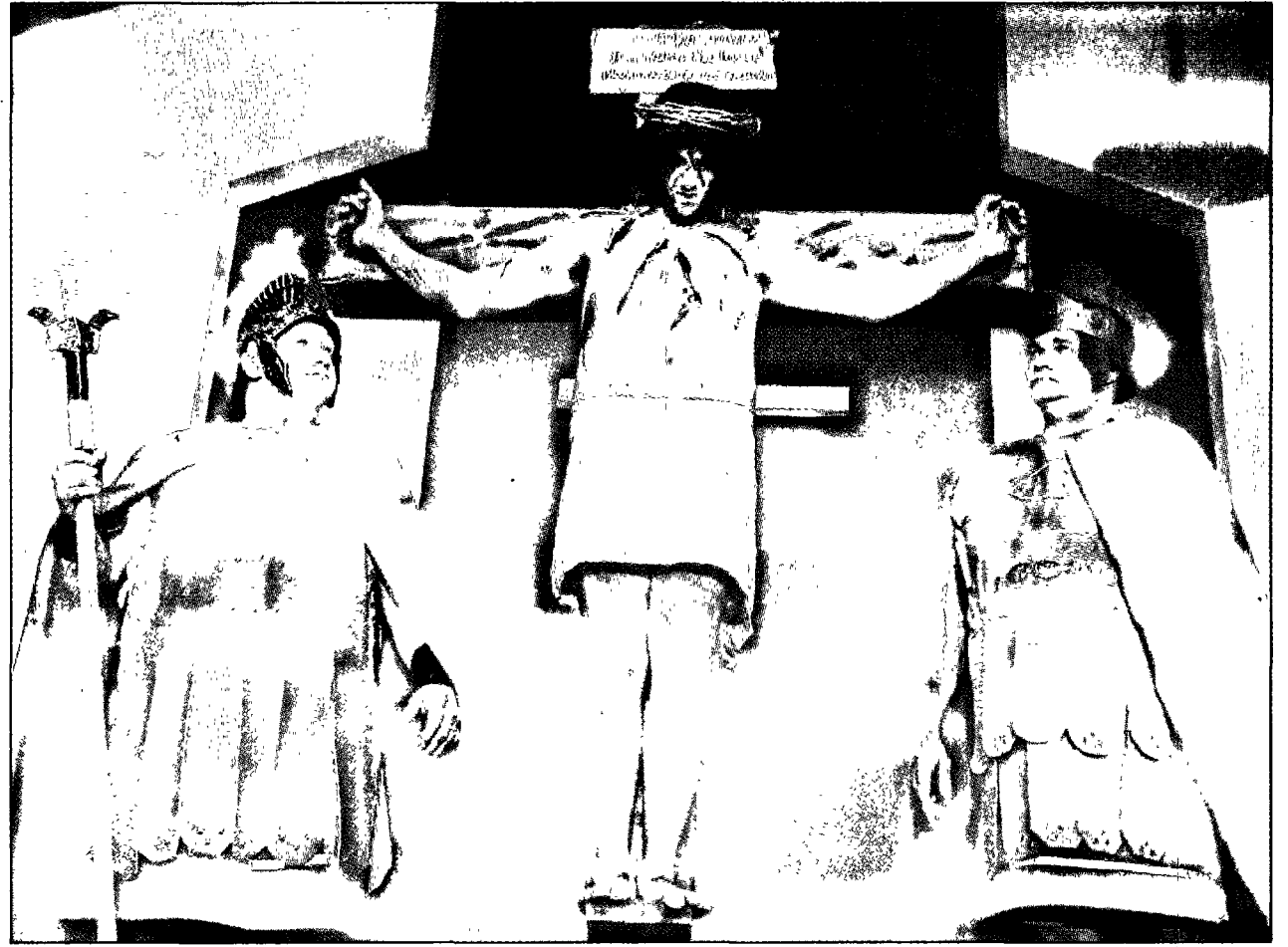
Garden City High School senior Austin Manuel, who plays Jesus in the drama, said the hardest part "is getting on the cross." He has pegs to hang onto with his hands and small platform for his feet. There also will be ropes around his arms to secure him to the cross.

Manuel took on the role of Jesus after being asked. He decided to "go with and said OK." Now he has his high school friends teasing him about turning water into wine.

"Someone asked me to do that the other day, I've been asked at least four times," he said.

He's also found he has to carry on his portrayal of Jesus and be more Christian like.

Mark Byars of Garden City and John Rowe of Westland play Roman



Roman guards, played by John Rowe of Westland (left) and Mark Byars of Garden City, stand by the cross as Jesus (Austin Manuel of Garden City) dies in a scene from "The Lamb of God."



Ray Gray of Westland talks with Terry Crouson of Livonia who plays Paul in the Easter drama at Merriman Road Baptist Church.

Russ Weathers who is overseeing production. This isn't the first time he's done *The Lamb of God*.

"I helped direct it and played the role of Paul at the last minute the first time around," he said.

The church has been doing the Easter drama for 15 years. Each year, things are added to improve the production. Spotlights have been replaced with digital theater lighting. A smoke machine and strobe light have also been added.

"One benefit of doing this it's an opportunity for us to do something this big together and invite the community to come," Parker said.

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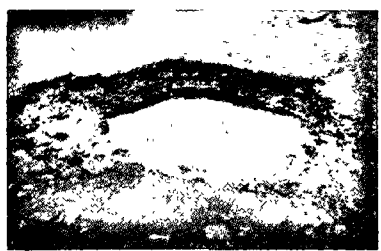
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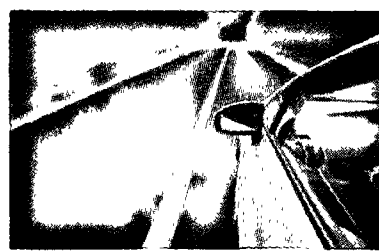
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## Cyber safety: Get involved in kids' digital lives

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Jodi Speck has a message for parents of middle schoolers who to keep them cyber safe: Let their child know that if someone does something online that makes them feel uncomfortable tell their parents or a trusted adult.

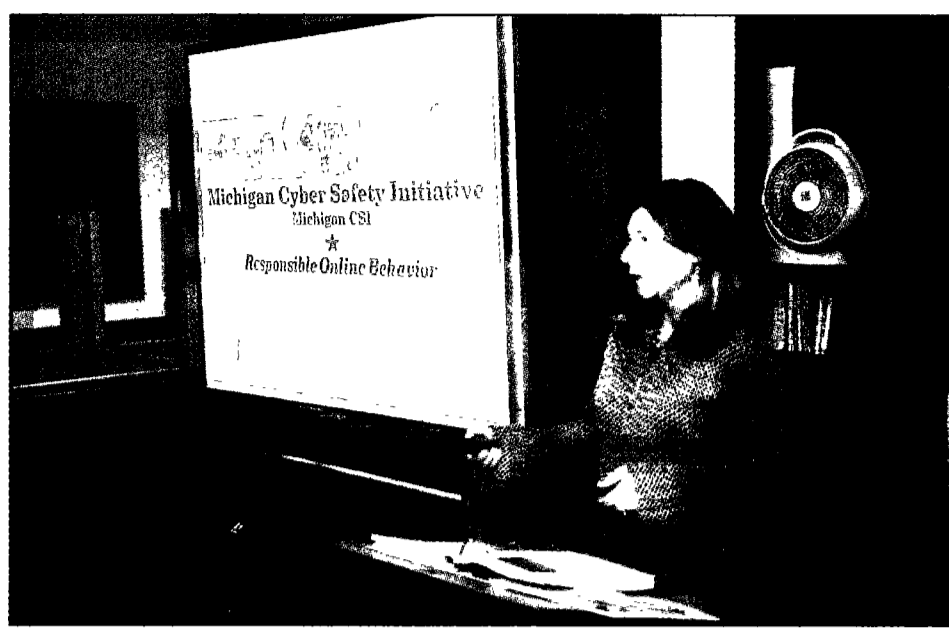
Speck, a member of the Consumer Protection Division of the Michigan Attorney General's Office, was at Garden City Middle School recently to talk to parents about cyber safety and what can be done to protect teens from online predators. The program is part of Attorney General Bill Schuette's Michigan CSI (Cyber Safety Initiative).

"Communication and involvement with their digital lives is important," said Speck. "You want your children to come to you right away with a problem. The key is to have an honest, open line of communication."

According to Speck, 95 percent of teens use the Internet. Eighty percent of them can connect through a game controller, 85 percent use social networking, and 77 percent use their cell phone.

She added that 69 percent of teens receive messages online from people they don't know. How they handle the contact can determine if they fall victim to a predator or avoid the online threat.

"Internet predators come from all walks of life, they go where they're going to find their next victim — social networking," she said. "Sev-



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Jodi Speck who works in the Consumer Protection Division of the Michigan Attorney General's Office, talks to parents about what they can do to keep their children cyber safe.

enty-seven percent of teens chat online, and a predator will try to appear to be a friend. They'll ask a lot of questions and fool teens by constantly agreeing with what they like. They'll say things like 'You know you can tell me everything and I won't tell anyone. They'll exploit any parent/child conflict.'

### Don't overreact

She cautioned parents not to overreact when their child approached them about an Internet issue and likewise advised kids to keep telling a parent or trusted adult about anything that can make them feel uncomfortable. Kids can get in trouble before parents know it, she said.

She also cautioned parents that younger siblings can pick up the behaviors of their older brothers and sisters, so knowing the signs of problems



Toy Lewis and Kayla Arlboro, both of Garden City, listen to Jodi Speck's recommendations for keeping kids cyber safe.

is important. The signs include such things as:

- Your child spends large amounts of time online, especially at night.
- Your child receives phone calls from people you don't know or is making calls, sometimes long distance, to numbers you don't recognize.
- Your child receives mail, gifts, or packages

from someone you don't know.

- Your child turns the computer monitor off or quickly changes the screen on the monitor when you come into the room.
- While online, your child is using a microphone or Webcam you didn't know he or she had.

"The most alarming thing is their accepting Facebook friend requests from people they don't

know, it gets to be a contest to see how many friends they can have," said Speck. "But unless they really know the person, they shouldn't answer those requests. If they do, they're putting their lives at risk."

In the case of headsets, Speck told parents it should be set up so only people they know can contact them.

"A predator will listen in on conversations, but you can block that," she said. "It's easy for a predator to find a victim. They get their age, have them talk to them on the phone once and they can do a reverse search on the Internet to find the address. Eighty percent of predators use social networking to find out what their victim likes."

"One child didn't give the predator the address, but came home and the predator was waiting," she added.

### Getting information

Geotagging on photos also provide information, it's an exact GPS of where a picture was taken. Predators know where parks are all over and where kids hang out.

"Skype, Facebook, YouTube, Google, Instagram — whatever you do today can be pulled up later," Speck said. "Sexting to a minor is illegal and can be punished by up to 20 years in prison. Both boys and girls commit child pornography with what they send. Challenge kids that before they send something, know the consequences. Challenge them to protect their reputation and their future."

Speck provide parents with three "keeps": Keep current in infor-

mation. Keep current on their communications. Keep getting your child to share their experiences with you.

Another Internet issue is cyber bullying — using a cell phone, a computer or online game device to bully. According to Speck, 81 percent of kids who do cyber bullying do so because they think it's funny and 30 percent want to seek revenge. Of those who are cyber bullied, 29 percent do nothing about it and 20 percent contemplate suicide.

"There are ways to find out where the messages have come from, and police take cyber bullying very seriously," she said.

She added that certain applications that teens download can siphon off information without them knowing. Every key stroke can have information gathered to create a data base.

To keep teens cyber safe, Speck recommended that parents create clear and simple ground rules. Get to know the Internet and see that their child understands that it's important to tell their parent or a trusted adult when something happens.

"Keep checking," she said. "They need to understand that there is little privacy on the Internet."

Parents can find more information about cyber safety on the Michigan state government website at [www.michigan.gov/csi](http://www.michigan.gov/csi). It includes online resources, tip sheets and even an online safety contract.

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# Career-Tech's Tigani wins poster contest

Students who attend the William D. Ford Career Technical Center gain hands-on experience in their field of study, and some classes also are able to enter major competitions to earn scholarship money.

One such student is Jennifer Tigani, a junior at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland. She was named the grand-prize-winner of the International Compost Awareness Week poster contest. This year contestants were challenged to visually portray the theme, "Compost: Nature's Way to Grow."

Tigani is a student in the Graphics Design class at the Center and also attends John Glenn High School.

"Ms. Tigani's design is a compelling reflection on the role of compost in maintaining a healthy planet," said Michael Virga, USCC Executive Director. "It's encouraging to see a young talent such as Jennifer invest her time and creativity to promote this important message."

Tigani won a \$500 prize and her art will be incorporated into the official ICAW 2013 poster. The U.S. Composting Council will celebrate International Compost Awareness Week, May 6-12.

Students in Graphic Design as well as Digital Media Technology also submitted their work in the National Scholastic Art and Writing Awards.



