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## New recycling carts set for city

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

Plymouth will say goodbye to its orange-colored recycling bins – and hello to wheeled blue carts with more than three times the space for empty cans, cardboard boxes, plastic bottles and other recyclables – beginning next week.

On Monday, workers from Republic Services, the city's solid-waste hauler, will start delivering about 3,000 65-gallon carts to households. The new carts, designed for automated pickup by Republic's recycling trucks, will replace the 18-gallon bins, which have to be dumped by hand into the recycling trucks.

The larger bins will make the curbside pickup of recyclables in Plymouth similar to garbage pickup, which has been automated for several years. Trash carts, gray in color and also with wheels, also have a 65-gallon capacity.

The orange bins will not be picked up after Wednesday, Jan. 7, and the new carts will be the only containers used for curbside recycling.

### New contract

Automated recycling pickup is part of the city's new five-year, \$2.15 million contract with Republic for the disposal of trash, recyclables

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Plymouth will begin Monday, Jan. 12, using wheeled blue recycling carts with more than three times the space for empty cans, cardboard boxes, plastic bottles and other recyclables. The carts will be delivered beginning Monday, Jan. 5.

## Pair face March trial in township slaying

Longtime resident's death was only homicide in 2014

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

A Westland man and a woman who was described as his girlfriend face a March jury trial on murder charges in the October shooting death of a longtime Plymouth Township resident.

Kenneth LaBita, 76, was found dead Oct. 27 in his house on Gilbert, east of Haggerty. LaBita, who lived alone, had been shot once in the back of the head.

The retired Dunn Steel employee had lived in the house for more than 40 years. His death was the only homicide in the township in 2014.

The suspects, Andrew J. Nutt, 22, and Miriah N. Pisarski, 20, of Wayne, were arrested two days later and charged with several felonies. A not-guilty plea was entered for both Nutt and Pisarski during their Oct. 31 arraignment in 35th District Court.

They are scheduled for a jury trial before Wayne County Circuit Judge Mark Slavens beginning Monday, March 2.

Nutt is charged with premeditated murder, felony murder, larceny and using a gun during a felony. Pisarski had faced the same charges, but Judge James Plakas dropped the premeditated murder and felony firearm charges during a November preliminary hearing in district court.

The preliminary hearing included testimony from Nutt's father, Timothy S. Nutt of Westland, who said that Andrew had told him that he shot LaBita when a planned gun purchase at LaBita's house "went bad."

Andrew Nutt's brother, Timothy J. Nutt, also testified that Andrew had told him he had shot LaBita, who they called Kenny. There were 11 witnesses during the hearing, which lasted about five hours.

Police believe Andrew Nutt and Pisarski stole cash and guns from LaBita's house after the killing. Nearly \$4,000 was recovered from Andrew Nutt's home.

Both Andrew Nutt and Pisarski are being held without bond in the Wayne County Jail.

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LaBita



Nutt



Pisarski



Geneva Presbyterian Church youth huddle around a barrel for warmth in the church parking lot as they learn about homelessness.

JULIE BROWN

## FEELING THE STING

### Church teens explore reality of homelessness

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Winter break for many teens is a time to relax and enjoy friends and family. Teens at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton found time Dec. 26 to reach out to the homeless.

"I think it's pretty cool," said Nathan Pohl, 15, a home-schooled sophomore, as he and other Geneva high school students fashioned shelters against the night's cold and damp using appliance boxes and duct tape. "I don't know of many other places that do this."

It was Pohl's second year in the Boxing Day tradition which he said helps him learn what it would be like to be homeless.

"This is my third year," said Josh Doering, 16, a senior at Canton High School. "It gives us a unique experience that most kids our age don't have."

Louis Stark, 14, a Canton High School freshman, said, "This is actually the first time I've done this." The scene overnight outdoors in Geneva's parking lot, with two barrels ablaze with fires for warmth, looked different than what Stark expected.

"We've pretty much got a bunch of boxes," he said of the cardboard structures.



Ben Ogden, Open Door director, is about to talk to Geneva teens about homelessness. Ogden appreciates the Canton church's efforts in Open Door's largest such drive for clothing. A collection box will be outside Geneva Presbyterian Church, on the west side of Sheldon north of Ford Road, through Jan. 7 for donations of clothes and toiletries to Open Door.

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# RECYCLING

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and compostable material. Officials are hoping the carts' larger capacity will enable residents to recycle more material and limit the need for them to break up things like boxes in order to fit a week's worth of recyclables in the containers.

"People have been telling us that this will make recycling easier for them, that they'll have one container where they won't necessarily have to break everything down," said Chris Porman, director of the city's Department of Municipal Services.

The DMS has received a number of thank-yous and no serious complaints about the program since information about it has been distributed, Porman said. "A lot of people are very excited about it," he said.

In 2012, the last year for which statistics are available, Plymouth residents recycled nearly 18 percent of their solid waste, according to the DMS.

## Cleaner curbsides

The new carts, which have hinged gray lids, will keep recyclables set at the curb from blowing down the street during high winds, protect them from getting wet in the rain and snow and keep critters from rummaging through the contents, Porman said.

As for the old bins, residents are free to keep them for other uses – or recycle them, either by putting them in the new carts or dropping them off at the DMS office. The office is at 1231 Goldsmith and the hours are

## DETAILS

**What:** Blue wheeled carts, with gray lids, for curbside recycling, to be distributed to Plymouth households.

**When:** Carts will be distributed beginning Monday and the current orange recycling bins will not be used after Wednesday, Jan. 7. The city is on a Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday waste pickup schedule and the new recycling carts will be used beginning Monday, Jan. 12.

**Why:** To accommodate more recyclable material and for automated pickup and dumping by the city's waste-hauler, in the way trash is picked up and dumped into garbage trucks now.

**How:** Workers will leave the new carts at the curb of each household, along with literature on their use and storage. The new recycling carts can be used similarly to the current trash bins: On the scheduled collection days, place the cart at the curb with the arrows on the top facing the street. Make sure all recyclables are inside and the lid is closed and set it at least three feet from other objects, such as mailboxes, trash carts and parked vehicles.

**Questions:** For more information on the new recycling carts, call the DMS at 734-453-7737, ext. 0. For more information about solid waste services in general, go to the city's website, [www.ci.plymouth.mi.us](http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us).

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (closed holidays).

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# Roman Forum finishes 38-year run

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

A knight's suit of armor stands tall just inside the front door to the Roman Forum in Canton, as if to guard the Italian restaurant Gregory Gatto built 38 years ago with his then-business partner and brother-in-law, Mario Bossio.

Countless customers, high school prom couples and local sports teams have posed for pictures with it, as did Laura Bush, accompanied by then-Michigan First Lady Michelle Engler, when George W. Bush was campaigning for the U.S. presidency in 2000.

Sir Pizzalot, some called it. Like a once-majestic knight relegated to history, the Roman Forum, architecturally notable for its brick arches inside and out, is closed for business after New Year's Eve on Ford Road near Haggerty.

"I don't feel good about it," Gatto, 83, said. "If I was 10 years younger, I would never do it."

His son Anthony Gatto, 58, worked by his side from the beginning, starting as a young cook after studying culinary arts and working his way up to management.

## Old-school worker

"My father was here every day. He's very old-school when it comes to work," Anthony Gatto said.

Roman Forum's best years ended in the 1990s, Anthony Gatto said, but it began its real decline amid the Great Recession that started in 2007.

"Our customers are older and they don't eat out as often as they used to," he said. "We can't attract a younger clientele."

The Gatto family plans to lease the building to a steakhouse, Black Rock, that has locations in Novi and Hartland. The Gattos have



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Gregory Gatto, flanked by son Anthony and daughter Patty, stands in front of the knight's suit of armor where so many customers took pictures.

accepted life's changes, but it still hurts.

"It's starting to bother me now," Anthony Gatto said Monday, mere days before the Roman Forum closed for good. "But business has been tough."

Gregory Gatto was in his late teens when he moved from southern Italy. He started a barber shop and Marina's Pizza, still open in Westland though he sold it years ago. Roman Forum fulfilled his dream of opening his own Italian restaurant.

He not only employed sons Anthony and Michael Gatto and daughter Patty Gatto, but over the years he hired hundreds of young workers from the Canton and Westland area. Some went on to become lawyers, teachers, doctors – and they still come back to visit the Gatto family.

"Whole families have worked here," Patty Gatto said.

## Former employee

Jerry Grady, a certified public accountant who chairs the Canton

Community Foundation, got his first job at Roman Forum some 35 years ago. He had his final meal there last Sunday.

"I remember New Year's Eve there all the time," he said. "We never stopped serving or, in my case, busing (tables) until 2 a.m."

Grady called the Gattos "great people" and said they "will truly be missed."

Anthony Gatto talked of long-time employees such as cook Elvira Darolfi, who died in November at age 89. He still had a copy of her obituary in the restaurant.

Patty Gatto, a Plymouth resident, recalled the Roman Forum's heyday, when "customers would wait in the lobby for an hour" to eat.

The Roman Forum also hosted small banquets and, for years, welcomed groups such as the Canton Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club and Business and Professional Women. It was where local folks could gather for good food, conversation and a warm welcome from the Gatto family. Yazaki North America, headquartered in Canton, had an opening ceremony there.

Although the Roman Forum served its last meals New Year's Eve, Anthony Gatto said the site would remain open into January as the family sells off many belongings and furnishings from the restaurant.

After closing down his dream restaurant, Gregory Gatto plans to spend time on hobbies such as gardening. Standing in his kitchen, he raised his hands upward and looked up, indicating a higher power will guide him.

"We'll see what comes next," he said.

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# TEENS

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## British tradition

The tradition at Geneva dates back some 20 years. It's based on the British tradition, also observed in Canada, of boxing up clothing no longer needed on the day after Christmas to give to the needy.

Geneva's Caitlin Marchand, 16, a Plymouth High School junior, was participating for her third time. "I think it's really good," Marchand said. "It helps bring awareness to homeless people, especially this time of year."

"I got to prepare for this," Marchand added, pointing to her layers of warm clothing. "A lot of people don't get to do that. We get to go home to a warm house. They don't."

Mike Graunstadt of Canton, youth ministry elder, was set to take the 3-7 a.m. shift overnight, with Geneva parents taking turns watching over the kids. Graunstadt noted parents are no longer allowed to bring their teens food during the night.

"The weather last year was miserable,"



JULIE BROWN  
Josh Doering, 16, (left) and Nathan Pohl, 15, create shelters for the night using appliance boxes and duct tape.

Graunstadt said. This year compared to last was "definitely a day at the beach. The kids will be experiencing more what it's like to be on the street."

## Donation drive

Josh Skelly of Plymouth is director of youth ministry at the church; he grew up in Plymouth's First United Methodist Church and was active in youth programming there in grades 6-12.

Skelly said 10-12 Geneva youth signed up this year for the event, which includes a collection of clothing and toiletries for the Open Door program at Fort Street Presbyterian Church in Detroit. A collection box for Open Door donations will be outside Geneva

Church, on the west side of Sheldon north of Ford Road, through Jan. 7.

"Initially, I was hesitant," said Skelly, a newcomer to Geneva and the Boxing Day tradition. "It's a good time to sit and talk to the youth." The overnight outdoors – only bathroom breaks inside allowed – gives teens "a raw experience to see what people experience year-round. I hope they expand their world view and see the importance of giving and charity. It's going to be awesome," Skelly said early in the evening. "I'm pretty excited."

Ben Ogden, director of Open Door, arrived at Geneva shortly after 8 p.m. The Royal Oak resident has been director there since 2009 and with Open Door since 2003.

"We kind of just generally chat," Ogden said. "They're kids, so a litany of statistics doesn't make an impression."

## 'Most fragile'

Ogden is grateful for the Geneva tradition, Open Door's largest such drive and key to getting homeless people clothing through January and into February. "Very, very important," he said of the more than 5,500 people a year so served.

He noted T-shirts and other such donations are welcome, along with winter clothing, as homeless people dress in layers and must periodically discard clothing.

"There's going to be a

lag," he said of Detroit emerging from bankruptcy, as it relates to the chronic homeless, those without homes three years or more. "Usually what you have to repair in the person is just so bad. The population we serve is at their most fragile."

There are issues with support, mental health, chemical dependency and lack of education/job skills, Ogden said. "Big boats turn very slowly. We didn't get here in 10 years, we got here in 50 years," he said of Detroit.

He described gentrification of downtown Detroit and the ripple effect from the business core outward, disrupting people living there. "Anyone that could afford to leave left. White people had money first," he said of the city's history.

"We're not seeing much change in our world (at Open Door). They're not encouraging programs like ours to stick around. You've got to look at it pragmatically. We've got to figure out a way to stabilize the two."

Ogden noted the purchase by businessman Dan Gilbert of the former Detroit News/Free Press building across from Fort Street Presbyterian Church. Gilbert understandably doesn't want 400 homeless people on his doorstep, Ogden said.

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED USE OF THE 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS JANUARY 13, 2015

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing concerning the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Meeting Room of the Plymouth Township Hall located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road on Tuesday, January 13, 2015.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to afford the public the opportunity to place before the board any proposed use of the 2015 CDBG funds.

Preliminary indications from the Wayne County Community Development Block Grant program are that the estimated 2015 funding allocation for the Township will be approximately \$91,391. Wayne County requires that our request for public service projects not exceed 15% of the total allocation. Based on that special requirement the projects are proposed as follows:

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Council on Aging	\$4,776
Senior Alliance	\$2,224
Senior Transportation	\$7,000
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$9,139</b>
<b>BRICK &amp; MORTAR</b>	<b>\$68,252</b>
ADA Township Park Improvements	\$68,252
<b>TOTAL ALLOCATION</b>	<b>\$91,391</b>

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth will determine the use of the 2015 funds upon completion of the public hearing.

Any written comments regarding the proposed use of the 2015 funds should be directed to Susan Vignoe, Solid Waste and Public Service Coordinator, Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI and must be received by Friday, January 9, 2015.

Nancy Conzelman  
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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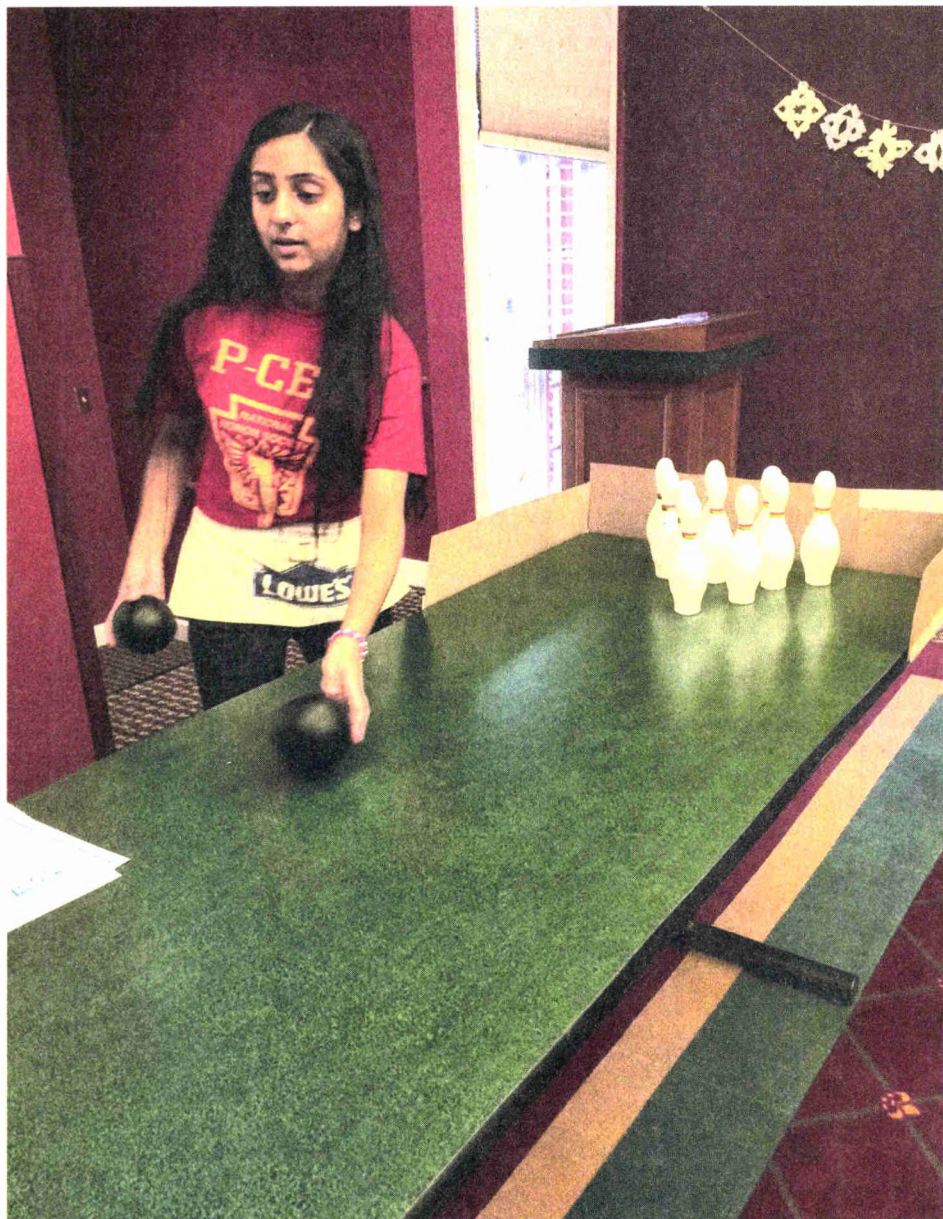
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Palak Patel, 16, a Plymouth High School junior, volunteers at the tabletop bowling game during the Winter Festival. Patel was among volunteers from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.



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Claire Abdou, 9, a fourth-grader at Our Lady of Good Counsel, visits with library staffer Susan Stoney at the Winter Festival.

## Library's Winter Festival offers family fun

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Claire Abdou, 9, is on winter break from Our Lady of Good Counsel, where she's a fourth-grader. She was among more than 100 children finding their way Saturday, Dec. 27, to the Plymouth District Library's Winter Festival.

"I like to because I like reading a lot," said Clare, a Plymouth resident. "Having time off is great, however ..."

Their family's big on the library; in fact, they have no TV, but do have a computer and iPad. "So I can control what comes in," her father said.

Two Winter Festival sessions were held, one in the late morning and the other mid-afternoon.

"It's just a fun Winter Festival," said Susan Stoney of Plymouth, community relations specialist at the library. "It gets kids out of the house."

The Plymouth library schedules such events for

school breaks, Stoney said, especially winter break. "They don't have as much going on and they can get their kids here," she said of local families.

The morning session had more than 100 people, about 70 of them children, with some 25 kids and a total of 60 people registered for the afternoon session. Youth librarian Dana Bussard does the legwork on the Winter Festival, getting help from colleagues and

National Honor Society volunteers from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Some 14-15 P-CEP teens showed up Saturday morning, "which is a great turnout, really helpful," Stoney said.

"There are games to play," Bussard, a Livonia resident, said of the third annual Winter Festival. Kids redeemed their tickets for prizes, with tickets varying for participating and winning games.

Abby Schmidt, 16, a Canton High School junior, was among NHS volunteers. "I like seeing the kids have fun," said Schmidt, a Canton resident who plans to study either nursing or pre-law after high school.

The games were geared to kids ages 4-12, Bussard said, with parents welcome to join in the fun. Tabletop bowling, putt putt, basketball, balloon animals, an egg walk, bean bag toss and other games were en-

hanced by face painting and balloon animals.

"It took me four hours setting up (Friday) and two hours today with help," Bussard said, taking a little break. That included the decorations and the prize table, which featured a fanny pack as the biggest prize, as well as small ones like finger puppets.

"This is a big turnout for the volunteers this year," Bussard said of the NHS teens. "That is good."



