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## Residents fight proposed cell tower near church

**Darrell Clem**  
Staff Writer

A proposal by Verizon Wireless to build a cellphone tower behind a Canton church has rankled some nearby residents who fear the plan could hurt property values, intrude on wetlands, create an eyesore and potentially pose health risks.

Verizon wants to build a 120-foot tower behind Adun-

dant Life Church of God, on the west side of Hannan, south of Palmer, and lease the property for \$1,000 a month. It's money the pastor, the Rev. Dan Smitherman, said could help a church food pantry that feeds 250-300 people a week.

"We're walking a thin line here," he said. "We don't want to make enemies of the community because, as a church, we are here to serve the community."

Verizon and church leaders have discussed a lease agreement, but it hasn't been signed. "It's not a done deal," Smitherman said.

Some residents of Canton, Westland and Wayne oppose the Verizon plan and have initiated a petition drive that, as of Thursday morning, had received about 145 signatures against it.



Protesters carry signs to oppose plans for a Verizon cellphone tower proposed near a Canton church.

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## Rain, warming trend greet ice fest opening



Jennifer Ramirez, Dan Druia and Nancy Druia carve an eagle in 40-degree temperatures and a cold drizzle of rain Friday afternoon. They are from the art department and wood shop at Eisenhower High School in Utica.

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**Matt Jachman**  
Staff Writer

The 34th annual Plymouth Ice Festival opened Friday afternoon as a slippery, sloppy mess.

With a persistent drizzle and a temperature near 40 degrees, sculptures in Kellogg Park were melting before they were finished. A high of 45 degrees was predicted for Saturday and a cooling trend, with a 33-degree high, for Sunday.

Carver Ditto — he goes by just one name — said he needed markedly colder weather.

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The festival opened at 3 p.m. Friday and runs through 6 p.m. Sunday.

## Man faces charges of sex with underage girl

**Darrell Clem**  
Staff Writer

Barring a plea deal, a 41-year-old Sterling Heights man is facing trial in Wayne County Circuit Court amid allegations by Canton police he had sex with a girl under the age of 13.

Joseph A. Apato — accused of meeting the victim on a social media website — could face penalties ranging up to life in prison if he is convicted of two counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct; two counts of second-degree CSC; one count of child sexually abusive activity; one count of using a computer and the Internet to commit a crime; and one count of accosting children for immoral purposes.

Because of the girl's age, Apato would face a minimum of 25 years in prison if he is convicted as charged.

Canton police led an investigation that began with reports of a missing minor. Authorities haven't disclosed other details of the case.

Apato, who has pleaded not guilty, remains jailed after he was slapped with a \$500,000 cash bond during his arraignment in December. Court records show he was ordered to stand trial by 35th District Judge James Plakas when he appeared in court Dec. 18 for a preliminary examination.

The case prompted Canton police to remind parents to stay vigilant with their children and to monitor their use of the Internet. Police also have recommended that parents have conversations with their children about the dangers of meeting strangers on the Internet.



Apato

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## LaJoy lauds staff for surprise tornado response

**Julie Brown**  
Staff Writer

Phil LaJoy is proud of Canton Township employees' reactions to the Dec. 23 tornado.

"There was no warning whatsoever," said LaJoy, township supervisor since 2008 and a former state representative. "The good news



LaJoy

is no one was hurt." About 24 Canton business-

*"There was no warning whatsoever. ... Our emergency management procedures went well. You ... have to be ready."*

PHIL LAJOY, Canton Township supervisor

es suffered damage, he told members and guests of the

Plymouth Rotary on Friday, Jan. 8. "We had people working on Christmas Eve," he said. "Our emergency management procedures went well. You always have to be ready."

A debriefing soon followed, with LaJoy saying, "We learn from everything



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## Going viral



The Plymouth District Library drew lots of attention just before Christmas with this photo of holiday book decorations. As of Dec. 21, the photos had been shared 107,091 times and liked by 40,673 people. The actual display was in the library's youth department on the lower level.

## Holocaust Memorial Center debuts new exhibit

The Holocaust Memorial Center will host an opening program for its newest exhibit, *A la Mémoire des Enfants Déportés*, Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. The exhibition, which includes calligraphic artwork honoring the 11,400 French Jewish children deported and, for many, murdered from 1942 to 1944, will be open through Sunday, May 15. The event will begin

with a wine and dessert reception with the exhibit's artist, Eleanor Winters, followed by an artist talk and presentation at 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by PNC Wealth Management, the evening's music will be provided by Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings. The cost to attend is free to members and \$10 for nonmembers. Inspired by plaques erected throughout

France, the poetic phrasing of the exhibit reflects an almost unbearable sorrow of what occurred, as well as the shame of the Vichy Government's complicity, through which the artist's message shines: *Ne les oublions jamais* (We must never forget them). Approximately 300 of the plaques in Paris have been placed on the facades of schools the chil-

dren had attended throughout the city. The exhibit, which is free with museum admission, is sponsored by Janice and Chris Billmeyer, Pamela and Kenneth Bloom, Rozanne and Bernard Friedman, Sue and Nelson Hersh, Michael Liebowitz and Anita and Kenneth Volk. Call 248-553-2400 for additional information or questions.

## TOWER

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"I oppose it because our property values are going to take a huge hit," said Cindy Campeau, who lives in the Meadows of Canton subdivision.

Residents plan to oppose Verizon's proposal during a Canton Planning Commission public hearing — initially set for Monday — that has been delayed until February at township hall. The commission is expected to decide whether to issue a recommendation to the Canton Township Board of Trustees to approve or deny what is called a minor planned development agreement, including a preliminary site plan, Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet said.

Goulet said Verizon officials have to make a case for the plan.

"They have to demonstrate that the service is needed and that it's a benefit to the community," he said. "The benefit to the community would be providing continuity of cellphone services in this area."

The company has said its network has a service gap near Hannan and Palmer. Verizon last July lost a battle to build the cellphone tower on township-owned property north of the church, on the east side of Fellows Creek Golf Course, after

the township board rejected it, amid opposition from residents.

Under the latest plan, Goulet said the closest tower would be about 240-250 feet from the tower.

Resident Steve Seregný said he has lived for 50 years in the first house just south of Abundant Life Church of God. He opposes the Verizon tower.

"I don't want to look out my window every day and see it," he said, adding that he has two children, 14 and 15, and he is concerned about potential health risks.

Theresa Walter, who lives in Brookside Village subdivision, said Verizon needs to find a more suitable location.

"This is not an industrial park," she said.

Campeau said residents just emerged from the housing market crash and foreclosure crisis and can't withstand another hit on property values. She said a Verizon tower would keep new homeowners away.

Responding to questions by email, Karen Smith, Verizon public relations manager, said the tower is needed "to continue to provide reliable service to our customers, including public safety service providers."

Smith said Verizon works with local jurisdictions to ensure all federal, state and local regulations are followed.

The company also will need final site plan approval in Canton.

"For this project, we worked diligently to locate a viable location that meets the needs of our customers and the community," she said.

Regarding a potential wetlands issue, Goulet said Verizon will, indeed, have to move the proposed tower location a few feet closer to the church. Original plans call for it to be built 85 feet behind the church.

Despite the petitions signed by about 145 people, Smitherman said the church had received only a couple of phone calls about the Verizon tower. He said he hadn't been aware of the level of opposition.

Smitherman said \$1,000 a month from a Verizon lease would help the church expand its food pantry services to help people who are home-bound or don't have transportation.

"We would definitely like to do this," he said. "It would tremendously help our food pantry."

Some residents indicated they may move away from the Palmer-Hannan area if the tower is built. They questioned why Verizon couldn't improve its service using an existing tower, such as one near Stevenson Middle School in Westland.

Jim Rubasky, who lives in Westland, just across the road from the church, said he belongs

to a group — the Westland Homeowners Committee for Conservation and Smart Growth — that opposes the tower. He said some residents have met with Westland officials to discuss the issue.

Verizon has said it needs a tower close to Palmer and Hannan.

Goulet said the tower would be 340 feet from the center of Hannan Road and 820 feet from Palmer.

Some residents say their Verizon cellular phones work in the area, while others say they do have some issues. Smitherman said when he is at the church, there are times when he can't get on the Internet or make a phone call.

Resident Nancy Lemkie, who lives two houses south of the church, said the problem isn't enough to warrant building the tower. She said she's not willing to take a hit on her property values because some people experience dropped calls.

Tower opponents have letters from two Realtors, Pat Rice and Laurie Radiwon, who contend that property values could drop 10 percent or more because of the tower. They do live near the area.

Radiwon called the potential impact on property values "a big deal. It's huge."

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# Local artist Roko lends his talent to create Atwater Brewery identity

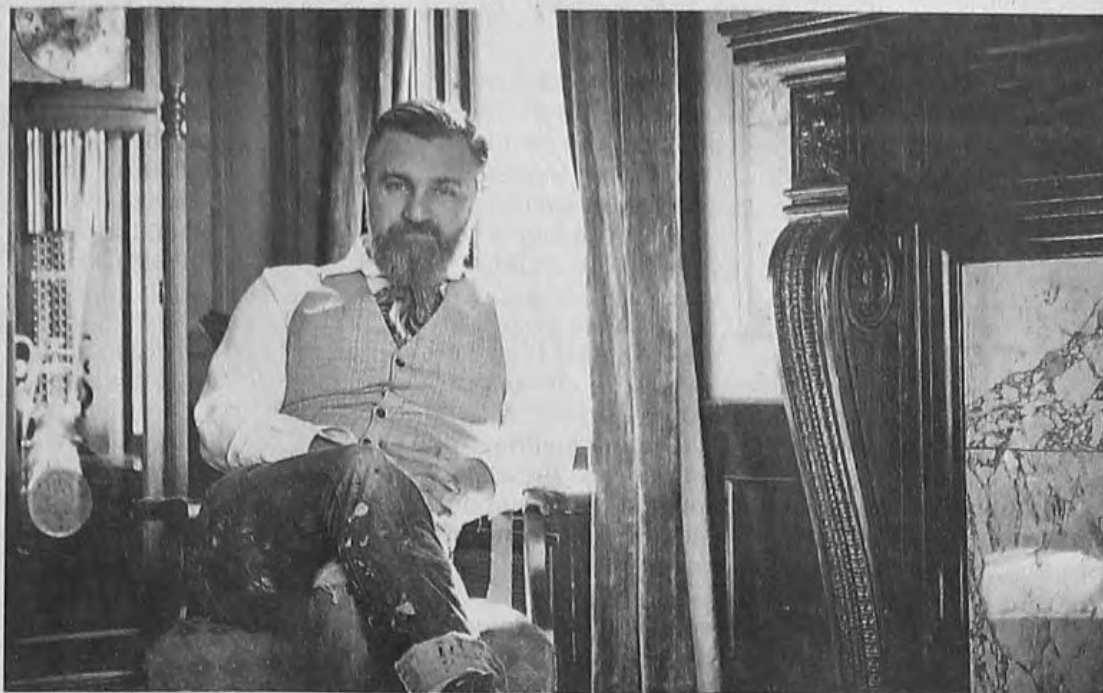
Plymouth-area artist Tony Roko has designed new, colorful labels – to be rolled out this month – for Detroit's Atwater Brewery.

The new marketing effort, brand identity and labeling, "Atwater Brewery. Born in Detroit. Raised Everywhere," features Roko's work with a personal style, using the commercial sensibility of Toulouse-Lautrec with a van-Gogh-esque pallet, a couple of Roko's favorite artists.

Roko's recent accomplishments include commissions for Lady Gaga, Jay Leno and Ford Motor Co.

The new branding is concurrent with the introduction of three new Atwater brews – Going Steady IPA, a grapefruit session ale that "rocks any situation while keeping you rock steady," Corktown Rye IPA, a spicy, sweet, bitter aromatic rye malt with a caramel backbone, and Tunnel Ram, an imperial bock that Atwater calls "the big block of big bock."

"Craft brewing is becoming a big business, but it's a business about good times. Brewing it and coming up with these new flavors and personalities is part of the fun," Atwater Brewery owner Mark Rieth said. "We've been all about Detroit since we brewed our first German-styled lagers 18 years ago and said we wanted to 'bring Detroit everywhere.' We're now doing that with distribution in 27 states and Canada and still growing. Now we're focused on making sure people remember us and think about us first and that's what these new labels



Artist Tony Roko has created new labeling and marketing for Atwater Brewery.



Examples of artist Tony Roko's new labels.

are intended to do." "Craft beer is an art movement in its own right," Roko said. "What started as a single painting for one label for just 40 cases of beer five months ago has turned into designing 26 labels for one of Michigan's most exciting breweries. It's the greatest gig ever – drinking Atwater and telling their story. I feel like a young man let loose in a brewery!" Roko uses an expressive style and tried to match Detroit's colorful characters with individual beer flavors. He plans to frame each final

label painting with unique handmade frames made from base moldings reclaimed from abandoned Detroit homes, another of his pet interests. "Our new brand theme lets consumers know that Atwater brews can be enjoyed anywhere, because they're just damn good beers," Rieth said. "We always say you can take the beer out of Detroit any time you want, but you can't take our Detroit pride out of the beer." Driven Solutions, a communications and branding agency, worked

with Atwater and Roko on the theme and its correlating packaging. "Each beer has its own unique personality and profile, so we proposed the idea of creating a character for each beer in the portfolio," said Brian Cusac, Driven's principal and chief creative officer. "The most important thing a craft brewer can offer a customer is authenticity. We feel that Atwater provides this in spades by staying true to the types of beers they like to make and by never forgetting their Detroit roots. This campaign is simply a reflection of this culture."

Atwater beers are available at craft brew retailers and at Atwater's two locations in the Detroit area – Atwater in the Park in Grosse Pointe Park and Atwater Biergarten and Tap House in Detroit. The brewery is set to open its second Atwater Biergarten and Tap House in Grand Rapids early 2016.



Kent Weichmann (left) and Carol Breitmeyer, both of the State Bar of Michigan's family law section, present state Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, with the Family Law Legislator of the Year Award.

## Heise honored by state bar association

Kurt Heise, the area's representative in the Michigan House of Representatives, was honored Thursday by the State Bar of Michigan's family law section as the family law legislator of the year.

Carol Breitmeyer, chairwoman of the family law section, and Kent Weichmann, the section's legislative chairman, hosted a luncheon in Heise's honor and cited the third-term legislator's focus on family law. "Again and again, Kurt Heise has proven a thoughtful advocate for smart, compassionate legislation," Breitmeyer said in a press release. "From sponsoring legislation creating standards for parenting time coordinators to leading the enactment of the Uniform Child Abduction Prevention Act, Rep. Heise has put his legal and executive

experience behind the passage of numerous family-focused legal reforms."