Jennifer Tigani's poster was the grand-prizewinner of the International Compost Awareness Week poster contest.

The 2013 National Scholastic Art and Writing Competition is sponsored by the College for Creative Studies and awards students with a Gold or Silver Key or Honorable Mention. The Gold Key award is the highest level of achievement on the regional level. Gold Key awards are then considered for national-level recognition.

In the Digital Media Technology class, all students who submitted their pieces won one or more key awards. Nick Carter and Lindsey Forchionne won a Gold Key Photography Portfolio, which consists of eight

of their pieces. Individual award winners for photography included Kelly Agius (Gold Key), Nick Carter (Gold Key and three Silver Keys), Devin Dyer (one Gold Key and three Silver Keys), Lindsey Forchionne (Honorable Mention), Alec Gibson (Gold Key and Silver Key), Cassandra Huren (Gold Key), and Steven Mirabitor (Gold Key and Honorable Mention).

In the Graphic Design class, four Gold Keys were awarded to Destiny Antieau, Dajaniera Rice, Travis Sharp and Brittney Sheahan. Kalee Widener won a Silver Key and Violet Gjocaj, Xavier Pasillas and Tigani were awarded Honorable Mention for their pieces.

Antieau's piece was also selected to receive a National Silver Key and she will win a scholarship to the school of her choice. Her piece will be displayed in the national show as it travels around the country.

The competitions provide the Career Tech students with the opportunity to win money for their college expenses. In the past, students have won full-ride scholarships, about \$140,000 value, to the College for Creative Studies. Currently, one student in the Graphic Design class has been offered a \$44,000 scholarship to Columbia University in Chicago.

## ACHIEVERS

Nine Westland residents were among students receive their degrees from Central Michigan University in December.

The graduates were Sherrye Bailey, master of arts; LaShaundra Bean, bachelor of science; Daniel Leinbach, bachelor of science in business administration; Jason Malloy, master of art; Kelli Robinson, bachelor of science; Meghan Schemanske, bachelor of science; Cameron Smith, bachelor of science; Deborah Smith, master of public administration, and Elizabeth Spuck, master of master of science in administration.

Named to the Central Michigan University's fall semester honors list were Garden City residents Christine Mary Chapman, Chelsie Diane Davis, Jacqueline Ann Lagraff, Andria Lynn Ostrowski, John Anthony Paul Selinski, Alayna Cyan Smith and Breann Celine Wasson.

Also named to the

list were Wayne residents Danielle Marie Borg, Donald Nathan Herber and Michael J. Lionberger, and Westland residents Shelby Marie Arnold, LaShaundra Elaine Bean, Carianne Noel Cucci, Derek John Dollar, Jennifer Drum, Andrew Steven Florkowski, Alecia Michelle Geraghty, Arielle Susan Hines, John Duffy Irwin, Daniel Ray Leinbach, Emily Cavanaugh McCullen, John Mitchell Moore, Melissa Suzanne Mueller, Robert Melvin Padgett, Daniel Alan Pianowski, Chelsea Lynne Randles, Angeline Mary Sawaya, Louise Barbara Sawaya, Meghan Kathleen Schemanske, Lynn Margaret Seppanen, Jennifer Lynn Troost, Britany Nicole Washington and Dayra Patrice Williams.

The students had to earn 3.5 grade point average or higher to be named to the honors list.

Katie A. New of Garden City received her bachelor of science in

nursing degree and Kaley E. Coleman of Westland received her bachelor of science degree from Grand Valley State University in December.

Thomas Sample, a sophomore from Westland was on a Northwood University Mock Trial team that won both ballots against Western Michigan University and the University of Wisconsin-Madison but lost their rounds against two separate University of Notre Dame teams during the University of Notre Dame Regional Tournament sponsored by the American Mock Trial Association (AMTA).

Sample has been named to the President's List for fall semester at Northwood. To achieve President's List recognition, he had to earn a 3.85 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

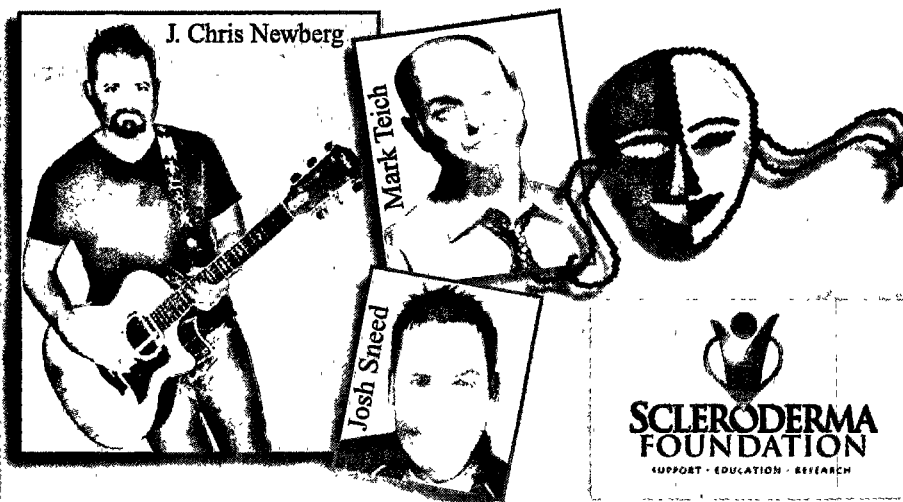
Ashley M. Lynn of Garden City also has been named to the Dean's List for fall semester at Northwood University.

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The Wayne Jazz Synchronized Skating team remains undefeated three seasons in a row in District competitions. Team member (from left) are: Danielle Corby, Samantha Galinis, Emilie Blair, Macie Blanchard, Madison Alexander, Amanda Johnson, Allison Range, Danielle Hanadel, Hannah Hamilton and Megan Range. At the center is Coach Julie Marchand.

## Wayne Jazz remains undefeated

The Wayne Jazz synchronized skating team remains undefeated for three seasons in a row in District competitions.

The Wayne Jazz placed first in their final com-

petition of the season at Livonia's Eddie Edgar ice rink on Saturday, March 16. They also competed in their first National Competition at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, in February. They placed second to the home team.

Team members include Danielle Corby, Samantha Galinis, Emilie Blair, Macie Blanchard, Madison Alexander, Amanda Johnson, Allison Range, Danielle Hanadel, Hannah Hamilton and Megan Range. The coach is Julie Marchand.

The Wayne Community Center is hosting a clinic for anyone interested in participating in a team next season 4:30-5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27. All ages and levels welcome. New synchronized and compulsory teams are forming to begin in September.

For more information, call Marchand at (734) 721-7400.

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CHECK OUT THE NUMBERS IN TODAY'S SPORTS SECTION

### Democratic Club

The Westland Democratic Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, at Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey at Venoy, between Palmer and Michigan Avenue, in Westland. The board meets at 6:30 p.m.

Regular meetings will be held on May 28, June 25, Aug. 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 29 and Nov. 26. The club will hold its chili cook-off on April 30.

For more information, contact club president Nan Melke at (734) 674-7327 or by email at WestlandDemClub@robinwood.com.

### Clothing sale

The Lighthouse Home Missions and Full Gospel Temple are holding a spring clothing giveaway 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 5-6, at the church, 34033 Palmer between Wildwood and Venoy, Westland.

Men's, women's and children's clothing will be given away. Buy a bag for \$2 and fill it with clothes and shoes to the top. Buy as many bags as you like for \$2 each.

Proceeds from the sale will go fund the work of the mission.

### Spaghetti dinner

A spaghetti dinner will be held Sunday April 14, to benefit the Romanowski VFW Post 6896 pool team.

The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. A hungry plate will be available for \$8. The meal includes spaghetti with meat or marinara sauce, salad and bread and butter. Desserts will be available. There also will be a cash bar, raffles, music and much more.

The Romanowski Post is at 28945 Joy, east of Middlebelt in Westland. For more information, call (734) 525-9454 or (734) 261-0260.

## AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

### Play date

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### Captain's coming

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This event is sponsored by Target. Registration for the program begins two weeks before the event. It can be done in person or by calling the library at (734) 721-7832.

### Blood Drive

On Monday, April 15, the William P. Faust Public Library will sponsor an American Red Cross blood drive 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford, Westland.

To make an appointment log onto www.redcross-blood.org and enter Sponsor code: wplccp or call 800-RED-CROSS. Everyone who comes to donate will be entered into a drawing for a free iPad mini. Anyone over age 17

(age 16 with a permission slip) can donate blood.

### Ripple Effect

The Wayne Ripple Effect, a volunteer downtown revitalization group, meets at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, in downtown Wayne. Anyone interested in volunteering or getting involved is welcome.

For more information visit www.downtownwayne.org or email Sherrie at waynerippleeffect@gmail.com.

### Theatre Palaces

Michael Hauser will present "Theatre Palaces of Old Detroit," at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road between East and West Michigan Avenue, Wayne.

Hauser will be bringing artifacts of historic theatres in downtown Detroit and talk about the elegance, beauty and significance of these theatres at the height of their time. He was also instrumental in the modernization of the State Wayne Theatre.

To register for Adult programs, visit the Adult Reference Desk or call (734) 721-7832.

### Spaghetti Dinner

The Dyer Senior Center in Westland is holding its monthly spaghetti dinner 4-7 p.m. Friday, April 28. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and dessert, as well as entertainment, for just \$6. The center will hold its game night 6-9 p.m. Thursday, April 18.

The center also has euchre and bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinocle is played at 1 p.m. Fridays.

The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 419-2020.

### Ice skating

Looking for something to do on a Friday evening? Stop by the Mike Modano Ice Arena in Westland for Glow Skate 8-9:20 p.m. Fridays. Get a Glow Skate punch card. Skate five times and the sixth is free.

The arena also offers open skate 1:30-3:20 p.m. Saturdays. The cost is \$4 for resident youth, \$5 for resident adults. Non-resident charges are \$4.50 for youth and \$5.50 for adults. Skate rental is \$3 for residents and \$3.50 for non-residents.

The arena is at 6210 Wildwood, Westland. For more information, call (734) 729-4560.

Open skate at the Wayne Ice Arena is 10-11:20 a.m. and 2-2:50 p.m. Monday and Friday, 10-11:20 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday (for parent and children age 6 and under), 5:30-6:50 p.m. Saturday and 3:30-4:50 Sunday.

Fees are \$3 for resident children and seniors and \$3.25 for resident adults. Non-resident charges are 5 for children and \$6 for adults. Children age 3 and under are free.

The community center is at 4635 Howe, Wayne. For more information, call (734) 721-7400.

### Toastmasters

The Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters Club is now meeting at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, south of Ford Road, Westland.

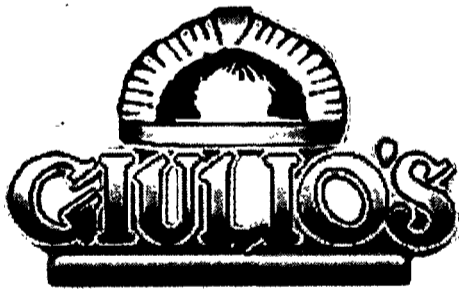
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# Youngster embraces Relay challenge

By Sue Buck  
Staff Writer

Nick Painter, 11, a sixth-grade student at the Farmington 5/6 Campus, is enjoying success with fundraising for Relay for Life.

Last year, Painter joined his school Relay team and in the month before Relay raised more than \$500 by selling Relay toys, selling his outgrown toys and doing a bottle drive.

At the 24-hour Relay event last June, Painter was named "Honorary Chair" for the day.

This year, Painter has branched off and formed his own team — dubbed "Paint the Town CuRED" — and become a team captain.

He attended the March 21 kickoff for Relay for Life held at the school that he attends.

"We are going to observe what happens tonight," said Painter, an only child. "We formed the team at the beginning of March."

He relays to fight cancer to save his loved ones.

His grandma, Beverly Ruzicka, is a two-time survivor of colon



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Nick Painter, 11 and a Garden City resident, is gaining fundraising experience for Relay for Life at a young age. He has formed his own team this year.

and lung cancer. Painter's "Papa," Don C. Painter, lost his short battle with cancer four years ago on March 15, 2009, when Nick was just 7. Most recently, Painter's Uncle Ed just completed treatment for prostate cancer and the prognosis is good,

according to his mother, Jennifer Painter.

"His Grandma and Uncle Ed will both be joining us at Relay June 1 and Nick will accompany them on the Survivor Lap," Jennifer said.

Painter is excited about having his own team this

year and trying hard to spread the word about Relay.

At the June 1 event, Painter and his family will host a silent auction.

"We are very grateful for the support of many local Garden City businesses such as Sports Venue, Plato's, Tim Horton's, Fanatic U," Jennifer said. "Nick will have some wonderful items up for bid — tickets to a Tigers game, Cedar Point, The Henry Ford and many gift card and certificates."

Abigail Stonerook, a community representative for the American Cancer Society, was especially complimentary of Painter's efforts.

