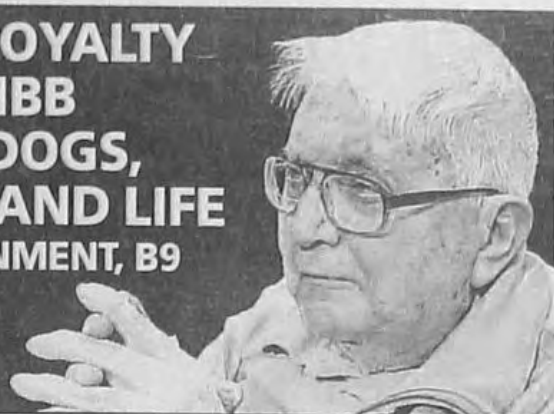


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## Two in running to succeed Heise

**Matt Jachman**  
Staff Writer

Two Republicans have lined up so far for the race to succeed term-limited Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, in the Michigan House of Representatives.

Jeff Noble of Plymouth Township, pastor of Praise Baptist Church, and Chris

Roosen of Northville Township, a former township trustee with more than 25 years' experience in the auto industry, recently announced their candidacies. They are competing in the Tuesday, Aug.



Noble



Roosen

2, state primary. Heise's 20th District includes Plymouth, Plymouth Township and a portion of eastern Canton Township. Heise, who is in the last year of his third two-year term, is running for Plymouth Town-

ship supervisor.

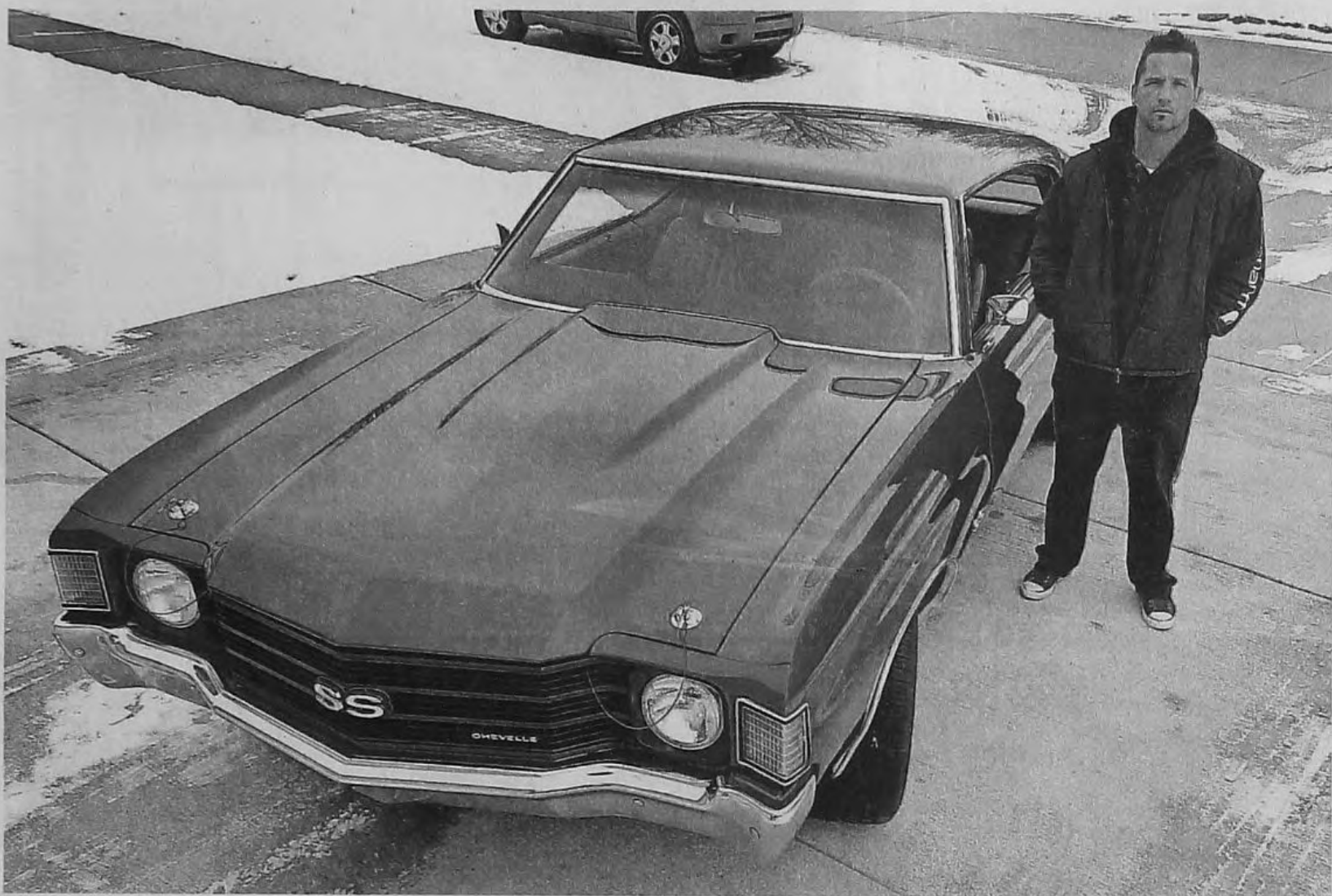
Noble, 54, and Roosen, 49, both style themselves as fiscal conservatives who would be able to work with a diverse House membership and leverage their experience to look out for the district's interests when it comes to issues like roads and public schools.

**'Straight shooter'**

Noble said he is a "straight shooter" who sees disenchanted and disinterested voters "sitting on the sidelines" whom he hopes to engage in the political process.

"They're just frustrated with people who say one thing

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Donny Spears, who used to visit Autorama as a child, will be in the show this year for the first time with his 1972 Chevy Chevelle.

## Chevelle owner's childhood dream comes to Autorama

**Darrell Clem**  
Staff Writer

Donny Spears of Canton has fond childhood memories of trips his family made to Autorama, where he marveled over hot rods and custom cars that seemed far beyond a young boy's reach.

He saw it as an elite club, out of his league.

Not anymore. Spears, 43, has been chosen to show

his ruby red 1972 Chevy Chevelle when the 64th Detroit Autorama roars into Cobo Center Feb. 26-28.

"I'm super-excited about it," he said. "I've never done anything like this."

Spears, a crane operator and married father of three, bought his Chevelle for \$7,000 three years ago in Oakland County after he saw a Craigslist ad.

"It was going to be a race car. It had a roll cage in it," he said. "I cut that out and restored it from the ground up."

Another \$20,000 later and his Chevelle is among a select group of 800 top-tier cars chosen for what is billed as America's Greatest Hot Rod Show — the biggest and one of the oldest of its kind in the country.

"I think this means a lot to him," Abby Spears said of her husband. "It's like being a kid again."

He will have company at Autorama,

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## Funding rescued for special-needs recreation program

**Darrell Clem**  
Staff Writer

Dodging a budget ax, a Canton-based therapeutic recreation program that serves Wayne County residents with disabilities has been rescued after a dispute over how to pay for it.

"It's a definite win for our district," said Wayne County Commissioner Joe Barone, who represents Canton and Plymouth townships and the city of Plymouth.

County officials sought to pay a big chunk of the recurring \$75,000 price tag by taking money from a \$190,000 pot specifically allocated from the county to Barone's 10th District for local parks and recreation needs.

Barone, however, argued that Canton and the Plymouths already get a low return on what they pay into a county parks millage. Barone also said the \$75,000 — as it has in years past — should continue to come from countywide parks coffers.

Barone, accompanied by Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy and Plymouth Township Supervisor Shannon Price, took his fight to county administration officials and ultimately won.

"We fought like tooth and nail to get that (\$75,000) reinserted" back into the countywide parks budget, Barone said. "It's really a great thing."

Jennifer Provenzano, Canton recreation specialist, has said the therapeutic recreation program is based in Canton, but serves a swath of Wayne County, mostly the western suburbs. It offers job-building skills, swimming, holiday dances, movies and numerous other activities for 150 people or more each year.

Canton's Summit on the Park recreation center houses most of the programs, intended to help people with disabilities become more independent while improving their job-hunting and social skills. The program serves a population with a wide range of physical and cognitive disabilities.

Barone called the program vital to serving the needs of people, including children, with disabilities in western Wayne County.

Early on, Barone said the

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## Water drive aims to collect 10,000 bottles for Flint

**Darrell Clem**  
Staff Writer

A Canton man hopes to collect 10,000 bottles of water within a six-hour span to help a Flint community plagued by lead-contaminated water.

Kal Hakkani is asking donors to bring bottled water — preferably in cases — to a drop-off spot behind the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 5.

Hakkani concedes the one-

day attempt to collect 10,000 bottles of water is ambitious.

"It's a large amount," he said, "but it's doable."

The effort is being hosted by EZ Run Events, a Livonia-based business that specializes in 5K races, fun runs and other community-enhancing events. Hakkani is chief executive officer.

Brad Sharp, Canton Leisure Services maintenance manager, said the township agreed to let Hakkani use the parking

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After collecting water in Livonia, Canton resident Kal Hakkani hopes to collect 10,000 bottles in Canton within a six-hour span.



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## Mark your calendars: Record show Feb. 20

Mark your calendars Saturday, Feb. 20, for the upcoming annual record sale hosted by student radio station WSDP-FM (88.1), known as The Park.

The show begins at 10 a.m. and runs to 4 p.m. in the Salem High School cafeteria, 46181 Joy Road.

Admission is \$3, but collectors can get early admission at 9 a.m. for \$5. Students from Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools get in free with student identification.

This marks the show's eighth year. The Park station manager Bill Keith said last year drew the largest crowd yet, with more than 300 people, and it raised more than \$2,000 for The Park. The show also features special giveaways and door prizes.

Record dealers who want to set up shop may call Keith at 734-416-7732 or send an email to bill.keith@pccsk12.com.

## CORRECTION

A home on Colony Farm Circle in Plymouth Township was incorrectly listed as sold in the Feb. 4 *Observer*.

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## Canton Book Project promotes sharing

Who better to promote a love of reading than a passionate reader? That's the idea behind the Canton Book Project, which is currently seeking passionate readers to nominate books and become book givers.

The Canton Book Project, sponsored by the Canton Public Library, creates a community of readers by distributing well-loved books to others in the community. It's a chance

for book lovers to share their love of reading by giving out their favorite book to a recipient who, for whatever reason, doesn't read for pleasure or own books. That gift is the spark that inspires the recipient to keep reading, creating an engaged, informed community.