Heise, a Republican and Plymouth Township resident, is term-limited in the House and has announced plans to run for Plymouth Township supervisor in this year's election. He said he was humbled by the recognition.

"I am grateful for this honor and to have been given the opportunity to enact meaningful changes on behalf of Michigan families," said Heise, chairman of the House criminal justice committee. "Safe, successful families are the foundation of good communities."

Heise's 20th District includes Plymouth and Northville townships, part of the city of Northville and part of Canton Township.

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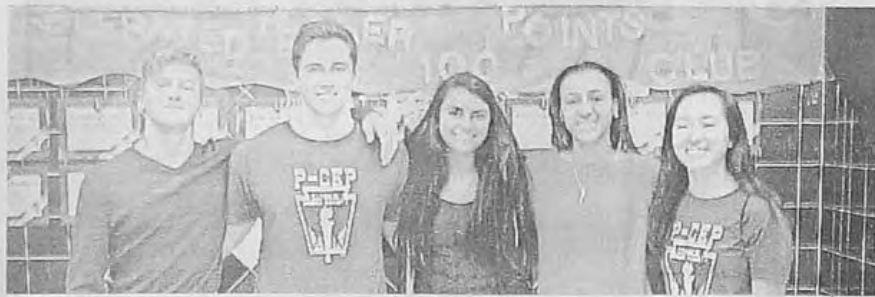
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Among the Plymouth-Canton volunteers were Dylan Dwyer, Mitchell Gonzalez, Nidhi Patel, Bri Griffin and Lisa Zhang.



Plymouth-Canton honor students celebrated the holidays with a Detroit academy.

## P-C Honor Society celebrates holiday with Detroit academy

National Honor Society members from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park visited the Roberto Clemente Academy in Detroit to throw a fun holiday party for pre-kindergarten through third-grade classrooms. The 60 volunteers were placed in classrooms and read books, made crafts, played games and spread holiday cheers throughout the school.

The volunteers and students had a great time interacting with each other and many unforgettable memories were made. At the end of the day, each student at Roberto Clemente was given a special toy as a present. These toys were graciously donated by members of National Honor Society

and other organizations from around the community.

NHS continued a five-year partnership with Bridgepointe, a group dedicated to bridging the gap between Detroit and the suburbs. The event was planned and hosted by a group of National Honor Society members: Lisa Zhang, Nidhi Patel, Bri Griffin, Mitch Gonzalez and Dylan Dwyer, who chose to host several events throughout the year at the academy as their service project for this year. Last October, they hosted a Spanish Cultural Day and will be hosting a DIA trip in March.

This effort was supported, in part, by a generous grant from Community Financial Summer of Giving campaign.

## Teen builds church meditation labyrinth to earn Eagle Scout rank

Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Down the hill from two churches, next to a wooded area, Canton teen Prescott J. Vayda led a team that built a meditation labyrinth where church-goers can find a peaceful place to pray.

"It's a tool for people to connect with God and it gives them a method of prayer that was not previously there for them," Vayda, 18, said. "The idea is that you kind of walk the trail and it's a peaceful place to go."

Vayda's efforts helped him earn his Eagle Scout rank, culminating a journey that began when he was a first-grade Tiger Cub with Pack 440 at Bentley Elementary School.

"I'm very proud of him," his father, Alan Vayda, said. "As an Eagle Scout myself, I know how much it means, even as an adult looking back. It's great for him to accomplish this goal."

The younger Vayda, a 2015 graduate of Canton High School, wanted to help St. Aidan's Episcopal Church in Ann Arbor, where he is an active member, and another church, Northside Presbyterian, that shares the same building.

"I thought it would benefit the churches and be reasonable for an Eagle Scout project," he said.

Vayda enlisted his fellow scouts from Troop 735, based at St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne, to help build a meditation labyrinth, built of stones and mulch, that is more than 20 feet wide. They finished the project in July, but Vayda's Eagle Court of Honor was set for this Saturday.

An aspiring paleontologist,



Prescott J. Vayda earned his Eagle Scout rank with a project to build a church-based meditation labyrinth.

Vayda said he didn't realize how much his project meant to him until he arrived for his freshman year at Ohio State University, where he and a group of students introduced themselves and talked about their lives, including his Eagle Scout project.

"It really tells a lot about me, who I am and how large a part of my life that was," he said.

Vayda has earned 38 merit badges — 17 more than the 21 required for Eagle Scout rank, said his father, who is Troop 735 scoutmaster. Vayda has served in leadership roles, including senior patrol leader and junior assistant scoutmaster. He served as crew leader during the troop's high-adventure backpacking trip in 2014 to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, N.M. He also is a brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

Vayda also played tuba in the Plymouth-Canton March-

ing Band and served as section leader for two years. He played in concert band and achieved the highest rating in district and state solo and ensemble competitions. He was a National Merit commended scholar.

His family includes his father, mother Kim Zaugg and a brother Nelson, who is starting to think about his own Eagle service project.

Vayda, an assistant scoutmaster, led a team of 22 volunteers for his Eagle Scout project. The meditation labyrinth has only one path to the center and back out — intended to provide a peaceful, meditative and spiritual experience.

Vayda described himself as "greatly pleased" by the project. "It's pretty awesome."

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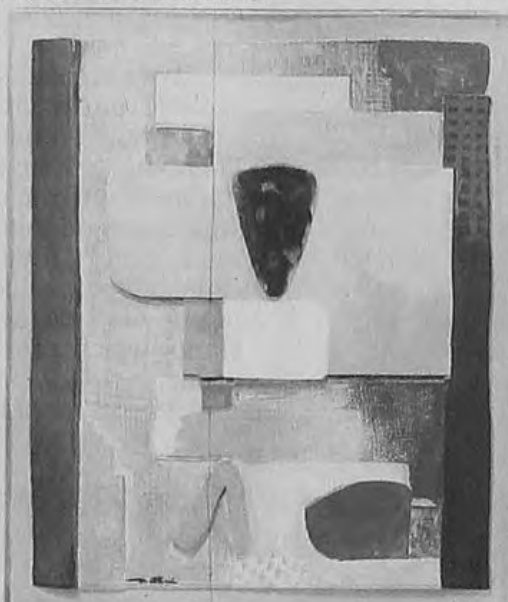
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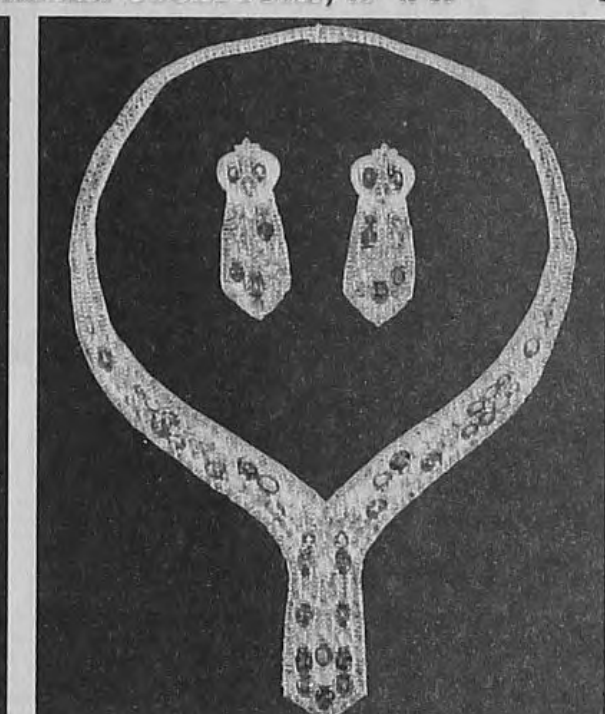
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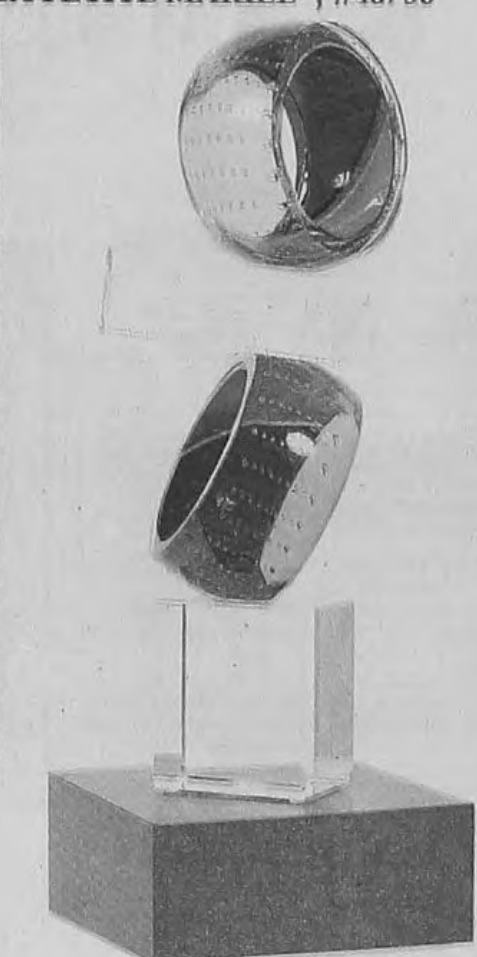
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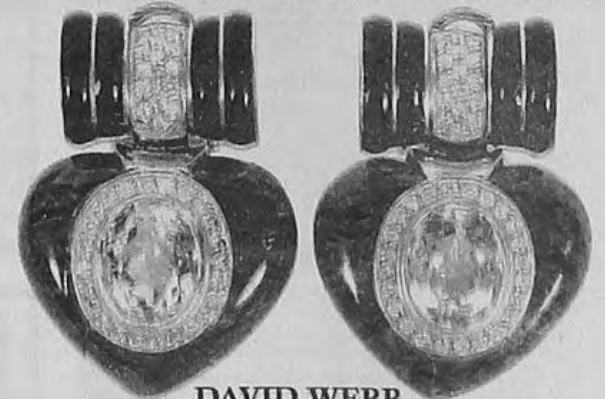
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# Plymouth Elks opens new season of blues, jazz

Blues @ The Elks hits the stage 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325. There is a \$5 donation at the door and bring your dancing shoes. Blues @ The Elks is a partnership with the Detroit Blues Society ([www.detroitbluessociety.org](http://www.detroitbluessociety.org)).

On Tuesday, Jan. 12, drummer/bandleader R.J. Spangler's NOLA Band celebrates the music of New Orleans. Together with Spangler's musical brother of many years, T-Bone Paxton (vocals/trumpet), there is a wealth of experience backing great rhythm and blues artists from the Crescent City. They were the band of choice for the Tan Canary, vocalist Johnny Adams and guitarist Earl King. Spangler had a 20-year relationship as bandleader for the legendary piano man and vocalist Eddie Bo. Joining Spangler and Paxton will be Alicia Marie on guitar, Gwen MacPhee on stand-up bass and Goode Wyche III on tenor sax.

Jazz @ The Elks is welcomed 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres. Enjoy jazz in a listening room setting



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For more information, call 734-453-1780, go to

[www.plymouthannarborelks325.com](http://www.plymouthannarborelks325.com) or email [jazzattheelks@gmail.com](mailto:jazzattheelks@gmail.com). The Lodge is at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

## Michigan Philharmonic will perform at the Chapel at St. John's

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Cerrone

second violin Hektor Qyteti take center stage,

performing Antonio Vivaldi's *Concerto for Oboe, Violin & Strings in B-flat major*.

The concert is set for 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, in the Chapel at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth.

Featured composer Christopher Cerrone will be visiting from New York for a performance of his piece *Recovering*. Cerrone has been hailed

as "a rising star" by *The New Yorker* and is the winner of the 2015 Samuel Barber Rome Prize.

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Cerrone has received awards and grants from

the American Academy of Arts and Letters, Chamber Music America, OPERA America, the Jerome Foundation, ASCAP and New Music USA. He has served as composer-in-residence at the Carlsbad Music Festival and the Brooklyn Youth Chorus Academy.

The largest segment of the concert will be devoted to the monumental *Gustav Mahler Symphony No. 1*, originally written for a very

large orchestra. The arrangement for 15 solo musicians, skillfully crafted by British composer Iain Farrington, retains all Mahler's original music.

Make a day of it and join the group for a pre-concert Brunch at St. John's in the Five restaurant at 11:30 a.m. Brunch is \$22 per person.

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# U.N. intern credits P-CEP education, diversity in gaining global perspective

**Julie Brown**  
Staff Writer

Patrick Slavens, 27, of Canton thinks his education has served him well. "I think the Plymouth-Canton schools did a really good job with my writing skills," the 2007 Plymouth High School graduate said. He recently wrapped up an internship at the United Nations in New York City; he found attending the large Plymouth-Canton Educational Park prepared him to meet people from all over the world.

At the U.N., Slavens had co-workers from the Philippines, Greece, Japan and Israel. "You're getting completely different perspectives," he said of working on a common mission. "You all come together and get the work done."

Slavens graduated in 2011 from Albion College with a B.A. in international studies. He earned a master's degree in public policy from Cali-



Patrick Slavens (right) of Canton visits with Secretary-General of the United Nations Ban Ki-moon. Slavens credits his Plymouth-Canton Educational Park experience at a large high school setting with helping him meet people from all over the world as an adult interning at the U.N.

fornia's Pepperdine University, which required an internship.

He's worked three temporary stints at the U.N., this one from August to December 2015. "I was with the News and Media Division," he said. "We collect information for what's going on in the General Assembly, the Security Council."

## Journalists worldwide

He and co-workers collected documents and statements for media, including foreign press such as the British Broadcasting Corp. and Al Jazeera.

Slavens noted older journalists would pick up printed material, while

younger ones used email and especially Twitter "for certain documents. It would be for Security Council resolutions or any reports for agencies."

The U.N. has a number of agencies that issue reports, he explained, and those are often tweeted. "Members of the media could get them a lot easier," he said.

He agreed being young and growing up with social media helped in his work: "I was able to take hold of that, absolutely."

Of the General Assembly, often shown on television news broadcasts, "That was a really impressive place to see," he said.

He liked to eat lunch in the U.N. cafeteria, which handles dietary restrictions for people from around the globe. "You would see people literally from all over the world. So I really liked that," he said.

He would pick up documents from the

General Assembly, where the 192 member states make resolutions. "I always felt that was an impressive room to go into," Slavens said.