"Over the years, I have worked with many kids in various capacities and I can tell you that Nick Painter and his drive is rare and very special," Stonerook said. "He is a kid on a mission to make an impact in his community and the world and I cannot wait to see what he achieves this year and in the years to come."

**Upcoming events**  
On Thursday, April 4, Sports Venue Bar & Grill, 6327 Middlebelt,

will donate a percentage of the sales from open to close.

From 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, "McRelay Night" will be held at McDonald's Restaurant, 34900 Warren at the corner of Wayne in Westland, across from Westland Mall. Painter's team will work in the dining room and a percentage of sales will be donated.

From noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 27, a community bottle and can drive will be held at American Pie Pizza, 5726 Middlebelt. Also from noon to 3 p.m. April 27, a percentage of sales will be donated but patrons must mention Relay for Life.

Best Buy in Westland has joined Painter's team. They will be doing in-

store fundraising as well as attending the June 1 Garden City Relay for Life event at the Garden City Middle School track with a Best Buy tent and video games, Jennifer said.

"As parents, his dad and I could not be more proud of him and we will do whatever we can to support and encourage his drive," Jennifer said. "The support that he has received has been amazing."

To reach the Painter family, e-mail them at paintthetowncured@yahoo.com or "like" them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/PainttheTownCured.

sbuck@hometownlife.com  
(313) 222-2249  
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## Wayne County sets dates for hazardous waste collections

Wayne County's Department of Public Services has scheduled four county-wide Household Hazardous Waste collections for 2013.

The collections are scheduled for:

• Saturday, April 13, at the Redford Public Services located at 12200 Beech Daly Road in Redford.

• Saturday, June 22, at Henry Ford Communi-

ty College located at 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn.

• Saturday, Aug. 24, at Westland Shopping Center in the parking lot of JC Penney located on Warren Road and Nankin Boulevard in Westland.

• Saturday, Oct. 12, at Southland Shopping Center located at Eureka and Pardee Roads in Taylor (enter into the collection area off of Pardee near

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# Social success

## Dog adoptions speed comfort to family coping with loss

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

Social media and a dose of serendipity last week helped lift a Plymouth Township family saddened by the unexpected death of their beloved dog and other, more painful losses.

Christy and Mike Rostkowski adopted a pair of Pomeranians on Wednesday, the day after Christy happened upon an Internet post about them, and three days after their first Pom, Lola, died in Christy's lap while the family was driving home from a weekend trip.

"The days after Lola passed have been really quiet around here," Mike Rostkowski said Thursday in the living room of their home.

The new arrivals, Pop Tart and Fatty (a name the Rostkowskis weren't sure they'd stick with), are filling a void for the family. Lola's passing, after the death of Christy's mother last May and an uncle of Mike's in early February, had left the couple and their children shaken and depressed.

Lola was 10 years old, and had been a gift from Christy's mother, Linda Smith, to the couple's oldest daughter, Kaylee, when she was a toddler. Kaylee is now 13. She has a sister, Mya, 7, and a brother, Evan, 4.

Said Christy: "It was like something was missing."

### Happy accident

But the picture brightened starting Tuesday night, when Christy read a blog post by Kathryn Hurley, a township wom-



The Roskowskis of Plymouth Township — Christy (left), Mya, Kaylee, Mike and Evan, brought home two Pomeranians Wednesday after Christy read an Internet post about them. Pop Tart, with Christy, and Fatty, with Kaylee, are helping family members cope with the unexpected loss of their first dog.

an who, with her mother, Mary, works with animal shelters and a large network of dog lovers, often through social media, to find homes for unwanted and abandoned dogs. The Hurleys, with four dogs of their own, also provide foster homes for dogs from time to time.

"There's just not enough knowledge out there about adopting," said Kathryn Hurley, a public relations and marketing student at Eastern Michigan University. Even people who want cute puppies can find plenty to adopt, she said. Christy likes to read local news online, and found Kathryn's post as part of her routine. "I just went on it. I wasn't looking for anything," she said.

She told Mike about the dogs — he was cleaning his workshop at the time, he said, to take his mind off their loss — and called Kathryn immedi-

ately. "Two Pomeranians? What are the odds of that?" Christy said.

Christy picked up the dogs Wednesday (Kathryn, who had grown attached, had her mother give them away), and took to them quickly. Pop Tart and Fatty, a sister and brother who had been shuttled around since their original owner died, were uneasy at first.

"They were shaking uncontrollably," Christy Rostkowski said. "They were so nervous I was going to drop them off somewhere."

### At ease in new home

But Thursday, the 3-year-olds seemed at ease with the family, with Pop Tart relaxing in Christy's lap.

"It was just meant to be, I guess," said Christy, a stay-at-home moth-



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Kathryn Hurley of Plymouth Township, who works with animal shelters and a large network of dog fans, blogged about Pomeranians Pop Tart and Fatty, leading a Plymouth Township family to adopt them.

er and homemaker. They're more easygoing dogs than Lola, who was playful, affectionate and liked to bark to get attention, she said.

"I know people don't believe in that kind of thing," said Mike, a pricing analyst at Ford Motor Co.

The Hurleys, who have Facebook pages dedicated largely to finding homes for dogs, had put out word about Pop Tart

and Fatty via a variety of social media. Respondents, however, at first wanted only one dog.

"I just didn't feel comfortable separating them," Kathryn said, explaining that a relative of their deceased owner had surrendered them to a shelter in Isabella County. Kathryn's aunt in Mount Pleasant, Anne Cavanaugh, had made the connection for the Hurleys, who met her

halfway Feb. 22 to pick up the pair, along with four abandoned year-old Yorkshire terriers for which they had already found homes.

### Quick connections

They reached even further, putting posts about the Pomeranians on the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's two Facebook pages Tuesday.

Chamber president Wes Graff said the posts got many more views, and shares, than typical posts on the chamber's pages. The post on one page had been seen by more than 2,500 people by 5 p.m. Wednesday, compared to the typical post on that page, which would be seen by between 300 and 700 people, Graff said.

Christy jumped at the chance to get a package deal. "In my heart, I couldn't separate them," she said.

"I couldn't agree more," said her husband. "They're like a team. Inseparable."

For Kathryn Hurley, the experience reinforced her belief in social media as a powerful way to reach people. "When you have a cause, it's great," she said.

Even after the Pomeranians were gone, Kathryn continued to happily field inquiries about them, she said. One disappointed woman who wanted the pair ended up adopting a beagle instead, she said.

"I know so many dogs do need homes," she said.

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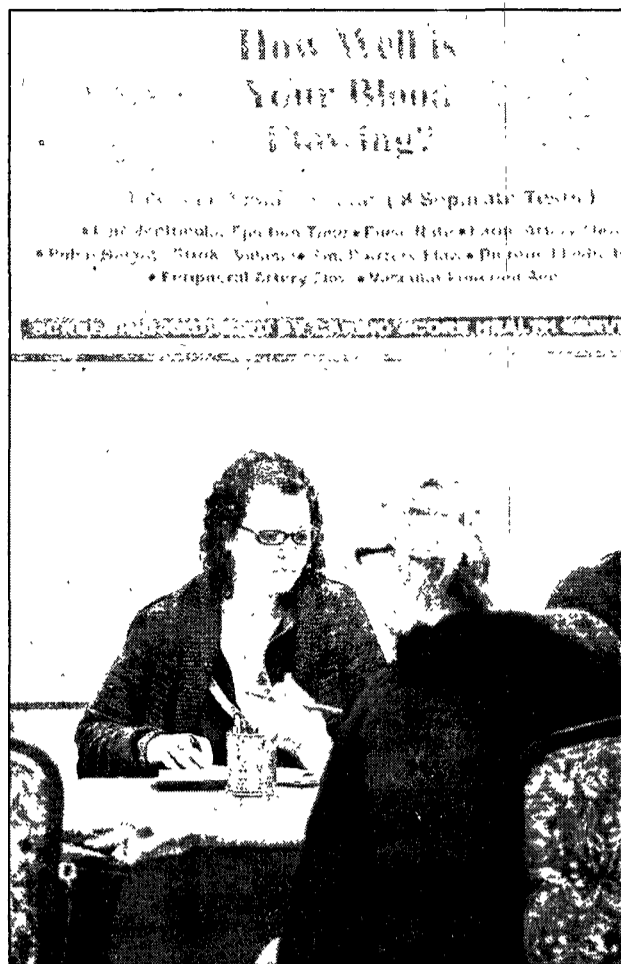
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Pam Santwire of Wayne gets blood drawn by Laboratory Assistant Clara Montgomery.



Receptionist Judy Levesque from Westland helps Michelle Turner fill out the questionnaire about heart issues during Project Healthy Living at the Wayne Community Center.

# People get check-ups 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 tests, it will cost \$50 instead of a couple hundred dollars. It's good."

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

"Our major goal is to help the uninsured and working poor. That tends to be our target audience," said Steven Veres, executive director of

Metropolitan Health Services, which will provide screenings at about 40 of the Project Healthy Living events.

The free and low cost screenings offered included checks for breast and cervical cancer, behavioral health/psychiatric services, senior independent living services, legal assistance, information on the Affordable Care Act and health coverage, substance abuse prevention resources and more.

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

If the tests find a severe problem, Veres said the patient would be rushed to a hospital — something that happens about four times a year. Other-

wise, 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 differ-

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

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



FILE PHOTO

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

The Wayne County Parks Marshmallow Drop is co-sponsored by Trenton Parks and Recreation, ITC Holdings and Tay-

lor 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,

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St. Damian's is at 29891 Joy, east of Merriman in Westland.

**St. Dunstan**

St. Dunstan Church at 1515 Belton, Garden City, is holding its final Lenten fish fry 4-7 p.m. Friday, March 29.

**Romanowski VFW**

The Sgt. Romanowski VFW Post 6896 is holding a fish Fry 4-7 p.m. every Friday during Lent at the post hall, 28945 Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland.

The cost is \$8 for a complete fish dinner - fried or baked, child's plate is \$4.

Also available are chicken sticks, \$7; mac and cheese, \$5. All dinners include cole slaw, roll and butter and choice of fries, baked potato or mac and cheese. Side dishes are fries, \$2, mac and cheese \$2, baked potato, \$2, and cole slaw \$1. Coffee or tea is \$1.

Carry-outs are available and cost and additional 50 cents. To order or for more information, call (734) 525-9454.

**Legion Post 32**

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# Cousins affected by cancer start T-shirt company to help others

By Karen Smith  
Staff Writer

When Cory Allen was diagnosed with Ewing's sarcoma in 2009, just three weeks after cousin Brett Johnston died of a similar rare cancer, he said he felt like they had won the lottery — in the wrong way.

To boost his morale, his family and friends had T-shirts made up to show their support, just like they had for Brett.

"It seemed to not only help bring some of my spirits up but also helped with grieving for my family," Allen said. "You would be in the grocery store and see someone wearing a shirt and you couldn't help but to smile."

Now in remission, Allen and Brett's brother, Scott, started an online company Feb. 3 called CancerTees.com. Allen said it is his way of paying back.

The cousins work out of Allen's Livonia basement. A percentage of each sale — depending on the item — goes to a cancer warrior profiled on their website. Their first cancer warrior is Mike Lancaster of Livonia, who is fighting stage four colon cancer. A new cancer warrior will be selected after each \$500 donated.

T-shirts sell for \$10.99 to \$14.99 and include sayings like "Cancer fears me," "Survivor" and "Real men wear pink." Customers can personalize the T-shirts with their own sayings as well. They also sell hoodies, sweat pants, blankets and bracelets.

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Scott Johnston and Cory Allen started concertees.com.

ed. They can be for walks, businesses, or even sports teams. All of those sales are also figured into the percent they donate.

They also plan to donate apparel to treatment centers. "Sometimes when people do not have much of a support system, when someone comes around and even gives a simple T-shirt, it helps them boost their morale and shows that people really do care," Allen said.

"The overall goal is support, support, support," Johnston said.

Johnston said he had been looking to start a business with Allen after a prospective job in Chicago fell through for him (Johnston). Allen has a computer science degree from University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, and Johnston is a business major at Eastern Michigan University.

He said he told Allen, "It's now or never."

The two brainstormed ideas for a business, and came up with cancer T-shirts. Johnston said they may turn it into a non-profit in the future.

Johnston said he still sees people wearing his brother's and Allen's T-shirts, some of whom he doesn't know. There are 22 cousins just on their mothers' side, and those cousins and other family members sold T-shirts to extended family members and friends as a fundraiser.

Not only did it help financially, but every time they see other people with the shirts, it gives them a lift.

Brett Johnston died just 29 days after his diagnosis. The aggressive disease had already spread to his lungs. Family members wore the T-shirts, in Brett's favorite color orange, with the word "Strength" across the front, to the intensive care unit at the hospital.

Brett Johnston died March 5, 2009, four years ago this Tuesday.

Allen's cancer was caught earlier. He has been in remission since November 2009. His T-shirt said, "Live Hardcor."

"The IT consultant for Urban Science is looking forward to the next chapter in his life. In January, he proposed to Brynn Kerr, his longtime girlfriend who has stood by his side throughout his cancer fight. A September wedding is planned.