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# Candle fires: 30 deaths, 200 injuries per year

In the early morning hours of Dec. 19, in Henrico County, Va., a smoke alarm sounded. A family of four, consisting of a father, mother and their two children, woke to the sound of the alarm and left the house. The local dispatch center was called from outside the home and fire crews arrived quickly to put the fire out.

There was plenty of heat and smoke damage inside the house, so the family had to find another place to live less than one week before Christmas. The fire was started by a candle that was left burning after the family went to bed the night before.

Part of this story is a success. The family had working



Shadd Whitehead

smoke alarms in the home and they operated as intended to give the family adequate warning so that they could escape from the home before the fire grew too large and smoky. The family responded to the alarm by getting up and heading outside to the predetermined family meeting place.

The call to 9-1-1 was placed from outside the home, as an alert adult grabbed the cell phone by the bed so they could call once outside and all were

accounted for. The family escape plan was prepared and practiced and it worked well that day.

The other part of the story is not so successful. The family left a candle burning and went to bed. While some may say that candles have such small flames, most fires start small and all of our homes have plenty of fuel that can burn quickly when exposed to any flame, no matter the size. One responsible adult should have been in charge of making sure that all the candles were out before heading to bed. A walk around the home before going to bed to check on safety items, such as locked doors and windows and open flames, cooking ap-

pliances off and other items is not a bad habit to get in to.

Candle fires cause more than \$100 million in direct property damage each year in the United States and are responsible for about 30 deaths and more than 200 injuries per year. On average, 29 home candle fires are reported per day. Many of these fires are caught when they are small, but others grow quickly and displace families, like the one we are talking about here.

About one-third (36 percent) of home candle fires started in bedrooms. These fires caused 39 percent of the associated deaths and 45 percent of the associated injuries. An easy safety tip here is not to allow

candles in bedrooms, as falling asleep is a pretty normal thing to do in a bedroom. If you like the look, consider using flameless candles that look and even smell like real candles, but without the open flame.

If you do insist on candles, put them on sturdy candle holders that won't tip over easily and avoid placing them in the main travel paths in your home, where they are more likely to be bumped into. Keep the flame at least 12 inches from anything that can burn, and make sure all candles are blown out before heading out or to bed. Stay safe.

Shadd Whitehead is the chief of Livonia Fire & Rescue.

## PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

### Wheel thefts

Three vehicles were stripped of wheels and tires while parked on Plymouth Township's southeast side the night of Dec. 18, police report.

Two of the tire and wheel thefts occurred at a condominium complex on Newport Drive, north of Joy Road and just west of I-275, according to Plymouth Township Police Department reports. All four wheels were taken from both a 2013 Lincoln MKX and a 2013 Lincoln MKZ, the reports said.

The Lincolns had been left sitting on landscaping blocks taken from landscaping at the complex, police said.

The third theft was at a house on Suzan Court, just east of the freeway. A 2013 Ford Edge had been targeted and left sitting on landscaping blocks, police said.

The blocks, police said, appeared to match those taken from the condominium complex.

### Garage burglary

A 21-inch snow-thrower was reported stolen Dec. 21 from the garage of a house on Applecreek Drive, in the area of Lilley and Ann Arbor Road, police said.

Police said it appeared that a window on the garage had been pried open. The complainant said she had heard her dog barking at about 3:30 a.m. that morning.

### Car burglary

A gasoline purchasing card, a gift card and a navigation device were reported stolen Dec. 20 from a Ford Taurus that was parked in the driveway of a house on West Hills Drive, in the area of M-14 and Napier.

The theft occurred between 4 p.m. Dec. 19 and 9 a.m. Dec. 20, a police report said. The complainant told police the car may have been left unlocked.

- By Matt Jachman

## CANTON CRIME WATCH

### Road rage

A 36-year-old Ypsilanti man told police he was the victim of a road rage incident involving a man in another vehicle who pointed a semiautomatic handgun at him about 4 p.m. Christmas Eve while he was driving eastbound on Michigan Avenue, near Belleville Road.

The victim said a Ford F-150 pulled out in front of him, causing him to swerve into another lane to miss the vehicle. He said he then honked his horn.

The victim said the other driver then pulled alongside the passenger side of his car, rolled down a window, reached for the gun and pointed it at him, though no shots were fired.

The victim said he made a turn on Michigan Avenue and began driving in the other direction. He described the suspect as a light-skinned black male, about 30 years old, with braided hair, a mustache and beard stubble.

### Threats made

An 82-year-old Canton man who gave financial help to his daughter while she was getting a divorce notified police to report he had been threatened by his son-in-law, a police report said.

The victim told police the

52-year-old son-in-law came to his house and warned him and his wife to stop helping their daughter or they "would be sorry," the report said.

The victim told police he was helping his daughter because her estranged husband had cut her off financially. The victim told police he wanted to place the threats on record because he felt intimidated by the suspect, described as 6-foot-4 and 250 pounds.

### Summit citation

Police cited a 77-year-old man for trespassing following allegations he has been harassing people at Summit on the Park, asking them to buy Bibles to help the poor overseas and then complaining when they didn't give enough money, a police report said.

The most recent incident happened Saturday afternoon. A 56-year-old woman told police the man has been harassing her. She said she gave him \$10 a few months ago and he then demanded \$20. She said he has continued to harass her.

Police learned the man has approached others at the Summit, prompting them to issue the suspect a citation for trespassing.

### Girl harassed

Canton police told a local family a school resource officer would be contacted following allegations their 15-year-old daughter had been harassed after she told a male student he used offensive language on Facebook to describe girls.

The family contacted police Saturday to report the 16-year-old suspect had been calling their home and harassing their daughter, who already had reported the incidents to a school official.

The suspect, however, said he was the one being harassed.

The girl said the suspect had posted derogatory comments on Facebook about girls. She said she responded because she found the language offensive.

Subsequently, the suspect was accused of harassing the girl at school, including hugging her on several occasions and by calling her home. Police advised the girl's parents to contact police if the suspect shows up at their home.

Police also advised the family to meet with school officials after the holiday break, following concerns about how the suspect might act after the holiday break.

- By Darrell Clem

# WINTER SALE

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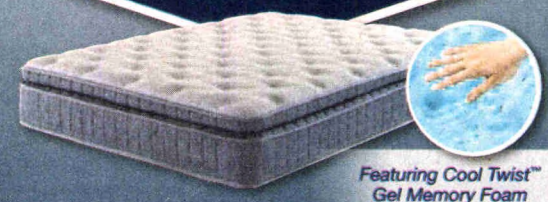
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# Detroit Zoo cares for rescued lizards

The Detroit Zoo is caring for eight lizards that were among 343 confiscated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) in September. The Sahara spiny-tailed (*Uromastix geyri*) and mastigure (*Uromastix dispar*) lizards were being smuggled into the United States from Mali when they were intercepted.

According to the USFWS, the lizards were poached from the wild and destined for the pet trade. Due to the inhumane methods used to ship the animals and

the conditions they were held in prior to their arrival in the United States, 200 of them died while in expert care within a few weeks of being seized.

The Detroit Zoological Society (DZS) agreed to provide a home for four of each species; the remaining surviving lizards were distributed to other zoological institutions.

"These eight lizards represent a global crisis in wildlife trafficking. Many individual animals die in situations like this, and the impacts on wild populations can be

catastrophic," said Scott Carter, DZS chief life sciences officer. "We are happy to be able to provide great care and permanent sanctuary for these lizards, and to help bring attention to this important wildlife issue."

The lizards arrived in late November in poor condition and are receiving daily care and observation in quarantine, which will likely last for six months or longer. Once out of quarantine, the lizards will be seen at the Holden Reptile Conservation Center.

## PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### SENIOR FITNESS

**Location:** Plymouth Senior Friendship Station, 42375 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth  
**Dates:** Jan. 6 to Feb. 13, Feb. 16 to March 27  
**Times/Details:** Silver Sneakers, Tuesday and Fridays, 9:45-10:45 a.m. Seniors 65 and over. Have fun and move to the music through a variety of exercises designed to increase muscular strength, range of movement and activities for daily living. Hand held weights, elastic tubing with handles and Silver Sneakers balls are offered for resistance. Chairs are available as needed.

Silver Sneakers Yoga, Wednesday, 9:45-10:45 a.m. Classes offer a modified variety of stretching exercises in both seated and standing positions. The movements and stretches done during a Yoga Stretch workout help increase muscle tone and build strength. Exercising the joints keeps them functional and helps you remain pain-free. Flexibility, range of motions and balance are improved through yoga, each of which help prevent falls.

Zumba Gold, Wednesday, 11-11:45 a.m. A specialty dance inspired fitness class that takes the same fun Zumba flavor and

modifies the moves and pace to suit the needs of active older adults, baby boomers and the beginning fitness person. Zumba Gold has a longer warm up and cool down to allow participants a program to improve balance, flexibility and cardiovascular strength.

**Contact:** For more information, contact cmorency@ymca-detroit.org or 734-453-2904.

### BLOOD DRIVES

**Dates/Times/Locations:** Jan. 2, noon to 5:45 p.m., Super Bowl, 45100 Ford Road, Canton  
Jan. 4, 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m., St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton  
Jan. 5, 12:30-6:15 p.m., St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth  
Jan. 8, 2:30-8:15 p.m., Bird Elementary School, 220 N. Sheldon, Plymouth  
Jan. 11, 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth

**Details:** The American Red Cross asks eligible blood donors to make a resolution to give blood regularly in 2015, beginning with National Blood Donor Month in January. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially those with O negative, A negative and B negative.

**Contact:** To learn more about

donating blood and to schedule an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767).

### LIBRARY BAG SALES

**Dates:** Jan. 23-26; Feb. 20-23; March 27-30  
**Location:** Canton Public Library, 1200 N. Canton Center Road, Canton  
**Details:** The Canton Public Library hosts several Bag Sales to benefit Secondhand Prose, the Friends of the Canton Public Library bookstore. Visitors can shop during the monthly sale and fill a big with books for just \$5.

**BRAIN NEUROBICS**  
**Date/Time:** Second and third Thursday, January through May 2015, 11 a.m.  
**Location:** Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty  
**Details:** Wayne State University Institute of Gerontology designed the 10 free courses. Keep your brain alert and active with such topics as Memory Tricks, Food for Thought and Magic of Music. Courses taught by Wal-tonwood Cherry Hill.

**Contact:** To sign up, call the Plymouth Community Council on Aging at 734-453-1234, ext. 236.

# Resolve to donate blood in January

The American Red Cross asks eligible blood donors to make a resolution to give blood regularly in 2015, beginning with National Blood Donor Month in January.

National Blood Donor Month recognizes the importance of giving blood and platelets while honoring those who roll up a sleeve to help patients in need. It has been observed during January since 1970 and that's no coincidence.

Winter is an especially difficult time to collect enough blood to meet patient needs. Unpredictable winter weather can result in blood drive cancellations, and seasonal illnesses, like the flu, may cause some donors to be unable to make or keep blood donation appointments.

Donors of all blood types are needed, especially those with O negative, A negative and B negative. With a shelf life of 42 days, red blood cells must be constantly replenished to maintain an adequate supply for patients. Individuals who come out to give blood Jan. 1-4 will receive a long-sleeve Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last.

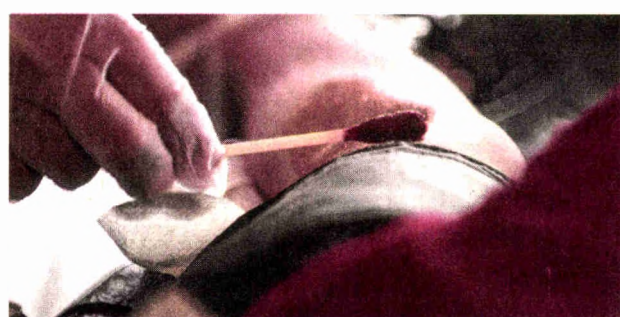
Upcoming blood donation opportunities include:

» **Canton:** noon to 5:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2, at the Super Bowl, 45100 Ford Road; and 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road.

» **Garden City:** 1-6:45 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, at Merriman Rd Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, south of Ford.

» **Livonia:** 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, at Bill Brown New Cars, 32222 Plymouth Road; and 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, at St. Michael Catholic Church, 11441 Hubbard.

» **Plymouth:** 12:30-6:15 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5, at



A nurse prepares a donor for a blood donation.

FILE PHOTO

St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon; 2:30-8:15 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, at Bird Elementary School, 220 N. Sheldon Road; and 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty.

» **Westland:** 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway.

Donations also can be made at the American Red Cross Livonia Blood Donation Center, 36650 Five Mile Road, west of Levan.

All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or

driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

To donate, download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information.

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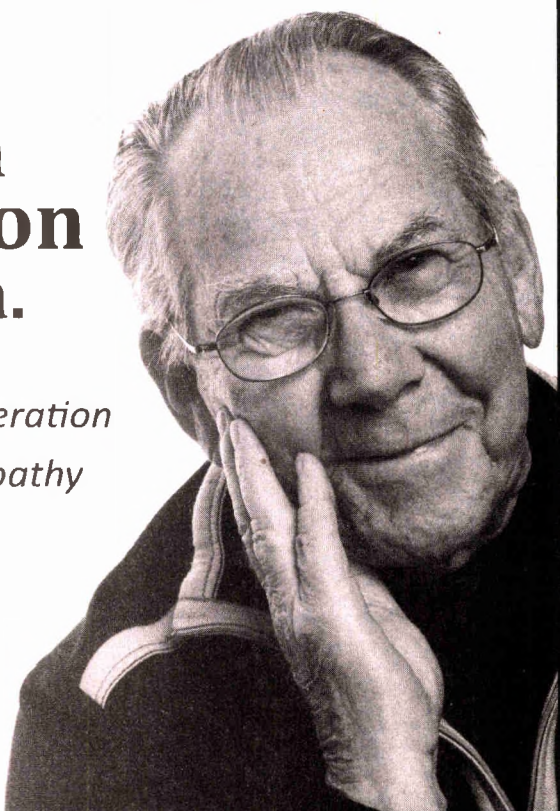
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# 2015 PLYMOUTH ICE FESTIVAL



Sisters Isabella and Emerson Kalakay of Howell visited last year's Plymouth Ice Festival with their mom, Danielle Kalakay.

## Festival Helped Artists Carve A Revival

The Plymouth Ice Festival has strengthened culinary education programs and helped revive the art of ice carving in Michigan over the last three decades, according to a veteran carver and instructor.

Richard Teeple, now retired from Henry Ford Community College, where he taught in the culinary arts program for more than 30 years, has said "there's no question" the festival has been a boost to his school and to ice carving in general.

"Many of my students over the last 30 years have gotten their start there and they have opened up very successful ice-carving businesses," said Teeple, who still advises at HFCC.

The 2015 edition of the Plymouth Ice Festival, the 33rd annual, is Friday through Sunday, Jan. 9-11, at Kellogg Park and nearby downtown streets. It will feature more than 100 ice sculptures, team and individual competitions, entertainment, refreshments, wintertime sports and more.

Teeple said the art of ice carving "was dying" at the time the festival began in the 1980s and that by providing a venue for student carvers and the expensive raw materials — blocks of ice — the show in Plymouth helped bring it back.

"It was one of the reasons why Henry Ford has invested so much time and money into developing an ice program, was because of the ice festival," Teeple said.

The college went on to build top ice-carving teams that would tour a dozen or so cities, in other states and even other countries, every year, he said.

"You could always count on getting experience" at the Plymouth show, he said.

Schools that will be represented this year include Henry Ford, Oakland Community College and Macomb Community College.

Individual collegiate competition will take place Saturday, Jan. 10, with team competition Sunday, Jan. 11, both in Kellogg Park.

Teeple said that since the festival's early days, decorative ice carvings have expanded into functional pieces such as serving trays, punch bowls and "shot luges."

"Ice carving has really evolved," he said.

Another way to measure the growth in popularity of ice carving, he said, is the increasing use of carvings at weddings, parties and corporate events and in television commercials.

Sculptures of corporate logos have also become much more common, he said.

## Plymouth Tradition Returns As Ice Festival Opens

Kellogg Park and the streets of downtown Plymouth will host the 33rd annual Plymouth Ice Festival, long the largest free ice festival in Michigan, beginning Friday, Jan. 9, through Sunday, Jan. 11.

The 2015 event will feature the annual collegiate ice carving competition, sponsored by Genysis Credit Union. Student carvers will compete in one of two carving contests: the individual contest on Jan. 10 and the team competition on Jan. 11.

The individual competition, beginning at 9 a.m. Jan. 10, will give students three hours to carve their sculptures. The team competition, starting at 8 a.m. Jan. 11, will have teammates working together on their carvings. Winners will be announced and receive trophies each day at 1 p.m.

The festival is also reprising the popular Dueling Chainsaws event at

7 p.m. Jan. 10 in Kellogg Park. Carvers are each given 15 minutes, one block of ice and their chainsaws to create their carvings as the audience watches.

The festival will also offer interactive sculptures — good for posing for "selfies" — and winter sports-themed activities, such as a test of hockey skills, sponsored by Health Alliance Plan, and the Blue Care Network Cross-Country Skiing Zone, presented by Sun and Snow. The latter will feature professionals who will explain the gear, help visitors get the equipment on and set them off on the park's cross-country skiing trail.

The "fire and ice" towers will also return to Kellogg Park on Jan. 10 and Jan. 11, with the lighting of the towers scheduled for about 7:30 p.m. each evening.

In conjunction with the ice festival, the E.G. Nick's on Forest will be opening its party lot for beer, drink specials, live music and the outdoor bar made of ice. The party lot will be open 7 p.m. to midnight on Jan. 9 and Jan. 10.

Sponsors of the 2015 festival include HAP, Metro Detroit GMC Buick Dealers, Ally Financial, Johnson Controls, Genysis Credit Union, St. John Providence Health System, the U.S. Army, the Boston Beer Company, Blue Care Network, Fox 2 News and radio station 93.9 The River.

Ice festival hours are 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. Jan. 9, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Jan. 10 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jan. 11. The festival website is [plymouthicefestival.com](http://plymouthicefestival.com).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Opening ceremony and ribbon cutting, Friday, Jan. 9, 7 p.m.

The official opening of the 2015 Plymouth Ice Festival. City of Plymouth commission members will be in attendance to help cut the ribbon on the 2015 event.

Dueling Chainsaws, Saturday, Jan. 10, 7 p.m.

Back by popular demand, the Dueling chainsaws competition. In this great competition ice carvers are given 15 minutes, one block and their chainsaws to create some of the most amazing ice carvings.

Genysis Credit Union College Carving Competitions

The 2015 Plymouth Ice Festival partners with local colleges and universities to produce the 33rd annual college carving competition in Kellogg Park. Watch live carving by talented college student participants as they compete to win a place on the podium in their sculpture category. All judging is done by experienced and professional judges.

- Saturday, Jan. 10 – College Individual Carving Competition, 9 a.m. to noon, awards at 1 p.m.
- Sunday, Jan. 11 – College Team Carving Competition, 8 a.m. to noon, awards at 1 p.m.

HAP and the Detroit Red Wings are teaming up for some hockey fun.

Visitors can shoot a slap shot and see how accurate their wrist shot can be in the Warming Station next to Kellogg Park.

Interactive Ice Sculptures

Get your picture taken with some of the most amazing ice creations around! Make sure you see them all! There are a number of opportunities to take a "selfie" with some remarkable and unique ice sculptures!

Community Financial Main Stage

The Community Financial Main Stage features live entertainment, awards ceremonies, presentations and music throughout the weekend of the festival.

Reyka Vodka presents Fire and Ice

See two basic elements of the world light up the night sky in downtown Plymouth. Fire and ice are combined to create a dazzling display on Friday, Jan. 9, and Saturday, Jan. 10. Towers are lit at approximately 7:30 p.m. each evening and will burn for approximately two hours.