He saw U.S. President Barack Obama, as well as the prince of Japan. Slavens also entered the Security Council for documents.

"I felt that was a very solemn place," he said. He heard of ISIS, as well as the crisis in Syria and other humanitarian crises. "I felt everyone was taking their job very seriously, which I respected," Slavens said.

He had done Model United Nations work in high school and always had that great interest. His goal is a permanent position at the United Nations.

"We'll see what happens," he said, agreeing it's competitive. "You just have to really work at it."

## A little sightseeing

In New York City, he was working six or seven

days a week. "With News and Media, it never ends. I was able to go out a little bit. It was good food and good transportation," he said.

Housing is expensive in New York City and apartments go quickly, but Slavens managed, although not in palatial digs. "I'm still young," he said with a laugh on his living quarters in the Big Apple.

"A lot of times, they're difficult to achieve," he said of his goals, noting work is worth the effort. Slavens worked in providing documents, rather than as a media spokesman, so can't comment on if the journalism was fair and complete.

"It was interesting to see the results," he said of broadcasts and other journalism. "I was not anywhere near that," he added of media spokesmen and women.

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# Council, residents express concern over noise on I-275 after construction

**David Veselenak**  
Staff Writer

Some issues surrounding noise and I-275 became a sticking point for some Livonia City Council members and residents this past week.

The Michigan Department of Transportation went Monday before the council during its first study meeting of the year to request a waiver of the city's noise ordinance for the upcoming project, scheduled to begin later this spring, to allow for work to take place overnight.

The \$80 million project, announced last fall, is expected to begin closing the southbound portion of the freeway sometime in mid- to late April, said Michael Budai, an engineer with MDOT, the agency hoping to award the contract in March and begin some preliminary work shortly after.

Budai said the agency hopes for a September reopening of the freeway. All dates remain tentative.

The project will see major work done along the freeway from Five Mile in Livonia north

through Farmington Hills and ending at the I-96/I-696/M-5 interchange in Novi, as well as some patching along I-696 through Farmington Hills and Southfield.

While not a complete rebuild of the freeway like the I-96 project through Redford and Livonia was, it will consist of several rehabilitation measures such as replacing concrete and bridge improvements, among other fixes.

But many in attendance Monday said they were concerned still over noise with the freeway,

even after it's constructed, and came to express frustration.

Councilwoman Maureen Miller Brosnan said she remembered when the freeway was last worked on in the '90s, which included an experimental surface material that many motorists complained about after. She said she wishes there would have been a look at possibly adding noise abatement efforts, such as walls, to the project.

"This would have been the time to do it and it appears it's not being

done now," she said. "I want the guarantee in writing for our residents that the noise is not going to increase as a result of this project and I want to go back and test after the project is in place to make sure that in fact they have lived up to that guarantee."

"I'm not willing to give them anything until they agree to that. These people have been through too much for too long."

Budai said that experimental finish that was used then would not be used in the upcoming

construction. He said the new surface is not expected to have any positive or negative effect on the noise levels from the freeway.

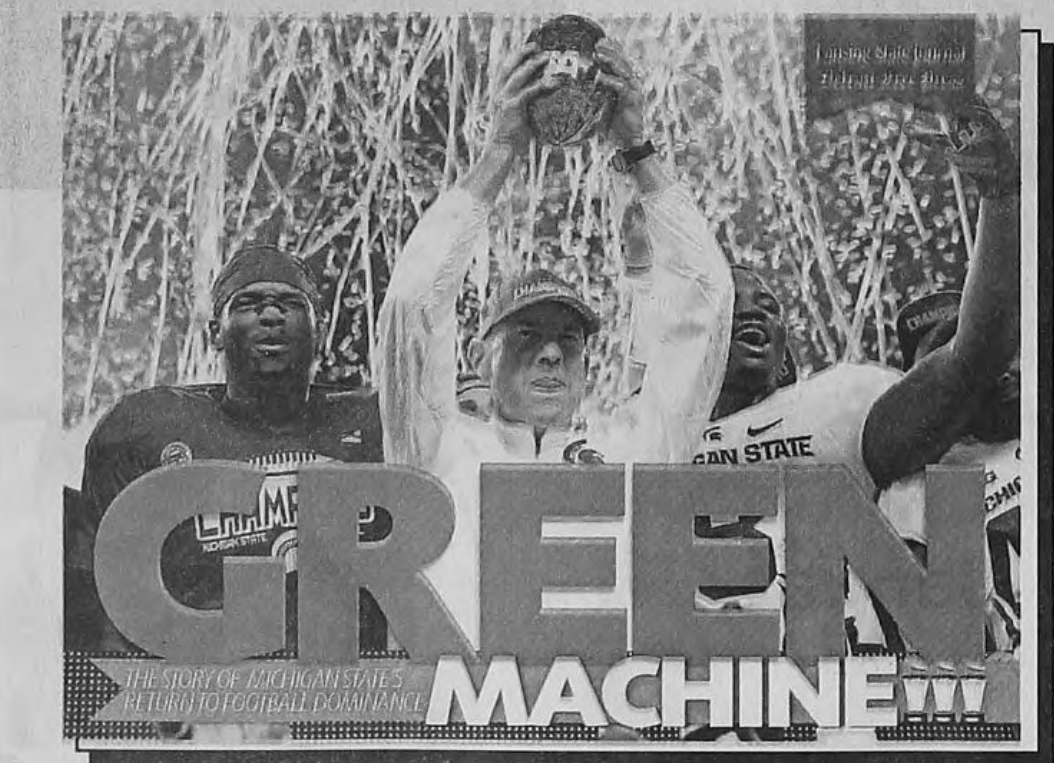
Brosnan offered a denying resolution for the noise ordinance waiver request, while Councilman Brian Meakin offered a resolution to send the issue to committee for further discussions.

The council will take up the action at its regular meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in city hall.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**CELEBRATE MLK**

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18

**Location:** The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hills Road, Canton

**Details:** Canton Township will once again honor the memory and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a special tribute, "Canton Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." A display of artworks by area students and a punch-and-cookie reception will begin at the Village Theater at 6 p.m., followed by the main program at 6:30 p.m. This annual event is presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage, members of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Sub-Committee and Canton Township.

**Cost:** Admission is \$2 and reserved seats can be purchased online at [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org).

**NEW HOLOCAUST EXHIBIT**

**Time/Date:** Opening program, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27; Exhibit through Sunday, May 15

**Location:** 28123 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills

**Details:** The Holocaust Memorial Center will host an opening program for its newest exhibit, *A la Mémoire des Enfants Déportés*, Wednesday, Jan. 27. The exhibition includes calligraphic artwork honoring the 11,400 French Jewish children deported and, for many, murdered from 1942-44. The opening event will begin with a wine and dessert reception with the exhibit's artist, Eleanor Winters, followed by an artist talk and presenta-



Canton Township Trustee Patrick Williams speaks with keynote speaker the Rev. Dr. William Reese Jr.

tion at 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by PNC Wealth Management, the evening's music will be provided by Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings.

**Cost:** The opening event is free to members and \$10 for non-members.

**Contact:** 248-553-2400

**MASQUERADE CHARITY BALL**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 6.

**Details:** Kyyba Kidz Foundation, dedicated to improving the lives and education of orphans and underprivileged individuals, will host its 2016 Charity Fundraiser Gala Dinner at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi (46100 Grand River). Evening features a silent auction and raffle, dinner and dancing. All are welcome to bring their own

masks or purchase them on-site by making a donation. Open to those 18 years and older, individual tickets are \$150 each and a table of 10 is \$1,000. The deadline for pre-registration, which is mandatory in order to attend, is Friday, Jan. 22, and can be completed at [www.kyybakidz-foundation.org](http://www.kyybakidz-foundation.org).

"From gowns and gararas to suits and sherwanis, we encourage all to put on their most festive formal wear for a night of fun, mystery and giving back," said Tel Ganesan, president of the Kyyba Kidz Foundation's Board of Trustees. Farmington Hills-based Kyyba Inc. is a technology and staffing services company.

**WIDOWED FRIENDS**

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each

month.

**Details:** Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting a Men's Only Breakfast and Fellowship at Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Contact Dick at 313-534-0399.

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. the first and third Monday of each month.

**Details:** Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting a Ladies Only Breakfast and Fellowship at Connor's Restaurant, Haggerty/Five Mile Road, Northville. To save a seat, contact Carol at 313-562-3080.

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. the first Thursday of each month.

**Details:** Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting Co-Ed Breakfast at Richard's Restaurant, on Plymouth Road at Eckles Road. Contact Jerry at

734-455-2651.

**ART ON DISPLAY**

**Time/Date:** Exhibit through Jan. 30.

**Details:** The Northville Art House presents an exhibition of textiles and mixed media by Barbara Bushey and Susan Moran, two established fiber artists whose work develops from close observation of the Michigan landscape. Art House hours, 215 W. Cady Street, Northville, run noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. Reach Northville Art House at 248-344-0497 or [www.northvillearthouse.org](http://www.northvillearthouse.org).

**SENIOR PROGRAMMING**

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday

**Location:** Friendship Station Senior Center, 42375 Schoolcraft, Plymouth Township

**Details:** The Plymouth Community Council on Aging announces new programs for senior community from the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township. Upcoming programs and events will include Chair Exercise, Free Wii Bowling, Knitting & Crocheting Class, Craft Classes, Free Drop in Game Day, Senior Cardio Fitness and Senior Yoga. In addition to the new programs, the center will offer free monthly bingo beginning Feb. 16. Presently, the Community Senior Transportation is at the Friendship Station. The center will offer Focus Hope distribution and a newly created food pantry.

**Contact:** For more information

and a calendar of dates and times and information on membership, call 734-354-3222. For transportation information, call 734-459-8888.

**CHILDREN'S STORYTIMES**

**Location:** Barnes & Noble, 17111 Haggerty Road, Northville

**Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes Storytime**

**When:** 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16

**Details:** Pete goes walking down the street wearing his brand new white shoes. Along the way, his shoes change from white to red to blue to brown to WET as he steps in piles of strawberries, blueberries and other big messes! But no matter what happens, Pete keeps walking and singing! Coloring and activities to follow.

**The Wonderful Things You Will Be Storytime**

**When:** 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 23

**Details:** From brave and bold to creative and clever, this rhyming picture book expresses all the amazing things children can grow up to be. With beautiful and sometimes humorous illustrations, this is a book grown-ups will love reading over and over to kids. Activities to follow.

**Groundhog's Dilemma & Groundhog's Day Off Storytime**

**When:** 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 30

**Details:** This special Storytime celebrates Groundhog Day with two feature titles: *Groundhog's Dilemma* and *Groundhog's Day Off*. Fun activities occur after the Storytime.

Northville's Tipping Point Theatre presents 'Odd Couple' with a twist

Unger and Madison are at it again in Neil Simon's famous update of his contemporary comic classic beginning this month at the Tipping Point Theater in Northville.

Slobbish and easygoing Olive Madison has invited the girls over for an evening of Trivial Pursuit. But when uptight, neat freak Florence Unger shows up – just separated from her husband – the game is over before it gets started. The pair ultimately



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decide to room together, but Olive's simmering frustration with Florence's passive-aggres-



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sive dithering comes to a full boil when two single brothers from upstairs join the mix. Will these

two mismatched friends survive or will they kill each other?

*The Odd Couple* runs Jan. 28 through Feb. 28, with a "leap year" performance Monday, Feb. 29. The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with matinees at 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. A special matinee performance has been added at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17.

The theatre is at 361 E. Cady St. in Northville. Tickets are \$30 to \$33 for adults, \$28 to \$31 for

students and senior citizens and \$22 for the two preview shows Jan. 28-29. Tickets are on sale now. For tickets or more information, call the box office at 248-347-0003.

For more good news about Unger and Madison, the Purple Rose and Tipping Point theatres are teaming up for a special deal as the two theaters are performing *The Odd Couple*. While Tipping Point performs the female version of the famed show, Purple Rose is sticking with the tradi-

tional, male roles.

Anyone who attends both shows will be entered into a drawing to win two tickets from both theaters (good for any show in their full season). When the shows close, Tipping Point and Purple Rose will pick a winner.

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Welcome to the Plymouth Ice Festival.



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Chelsea Henry pushes 3-year-old Ellie Felek, followed by Christina Felek and Julie Felek, holding 8-month-old Layla Felek. They came from the Belleville and Willis area to watch the sculptures melt.

## FESTIVAL

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"I'd say about 25 degrees and overcast," said Ditto, who runs Outside the Blox Ice in Livonia with Paul Nuznov. "That'd be perfect."

Ditto and Chris Bernash were working on a large sculpture, on the Main Street side of the park, depicting Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy, from *Sesame Street*.

Outside the Blox, Ditto said, had carved a number of pieces for the festival, including a Batman vs. Superman-themed sculpture, a snowmobile and the "ice bar" outside E.G. Nick's restaurant on Forest Avenue. The company, he said, was also running the collegiate carving competitions Saturday and Sunday.

There were few visitors checking out the



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Paul Nuznov of Outside The Blox Ice, located in Livonia, carves a large sculpture featuring Superman and Batman.

work in the park shortly before 5 p.m. Friday.

"It's warm, but what can you do?" said Tajana Raukar, a sculptor carving in her 19th Plymouth

festival. She and daughter Barbara were hanging out near the "ice throne," a throne made of ice on which visitors perch for photos.

Raukar, who carves for her Old Village-based business Ice Dreams, urged visitors to get to the festival early because of the weather. "I wouldn't wait for long,"

she said.

Ice Dreams had also been heavily involved in turning out festival sculptures, including one for a Ford Motor Co. exhibit, and another, at Main and Penniman, in which a tropical-looking underwater scene, complete with fish and plant life, was depicted.

The show features about 50 sculptures in Kellogg Park and more than 100 in the parking and on downtown streets.

Sunday hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sculptures will be on display around the clock — weather permitting.

For more information and a listing of festival events, go to [plymouthicefestival.com](http://plymouthicefestival.com).

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## LAJOY

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we do."

He touted residential and commercial growth in the past year, as well as Liberty Middle School, a Plymouth-Canton school, opening adjacent to the charter school Canton Preparatory High School.

"We knew with two schools next to each other we had to get it right," he said of traffic issues.

He cited economic development, including new restaurants in Canton. "We've got some exciting things that are going to be happening on the economic development front," some of which he can't yet share, LaJoy said.