Last year, eight book givers distributed 100 books throughout the community. One book giver, 16-year-old Ryen O'Meara, was so in-

spired by the experience that he applied for and received a Start-A-Snowball grant and is working with a teacher at Discovery Middle School to continue to encourage reading in middle school.

Readers of all ages and reading interests are encouraged to apply to be book givers and may nominate a title of any reading level or subject. The books will be supplied by the Canton Public Library and

distributed by the book giver. Applications are due by March 4 and can be found at [www.cantonpl.org](http://www.cantonpl.org). Selected book givers will receive 10 copies of their title April 12 and have until April 30 to distribute the books.

Funding for the Canton Book Project is supplied by The Friends of the Canton Public Library. For more information, go to [www.cantonpl.org](http://www.cantonpl.org) or call 734-397-0999.

## AUTORAMA

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too. His brother Ricky Spears will be showing his 1965 Buick Riviera and his cousin Dennis Spears — both of Garden City — will display his 1967 Chevrolet Camaro. And a friend, Rob Gomez of Westland, is showing his 1951 Ford pickup truck.

Donny Spears and his three brothers grew up around muscle cars. He recalls a 1970 Plymouth Road Runner their late father, Larry Spears, had.

"We're from a muscle car family," he said. "My whole family had Chevilles and Camaros."

Aside from his Chevelle, Spears also has a 1955 Ford Customline and a 1955 Mercury.

With a little help from his friends and family, Spears worked tirelessly for six months to restore his Chevelle. It has a 408 cubic inch motor and comes with its SS ghost stripes — closely match-



Donny Spears will be showing his ruby red 1972 Chevy Chevelle at Autorama.

ing the car's color — on the hood and trunk lid.

Spears has taken his car to various shows and has driven it during events such as the Woodward Dream Cruise.

"I think it's a great hobby for him," his wife said.

Spears said his Chevelle was chosen for Autorama after he submitted a portfolio, including pictures and

background information about it.

This year, he will return again to a place where, as a young boy, he was in awe of the cars he saw on this display. This time, though, he's part of the show.

Autorama hours are noon to 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28.

Admission at the gate is \$19 for adults, \$6 for children ages 6-12 and free for children 5 and under. Discount tickets, available at O'Reilly Auto Parts, are \$17 for adults and \$5 for children 6-12.

For more information, call 248-373-1700 or go to [www.autorama.com](http://www.autorama.com).

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## WATER

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lot behind the administration building to collect the water for Flint.

An effort by Hakkani and others already col-

lected an estimated 18,000 bottles of water at Quality Line Services, a Livonia company where Hakkani is vice president of operations.

Hakkani is a 2006 graduate of Plymouth High School and, as a Canton resident, wanted

to get the local community involved in his Flint project.

"We're doing this because we can," he said. "If we are able as a company and a people to stand up and help those need it, then why not?" Hakkani said water

will be placed on pallets and hauled by truck to Flint, where it will be turned over to the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan.

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# Canton man is Legion post's February Veteran of the Month

Howard Lappek, a World War II veteran from Canton, was honored as the February 2016 Veteran of the Month by the Sons of the American Legion Squadron of the Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32 in Livonia.

Lappek served in the Army from 1945-47. Raised in northwest Detroit, Lappek was a teenager at Cooley High School as World War II was coming to an end. He was an only child and had many uncles who were like big brothers to him.

They were all in the military and fighting during the war and Lappek wanted desperately to help them all get home. In fall 1945, at age 17, he convinced his parents to sign for him to allow him to join the Army.

Lappek was inducted in October 1945 and sent to Fort Sheridan, Ill., and then to Fort Bliss, Texas, for basic training. He was assigned to the Quartermasters Corp and also served as an MP. There were many servicemen returning from Europe and the Pacific and the military was struggling to get everyone discharged or placed.

Lappek was sent to Camp Polk, La., to Fort Benning, Ga., and then to Fort Ord, Calif. On the way to Fort Ord, the train stopped in New Mexico at White Sands. The soldiers were all asked to exit the train and count off by threes. All the number ones were sent way off into the desert, the number twos were to go half way out and the number threes were to stay by the train.

They were not told what was going on, but suddenly the ground trembled under their feet and then they were told to get back on the train. "No one knew what just happened and no one asked, we just went on about our business," Lappek said.

"In Fort Ord, we were divided into two groups, Task Force Willowah and Task Force Frigid," Lappek said. "We were told we would be heading north for cold weather training."

In late 1945 relations between the U.S. and the Soviet Union worsened and the possibility of armed conflict played an important role in the army's plans to conduct winter operations in the arctic. These operations were to test the endurance of soldiers exposed to harsh winter conditions and also test clothing, weapons, vehicles and other equipment that would be used in combat.

Howard was assigned to Task Force Willowah and sent to the Aleutian Islands. He was put on an LST and sent to the island of Attu, where in 1942 11,000 U.S. troops had battled Japanese forces in two weeks of fighting and drove them from the island. Howard's assignment was to search the island for remains of soldiers from that battle so they could be sent to the Quartermaster Corps-Grave Registration for documentation.

Lappek married in 1950, has two children, four grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, with another on the way. He retired in 1994 from the GM Spring and Bumper Plant in Livonia as a pipefitter after 35 years service. He has been a member of Post 32 for 26 years.

Lappek was interviewed and presented a plaque with his picture and service information by members of the S.A.L. Veteran of the Month Committee. An additional plaque was also put on display in the vestibule of the American Legion



Howard Lappek, a World War II veteran from Canton, was honored as the February 2016 Veteran of the Month.

### Hall.

The S.A.L. invites local residents to attend its monthly meetings to listen to the Veteran of the Month. The public is also encouraged and to

nominate veterans to be honored at its meetings. Nomination forms can be picked up at the American Legion Hall, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48150.

# Area firefighters practice ice rescues at Madonna

David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

Jumping into a frigid, cold St. Francis Pond at Madonna University is Karen Sanborn's way of connecting to the university and her family.

Sanborn, the university's director of marketing, donned a yellow suit Friday morning to keep warm before jumping into the pond as a part of a training exercise done by the Livonia Fire Department, an agency she has high respect for.

"I grew up with a grandfather who was a fire chief, an uncle who was a fire chief and a lot of cousins," she said. "I really respect what they do. So part of it was just to get exposure for their training. They're prepared for anything."

Firefighters were at the Livonia university all week preparing to train on saving people who may fall into the area's icy waters, be it in a small pond or Newburgh Lake.

Lt. Matt Ream of the Livonia Fire Department said the work done at Madonna was something the department always does when temperatures dip below freezing. Friday was no exception with the weather, with temperatures leaving a thick sheet of ice over the pond.

"This is our annual ice water rescue training," he said. "It's a refresher that all of our



MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Karen Sanborn, director of marketing for Madonna University, floats Friday in St. Francis Pond as two Livonia firefighters go out and complete a training exercise designed to teach them how to rescue people stuck in cold water.

personnel go through, except added this year was a new piece of equipment, the MAR-SARS rescue sled."

Firefighters first went out and cut a hole in the middle of the pond where the depth was about six feet. Sanborn was then led out to the middle of the pond before jumping into the water, floating with the help of her water suit. She was helped out of the waters by firefighters and placed on the sled. She was then pulled to safety.

### Low frequency, high risk

Sanborn said Paul DeNapoli, the director of the university's fire science, emergency management and OSEH program, was instrumental in getting her out in the pond.

With so few bodies of water in Livonia, Sanborn said the university was pleased to showcase its staff and space to help train the city's firefighters.

"It's about education

and service, which are core values at Madonna. And it's about a great partnership we have with Livonia Fire and Rescue," she said.

"We're happy to be able to offer a place for their training."

The efforts are done to ensure safety for not only areas around Livonia, but across western Wayne County: several firefighters are a part of the Western Wayne County Urban Search and Rescue Team, which is sometimes used in other communities as well if called.

During the training, firefighters always have some sort of security line to be able to bring them back to shore if needed.

"Part of our job is being prepared for these low-frequency, high-risk events," Ream said. "The only way to do that is to try and recreate them in some way."

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**CANTON CRIME WATCH****Woman alleges man stalked her at home, in hotels**

A Canton woman is accusing a former co-worker of stalking her at her home, at a grocery store and at hotels in Eaton Rapids and in Canada, where she had gone for work.

A police report filed by the 43-year-old victim details numerous stalking incidents that she says has occurred for months. She claims the suspect, 54, not only trailed her, but also has phoned her and sent numerous text messages and emails.

The victim notified police this month to report the incidents, saying the suspect in January confronted her in a Canton grocery store and indicated he was "going to get ya." She said she had dated the

suspect, but it didn't work out.

Among the allegations:  
» The suspect has parked his vehicle near her residence and kept watch on her home. She said her ex-husband confronted the suspect and he drove away.

» The victim claims the man sent "evil" text messages and emails and then tried to retract what he allegedly had said.

» The suspect is accused of trailing the woman to Canada in late December and was seen in a stairwell of the hotel where she was staying. She said she refused to talk with him and locked herself inside a room.

» The victim told police she began getting phone calls from the suspect, but the caller identification indicated it was her friends and family who were

calling — raising questions about whether he had managed to hack into their phone accounts. One night, she said, he called 50 times.

» The victim said the suspect rang her doorbell earlier this month and later trailed her to a hotel in Eaton Rapids, where he videotaped her while she was having dinner.

» She accused the suspect of saying he was going to text her 12-year-old daughter.

A police report indicated the suspect was arrested for operating a vehicle while impaired in the victim's neighborhood, but more serious charges are pending in 35th District Court.

**Fraudulent check**

Police say a 21-year-old man used a stolen check to get \$400 from a Canton bank, claiming it was payment he received for

helping another man move furniture.

The suspect, a Canton man, told police he had been hired after he responded to a Craigslist ad.

An investigation revealed the suspect initially went to a bank on Canton Center and tried to cash the check, but was told he didn't have enough money in his account to cover it.

He then went to another bank on Michigan Avenue and managed to get the check cashed, although an employee later realized it was fraudulent, a police report said. The suspect also had tried to cash a second check, but was denied.

The suspect actually went to the Canton police station Saturday to report that a hold had been improperly placed on his bank account. According to

court documents, he is now facing charges of filing a false police report and writing a fraudulent check.

**Hit-and-run driver**

A 26-year-old Canton woman reported her 2014 Honda Accord was struck by a male driver who fled the scene in a silver minivan.

The incident began about 3:25 p.m. last Thursday, when the woman was turning from eastbound Michigan Avenue onto northbound Beck Road. She said her vehicle was struck from behind. She said she got out of her vehicle and the man apologized.

The woman said she and the man agreed to pull their vehicles off the road to talk, but he fled west on Michigan Avenue.