Blue Care Network of Michigan Cross Country Zone presented by Sun and Snow Sports

Visitors have the opportunity to try cross-country skiing. Seasoned professionals will demonstrate and explain the gear and theory of cross-country skiing — and then give the kids chance to try it for themselves. This feature is open during all open hours of the event.

Warming Station

Visitors can warm up in style at the Warming Station under The Gathering directly across from Kellogg Park. The Warming Station features The Detroit Red Wings interactive games, local vendors and businesses, product demonstrations, a sitting area to take a load off your feet and (most importantly) lots of heat. The Warming Station is open during all of the official open hours of the event.

Wintertime Festival Food

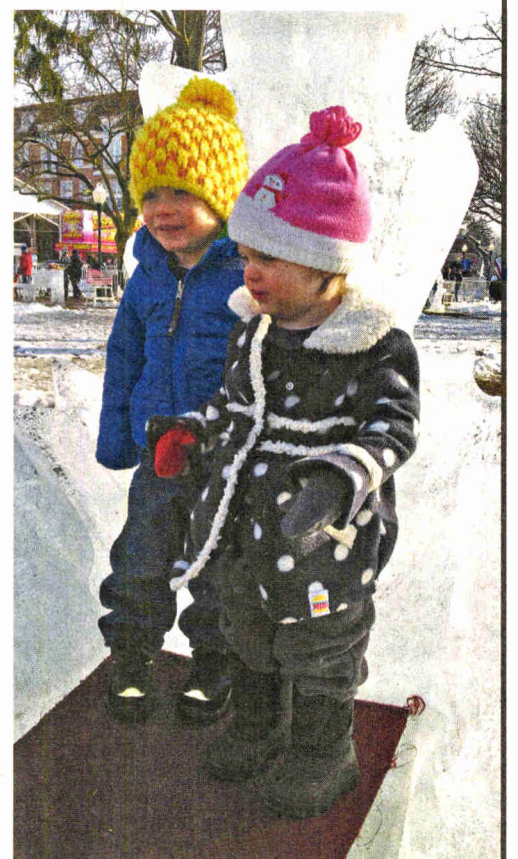
Visitors can enjoy festival favorites like elephant ears, popcorn, roasted almonds and hot chocolate. All food sales on-site can be enjoyed in the warmth of the DTE Energy Hot Spot — tables and chairs are provided all weekend long. Looking for a meal indoors? There are many options within downtown Plymouth — from fine dining to a quick bite, candy, cookies and ice cream. Check out [www.downtownplymouth.org](http://www.downtownplymouth.org) for a complete restaurant listing.

Plymouth Historical Museum two for one admission

Travel back in time through the Plymouth community's example of the American Experience. Learn how the growth of American industry, the advent of the railroad and the invention of the automobile changed America's small towns, especially Plymouth, Michigan. <http://www.plymouthhistory.org>

Party Lot at EG Nicks on Forest Ave. presented by Labatt Blue, Svedka Vodka

The Party Lot takes place at E.G. Nicks in downtown Plymouth, featuring beer, drink specials, and live music. The Party Lot will be open Friday, Jan. 9, 7 p.m. to midnight, with live band Randy Brock; Saturday, Jan. 10, 7 p.m. to midnight, featuring Smoke and Mirrors.



The interactive sculptures let these youngsters find a nice, cool seat at the 2014 Plymouth Ice Festival.

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## Answers to Common Ice Festival Questions

The answers to some commonly asked questions about the Plymouth Ice Festival, the oldest and largest continuously running ice carving event in America:

### **HOW AND WHY DID THE EVENT BEGIN?**

Scott Lorenz, son of the owner of the Plymouth Mayflower Hotel, came up with the idea after visiting a similar event in Japan. The event was established to fill a void in the post-holiday retail slowdown. (Hotel, restaurant and retail business takes a nosedive immediately after the holiday season.)

The concept was to create an event that was so unique that it would draw large numbers of people to Plymouth in the hope that they would also shop and eat. With an average annual attendance of more than 500,000, the event has exceeded expectations of the festival's founders.

### **HOW DID THE ART OF ICE CARVING START?**

As the story goes, once upon a time a czarina in Russia was enamored with a local man who was in love with a woman from his village. As was the custom of the day, the man went to the czarina to get her permission to wed the woman he loved. The czarina was not pleased by the request and decided to show her displeasure by agreeing to let the couple wed only if they would spend their wedding night in a castle made of ice. She was sure this would cool their passion for each other and/or ruin their wedding night.

Much to her surprise, love won out and the couple agreed to her condition. The czarina had her army cut blocks of ice from Lake Baikal and build a house of ice complete with furnishings including tables, chairs and a bed for the newlyweds. The couple married, spent their wedding night in the house of ice and lived happily ever after. However, word spread about the strange house of ice and eventually people from all over Russia and Europe visited the site to gaze at the first ice castle. It was so popular that it was recreated as a tourist attraction for many years to come.

### **HOW DID THE ART OF ICE CARVING SPREAD?**

Hearing about the unusual use of ice from countrymen who had traveled to Russia to see the famous ice castle, a French chef developed the idea of carving serving bowls of ice to keep perishable foods from spoiling and to decorate the table of the king. This idea may have been a necessity because, at the time, spoiled food or illness from a dinner could cost the chef his head in a guillotine. The French carried the art with them to the Orient and today the Japanese are the finest and most prolific carvers in the world.

### **WHO CARVES THE ICE STATUES AT THE PLYMOUTH ICE FESTIVAL?**

Professional ice carvers, chefs, culinary instructors and culinary art students from the area and across the country have carved the displays. The professional chef carvers, amateur carvers and student carvers all compete in the team and individual carving competitions.



Youngsters have a chance to learn about cross-country skiing, courtesy Sun & Snow.

### **WHO FUNDS THE EVENT?**

The event is funded by donations, corporate sponsorships and various fundraisers. All the monies collected go to the presentation of the event.

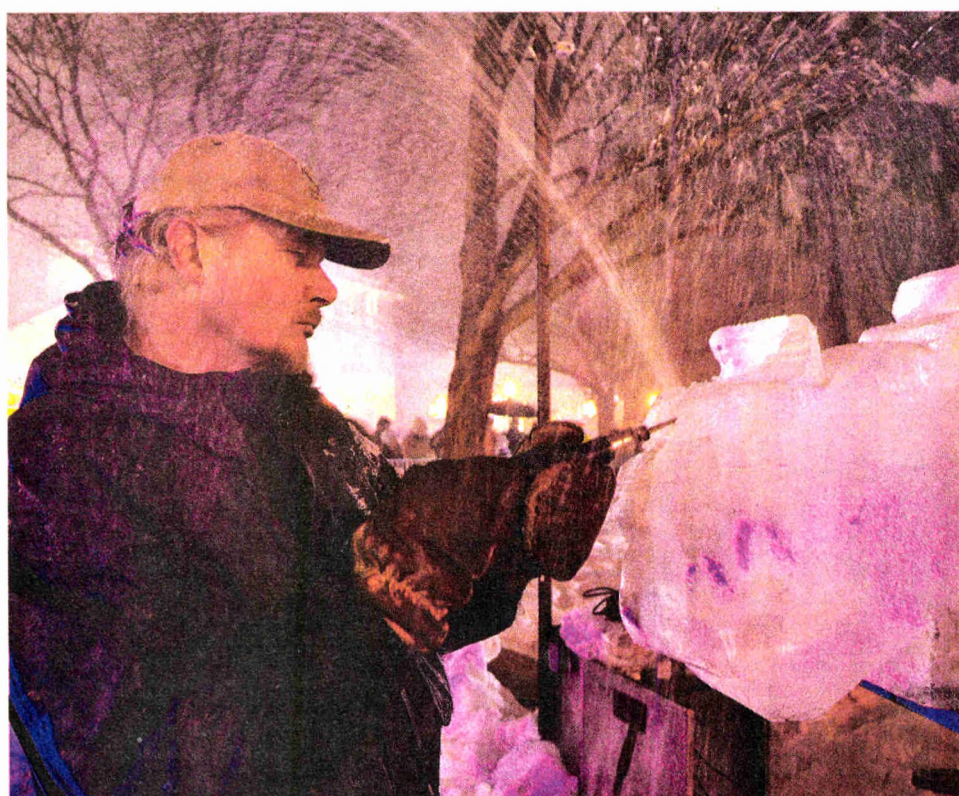
### **HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO PRESENT THE EVENT?**

Organizers figure it costs some \$75,000 to fund the Plymouth Ice Festival.

### **WHO BENEFITS FROM THE EVENT?**

The entire business community of Plymouth benefits from the presentation of the ice festival. This event has become one of the single busiest retail and restaurant weeks of the year. Many businesses in the community rely heavily on the business it generates to make ends meet in the two to three slow months that follow the holiday season. The event also creates numerous jobs for young people in the community and, most importantly, garners more than \$1 million annually in local, regional, national and international publicity for the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

Culinary art students at area community colleges and trade high schools who need to acquire ice-carving skills to enhance their education benefit from the event. Money donated to their club is used to purchase blocks of ice for them to practice on and carving tools. Students who compete in the competitions benefit from the experience and the instruction that is given to them by the educators and professional carvers before, during and after each event.



Venerable local ice carver, Ted Wakar, works in the rain Friday night.





Creepy trash bin lids at Livonia Spree.



Almost, Plymouth High School varsity football player.



Brad Wurfel and 2-year-old son Logan take a spin on the new I-96 freeway before the crowds show up.



Brenda Dzedzic of Garden City, in full butterfly regalia, speaks to elementary students about butterflies.



Waiting for the circus in Plymouth.



Plymouth Fall Festival.



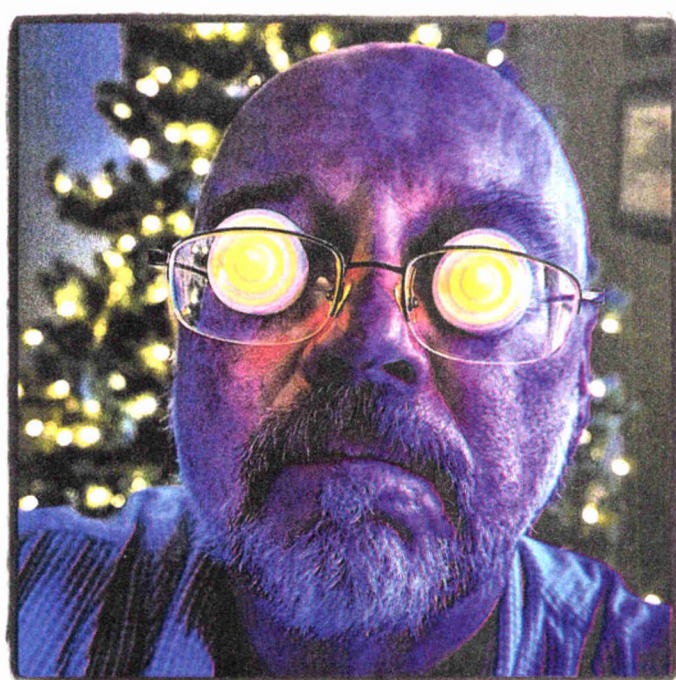
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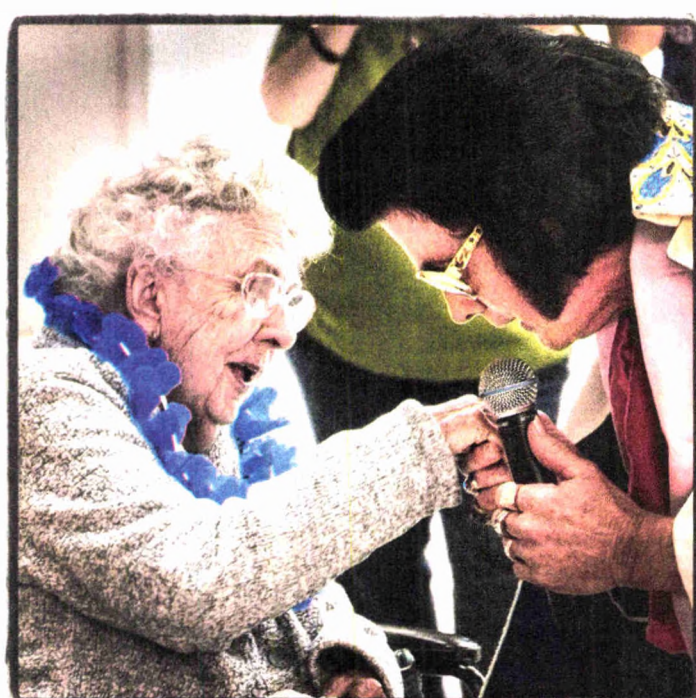
Plymouth Fall Festival



Santa holds a cat named The Naked.



Husband pretends to be helping put away Christmas decorations.



Lunch with Elvis in Westland.

# YEAR (IN)STAGRAM REVIEW

**Photos by Bill Bresler**  
Staff Photographer

Staff Photographer Bill Bresler uses the Instagram social media app to make quick, direct photographs of what he sees. The photos are posted immediately on Instagram and shared with Facebook. While some of the photos are made while on assignment, he's always looking for photos that will look good as an Instagram. These photos were made in the *Observer & Eccentric* communities during 2014.

"My Instagrams are often photos that are secondary to a news story or found while I'm between assignments," Bresler said. "They are usually a little different, with a twist. Plus, they must fit the square format. I'm not above making a ridiculous selfie, either."

He uses the lo-fi filter, which adds higher contrast, saturation and a photographic film-like black border. Sometimes the photos are black and white. Bresler sometimes uses the Hipstamatic app with a tintype filter, to make photographs that mimic the look of photos made 150 years ago. Those photos are then posted on his Instagram feed.

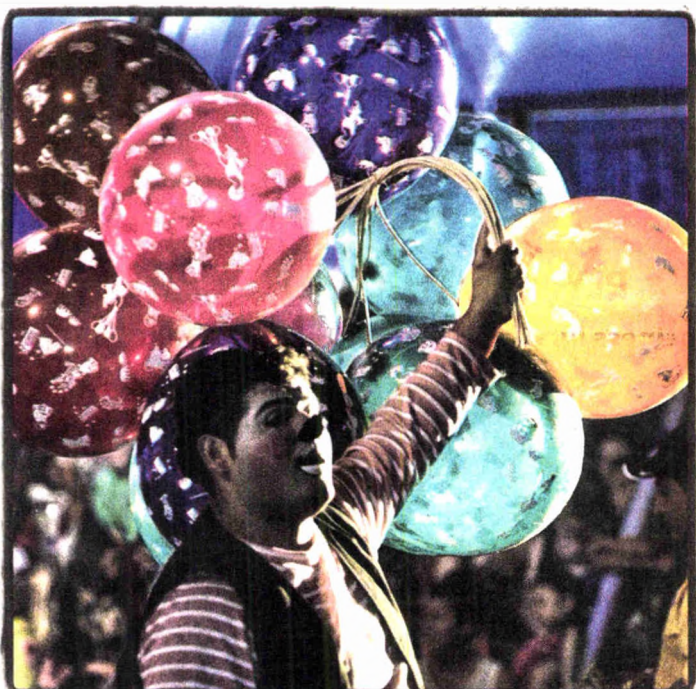
While many of the photos are made with an iPhone, Bresler uploads photos made with his professional cameras to the phone and adds those to his Instagram feed.

Bresler teaches photography at Madonna University. Many of his current and former students are Instagram friends. "It's a good way to stay in touch using photographs instead of words," he said.

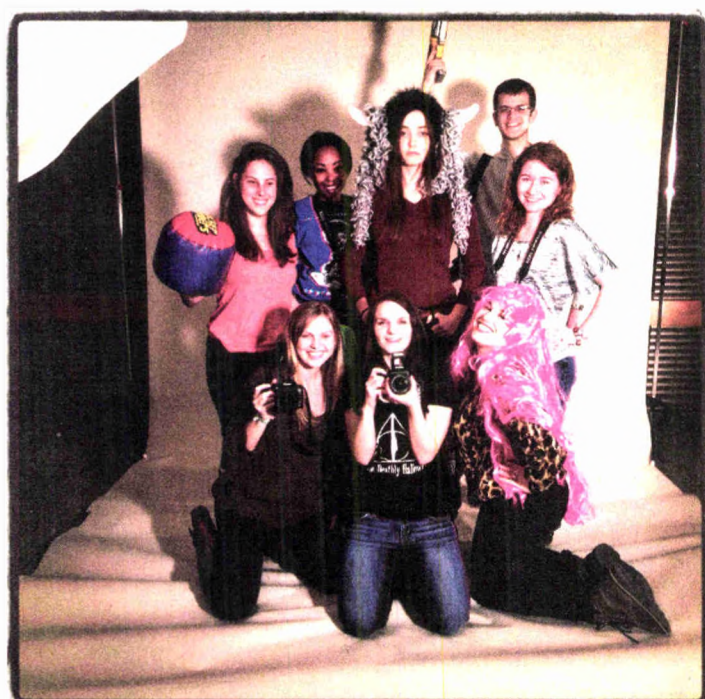
To view his feed, use the phone app or Instagram website and search @bbresler.



Buster Wurm of Westland at Mud Day in Hines Park.



Clown balloon vendor with Kelly-Miller Circus in Plymouth.



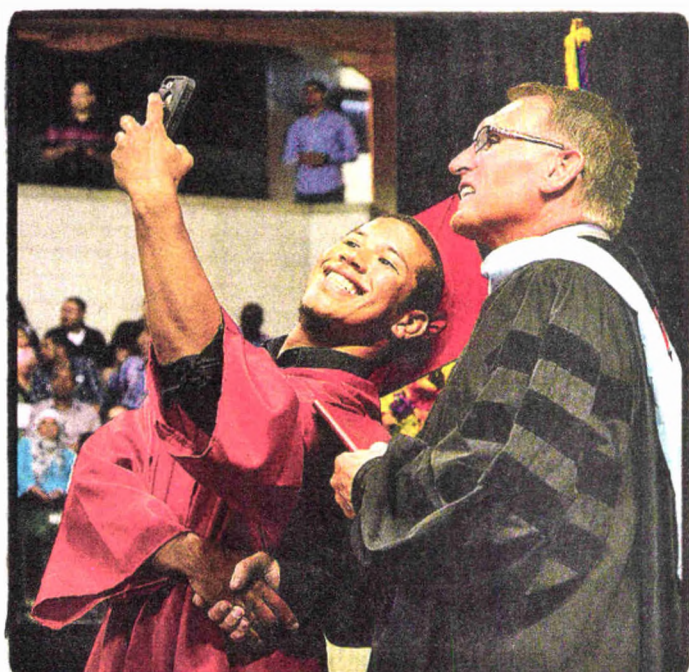
Madonna University photo class



The view during the dome painting project, looking straight up in the St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church basilica.



Bee in back of Westland Library.



Canton High School graduation selfie.



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**Observer: How has it changed since you opened?**

**Angel Food:** We have grown by 20-23 percent the last four years.

**Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience as a small business owner?**

**Angel Food:** We were doing an in-home party for graduation. They were expecting 70 guests and 120 showed up. We worked with the homeowners using the food in their refrigerator and pantry and we started cooking right there in their own home. That was thinking outside the box.

**Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?**

**Angel Food:** We have worked hard to change up our menus to keep prices moderate with



Mike and Judy Maynard opened Angel Food Catering in 1995.

good value.

**Observer: Any advice for other business owners?**

**Angel Food:** Pay attention to all the small details and communicate through continuous staff training.

### DETAILS

**Name:** Angel Food Catering, Inc.  
**Address:** 44850 N. I-94 Service Drive, Belleville  
**Title:** Michael Maynard, owner and chief financial officer  
**Hometown:** Saline

**Opened:** 1995  
**Employees:** 48  
**Hours:** 24 hours a day  
**Specialty:** Catering for weddings, family events and corporate events.  
**Contact:** 734-697-1100; www.angelfood@provide.net

# New spot suits Wild Bill's owner just fine

By Greg Mullin  
Staff Writer

Wild Bill's Tobacco owner Mike Mammo just couldn't leave Westland.