The Great Recession hit property values and LaJoy praised township unions and staffers who took pay and benefit cuts. "I can tell you they were incredible. Those steps assured we remain a vibrant community," he said. "Canton Township financially and otherwise is in good shape."

Roads dominated the discussion, with one club member asking if a Warren Road or Cherry Hill exit from I-275 could be used to ease Ford Road congestion. LaJoy pointed to cost concerns.

He described his three trips to Washington, D.C., seeking federal funds for the Ford Road/I-275 exchange, an ongoing concern. "We're going to keep going after it," said LaJoy, who also touched on subdivision streets and work with homeowner associations.

LaJoy noted the township's 95,000 residents and those who worked with him and the Board of Trustees in focus groups on township needs. "I got overwhelming support," he said of those residents.

Said Rotarian Kurt Heise, who represents part of Canton in the state House of Representatives, "He was very informative. There are a lot of great things going on in Canton Township. I'm really going to miss Phil LaJoy," added Heise, noting he emulated LaJoy in Lansing. LaJoy, who isn't seeking re-election, encouraged attendance at his State of the Township address March 2.

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# Eimers Foundation benefit aims to help feed homeless

**Brad Kadrich**  
Staff Writer

Four years ago, Robby Eimers accompanied his grandmother and a friend on a trip to provide blankets to the homeless in downtown Detroit.

As a 9-year-old boy, Robby had no idea of the scope of a problem as vast as "homelessness." He knew there were such people, but at 9 had no clue how widespread it was.

He does now — and he's doing something about it.

Robby has founded The Eimers Foundation, a charitable organization dedicated to easing the problem for the homeless. It started small, by doing what he calls "sharing" and going down to feed homeless people and give them anything he can — hats, coats, gloves, socks and the like — to make their lives a little easier.

For more than four years now, he and his sister Emma (now 10) have gone down to the shelter in downtown Detroit to feed the people. And later this month, he's hoping a fundraiser will help him achieve his goal — getting an actual food truck so he can expand his reach.

"When I went down there (the first time) there were, like, 30 homeless people," Robby said. "Going down and seeing so many made a big impact on me. I just felt like I had to do something."

The folks at Andiamo's restaurant took Robby under their collective wing, helping with a food truck and teaching him how to run one. Now Robby wants to buy his own food truck (his uncle would drive it) so he can help even more people (the homeless



THE EIMERS FOUNDATION  
Robby Eimers, with his sister Emma at the Joe Louis fist in downtown Detroit, started The Eimers Foundation to help the homeless.

group he feeds now reaches between 100 and 300 people, depending on the weekend).

Why the truck? "Not all of the homeless people are in front of the shelter," Robby said simply. "I want to get to more places."

Toward that end, The Eimers Foundation is sponsoring a food and wine tasting event, "Fighting Hunger in the D," 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, at the Great Lakes Culinary Center, 24101 W. Nine Mile, in Southfield.

The event will feature food and wine tasting tables from some 20 organizations — among them Schoolcraft College's culinary arts program, Ironwood Grill, Treat Dreams, Scotty O'Hotty and others — along with a silent auction, raffle and entertainment from the band Power Play Detroit.

Tickets are \$75 and organizers would prefer

they be purchased in advance at the event website [www.fighting-hungerinthed.com](http://www.fighting-hungerinthed.com). That will allow them to plan for the evening. There's also a link on the website for those who can't make the event, but wish to donate.

Heather Moore, a Plymouth resident and a teacher at Schoolcraft, is helping the foundation plan and market the event. She got involved after her parents saw Robby Eimers in the news and online talking about his efforts.

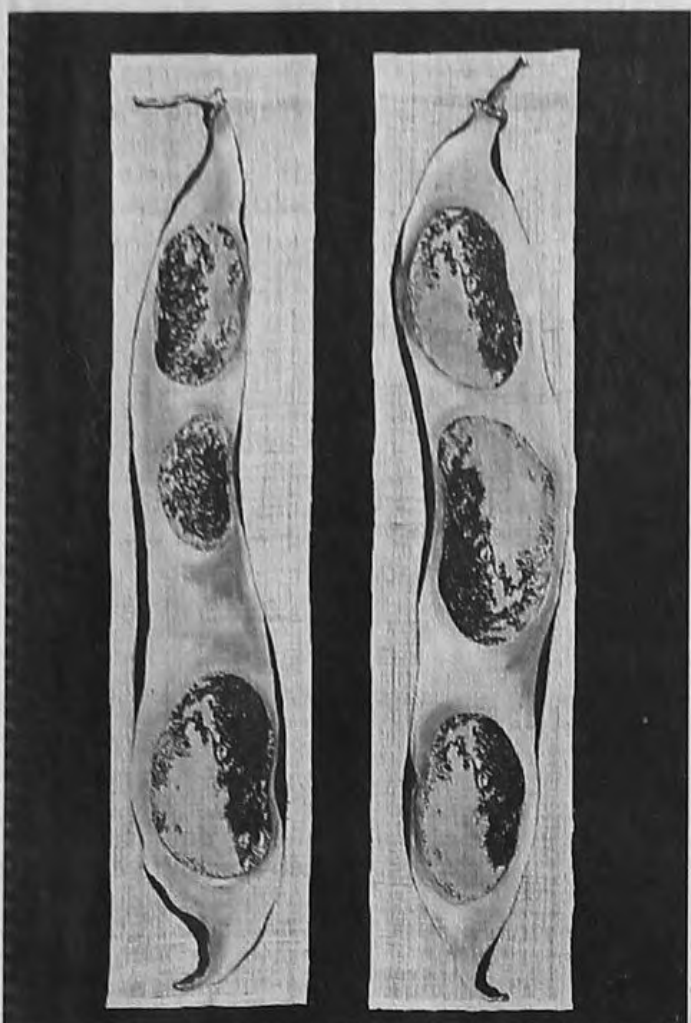
After telling herself repeatedly she "wanted" to do something to help, she decided it was time actually to help.

"I care because they're amazing kids," Moore said of Robby and Emma. "I wish I had been that good when I was their age, but I wasn't. At 10 and 13 (years old), they inspire me."

Rachel Eimers is, naturally, a proud mother, but she's not necessarily surprised. After all, she knows her son's heart.

"It's just in his heart," Rachel said. "He saw how people are struggling. He'd never seen it before, and he wanted to help."

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By artist Susan Moran, these are called "Fava I and II" and will be on exhibit at the Northville Art House.

## N'ville Art House presents textile and mixed media exhibit

The Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady St., will present an exhibition of textiles and mixed media by Barbara Bushey and Susan Moran, two established fiber artists whose work develops from close observation of the Michigan landscape. They use the techniques of resist dyeing, quilting, collage and stitching to construct, enhance and emphasize their imagery.

"My work is an exploration of what is hidden and what is revealed — whether in a visual, emotional or historical sense. Working with layers, both physically and visually, allows me to explore this complexity," said Bushey, associate professor and chair of the Hillsdale College Art Department.

Moran, instructor at the Center for Creative

Studies in Detroit, said her goal as an artist is "to study and master the traditional techniques of dyeing and printing on fabric and adapt them to my own purposes. I find inspiration for my work in daily walks through the wooded places of southeast Michigan. These walks are a kind of meditation, allowing me the time to observe subtle, daily changes and appreciate the seasonal cycles of growth, decay and weather."

The exhibit runs through Jan. 30, during Art House hours, noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free.

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# BACK-TO-BACK CHAMPIONS

Salem sweeps way to another tourney championship in Traverse City

**Tim Smith**  
Staff Writer

When Salem's varsity boys hockey team convenes for preseason camp, uniforms are distributed and players get out their December calendars.

They then circle the week after Christmas, in anticipation of another junket to the Scott Miller Memorial Holiday Tournament in Traverse City.

Not only does the annual trip foster team camaraderie — 250-mile bus rides have a tendency to do that — it continues to be a catalyst in helping the Rocks jell as a hockey team.

"When you are riding on a bus for 10 hours, you eventually run out of small talk and really get to know your teammates," Salem head coach Ryan Ossennmacher wrote in an email to the *Observer*. "This bond is incredibly important in the strength of any team."

"I think this aspect of the trip is every bit as important as the games. We traditionally make great strides as a team in the second half our seasons — and this trip is a big part of that."

Such was the case again Dec. 28-30, when Salem won three games in a row at Centre Ice Arena to win the Miller tourney for the second

consecutive season. After winning 8-2 Dec. 28 against the Bay Area Reps, the Rocks went out Dec. 29 and pinned a 3-2 defeat on Saginaw Heritage. That was the first loss for the Hawks all season. Wrapping up the successful tourney Dec. 30 was Salem's 5-1 triumph over Midland, to win the trophy.

**Big line shines**  
Spearheading the Salem attack all three games was the forward line of Evan Newel, Matt Schaumburger and Colin Goleniak. They accounted for 11 of the team's 16 goals.

Sharing time in the net were goalies Tristan Rehling and Austin Goleniak, each "strong" between the pipes.

"It was the best stretch of hockey we have played all season," Ossennmacher wrote. "All three lines contributed and our defensive unit was very solid even being shorthanded with only four (defensemen) for the semifinal and final games."

As much as Ossennmacher underscores the importance of team bonding, he pointed to the "one and done" format of the Miller tournament as having great benefits to the team (5-4-1) during state tournament time.

"Each team is guaranteed three games, but you need to win all three to win the championship," Ossennmacher added. "This format gives our players a look at how the state tournament is run and helps



Players and coaches of the victorious Salem Rocks celebrate back-to-back championships at the Scott Miller Memorial Holiday Tournament in Traverse City.

them prepare for that one and done mindset. "Last year, I believe our victories in Traverse City really helped our playoff run: Hopefully, this year's team can also use these victories in our preparation for the state tournament."

**Game recaps**

Following is a look at the three Traverse City games:

» On Dec. 28, Schaumburger scored twice and assisted on three others to lead Salem to an opening win against Bay Area.

Also scoring twice was Marty Mills, with single goals by Newel, Colin Goleniak, Joey Driscoll and Jake Saun-

ders. Newel and Goleniak each collected three assists.

Goaltender Austin Goleniak went the distance, stopping 29 of 31 shots.

» On Dec. 29, Colin Goleniak scored on the power play with 42 seconds left in the opening period, from Schaumburger and Driscoll, and Salem never trailed against Saginaw Heritage.

Driscoll set up Schaumburger for another power-play goal in the middle period, to give the Rocks a 2-0 edge.

In the third, the Hawks got on the scoreboard with 11:15 left in regulation. But Salem restored its two-goal

lead less than two minutes later.

Once again, it was the big line doing the damage. Goleniak took a feed from Schaumburger and ripped home the puck.

That helped offset a late goal by Saginaw Heritage.

Making 16 saves for the Salem win was Rehling.

» The Rocks then faced Midland in the tournament final.

Midland opened the scoring at the 10-second mark, but Schaumburger had an important response — scoring just 38 seconds later, from Newel.

That combo worked two more times in the period, with Schaumburger netting a natural hat trick (three straight goals). Newel set up all three, with Colin Goleniak also drawing an assist.

In the middle period, Newel and Goleniak assisted on Saunders' power-play goal, putting the Rocks up 4-1.

Closing out the scoring in the third was Newel (one goal, four assists), with assists going to Schaumburger (three goals, one assist) and Goleniak (three assists).

Each playing 25:30 in goal were Austin Goleniak (13 saves) and Rehling (14 saves).

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## SALEM

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six minutes in that second period down five-on-three. And that just can't happen."

Saunders' second of the night came from Joey Driscoll and Nick Callegari with 44.4 seconds remaining in the second to make it 3-1.

With 5:30 left in the second period and Northville killing off a pair of five-on-threes, Salem goaltender Tristan Rehling (21 saves) robbed Riley Brass from point-blank range on a break-away effort to maintain its one-goal lead.

"After the game in the locker room, I said that was the key save right there because at that



Salem's Zach Goleniak (left) gets ready to unload a shot in front of Northville's Josh Mitchell in Thursday's battle at Novi Ice Arena.

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point they've killed off and they're making a push," Ossennmacher said. "If they score on

that opportunity, that's momentum. That's a big save because we come down and score after

that. That was the turning point in the game for us."

Salem added two more goals in the final period to put the game out of reach, with Driscoll scoring from Sean McCormack and Saunders at 1:05 followed by Mills' unassisted goal off a shot from just inside the blue line only 1:21 later.

"We didn't score on a five-on-three and, typically, when you don't score on a five-on-three, you're in trouble," Ossennmacher said. "Not only we didn't score on one, but we didn't score on two. So from that standpoint, I thought we got a little bit lucky."

At one point during the second period, Northville had a total of five players sitting in the

penalty box together, putting immense pressure on junior goaltender Brett Miller, who finished with 21 saves.

"The proof is in the score sheet ... 16 penalties," Gates said. "That's unacceptable. They (Salem) are a good team. They had a short bench, but sometimes it's addition by subtraction. They played well last night and we knew it was going to be a good game. We came out strong and got a goal right away, controlled the play and then kept going to the box. One thing led to another. It's the players' choice ... they can be as good as they want to be. We can get them to the water, but we can't make them drink it. And it's up to them if they want to be a good team. They

have the potential."

Saunders, meanwhile, is making the most of his first varsity season for the Rocks after playing for the Prep team.

"It's just not a big body, he's got skills and you saw that tonight with a couple of his goals," Ossennmacher said. "He probably could have had another one, but the goalie (Miller) had a nice save on him. He's been asked to go, especially the last two nights a lot with really only two centers in the lineup and he's handled it really well. Tonight he was dynamite on face-offs, which is another key to our game. He was probably our best forward tonight."

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PREP GYMNASTICS

## Beaming: Plymouth gets past Salem

'Cats strong on beam, best Rocks; Chiefs edge Grosse Pointe United

**Tim Smith**  
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Knocking off the holiday rust Wednesday night, Plymouth's varsity girls gymnastics team earned a 138.15-to-133.95 victory over Salem.

"Overall it was a great meet," Wildcats assistant coach Emily Harris noted in an email to the *Observer*. "A few bumps and bruises, but the girls proved they could overcome those and stay strong for the win."

Highlights included senior Haley Metz nearly perfecting her routine on uneven parallel bars with a season-high 9.15 and foreign exchange student Hillevi Pihl leading the way on

vault (a personal best of 8.8).

"We had four girls stick their beam routines last night (no falls), which helped give them their personal bests for the year as well," Harris noted.

She was referring to senior Rebeca Simu (9.325), senior Emily Welch (8.675), junior Sara Hosmer (8.45) and junior Adriana Tao (8.4).