— By Darrell Clem

**PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH****Massage client's behavior leads to harassment complaint**

A masseuse rebuffed a male client's attempt to turn a massage into a sexual encounter, then filed a harassment report with police.

The incident occurred around 1 p.m. Feb. 9 at a massage spa on Haggerty, a Plymouth Township Police Department report said.

The woman told police the visit started on a wrong note when the client undressed, ignoring her instructions to leave on his underwear and cover his genital area with a towel. She left the room when she saw he was naked, she said, telling him to cover himself with a towel; he did so.

During the massage, the man pulled one of the masseuse's hands toward his buttocks and later told her repeatedly to "apply oil between my legs," she said. At one point, the man said, "I'll pay you very nicely," the report said.

The woman said she cut a massage of the man's legs short because she felt uncomfortable, then, after he told her to put oil between his legs three or four times, abruptly told him the massage was finished and that he should dress, pay and leave.

The receptionist reported that the client threw the payment at her and bolted for the door.

**Neighbor trouble**

Police reported trouble Feb. 8 between neighbors in the area of Ann Arbor Trail and Beck.

A neighbor harassed a 22-year-old man who was clearing snow from a pond, in order to ice skate there with friends, and it was found later that salt had been spread on the pond, ruining it for skating, a police report said.

A day earlier, the report said, the same neighbor drove by and made an obscene gesture to relatives who were visiting.

The complainant told police he wanted the incidents documented in case the trouble escalated.

— By Matt Jachman

**Protect your car from theft with these tips**

Patrolling along U.S. 23 on a cold wintery day back in 2001, a trooper and his new cub (or probationary trooper) from the Brighton Post observed a broken-down vehicle that had been abandoned on the side of the highway.

The trooper stopped and ran the plate through dispatch. The vehicle returned as stolen. The crafty trooper checked the engine and found it to still be warm. Maybe the person who took the car was still in the area. The exit was only about a mile up the road. The person would want to get inside as it was cold or have someone pick him up, right?

The trooper looked at his cub and said, "Well, where would you go, cub?" as the patrol car pulled from the side of the road and onto the freeway. The probationary trooper looked out the window and thought for a second as they began to exit the freeway. The probationary trooper said, "Sir, if it was me, I would probably head to the pay phone in that parking lot



**Sgt. Michael Sura**  
ASK A TROOPER

ASK A TROOPER

right there," and pointed to a man standing at a pay phone making a call. You remember what a pay phone is, right?

The trooper looked at the cub with a smile. The man at the pay phone was the suspect and confessed to stealing the car. Later that night, the trooper looked at his cub and said, "You know what, cub? I guess I can start calling you Mike. Nice job today."

Did you know that a vehicle is stolen every 44 seconds in the United States and, surprisingly, nearly half of those thefts occur because a door was unlocked or the keys were left in the ignition?

In addition to locking your vehicle and taking your keys with you, there are many other precautions you can take to lessen the likelihood you will be a victim of auto theft, including:

» Closing windows when your vehicle is parked, avoiding leaving valuables in your vehicle — especially where they can be seen, not leaving your vehicle running unattended.

» Parking in well-lit areas

» Keeping your vehicle in your garage, if possible.

» Keeping exterior house lights on at night.

» Installing a car alarm or using a theft deterrent device like a steering-wheel lock or gearshift-column lock.

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During 2015, ATPA grant-funded motor vehicle theft teams recovered 5,350 stolen vehicles and parts worth approximately \$41 million.

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John Barrett, a school board trustee for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, photographs the candidate as he enters the packed room.

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# Kasich makes campaign stop in Livonia

**David Veselenak**  
Staff Writer

Grant Elementary School student Claire Galatis was excited to see her first presidential candidate Tuesday morning in Livonia.

The third-grader came to the GOP field office with her grandmother, Livonia resident Peggy Schram, to get a look at Republican presidential candidate John Kasich, who stopped in Livonia for a town hall campaign event. She later got a photo with the candidate after the event was over.

"I was learning about presidents in school and thought it would be interesting to come and see someone who was running for president," Claire said.

Kasich, the governor of neighboring Ohio, spoke to about 500 people in the office in the mostly-empty strip mall off Seven Mile, west of Farmington Road.

He touched on many issues, ranging from Iran, North Korea, the Affordable Care Act and many others. He called on those in attendance to try to make difference in areas that matter to them, including school issues.

He said it's best for those upset with the current state of their schools to seek change at the local level, where most of the decisions for education are made.

"You want to fix your schools? Don't spend all of your time talking about faraway issues in Washington," he said. "We give the power of the schools back to you."

Getting a balanced budget amendment added to the U.S. Constitution is another one of the goals he said he wanted to accomplish.

"I've been pushing that since I was 26 years old," Kasich said.

## Primary just weeks away

The Livonia stop was the last Michigan stop Kasich made over a two-day period spent doing campaign events in places such as Grand Rapids and Utica the day before. He flew to South Carolina, which holds its primary Saturday, for campaign events later that afternoon.

Kasich, who came in second in the New Hampshire primary, is seeking the Republican nomina-



BILL BRESLER  
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
John Kasich steps off his bus and reacts to members of the press.

tion for president over the other candidates, who include Donald Trump, Ted Cruz, Ben Carson, Jeb Bush and Marco Rubio. Those running in the Democratic race include Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders, who was in Michigan earlier this week, as well.

To keep pushing forward, Kasich said, when his poll numbers were so low in some parts of the country attested to his drive. Now, Kasich said recent results shows voters are looking for someone they can turn to.

"I think what people are searching for is hope and a little bit of a regeneration of our spirit of our country," he said.

It was the second presidential race stump speech given at the field office in Livonia for this cycle. Rubio made a stop back in August at the center and addressed a crowd.

Michigan primary voters will hit the polls in less than three weeks. Both the Republican and Democratic presidential primaries will be conducted March 8 in Michigan.

Schram said she and her other family members who attended came fairly early to secure seats in the office, which was filled to the front doors.

She said while she's heard quite a bit through the multiple televised debates held in recent months, she still wanted to see the candidate up close in person.

"It's just interesting," Schram said. "We wanted to hear what Kasich has to say, even though we probably already know because he's been on TV."

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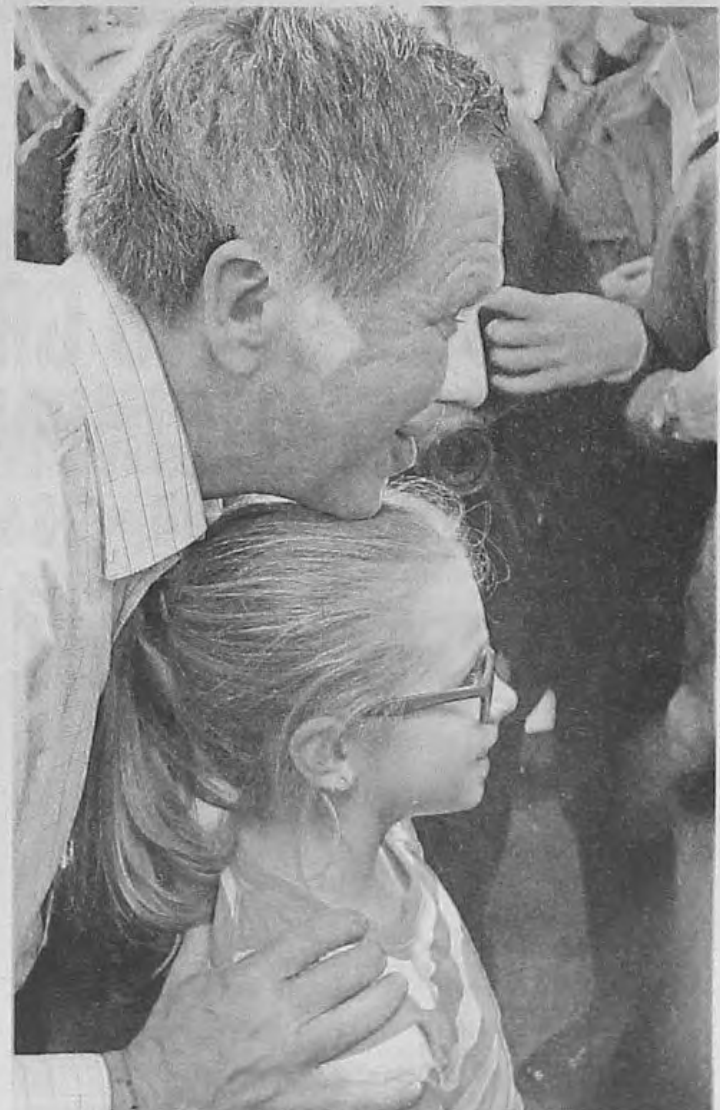


Presidential hopeful John Kasich works his way through the crowd.

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Ohio Gov. John Kasich, seeking the Republican nomination for president, made a stop Tuesday in Livonia.



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Presidential hopeful John Kasich poses for a photo with 8-year-old Claire Galatis, a third-grader at Livonia's Grant Elementary.



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Gov. John Kasich speaks with Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright.



Ypsilanti students take an interactive lesson in health at St. Joseph Mercy-Canton.

## Kids learn health care with visit to Canton's St. Joe's

Second-graders from Holmes Elementary School in Ypsilanti recently participated in the All About Me program at the Health Exploration Station at St. Joseph Mercy-Canton, courtesy of a grant from the Ford Motor Co. Fund.

During this interactive program, students learned how eating healthy food, getting sleep, exercising

and wearing safety gear keeps the body healthy. After the program, students explored the larger-than-life hands-on museum designed like the inside of a human body, in which they walked through a rib cage, crawled through a digestive system and tested their muscle strength.

The museum is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. the fourth

Thursday of each month and scholarships are still available from the Ford Motor Co. Fund for schools and community organizations to participate in the program through field trips, school assemblies or parent education classes.

For more information, call 734-398-7518 or go to [www.healthexplorationstation.com](http://www.healthexplorationstation.com).

## File income tax returns using free software courtesy IRS

It's that time of year again, to start thinking about filing our 2015 tax returns. By now, most of you have gotten the majority of your tax information; the question is, now what? There are a number of ways of completing and filing your tax return. For example, you can buy a software package and do it on your own, you could do it by hand (something I don't recommend for most people) or you can hire a professional.

There is another way and the great benefit of this way is that it's free. Yes, there is a way for most of you to complete and file your return electronically without cost. There are no gimmicks — it is legitimate.

For more than a dozen years, the Internal Revenue Service has partnered with tax software companies to allow you access to their software for free. Many tax software companies, such as TurboTax, H&R Block and TaxSlayer, participate in this program. In order to qualify for the free software, your adjusted gross income must be less than \$62,000. If your income is less than \$62,000, you can take advantage of this program.