"At first, the CEO of Wild Bill's chose the location when we started here," Mammo said. "After I worked here for two years, I loved the city, the customers, the city officials and the way I was treated. I was supposed to go to Canton and open a cigar bar there, but I loved Westland so much, I decided to just expand and stay here in Westland in a larger location."

Wild Bill's Westland location originally opened in November 2011 at 1939 N. Wayne Road. A few months ago, the store was relocated to a larger, 6,000-square-foot location in the same shopping plaza at 35501 Ford Road.

"It took us a year to put this together and we started here in July of this year," Mammo said. "I love it. My customers are very, very happy. I'm very excited about it. It's doing very, very well."

The store features a spacious bar area with a full liquor license where customers can sit, smoke, watch TV and chat.

"You can hear your friend or partner here when you are talking to them — we do not play loud music. It's nice, relaxing music," Mammo said. "They can watch TV. It's very spacious, beautiful furniture, very comfortable, a staff that will go out of their way to please the customer."

"So when they're



Owner Mike Mammo refers to his 6,000-square-foot store as the Walmart of tobacco stores.

here, they are just having the time of their lives."

Mammo refers to his retail store as the Walmart of smoke shops.

"We have every kind of cigarettes, loose tobacco, cigars, butane, glass pipes, all kinds of electronic cigarettes," Mammo said. "We are the largest electronic cigarette store in the area — we have 63 counters of electronic cigarette products. ... I can very comfortably say I have the largest selection of that product in the entire area."

With a 900-square-foot humidifier, customers can find almost any cigar at reasonable prices, Mammo said.

"Whatever my customers are looking for, chances are that I have it," he said. "And if I don't, I can make it available in a week."

"We beat anybody's price; we will not be undersold by anybody."

Other amenities include private lockers for customers and a private room for special occasions.

For more information, call Wild Bill's Tobacco at 734-895-8041.

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## PLYMOUTH-CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Business luncheon

The Plymouth Community and Livonia Chambers of Commerce present "Business Leaders Luncheon: The Economic Impact of Michigan's Energy Policy and Our Energy Future."

The luncheon takes place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, at the Schoolcraft College Vista Tech Center, 18600 Haggerty, in Livonia.

Chamber officials pointed to a December speech during which Gov. Rick Snyder laid out his vision for Michigan's energy policy which involves a more flexible range of renewable energy goals to be achieved by 2025.

His goals include lessening Michigan's reliance on coal, increasing the use of renewable energy and natural gas, plus improving energy affordability and reliability while protecting the environment. Snyder plans to have legislation in place in 2015 as the present renewable energy/efficiency programs end.

This dual-chamber event will feature a briefing from the governor's leaders working on these new energy policies, along with an opportunity for questions and answers.

Featured presenters include Valerie Brader, deputy legal counsel and senior policy adviser to the governor, and Steve Bakka, director, Michigan Energy Office, MEDC. The event will also include an update from The MI Conservative Energy Forum.

Complimentary lunch will be provided. Only 30 seats are available per chamber. RSVP by Jan. 16 by email to [teri@plymouthmich.org](mailto:teri@plymouthmich.org)

### New CFO

Canton-based Process Development Corp. announced the appointment of Bill Whalen as the company's executive vice president and chief fi-



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### Grand occasion

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held recently by Eye Definition to announce the grand opening of its new store. Eye Definition is located at 405 N. Canton Center Road in Canton. Family members, employees, Canton Chamber of Commerce members and residents were among the attendees.



Whalen

ities, including the implementation of business processes to support strategic global growth strategies.

"We're delighted to recruit someone with Bill's depth of expertise and global experience to our executive leadership team," said Jim Pongracz, CEO, Process Development Corp. "He's the right guy at the right time for our company and he'll play a vital role as we strategically expand to a larger and more global organization, across a greater spectrum of manufacturing industries."

Whalen most recently served as the CFO of Nexteer Automotive, a \$2 billion international Tier 1 automotive supplier, and previously as CFO of Intermet Corp., a \$700 million global manufacturing leader. Prior to that, he held senior leadership positions at Magna International and United Technologies Corp.

Whalen holds a master of business administration from the University

of Virginia and a bachelor of science in business administration from Duquesne University.

### Collegiate competition

Vehicles that easily rack up more than 1,000 miles per gallon of fuel are not the stuff of automotive dreams. They will actually take to the roads next year during the 2015 SAE Supermileage Competition and Plymouth-based Freudenberg-NOK Sealing Technologies will once again support the ingenious college students who are designing these single passenger wonders with custom seals and engineering resources.

For a third year, Freudenberg-NOK will support the Supermileage event as both a gold sponsor and a component supplier. The company has engineered a new series of custom Energy Saving Seals to fit the latest Briggs & Stratton engine that the students use to power their Supermileage cars.

Students will have the opportunity to participate in the CAR MBS Student Program with all expenses paid.

SAE International's Supermileage Competition takes place June 4-5 at the Eaton Corp.'s proving grounds in Marshall.



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## OUR VIEW

# New year gives chance to reset and try again

New year. New calendar. New decisions. And new decision makers.

As we (eventually) replace the old calendar with one highlighting 2015, we flip the proverbial page, turn over a new leaf. Start anew. The new year traditionally has been a time when people push the reset button. Take whatever happened the previous year – the triumphs and frustrations – put it behind them and forge ahead. New year's resolutions are a chance to set a new course instead of replaying scenarios of years past.

It's not just in personal life where the new year brings about a reset. Government is much the same way. It's happening right now in the state Legislature. All those issues that representatives and senators were talking about? Well if they didn't pass it before Christmas, you're out of luck – or, depending on your point of view, lucky.

Our elected officials in Lansing sent 244 bills passed in the past month to Gov. Rick Snyder, seeking a signature. They passed road funding measures, what likely was the most important issue facing residents right now. But instead of wrapping things up with a comprehensive plan like many residents hoped, legislators passed the buck to the incoming officials with a statewide ballot measure to increase the sales tax to help fund roads.

There's no reset on the highways in the state for 2015. If it passes, road funding will wait until at least 2016 before drivers can see any results.

While there was some movement on improving the state's infrastructure, there were plenty more bills that couldn't muster the support of both legislative chambers to add to those other 244 measures. There the medical marijuana bills that would have allowed, in part, for the sale of food infused with marijuana as an alternative to smoking it, plus local regulation of dispensaries; the Religious Freedom Restoration Act; timing of the Oakland County executive election; and how electoral college votes are allocated.

Those last three died without action, reportedly to help garner support for the road package. All three appear partisan in nature and surely best left to consideration – if at all – during the main session, when voters have more recourse for legislative decisions.

Same goes for passage of a bill to expand the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, which legislators couldn't agree upon about whom it should include. Term limits, teacher evaluations, resale of event tickets and parole reform are all among the issues discussed, but never finalized.

We've said previously the lame-duck legislative session – the three weeks elected officials deliberate between the election and the end of their term – should be limited in scope and used to wrap up issues debated earlier in the year. Instead, the lame-duck session traditionally has been used to push through pet projects and partisan issues with less chance of public recourse. Such actions have taken place regardless of which political party is in control.

But if legislators can wait until December to take action on various bills, the issue most likely can wait until the new session. There's a slew of new legislators heading to Lansing. Most of our local communities have either a senator or representative who wasn't in the position two months ago. We elected these people for a reason – to govern. To make decisions in the best interests of everyone in the state, to set policies that continue to drive the region and state down its path of recovery.

Our elected legislators have the reset button already pressed. There are two years before the next state House election. Our leaders need to take advantage of the fresh start, get to work now, avoid partisan headaches of years past and don't wait to make the controversial, tough decisions.

That's what the new year is all about: a fresh start and a chance to avoid mistakes that have made our legislators often unpopular in the first place.



FILE PHOTO

State legislators approved a package of bills focused on improving roads during the lame-duck session. Part of the plan calls for voter approval in a statewide special election next May, pushing any relief further down the road.

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## GUEST COLUMN

# Look past rhetoric to the big picture

“... and to the republic for which it stands ...”

Famous words many, if not all, of us have said at one time or another. The United States is, indeed, a republic, not a pure democracy. In a republic, people choose representatives who make policy decisions on their behalf.

Our Constitutional framers were fearful that pure democracies can be spectacles of turbulence and contention. It is impossible for those representatives to make policies that please everyone.

We are seeing a very vocal minority of disgruntled citizens in Plymouth Township leading a charge to recall four elected officials, all because they have made decisions not to their liking. Members of this group infer they are speaking for a majority of residents; however, this group is not speaking for me or for an overwhelming number of other residents I know.

I wonder how many of these people have looked at all sides of these various decisions. It is far too easy to look only at what is reported in the media, too often biased or hearsay. Even worse are various Internet sites and blogs which are even more biased against those elected to represent us.

Take for example the PARC project. I have to admit this really sounded like a great idea. To be honest, the concept still does. However, I wonder how many have looked into what the cost of this project would be for the taxpayers of Plymouth Township over that of the other entities. Yet the township would have no more decision power. The loss of firefighters is



Harry  
Jachym  
GUEST  
COLUMNIST

something dear to me. I come from a firefighter family and was an on-call firefighter myself. This is a topic I have discussed with several elected officials and made my feelings known. However, one must consider that the city decided to bail out of the Community Fire Department agreement, leaving the township with additional costs.

The amphitheater is one of those you-love-it or you-hate-it things. However, most people I speak with are open to the idea or actually welcome it. And why not? A little more culture in any community is a good thing. Combined with other proposed improvements to the park, our high quality of life will improve. All this will not necessarily lead to the overwhelming tax increases being touted by the vocal minority.

We hear about the “big salaries” the township officials are making. Compare those with many other communities and you will find they are well within line. Considering the responsibilities of running a community the size of Plymouth Township, I, for one, would be reluctant to be a township official for anything less.

What do we get for those salaries? We have some of the lowest property tax rates in the state and some of the lowest water rates in western Wayne County. Plymouth Township is rated one of the best places to live in the U.S. by *Money* magazine and

there are countless other awards for fiscal integrity and a clean, safe and desirable community in which to live.

Our forefathers were fearful of pure democracy, where people decide policy matters directly by voting on ballot initiatives and referendums or by town hall. Elections do cost the taxpayers.

On occasion, the vocal minority has been disruptive at meetings. Often times they make outlandish, cynical and misleading remarks in letters to the editor and on their various websites. There have even been childish comments about our elected officials on Internet blogs.

Don't be fooled by a few malcontents. They certainly have a right to speak out, assemble and to petition. The First Amendment guarantees this. But it is this sort of disruptive and divisive behavior that our Founding Fathers were fearful of.

After hearing their rhetoric, take some time to get all the facts. Look around at the great community we live in before signing a recall petition. Simply disagreeing with an official or not liking their personality is not a reason for recall.

I admit, I don't always agree with our elected officials. Then again, I don't always agree with my wife, children or others dear to me. We will have an opportunity in less than two years to elect, or re-elect, our leaders. Please look past their rhetoric at the big picture.

Is Plymouth Township perfect? Of course not. But it is a pretty darn good place to live.

Harry Jachym is a Plymouth Township resident.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Absolute joy

While visiting family in the area, we passed a home on Ford Road that was an absolute joy.

I don't know the address, but it was close to Canton. It was ablaze with colored lights, had a couple of large inflatable figures and was just so lovely.

I wanted to thank the owners for all of the labor it took to give passers-by such a wonderful experience.

T. Robinson  
St. Louis, Mo.

### Tasteless movie

The movie *The Interview* is the most tasteless film to come out in years. I do not consider myself a supporter of the North Korean government. However, I can certainly understand their outrage at the movie being released and the American public rushing to see it.

Consider our reaction if the French made a movie titled *A Lighthearted Look at the Kennedy Assassination*. We would be enraged and rightfully so.

I am not fan of censorship, but I think the people of North Korea are owed an apology.

Thomas M. Hartnett  
Canton

### No to sales tax

So our two “full-time” legislative body employees can't come up with a resolution to fix our roads on their own.

Michigan is one of only four states that has two “full-time” legislative bodies.

They had no problem last year, at this time, enacting the “right to work” legislation or overriding the vote of the majority on the EFM law, in record time.

Tax the overweight trucks, tax Internet sales, make fuel (and diesel) taxes equal to the need for road repairs. Don't tax poor and middle-class people for them buying clothes, household goods, etc., for gas/roads they only use sparingly.

I'm voting no on the sales tax increase. I will vote yes, if they attach a binding resolution to reduce our legislators to “part time” or only one House.

Tom Kelly  
Plymouth

### Ducking responsibility

The sheer audacity, arrogance and yes cowardice of our Republican-controlled state Legislature just never ceases to amaze. They not only sneaked out of town before passing a road repair funding bill, but cowardly put on us a referendum for this coming May for us to vote on a means to fund road repair.

If the Legislature is going to cowardly duck its responsibility

to make decision and cowardly defer to the voters, why do we need a Legislature and, more importantly, why are we paying them? By delaying our decision, our roads will just be purposely and intentionally delayed and allowed to further deteriorate.

While ducking these responsibilities to repair our crumbling roads, which is our continuously polled No. 1 priority, the Republicans can find time to pursue their social agenda.

Republican state Sen. Rick Jones insists on a nativity display at the state Capitol. I guess Sen. Jones is not aware that non-Christians pay taxes also. Jones, from Grand Ledge, shows his commitment to road repair, but insists upon a nativity display.

Senate Majority Leader Randy Richardville insists upon immediately taking up the “Religious Restoration Act,” just after New Year's. Republican majority leader Richardville and his followers insist that there is some diabolical attack on religion that must be thwarted.

Nativity displays and religious freedom, but no road repairs until we vote on it in the spring. Makes perfect sense to us considering what is the make-up of our Legislature.

Gerald Maxey  
Farmington Hills

### Cuba decision is right one

I was very glad to hear the announcement regarding the normalization of relations with Cuba.

I was born in 1963 and that arrangement has continued through my life. I learned about it in elementary and high school as subject matter.

I also believe that the original intention of the arrangement did not turn out as intended. Obama's decision to change the relationship with Cuba to make it more open and inviting is a wise one and one with which I fully agree.

Not only will this engagement process allow the Cuban people the opportunity to interact with the world in such a way as to allow them to encounter and work with democracy without being in conflict with it, but it will allow a broader expression of democracy in the United States.

It is effective to pursue one's goals without having to take the time to thwart someone else. It is a great drain. As it happens, a small group of politically minded individuals, whether by intent or having been swept up in circumstances, took advantage of and exploited the situation between Cuba and the United States.

I am looking forward to the opportunities of possible widened trade relations with the

island nation. I await their own actions, in a positive and constructive manner, to help build a better Americas community.

Many of my friends and family are very happy and relieved to see this set of circumstances be put in motion.

Alfred Brock  
Wayne

### Pave the way for good jobs, roads

Looking back into Michigan's rich history, our state has always been at the forefront in promoting “good roads.” In fact, the early “Good Roads Movement” that swept America in the early 1900s had its most aggressive beginnings in Michigan. John S. Haggerty (yes, our Haggerty Road) was one of the movement's initial proponents. He championed concrete roadways (M-1, Woodward Avenue, the first mile of concrete highway, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads, in the United States) and became Michigan's Secretary of State for two terms campaigning as “Good Roads Haggerty.” No one can question the hard economic fact that having dependable roadway infrastructure helps local communities build jobs and commerce. We know this locally. When I-96 was shut down for reconstruction, businesses along its route suffered. Just ask the owners! Now that our major freeway artery is flowing again, Livonians can see the new economic life re-energized along the major intersections that are closest to the freeway.

Livonians know firsthand the important role that good roads play in our community. Remember, we voted with our own money in approving the special millage for such purposes. This coming May, we will be asked to vote on a 1-percent sales tax increase (from 6 percent to 7 percent) to pay for a massive roadway infrastructure program as well as funds for related economic activities. While the wording of the ballot proposal has yet to be finalized, *Observer* readers should begin the process of informing themselves about the proposal and its finer points and be prepared to vote their preferences on the special election day.

As an election worker, I have observed that early-year special elections produce very low voter turnouts. This time, for Michigan and Livonia's futures, we all need to fully research all of the issues related to the proposal, and to turn out at the polls in full force. Let's do all that we can to help “Pave the Way for Good Roads and Jobs in Michigan.”

Joe Neussendorfer  
Livonia



## Adapting to changes in investment world

As we enter 2015, I want to take this opportunity to thank readers for the privilege and honor of assisting with your financial issues. I have been involved in the financial world for more than 30 years and I believe it is a privilege that people ask me for advice and



**Rick Bloom**

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guidance. It is something that I take seriously. We live in a time of much uncertainty and change. I wish I could say that 2015 will be different, but I can't. There will be numerous twists and turns throughout the next year.

The new norm is everything is constantly changing. However, as investors, one thing never changes. Investors with a game plan, a strategy and a commitment to follow them will be successful over the long run.

Investors must learn to adapt. In today's world, there is no other choice. For example, a few years ago when one retired and applied for Social Security, there was an option to have a check sent or to have it directly deposited into an account. Today, there is no option. The money is going to be directly deposited into your account.

In 2015, we will have to adapt to all sorts of changes. Whether it's tax laws or a new world crisis, rest assured the new year will present new challenges and new opportunities.

I wish all a happy, healthy and prosperous new year. I look forward to the opportunity of guiding readers through the ever-changing and uncertain financial world that we live in. Good luck.

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# Restaurant at Whispering Willows is closing

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

Fans of the Tin Cup Bar and Grill at Whispering Willows golf course in Livonia will have to find a new hang-out.

The restaurant, which has been at the golf course at Eight Mile and Newburgh roads for two years, is closing after the city said it was not paying its bills in a timely manner.

Dave Varga, interim director of parks and recreation for the city, said the restaurant's ownership was not making proper rent payments to the city per the contract and decided it was in the city's best interest to terminate the lease contract early.

"We've had a problem with them meeting their bills and paying their rent," he said. "We decided we need a new operator."

Varga declined to discuss the amount of the shortfall in payments.

The restaurant has



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The Tin Cup Bar and Grill is closing.

been there for about two years after Nicky's Willows Grill moved out, Varga said. The Tin Cup has been open throughout December, but was expected to close down before the new year.

"They started off well; they had some challenges," Varga said. "We couldn't keep maintaining them without them paying the bills."

Multiple attempts to reach the restaurant's owner, Adam Bayer, were unsuccessful.

The restaurant is one of three that operates at a city golf course. George Murphy's at the Creek has operated since 2006

at Fox Creek Golf Course, while One Under Craft Beer and Eats operates at Idyl Wyld Golf Course, though in a building owned by the restaurant. Varga said One Under pays the city some money to run a drink cart on the course off Five Mile.

go of it," Varga said. "We hope to have somebody in and operating by April 1."

Requirements for operating the restaurant include: being open at 6:30 a.m. in May, June and July; by 7 a.m. in April and August; and by 7:30 a.m. in September, October and November, with service until dusk. The lease term is five years, with two additional five-year extensions.

The facility includes 775 square feet of storage and bar area, as well as a 614-square-foot kitchen, 1,478-square-foot dining area and 568-square-foot

patio dining area outside the restaurant. It has a combined seating capacity of 144 inside and outside the restaurant.

Those interested in bidding to operate the golf course can submit a proposal by 2 p.m. Jan. 20 to the city clerk's office at 33000 Civic Center Drive, in Livonia. Those qualified bidders must participate in a pre-bid meeting that is taking place at 2 p.m. Jan. 7 at the restaurant, located at 20500 Newburgh.

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### Looking for new restaurant

The city has since opened the bid process for restaurants looking to come into the golf course before the golf season begins this spring.

"Our goal is to get someone who can make a



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## Term-limited John Walsh to join governor's cabinet

By Karen Smith  
Staff Writer

State Rep. John Walsh of Livonia, who is term-limited after serving six years in the state Legislature, will continue working in Lansing as a member of Gov. Rick Snyder's cabinet.