Allen said he hopes to share his story with the patients who receive the donated apparel through his new company, if hospital officials allow.

"Hopefully, I can reach out, tell my story and lift people up," he said.

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# Put the deed for your home in trust for 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.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

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 trust the children were probably minors and not the trustees of your trust. If you believe your children are capable of being trustees, then it may make sense to amend the trust to name them as co-successor trustees.

If I assume that your trust is going to be amended and that your two children will be co-successor trustees, I like the idea of putting the

house in the name of the trust. If you put the children's name on the deed as a co-owner they immediately have rights in your property. 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 advisor. 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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## Booklet explains Wayne County government

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

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

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

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

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

It can be found under the News and Resources menu on the commission's home page at [waynecounty.com/commission](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, [dwebb1@co.wayne.mi.us](mailto:dwebb1@co.wayne.mi.us), (313) 224-0930.

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

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- Belleville, Romulus, Wayne, Westland, Huron Township, Supter 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.

Residents elsewhere in the county can request that their county commissioner mail them a copy.

They can locate their individual commissioner on the interactive map on the commission's home page, or by calling the commission's general information number at (313) 224-2383.

### Bowling Benefit

Garden City Relay for Life team Alyssa's Angels is holding a bowling fundraiser 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, April 20, at Mayflower Lanes, 26600 Plymouth Road, Redford.

Held in memory of Alyssa Temp, the event costs \$20 per person for adults and \$15 per person for children age 12 and under and includes three hours of unlimited bowling - 9-pin no tap - shoe rental, two slices of pizza and pop. There also will be door prizes, 50/50, basket raffles and cash bar.

### Flocking flamingos

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Be sure to include your name, telephone number, date of flocking, the name and address of who you want to flock.

Coffee Hour

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, will host district coffee hours on Monday, March 25, in Livonia and Garden City. Citizens of the 6th Senate District are welcome to attend. No appointment is necessary.

Anderson will be at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, 9-10 a.m. and the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with the Senator but are unable to attend may contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909, by phone at (866)

262-7306, or by email at [SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov).

### Family craft

Learn how to repurpose an empty jar — think salsa or spaghetti sauce — at a family craft program being offered 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, March 25, at the Garden City Public Library.

Youth and Teen Librarian Stephanie Charlefour will show families how to create decorative jars out of empty jars. Families should bring a clean glass jar with the labels removed. A limited amount of jars will be available.

Register for the program by calling the library at (734) 793-1830 or by stopping by the Reference Desk.

The Garden City Public Library is at 31735 Maplewood, west of Merriman.

### American Legion

The Auxiliary of American Legion Post 396 is holding a Spring Craft and Vendor Show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Levene, north of West Chicago and south of Plymouth, Redford.

There also will be a bake sale, 50/50 raffle and food available. Admission is \$1.

### Zumba class

Zumba fitness is back at Merriman Road Baptist Church, on Merriman just south of Ford, Garden City. The class is for women age 18 and older. Class time is 8-9 p.m. with registration beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Girlfriends of Grace Ministry at Merriman Road Baptist Church, the class will be held on Thursdays at the church. Donations will be taken at the door to cover the cost of the instructor.

For more information, call (734) 421-0472.

### Tutoring

Members of the Key Club are once again offering tutoring 3:30-4:40 p.m. Wednesdays.

Any middle school and elementary students can get some much-needed help with their studies at tutoring is available Wednesdays in Room 118 at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt.

For more information, contact Myrna Hathaway at the high school at (734) 762-8350 or at [hathawm@gardencityschools.com](mailto:hathawm@gardencityschools.com).

### Museum fundraising

The Friends of the Garden City Historical Museum are continuing their fundraising efforts, selling engraved brick pavers and renting the Grande Parlor for social and business occasions.

The bricks are \$50 for the 4-inch by 8-inch size that has up to three lines of text. The 8-inch by 8-inch bricks are \$75 and have room for up to six lines of text.

The Lathers General Store is open from noon to 3 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays, offering a variety of collectibles and gift items.

The museum is located in the Straight Farmhouse at 6221 Merriman, north of Ford Road, Garden City. Call (734) 838-0650 for more information or visit [www.sfhonline.org](http://www.sfhonline.org).

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### Community Chat

Please join host Kerry Partin and his co-hosts every Thursday night at 9 p.m. It's the Internet talk show dedicated to the residents and businesses of Garden City and the surrounding communities. Share your events, fundraisers and comments with other listeners.

Call-in live at 724-444-7444 enter call ID 82757#, or visit us in our chat room at <http://talkshoe.com/tc/82757>. Either way we look forward to hearing from you. Contact us at [gcommunitychat@gmail.com](mailto:gcommunitychat@gmail.com).

### Healing Hearts

Do you have a loved one in prison?

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For more information contact Bonnie at Hope 4 Healing Hearts at (734) 646-2237.

### Pet-a-Pet

Pet-A-Pet, Inc. is looking for enthusiastic, friendly pets and their owners to visit facilities one hour a month at the Garden City Hospital Rehab. Pets must be up to date with vaccinations, proof required. Visits are at 3:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of the month.

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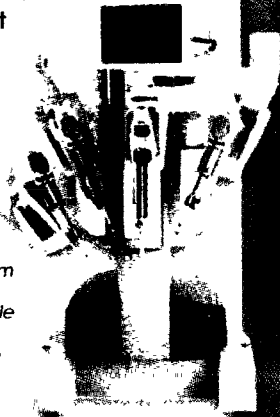


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## Blazers thaw out, best Churchill, 2-1

### Urso scores game-winner

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

At least the sun was out Friday afternoon despite the lingering winter-like weather conditions and temperatures still hovering below 40.

Livonia Ladywood and host Livonia Churchill, however, were able to launch their 2013 girls soccer season on time.

And it was Ladywood that was basking in the sun following a 2-1 victory over the Chargers as junior Jenna Urso tallied the game-winning goal with only 13:54 remaining off an assist from fellow junior Abigail Pelon.

"This is the second time we've been outside, maybe the third," Ladywood coach Ken Shingledecker said. "We've been inside the whole week, not outside one time. I think they've been in the same boat. This weather has been unbelievable."

The Blazers, coming off a 21-3-2 season, struck first for a 1-0 advantage on senior Dominique Sarnecky's goal, set up from senior defender Liz Dang with just 1:14 to play in the opening half.

"We have a different look to us, obviously," said Shingledecker, who lost leading scorer Kelly Capoccia (24 goals) and top playmaker Paige Brennan (27 assists) to graduation. "When you take Paige and Kelly out of the equation, it's a different team. We have lots of good players. How they mix together ... we'll wait and see."

The Blazers were missing starting goalkeeper Sara Even and veteran forward DeYana Walker, both whom were out with injuries.

"The possession side of things was spot on," Shingledecker said. "Then it's a matter of putting the final touches on things ... you've got to score when you possess the ball like we did. We're going to have to get goals from an abundance of people. It's not going to be one. 'Dom' can do it. And when DeYana is here, she'll do it. And Jenna showed she can do it. We have lots of good players and we

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Ladywood's Antonia Ramon (22) rushes up the field with the dribble trailed by Churchill's Rylle Fallu (3) in Friday's girls soccer opener.

TOM BEDELL

## 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 women's softball team, 10-11 overall, returns to action 4 p.m. Wednesday when their newly renovated field will be rededicated against non-conference foe Albion College.

## Legion free throw 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 clinic

The Livonia Stevenson varsity pom 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 field-house.

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

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

## Frosh gymnast makes her mark

### Freier thrives at Arkansas

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Erin Freier came to the University of Arkansas women's gymnastics program with quite an extensive resumé dating back to her club days.

But the Westland native and Livonia Churchill High grad found out quickly that competing in the Southeastern Conference is like starting a brand new career.

The freshman feels like she's part of a big, extended family now and performs regularly before loyal SEC crowds in excess of 10,000.

It's a completely different spotlight, as seven SEC teams are currently ranked in the top 20, including No. 1 Florida, No.

4 Alabama and No. 7 LSU.

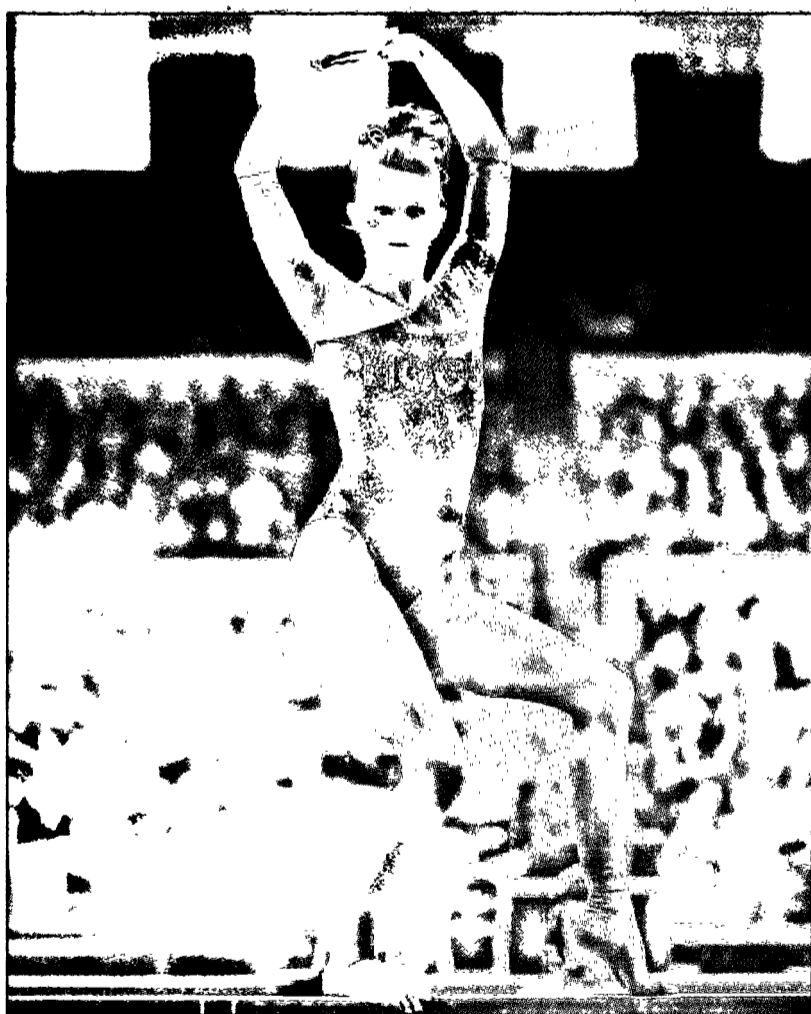
"It's a lot different," said Freier, who has been a major contributor this season for the No. 15-ranked Lady Razorbacks. "When you have the crowds behind you and you're doing your events, it's really cool to have that many people watch, whereas it's basically your parents and friends in the stands when you're in club."

Freier has posted high marks this season of 9.9 on balance beam (vs. Alabama), 9.875 on the uneven bars (vs. Florida) and 9.8 on vault (vs. LSU).

The Lady Razorbacks finished the regular season at 6-7-1 overall, but only 1-5-1 in the tough SEC. Their season, however, was highlighted by a 197.100-all deadlock Feb. 22 in Fayetteville against then No. 2-ranked Alabama.

And they hope to gain some momentum going into this

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MICKI FREIER

Westland native and Livonia Churchill High grad Erin Freier has been a key contributor as freshman this season for the University of Arkansas women's gymnastics team.



Freier

## Whalers crush Sarnia in opener, 11-2

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 slithered 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.

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RENA LAVERTY

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.

## Steelheaders meet April 2

Captains Dave Engel and Bill Bale of Best Chance Too Charters will be the featured speakers for the Metro West Steelheaders meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 2 at the Livonia Senior Citizens Center, 15218 Farmington Road.

Learn about Lake Michigan charter boat fishing for chuter and coho salmon, steelhead, lake and brown trout. All meetings are open to the public.

For more information, call Jim Robertson at (734) 383-2790.

# FREIER

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weekend's SEC championships, where they'll compete just down the road before a partisan crowd in North Little Rock after posting their high road score of the year in a 197.425-196.600 setback at No. 8 UCLA.

"It's been really exciting, an experience I've never had before," Freier said. "Having the teammates I do makes it a hundred times better and the coaches are always there. It's been a really fun experience. The girls always have your back, no matter what. That's what we're here to do if someone messes up."

Freier keeps her goals simple as the postseason heats up leading into the NCAA regionals (April 6 at six different sites) and NCAA championships (April 19 in Los Angeles).

"I just want to go out there and perform my personal best in all the events that I'll be competing and do my best for the team," Freier said.

The 5-foot-4 Freier, representing EuroStars Gymnastics in Plymouth, was a Level 10 gymnast who competed in the 2012 Junior Olympic Nationals (placing 14th in both the all-around and on bars).

At the USA Gymnastics Region V meet, Freier tied for second in the all-around, placed third on bars, tied for fourth on floor and was seventh on vault.