Some people may think that because this is



Rick Bloom

MONEY MATTERS

a program sponsored by the IRS, there must be some gimmick or some catch. That's wrong. The software is basically the same software these companies sell on the open market. Therefore, you don't have to worry that it's somehow designed to favor the IRS; it's not. In addition, the question and answer format is designed to make sure you are taking all the deductions to which you are entitled. You do not have to be a tax expert to take advantage of the free software.

This year, you have 13 software packages to choose from. The key is that you can't go directly to these companies' websites. You must go through the IRS website. Go to <http://www.irs.gov/freefile>, to begin the process. Although the IRS program does not include state of Michigan tax returns, some of the software companies will also provide you with free state of Michigan tax preparation services.

We all know that taxes have become more complex and it is more ex-

pensive than ever to have your return professionally prepared. According to the IRS, about 70 percent of Americans are eligible to use the free tax software service.

People who have straightforward tax situations — such as income from wages, bank accounts and normal deductions such as mortgage interest, property tax and charitable contributions — should look to take advantage of this program. Those who have complex tax situations may wish to consult a professional. A substantial number of people can save significant money by taking advantage of the IRS program.

My philosophy has always been that money looks better in your pocket than it does anywhere else. I encourage you to take advantage of the IRS program. After all, just think how good you will feel knowing that as opposed to paying the IRS, you actually received something worthwhile for free.

Good luck!

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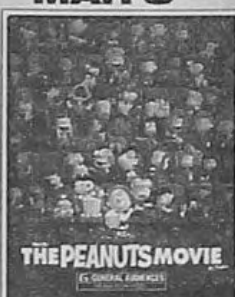
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## Get sand between your toes at Cottage & Lakefront Living Show

The ninth annual Cottage & Lakefront Living Show, for property and vacation homeowners or those looking to buy, build or rent, runs Feb. 25-28 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

"Our preseason event can help bring about your dream cottage or vacation home this year," said Dawn Baker, show manager of Show-Span, Inc. "Show-goers will find plenty of exhibits for building or renting a cottage, replacing a dock or seawall and adding cottage furnishings or water toys."

Adults and children are welcome to build sand castles at The Beach, the show's giant sandbox. Everyone can

try walking on water inside a giant inflatable transparent plastic Zorb Globe at the Cran-Hill Family Fun Zone full size pool.

The Log and Timber Frame Showcase will include floor plans, profiles, roof options, log species, cedar siding, full logs, post and beam and do-it-yourself or contractor-built home packages. Scheduled private consultations with builders, remodelers and contractors can be arranged in advance through the show's website.

Cottage Living Stage experts will explain how to set up a cottage family succession plan; guidelines for smart gardening by the lake; what to

watch for when buying lakefront property; advice on finding your dream cottage; fishing tips; information on vacation homes as an investment property; and the opportunity to explore other ways to make it the best season at the cottage yet.

Suburban Collection Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River, between Novi and Beck roads. Show hours are 3-9:30 p.m. Thursday, noon to 9:30 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$10, \$4 for children 6-14 and children 5 and younger admitted free.

Go to [www.novicottageshow.com](http://www.novicottageshow.com) for more.

## The Big Salad, Madonna University launch business education project

The Big Salad is teaming with Madonna University to introduce a new reality-based learning project for the school's business majors.

"Seal the Deal" is a semester-long project in which teams of students compete to create, design, test and market a new menu product for The Big Salad. According to John Bornoty, The Big Salad founder and CEO, the concept was successfully piloted at Grosse Pointe North High School and is now being introduced at the university level in for-credit courses.

"Seal the Deal" student teams meet in groups, in classroom settings and on-site at The Big Salad Novi location, 43168 Grand River, to develop, test and market their menu creations.

The four teams will have the opportunity to market their proposed menu items during the weeks of March 28 and April 4, with the winning team to be announced at the university April 11.

"We're pleased to have the opportunity to have this partnership with The Big Salad as part of our continuing work to provide our students with more reality-



The Big Salad founder and CEO John Bornoty is excited for the start of the "Seal the Deal" program

based learning experiences," said Cleamon Moorer, dean of Madonna University's School of Business.

Students in the principles of marketing course taught by Nidhal Bouazizi, Madonna University assistant professor, International Business, are participating in the "Seal the Deal" experience.

"Students are showing great enthusiasm for this opportunity to put into practice what they are learning in the classroom about marketing," he said.

The Big Salad can be found in Ann Arbor, Grosse Pointe Woods, Novi, Troy and Charlotte. Learn more at [www.thebig salad.net](http://www.thebig salad.net).



## OUR VIEW

# AAA on-target on speed limit legislation; urge a no vote by your state legislators

This newspaper recently received a letter from AAA Michigan with which we agree wholeheartedly.

AAA has long advocated for traffic safety measures and its AAA Michigan president, Steve Wagner, raises safety issues about current state legislation.

The Michigan House of Representatives will soon be voting on a package of bills aimed to increase the speed limits on Michigan's roadways. AAA Michigan has serious concerns with the legislation, Wagner says.

This proposal could potentially increase the speed limit to 80 mph. Wagner writes, "We recognize the need for a speed limit that keeps all traffic moving at a safe rate, but do we really want large commercial vehicles traveling at speeds of 70 mph and cars driving

at 80 mph? Given the current conditions of our roadways, we question the safety of traveling the current speed limit, let alone driving at increased speeds."

Wagner also cites driver distraction, including cellphones, texting, GPS and other evolving technology. Drivers at 80 mph are a greater safety risk when distracted, AAA notes.

Wagner adds, "Proponents will argue individuals are already driving faster than the posted speed limit and people tend to drive at a speed which they feel comfortable. We are also concerned about the negative effect a speed limit increase will have on newly licensed drivers and senior drivers."

He praises the House Transportation Committee for incorporating the requirement of a safety study

into the bills, an AAA recommendation, but adds there are additional factors to consider including roadway design, vehicle crash data and roadside development.

This newspaper also urges legislators to vote "no" on House Bills 4423, 4424, and 4425. Distracted driving is more prevalent than ever these days and puts all motorists and their passengers at greater risk, including young drivers just learning the rules of the road.

Make your voice heard by letting your representatives in the state Legislature know your views on this measure. "Safety first" is a common refrain, but it applies here and should be heeded by all who share Michigan's roadways.

## LETTERS

### Wait until he's cold

I found last night's Republican debate to be very outrageous. After a brief moment of silence for the passing of Supreme Court Justice Scalia, the candidates proceeded to emphasize and focus on how they wouldn't allow President Obama to appoint a new justice in the next 11 months!

If Obama didn't take action on ISIS or North Korea for 11 months, they would annihilate him. But America, according to the the candidates on stage, don't deserve a new justice for 11 months. OMG, Justice Scalia wasn't even "cold"

yet and the only thing they could comment on was his "replacement." Thank you, candidates, for your warm, compassionate feelings on the death of a great American. You're all beauties.

Tom Kelly  
Plymouth

### Meet candidates

Mark Clinton has announced his candidacy for Plymouth Township treasurer in 2016. He will be speaking and answering questions at the meeting of Plymouth Concerned Citizens 7-8:45 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, in the Plymouth library on Main Street in downtown Plymouth. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mark will be challenging incumbent treasurer, Ron Edwards, in the August primary. The winner of the August primary will run for treasurer on the November ballot. Edwards was part of a recall campaign last year and received more recall signatures than he received votes in the last primary election. The recall was not successful due to the 60-day time constraint imposed by the Michigan Legislature.

Mark Clinton is new on the political scene, but he comes with very strong business and financial credentials. He is a 27-year resident of Plymouth Township and is committed to re-establishing trust and transparency in local government, which has been sorely lacking in the township in recent years.

Plymouth Concerned Citizens will be hosting candidates from all parties to speak at upcoming meetings every month right up to the August

primary. To keep informed of upcoming speakers and events, go to the PCC website at <http://plymouthconcernedcitizens.com/>

Jackie Peters  
Plymouth Township

### What's Yack doing?

While reading the Feb. 11 *Observer*, I came across a guest column article written by Canton Township Trustee Tom Yack. I was intrigued as to why Yack would interject himself into the discussion that Plymouth Township and the city of Plymouth are having over the fate of the old Central Middle School and a new recreational facility.

To my amazement, Yacks plan is to "poach" any new facility, open it in Canton Township and subject our (Canton) residents to pay more taxes for this scheme. What on Earth would we gain from this? We already have, and pay for, two top-notch venues, Summit On The Park and

The Village Theater. Now Yack wants us to pay for competing facilities?

I would suggest that Yack use his remaining time in office to join former Democratic state Rep. Dian Slavens and current Democratic Rep. Kristy Pagen in demanding that his fellow Republicans in Lansing stop shortchanging our cities and townships.

But, then again, I imagine Yack subscribes to that old "never speak ill of another sitting Republican."

James Huddleston  
Canton

### Who does school board represent?

I'm very concerned over a pattern seen with this school board. First, they decide to open 200 seats to School of Choice students from other districts. Many residents showed up at a special meeting when word of this became public and at least 80 percent expressed their disagreement. In spite of that

feedback, it was clear, they'd already decided to allow the 200 seats and were going to proceed with that plan regardless of the feedback. To appease us, they promised it would be a one-time request.

One year later, they added additional School of Choice seats. Again, I went to the board meeting to express my disapproval, clearly to closed ears. Outside that meeting room, I asked a member of our school leadership if the board even knew whether residents supported or objected to School of Choice and he suggested they did not. Amazing!

Now we experience a change in superintendent of schools, managed entirely within the board with no transparency to the residents of this community. And Kim Couch responds with, "The board takes full responsibility for the process" and apologized to the

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Klim Kostin (left), who scored the winning goal for Russia, greets Sean Dhooghe of the U.S. team during the traditional post-game handshake line. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

KLAA TOURNEY

## Chiefs too much for Rocks

Canton clicks in league tournament opener, 55-35

Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

After an early surge by visiting Salem in Tuesday's KLAA tournament opener, Canton varsity girls basketball coach Rob Heitmeyer tweaked his defense.

Then came the tell-tale second quarter — during which Canton outscored its longtime campus rival, 19-3, to build a 31-11 lead at halftime.

From there, the final outcome was all but determined, with the Chiefs winning, 55-35.

"In the second quarter, we played the defense we like to play," said. "They came out and scored seven points early and we made adjustments. We had to stop the dribble-drive.

"Once we did that, they had to kick it back out and rely on some contested outside shots and that was the difference."