Walsh, in a telephone interview Monday, confirmed that he has accepted a position as the governor's director of strategy. He starts the new job Jan. 5.

"I don't think I was quite done in Lansing," Walsh said, explaining his decision to take a job with Snyder over several other offers from the public and private sectors. Among other unfinished business, Walsh said he wants to continue working on efforts to stabilize Detroit.

Walsh, a Republican who served as speaker pro tem, gained statewide recognition for his work on the Grand Bargain, a legislative package that sent \$195 million to the city of Detroit from the state after pensions were cut and the Detroit Institute of Arts collection was spun off into a charitable trust.

As director of strategy, Walsh said he will focus on policy devel-

opment for initiatives the governor hopes to pursue over the next four years. Those initiatives include improving K-12 education and making college more affordable and relevant to today's job market, he said.

"His emphasis is on talent, how do we make sure we will have people here," Walsh said. "It all starts with education."

Walsh's job will also include overseeing implementation of the Grand Bargain and helping to make government better and more efficient, he said.

The governor got the "big things" done in his first term, Walsh said. Now, he wants to ensure residents get the most out of their tax dollars.

Insiders have been speculating for months about what Walsh would do after his time in the state House was over. He said it was a difficult decision, given the number of offers he had.

But the governor's job keeps him working in public policy, an area he's comfortable with, he said.

"He's such a unique and successful governor. I was honored by the request."

Walsh served the 19th District; he will be succeeded by Republican Laura Cox.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

## John Glenn soars over Titans

Gammouh paces N. Farmington's romp; Stars outshine RU

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn's girls basketball team got back on the winning track Saturday afternoon with a 51-42 triumph at Southgate Anderson.

Junior Sierra Moseley led the Rockets' offensive attack with 17 points. Junior Nadia

Reed chipped in with 13 points while freshman post player Carly Loving added 10 points and Alexis Gardner had seven. Lauren Jackman led the Titans with 24 points.

**Raiders win**

Faith Gammouh scored 23 points to lead North Farmington to a 53-13 victory over River Rouge. The victory improved the Raiders' record to 7-1.

**RU toppled**

Despite strong performances from senior Renee

Reed and junior Cliffangela Stafford, Redford Union dropped a 48-37 decision to visiting St. Catherine of Siena Academy on Dec. 18.

The loss dropped the Panthers to 0-6.

Reed pumped in 16 points while Stafford pulled down a team-high 14 rebounds.

The Stars led 13-9 after one quarter and 27-19 at the half. The visitors extended their advantage to 37-25 after three



Moseley



Reed

quarters. The Panthers return to action following the holiday break when they travel to Dearborn Heights Robichaud on Jan. 6 before hosting Dearborn Heights Annapolis on Jan. 9. Both games are slated to tip off at 7 p.m.

On Jan. 13, RU will travel to Redford Thurston for the first of its 2015 two-game set against the rival Eagles.

**AD responds**

The Sunday story about Canton, Plymouth and Salem varsity volleyball coaches leaving at the end of the season should have included a comment from Assistant Principal for Activities and Athletics at Plymouth High School, Kyle Meteyer: "We understand that it appears odd that all three resigned at the same time, but all resigned for unrelated personal reasons," he wrote in an email to the Observer when asked about the resignations.

**Livonia parkrun**

Several outstanding times were posted by area distance runners at Saturday's Livonia parkrun, a fun and weekly 5K event held several Saturdays at Bicentennial Park in Livonia.

Among the competitors last week were 12 first-time parkrun participants and nine personal-best times recorded.

Adam Fogg, representing the QE2 Track Club, was the first male finisher, crossing the line in 19 minutes, 31 seconds. He was followed by Miles Clisham (20:11) and Alexander Brauer (20:18).

The current standings in the men's annual points competition are Lynn Boven (2,362 points), Sam Bailo (2,066) and Robert Hyde (1,964).

Megan Boyak was the first female finisher (13th overall) as she posted a time of 25:23. The second- and third-placers were Bobbie Clisham (25:48) and Sandy Clisham (27:31).

The current standings in the women's annual points competition have Kim Zamora leading the way with 2,307 points, followed by Jennifer Greve (1,617) and Jennifer Leight (1,473).

The following runners registered the best age-group scores: Fogg (15-17) was graded 71.31 percent; Miles Clisham (11-14) was graded 70.27 percent; and Pierce Clisham (11-14) was graded 69.7 percent for his eighth-place overall time of 21:57.

**Whalers stung**

Stephen Pierog's goal at 4:17 of the second period proved to be the game-winner as the Sarnia Sting defeated the Plymouth Whalers, 3-1, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Sunday afternoon before 2,770 at RBC Centre in Sarnia.

Sunday's game was the first for both teams after the Christmas break.

Besides Pierog's seventh of the year, the Sting (18-13-1-2) also received goals from Brandon Lindberg (career-high 12th of the year) and Zachary Core (first of the season). Sting goaltender Taylor Dupuis was named the game's first star after stopping 29 of 30 Plymouth shots.

Victor Crus Rydberg scored the lone Plymouth goal, his third of the season, in the second period. Rydberg has a goal and five assists in five games since returning from injury, starting with three assists on Dec. 12 in London.

The loss dropped Plymouth's record to 11-20-2-1.

PROFESSIONAL BOAT RACING



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Garden City native Jeff Krischano has steered power boats to several off-shore championships over the past 15 years.

# WATER ROCKET

Garden City native Krischano picking up championships in waves



Garden City native Jeff Krischano is interviewed after winning a powerboat race earlier this year.

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

If Jeff Krischano's parents would have owned a pontoon boat during the mid-1980s, this may be a story describing how the Garden City native evolved into a championship bass fisherman.

But the Krischanos owned a speed boat, and it wasn't long before their teen-aged son discovered that he liked the adrenaline rush that came with traveling rapidly over water.

"It was just a 19-foot aluminum ski boat - one you'd see parked in a lot of driveways in Garden City back in the day," Krischano recounted last week from his home in Minneapolis. "My friends and I used to put it on the trailer and take it to Belleville Lake. It didn't go real fast, but I found out quickly that I liked the feeling of speed on the water."

Once Krischano witnessed his first in-person power-boat race in Key West, Fla., he was hooked on the idea of trading his spectator status for one of participant.

"After I saw my first off-shore race, I said, 'This is something I have to do,'" he recalled. "So to make a long story short, I bought a boat, started practicing and I started winning some races."

In 2001, Krischano met NHL stars Kevin and Derian Hatcher, who shared his passion for power-boat racing. But the Hatchers couldn't race due to stipulations in their professional hockey contracts, so they brought Krischano on board to drive their boat.

The Hatchers called their team "Let's Play Racing" and it didn't take long to see they weren't messing around when

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SALEM ELKS INVITATIONAL

## Trojans march to holiday wrestling championship

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Four gold-medal wrestlers powered Monroe's first-place finish at Saturday's Salem Elks Tournament that was attended by 15 teams.

The Trojans accumulated 216 points to out-distance runner-up Greenville (160.5 points) and third-place Ypsilanti Lincoln (141).

The host Rocks placed fourth with 127 points, followed by Chippewa Valley (126), Livonia Franklin (116.5) and Livonia Churchill (106).

Other Observerland representatives included Westland

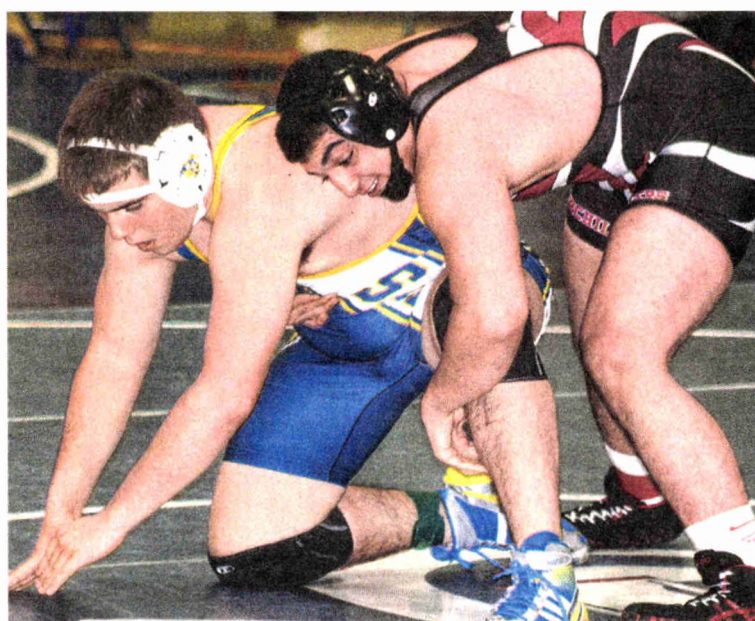
John Glenn (11th place with 64 points), Garden City (14th place with 32.5) and Redford Thurston, which placed 15th with 14 points.

A couple of little fellas - 103-pound Neil Antrassian and 112-pound Carl Antrassian - got the Trojans rolling by winning their respective weight classes.

Monroe also generated first-place points from Logan DiCarlo (145) and 171-pound Tyler Hammack.

The Rocks were bolstered by the strong showing of weight-class titleists Caleb McCabe (152) and 215-pound

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ED WRIGHT

Livonia Churchill's Baker Hadwan battles Saline's George Lancaster in a second-round 215-pound match Saturday at Salem.



ALL-AREA GIRLS SWIMMING

# Local elite prep swimmers high on quality, low on times

**FIRST TEAM INDIVIDUALS**

**Kathleen McGee, 200 free, Mercy:** She was a four-year standout in freestyle events and will be a member of the Michigan State swim team next year. She has been a perennial all-area choice in this event.

At the Division 1 state meet, McGee was eighth in the 200 free and ninth in the 100 and she was the Catholic League runner-up in both. In the Oakland County meet, McGee finished third in the 500 free and fourth in the 200.

"Kathleen has been one of the more versatile girls we have," coach Shannon Dunworth said. "She swims everything."

"She's transitioning to shorter races as she goes off to college and that's why she swam the events she did at state and did so well in them."

"I think the 200 free is always going to be Kathleen's strongest event. She sets the standard every day of training for the whole group."

**Maddy Loniewski, 200 IM, Mercy:** She is another multiple-year selection for all-area honors and a four-year standout for the Marlins. She will continue her swim career next year at Georgetown University.

Loniewski is the Catholic League champion in the IM and breaststroke. She was second in Oakland County and third in the D1 state meet in the IM. As a breaststroker, she also finished third in the county and 11th in the state.

"Maddy has been our most dependable, accomplished swimmer for the last four years," Dunworth said. "She has always been at the top of the state."

"She was a state champion in 2012 and has swum all three relays in addition to different events at the state meet."

"I think her best strength is the end of her races. She's extremely competitive and willing to suffer to do her best."

**Roxanne Griffore, 50 free, Mercy:** She also had an outstanding, four-year career, which included winning the 2013 state title in the 50 free.

She will enroll at Purdue University and compete for the Boilermakers next year.

She is the Oakland County champion in the 50 free. She was second in the Catholic League and fourth in the state. Her best time (23.75) qualifies her for All-America consideration.

Griffore also won the 100 free at the league meet, finished second in the county and placed seventh in the state.

"She's a pure sprinter," Dunworth said. "She swims the shortest events, but she does all the work the other kids do. She spends just as much time in the pool and weight room. She has the talent of a sprinter and the work ethic of a 500 freestyler."

"I take great pride in Rox-y's progression and success, being a state champion last year and again this year in the medley relay. All of these kids are eager to please but none more so than she is."

**Erin Gold, diving, N. Farmington:** She earned the highest score of any Observerland diver with a 371.40 tally in the OAA White Division meet, placing fourth behind three West Bloomfield girls.

She missed the first half of the season with an injury and was unable to dive at the Oakland County meet. Gold was a Division 2 state qualifier and just missed getting into the semifinal round.

"The season Erin put together was pretty amazing," coach Mike Harfoot said. "In the first half of the year, she

was not able to be on the board at all. To come back in the middle of the season and do the kind of things she did by the end was amazing."

"She works on her craft the year round. She enjoys the sport and works really hard at it. The sky is the limit for her if she can stay healthy and stay on the board."

**Elaina Skellett, 100 fly, Mercy:** The sophomore standout is the Catholic League champion in the butterfly. She also finished fourth in Oakland County and fifth in the D1 state meet. Her best of 55.79 is an automatic All-America time.

Skellett also excels in the backstroke, finishing second at the league and state meets and third in the county.

"As well as she has done and as competitive as she is, I think Elaina is really just beginning to scratch the surface of her potential," Dunworth said.

"She's a no-nonsense girl. She looks you in the eye and does exactly what you ask her to do. She really responds."

"She wants every ounce of input you give her and she applies it immediately. She's marvelous."

**Emily Brunett, 100 free, Harrison:** Brunett, who will swim for Michigan State next year, was one of the top swimmers in the Division 2 state meet, finishing third in the 500 free and sixth in the 200.

She has the area's best time in the 100 free at 52.37. She was the runner-up in the 50 and 100 free in the OAA Red Division and also was fifth in the butterfly at the Oakland County meet.

"Emily personifies everything remarkable about a student-athlete," coach Roxanne Kiger said. "She's conscientious, hard-working, competitive, intelligent, teachable and a person who does not quit and will not give up."

"She's the swimmer every coach wants in practice, because she'll take whatever you throw at her and give her all to make it. And should she miss the mark, it doesn't stop her from coming back the next day for more, usually with a smile on her face!"

"She sets the standard on our team for what being a Hawk swimmer entails from the weight room to the pool to being one of the leaders on the deck during a meet."

"She's not afraid to set high goals for herself and she doesn't allow short-term success or failure to lessen her resolve in meeting those long-term goals."

**Ellyse Conn, 500 free, Mercy:** She is the Catholic League and Oakland County champion in the 500 free and was third in the state meet with her best time (4:56.77), which qualifies for All-America consideration.

The junior is a standout in the IM, too, finishing second in the league and fifth in the state. Conn also was third in the butterfly at the county meet.

"At the high school level, they really don't have the events that suit her best," Dunworth said. "We changed her events this year, so she could swim some of the longer races. It turned out to be a windfall for her."

"I'm excited for next year when we have another year of training, because she pretty much came out of nowhere in that event (500)."

"Ellyse is one determined and competitive girl. She's one of those who will passionately give you everything she has every day in practice and meets as well."

**Katie Minnich, 100 back, Mercy:** She had an outstanding finish to her freshman season, winning the D1 state championship in the backstroke with an automatic All-America time. She is the Catholic League and Oakland County



McGee



Skellett



Loniewski



Brunett



Griffore



Conn



Gold

**ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**

**200 freestyle:** 1. Kathleen McGee, senior, Mercy; 2. Emma Bradley, junior, North Farmington.

**100 individual medley:** 1. Maddy Loniewski, senior, Mercy; 2. Katie Xu, sophomore, Salem.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Roxanne Griffore, senior, Mercy; 2. Brenna Erickson, senior, Livonia Stevenson.

**One-meter diving:** Erin Gold, sophomore, North Farmington; 2. Jessica Weak, sophomore, Stevenson.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Elaina Skellett, sophomore, Mercy; 2. Lisa Zhang, junior, Salem.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Emily Brunett, senior, Farmington Harrison; 2. Rachel Arceri, junior, Stevenson.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Ellyse Conn, junior, Mercy; 2. Claire Green, senior, Canton.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Katie Minnich, freshman, Mercy; 2. Hannah Chao, sophomore, North Farmington.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Linda Zhang, junior, Salem; 2. Rebecca Arakelian, senior, Stevenson.

**FIRST TEAM RELAYS**

**200 medley:** Farmington Hills Mercy (fr. Katie Minnich, sr. Maddy Loniewski, soph. Elaina Skellett, sr. Roxanne Griffore).

**200 freestyle:** Farmington Hills Mercy (sr. Roxanne Griffore, sr. Maddy Loniewski, jr. Ellyse Conn, sr. Kathleen McGee).

**400 freestyle:** Farmington Hills Mercy (sr. Kathleen McGee, sr. Roxanne Griffore, soph. Elaina Skellett, sr. Maddy Loniewski).

**SECOND TEAM RELAYS**

**200 medley:** Salem (soph. Holly Rowe, jr. Linda Zhang, soph. Katie Xu, jr. Lisa Zhang).

**200 freestyle:** Livonia Stevenson (sr. Brenna Erickson, jr. Rachel Arceri, jr. Sara Bowen, sr. Rebecca Arakelian).

**400 freestyle:** Salem (jr. Lisa Zhang, sr. Stephanie Solterman, jr. Patricia Freitag, jr. Linda Zhang).

**COACH OF THE YEAR**

Mike Harfoot, North Farmington

champion in this event, too. Minnich was third in the county and 12th in the state in the 200 IM. She also placed second in the 100 butterfly at the league meet.

"I was really excited to hear Katie was coming to Mercy," Dunworth said.

"She was a very accomplished girl prior to getting here. She got faster because of how committed she was to delivering what you asked of her."

"She started the year injured and we hoped she would get back to her former self. She surpassed my expectations and hers. To be a Division 1 state champion as a freshman was far more than I could have expected."

**Linda Zhang, 100 breast, Salem:** The talented, versatile Zhang finished fourth in the 100 breaststroke at the D1 state finals with a time of 1:05.49 — taking all-state honors in the event for the third straight time.

The junior also tallied her third consecutive all-state showing in the 200 individual medley (fourth, 2:05.84) and 200-medley relay (eighth, 1:49.68). Her best time in the former was 2:04.68.

Other honors included setting Salem records in the 100 breaststroke (1:04.76) and four other events while garnering All-America consideration in the 100 breast and 200 IM.

"Linda has excelled as a swimmer and a student with the ability to motivate and encourage her teammates," coach Chuck Olson said, adding that she has been selected as one of the 2015 team's co-captains.

**FIRST TEAM RELAYS**

**200 medley, Mercy:** Minnich, Loniewski, Skellett and Griffore won the Division 1 state championship, achieved All-America status and set a school record (1:44.64) in the state-meet prelims. They went 1:45.00 the next day to win the state title.

"We were hoping to be able to swim that relay this year at the state meet that way," Dunworth said. "Fortunately, we were able to do that."

"When you have the best backstroker in the state leading off, one of the top breaststrokers and the defending state champion in the 50 free on the end of it, you're clearly excited any time that relay gets to swim."

**200 freestyle, Mercy:** Griffore, Loniewski, Conn and McGee won the Oakland County championship with an area-best and automatic All-America time of 1:36.63.

"That relay is always fun for us because we have a 50 freestyler and a 500 freestyler on it," Dunworth said.

"It's amazing to watch the shortest-race and longest-race kids work together, because they don't get to train together

very often. To make All-America is icing on the cake."

**400 freestyle, Mercy:** McGee, Griffore, Skellett and Loniewski swam the area's best time of 3:30.10 at the Catholic League meet, finishing second to Birmingham Marian's Division 2 state championship team.

"We weren't blessed with a large number of sprinters this year and I think that relay showed the diversity of our kids," Dunworth said. "There were very few just 100 free swimmers on there."

**SECOND TEAM INDIVIDUALS**

**Emma Bradley, 200 free, N. Farmington:** She is the OAA White Division champion in the 200 and 500 freestyle. She is the Oakland County and Division 2 state runner-up in the 500. She also placed fifth in the 200 free at the county meet and 10th at the state meet.

Bradley played a major role in the Raiders winning the OAA White championship for the second straight year and, having won the Blue Division in 2012, their third consecutive title.

"Emma made great strides at the end of her sophomore year from the league meet to the state meet," Harfoot said. "She took that big step from good to great. Emma had fantastic season from start to finish this year."

"She did a lot of extra work in the off-season. She swam year round and worked with a personal trainer to gain strength and flexibility."

"About the only event Emma didn't swim was the 100 breast. She's a really talented kid and a pleasure to coach."