She was the state champion on vault, seventh on beam and eighth all-around.

In 2011, Freier commuted back and forth to Diamondale (near Lansing) while competing for Gedderts' Twisters, where she trained along side 2011 World Champi-

on and 2012 U.S. Olympian Jordyn Wieber.

That year she placed second on bars and was sixth in the Region V all-around.

The previous year (2010), Freier was the Junior Olympic National champion on bars.

"In club, I only had one coach," Freier said. "In college, I have one coach for beam, one coach for bars and floor and another for vault. It's nice because you get the different corrections on each event rather than one coach telling you the same thing. It's nice."

In her first collegiate season, Freier has crossed paths with many fellow and former competitors.

"I feel like we all kind of know each other," she said, "so it's nice when you go to meets and see your old teammates, whereas club it's based more upon yourself. Here it's more based on team."

Meanwhile, Freier has already left her mark on the coaching staff.

"As a freshman, Erin has made an immediate and significant impact on our program," Arkansas co-coach Rene Lyst said. "She stands out on bars and beam just as we expected, and we look forward to her having a great collegiate career."

Freier, who plans to study business, admitted to feeling a little homesick when she first arrived in Fayetteville, but quickly made the adjustment and finds herself in Hog Heaven.

"It's going really well," she said. "I'm doing all my classes and it's a nice campus. And I've never felt more connected with teammates and coaches."

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# GIRLS TENNIS CAPSULE OUTLOOK

## LIVONIA CHURCHILL

**Head coach:** Denise Berg-Grant, 19th season.  
**League affiliation:** KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).  
**Last year's overall dual match record:** 5-3.

**Last year's finish:** first (KLAAs South); third (Division 1 regional); seventh (KLAAs Association 'A' tourney).

**Notable losses to graduation:** Nicole Kruse (second-team All-Area singles); Quincy Banini (second-team All-Area singles); Kristi Fata.

**Leading returnees:** Rylie Fallu, Jr.; Mara Karageozian, Sr.; Rujuta Patil, Sr.; Sneha Patil, Sr.; Claire Rose, Sr.; Lexi Fata, Soph.; Maggie Trinka, Soph.; Allison Hill, Jr.; Kim McClain, Sr.; Dallas Rohraff, Sr.

**Promising newcomers:** Triveni Arvikar, Fr.; Madison White, Fr.  
**Berg-Grant's 2013 season outlook:** "We are looking forward to a great season this year. Our team has excellent senior leadership and with the addition of two new promising freshmen, we should be able to retain the depth that we have had the past few years and be a competitive team in our league."

## LIVONIA FRANKLIN

**Head coach:** Rick Clack, fourth season.  
**League affiliation:** KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).  
**Last year's overall dual match record:** 2-6.

**Last year's finish:** fourth (KLAAs South); fourth (Division 1 regional); fifth (KLAAs Association 'B' Tourney).

**Notable losses to graduation:** Jenny Pagador, Natalie Mays, Kelsey Sitarski, Jamie Buchanczenko, Kayla Buchanczenko, Morgan Witherspoon, Anna Mozota, Laura Corp, Amanda Lyon.

**Leading returnee:** Carolyn McCullen, Jr. (No. 1 singles; first-team All-Area; regional champion; 23-4); Nay Anderson, Sr. (singles); Madison Eisenhower, Jr. (singles); Samantha Voss, Jr. (singles); Tori Thompson, Soph. (doubles); Allison Karczynski, Sr. (doubles); Kayla Crumb, Sr. (doubles); Kayla Madaj, Sr. (doubles).

**Promising newcomers:** Kendall Payne, Fr. (No. 2 singles); Chelsea McWilliams, Soph. (doubles); Kaity Swenson, Soph. (doubles); Stefani Hudy, Jr. (doubles); Kelsey Hanson, Jr. (doubles); Lauren Campau, Jr. (doubles); Chelsea Mar-non, Jr. (doubles); Snigdha Thyagaraj, Soph. (doubles); Ki-Jana Malone, Soph. (doubles); Blake Newberry, Jr. (doubles); Darien Newman, Soph. (doubles).

**Clack's 2013 season outlook:** "We're rebuilding after losing eight of 14 positions with graduating seniors. But we'll be extremely strong at the top two

singles positions with Carolyn McCullen and ninth-grader Kendall Payne. Both players have been hitting hard during the offseason and they both should have tremendous seasons. During the off season, several players continued to hit at the local tennis clubs and have shown a great commitment toward improving their play in the tough KLAAs. The team has a great attitude this year in wanting to learn the game in more detail, have fun and be competitive. That is all you can ask. I see quite a few players staying after practice to work on their game. And that is really a good sign."

## LIVONIA STEVENSON

**Head coach:** Don McCathney, fourth season.  
**League affiliation:** KLAAs Kensington Conference (Central Division).  
**Last year's overall dual match record:** 7-2.

**Last year's finish:** third (Division 1 regional); third (KLAAs Central); fourth (KLAAs Association 'A' Tourney).

**Notable losses to graduation:** Lexie Ranski (second-team All-Area doubles); Kathryn Malkowski.

**Leading returnees:** Aimee Moccia, Jr. (No. 1 singles; first-team All-Area; regional and KLAAs Association runner-up; 24-7); Caroline Hay, Jr. (No. 2 singles; second-team All-Area); Laura Shureb, Sr. (No. 3 singles; second-team All-Area doubles); Ba-tool Hussain, Sr. (No. 4 singles; No. 1 doubles); Sam DiGiovanni, Soph. (doubles); Arryn Dochenetz, Soph. (doubles); Shelby Seay, Jr. (doubles); Josie Abdulkabi, Sr. (singles); Madeline Chimento, Soph. (doubles); Hannah Shatara, Soph. (doubles); Clairessa Smith, Soph. (doubles); Cindy Grammatico, Soph. (doubles); Julia Grammatico, Sr. (doubles).

**Promising newcomers:** Eden Fisher, Jr.; Danielle Marzec, Soph.

**McCathney's 2013 season outlook:** "There were a few players that did not come back out, but we have a nice nucleus with our number one (Moccia) and two (Hay) singles players coming back. We should be able to add below instead of starting at the top. It depends on how the new kids fill in the lineup and if they play well. And this year, like the boys, we'll be at the Woodhaven regional. We're not overconfident, but we're excited to be down there and we're optimistic."

## WESTLAND GLENN

**Head coach:** Kirk Conner, ninth season.  
**League affiliation:** KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).  
**Last year's overall dual match record:** 1-10.

**Last year's finish:** sixth (KLAAs South); ninth (Division 1 regional); 12th (KLAAs

Association 'B' Tourney).

**Notable losses to graduation:** Natasha Hawkins, Shaina Jones, Montana Graszak, Victoria Silva, Donaji Castro.  
**Leading returnee:** Ann Koulou, Jr.  
**Promising newcomers:** To be determined.

**Conner's 2013 season outlook:** "This is basically a beginners class. Most of the kids had no touch with tennis until a couple of weeks ago, but they seem to be enthusiastic and ready learn, so class begins."

## WAYNE MEMORIAL

**Head coach:** Zoe Vernis, first season.  
**League affiliation:** KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).  
**Last year's overall dual match record:** 2-6.

**Last year's finish:** fifth (KLAAs South); ninth (Division 1 regional); 10th (KLAAs Association 'B' Tourney).

**Notable losses to graduation:** Stephanie Tomlin, Lil Reid, Destiny Bull-ock, Jennifer Tyson.

**Leading returnees:** Janae Strickland, Soph. (singles); Lia Baker, Sr. (doubles); Sarah Shurge, Sr. (doubles); Kendelle Hood, Soph. (singles); Breanna Pate, Jr. (doubles).

**Promising newcomers:** Neacha Williams, Sr. (singles; transfer from Romulus); Adriana Anez-Broccardo, Fr. (singles).

**Vernis' 2013 season outlook:** "The team is made up of a great mix of returning and new players. The team is already working hard in the snow and freezing temperatures to prepare for the upcoming season. We have high hopes of being competitive in our league and having a winning record. The team is dedicated and has already shown great improvements since the season began. We're looking forward to a great season."

## LIVONIA LADYWOOD

**Head coach:** Christopher Lim, first season.  
**League affiliation:** Catholic League (Central Division).  
**Last year's overall dual match record:** 6-6.

**Last year's finish:** third (Division 3 regional); fourth (Catholic League).

**Notable losses to graduation:** Erica Ley (first-team All-Area singles); Kenzie Kettner (second-team All-Area doubles); Jenny Rhodes (second-team All-Area doubles); Mary Beth Rouna, Christina Iltch.

**Leading returnees:** Nicole Salter, Sr. (No. 2 singles); Stephanie Hampto, Sr. (No. 4 singles).

**Promising newcomers:** Isabella Cauffiel, Jr. (No. 1 singles); Madison Markwardt, Fr. (No. 3 singles); Jennifer Cushman, Jr. (No. 1 doubles); Abbie Pope-Starnes, Sr. (No. 1 doubles).

**Lim's 2013 season outlook:** "We only have two returning players. There's going to be a transition period with a new coach, but we're working with the captains and we hope to be competitive in our schedule."



Carolyn McCullen Franklin



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just have to take care of business. And they will."

Churchill was forced to defend its end for most of first half, but the Chargers kept it a one-goal game thanks to the goal-keeping of senior Alexis Tzafaroglou.

"She (Tzafaroglou) made all the right decisions today," Churchill first-year coach Reid Friedrichs said. "She made a lot of great saves by being in the right spot. She made a great save right there at the end by coming out. It was a little unlucky on their game-winner because she made another great decision. If my goalie can make the decisions Alexis makes — putting herself in the right spots all the time — then we're going to be a lot better for it."

Churchill made a game of it with 17:22 left in the match on junior Kelsey Parrinello's goal from junior Kacie Murray.



TOM BEDELL

Churchill's Kathleen Rubenson (14) fends off Ladywood Kennedi Bullard (8) for possession of the ball in Friday's soccer opener.

But Urso's goal just 3:38 later proved to be the difference.

Whitney Bauriedl, filling in for Even in goal, received solid play from her defense, led by left back Marissa Ozog, a junior.

"I thought Marissa was

excellent," Shingledecker said. "She's always a big part of our attack coming out of the back line and I thought she was really, really good today."

"And (junior) Emily Huddleston is as a good a midfielder as anybody in the state. I like our

team. We've just got to take care of business and score goals."

Meanwhile, despite very limited practice time outdoors, Friedrichs may have found a starter in sophomore Sediga Nedom.

"I needed a fast defender," the Churchill coach said, "someone who could start and handle the pressure of a game. ... I was looking for one for days and Sediga plays outside mid and I put her in the center back. When she came out, they (Ladywood) scored and when she came back in they didn't score. She was our best player on the field for us in the first half. She did a great, great job for being in a new position. She's a sophomore and was thrown in the middle because she was needed there and she responded really well. She did great."

Some other Chargers also put in a good work rate as well.

"Kelsey Parrinello played a very good game," Friedrichs said. "Lauren Wynns, the freshman, played well up top, as well as Karly Munroe in the midfield. Rachel Tomassi played well in the back. We did a pretty good job."

Despite the loss, Friedrichs was upbeat about his team's play heading in to two tough road matches this week against Northville (Monday) and Salem (Wednesday).

"For where we've been, we've come a long way," said the Churchill coach, who inherited a 4-10-5 squad from a year ago. "I enjoyed our effort and I was very pleased."

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# State champion icers set the bar high

## FIRST-TEAM

**Connor Humitz, Sr. G, Liv. Stevenson:** The senior goaltender posted a 21-7-1 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 as our backstop — with his maturity — was absolutely key to the state title run."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

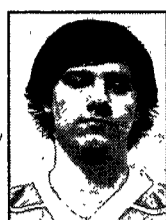
"He was the total package on the point," coach Gerry Vento said. "Dean was as complete a defenseman as you could find. He was a force at both ends of the ice night in and night out and was a leader not only on the blue line, but for this team."

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

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

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

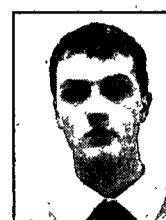
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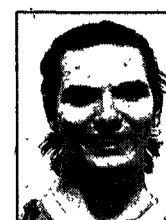
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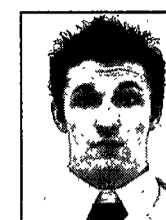
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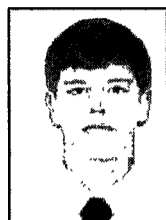
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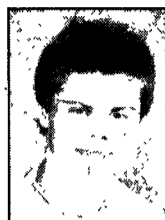
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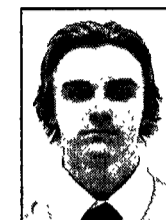
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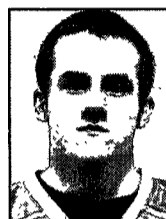
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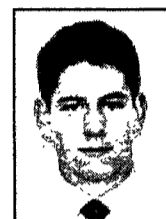
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Dean Gunther, Sr. D, Plymouth  
Dominic Lutz, Sr. F, Liv. Stevenson  
Nick Schultz, Sr. F, Plymouth  
Alek Zultowski, Sr. F, Salem

### SECOND TEAM

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

### THIRD TEAM

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

### FOURTH TEAM

DJ Rankin, Sr. D, Farmington  
Jason Newel, Jr. F, Salem  
Zach Tavernie, Jr. F, Plymouth  
Tommy Carey, Sr. F, Liv. Churchill  
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Gerry Vento, Plymouth

### HONORABLE MENTION

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

scoring senior forward could do in 2012-13, as he sparked Plymouth to a 22-6-3 record, KLAA South Division co-title and first-ever regional title.