Canton (14-3) now will host Plymouth at 7 p.m. Friday in a Kensington Conference semifinal. The Wildcats (7-10) upset Novi (14-3), 45-39.

According to Salem head coach Lindsay Klemmer, the shorthanded Rocks were dealt another blow just two hours before tip-off, when junior forward Jayna Lenders, their all-KLAA player, went home with the flu. The Rocks brought up Maddy Kernahan from the junior varsity for the Canton contest.

So Klemmer needed to switch from man-to-man to zone coverage going into the second quarter in order to preserve energy and keep her team fresh.

That move did not pan out. "In the second, we went to zone to protect our kids from (committing) fouls and to give them a break," Klemmer said. "Eighteen of those 19 (Canton) points were off offensive rebounds; it's tough to box out of a zone. And they're a great offensive rebounding team."

In the second half, the teams pretty much were on even footing. Each team scored nine points in the third quarter and 15 in the fourth.

Among Salem's spark plugs was senior guard Marisa Martin, who scored eight of her 13 points in the fourth — including seven in less than a min-

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# HOCKEY HEARTBREAKER

Tourney title eludes U.S. as Russia wins at packed USA Hockey Arena

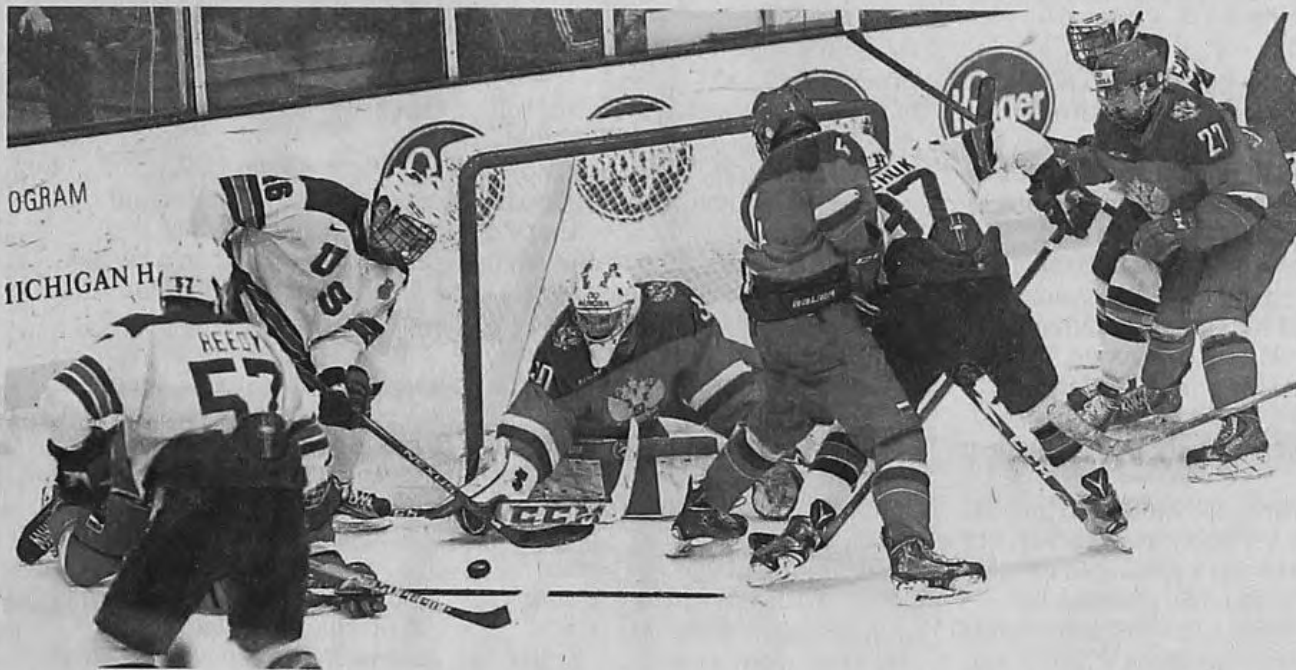
Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

One minute, USA Hockey Arena was rocking louder than it ever has. The U.S. team had just scored twice in a bit over a minute to tie Saturday's Under-17 Five Nations Tournament winner-take-home finale against Russia.

"U-S-A! U-S-A!" chants filled the air as nearly 3,300 spectators wanted nothing better than to see the U.S. NTDP U17s score again and win the title.

"We were just trying to thrive off the energy," U.S. forward Sean Dhooghe said. "It was great, we love hearing the building get loud. We were loud on the bench. The energy was there, it was great. We were just trying to feed off it."

The next minute, however, it got so quiet one could hear a pin drop. That pin — courtesy of Klim Kostin's unassisted goal at 17:15 of the third period — burst Team USA's red-white-and-blue balloon as Rus-



Grant Mismash of the U.S. tries to jam the puck past Russian goalie Maxim Zhukov. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

sia went ahead to stay. An empty-netter in the final seconds closed out the 5-3 decision, which ended with Russian players flinging their sticks into the air and enjoying

a wild on-ice celebration while the Americans and their fans tried to stomach the sight. "I couldn't even watch," said U.S. defenseman David Farrance, whose one-timer at

14:35 made it a 3-3 game, sending the Beck Road arena into a frenzy not witnessed since the days of the Plymouth Whalers

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D1 WRESTLING INDIVIDUAL DISTRICTS

## Rocks' Foster at head of Park class

Salem senior is district champion at 189; 14 others from Park qualify for regional

Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

On the heels of winning a Division 1 wrestling team district championship, six members of the Salem Rocks qualified for the D1 individual regional competition.

Saturday's D1 individual districts at Canton was dominated by Novi Detroit Catholic Central performers.

But 15 Plymouth-Canton Educational Park wrestlers

made the cut, finishing in the top four of their respective weight class.

That contingent will compete this Saturday at the D1 individual regional hosted by Saline.

Leading the Rocks was senior Roy Foster, the lone Park wrestler to place first. He won by a major decision (13-4) at 189 pounds over Dearborn Heights Crestwood's Joshua Harvis.

"Roy has worked so hard to get where he is," Salem coach Jeremy Henderson said. "For him to win districts and cement his picture on the wall, it's a great feeling. He'll be up with some of the best Salem's ever had."

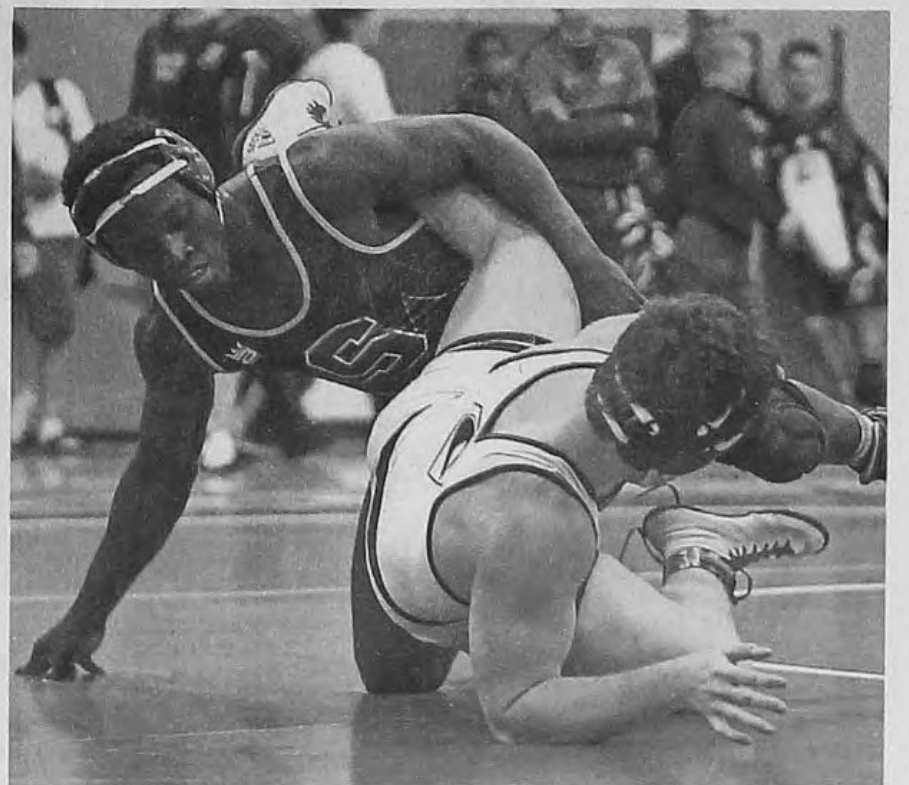
"He had a great finals

match and really took it to the Crestwood kid. He has over 100 wins and I am truly proud to see where he is at now and he is a great young man, which makes me even more of a proud coach."

Salem also had three runners-up: Cameron Shaughnessy (125), Seth Dunn (152) and Demetrius Fields (171). Also going to Saline will be Bruce Haslitt (third at 140) and Tyler Moore (fourth at 215).

Henderson said Salem's contingent is the program's largest to reach the individual regional since 2005-06.

"This senior class had really stuck together and the suc-



Salem senior Roy Foster (left) downs Dearborn Heights Crestwood's Joshua Harvis for the 189-pound district title. Foster won by major decision, 13-4. SCOTT CONFER

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RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

USA Hockey Arena rocked from start to finish as a near-capacity crowd watched Saturday's Five Nations tourney finale between the U.S. and Russia.

## USA

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making championship runs in the Ontario Hockey League.

Farrance took a centering pass from forward Scott Reedy and drilled a shot past Russian goaltender Maxim Zhukov, who was brilliant all night stopping while making 36 saves.

"Scotty made a great pass to me; he did all the work on that goal," Farrance said. "We had to push and pressure them on the offensive side. So I went to the net, Scotty just made a great pass to me."

That goal closely followed one scored at 13:24 by U.S. defenseman Reilly Walsh, brought in for the tournament along with forward Vanya Lodnia of Novi. Walsh and Lodnia were outstanding all week long as injury replacements.

"They weren't among the 22 originally brought in, but they fit in extremely well and did a great job," U.S. coach Don Granato said. "For Reilly, it was his second event. We took him to Slovakia in December (for a tournament) and he was very good there. That's why we wanted him back."

"And Vanya we've been watching; we've known who he is for quite a while."

### What a downer

But just as fans anticipated an overtime session, the left-handed shooting Kostin skated down the right side and whis-



RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

Players from Team Russia's Under-17 team celebrate after defeating the U.S., 5-3, Saturday night in Plymouth.

ted the puck past U.S. goalie Dylan St. Cyr (Northville) for the winner.

"We had four guys back and their best player made one heck of a play," Granato said. "We allowed him to cut back into his forehand shot. We should have kept him on his backhand."