**Katie Xu, 200 IM, Salem:** The sophomore proved to be another instrumental and versatile performer for the Rocks and won one of the team's Most Improved Swimmer awards.

In addition to being strong in the 200 IM all season (her best time was 2:11.04), Xu finished eighth in the backstroke at the D1 finals (58.51), good for an all-state medal. Her best time in that event was 58.43. She also was part of the all-state (eighth place) 200 medley relay.

Holder of a 4.0 grade-point average, Xu also was part of Salem's record 200 medley relay team.

"Katie had another successful season and improved her performances in all events," Olson said. "She is admired by her teammates with her practice (work ethic) and competitive nature."

**Brenna Erickson, 50 free, Stevenson:** She was a four-year senior captain for the Spartans.

"Not only did Brenna have a very good senior year, but she has had a very good career at Stevenson," Stevenson coach Greg Phill said. "Brenna will be missed very much."

**Jessica Weak, diving, Stevenson:** A second-year diver for the Spartans, she is a two-time diving MVP and was the 2014 Wayne County diving champion.

"With two years left in high school, I expect great things from Jessica," Phill said.

**Lisa Zhang, 100 fly, Salem:** The junior picked up where she left off, finishing seventh at the D1 state finals in the 100 butterfly (56.54), fourth in the 100 backstroke (1:05.49) and contributing to the eighth-place 200 medley relay. She earned all-state honors in all three events.

A 4.0 student, Zhang holds Salem varsity records in the 50 freestyle (24.39) and 100 fly.

Other honors included setting or sharing Salem records in the 100 backstroke (her best time was 56.93), 100 freestyle (53.36), 200 medley relay, 200 free relay and 400 free relay.

"Lisa has been a great example of the student-athlete and the success that can be achieved with hard work and dedication," Olson said.

She has been selected as one of the 2015 team's co-captains.

**Rachel Arceri, 100 free, Stevenson:** Arceri, a junior, overcame health issues to register several stellar times.

"Rachel had a very tumultuous season, dealing with a back injury; she proved how tough she really is," Phill said.

"We look forward to having her back for her senior year."

**Claire Green, 500 free, Canton:** The senior captain began her career the way she started it — qualifying for the Division 1 state meet.

Green was an all-state finalist in the 500 for the second time in her excellent career (seventh, 5:06.89) and earned team MVP honors for the second time, helping the Chiefs to the KLA South Division championship.

She has committed to swim at Florida Atlantic University, an NCAA Division I school.

"Claire has had an excellent swimming career at Canton High School," coach Ed Weber said. "Her nearly perfect attendance and hard work ethic have been a great role model for other teammates to emulate."

"She has the ability to swim multiple strokes and is always trying to do her best."

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Rowe, who carries a 4.0 grade-point average, is another versatile performer for the Rocks. She came in fifth at the conference meet in the 100 backstroke.

**200 freestyle, Stevenson:** The foursome of Erickson, Arceri, Sara Bowen and Arakelian broke a school record this fall that was set 18 years ago.

"We will be losing two of



Bowen

these girls to graduation, so we'll have some pretty big shoes to fill," Phill said.

**400 freestyle, Salem:** The Zhang twins, along

with senior Stephanie Solterman and junior Patricia Freitag, qualified for the D1 state finals and placed 12th with a time of 3:36.32. They also set a new Salem school record.

Solterman, one of the 2014 captains and owner of a 3.8 grade-point average, won Salem's Rachel Maurer Award for leadership, academic and athletic achievement.

She capped off her varsity career by also qualifying in



Solterman

the 100 backstroke (finishing 12th) and with the 200 free relay. "She had an outstanding four years at Salem," Olson said.

Freitag, who holds a 4.0 GPA, was named one of Salem's Most Improved Swimmers and will be a captain in 2015. Also at the D1 finals, she came in ninth in the 100 backstroke, just missing all-state status.

"Patricia continues to improve her times in all swimming events, with qualifying

times in the 100 fly, 500 free and 100 backstroke," Olson said.

**COACH OF THE YEAR Mike Harfoot, N. Farmington:** He led the Raiders to a second straight OAA White Division championship and the school's third league title in a row. North also won the OAA Blue Division in 2012.

The Raiders finished 12th in the Division 2 state meet with 62 points. They had individual standouts such as Emma Bradley and Hannah



Harfoot

Chao, but their success was the result of many individual contributions.

"We had talked before the season that our strength was going to be our depth, having three or four strong swimmers in every event, and it proved to be the case come the end of the season," Harfoot said.

"We work as a team and we all work together for the goal of winning a championship. You can't win with one or two swimmers. We had 36 varsity entries (at the division meet) and scored 34.

"We did a real nice job of getting as many people into the finals and scoring as many points as we could. The more swimmers you have in the finals, the harder it is for other teams to get in and score."

## GIRLS BEST SWIM TIMES

### 200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

Farmington Hills Mercy 1:44.64  
Salem 1:48.48  
North Farmington 1:50.31  
Livonia Stevenson 1:53.22  
Farmington Harrison 1:53.40

### 50 FREESTYLE

Kathleen McGee (Mercy) 1:53.42  
Emily Brunett (Harrison) 1:53.44  
Emma Bradley (N. Farmington) 1:53.92  
Kendall Goit (Mercy) 1:54.45  
Elyse Conn (Mercy) 1:55.09

Rachel Arceri (Stevenson) 1:55.78  
Addy de Tassanyi (Mercy) 1:56.12  
Allison Lennig (Plymouth) 1:56.55  
Maddy Loniewski (Mercy) 1:57.06  
Claire Green (Canton) 1:57.22

### 200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

Linda Zhang (Salem) 2:04.68  
Maddy Loniewski (Mercy) 2:05.04  
Rebecca Arakelian (Stevenson) 2:07.15  
Elyse Conn (Mercy) 2:07.27  
Katie Minnich (Mercy) 2:07.65  
Katie Xu (Salem) 2:11.04

Addy de Tassanyi (Mercy) 2:11.60  
Michaela Bargardi (Mercy) 2:11.62  
Claire Green (Canton) 2:12.06  
Liza Zhang (Salem) 2:13.20

### 50 FREESTYLE

Roxanne Griffore (Mercy) 23.75  
Emily Brunett (Harrison) 24.10  
Liza Zhang (Salem) 24.39  
Brenna Erickson (Stevenson) 24.61  
Hannah Chao (N. Farmington) 24.66  
Katie Romero (Harrison) 24.74  
Summer Edwards (N. Farmington) 24.76  
Linda Zhang (Salem) 24.80

Maddy Loniewski (Mercy) 24.93  
Katy Kouvaris (Mercy) 25.05

### ONE-METER DIVING

Erin Gold (N. Farmington) 371.40  
Jessica Weak (Stevenson) 363.30  
Alexa Rybicki (Mercy) 349.95  
Camille Burt (Salem) 348.76  
Megan McKeenan (Plymouth) 334.60  
Kelly Shrosbree (N. Farmington) 332.90  
Sydney Grenier (Churchill) 330.90  
Samantha Ellis (Stevenson) 297.40

Skylar Tisko (Mercy) 296.95  
Carina Wright (N. Farmington) 292.70

### 100 BUTTERFLY

Alaina Skellett (Mercy) 55.79  
Lisa Zhang (Salem) 56.54  
Elyse Conn (Mercy) 57.22  
Linda Zhang (Salem) 57.28  
Michaela Bargardi (Mercy) 58.67  
Katie Minnich (Mercy) 58.69  
Emily Brunett (Harrison) 59.06  
Annika Gidley (N. Farmington) 59.24  
Roxanne Griffore (Mercy) 59.37  
Patricia Freitag (Salem) 59.94

### 100 FREESTYLE

Emily Brunett (Harrison) 52.37  
Roxanne Griffore (Mercy) 52.40  
Kathleen McGee (Mercy) 52.57  
Rachel Arceri (Stevenson) 53.26  
Lisa Zhang (Salem) 53.36  
Brenna Erickson (Stevenson) 53.40  
Linda Zhang (Salem) 54.00  
Allison Lennig (Plymouth) 54.05  
Maddy Loniewski (Mercy) 54.10  
Erin Judd (Mercy) 54.60

### 500 FREESTYLE

Elyse Conn (Mercy) 4:56.77  
Claire Green (Canton) 5:02.45  
Emma Bradley (N. Farmington) 5:02.95  
Emily Brunett (Harrison) 5:03.09  
Kathleen McGee (Mercy) 5:06.42  
Addy de Tassanyi (Mercy) 5:07.27  
Merril Frone (Stevenson) 5:07.44  
Kendall Goit (Mercy) 5:07.92  
Michaela Bargardi (Mercy) 5:12.82  
Patricia Freitag (Salem) 5:16.75

### 200 FREESTYLE RELAY

Farmington Hills Mercy 1:36.63  
Livonia Stevenson 1:37.81  
North Farmington 1:38.87  
Farmington Harrison 1:39.32  
Salem 1:41.95

### 100 BACKSTROKE

Katie Minnich (Mercy) 55.06  
Alaina Skellett (Mercy) 56.25  
Lisa Zhang (Mercy) 56.93  
Hannah Chao (N. Farmington) 57.66  
Patricia Freitag (Salem) 58.19  
Elyse Conn (Mercy) 58.36

Katie Xu (Salem) 58.43  
Stephanie Solterman (Salem) 58.52  
Addy de Tassanyi (Mercy) 58.75  
Michaela Bargardi (Mercy) 59.16

### 100 BREASTSTROKE

Linda Zhang (Salem) 1:04.76  
Rebecca Arakelian (Stevenson) 1:06.38  
Maddy Loniewski (Mercy) 1:06.80  
Claire Green (Canton) 1:08.11  
Julia Borri (Harrison) 1:08.15  
Grace Xu (Harrison) 1:08.86  
Emily Hagan (Canton) 1:08.98  
Monica Rzepka (Ladywood) 1:09.34  
Mya Loniewski (Mercy) 1:09.38  
Jensen Pecora (Mercy) 1:09.54

### 400 FREESTYLE RELAY

Farmington Hills Mercy 3:30.10  
Salem 3:34.31  
Livonia Stevenson 3:34.47  
Farmington Harrison 3:40.36  
North Farmington 3:43.24

## KRISCHANO

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it came to winning.

The partnership proved to be a hat-trick as the trio went on to capture a string of off-shore championships and podium finishes.

In 2003, Krischano steered the Hatchers' boat to an AP-BA Offshore World Championship.

"There is nothing quite like the feeling of going 100 miles an hour or more in one of these boats," said Krischano, when asked about the adrenaline rush that accompanies his passion. "It's different from car racing in that most of the surfaces the cars race on are very similar, but when you're racing on the water, no two courses are the same because of the unpredictability of the waves."

Although his racing career was flourishing, Krischano wasn't ready to make it a full-time, year-round gig, so he established himself in a dry-land field as well.

He currently works as the managing director of Minneapolis-based Pilot IT, a highly-

respected consulting firm.

From 2007-10, Krischano took a break from racing to focus on his slower-paced interests, but he returned in 2011 with a splash.

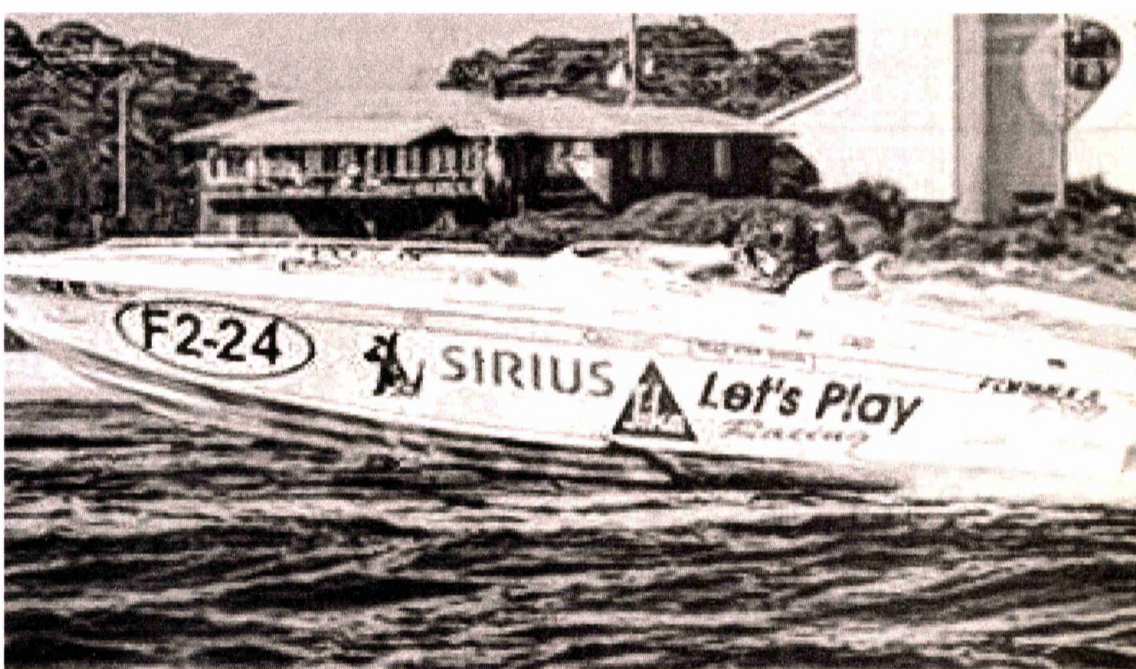
"When I came back, I moved into a new, faster class of boats," he said. "It was like going from the boats you see in 'Miami Vice' to driving an Indy car.

"The extreme tunnel boats I drive now are the fastest-turning and most nimble power boats in the world. They can go from zero to 60 (miles per hour) in approximately three seconds and they reach speeds over 100. The drivers incur more 'G' forces in a turn than any other racing machine on the planet."

Despite the downtime, Krischano didn't lose his winning touch. His recent titles include 2011 Twin City Power Boat Association Rookie of the Year, 2012 American Powerboat Racing Superleague Rookie of the Year and 2013 and 2014 APBA National High Point Champion.

Success hasn't come without a few high-speed spills, Krischano added.

"This past summer was pretty uneventful, but in 2013



Jeff Krischano steers the NHL Hatcher brothers' 'Let's Play' off-shore boat during a race sometime around 2005.

I rolled a couple times and had a collision," he said. "Every other year we have to become certified in escaping the capsule; it's kind of like being a Navy pilot. You have to unbuckle the belt, take a

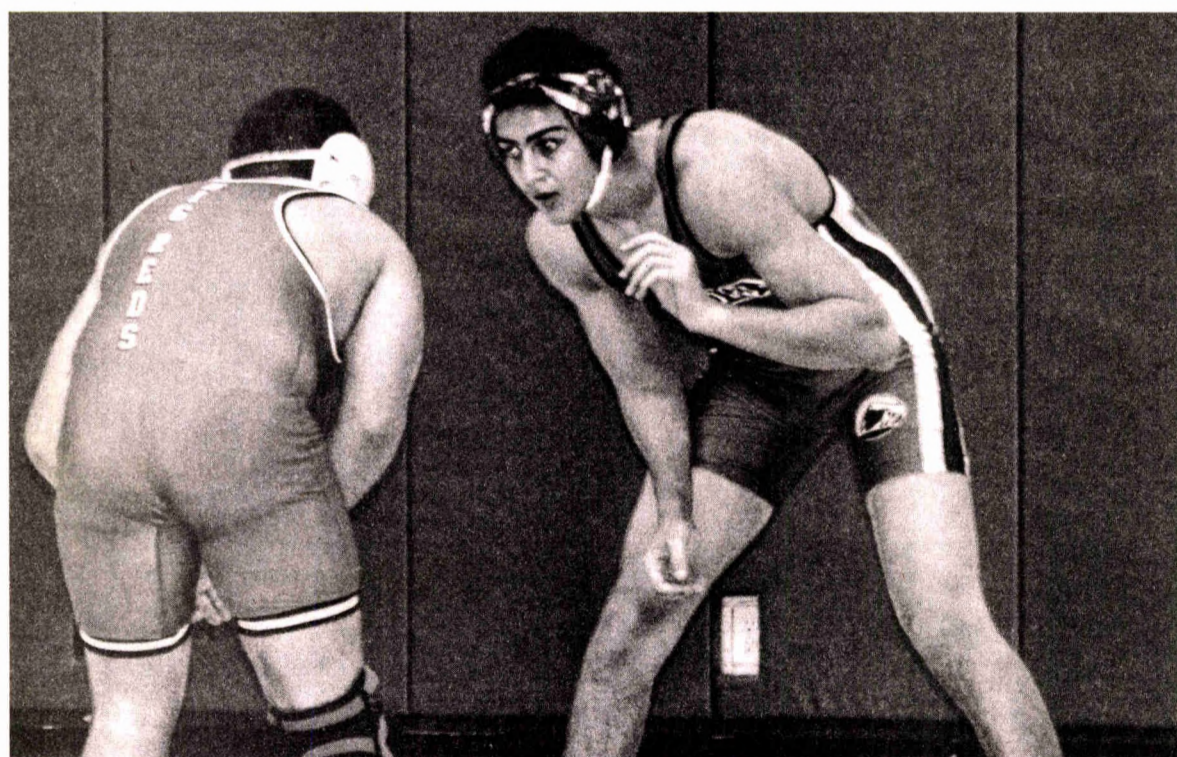
couple breathes from your air mask and swim out while submerged. You learn pretty quickly that you'd better not panic."

Krischano said he doesn't see an end in sight to his rac-

ing days.

"I feel good, my fitness level is pretty high and I still get a rush from doing it," he said.

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Salem's Caleb McCabe (facing camera) edged Chippewa Valley's Jacob Browning, 7-5, in the 152-pound final Saturday morning in Rocks' gym.

## SALEM ELKS

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champion Mitchell Gross, whose 3-0 day was capped with an exclamation-point 4-2 decision over Churchill's Baker Hadwan in the final bout. The Patriots' strong effort was energized by first-place finishers Nick Robertson (135) and Nathan Atienza (140). Robertson doubled-up Chippewa Valley's Michael Solomon, 8-4, in the title match while Atienza nipped Dearborn's Youssef Danaoui, 6-5.

John Glenn's Anthony Gibson dominated the 125-pound bracket by pinning his first two foes - Saline's Chris Birchmeier and Greenville's Dren Bartum - be-

fore losing Dundee's Jimmy Blynd, 7-0, in the gold-medal match.