Several other top performances were turned in by Tao on floor (season best of 8.475), freshman Ava Eilola (a great floor routine for 8.55) and freshman Jaya Dhande on vault (an 8.5).

**CANTON 138.725, G. P.T.E. UNITED 138.45:** The Chiefs pulled out a "squeaker," said head coach John Cunningham, with Wednesday's nailbiter over Grosse Pointe United.

Canton closed out the win in the final event, with Hailey Hodgson (9.275), Katie Dickson (9.25), Jana Hilditch (9.025) and Kelsea Kemosek (8.875) getting it done on floor exercise.

"The floor routines took second through fifth places, truly the reason we won," Cunningham noted.

Isabelle Nguyen took all firsts, but Hilditch took second on vault (9.15) and



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Working on her balance beam routine Wednesday is Plymouth's Hailey Welch.

Rachel Socha fourth on vault (8.6). On bars, Dickson (8.725) and Hilditch (8.1) finished second and fourth, respectively. Hodgson (9.025) and Socha (8.975) came in 2-3 on beam. In the all-around, top Canton perform-

ers were Dickson (35.0), Hodgson (34.025) and Socha (34.025).

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Pucks for books at USA Hockey Arena

When the USA Hockey National Team Development Program starts a busy three-games-in-four-days weekend Jan. 15-18 at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, teachers and education will be the focus.

The NTDP U17s host Muskegon at 7 p.m. Jan. 15 during the NTDP's first Teacher Appreciation Day.

With the assistance of Community Financial Credit Union, teachers can receive two complimentary tickets, with the option to purchase additional tickets for a discount of \$5.

Teachers in attendance will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win the following:

» First prize: \$500 for your school.

» Second prize: \$500 for your school.

» Third prize: \$100 gift card for your classroom.

For more information, teachers should contact Alexis Dickinson at 734-453-8400, ext. 62655. She can be also contacted at alexis.dickinson@usa-hockeyarena.org.

### Bowling for Max

The Live Like Max Foundation, founded by

the Pardington family after the sudden death of their son Max in 2014, announced there will be another fundraiser this month to help raise money for healthy heart checks.

On Saturday, Jan. 16, at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton, there will be a bowling fundraiser co-hosted by the Live Like Max Foundation and Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' National Honor Society.

Check-in will be at 7:30 p.m., with bowling taking place 8-10 p.m., with all money going toward "providing the necessary heart checks for high school athletes to prevent this from happening to any other family."

Max Pardington was just 20 years old, an elite athlete and the picture of health when he died suddenly from an enlarged heart.

Cost is \$20 per person, which includes shoes, pizza, pop and bowling.

There also will be baskets to be raffled off (\$1 for one ticket; \$2 for two tickets; \$5 for eight tickets), provided by area businesses Yogurt Palooza, Emagine Theaters, Kilwins and others.

For more information, email hrtofachamp@gmail.com.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Novi bounces back to finish off Salem

Wildcats' big third-quarter surge sinks Rocks, 39-31

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It couldn't have started out any worse for the Novi girls basketball team during Friday's Central Division opener against host Salem.

The Wildcats found themselves down 2-0 before the opening tip-off when they were assessed a technical foul by one of the game officials for a failure to designate their five starters in the official score book within 10 minutes of game time.

And to make matters worse, Novi shot only 4-of-33 from the field during the first half, yet trailed by only four, 12-8, at intermission.

But despite things going a little haywire, the Wildcats regrouped to outscore defending KLA Association champion Salem 15-19 in the second half en route to a 39-31 triumph.

"I think we were a little nervous from the beginning of the game and at halftime we just talked about getting ourselves together and really playing as a team," said Novi sophomore guard Ellie Mackay, who finished with a team-high 13 points. "And I feel in the second half, we really got things going and started playing as a



Novi's Cara Ninkovich (right) dribbles down the sideline against Salem defender Darby Scott.

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team." Novi, which improved to 6-0 overall, outscored Salem 15-19 in the third quarter to take command, getting six free throws from junior

guard Cara Ninkovich, who finished with 10 points.

"I think we maybe went through three different offenses and didn't get anything go-

ing," Novi coach Bill Kelp said. "We were just out of sync and maybe that technical played a little part into it, but I don't know." Kelp also made a

slight adjustment to start the third quarter at the guard position.

"I think putting Cara at the point and playing Ellie over on the wing ... and, of course, them getting in a little bit of foul trouble helped out," Kelp said. "I think one of the things I thought is that we got into the paint a little bit more in the second half than the first half."

Allie Lipson, a senior forward, added five of her seven points to start the fourth quarter as Novi built a 10-point lead that eventually grew to 12 with 4:45 left on a basket by Mackay. Lipson also had a team-high nine rebounds.

Salem (5-2, 0-1) was unable to get any closer than seven the rest of the way as a full-court drive by Mackay with 1:57 remaining put Novi up nine and sealed the victory.

"It was the tale of two halves," Salem coach Lindsay Klemmer said. "Not being able to score in the first half was OK because we played some defense. But we couldn't score in the second half and we couldn't stop anybody. Thirty-one points in the second half is not OK. We're trying to keep people under 30 for an entire game."

The Rocks shot only 8-of-32 from the field (25 percent).

"(Novi) locked down one our best players, but our execution and our discipline was not good and they know that,"

Klemmer said. "I told them, 'We got a target on our back' and they need to understand that every single team in the division is coming after us."

Lasha Petree, a sophomore forward, paced Salem's scoring attack with 14 points, including the two technical free throws to start the game.

Novi shot 14-of-59 from the field (23.7 percent) and 10-of-17 from the foul line, while committing 16 turnovers.

Salem, which also got eight points from sophomore Jala Petree, connected on 13-of-22 free throws (59 percent). The Rocks committed a total of 22 turnovers.

"We didn't take advantage of what we had in the first half and our game plan definitely went to crap the second half," Klemmer said. "We did well the first half, but our game plan basically got thrown out the door and we all started playing one-on-one basketball, not team defense, which was huge and part of our game plan."

**CANTON 73, FRANKLIN 13:** The visiting Chiefs sprinted to a 44-6 halftime lead against Livonia Franklin and never looked back in the KLA South Division girls basketball opener for both teams.

Canton (5-2 overall, 1-0 in the South) were bolstered by balanced scoring, head coach Rob Heitmeyer said.

Leading with 11 points was Madison Wolfbauer, with Sam Mattern contributing 10 points.

Other solid Canton performers included Natalie Winters (nine points), Erin Hult and Madison Archibald (eight points each) and Raquel Church (six points).  
**WAYNE 48, PLYMOUTH 32:** On Friday at Wayne Memorial, Plymouth lost to the Zebras despite 10 points by Bailey Brown and nine points by Hannah Badger. "We really struggled with their pressure and we just had way too many turnovers," Wildcats head coach Ryan Ballard said. Plymouth dropped to 1-6 overall and 0-1 in the division with the defeat.



Canton's Erin Hult launches a free throw during a recent contest. She always makes sure to remind No. 1 fan Haley Ealem to "make your free throws. I don't always follow my own advice, though."

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## BUDDIES

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just like, automatically, had an affection for me. So she asked Del, 'Can I have Erin's jersey?' So Del got her a No. 4 jersey and then she started wearing it to school.

"And I would see her at school and say, 'Oh my God, Haley you have my jersey on.' She was like, 'I'm your biggest fan.' She draws me pictures every game day and I see her before sixth hour every day."

The pictures often feature dragons wearing No. 4, although Hult did not know why Haley likes to draw the fire-breathing creatures.

### Be thankful

Drawings are just one example how their friendship manifests

itself. There are shared hugs, smiles and — for Hult — amazement when it comes to the devotion shown her from her new friend.

"She teaches me just to be thankful just for the little things in life," Hult said. "Because I don't have a special need and sometimes I'm not thankful for all the blessings I have."

"She teaches me to be thankful that I can play varsity basketball and be the best I can be and be someone she can look up to."

Hult's teammates are just as crazy about Haley. During the national anthem before games, the players and Haley link pinkies and swing their arms in unison.

"They love Haley more than I do," Hult said. "We love having her on the bench."

There is a shared love

of basketball, too.

For Hult, a Plymouth resident whose parents are Paul and Renee Hult, basketball is a game that she excels at and could perhaps play well enough to earn a college scholarship in. For Haley, it is a game she just can't get enough of.

Haley will be getting a varsity jacket from Plymouth High School and could also get one from Canton.

At least, Hult has discussed that with Chiefs new varsity girls basketball coach Rob Heitmeyer.

"It's cool, because she is getting her varsity jacket and she tells me every day how excited she is to get it," Hult said. "But Rob and I were talking about how we should give her a Canton one, so she can get 'basketball' on the back. But that's just an idea."

### Friends for life

After all, if Hult wasn't a basketball player — let alone one with a knack for draining shots from all over the floor — there is a very good possibility the two teens wouldn't have met.

"Our friendship would have never happened without basketball," Hult said. "So it's honestly crazy that we became such close friends, because I would have never met her if I hadn't been playing for Canton."

The games will come and go. But how basketball launched a perfect jumper of a friendship will not.

"Is she a lifelong friend?" Hult asked, repeating a question. "I think so. For sure."

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## PLYMOUTH

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skid just in time for the start of KLA South Division play.

Chipping in with 18 points, many on important put-backs, was Woody, who also tallied seven rebounds.

"We needed to find a second consistent scorer and, hopefully, Tariq can provide those inside points," said Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup, whose team improved to 3-4 overall and 1-0 in the division. "It was a good bounce-back team win tonight against a very talented Wayne team."

Throwing in some elbow grease and knee burns, as usual, was senior Pete Carravallah. He was in the middle of things with a team-leading nine rebounds, along with five points.

"If there's a scuffle going on, he's probably not to far away from it," Soukup said about Carravallah. "He battled their best player and really played him tough."

Leading the Zebras (1-4, 0-1) with eight points each were Trav Woods and Stephan Taylor.

Also registering five points for Plymouth was senior Julian LeDoux.

Needing a quick start after the Salem debacle, the Wildcats came out hot and led 16-4 after one quarter. Scoring all of the Plymouth points in that quarter were Davis and Woody.

It was 12-1 until Isaiah Lewis connected on a triple with less than three minutes left in the first.

Starting off where he left off to open the second quarter was Davis, described as an offensive "stud" by his coach.

Davis missed his initial shot, but followed up with a put-back as there seemed to be nothing but wide-open lanes for him to exploit.

Plymouth continued to maintain a double-digit lead the rest of the way, enjoying a 27-15 halftime lead.

After a bucket by Taylor cut the Wildcats' lead to 33-18 with five minutes to go in the third quarter, Woody scored back-to-back



Launching a shot Friday night is Plymouth's Tariq Woody. He scored 18 points against Wayne Memorial.

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layups — one of them off a beautiful inside dish by Carravallah.

The Zebras had a brief spurt late in the third, scoring three layups in succession (two by Terence Williams) to briefly entertain thoughts of a rally. At that point, Plymouth still was up 39-27.

But Davis did his thing yet again, canning a bucket in the final minute to give the Wildcats a 14-point lead going into the fourth.

In the final three minutes, Davis and Woody put on an offensive show to put an exclamation point on the victory.

After a tip-in by the not-to-be-denied Woody, the crowd roared when Davis threw down a slam with 2:22 left (opening up a 54-35 lead).

On the play, Woody and Davis went in on a fast break. Woody could have taken it all the way to the rack, but decided to flip a short pass to Davis.

A little while later, it was Davis who gave up a basket in order to set up Woody.

**SALEM 55, NOVI 52:** On Friday at Novi, the Rocks opened KLA Central Division play with a narrow win over the Wildcats.

Novi had a chance to tie the game at the buzzer, but a triple try missed the mark.

Leading Salem (5-2, 1-0) with 15 points was junior guard Camren Barden, while senior center Kenny Topolovec had 13 points and 13 rebounds.

The Rocks outscored Novi, 38-28, and "shared the basketball well," assistant coach Ryan Nimmergh said.

**CANTON 57, FRANKLIN 32:** The host Chiefs remained unbeaten (7-0 overall, 1-0 in the KLA South) with Friday's victory.

**GREENHILLS 51, PCA 50:** Plymouth Christian Academy lost a tough game Friday, despite a 21-point effort by Matt Malcoln.

## PREP WRESTLING

# Plymouth captures double-dual win

Wildcats garner victories over both Knights, Highlanders

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Staff Writer

Plymouth's varsity wrestling team took care of two KLA opponents Wednesday night in a strong start to the dual meet season.

The Wildcats routed Walled Lake Northern, 54-22, and followed up with a gritty 35-29 victory over Howell to go to 2-0 on the young season.

In the Plymouth-Northern matchup, 130-

pounder Justin Cancelosa earned a void while Josh Banks dropped a tough bout at 135.

But the Wildcats took off from there, going up 30-4 thanks to subsequent pins by Lucas Harden and Jake Griffith and voids by Darwin Filey and Dylan Dwyer.

"The teams would trade wins through the upper weights," said Plymouth head coach Quinn Guernsey, noting that his team took a 39-16 edge into the premier matchups at 103 and 112.

In the former, Tyler Campbell pinned his opponent with only six seconds to go while Isiah Berry won 4-0 at 112.

Finishing up with a void at 125 was Zach Lundberg.

Against Howell, "the first two matches proved how the dual would go," Guernsey noted.

The Wildcats grabbed hard-fought wins of 2-0 and 7-6 by Banks and Filey to get it rolling.

Guernsey said Harden and Dwyer then "fought hard to get falls and increase our lead to 18-0. Jake Griffith saved a team point by earning an escape as time expired to keep his match a decision."

The Highlanders then rattled off three straight pins to go up 21-18, but the Wildcats responded

yet again.

This time, Zach Lohrmann — bumped up to heavyweight — earned a late pin.

Following with a pin at 112 was Campbell and Berry won via tech fall at 119. Both Campbell and Berry moved up a weight for their respective bouts.

That string of wins put Plymouth back in front, 35-21. Despite Lundberg and Cancelosa falling in close matches, the Wildcats had enough of an advantage to prevail.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Ocelots moving on from decision

Team still can compete for titles despite forfeiting six wins due to 'clerical error'

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Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team continues to feel the sting of getting slapped with forfeiting six November and December victories, stemming from a clerical error involving a player who had transferred from an out-of-state college.

With every victory from this point of the season on, that pain will subside — possibly with the Ocelots being able to successfully defend their state championship.