"Mistakes happen. I think that was a mistake late in a shift. There were some tired guys out there and he made us pay."

Granato wanted to pull St. Cyr for an extra attacker, but the coach was able to do so with only about 30 seconds left.

Russia (3-1-0-0, nine points) did not allow the U.S. (2-1-0-1, seven points, third in the tourney) a chance to set up on offense and Ivan Kozlov made the outcome official with an empty-

netter at 19:50.

"Even though it's a bitter pill to swallow, it was a great night for these guys," Granato said. "They'll remember it both positively and, with the loss, there'll be some negative to it. But what a great experience and we're better as a result."

The contest was an up-and-down entertaining one from the opening puck drop. Getting Russia on the board at 13:36 was Kirill Maximov, tipping in Alexey Rarov's slap shot from the left circle.

Answering on the power play with 2:48 left in the first was Walsh, slamming in a cross-crease pass from Brady Tkachuk (with Grant Mismash also assisting).



RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

Mobbing each other after scoring the tying goal during Saturday's third period are members of the U.S. team.

### Getting aggressive

Despite Team USA's 17-7 edge in shots in the second period, the lone goal of the period was scored on a break-away by Russia's Iaroslav Alekseev.

In the third, a goal by Mikhail Bitsadze at 4:27 opened up a 3-1 lead for the Russians. Bitsadze scored from short range against St. Cyr, who made some big stops despite facing less of a workload than Zhukov. St. Cyr stopped made 18 saves.

But then the U.S. cranked up the offensive urgency, with defensemen such as Walsh and Farrance pinching in more frequently and being rewarded with their goals.

"When you're behind, you're

a little more aggressive," Granato said. "We knew they were going to sit back, which they did, much like the Czechs did against us the other day."

"We wanted our defensemen to skate a bit more and I thought they did a nice job on that."

Despite the way the game ended, having the Five Nations tourney in Plymouth made a favorable impression on the team.

"Bringing it back to your own country, in your own building, it's something really special," said Dhooghe, a 5-2, 136-pound forward who scored twice, in tourney wins Wednesday over Finland and Friday over Sweden. "Even just putting on the jersey every day, representing your country, it's something you can never pass up."

"I wish we could have brought the championship home."

Concurring was Granato, who emphasized that the tournament is part of a "two-year process" in preparation for next year's Under-18 World Junior Championship.

"I told the players after the game, their progress through the course of the year's been outstanding," Granato said. "I wish they would have got it today, because in many respects they deserved a better fate. It didn't happen, we'll be better because of it."

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PCS Penguins senior captain Morgan Brace (right) and Morgan Gagnon were among key contributors in Friday's win over Northville.

## GIRLS HOCKEY

# Seniors help Penguins crush Northville

Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

On Friday's senior night at Arctic Edge Arena, the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins were all over Northville in a Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League game, winning 8-0.

In keeping with the night's theme, senior goalie Natalie Nowicki was one of the standouts as she blanked the Mustangs. Her goals-against average for the season is a stellar 1.88 as PCS gears up for the state tournament.

Sparkling the offense for the Penguins (8-5), who scored four times in the second period to break the game wide open, was senior forward and captain Megan Brace, with two goals and two assists.

Another senior contributing on the score sheet was defenseman Gabrielle Godre, with an assist.

Others chipping in included freshman forward Brooke Gauthier (two goals, assist), junior forward Cathryn VandenBosch (goal), freshman forward Marnie Waggoner (goal, two assists), sophomore

forward Michelle Cirino (goal, assist), sophomore defenseman Morgan Gagnon (two assists), freshman forward Rachel Lanzilotti (goal) and junior forward Serina Eadeh (assist).

Cirino and VandenBosch lead PCS with 11 and 10 goals, respectively.

Next on the schedule, according to the league website, is a contest Feb. 23 against Farmington Hills Mercy.

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## BOYS HOCKEY

# 'Cats post pair of wins; Salem's roll continues

Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Trevor McManus morphed into a brick wall last weekend as he registered back-to-back shutouts for Plymouth's varsity boys hockey team.

The senior goaltender stopped all 22 shots he faced in a 2-0 victory Feb. 12 at Flint Powers and followed up the next day with a whitewashing of Farmington Unified — a game the Wildcats dominated, 8-0, at Arctic Edge Arena on senior night.

In the victory over Flint Powers, senior forwards James Baldwin and Jake Silvester both scored (the latter on the power play).

Helping nail down the win, in addition to McManus, were the penalty killers, shutting down the opponent on all three power-play tries in the final period.

Against Farmington Unified, the Wildcats (11-10-1) enjoyed a 55-5 edge in shots on goal and easily rolled to the victory.

Baldwin led the way with two goals and two assists, while senior defenseman Zack Wiener contributed three assists.

Senior forwards Silvester, Ryan Radwan, Max Chumley and Ricky Covault each scored a single goal.

Chipping in his first varsity goal was junior forward Jack Balch, while sophomore forward C.J. Mullenax helped the cause with a goal and two assists.



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Plymouth senior goalie Trevor McManus, shown from earlier this season, chalked up successive shutouts Feb. 12-13.

### Rocks on roll

Salem's varsity boys hockey team defeated Rochester United 3-2 in overtime Feb. 12, making it four wins against state-ranked teams in its past five contests.

Scoring in OT was Matt Schaumburger to help the Rocks knock off the No. 8 team in Division 1. Other Salem goal scorers were Evan Newel and Colin Goleniak, both on the power play.

Other teams in Salem's streak included Marquette (No. 5 in Division 2), Grosse Pointe South and Grandville (No. 6 in D1). The lone loss during the five-game stretch was to Romeo (No. 4 in D2).

Salem improved to 12-7-2 entering Friday night's KLAA crossover against Northville.

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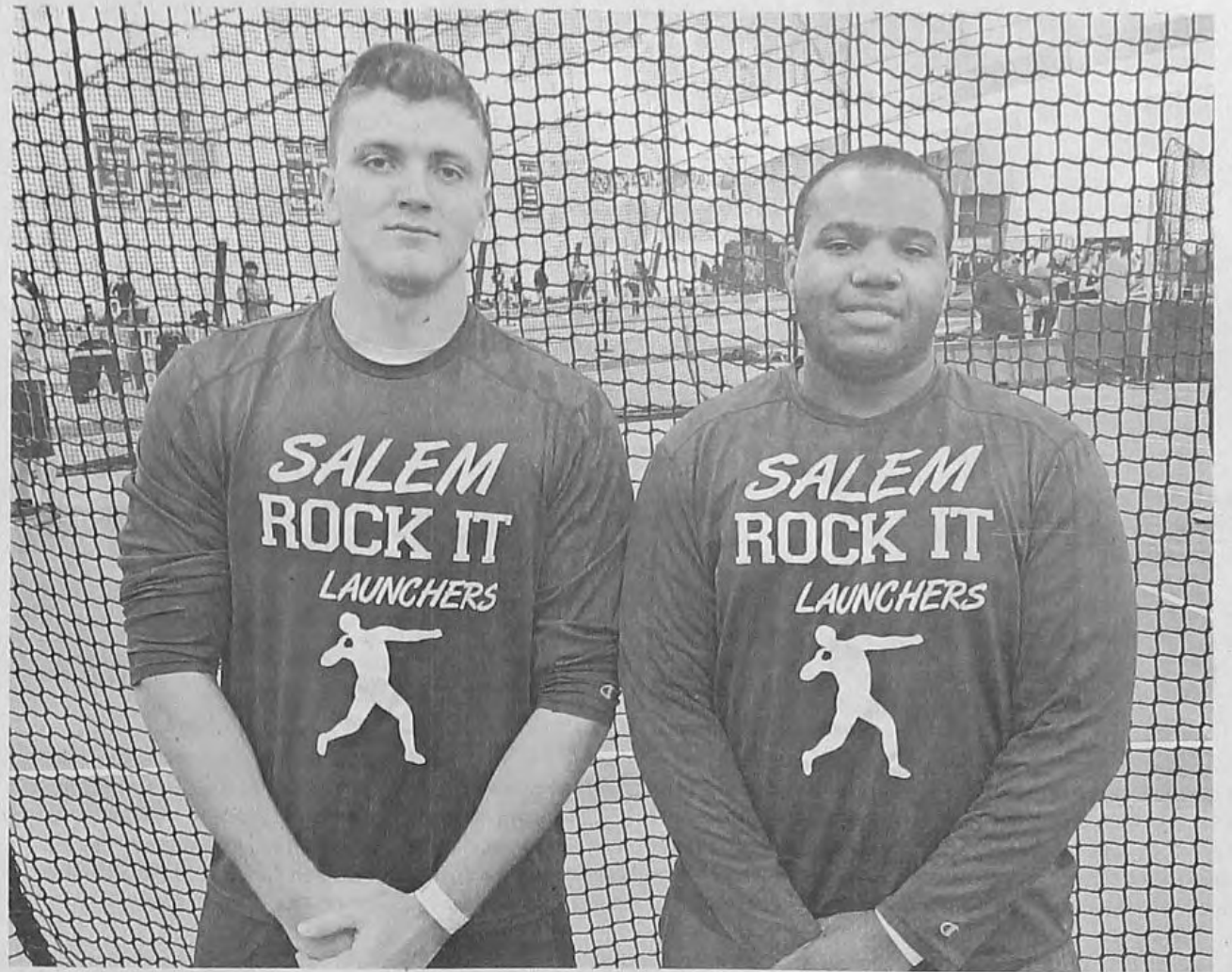
# Giving it all they've got

Salem's Schmitt, Meredith set to flex muscles on national stage

**Tim Smith**  
Staff Writer

Salem seniors Jannik Schmitt and DeAngelo Meredith are on a power trip — in the very best of ways. Both are crushing it, literally, during the indoor track season, qualifying for state and national competitions. They will get after it yet again Feb. 26-27 at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids for the indoor track and field state championships. Then comes the New Balance Indoor National Championships, scheduled for March 11 in New York City. Schmitt qualified for nationals in the shot put, with a throw of 52 feet, 2½ inches Jan. 16 at the University of Michigan. Since then, he threw the shot 52-8 to reach the No. 5 spot in the state. Meredith made the national cut in an indoor event called the weight throw, reaching a mark of 48-5½, also Jan. 16 at Michigan. Schmitt also will compete at nationals in the weight throw, having reached the 54-9 mark Feb. 12 at U-M. “These guys are both examples of the great things that happen with dedication and

hard work,” said Steve Aspinall, who coaches both with Salem’s varsity boys track and field team. “They push each other to get better every day and will continue to improve as their indoor and subsequent outdoor seasons continue and begin.” Evidence of that is Schmitt’s recent throw, which exceeded his 49-8 mark from last spring at the MHSAA Division 1 state meet. **Crunch time** With every trip to the weight room, Schmitt is committed to adding inches to his top performance — enough so that his name will be on the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park record board by the time his high school career is over. The current Salem record is 56-2. “Having a goal is probably the main reason I came this far in the past few months,” Schmitt said. “My goal is to break the Salem school record in the shot put and I don’t want to graduate without it. “Every time I bench, squat or work out, I think about it and it gives me motivation.” Aspinall credited Meredith for learning and quickly excelling in an event totally new to



Salem senior throwers Jannik Schmitt (left) and DeAngelo Meredith aren't just gearing up for the spring prep season — they are competing in state and national competitions later this month and in March.