### SALEM ELKS TOURNAMENT

**Dec. 27 at Salem High School**  
**FINAL STANDINGS:** 1. Monroe, 216 points; 2. Greenville, 160.5; 3. Ypsi Lincoln, 141; 4. Salem, 127; 5. Chippewa Valley, 126; 6. Livonia Franklin, 116.5; 7. Livonia Churchill, 106; 8. Lincoln Park, 105.5; 9. Saline, 77; 10. Dundee, 72.5; 11. Westland John Glenn, 64; 12. Dearborn Fordson, 60; 13. Dearborn, 47; 14. Garden City, 32.5; 15. Redford Thurston, 14.  
**103 pounds:** 1. Neil Antrassian (MON) won by tech. fall, 19-4, over Isaac Lefler (WJG); 3. Mojahid Ahmed (DF) pinned Zach Hallock (G), in 4:43; 5. Nate Gaubatz (S) pinned Matt Martin (YL) in 2:50.  
**112:** 1. Carl Antrassian (MON) dec. Danny Poupier (SAL), 9-8; 3. Kyle Boxeth (SAL) dec. Stephen Hilliker (G), 6-3; 5. Josh Mussen (LC) won by major dec., 8-0, over Katie Lewis (YL).  
**119:** 1. Kevin Fuller (SAL) pinned Ethan Englehart (LC) in 3:33; 3. Alex Budge (G) won by injury default over Cam Shaughnessey (S); 5. Tyler Costello (LP) dec. Brendan Berezny (YL), 5-3.  
**125:** 1. Anthony Gibson (WJG) dec. Jimmy Lloyd (DU), 7-0; 3. Dren Bartum (G) pinned Jordan Hagar (MON), in 4:55; 5. Chris Cosgrove (LP) pinned Jalen Freeman (YL) in 4:40.  
**130:** 1. Abe Ajami (DF) dec. Tate Jeffrey (G), 10-7; 3. Zac Bellaire (DU) dec. Ali Arab (GC), 8-1; 5. Adam Ross (LF) won in triple-OT over Mike Bloxxon (MON).  
**135:** 1. Nick Robertson (LF) dec. Michael Solomon (CV), 8-4; 3. Rodney Miracle (LP) dec. Jeremy Nelson (LF), 7-6; 5. Jon Baker (MON) dec. Ryan Desbrough (DU), 11-5.  
**140:** 1. Nathan Atienza (LF) dec. Youssef Danaoui (DBN), 6-5; 3. Jon Price (CV) dec. Austin McCarty (YL), 5-3; 5. Trevor Anderson (LP) dec. Andrew Lapins (RT), 9-6.  
**145:** 1. Logan Dicarolo (MON) dec. Kendall Freeman (YL), 7-2; 3. Collin Smith (LF) dec. Noah Huber (CV), 10-5; 5. Jaylen Carter (LP), won by major dec., 15-7, over Brendan Bergstresser (GC).  
**152:** 1. Caleb McCabe (S) dec. Jacob Browning (CV), 7-5; 3. Chase Gardner (LC) pinned Kyle Reinhart (DU) in 2:23; 5. Cody Wilcox (G) dec. Garrett Galinis (SAL), 9-4.  
**160:** 1. Tristan Sajna (CV) dec. Travis Labell (MON), 3-1; 3. Quinn Chapman (LP) pinned Amir Naser (DF) in 1:52; 5. Taylor Schofield (G) pinned Julio Abdellatif (YL) in 4:13.  
**171:** 1. Tyler Hammack (MON) dec. Steven Slattery (SAL), 3-0; 3. Joe Burger (G) dec. Mitchell Redding (LF), 7-4; 5. Vinny Dooland (CV) dec. Logan Beaudoin (WJG), 6-2.  
**189:** 1. Devin Burnison (YL) dec. Jamil Jomaa (DBN), 6-5; 3. Roy Foster (S) dec. Jalen Goudclock (CV), 4-2; 5. Jonathon Brown (MON) pinned Colin Englehart (LC) in 4:31.  
**215:** 1. Mitchell Gross (S) dec. Baker Hadwan (LC), 4-2; 3. Joe Fortin (LF) dec. Zack Kramer (MON), 7-1; 5. DeCarlos Vigil (YL) dec. Zach Holder (G), 4-1.  
**285:** 1. Cole Antcliff (G) pinned Jake Mercieca (LC) in 3:50; 3. Keith Matthews (MON) pinned Blake Johnson (LP) in 4:38; 5. Jacob Eby (YL) pinned Tyler Moore (S) in 59 seconds.

## Whitney's big night leads Franklin ickers to win

### Junior chalks up six points in Pats' 8-2 triumph

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Junior captain Brendan Whitney saturated the score book with three goals and three assists to lead Livonia Franklin's hockey team to an 8-2 victory over host Utica in a non-conference match-up played last week.

Chase Wallis also had a productive evening for the Patriots, netting two goals and a pair of helpers. Trevor Lassaline finished off the net-stuffing extravaganza for the winners by pumping home three goals to go along with one assist.

Also providing offensive punch to Franklin's attack were Justin Makowski (two assists), Zack Nelson (goal) and Kolby Dewhirst and Nick Salisbury, who contributed one assist each.

Brian Hubbard notched his second

straight victory between the pipes by stopping 12 Chieftain shots.

There weren't many dull moments for Utica goalie Mason Waldrip, who turned away 40 shots in the loss.

"[Waldrip] had several 'How'd he do that?' saves to keep the game from being a mercy," Franklin head coach Dennis Gagnon added.

Gagnon said the trip to Macomb County for the Patriots was efficient and beneficial.

"We came out to the east-side the past couple of games and got to work on some things, get everybody a chance to earn playing time, and had success," Gagnon noted. "I was happy for Nelly, who got his second goal of the year after being stopped on his last 15 shots or so.

"And what can I say about the 'Whits' line? They were very productive in a game that they should and need to be."

Franklin returns to action on Jan. 3 when they travel to the Farmington Civic Arena to face Farmington United in a game slated to face off at 7:45 p.m.

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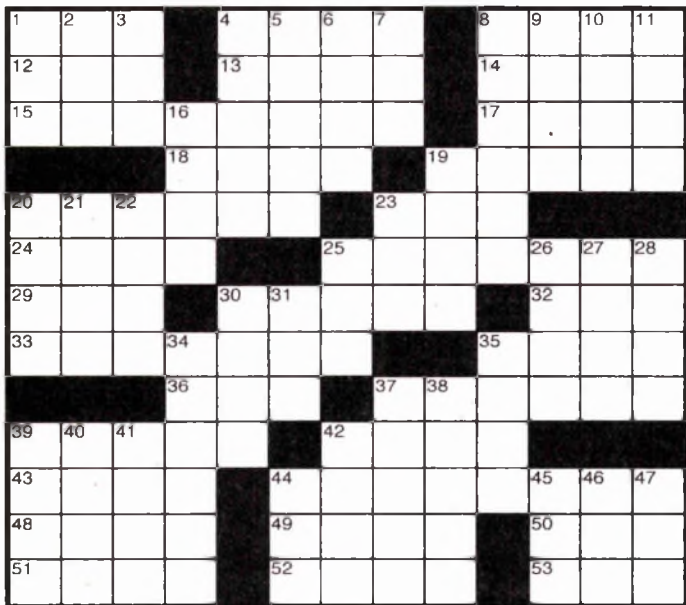
- ACROSS**
- 1 Codgers' queries
  - 4 S&L customer
  - 8 Like Beethoven
  - 12 Aussie jumper
  - 13 Trevi Fountain coin
  - 14 All-embracing
  - 15 Together again
  - 17 Aphrodite's child
  - 18 Ess molding
  - 19 Post-sneeze word
  - 20 Scale
  - 23 Shinto or Zen (abbr.)
  - 24 Without value
  - 25 Leaves (2 wds.)
  - 29 Green parrot
  - 30 Cools one's heels
  - 32 Numerical prefix
  - 33 Water source
  - 35 66 and I-80
- DOWN**
- 1 Do the wrong thing
  - 2 Tend the garden
  - 3 —wester
  - 4 Set straight
  - 5 Issued a summons
  - 6 Hudson Bay tribe

#### Answer to Previous Puzzle



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- 7 Skosh
- 8 — on (ponders)
- 9 Gael republic
- 10 Hubbubs
- 11 Parker who played Boone
- 16 Carolers' rendition
- 19 More than asks
- 20 Pharaoh's amulet
- 21 Chop —
- 22 Decked out
- 23 Road hazard
- 25 Morsel
- 26 Dog in "Beetle Bailey"
- 27 Fume
- 28 Mackerel or bass
- 30 Baylor University site
- 31 Diligent insect
- 34 Unusual thing
- 35 Cattle-call reward
- 37 Prolonged gaze
- 38 Young girl
- 39 Deadly snakes
- 40 Frighten a fly
- 41 Chance to play
- 42 Nope (hyph.)
- 44 Greenhouse purchase
- 45 Fix a squeak
- 46 Suffix for forfeit
- 47 Label



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## SUDOKU

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3			1	2				
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#### Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

#### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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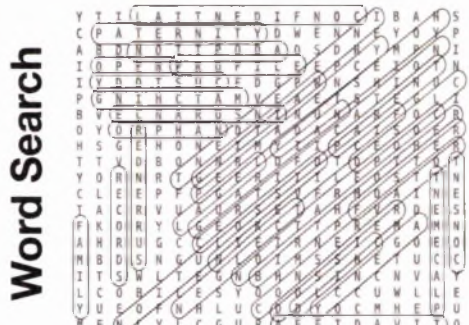
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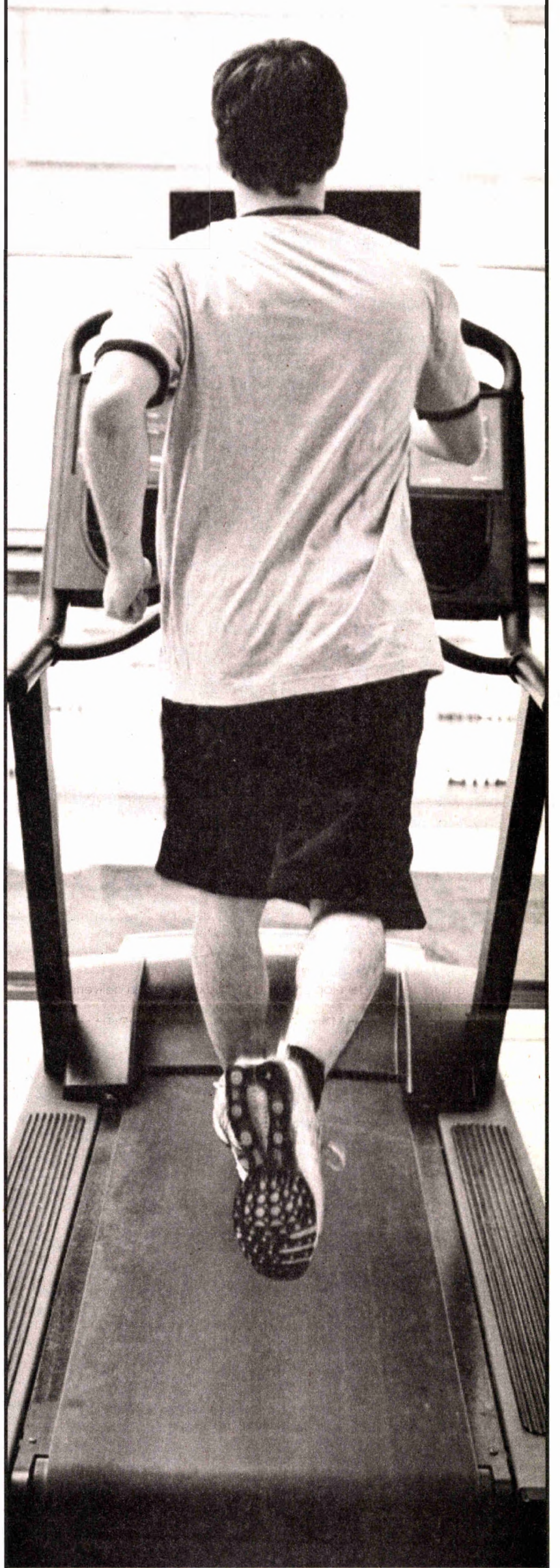
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RELIGION CALENDAR

JANUARY CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17  
**Location:** Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Mitch and Jesse Manns perform with Dean Rutledge. Mitch Manns has performed with bluegrass, oldie and country bands and Jesse Manns developed his personal guitar style after listening to Chet Atkins, Hank Garland and Jeff Back. Rutledge, a 40-year veteran of the Detroit folk scene, has worked as a soloist and as a member of the New Christy Minstrels. Tickets are \$10 per person  
**Contact:** 734-427-2290

FITNESS CLASSES

**Time/Date:** 10-11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 12-March 30  
**Location:** St. John Neumann, 44800 Warren Road, Canton  
**Details:** John Mason, a certified personal fitness trainer, teaches this 10-week class that includes yoga-oriented flexibility moves, stretching, strength training and abdominal and back exercises. Cost is \$70, with a portion of proceeds going to the church  
**Contact:** 734-455-5910

POMEGRANATE GUILD

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11  
**Location:** Prentis Apartment Community Room, located on 10 Mile, east of Greenfield, Oak Park  
**Details:** Jan Jacobs will preview her March workshop project, the creation of a denim quilt. The Pomegranate Guild of South-eastern Michigan studies and creates Judaic needlework  
**Contact:** Judy Galperin at 248-661-5337

WORLD SABBATH

**Time/Date:** 4-6 p.m. Jan. 25  
**Location:** Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Celebrate peace and religious diversity through this interfaith experience of music, dance and prayer. Afterglow follows the service  
**Contact:** 248-851-5100

FEBRUARY OPEN HOUSE

**Time/Date:** Noon to 2 p.m. Feb. 1  
**Location:** St. Genevieve Catholic School, 28933 Jamison, Livonia  
**Details:** Open house for preschool through grade eight  
**Contact:** 734-425-4420

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

**Men's Bible study**  
**Time/Date:** Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.  
**Location:** Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township  
**Contact:** John Shulenberger at 734-464-9491  
**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

CLOTHING BANK

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday of the month  
**Location:** Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton  
**Details:** No documentation needed  
**Contact:** info@cantoncf.org

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

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:** Ethanie 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 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through back.  
**Details:** Music, singing, prayer  
**Contact:** Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

**St. Michael Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday  
**Location:** 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton  
**Details:** Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.  
**Contact:** 734-459-3333 for additional information

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

First Presbyterian Church

**Time/Date:** 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.  
**Location:** 200 E. Main St., Northville  
**Details:** Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5  
**Contact:** 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday  
**Location:** 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 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.

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

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 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; 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.firesidecho.org; or email to adm@firesidecho.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to noon Saturday  
**Location:** 16360 Hubbard, Livonia  
**Details:** A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable 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 Inkster, Livonia  
**Details:** Overeaters Anonymous  
**Contact:** 248-559-7722; www.oa.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)  
**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 and 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

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

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Bethlehem Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. Sunday service  
**Location:** 35300 W. Eight Mile, Farmington Hills  
**Contact:** pastor Terry Miller at tshelton@mi.rr.com; 248-478-6520

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 or email to 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

Faith Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. Sunday; learning hour is at 9 a.m. for all ages  
**Location:** 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia  
**Contact:** Visit www.livonfaith.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

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

His Church Anglican

**Time/Date:** 7:45 a.m. at Trinity and 10 a.m. at Madonna University  
**Location:** Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia, and Kresge Hall on the Madonna University campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia  
**Contact:** www.HisChurchAnglican.org; 248-442-0HCA

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Faith Forum; 10 a.m. Sunday school; 7:30 p.m. Wednesday worship in the chapel.  
**Location:** 30650 Six Mile, Livonia

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday  
**Location:** 9600 Leverage, west of Beech Daly, north off West Chicago Road, Redford  
**Contact:** 313-937-2424

Nativity United Church of Christ

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. service with Plumb Line Church with the Rev. JoAnn Bastien, Praise Group, Sunday school and child care. Coffee at 10:45 a.m. Traditional Sunday worship service at 2 p.m. with Bastien. No Sunday school or child care. Coffee after the service at 3 p.m.  
**Location:** 9435 Henry Ruff Road at West Chicago Road, Livonia  
**Contact:** 734-421-5406

New Beginnings United Methodist Church

**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m. Sunday  
**Location:** 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford  
**Contact:** 313-255-6330

New Life Community Church

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. Sunday  
**Location:** 42200 Tyler, Belleville  
**Contact:** 734-846-4615 or www.newlifecommunitychurch4u.com

Our Lady of Good Counsel Roman Catholic Church

**Time/Date:** 6:30 a.m. and 8 a.m. weekday Masses; 8 a.m. Saturday Vigil Mass; 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon and 5 p.m. Sunday Masses; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 7-8 a.m. Monday-Friday; Eucharistic Adoration, 9 a.m. Monday through 3 p.m. Friday in the Day Chapel; Sacrament of Reconciliation, starting at noon Thursday and 2-3:45 p.m. Saturday or by appointment  
**Location:** 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township  
**Contact:** 734-453-0326

Plymouth Baptist Church

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday  
**Location:** 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, west of Haggerty  
**Details:** Both services feature contemporary and traditional worship music and in-depth Bible teaching. Full nursery and preschool programs available at both services.  
**Contact:** 734-453-5534

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays, with an education hour 9:30-10:40 a.m. Social hour follows each service.  
**Location:** 37775 Palmer, Westland  
**Contact:** 734-722-1735

Riverside Park Church of God

**Time/Date:** 5 p.m. every second and fourth Sunday  
**Location:** 11771 Newburgh, Livonia  
**Details:** "Sunday Night Lights" service designed for younger families; other services are 10 a.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Wednesday.  
**Contact:** 734-464-0990

Salem Bible Church

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Wednesday  
**Location:** 9481 W. Six Mile, Salem  
**Contact:** 248-349-0674; sbc4christ.org

St. John Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sunday; traditional worship at 9 a.m. Sunday; and contemporary service at 11:15 a.m. Sunday. Beginning Oct. 11, one 10 a.m. service Sunday.  
**Location:** 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills  
**Contact:** 248-474-0584

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

**Time/Date:** Contemporary service, 11:30 a.m. fourth Sunday of the month  
**Location:** 30900 Six Mile, Livonia  
**Contact:** 734-422-6038

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. Sunday  
**Location:** 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia  
**Contact:** 734-422-1470

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**FISHER, SUSAN DONNA (RICHARDS)**  
 Of Chelsea, Michigan, age 74, died Friday, December 26, 2014. Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, December 31, at Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea. Visitation from 10-11 a.m. Obituary at www.mitchellfuneral.com

**LOUNGER, STEVEN R.**  
 Age 36, City of Farmington employee, passed away unexpectedly Friday, December 26, 2014. Surviving are his parents, Joseph and Ina (Wheeler) Lounger; brothers, Joseph Lounger and Michael Lounger; niece and Goddaughter, Gracie; and maternal grandmother, Norma Long. Services were conducted Tuesday, December 30 at the Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington.  
 heenev-sundquist.com  
**HEENEV-SUNDSQUIST FUNERAL HOME**

**SEGUIN, THERESE RAYMONDE**  
 Age 86. December 25, 2014. Beloved wife of the late John "Jack" F. Seguin. Dear mother of Sue (Michael) Hudson, the late Serge Seguin, John F. Seguin III, and Mary (Matthew) Danko. Proud grandmother of Brian, Marc, and Scott Hudson, Jamie Seguin, Joshua, Caleb, and James Danko. Cherished sister and aunt to many siblings, nieces, and nephews. After 40 plus years as a registered nurse, Therese retired from St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Visitation was Sunday, December 28 and Monday, December 29, at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Funeral Mass was Tuesday, December 30, at St. James Catholic Church, Novi. Memorial donations can be made in Therese's name to the American Red Cross or the American Lung Association. Share a memory at www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

**SIMON, RAYMOND A.**  
 Of Northville, MI. Died November 16, 2014. Surviving family members include sister, Sylvia Simon and nephew, Nicholas May. Memorial service will be held Monday, January 5, 2015 at St. Thomas A'Becket Church at 555 S. Lilley Rd., Canton, MI at 1 p.m.

**STANTON, SR., CLIFFORD W.**  
 72, Dec. 28, 2014. Lintz Funeral Home is serving the family. www.stonefuneralhome.com

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## Livonia band, Royale, ranked on two top song lists of 2014

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Jacob Peetz and Frank Ritz were high school students with a handful of local music gigs under their belts when they began recording songs together in March.

By December, the Livonia duo, collaborating under the name, Royale, had released their first CD with a show at The Pike Room in Pontiac, added St. Andrews Hall in Detroit to their growing performance resume and welcomed two new members to the band.

Their debut album, *Abbey's Art*, recently was ranked fourth on a list of 10 top albums of 2014 by songlyrics.com. And their tune, *Anything*, this week took the ninth spot on the top 15 songs played on the Homeboy Show on 89X FM.

"It's all very exciting. 2014 was a huge year for us, but 2015 is going to be even bigger," said Peetz, a drummer who co-founded the band when he was a sophomore at Livonia Stevenson High School and Ritz, songwriter and guitarist, was in 10th grade at Livonia Churchill.

"Being listed on songlyrics.com top 10 albums is a huge honor and surprise for us. We are super excited to see the album getting recognition. We put a lot of time and effort into it."