"We can still win our conference, we can still compete for a state championship and we can still go to nationals and com-

pete for a national title," Schoolcraft head coach Abe Mashhour said, adding that the silver lining in the ordeal is that the miscue was uncovered before January, when Michigan Community College Athletic Association games begin.

"Absolutely, it was great that it happened when it did," Mashhour said.

A first-year Schoolcraft player (Mashhour requested his name not be disclosed) had transferred before 2015-16 from an out-of-state college.

Schoolcraft then was subjected to an eligibility audit by the NJCAA, which audits 5 percent of member colleges each year.

### NJCAA ruling a disappointment

In the process, it was discovered that the player's Transfer Waiver Form was signed prior to

the season, but the other necessary paperwork — the Transfer Tracking Form — was not. The latter was signed Dec. 10; the player in question had played in six Schoolcraft games prior to that date.

The forfeited games include: Nov. 4 vs. Jackson College, Nov. 7 vs. Grand Rapids Community College, Nov. 8 vs. Lorain (Ohio) County Community College, Nov. 11 vs. Lake Michigan College, Nov. 14 vs. Cuyahoga (Ohio) Community College and Dec. 5 vs. Owens (Ohio) Community College.

"He didn't do anything wrong," Mashhour said, referring to his player. "He transferred from one school to another and we got the transfer waiver, which is the more critical of the two documents. And we didn't then get the transfer tracking form.

"It's really kind of silly, it's a new rule that

you need both. Because the transfer waiver really gives you all the information you need."

According to a statement from Schoolcraft athletic director Sid Fox, the ruling was a disappointment, but one the college will abide and learn from moving forward.

"I was deeply disappointed at the decision reached by the NJCAA to have the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team forfeit six games for not having a Transfer Tracking Form completed by another college in a timely manner," Fox said. "Essentially, we were at the mercy of another institution filling out this acknowledgment form of one of our student-athlete's participation there last year required by NJCAA by-laws, in spite of all eligibility documentation being presented as part of the audit response which has been



Ja'Christian Biles puts up a jumper during a November game against Lake Michigan, one of six contests Schoolcraft forfeited.

completed and cleared."

### Clean slate

Instead of being at the top of the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II rankings, the Ocelots entered 2016 with a 5-8 record because of the forfeited games.

On Wednesday, Ja'Christian Biles and Tyler Johnson each scored 17 points to spark School-

craft to a 79-59 win over visiting Wayne County Community College.

Chipping in 10 points was Canton alum Davon Taylor, with Anthony Wartley-Fritz registering six points and a team-high 10 rebounds as Schoolcraft improved to 7-8 overall and 2-0 in the MCCA.

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BOYS SWIMMING

# Canton's depth enough to stymie Plymouth, Salem

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Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity boys swim teams jumped into the Salem High School pool Wednesday night to see how they measure up.

With a number of MISCA and Wayne County cuts by Canton, Plymouth and Salem athletes and most of the season yet to come by which to shave seconds, coaches are optimistic that 2015-16 will be very successful.

Canton prevailed in the annual Park tri-meet, with 526 points. The Chiefs held off a charge by the Wildcats (495), with Salem third (361).

"It was a very competitive meet," Canton head coach Dave Le said. "All three schools swam well. The Canton boys have been working very hard in practice and it was nice to see that hard work pay off.

"We still have a long way to go as we work toward swimming fast at the end of the season. But this was a nice way to start."

Concurring was Plymouth head coach Kenn Forbes, who said it was the close and competitive race he knew it would be.

"We had some good swims throughout the night earning seven MISCA cuts and 16 Wayne County cuts," Forbes

said. "We were just a few tenths or even hundredths off of a few more MISCA cuts.

"We've been putting a lot of work in every practice, but there is still a lot more we can work on. Minor things that add up to bigger issues. It was a good chance for us to see some different depth spots for some races."

### To the wire

Evidence of just how competitive the tri-meet was came in the very first event. Canton's 200-yard medley relay team of Kyle Amick, Gerard Niermann, Tristen Shao and Daniel Mullen prevailed in 1:44.92, good for an MISCA cut.

But also earning MISCA cuts were runner-up Plymouth (Garrett Beauprez, Bronson Knowles, Aniketh Visai and Mike Wischer finished in 1:45.41) and third-place Salem (Eugene Li, Nick Landon, Nathan Budnick and Phillip Collingwood finished in 1:45.44).

"Salem had some good swimmers as well," Forbes said. "I think with a few more bodies and some more time with their new coach (Eric Lynn, he) will have a really decent squad to work with."

Forbes said the Chiefs had "some better swimmers across the board," with strong depth making the difference.

"We are certainly

learning from our mistakes and already preparing for more good matchups with our division (and pool) rivals," Forbes said. "It's always exciting to see these schools go head to head."

Plymouth's Matt Weiner and Canton's Derek Goderis had a stellar battle in the 200 free-style. Weiner nipped Goderis, 1:57.25 to 1:57.25 (both Wayne County cuts).

Canton wins in open events were notched by Niermann (50 free, 22.82), Shao (100 butterfly, 56.20) and Mullen (100 free, 49.41).

The Chiefs also took the top spot in the other two relays.

In the 200 free relay, the quartet of Niermann, Goderis, Caleb Styles and Ethan Shimones prevailed with a time of 1:36.36.

Canton won the 400 free relay in 3:22.76. On that team were Niermann, Shao, Goderis and Mullen.

Plymouth's Beauprez scored the top spot in two individual races (200 IM, 2:03.97; 500 free, 5:05.85).

Prevailing in diving was the Wildcats' Jordan Groves, with 193.75 points, while Visai won the 100 breaststroke (1:07.97).

Salem's lone victor was Li, with a time of 56.26 in the 100 backstroke.

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**EDUCATION**

**Canton foundation continues scholarship tradition**

By Brad Kadrick

When Canton Community Foundation started its annual scholarship program in 1970, it was a tradition of giving to the community. The foundation would award money to deserving students who would go on to attend college. The program has since grown to include a variety of awards for students in high school, college, and graduate school.

The foundation has been successful in providing financial support for students in sports programs, music, and other extracurricular activities. The program has also been instrumental in providing financial support for students who are pursuing careers in education, health care, and other fields.

The foundation's success is a testament to the generosity of the community and the dedication of the foundation's staff. The program has been a vital part of the Canton community for over 45 years, and it continues to be a source of pride and support for students throughout the region.

**ON CAMPUS**

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**Winter Open House**

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Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester has 39 chimneys, 110 rooms and is modeled on the grand mansions of England. It was completed in 1929.

## Check out these five Michigan castles

In the early years of the 20th century, James Oliver Curwood of Owosso got rich writing books, short stories and movie scripts.

So he did what anybody with money to burn might do: built himself a castle.

The pint-sized French chateau now belongs to the city of Owosso and draws visitors throughout the year.

"It's one of the most iconic buildings in Owosso," said Robert Doran, executive director of Owosso's historical commission. That's saying a lot in a city full of classic homes and buildings.

Curwood Castle, which the writer used as a studio, may be the smallest public castle in Michigan.

Meadow Brook Hall is undoubtedly the largest. The English-style mansion on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester has 110 rooms, 39 chimneys and a vast and stunning ballroom that calls to mind a castle's great hall. It was completed in 1929 and has been open to the public since 1971.

Here's a quick look at Curwood Castle, Meadow Brook Hall and other Michigan castles you can visit or tour while dreaming of grandeur.

### Meadow Brook Hall

**Where:** 480 S. Adams Road, Rochester (on the campus of Oakland University)

**What:** The 88,000-square-foot home is one of the biggest in the United States. It also just was voted No. 5 on the USA Today/10 Best list of the top historic homes to tour in the United States. (No. 1 is the Stan Hywet House and Gardens in Akron, Ohio. Hearst Castle in California and the Biltmore Estate in North Carolina also made the list at Nos. 7 and 4, respectively). The estate hosts 50 to 60 weddings a year and about 50 corporate meetings and community programs.

**History:** Meadow Brook Hall was built between 1926 and 1929 by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of early auto magnate John Dodge, and her second husband, lumber baron Alfred Wilson. The 110-room home features carved wood and stone details and plaster ceilings and is modeled after the great country estates of England, which they toured on their honeymoon. During construction of the home in 1927, they went on a second architectural tour of England with their architect in tow. The house cost \$4 million to build (more than \$54 million in today's dollars), and the Wilsons hosted a gala housewarming party for 850 people in November 1929.

Matilda died in 1967, bequeathing the estate and \$2 million in seed money to create Oakland University. The house opened to the public in 1971.

**Tours and more:** Tours are offered at 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and at various times on weekends. Reservations are not required. All tours are guided and last 60 to 90 minutes. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors, free for ages 12 and younger.

Special events are scheduled throughout the year, including the Downton Abbey-inspired Downton Days beginning in February, a mystery dinner in October and the December Holiday Walk, with the home decorated for Christmas. Learn more at meadowbrookhall.org



HENDERSON CASTLE

Henderson Castle in Kalamazoo offers bed-and-breakfast lodging, spa services, a French restaurant, tours and more.

### Henderson Castle

**Where:** 100 Monroe St., Kalamazoo

**What:** Bed-and-breakfast, banquet hall and French restaurant

**History:** In 1890, Kalamazoo businessman Frank Henderson and his wife, Mary, began building their dream home on the western edge of Kalamazoo. By 1895, they had constructed a 25-room Queen Anne-style, 11,000-square-foot masterpiece. The home included seven baths, one with a 13-head shower. It has its own ballroom. The exterior is crafted from Lake Superior sandstone and brick, and interior trims include exotic woods, crystal chandeliers and leaded and stained-glass windows. It was renovated as a bed-and-breakfast and French restaurant in 2011 and now has its own wine label and underground wine cave. It also includes banquet space available for rent.

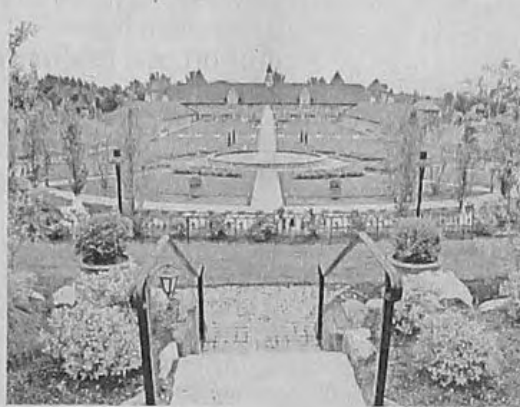
**Tours and more:** Four different tours range from the 20-minute "introductory tour" for \$10 to the VIP tour, which takes 90 minutes and costs \$45 (\$60 with wine). To book a tour or learn more call 269-344-1827, email manager@hendersoncastle.com or go to hendersoncastle.com. Tour revenues help pay to preserve and renovate the castle. Upcoming projects include a new roof and fire-suppressing sprinkler system. Learn more about preservation efforts at hendersoncastlefoundation.com

### Castle Farms

**Where:** 5052 M-66 North, Charlevoix

**What:** A popular wedding spot with spectacular gardens, model railroads and more

**History:** Built in 1918 by Sears, Roebuck & Co. president Albert Loeb, it was designed by architect Arthur Heun based on stone barns and castles in Normandy. It was a working farm and, in later years, was used as a concert venue, among other things. Cur-



CASTLE FARMS

Castle Farms in Charlevoix was once a working dairy farm and a key employer in the county.

rent owner Linda Mueller renovated it as an event space, and it has been hosting parties and weddings since 2005. It can accommodate weddings from 60 to 350 guests in indoor and outdoor settings.

**Tours and more:** Castle Farms offers a twilight tour and dinner monthly during the summer. The guided tours are \$50 and includes dinner; reservations are required. Public tours also are offered in July and August at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. daily. Cost is \$15 adults, \$14 seniors, \$13 for military, \$12 for ages 4 to 12 and toddlers free. Learn more at www.castlefarms.com.

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MICHAEL PAINE FOR CURWOOD CASTLE

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### Curwood Castle

**Where:** 224 Curwood Castle Drive, Owosso

**What:** A small-scale French Norman chateau that now houses a museum

**History:** Owosso native James Oliver Curwood was well known for his popular novels in the early part of the 20th century. ("The Courage of Captain Plum" came out in 1908; "Green Timber" was published in 1930; there are a couple dozen in between, including "The Bear," made into a movie in 1988). Curwood was an ardent conservationist who also promoted environmental education. When he decided to build a writing studio, he commissioned this neat

little chateau, where he started working in 1923. It doesn't have a kitchen or dining room, but does include his original desk and other furnishings. Curwood died in 1927, bequeathing the little castle to the city of Owosso.

**Tours and more:** The castle is closed for the month of January. It reopens in February. Regular hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for kids. Each year the city celebrates Curwood and his legacy to the community with a citywide event. This year's festival is June 2 to 5.

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CASTLE MUSEUM OF SAGINAW COUNTY HISTORY

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### Castle Museum of Saginaw County History

**Where:** 500 Federal Ave., Saginaw

**What:** It's now the Castle Museum of Saginaw County History.

**History:** Built as a post office and opened in 1898, the building was designed to reflect French chateau design with touches from the Italian Renaissance and Gothic periods. The building originally had three turrets, but one was removed during an expansion in the 1930s that added wings on both ends of the building, using limestone from the same quarry as the original. The building was almost demolished twice, in the 1930s and the 1970s, said Alexandria Jones, the museum's marketing director. Both times, "the public saved it," she said. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in the 1970s. The museum's permanent collection includes exhibits on objects used daily by Chippewa Indians, a model railroad, exhibits on the lumber and automotive histories of Saginaw County and the Saginaw County Sports Hall of Fame.

**Tours and more:** The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sundays. Learn more at www.castlemuseum.org

## Power into new year with breakfast, exercise and protein

If the idea of diving into a new year has you feeling more exhausted than invigorated, it may be time to introduce some new strategies to help keep busy days from feeling overwhelming. Proper exercise, balanced nutrition and quality rest can make it easier to adapt when life demands you give a little bit more.

Everyone's life demands are different. Some may be looking to push through a late-night

workout or make it to the office for an early meeting, while others are looking to enjoy an outing to the park with their kids at the end of the day. These tips will help fuel, inspire and accomplish whatever your personal "one more" is.

» **Begin with a bang.** With a busy day ahead, it can be tempting to rush out the door and skip breakfast. However, countless studies have shown this first meal of the day is

extremely important. Skipping out on a balanced breakfast can drag you down all day, both mentally and physically. Being hungry later in the day may also make you more likely to overeat or nibble on high-calorie snacks. For those mornings when you're crunched for time, grab a protein-rich ready-to-drink shake or sandwich with egg, cheese and lean meat to give yourself sustained energy for the rest of the day.