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

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

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

He also excelled in the

classroom, earning honors as a KLAA scholar-athlete.

**Alek Zultowski, Sr. F, Salem:** The senior co-captain was instrumental to the Rocks' KLAA South Division co-championship and second-half dominance. Zultowski scored 17 goals and added 42 assists (59 points) for one of the best single seasons in Salem history, rewarded with selection to the all-state first team.

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

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

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

"I am looking forward to watching Alek continue his

hockey career at the next level," Ossenmacher said. "His future is bright."

### SECOND-TEAM

**John Lethemon, Jr. G, Farmington:** The junior netminder was in goal for all but one game, facing 790 shots and making 717 saves for a .908 save percentage. Lethemon, who posted a 14-10-1 record, still has a big upside to his game, according to coach Mark Vellucci. Lethemon was named to the Division 3 all-state second team by the coaches association.

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

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

**Reede 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.

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

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

**Jake Kierdorf, Sr. Def., Liv. Stevenson:** The senior all-state honorable mention and all-KLAA pick was one of the backbones of the state championship squad. Kierdorf had four goals and 17 assists in 27 games. "Jake enjoyed playing on the bigger stage as two of his best games of the year came against both D 1 finalists, the 1-0 win over CC and the 2-2 tie against Brighton," Mitchell said. "He

was a beast for us on the blueline during the state title run as well, usually hitting the ice every other shift. He overcame the flu, then pneumonia to return to help us with it all this year. For Jake to have the season he had, to grow the way he did both on and off the ice was special."

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

**Mike Schultz, Jr. F, Plymouth:** The younger Schultz — like his brother — was a catalyst for the Wildcats, scoring 29 goals, 43 assists (72 points) and registering the game-winning marker in double overtime of a pre-regional tilt against Salem. It was that goal that paved the way for Plymouth's first-ever regional title.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### CO-COACHES OF YEAR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Soccer camps

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

The cost of the four-day 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 michigan-wolveshawks.com; or email dbradley1515@sbcglobal.net.

### Football coaches

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

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

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

### Senior softball

A newly formed team in the 65-and-over Western Wayne County Suburban Softball League is seeking slow-pitch players the summer season, which runs from May through August.

Games will be played at 10 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays in the Livonia, Canton and Westland areas.

The league is governed by ASA senior slow-pitch rules. A nominal fee will be assessed to cover incidental team and league expenses.

For more information, call Bob Mosher (734) 502-7477 or Doug Curry

at (248) 767-0828.

### Football clinic

The Livonia Stevenson Youth Football Clinic for students currently in grades 2-6 will be from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Saturday, May 18 at the high school turf field.

The camp is free. Check-in starts at 9 a.m. at the school's north cafeteria. Clinic T-shirts are available for \$8 (must be received by May 16).

For more information, e-mail Stevenson varsity football coach Matt Fielder at mfielder@livoniapublicschools.org.

# WHALERS

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## 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 outright (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.

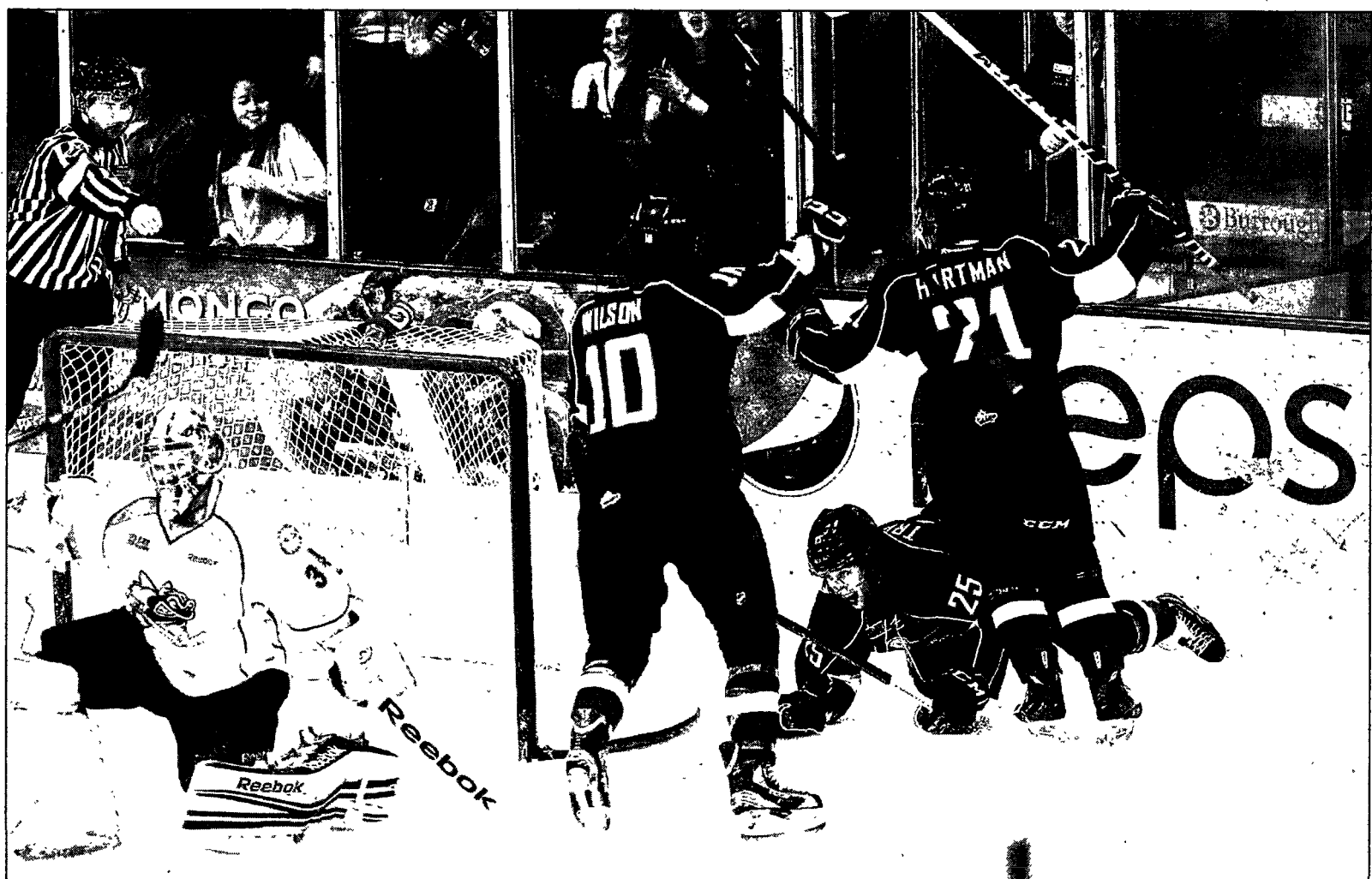
Making 31 saves for the win was Plymouth rookie netminder Alex Nedeljkovic, who flashed a laser-fast glove hand to rob several Sarnia players.

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 Misteles' crosscrease 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 stickhan-



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. RENA LAVERTY

dled around a defender and sent a pass to Noesen on the left wing. Noesen made no mistake.

## Living right

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

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

But it slid just wide of

the open net.

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

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

At 7:01, Noesen scored on a partial breakaway

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

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

Capping off Plymouth's offensive explosion with goals in the third period were Trocheck, Misteles (one goal, two assists) and Cody Payne.

Defenseman Connor Carrick also had two assists.

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

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

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

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

## Elks hoop shooter



Livonia's Kimberly Freed (center), competing in the Girls 10-11 age division, finished third in the Elks Hoop Shoot regional free throw contest held March 16 in Angola, Ind. Sponsored by the Livonia Elks Lodge No. 2246, Freed reached the fourth stage of the 41st year of the national competition with 36 boys and 36 girls remaining in four different age categories leading up to the Hoop Shoot Finals in Springfield, Mass. Pictured with Freed is Michigan Elks Association Hoop Shoot director Craig Gould (left) and Michigan Elks president Ron Zimmerman (right).

## Hawk cagers soar



The Livonia Hawks, a sixth-grade travel girls basketball team, captured the Livonia Slamfest with a 16-8 win over Addison in the championship final after victories over Flat Rock (18-4 and 28-9) and DSO Sports (32-9). Team members include (front row, from left) Cate Charron, Olivia Napier, Anne Treharne, Jayla Perkins; (standing, from left) Danica Nichols, Katie Sopko, Elisa Lebron, Abby Cormier, Maddy Ballard and Talia Anderson. (Not pictured are players Kimmy Freed and Emily Hayes, along with coaches Jennifer Sopko and Doug Freed.)

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

**PREP BASEBALL**  
Monday, March 25  
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Wednesday, March 27  
Churchill at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.  
Franklin at Garden City, 4 p.m.  
Wayne at Belleville, 4 p.m.  
**GIRLS SOFTBALL**  
Monday, March 25  
John Glenn at Dearborn, 4 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 27  
Churchill at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.  
Stevenson at Dearborn, 4 p.m.  
C'ville at Hazel Park, 4:30 p.m.  
**GIRLS SOCCER**  
Tuesday, March 25  
Ladywood at Bish. Foley, 6 p.m.  
Dearborn at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 27  
Novi at Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.  
Churchill at Salem, 7 p.m.

**GIRLS TENNIS**  
Tuesday, March 26  
Franklin at Plymouth, 4 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 27  
Churchill at Salem, 4 p.m.  
**GIRLS LACROSSE**  
Monday, March 25  
Lady. at G.P. North, 4:30 p.m.  
**COLLEGE BASEBALL**  
(all double-headers)  
Wednesday, March 27  
MU at Ohio-Chillicothe, 1 p.m.  
Saturday, March 30  
Rochester at Madonna, 1 p.m.  
**COLLEGE SOFTBALL**  
(all double-headers)  
Wednesday, March 27  
Albion at Madonna, 4 p.m.  
Friday, March 29  
MU at Bluffton (Ohio), 1 p.m.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Gymnastics camp

The 2013 Livonia Blue summer gymnastics camp will offer three sessions (four days each) for ages 11-and-up from 4-7 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 17-20, July 15-18 and Aug. 19-22 at the Churchill High School gymnastics room.

The cost is \$70 (one week), \$130 (two weeks) or \$180 (three weeks). The registration deadline is Friday, June 7. For more informa-

tion, e-mail Livonia Blue coach Lisa Broomfield at MissLisa621@yahoo.com.

### Weekly 5K runs

All runners, joggers and walkers are welcome to participate in a weekly timed 5-kilometer run-walk at 9 a.m. each Saturday at Livonia's Bicentennial Park. Participation is free, but you must bring your registrant barcode to earn by registering at www.parkrun.com or www.parkrun.us.

## Unsung hero

### Health activist struggles with pain, while helping others

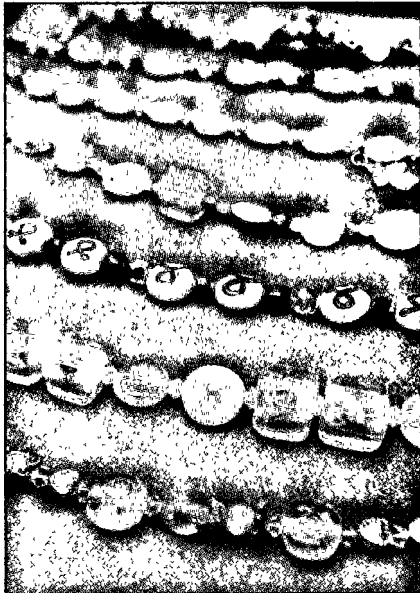
By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

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 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 hang-outs. 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 [rsdhope.org](http://rsdhope.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.



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## GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

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).

### Miller Woods Tours

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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.

### English Gardens

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•A free presentation will offer suggestions on keeping insects, small and large animals at bay in the garden, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 3.

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

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

Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506.

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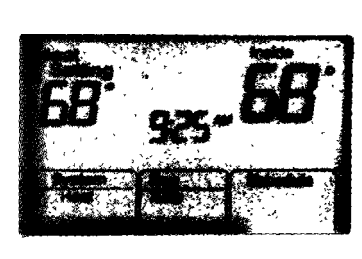
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722-4651 or sscott@wcccd.edu. The class of 1963 will be honored at the event.