### The Pike Room

When the *Observer* first caught up with the pair in July,

Peetz and Ritz were preparing to headline The Pike Room for the first time and were working hard to finish recording. Now that the CD has been released for download — and will soon be available in hard copy at Royale's shows — the band is looking ahead to its next gig.

It opens for Mike Mains & The Branches, 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at The Pike Room, inside the Crofoot, 1 South Saginaw, Pontiac. Advance tickets are \$10 at thecrofoot.com, and \$12 at the door.

"We've been playing almost every week. We're trying to keep that going," Peetz said. "The CD release party was extremely fun. It was the best crowd we've ever had at The Pike Room. It was awesome that a lot of people showed up."

### Remembering a friend

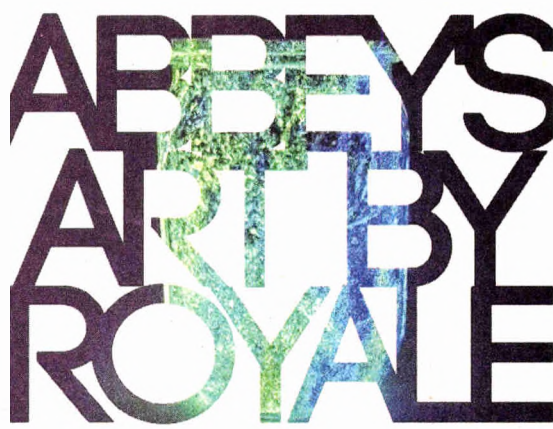
*Abbey's Art*, a 12-song CD, is dedicated to Abbey Olenczuk, a friend of Peetz who died in May. Booklet artwork for the CD is from Olenczuk's collection of work.

"Abbey Olenczuk and I dated for a little bit in high school and were very good friends," Peetz said. "She always held a special place in my heart, but unfortunately we weren't talking much before her passing. We dedicated the album to Abbey out of love and in the hopes that it would be a way for people to remember her forever, especially us. We are also using it as an opportunity to get people to see her artwork which is a big part of her legacy."

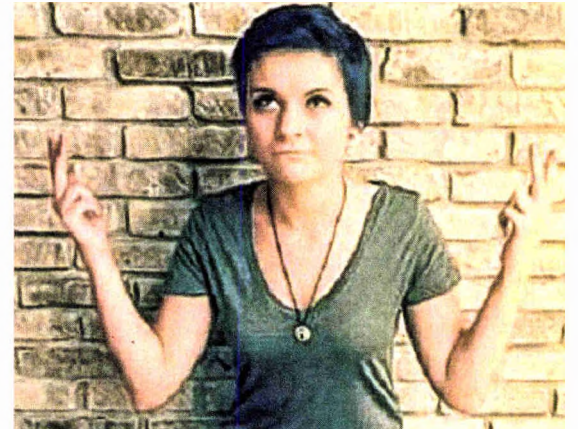


Livonia-based band, Royale, recently released its first CD.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS



The title of Royale's first CD pays tribute to a friend, Abbey Olenczuk, who died last May.



Royale's first CD, "Abbey's Art," honors Abbey Olenczuk.

The CD is the result of three years worth of songwriting, with the best tunes making it into the recording studio. Peetz and Ritz finished recording in November, and new band members Louis Scola of Trenton and Robert Thompson of Livonia have played the songs in live performances.

"It's easier and more comfortable now when we're playing on stage. We don't need to fill in sound that was missing," Peetz said. "Louis plays guitar, trumpet and piano and was in the first band we ever played a live show with. We immediately hit it off. Robert, who plays bass has been a longtime

friend of Frank. He didn't play bass before. He played a little guitar. Frank gave him the bass and her learned it in three months."

Download the new CD at [withcheese.bandcamp.com/](http://withcheese.bandcamp.com/) and keep track of Royale's appearances at [facebook.com/royalemichigan](http://facebook.com/royalemichigan).

## GET OUT! CALENDAR

### ANIMALS

#### DETROIT ZOO

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

**Location:** I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

**Details:** Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking

**Wildlife art:** The Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition — a collection of images from the world's largest and most prestigious wildlife photography competition — runs through March 23 and is free with zoo admission. It features 100 images from winners of the 2013 competition.

**Contact:** 248-541-5717

### ARTS AND CRAFTS CITY GALLERY

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Jan. 9

**Location:** The Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Michigan Weavers Guild exhibit

**Contact:** 248-473-1859

### GALLERY@VT

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public events, through Jan. 7; closed on holidays

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

**Details:** Ann Arbor Fiberarts Guild displays a variety of fiber art including: tapestries, wearable art, textiles, fiber paper, baskets, sculpture and surface design

**Contact:** 734-394-5300; [cantonvillagetheater.org](http://cantonvillagetheater.org)

### NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

**Time/Date:** Noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2-31; opening reception is 6-9 p.m. Jan. 2

**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville

**Details:** "Between Landscape and Place" is a solo show by painter John Dempsey

**Contact:** 248-344-0497

### COMEDY

#### JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

**Time/Date:** 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 2-3

**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

**Details:** Mike Stanley; \$16 show only, \$29 with dinner

**Open mic:** Each comedian gets five minutes of stage time. Open



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Desert Flowers, a felted collage by Anne Flora, is on display with other fiber works through Jan. 7 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

mic begins at 8 p.m. every Tuesday. Call the box office Tuesday through Thursday, to get on the performer list

**Contact:** 734-261-0555; [catchthefunny.com](http://catchthefunny.com)

### MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2; 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3

**Location:** Fourth and Troy streets in downtown Royal Oak

**Details:** Rob Little; tickets \$18

**Contact:** 248-542-9900; [info@ComedyCastle.com](mailto:info@ComedyCastle.com)

### FILM

#### PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2, and Thursday, Jan. 8; 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 3-4

**Location:** 760 Penniman, Plymouth

**Details:** *The Judge*; admission \$3

**Contact:** 734-453-0870; [www.penntheatre.com](http://www.penntheatre.com)

#### REDFORD THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Jan. 9; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Jan. 10

**Location:** 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Avenue in

Detroit

**Details:** *All About Eve*, \$5

**Contact:** 313-898-1481

### HISTORY

#### KELSEY MUSEUM

**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2; 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 3-4

**Location:** 434 State St., Ann Arbor

**Details:** For the first time, the Kelsey Museum is open during the holiday season when University of Michigan buildings normally are closed. Themed, one-hour gallery tours are offered on select days at 2 p.m. Tours are free. Call for specific themes and dates

**Contact:** 734-764-9304

#### PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

**Time/Date:** 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday, through Jan. 11

**Location:** 155 S. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** "Twas the Night Before Christmas" exhibit features scenes from stories and movies, such as *Elf*, *Polar Express* and *A Christmas Carol*. Santa visits every Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17

**Contact:** 734-455-8940

### MUSIC

#### BLUES@THE ELKS

**Time/Date:** 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month

**Location:** Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

**Details:** \$5 donation

**Contact:** 734-453-1780

#### CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17

**Location:** Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills

**Details:** Violin legend Gidon Kremer and pianist Daniil Trifonov perform works by Mozart, Schubert, and the 20th-century Russian composer, Mieczyslaw Weinberg. Tickets are \$30-\$60; students with ID pay \$15-\$30

**Contact:** 248-855-6070; [ChamberMusicDetroit.org](http://ChamberMusicDetroit.org)

#### JAZZ CAFE

**Time/Date:** 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. starting Saturday, Jan. 17

**Location:** Jazz Cafe at Music Hall Center for Performing Arts, 350 Madison, Detroit

**Details:** Perfect 10 fundraiser benefits the Michigan Humane Society and celebrates the 10-year anniversary of MOTORCITYBLOG. Bands include Yum, The Ill Itches, War Horses, Pewter Club, Amino Acids, Electric Lion Sound Wave Experiment, and more. \$10 at the door, \$20 VIP access

**Contact:** 313-887-8501

#### MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

**Time/Date:** 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11

**Location:** The Inn at St. John's Chapel, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth

**Details:** "Miniature Masterpieces," will include *Divertimento K.136/125a* by Mozart, *Brandenburg Concerto No. 4* by Bach, *Suite for Violin, Piano & Small Orchestra* by Lou Harrison and *Peninsula Suite* by Nancy Bloomer Deussen. \$30 general admission; \$25 for seniors, 62 and over, and \$10 for students with ID

**Contact:** [michiganphil.org](http://michiganphil.org)

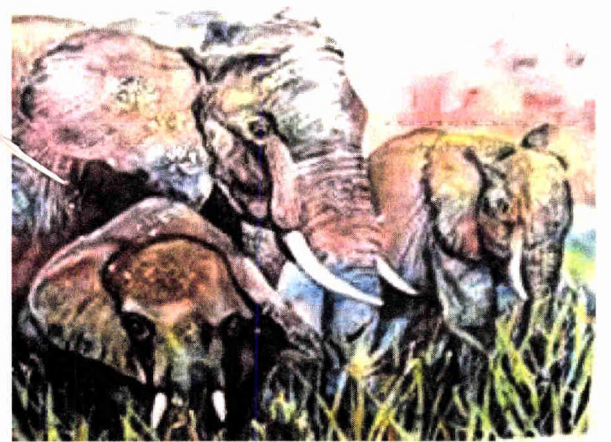
#### PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Jan. 5

**Location:** First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township

**Details:** Rehearsals begin for the Society's 29th season. Experienced singers are welcome. The group will perform *Dixit Dominus* by Vivaldi and *Solemn Vespers* by Mozart on May 3

**Contact:** 734-455-8353; [plymouthoratoriosociety.org](http://plymouthoratoriosociety.org)



SUBMITTED

A watercolor by Betty Felts of Three Cities Art Club

## Art groups offer critique session, kids' class, open studio

Three Cities Art Club will try a group approach for its annual critique of members' works.

The free session runs 7-9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5, in the lower level meeting rooms at Canton Township Hall, 1150 Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Light refreshments will be served.

The public will get a chance to watch the critique process as club members submit unfinished pieces for review. Artists will talk about their art and the specific assistance they need to finish their projects. The critique committee will take into consideration whether the artist is striving for realism or an abstract/ethereal style in offering helpful suggestions.

Allen Brooks will focus on composition, Doreen Lawton will provide insights into use of color, Liz Gullikson will look at how value, also known as tone, can be used to create focal points of interest, and Kay Masini will talk about the use of rhythm and how repeated patterns can be used to strategically move the viewer's eye throughout the work of art. As moderator, Marilyn Meredith will explore texture and offer suggestions not covered by other committee members.

For more information, call Meredith at 313-231-3939 or visit [www.threecitiesartclub.org](http://www.threecitiesartclub.org).

### In Livonia

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia will offer "Kids Paint Watercolor," a four-week class for ages 10-14, that runs 4:30-6 p.m. Thursday, beginning Jan. 22, at the Association, 37653 Five Mile, Livonia.

Instructor Jennifer Helner, who has a bachelor of fine arts degree from Wayne State University, will introduce the tools, paints and techniques of watercolor. Students will create several new and completed projects. The tuition is \$50. A \$20 materials fee is due at the first class. Registration deadline is Jan. 15.

Other classes for adults include watercolor, acrylics, portrait and gesture drawing, mastering color and experimental painting. A 12-week "open studio" also will be offered from 12:30-3:30 p.m. beginning Thursday, Jan. 8. The open studio allows artists to work side by side on individual projects without a teacher present. Cost is \$5 per session. No registration is required.

To register or for more information, call 734-838-1204 or visit [vaalart.org](http://vaalart.org).





Sugar Cookie Party Mix

## Keep snacks simple to help pull off the perfect party

Whether you're planning your first party or you're a seasoned host, throwing a successful bash relies on creativity and a solid plan.

"Pick one or two elements of your gathering that you personalize and keep the rest simple," advises DIY and entertaining expert Brit Morin of Brit + Co. "With a few clever ideas in your back pocket, you can pull off the perfect party."

Make your event the highlight of the holiday season with Brit's simple tips:

» **Show your style.** Are you going for traditional decor, cocktail chic or colorful and kid-friendly? Find or create a pattern and repeat it throughout your party elements. If you go with something simple like triangles, use triangles in your decorative garlands, invites, table settings and more. Add an unexpected accent by trimming your counter-tops, bookshelves or chair legs with patterned tape to match your theme.

» **DIY with confidence.** Don't be intimidated by a little DIY. Make your own centerpiece by filling a rustic bucket with striped lollipops or candy canes, or a glass hurricane vase with pine cones or berries. Repurpose an old sweater to create a decorative cover for glass jars filled with snacks.

» **Time-saving treats.** Simple, delicious recipes are a life-saver. Select easy-to-prepare dishes like cheese trays, veggie plates and crowd-pleasing snacks such as Chex Party Mix, which you can make to match nearly any theme or flavor combination. The best part — most recipes can be made in just 15 minutes in the microwave and some are 100 percent gluten-free.

» **End with a bang.** Leave your guests with a

### SUGAR COOKIE PARTY MIX

**6 cups Rice Chex cereal**  
**¼ cup butter or margarine**  
**¼ cup granulated sugar**  
**2 tablespoons corn syrup**  
**2 teaspoons pure vanilla**  
**¼ cup powdered sugar**  
**1 ounce white baking chocolate or ¼ cup vanilla milk chips**  
**1-2 teaspoons colored edible glitter or sugar sprinkles**

Measure cereal into large microwavable bowl. Line cookie sheet with waxed paper or foil.

In 2-cup microwavable measuring cup, microwave butter uncovered on high 30 seconds or until melted. Add sugar and corn syrup; microwave uncovered on high 30 seconds, until mixture is heated and can be stirred smoothly. Stir in vanilla. Pour over cereal, stirring until evenly coated.

Microwave uncovered on high 2 minutes, stirring after 1 minute. Sprinkle with powdered sugar; mix well. Spread on waxed paper or foil. Microwave white chocolate on high 30 seconds or until it can be stirred smoothly; drizzle over top. Sprinkle with edible glitter or sprinkles.

**Tip:** For an easy and even way to apply the powdered sugar, pour sugar into a large freezer zip-type bag. After removing the cooked snack mix from the microwave, let stand in bowl 1 to 2 minutes to cool, then pour into bag and shake.

*Serving size: Calories 120 (calories from fat 35); total fat 4g (saturated fat 2 1/2g, trans fat 0g); cholesterol 10mg; sodium 140mg; total carbohydrate 20g (dietary fiber 0g, sugars 9g); protein 1g*

lasting impression and send them home with a travel kit. Create a bag with travel essentials like ear plugs, headache medicine, bottled water and snacks to enjoy during long car rides or layovers.

For more recipes and tips for creating the perfect party with Chex, visit [www.chex.com](http://www.chex.com).



### BROWN SUGAR SPICE PARTY MIX

Servings: 14

**6 cups Vanilla Chex cereal**  
**¼ cup whole roasted almonds**  
**¼ cup whole roasted cashews**  
**2 tablespoons butter or margarine**  
**¼ cup packed brown sugar**  
**2 tablespoons dark corn syrup**  
**2 teaspoons ground cinnamon**  
**1 teaspoon ground ginger**  
**¼ cup gluten-free yogurt-covered cranberries or yogurt-covered raisins**

Measure cereal and nuts into large microwavable bowl; set aside.

In 2-cup microwavable measuring cup, microwave butter on high 30 seconds; stir and microwave 30 seconds longer or until butter is melted. Stir in brown sugar, corn syrup and spices. Heat until boiling, about 30 seconds. Pour over cereal mixture, stirring until evenly coated.

Microwave uncovered on high about 3 minutes, stirring every minute, until mixture is glazed. Cool 5 minutes; stir in cranberries. Spread on waxed paper to cool. Store in airtight container.

**Tip:** If you have a hard time finding roasted cashews and almonds separately, you can just use 1 cup mixed nuts instead. Any nut will be very tasty in this sweet and spicy mix.

*Serving size: Calories 150 (calories from fat 80); total fat 9g (saturated fat 2 1/2g, trans fat 0g); cholesterol 0mg; sodium 170mg; total carbohydrate 14g (dietary fiber 1g, sugars 10g); protein 2g*



### FAVORITE CHICKEN NUGGETS

Servings: 25

**3 cups Corn Chex cereal**  
**½ cup grated Parmesan cheese**  
**½ teaspoon salt**  
**½ teaspoon seasoned salt**  
**¼ teaspoon paprika**  
**¼ teaspoon garlic powder**  
**3 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted**  
**1 tablespoon milk**  
**1 pound boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1-by-1-inch pieces**

Heat oven to 400°F.

Line cookie sheet with foil. Crush cereal. To easily crush cereal, place in plastic bag or between sheets of waxed paper, and crush with rolling pin. In medium bowl, stir together crushed cereal, cheese, salt, seasoned salt, paprika and garlic powder. In small bowl, stir together melted butter and milk. Dip chicken into butter mixture to coat evenly. Place on cookie sheet. Bake 9 minutes; turn nuggets over. Bake about 8 minutes longer or until coating is light golden brown and chicken is no longer pink in center.

**Tip:** Coating the chunks is a snap when you work quickly with one fork in each hand. Drop the chunks in the butter; turn to coat, then lift into crumbs with one fork. Use the other hand (and fork) to turn and coat in the crumbs.

*Serving size: Calories 60 (calories from fat 25); total fat 2 1/2g (saturated fat 1 1/2g, trans fat 0g); cholesterol 15mg; sodium 160mg; total carbohydrate 3g (dietary fiber 0g, sugars 0g); protein 5g*



### HONEY-PEANUT BUTTER BARS

Servings: 24

**6 cups Honey Nut Chex cereal**  
**¼ cup honey-roasted peanuts**  
**½ cup honey or light corn syrup**  
**¼ cup sugar**  
**½ cup creamy peanut butter**  
**¼ cup dark chocolate chips**

Butter 9- or 8-inch square pan. In large bowl, mix cereal and peanuts; set aside.

In 3-quart saucepan, heat honey and sugar just to boiling over medium heat, stirring constantly. Remove from heat; stir in peanut butter until smooth. Pour over cereal mixture in bowl; stir gently until evenly coated. Press firmly in pan. Cool 15 minutes.

In small microwavable bowl, microwave chocolate chips uncovered on High 30 to 60 seconds, stirring every 15 seconds, until melted and smooth. Drizzle over top of bars. Let stand at room temperature at least 30 minutes until chocolate is set. For bars, cut into 4 rows by 6 rows. Store loosely covered at room temperature.

**Tip:** Don't like sticky? Cleanup is easy when you spray the measuring cup with cooking spray before adding honey. It will slip right out!

*Serving size: Calories 130 (calories from fat 45); total fat 5g (saturated fat 1g, trans fat 0g); cholesterol 0mg; sodium 115mg; total carbohydrate 20g (dietary fiber 1g, sugars 13g); protein 3g*



### CHEX LEMON BUDDIES

Servings: 24

**9 cups Rice Chex cereal**  
**1 ¼ cups white vanilla baking chips**  
**¼ cup butter or margarine**  
**4 teaspoons grated lemon peel**  
**2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice**  
**2 cups powdered sugar**

Into large bowl, measure cereal; set aside. In 1-quart microwavable bowl, microwave chips, butter, lemon peel and juice uncovered on high 1 minute; stir. Microwave about 30 seconds longer or until mixture can be stirred smoothly. Pour mixture over cereal, stirring until evenly coated. Pour into 2-gallon resealable food-storage plastic bag. Add powdered sugar. Seal bag; gently shake until well coated. Spread on waxed paper or foil to cool. Store in airtight container.

**Variation:** Stir in chopped dried tropical fruits, coconut or macadamia nuts after coating the cereal mixture with powdered sugar.

*Serving size: Calories 160 (calories from fat 45); total fat 5g (saturated fat 4g, trans fat 0g); cholesterol 5mg; sodium 135mg; total carbohydrate 26g (dietary fiber 0g, sugars 18g); protein 1g*