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him. “The weight throw is an indoor event where guys throw a 25-foot ball, in a similar fashion to the hammer throw outdoors,” Aspinall said. “DeAngelo’s mark of 48-5½ has him currently as the (No. 5) weight thrower in the state. “He will continue to grow as he learns the event a little better and gets more experience throwing it in meets.”

**Tireless workers**

Salem throws coach Jim Crabill said Schmitt and Meredith are reaping the benefits of their hard work. “These are two young men that have put the extra amount of work in practices and the weight room,” Crabill said. “They both have grown in the last two years as athletes and as young men and it shows greatly when they take the time to help out the younger guys during practice. “I expect them to do great things this upcoming track

season.” Meanwhile, Schmitt gave credit to Crabill and Meredith for encouraging and pushing him to be the best athlete he can be. “Both of them showed me how much potential I have and helped me when I was down,” Schmitt said. “Having those two guys with me in good times and bad times is still the best motivation.” [tsmith@hometownlife.com](mailto:tsmith@hometownlife.com) Twitter: @TimSmith

## CHIEFS

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ute. “We always finish strong,” Martin said. “Especially with the adversity we’re facing, with six players on the bench and everything.” Scoring 11 points for Salem (10-7) was junior guard Cecelia McIntosh, while junior guard Darby Scott chipped in eight. For the Chiefs, who out-rebounded the Rocks, 39-17, senior guard Natalie Winters led the charge with 12 points. “In the beginning, we knew they were going to come out tough,” Winters said. “We just had to play our game, push the ball up the floor and pressure. That pretty much put us past them.” Heitmeyer said Winters’ ability to drive to the basket for points was one of the keys to the team’s victory. He also cited that his post players hit on about 50 percent of field-goal tries. “It was nice to see (Winters) get to the rim,” Heitmeyer said. “Tonight, she scored most of her baskets in the paint. That was big for us.” Helping the cause with 11 points and six rebounds was junior forward Shamyia Butler. Getting balanced scoring was important on a night where Salem’s defense stifled Canton’s top offensive players from throughout the season. Junior forward Erin Hult only scored four points, while junior guard Brianna Finn was held off the score sheet. Other top Canton contributors included junior forwards Marissa Templeton (nine points, six boards) and Madison Wolfbauer (six points, seven rebounds). “If we could have scored a little bit more and stopped them a little bit more in the second quarter, it still was a



Taking the ball to the rim Tuesday is Canton's Ashley Criscenti (left), being guarded by Salem's Leah Moss.

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game,” Klemmer said. “That’s when it got out of hand, because we did fine the first, third and fourth. “I like this, though, because it’s a prep for districts in two weeks.”

**PLYMOUTH 45, NOVI 39:** The Wildcats upset the second seed in the Kensington Conference and will move on to face Canton on Friday night. Plymouth senior Cassidy Lewis scored 16 points for the Wildcats (7-10) while senior Hannah Badger scored 12. Novi (14-3) had no answer to Plymouth’s relentless defensive pressure, falling behind 23-9 at halftime. “This was such a key game,” Badger said. “We have worked so hard from the beginning of summer until now and it’s finally paying off. “We are so excited to get another chance to play Canton.”

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Salem's Marisa Martin (left) looks for a teammate to pass the ball to. Providing defense for Canton is Natalie Winters.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

# Salem put-back edges Stevenson

Win lifts Rocks into second seed for KLAA tournament

**Ed Wright**  
Staff Writer

In a feat nearly comparable to bowling a 300 game — with an opposing bowler’s hand in your face every time you release the ball — Salem big man Kenny Topolovec made all 11 of his shots Friday night, the final (and biggest) coming with just over a second to spare. With the Rocks’ game at Livonia Stevenson deadlocked at 81-81 and the final seconds winding down, the 6-foot-6 Topolovec soared above the masses to secure a missed Cameron Grace floater and deposit the ball into the cylinder with just 1.7 ticks on the clock for the difference-making points in Salem’s 84-81 boys basketball victory. Salem’s final point came when Grace buried one of two technical foul shots after Stevenson was whistled for calling a timeout it didn’t have with a fraction of a second left. The final KLAA Central Division game of the season for both teams left Salem with a 10-6 overall mark and 6-4 division record, making it the second seed heading into this week’s KLAA tournament. Stevenson is now 9-7 and 5-5, respectively, and secured a third-place seed despite the loss. Seedings were the furthest things from Topolovec’s mind when he ascended toward Grace’s off-the-mark shot and banked in the put-back to complete a sizable comeback for Salem. “We knew the game was tied and we had some fouls to give, so my main focus was to crash the glass and get a rebound if there was a missed shot,” said Topolovec, who finished with 30 points. “When my teammate put the ball up, I was able to get the rebound and put it in.” Topolovec’s perfect shooting night — he also sank 8-of-9 free throws — was extra-impressive given that the lightning-quick pace of the game often leads to fatigued players and short shots. Energized by a relentless offensive effort from Ian Knoph and Kyle Malkowski

(both of whom finished with 24 points), as well as Devin Dunn (who added 18), the Spartans sprinted to a 65-54 lead with three minutes remaining in the third quarter. However, the Rocks answered with an 11-0 run, capped by Matt White’s inside bucket in the final minute of the third. Salem eventually built an 81-76 lead with 1:01 to go in the game, when Topolovec scored on a put-back (he finished with 13 rebounds), but the Spartans roared back to knot the score at 81-81 on a Knoph triple with 45.9 second left and a Dunn runner in the lane at the 22-second mark. Following a timeout, Salem worked the clock down to seven seconds, when Grace drove the baseline from the left side and threw up and off-balance six-footer that caromed off the backboard and into the hands of Topolovec. The first half was played at a crazy-fast tempo and ended with the Spartans owning a 48-47 lead. “The way the first half went, I thought somebody was going to score 100 points tonight,” Salem head coach Bob Brodie said. “We knew Stevenson liked to play fast and pressure the ball. We changed our defense up a little bit at the end to try and slow them down and we worked the clock a little bit more when we had the ball.” Grace was phenomenal from long distance, hitting four of his first five treys (with the only miss rolling out after circling the rim) to finish with 18 points. Junior guard Camren Barden gave the Rocks a huge lift off the bench in the second quarter, when he scored 11 of his 12 points.

**PCA EAGLES PREVAIL:** Plymouth Christian Academy defeated conference rival Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 58-53, sparked by big games Friday from Matt Malcolm, Luke Yakuber and Ian Hay. Malcolm and Yakuber each scored 15 points, while Hay contributed 13 points as the Eagles upped their record to 7-8 overall and 3-7 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Also stellar for PCA was Max Okolo, with 12 rebounds and four points. Jayme Fadden (five boards) also was strong on the glass. Yakuber said it was good to avenge a 22-point loss to Liggett earlier this season. “I think we played better team defense and brought a lot more energy to the floor,” Yakuber said. “We communicated well and did the little things right. It all started with our big man (Fadden) as he set the defensive tone for us. “I think we are starting to mesh at the right time and we are working as a cohesive unit, which is critical come tournament time.” PCA will face Allen Park Inter-City Baptist this week.

Staff writer Tim Smith contributed to this report.

## WRESTLING

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cess that they have had is second to none in the last decade of this program,” Henderson said. “I am really proud of the guys and I expect a couple of these guys to make runs to the state tournament.” He cited junior Akash Rai, senior Andrew Lindsay and freshman DaQuan Baker of also being outstanding, missing qualifying for the regional by one match. Plymouth will be represented Saturday by five wrestlers, three of whom fell short in the finals at the district. Isiah Berry (103), Collin Reed (130) and Dylan Dwyer (145)

finished second, while other regional qualifiers are Ethan Shulaw (fourth, 189) and Jacob Griffith (fourth, 152). The host Chiefs will have four wrestlers at the Saline regional: Harrison Samoy (third, 125), Justin Winnie (third, 130), Abdelhadi Shuaib (third, 152) and Walter Beavers (fourth, 135). **MHSAA DIVISION 1-DISTRICT 6 INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING RESULTS Feb. 13 at Canton (top four advance to regional)** **189 pounds:** Roy Foster (Salem) won by major decision over Joshua Harvis (Dearborn Heights Crestwood), 13-4; **third place:** Quinn Murphy (Walled Lake Western) pinned Ethan Shulaw (Plymouth), 2:10. **215:** Josh Rettig (Livonia Franklin) dec. Jackson Ross (Detroit Catholic Central), 5-1; **third:** Joe Fortin (Franklin) dec. Tyler Moore (Salem), 3-1. **285:** Ali Wahab (Crestwood) dec. Nick Jenkins (Detroit CC), 3-2; **third:** Nathan Root (Crestwood) dec. Drew Kimmey (U-D Jesuit), 3-1. **103:** Ben Kamali (Detroit CC) won by major dec. over Isiah Berry (Plymouth), 13-5; **third:** Mojahid Ahmed (Dearborn Fordson) p. Rhett Newton (Detroit CC), 2:45. **112:** Stone Moscovici (Detroit CC) dec. Ethan Englehart (Livonia Churchill), 3-0; **third:** David Rastigue (Detroit CC) dec. Tarik Shallhout (Crestwood), 9-8. **119:** Kevon Davenport (Detroit CC) p. Hassan Makled (Dearborn), 0:16; **third:** Josh Mussen (Churchill) dec. Tyler Droste (Livonia Stevenson), 8-4. **125:** Cameron Amine (Detroit CC) p. Cameron Shaughnessy (Salem), 1:22; **third:** Harrison Samoy (Canton) won by major dec. over Tanner Bryan (Novi), 9-3; **third:** Zolifkar Bazzi (Crestwood) p. Walter Beavers (Canton), 3:44. **130:** Aaron Rehfeldt (Detroit CC) dec. Collin Reed (Plymouth), 5-2; **third:** Justin Winnie (Canton) dec. Hassan Al-Hussen (Crestwood), 6-3. **135:** Jeremy Nelson (Franklin) dec. Willy Jackson (Novi), 9-3; **third:** Zolifkar Bazzi (Crestwood) p. Walter Beavers (Canton), 3:44. **140:** Abe Ajami (Fordson) p. Aiden Wagh (Detroit CC), 3:05; **third:** Bruce Haslitt (Salem) p. Tarik Alcodray (Stevenson), 1:51. **152:** Nathan Atienza (Franklin) won by default over Dylan Dwyer (Plymouth); **third:** Yousef Danaoui (Dearborn) p. Tyler Johnson (Detroit CC), 2:39. **157:** Chase Gardner (Churchill) p. Seth Dunn (Salem), 3:14; **third:** Abdelhadi Shuaib (Canton) p. Jacob Griffith (Plymouth), 3:14. **160:** Kasem Salameh (Crestwood) dec. Connor Cox (Detroit CC), 9-5; **third:** Zack Leck (Churchill) dec. Dawson Moll (South Lyon), 6-2. **171:** Tyler Morland (Detroit CC) won by injury default over Demetrius Fields (Salem); **third:** Aldo Bella (Churchill) p. Andrew Garza (Franklin), 0:43.