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Palm Sunday .....March 24<sup>th</sup> ..... 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
Maundy Thursday ..... March 28<sup>th</sup> ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Good Friday Afternoon ..... March 29<sup>th</sup> ..... 1:15 p.m.  
Good Friday Evening ..... March 29<sup>th</sup> ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Easter Sunday ..... March 31<sup>st</sup> ..... 7:00 & 10:00 a.m.

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Easter Sunday MARCH 31 8, 9:30, 11 a.m.

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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  
Easter Brunch served 9:30-10:45 am  
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8:00 a.m. Friends In Faith Service with Praise Team  
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Chancel Choir performing Cantata with Orchestra

**MAUNDY THURSDAY - Thursday, March 28**  
7:30 p.m. Sacrament 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**  
8:00 a.m. Friends In Faith Service with Praise Team  
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

**Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church USA**  
9801 Hubbard at West Chicago  
Livonia, Mich. 48150  
734.422.0494  
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.  
Easter Sunday, March 31 Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m.  
Holy Week Evening Worship March 25-27, 7:00 p.m.  
Traditional Worship 8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.  
Maundy Thursday, March 28 7:00 p.m.  
Contemporary Worship 11:00 a.m. Shine  
Community Good Friday Service March 29 - Noon

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Children's Ministry and Bible Study 9:40 am

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Opportunities for Families

www.saltchurch.net

**Holy Week & Easter**

Thursday, March 28 - Maundy Thursday  
7:00 PM Communion in the Sanctuary  
Rev. Tres Adams

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  
7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 AM Sanctuary Festival Services  
Dr. Norman Pritchard

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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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# Safety is key: Gas explosions make you think

By Joe Gagnon  
Guest Columnist

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

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

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

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



Appliance Doctor  
Joe Gagnon

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

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

### Dangerous mistake

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

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

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

### Deadly explosion

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

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

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

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

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734-522-6830  
[www.christsaviorsavior.org](http://www.christsaviorsavior.org)

**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

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[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**  
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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 12:00 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**  
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**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!**

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**Easter Fair** - 11:30am-2pm on Good Friday, March 29  
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**Good Friday** - Worship at 7pm *"The Weight of the World"*

**Easter Sunday** - "Baggage Claimed!"  
Sunrise Service at 7am at GreenMead (8 Mile at Newburgh Road)  
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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**

**Easter Sunday Service Schedule**  
25800 Student - Redford, MI 48239  
313-535-3100 - [www.covenantredford.com](http://www.covenantredford.com)

**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**  
9300 Farmington Road - Livonia, MI 48150  
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[www.christthekinglivonia.com](http://www.christthekinglivonia.com)

The Rev. James L. Fogle, Pastor

March 28- **Maundy Thursday** worship 7:00 p.m.  
March 31: **Resurrection Celebration** 9:00 a.m.

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**NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
36520 W. Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills  
Phone: (248) 848-1750 [northcongregationalchurch.org](http://northcongregationalchurch.org)

**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

# Beware: Problem gambling takes big toll

By Len McCulloch  
Guest Columnist

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

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

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

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

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

### History of problem

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

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

A problem drinker will have a couple of drinks, feel better and say: "I'm just getting started, bring me more." A non-problem drinker will have a couple of drinks, enjoy them and say: "That's it for me." Similarly, if a person gambling wins some and takes the attitude of: "Let the games begin," there is a distinct possibility that he/she has a problem with gambling. Compare this to a gambler who will win some money and put it in their pocket and go home. The same person might lose some money and stop gambling because they don't want to lose more.

Well, the casinos are here and intend to stay. They run 24 hours a day, seven days a week. And, it is near impossible to go into a convenience store now without encountering a barrage of opportunities to gamble with the scratch-off cards. The ease with which multiple forms of gambling are readily available to all of us makes every demographic group a target.

Youngsters, teens, adults and geriatrics are all candidates for giving into the desire for "fun" that goes along with gambling, without knowing that at the center of the desire is the certainty that the gambler must lose. The games are set up that way.

### Treatment

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

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

### Other resources

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

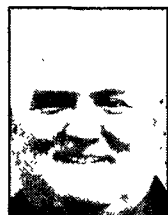
Another prominent leader in the problem gambling treatment field is Denise Phillips, who has an office in Plymouth. She not only treats problem gamblers and their families, but also trains therapists to become problem gambling specialists and she offers presentations to schools, churches, and community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

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

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

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

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**LABS AND LUPUS**

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

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

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

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

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

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## Charlotte Mae Ryzyi

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

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### ARNOLD, BARNY WINDY

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



### HARTEG, CHARLES ALAN

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



### IVERSON, MARGARET ELLEN

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

### KALINOWSKI, GEORGE J.

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



### KENT, GLADYS M.

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

### RANDOLPH, DONNA M.

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

### RISTOLA, CAROLINE SUE

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



### TODD, LINDA LOIS

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

### VIRANT, JENNIFER A.

39 of Ubyly, formerly of Garden City, died suddenly Tuesday, March 19, 2013. smielskifuneralhomes.com

### DAHLIN, WILLIAM JOHN (BILL)

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



### DERMYRE, FRANK R.

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



### RHINEHART, JOHN EDWARD (1925-2013)

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



### McGAUGHEY, JANE

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



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## RELIGION CALENDAR

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

### March

#### BETHANY

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

#### BRUNCH

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

#### CAMP ENROLLMENT

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

#### DISCUSSION GROUP

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

#### EASTER SERVICES

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

#### EASTER SERVICES

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

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

#### EASTER SERVICES

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

#### EASTER SERVICES

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

#### EASTER SERVICES

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

#### EGG HUNT

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



## Fill your child's Easter basket with healthful snacks

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

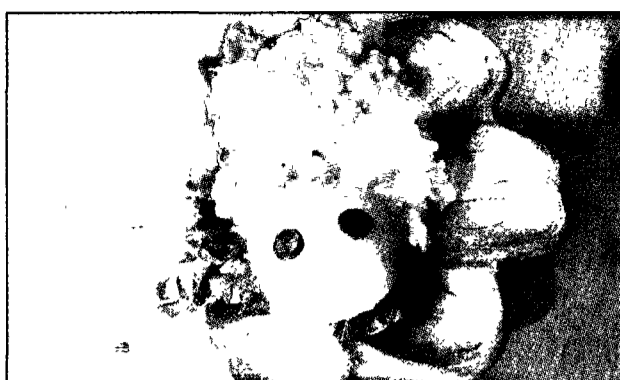
"Cottage Cheese Bunnies" can kick off Easter morning and entice youngsters to eat breakfast before dipping into their baskets. The simple recipe consists of shaping cottage cheese and half of a canned pear into a bunny shape. The cheese serves as the body and the pear is the bunny's head.

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

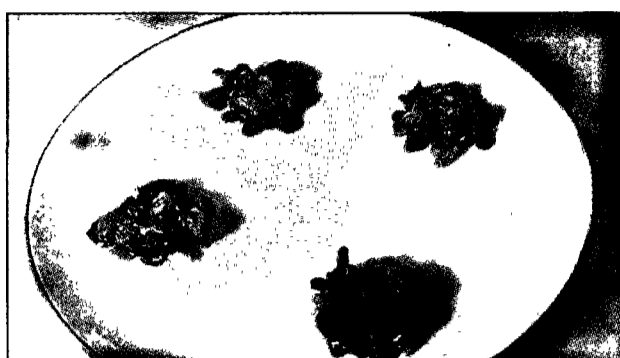
"I loved these as a kid. It works best with strawberries," she said. "Core the strawberries and then put them in the oven for about 10-15 minutes. I've done it an about 350 degrees."

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

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



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



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

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

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

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

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

"It was always yes, across the board."

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

basket.

"Make the basket unique toward the child."

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

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

She also suggests family Easter activities that include exercise.

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

Egg hunts would include plastic eggs that contained just one or two candies along with a note suggesting a physical movement.

"Moon walk to the next egg ... hop on one foot ... do jumping jacks," Derocha said, suggesting physical exercises. "It's also fun if the parents get involved."

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### March

#### JOINT REPLACEMENT

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

#### LUPUS SUPPORT

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

### April

#### DIABETES SUPPORT

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

#### DRUGS AND TEENS

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

#### CANCER BENEFIT

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

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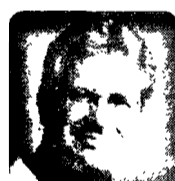
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## Eggs-actley, what's in your basket?

### Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



Dr. Scott  
Family Practice

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

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

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

Here are some nutritional facts for some classic Easter favorites:

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

Let's assume you eat two Cadbury Cr me 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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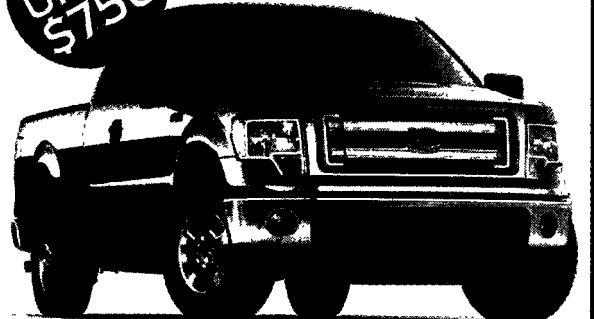
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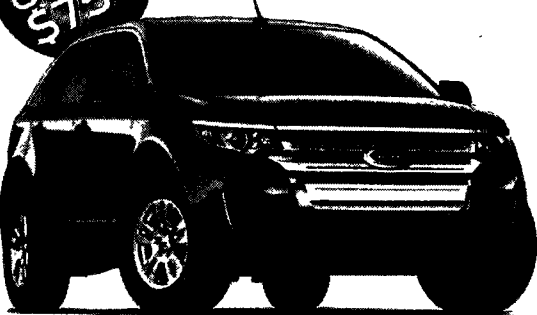
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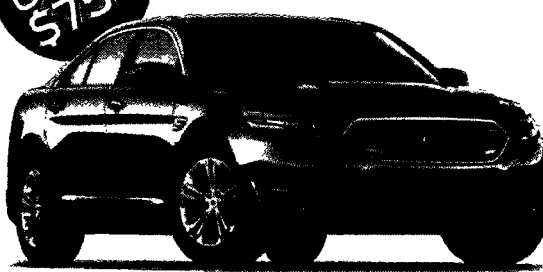
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## Ten promising jobs in health care

Susan Ricker,  
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An interest in health care can lead to opportunities in a variety of fields. Consider one of these 10 promising jobs in health care. Demand is growing, which means they could help secure your financial well-being.

### 1. Audiologist\*

**Description:** Audiologists diagnose and treat a patient's hearing and balance problems using advanced technology and procedures. **Job growth outlook, 2010-20:** 37 percent (much faster than average) **Median annual pay:** \$66,660

### 2. Chiropractor

**Description:** Chiropractors treat patients with health problems related to bones, muscles, ligaments and tendons. They use spinal manipulation and other techniques to treat patients' ailments, such as back or neck pain. **Job growth outlook, 2010-20:** 28 percent (faster than average) **Median annual pay:** \$67,200

### 3. Dental hygienist

**Description:** Dental hygienists clean teeth, examine patients for oral diseases such as gingivitis and provide other preventive dental care. They also educate patients on ways to improve

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### 4. Dietitian and nutritionist

**Description:** Dietitians and nutritionists are experts in food and nutrition. They advise people on what to eat in order to lead a healthy lifestyle or achieve a specific health-related goal. **Job growth outlook, 2010-20:** 20 percent (faster than average) **Median annual pay:** \$53,250

### 5. Emergency medical technician and paramedic

**Description:** EMTs and paramedics care for the sick or injured in emergencies. They respond to emergency calls, performing medical services and transporting patients to medical facilities. **Job growth outlook, 2010-20:** 33 percent (much faster than average) **Median annual pay:** \$30,360

### 6. Occupational therapist

**Description:** Occupational therapists treat patients with injuries, illnesses or disabilities through the therapeutic use of everyday activities. They help these patients



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### 7. Pharmacist

**Description:** Pharmacists dispense prescription medications to patients and offer advice on their safe use. **Job growth outlook, 2010-20:** 25 percent (faster than average) **Median annual pay:** \$111,570

### 8. Physical therapist

**Description:** Physical therapists help people who have injuries or illnesses improve their movement and manage their pain. They are often an important part of the rehabilitation and treatment of patients with chronic conditions or injuries. **Job growth outlook, 2010-20:** 39 percent (much faster than average) **Median annual pay:** \$76,310

### 9. Radiation therapist

**Description:** Radiation therapists treat cancer and other diseases in patients by giving radiation treatments. **Job growth outlook, 2010-20:** 20 percent (faster than average) **Median annual pay:** \$74,980

### 10. Registered nurse

**Description:** Registered nurses provide and coordinate patient care, educate patients and the public about health conditions and provide advice and emotional support to patients and their families. **Job growth outlook, 2010-20:** 26 percent (faster than average) **Median annual pay:** \$64,690

\*All job descriptions, job growth levels and median annual pay figures are from the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook.