» **Work in a workout.** In addition to helping ward off disease and manage your weight, regular exercise helps lift your mood by stimulating feel-good chemicals in the brain and boosts energy by helping your body work more efficiently. A combination of aerobic or cardio activity (walking, jogging or running) and muscle-strengthening activity (lifting weights, resistance training or yoga) is the

winning formula, according to the most recent Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans. After your workout, refuel with a rich and creamy Premier Protein Shake, available in Chocolate, Vanilla and Strawberries and Cream, with 30 grams of protein, only 160 calories and just 1 gram of sugar.

» **Power with protein.** Your body gets energy from three

RELIGION CALENDAR

JANUARY EXERCISE

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. Mondays, Jan. 11-April 11  
**Location:** St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Road, Canton  
**Details:** Joe Mason leads a 12-week session that focuses on balance, timing, coordination, strength, flexibility, stretching, abdominal and back exercises. \$84 for the series or \$10 per class drop in  
**Contact:** 734-455-5910

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

**Time/Date:** Noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31  
**Location:** Divine Mercy Roman Catholic Regional School, 31500 Beechwood, Garden City  
**Details:** Tour the school, meet the principal, pick up a registration packet  
**Contact:** 734-425-4420

WIDOWED FRIENDS

**Time/Date:** 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17  
**Location:** St. Kenneth, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth  
**Details:** Mass and potluck

lunch. Bring a dish to pass. Call Liz at 734-452-9149 to find out what foods are needed. Widowed friends is a peer support group of the Archdiocese of Detroit  
**Contact:** Pat at 734-895-6246

WOMEN'S EVENT

**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23  
**Location:** Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City  
**Details:** Authors Lynn Donovan and Dineen Miller are guest speakers at an event for women who are "spiritually mismatched" in their marriage or have loved ones who are non-believers or are not mature in their faith. The conference will include a continental breakfast and lunch. Tickets are \$30, available at <https://spiritualismismatch.eventbrite.com>  
**Contact:** 734-421-0472

FEBRUARY AUCTION

**Time/Date:** 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14  
**Location:** Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, West-

land  
**Details:** Auction supports Concordia Lutheran School. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$270 for a table of 10 and includes appetizer, dinner, desserts, drinks and auction. Deadline is Feb. 8. Order by calling 248-474-2488 or 313-937-2233.  
**Contact:** Laura Goodman at 313-937-2233

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

**Our Lady of Loretto**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday  
**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township  
**Details:** Scripture study  
**Contact:** 313-534-9000  
**St. Michael the Archangel Parish**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May  
**Location:** 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own

Bible  
**Contact:** 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at [www.livoniast-michael.org](http://www.livoniast-michael.org).  
**Faith Community Wesleyan**  
**Time/Date:** 4-5 p.m. every Saturday  
**Location:** 14560 Merriman, Livonia  
**Details:** This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one  
**Contact:** pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

**EXERCISE**  
**Time/Date:** 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday  
**Location:** Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through [zumba.com](mailto:zumba.com)  
**Contact:** 313-408-3364

**FAMILY MEAL**  
**Time/Date:** 5-6 p.m. every Thursday  
**Location:** Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Free meal  
**Contact:** 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

**HEALING SERVICE**  
**Time/Date:** Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month  
**Location:** The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia  
**Details:** The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.  
**Contact:** Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at [sbadeen@tbosm.com](mailto:sbadeen@tbosm.com)

**MOMS**  
**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May  
**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners  
**Contact:** Ethan Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

**Dunning Park Bible Chapel**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays  
**Location:** 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford  
**Details:** MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.  
**Contact:** Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

**PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE**  
**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Sunday  
**Location:** Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.  
**Contact:** 313-563-0162

**PRAYER**  
**St. Edith Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia  
**Details:** Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows  
**Contact:** Parish office at 734-464-1223  
**Contact:** 734-464-1223

**St. Michael Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday  
**Location:** 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton  
**Details:** Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.  
**Contact:** 734-459-3333 for additional information

**RECYCLING**  
**RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Time/Date:** 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month  
**Location:** 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth  
**Details:** Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.  
**Contact:** Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

**SINGLES**  
**Detroit World Outreach**  
**Time/Date:** 4-6 p.m. Sunday  
**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304  
**Details:** Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.  
**Contact:** The facilitator at 313-283-8200; [lef@dwo.org](mailto:lef@dwo.org)

**Steve's Family Restaurant**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday  
**Location:** 15800 Middlebelt, 14 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.  
**Contact:** 313-534-0399

**SONG CIRCLE**  
**Congregation Beth Ahm**  
**Time/Date:** Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat  
**Location:** 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield  
**Details:** Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in translation as well as the original Hebrew.  
**Contact:** 248-737-1931 or email [nancyellen879@att.net](mailto:nancyellen879@att.net).

**SUPPORT**  
**Apostolic Christian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily  
**Location:** 29667 Wentworth, Livonia  
**Details:** Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.  
**Contact:** 734-261-9000; [www.woodhaven-retirement.com](http://www.woodhaven-retirement.com)

**Connection Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday  
**Location:** 3855 Sheldon, Canton  
**Details:** Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free  
**Contact:** [Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info](mailto:Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info) or 248-787-5009

**Detroit World Outreach**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday  
**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202  
**Details:** Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems  
**Contact:** 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

**Farmington Hills Baptist Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August  
**Location:** 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group  
**Contact:** 248-433-1011

**Merriman Road Baptist Church**  
**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday  
**Location:** 2055 Merriman, Garden City  
**Details:** Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations  
**Contact:** [www.metrofibrogroup.com](http://www.metrofibrogroup.com); or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

**Fireside Church of God**  
**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday  
**Location:** 11771 Newburgh, Livonia  
**Details:** Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center  
**Contact:** 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; [www.firesidechog.org](http://www.firesidechog.org); or email to [adm@firesidechog.org](mailto:adm@firesidechog.org)

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**  
**Time/Date:** 10-11 a.m. Saturday  
**Location:** 16360 Hubbard, Livonia  
**Details:** A twice-monthly drop-in Food Cupboard (non-perishable items) is available  
**Contact:** 734-421-8451

**St. Thomas a' Becket Church**  
**Time/Date:** Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** 555 S. Lilley, Canton  
**Details:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly  
**Contact:** Margaret at 734-838-0322

**Unity of Livonia**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inksater, Livonia  
**Details:** Overeaters Anonymous  
**Contact:** 248-559-7722; [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) for additional information

**Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts), Thursday  
**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township  
**Details:** Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.  
**Contact:** Child care, 248-374-7400; [www.celebraterecovery.com](http://www.celebraterecovery.com) and [www.wardchurch.org](http://www.wardchurch.org) celebrate

**THRIFT STORE**  
**St. James Presbyterian**  
**Location:** 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford  
**Contact:** 313-534-7730 for additional information

**Way of Life Christian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May  
**Location:** 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth  
**Details:** Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.  
**Contact:** 734-637-7618

**TOUR**  
**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month  
**Location:** The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit  
**Details:** Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.  
**Contact:** 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; [www.solanuscenter.org](http://www.solanuscenter.org)

**WORSHIP**  
**Adat Shalom Synagogue**  
**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays  
**Location:** 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills  
**Contact:** 248-851-5100

**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes  
**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia  
**Contact:** 734-522-6830

**Congregation Bet Chaverim**  
**Time/Date:** Services are held 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month  
**Location:** At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton  
**Details:** Reformed Jewish Congregation with Rabbi Peter Gluck and Cantorial soloist Robin Liberatore  
**Contact:** [www.Facebook.com/betchaverim](http://www.Facebook.com/betchaverim) or email to [betchaverim@yahoo.com](mailto:betchaverim@yahoo.com)

**Due Season Christian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m. Tuesday Bible study  
**Location:** Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia  
**Details:** Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services.  
**Contact:** 248-960-8063 or visit [www.DueSeason.org](http://www.DueSeason.org)

**Faith Community Presbyterian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. Sunday worship; 9 a.m. Bible study  
**Location:** 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi  
**Details:** Women's group meets 12:30 p.m. third Thursday of the month. Vacation Bible School runs Aug. 10-14  
**Contact:** 248-349-2345; [faithcommunity-novi.org](http://faithcommunity-novi.org)

**Faith Community Wesleyan Church**  
**Time/Date:** Prayer service, 9 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., Sunday school, 12:30 p.m., contemporary service, 1:30 p.m., Bible study, 6 p.m., Sundays  
**Location:** 14560 Merriman, Livonia  
**Contact:** pastor Roger Wright at 313-682-7491

**Garden City Presbyterian Church**  
**Time/Date:** Adult Bible study at 8:15 a.m.; traditional worship service, youth Sunday school and child care at 10 a.m. Large print order of service is available. Refreshments in the church fellowship hall immediately after service. Elevator and handicap parking  
**Location:** Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road  
**Contact:** 734-421-7620

**Good Hope Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30 a.m. Sunday school followed by 10:30 a.m. worship service with Communion each Sunday; Bible study 10 a.m. Wednesday  
**Location:** 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City  
**Contact:** 734-427-3660

**Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)**  
**Time/Date:** 8:45 a.m. Sunday school/adult Bible study; 10 a.m. Sunday service  
**Location:** 4145 W. Nine Mile, Novi  
**Contact:** Rev. Thomas E. Schroeder at 248-349-0565; [GoodShepherdNovi.org](http://GoodShepherdNovi.org)

**Grace Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. traditional Sunday service and 10:30 a.m. contemporary; Sunday school and adult Bible study at 9:15 a.m.  
**Location:** 46001 Warren Road, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton Township  
**Contact:** 734-637-8160

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 Age 98, January 5, 2016. Beloved wife of the late Thomas Francis Daly for 65 years. Dear mother of Thomas (Virginia) Daly, III, Kathleen Wesley, Grace (James) Bishop and Brian (Daniel Gragg) Daly. Loving grandmother of Kristin Wesley, Shannon Daly, Erin Daly, and Thomas Daly IV. Great-grandmother of Miranda Wesley. Visitation at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Rd. (between 14-15 Mile Rds.), Monday 4-8 p.m. Funeral Mass at St. Regis Catholic Church, Lincoln at Lahser, Tuesday 10:30 a.m. Friends may visit at church beginning at 10 a.m. Memorials appreciated to Project Healing Waters or Meals on Wheels. Obituary and condolences at [lynchfuneraldirectors.com](http://lynchfuneraldirectors.com)



**LENNIS, MARILYN**  
 Marilyn Kay Lennis, age 62, Farmington Hills resident passed away on January 3, 2016 after a prolonged illness. Born August 4, 1953 in Anderson, Indiana, Marilyn grew up and spent the majority of her life in Farmington Hills, Michigan. She attended Wooddale Elementary School, O.E. Dunckel Junior High and was a 1971 graduate of North Farmington High School. She received a Bachelor's degree from Michigan State University where she majored in horticulture. Marilyn is survived by her sisters Laurel Lennis Flaccavento, husband, Anthony, Abingdon, VA and Barbara Ellen Glassman, husband, Dr. Stuart Glassman, Hendersonville, NC; her niece, Caroline Lennis Gunther, Hendersonville, NC, her nephew, Alex Lennis Schlegel, Washington, DC and her devoted canine companion, Lola. She was preceded in death by her father, Ralph J. Lennis and her mother, Donna Joan Lennis. Marilyn was a wonderful, unique woman who was cherished and loved by many people in all walks of life. She was highly creative in all her many endeavors which included: estate gardener, landscape designer, framing specialist, a docent, fiber artist, seamstress, quilter and knitter. She was a masterful gardener at Greenfield Village, a presenter at Henry Ford Museum (she became proficient at disassembling then assembling a Ford Model-T!) Marilyn was involved in many organizations from Toastmasters GLRO Club, Chesley Street Community Garden, the Farmington Farmers & Artisans Market, Southeastern Michigan Knitting Meetup Group, Detroit Bikes, the Governor Warner Mansion and the Warnerettes. One of Marilyn's passions was historic lighthouses and she eventually traveled the entire Great Lakes coast visiting lighthouses. The past two years, she was a volunteer Lighthouse Keeper at the St. Helena Lighthouse in the Straits of Mackinac. Not only did Marilyn take loving care of her elderly mother for 8 years, she was so very thoughtful and helpful with many people. She would assist in their gardens and landscapes, bring a meal, do errands - anything needed to make their lives easier. There are no words to express our sorrow and sadness for losing our sister, aunt, friend. But we know Marilyn rests in peace and her rich, full, and meaningful life reminds us all to live well, live fully, and love deeply. Her wishes were to be cremated and her ashes to be scattered in a beautiful place. A memorial service and celebration of her life will be held on January 16, 2016 for family and friends. To honor her memory you may make a contribution or volunteer at the Governor Warner Mansion, Farmington, MI ([friendsofthewarnermansion.com](http://friendsofthewarnermansion.com)), Grow Farmington for benefit of Chesley Street Community Garden ([email:info@growfarmington.org](mailto:email:info@growfarmington.org)) or a charity of your choice. To contact Marilyn's family, email: [marilynlelennismemorial@gmail.com](mailto:marilynlelennismemorial@gmail.com)



**SMITH, JUDITH KAY**  
 Of Howell; born in Lansing to the late Merton and Virginia Watson; graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1958; formerly of Livonia; passed away surrounded by her loving family at her side on January 3, 2016, while she was under hospice care at Autumn Ridge of Clarkston; age 75; devoted wife of Roger for 56 1/2 years; loving mother of Cindy (Tom) Przybysz and Ken (Rose) Smith; also survived by: Christian, Alex, Megan and Noah, who considered themselves blessed to be her grandchildren; sister of Pattie Compton, Linda (Steve) Smith, Cheri Watson, David (Sue) Watson; sister-in-law of Fred (Barb) Smith, Doug (Barbara) Smith and Vicki (Jerry) Zaikowski; survived by many nieces and nephews. Judy enjoyed golfing, gardening, remodeling, spoiling her grandchildren and Lucky, her cat. She was the original "do-it-yourselfer". She will be long remembered and words can never express the amazing woman she was. Heartfelt thanks to the caring staff at Autumn Ridge because without them, her transition would've been an unbearable journey; arrangements entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. A celebration of Judy's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to an organization of your choice. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com)



**WILLIAMSON (Nee BARNETT) EMILY JO**  
 Born September 25, 1944, in Charleston, West Virginia, passed away peacefully on January 6, 2016, after a long and courageous battle with breast cancer. A long time resident of Northville, Michigan and graduate of Thurston High School and Western Michigan University. She was preceded in death by her parents Charles and Anne Lorentz Barnett. She is survived by her children Brian (Angie) Ducher, and Amy (Kenneth Czaplewski) Ducher, her brother, Charles (Judy) Barnett, and many loving friends. A celebration of life will be held on January 11, 2016, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at Dearborn Hills Golf Course, 1300 S. Telegraph Rd., Dearborn, MI, 48124. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the following charities: Angela Hospice, First Step of Michigan: Domestic Violence Shelter, or Friends for the Dearborn Animal Shelter.

**ROSSOW, PAUL**  
 Paul, it has been two years since we lost you and not a day goes by when you are not thought of and missed. Mom misses all of the things you did for her and the stories you would tell of your day. May you rest in peace, your family and friends

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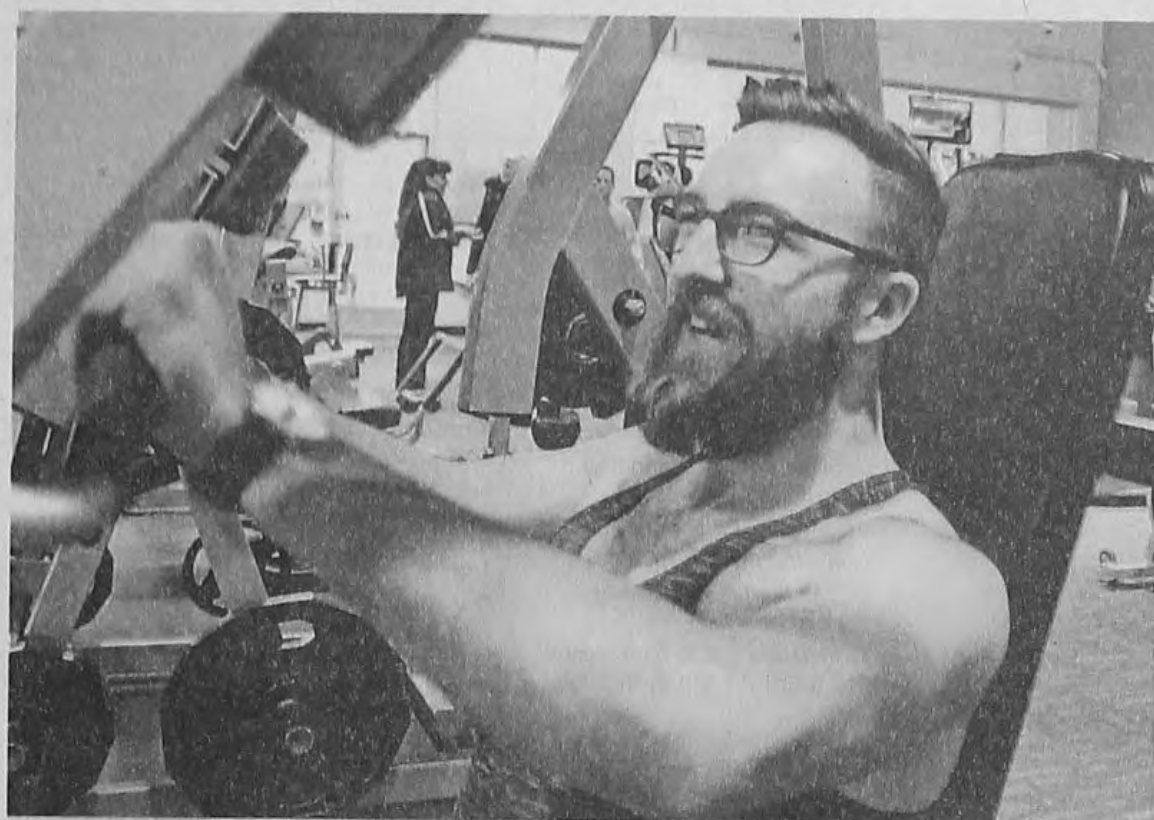
Age 90. Born in Detroit, Michigan, January 27, 1925, passed quietly on January 4, 2016, with her loving husband Raymond at her side. They were married 69 years, and lived in Livonia more than half that time. She is predeceased by her oldest son Paul, and was beloved mother to sons Stanley (Priscilla) and Daniel (Robin). She was cherished grandma to Jaime (Kallie), David, Rebekah (Dustin), Jonathan, Christopher, Alison (John), and Molly (Luke); great-grandma to Ruxin and Bryn; loving aunt, neighbor, and friend. Services were held Friday, January 8, at NorthRidge Church, Plymouth, MI with Burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. The family entrusted care and services to the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, 734-522-6200. We invite you to share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at [www.griffinfuneralhome.com](http://www.griffinfuneralhome.com)



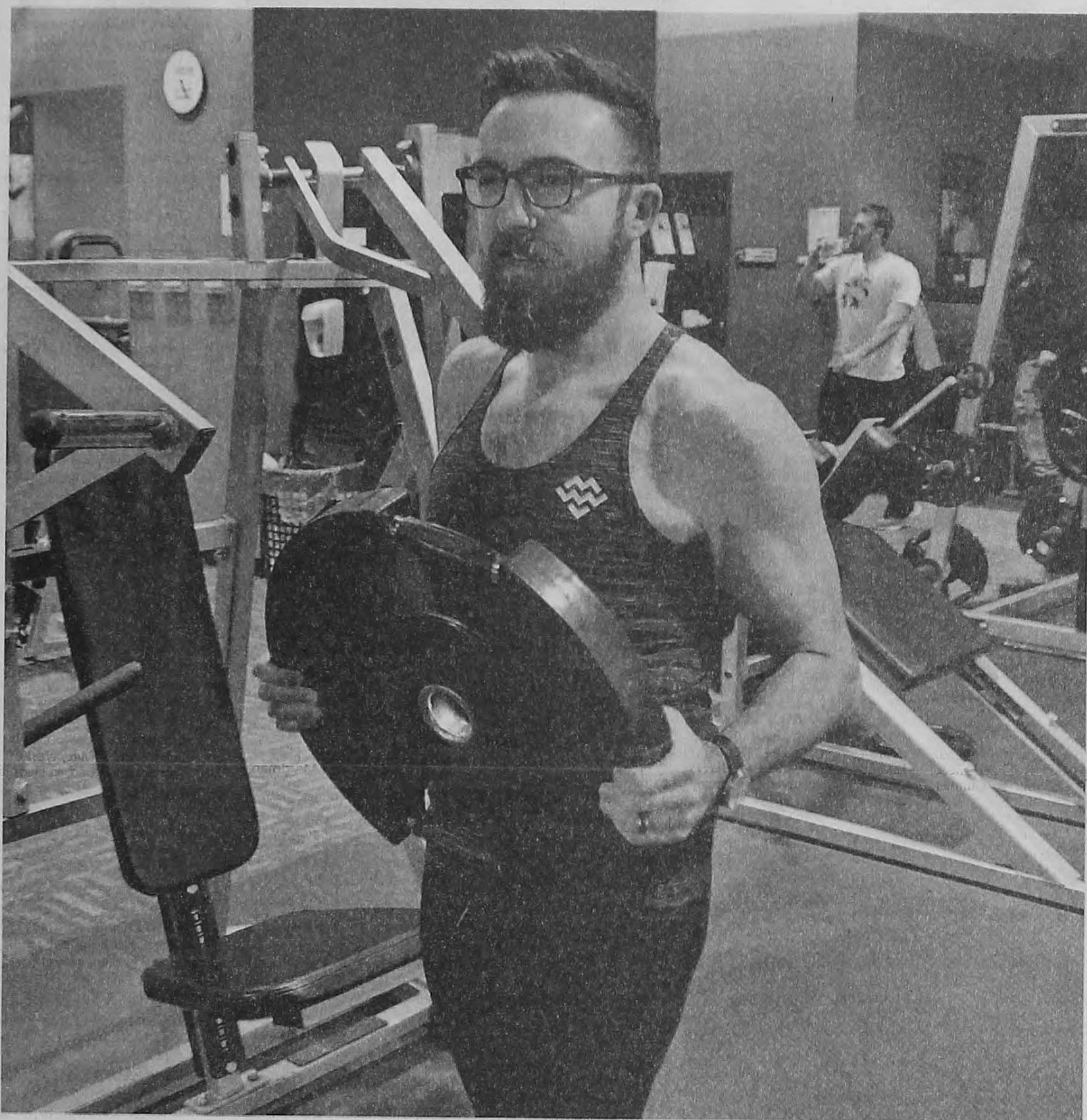
**HYMAN, VIRGINIA DULANY**  
 Age 86 of Birmingham peacefully joined her late husband J. Leonard on January 6th. She will be greatly missed by her surviving family, daughter Carone (James) Dutz and sons Peter (Jennifer), Douglas (Margo), Rogert (Douglas) and Jeffrey (Carol). She is also survived by six grandchildren: Sasha Hyman, Mackenzie Hyman, Jakob Dutz, Siena Dutz Nathaniel Hyman and William Hyman along with countless cousins. A native of Dallas, Texas, she attended Southern Methodist University before moving to the Detroit area in the early 1960s. Her love of antiques and traveling led her to a lifelong passion of collecting and she ran Dulany's Gallery of Birmingham for many years, focusing on Asian art. She and her late husband were among the first westerners to visit China in the mid-70s, and their antique buying trips took them all over the world. They left very few stones unturned and lived a full life during the heyday of the American Century. She will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. Memorial contributions may be made to the COPD Foundation ([www.copdfoundation.org](http://www.copdfoundation.org)). The family will gather with friends on Sunday, January 10th from 2:00 p.m. until the 7:00 p.m. at the Bloomfield Hills home of daughter Carone Dutz.



## NEW HUDSON MAN SHEDS 135 POUNDS



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Josh Fenn is working on building muscle now that he's lost weight.



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Josh Fenn lost 135 pounds by changing his diet and working out at Anytime Fitness.

**Diane Gale Andreassi**  
Staff Writer

New Hudson resident Josh Fenn didn't like stepping on scales, because he realized he had gained weight. He didn't want to know the embarrassing numbers.

"I've been overweight my whole life — even in elementary school as a kid," said Fenn, 25.

In spring 2011, he was in a Chicago hotel room, he saw a scale and he decided to face facts. He stepped on and the numbers climbed to 315 pounds.

"When you're overweight you don't want to weigh yourself," he said. "Seeing I weighed more than 300 was it for me, and I realized I had to make changes."

### Big changes

He started fine-tuning his diet and he began exercising at Anytime Fitness in Howell. After moving to New Hudson in 2013, he started going to the South Lyon facility.

"Slowly, but surely (the weight) came off," Fenn said.

He's lost 135 pounds in nearly four years and he has maintained the loss for about 10 months. He went from 315 pounds to 185 pounds, and he lost 21 inches from his waistline.

There was a lot of trial and error during his weight-loss journey. There were times his exercise consisted of only walking and other times he was going to the gym five or six times weekly.

While exercise is great, Fenn said, diet is essential to

lose weight.

"You can't outrun a bad diet," he said. "A lot of it was focused on diet. Now that I lost the fat, I'm working on muscle, and that's where the gym comes in."

Fenn's weight loss experience caught the attention of Anytime Fitness corporate personnel. The company sponsors a monthly campaign, My Anytime Story, featuring members who have compelling accounts about how exercising affected their lives.

### Big winner

Fenn won for November and received a Fitbit Flex, water bottle and drawstring backpack.

"I decided to join Anytime Fitness during my weight loss journey," Josh wrote in his Anytime Fitness Story. "I didn't only want to lose weight, I wanted a happier, healthier life. I wanted to become more fit and work on my strength and replacing some of that fat with muscle!"

"Josh was able to achieve his goals through fitness and watching his food intake," said Paul Cox, South Lyon Anytime Fitness owner, adding that most members of the gym have their own story on why they're there.

Fenn recently started an Instagram account, @beardfatloss, to share his weight loss tips and to provide motivation to others who want to become fit.

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## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### Breastfeeding clinic

The clinic teaches breastfeeding basics, a three-hour course to help expectant parents get the breastfeeding process off to a strong start, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Jan. 11, at Beaumont Hospital - Farmington Hills, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. It covers the advantages and benefits of breast-feeding, physiology of milk production, basic nursing positions, assessing latch-on, back-to-work issues, how to determine if your baby is getting enough milk, common problems, pumping and storing breast milk and more. The class fee is \$35. Register by calling 248-888-2500 or visit [botsford.org](http://botsford.org).

### Hearing loss support

Learn about innovative cochlear implant technology from Advanced Bionics, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Jan. 13, at Garden City Hospital, 6255 Inkster Road, Garden City. For more information, call Tony at 734-644-3297 or email [aferack@comcast.net](mailto:aferack@comcast.net)

### Teens and drugs

"Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do" is a free, ongoing, two-part education series sponsored by Dawn Farm. Part one — held 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2 — provides information on understanding substance abuse problems and recognizing when a young person may be involved with alcohol or other drugs. Part two — from 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9 — focuses on what does and does not help when a teen substance abuse problem is suspected or identified. Both sessions will be held at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. Call 734-485-8725 for more information.

### Video on recovery

See Kevin McCauley's video, *Memo to Self: Protecting Sobriety with the Science of Safety*, at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, at the University of Michigan Rackham Graduate School's 4th floor amphitheater, 815 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. McCauley, co-founder of the Institute for Addiction Study, frames addiction as a safety problem and unites the science of mishap prevention with the necessities of relapse prevention. A question-and-answer session will follow the screening. The screening is free. For more information, call Matt Statman at the U/M Collegiate Recovery Program at 734-763-3933.

### Ongoing

#### Ab-Anon

A twelve-step program and weekly group to help those suffering with eating disorders such as anorexia, bulimia and exercise compulsion will be held from 7-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Friendship Circle, 6892 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. An Ab-Anon meeting group is available for families and loved ones from 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, also at the Friendship Circle. For more information, contact Mindy at 248-672-9776.

#### Amputee support

The Amputee Support Group meets from 2-3 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month in Classroom #1 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan), Livonia. Call 734-655-2837 for more information.

#### Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch and 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch. For more information, visit [www.ymcadetroit.org](http://www.ymcadetroit.org).

## PROTEIN

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main sources: carbohydrates, fat and protein. Protein plays a major role in repairing damaged cells, tissues and muscle. Good sources of protein include meat, fish, eggs, dairy, nuts and vegetables, but the best sources deliver lots of protein without a lot of fat, carbs and sugar. A protein-based snack is a good way to

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