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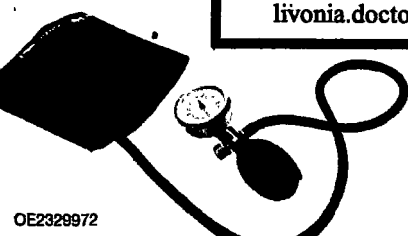
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- Crushed grapes
- Await action
- Bro or sis
- Modicum
- Veinlike deposit
- Banjo cousin
- Voter
- Jeered at
- Beatty or Romm
- Sink
- Heavy rainfall
- Trail treat
- Minuscule
- Blurted out
- Play it by —
- Bar mem.
- Jostle
- PBS relative
- Garden-pond fish
- Mah-jongg piece
- Family man
- Diner's choices
- Officious

**DOWN**

- Muscle spasm
- Pierre's monarch
- New York Giants hero
- Pretty and delicate
- Answered a judge
- Untold centuries
- Minn. neighbor

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

BIT	AAHS	NIKE
ADO	EPEE	ERIE
BOOMTOWN	HANK	
ELLEN	STAR	
	NAT	YUMMY
URDU	ACME	YEA
ROYS	DUE	SNOW
STE	WALE	MAWS
ASSAY	TAU	
	ROBE	PRIES
YOYO	ARTIFACT	
USES	GMAN	MHO
LUTE	SANG	BOA

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18 Charged particle  
20 Take the wheel  
21 Property marker  
22 Rock climber's gear  
23 Snakebite remedy  
24 London lockups  
25 Reindeer herders  
26 Panoply  
28 Acts skittish  
31 J.R. attire  
35 Emily Dickinson's forte  
37 "Norma —"  
38 Bikini half  
40 Coffee brewers  
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9	6	1		7		3		
3			8			4	2	
5							9	4
6	2	8	4	9		5		
		9	6				8	
	8		3	5	6	9		2
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V	V	S	E	I	P	R	E	B	I	K	I	N	A	Y	W	L	A	L	C
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J	Y	E	O	T	J	Y	W	T	I	A	G	E	A	K	R	C	I	Y	L
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**Sudoku**

5	1	4	7	8	6	9	3	2
9	3	8	2	1	4	5	6	7
7	2	9	6	5	3	8	4	1
3	8	2	5	1	9	6	7	4
5	7	4	2	1	3	6	8	9
6	9	4	2	1	3	7	2	8
3	5	7	8	6	9	7	8	9
9	6	1	2	7	4	3	5	8
8	4	2	5	3	1	7	6	9

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**Word Search**

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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 shucked the ineffective slogan conceived by the agency — the next move by McCann should be this: a fresh, significant new campaign for Volt.

And that may be just what Chevy's new chief marketing officer, Tim Mahoney, orders up upon 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 tacking to and fro 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

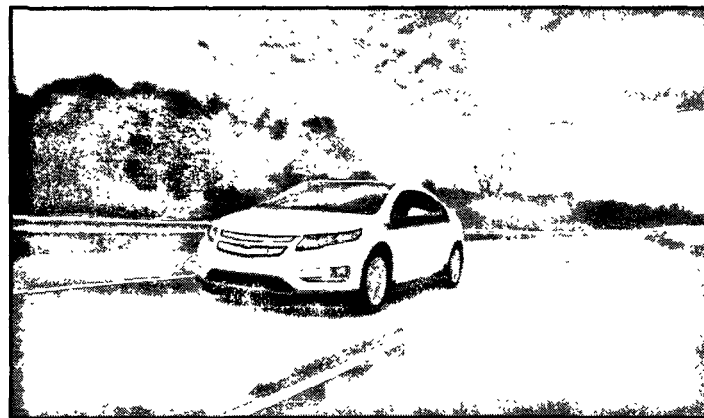
the other Chevy models under the "Chevy Runs Deep" tag line and positioning. Clearly, the idea was for the acknowledged cutting-edge technology of Volt to provide a halo to the rest of the Chevy lineup.

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 helping 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 unfurl. 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 more reason — and opportunity — for Mahoney and McCann to give Volt a quick, new, effective moment in the sun alone.



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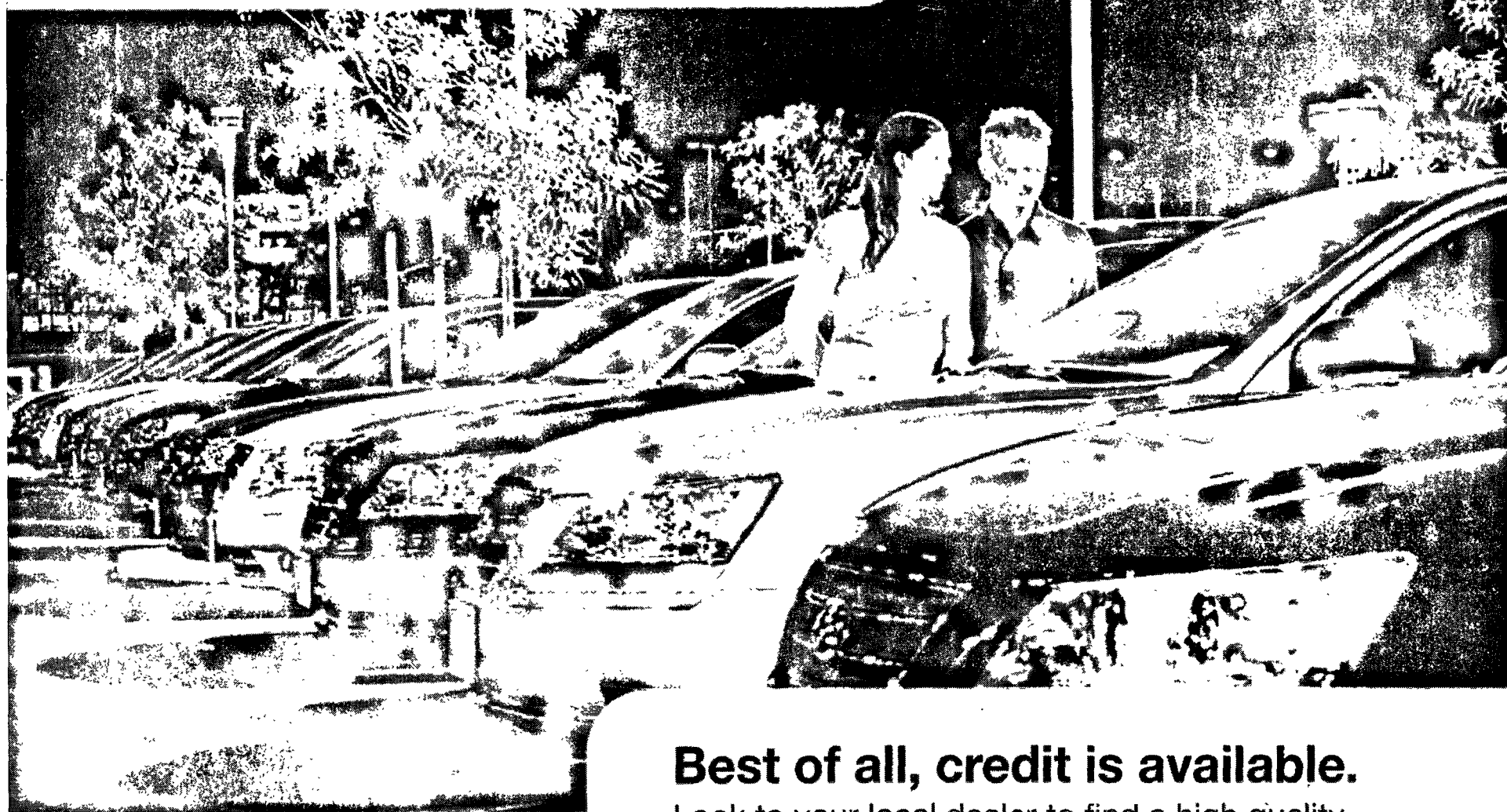
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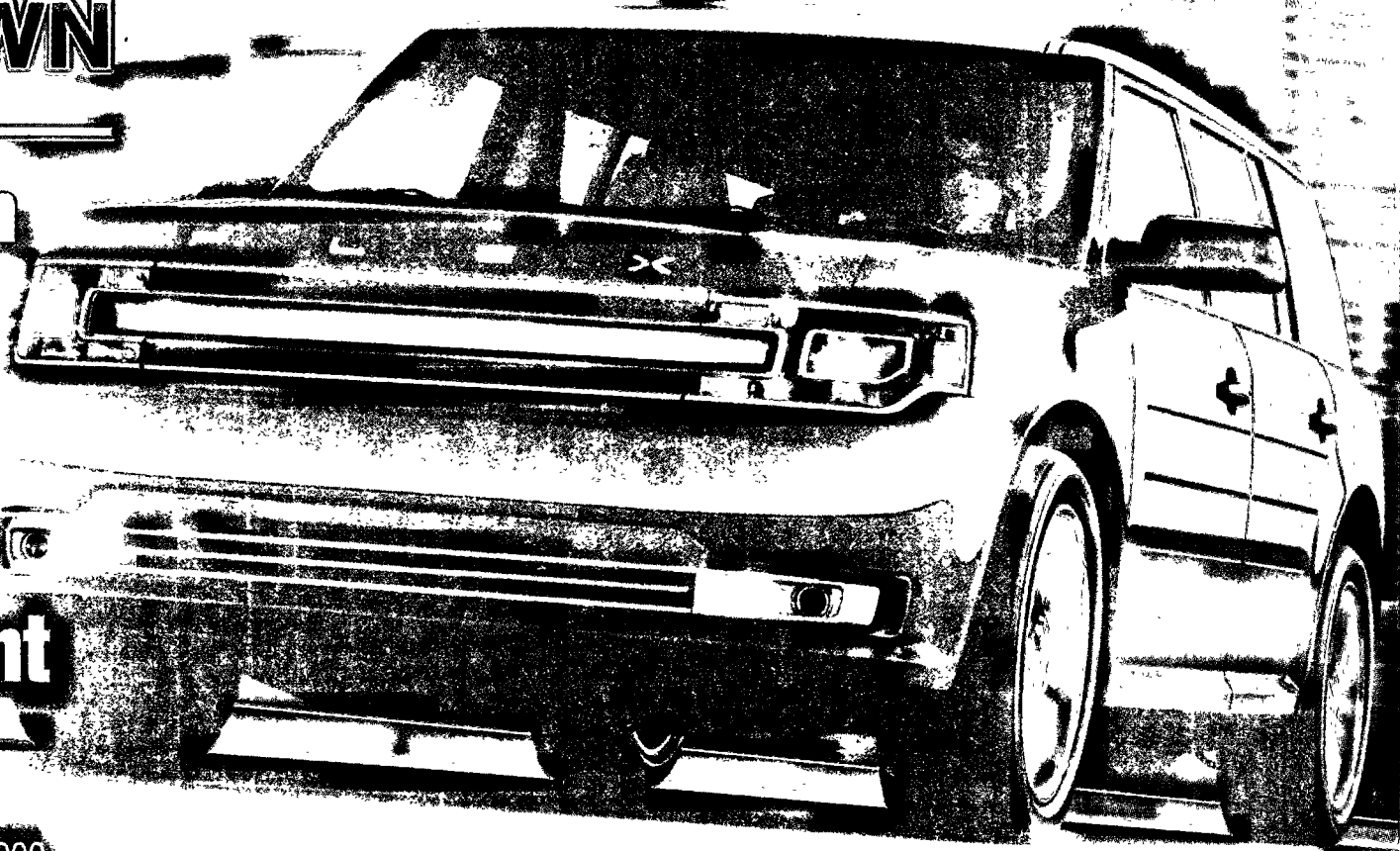
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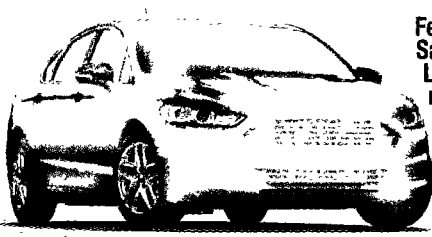
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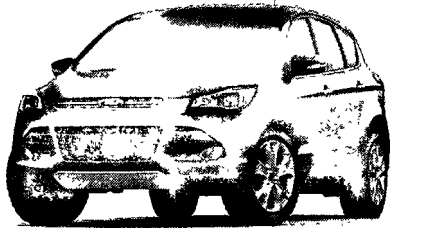
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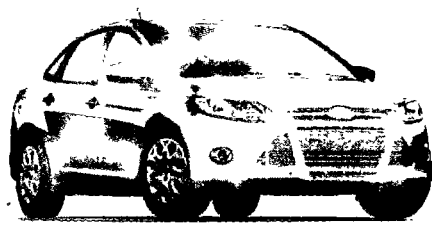
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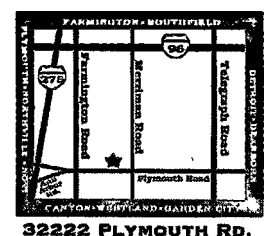


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