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Home For Sale Real Estate Sign and House

Trade group advertising touts Realtor use in buying, selling property

Buying a home isn't as easy as clicking a few buttons and getting the home of your dreams, as the current real estate advertising landscape leads many to believe, according to the National Association of Realtors.

To communicate Realtor value in helping consumers succeed in all things real estate, the NAR has launched a new advertising campaign, "Get Realtor®."

Technology has advanced modern life in many ways and allows people to do more online than ever before, a NAR press release notes.

buying or selling process and browse through photos of homes for sale. But access to information doesn't automatically translate to success when buying or selling a home, the NAR adds.

"When it comes to real estate and the Internet, today's consumers don't always know what they don't know," said NAR President Tom Salomone, broker-owner of Real Estate II Inc. in Coral Springs, Fla.

NAR's consumer advertising campaign began 17 years

ago, and launches in 2016 with a whole new look and feel to help modernize consumer perceptions of Realtors, particularly among millennials, who are currently the largest home buying segment.

"Contemporizing an established brand will take time. To reach new generations, we've created advertising that is dramatically different and bold enough to break through the clutter and get noticed, and help drive consideration of Realtors," said Salomone.

The Get Realtor® campaign currently includes so-

cial, digital, print, and radio creative; NAR's media mix is shifting significantly from previous campaigns to the social and digital side for greater engagement with tech-savvy consumers who are increasingly going mobile, getting their content on demand, and sharing information across their social networks.

The Get Realtor® campaign is the first created in partnership with advertising agency Arnold Worldwide, which was named NAR's agency of record in 2015 for its strategy, creativity and extensive history of helping clients reinvent their brands, including Volkswagen, Ocean Spray and Progressive.

For additional information about the strategy and research behind the new campaign, and to view current campaign materials, visit www.realtor.org/consumer-advertising-campaign.

Nonprofit Corporation Act changes explained, decried

Q: I have heard about changes made to the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act during a lame duck session of the Legislature last year. What are some of the most onerous provisions that you are aware of?

A: It would take a full-time column to advise you of many of the anti-consumer provisions which the Legislature sneaked through during a lame duck session with no public hearings, etc. One of the most egregious provisions is the fact that directors of nonprofits, including community associations, whether they are paid or not, are only liable for gross negligence.

This is a legal concept which is extremely hard to establish as it is, in effect, considered an intentionally negligent act.

Moreover, the rights of shareholders-members of nonprofits to bring action against the Board of Directors on behalf of the association, i.e., commonly referred to as a derivative action, is greatly restricted.

This was a windfall for insurance companies among other heavily funded interest groups. Q: We purchased a property that we thought was 14 acres. We thought there was wood on it and we sold the wood to a timber company and then we sold the land to another party. Our neighbor is now objecting to the timber harvesting asserting that the land is his. A survey revealed that significant change in the legal description contained the chain of title took place 20 years ago. In fact, a neighbor owned the rest of the area where the timber was taken. What is our recourse?

A: While you may try to seek a reformation of the deed, in a recent case out of West Virginia, on similar facts, the trial court ordered rescission of the deed because the deed did not describe the land that the parties had bargained over and the superior title prevented the original land owner from conveying the missing acreage to a third party. The court reasoned that while a court of equity has the power to decree the reformation of a deed executed through a mutual mistake of the parties, the true intent of the parties, rescission is also appropriate in the same circumstances. The court further stated that where an agreement is rescinded, the general rule is, that it must be rescinded entirely to allow the parties to be placed as near as may be to status quo. But each case must be tried on its own facts.

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96.

Email Georgia@adddedvaluerealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 14-18, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office.

Table listing real estate transactions in Oakland County by township, including Beverly Hills, Birmingham, Bingham Farms, Bloomfield Hills, and Livonia.

Table listing real estate transactions in Oakland County by township, including Farmington, Franklin, Highland, Lathrup Village, Milford, Northville, and Novi.

Table listing real estate transactions in Oakland County by township, including Plymouth, Redford, and Southfield.

Table listing real estate transactions in Oakland County by township, including South Lyon, Westland, and White Lake.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 5-9, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office.

Table listing real estate transactions in Wayne County by township, including Canton, Dearborn, Farmington Hills, Grosse Pointe, and Livonia.

Table listing real estate transactions in Wayne County by township, including Grosse Pointe, Livonia, and Westland.

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## Elevate Lenten fish dinner

Preparing seafood at home during Lent can be a snap with a little inspiration.

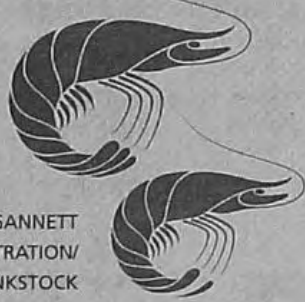
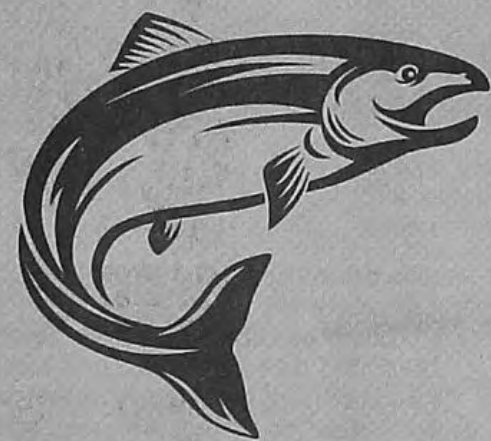
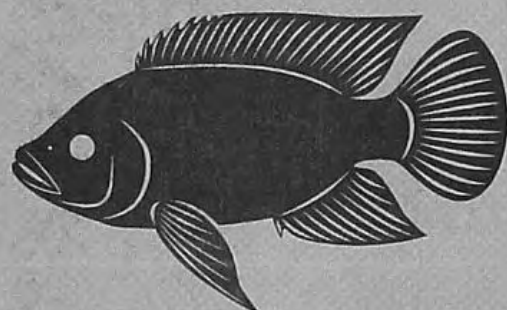
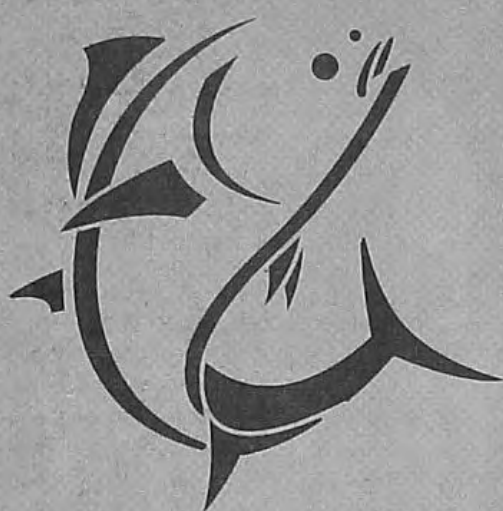
Make an easy DIY fish marinade using olive oil, vinegar, spices and herbs for a delicious seafood dinner the whole family will love. Or simply swap meat for seafood in easy meals such as pizza, pasta and burgers.

Chef Kevan Vetter of the McCormick Kitchens says the trick is to “keep it exciting” during Lent. For example, he suggests mixing salmon with Cajun seasoning and bread crumbs to make a patty, and topping it with lime mayo.

“Seafood is perfect for a relaxed Friday night, because proteins like salmon, tilapia and shrimp don’t take long to cook.”

Find more Lent-inspired recipes at McCormick.com.

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### INDIAN SHRIMP TACOS WITH MANGO COLESLAW

Prep time: 20 minutes  
Cook time: 8 minutes  
Makes: 8 servings

**1/2 cup lime juice**  
**1/4 cup olive oil**  
**2 tablespoons honey**  
**2 teaspoons curry powder**  
**1 teaspoon garlic salt**  
**1 teaspoon ginger, ground**  
**1 pound large shrimp, peeled and deveined**  
**1 package (14 ounces) shredded coleslaw mix**  
**1 cup chopped, peeled and seeded mango or 1 cup chopped tomatoes**  
**1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro, divided**  
**8 flour tortillas, 6 inches**  
**1/4 cup chopped cashews**

Mix lime juice, oil, honey, curry powder, garlic salt and ginger in small bowl until well blended. Place shrimp in large resealable plastic bag or glass dish. Add 1/2 cup of the marinade; turn to coat well. Refrigerate 15 minutes. Meanwhile, for the Mango Coleslaw, place coleslaw mix, mango, 1/4 cup of the cilantro and remaining marinade in large bowl; toss to coat. Cover. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Remove shrimp from marinade. Discard any remaining marinade. Heat large skillet on medium-high heat. Add shrimp; cook and stir 3 to 4 minutes per side or until shrimp turn pink. Stir in remaining cilantro. Serve shrimp in warmed tortillas topped with Mango Coleslaw and cashews. (Store any remaining coleslaw in refrigerator. Serve on other tacos and sandwiches.)



### GREEK TUNA SALAD POCKETS

Prep time: 10 minutes  
Makes: 4 servings

**2 tablespoons lemon juice**  
**1 tablespoon olive oil**  
**1 1/2 teaspoons oregano leaves**  
**1/2 teaspoon garlic powder**  
**1 pouch (7 ounces) albacore tuna, packed in water**  
**1/2 cup chopped tomato**  
**1/4 cup finely chopped red onion**  
**1/4 cup crumbled reduced fat feta cheese**  
**2 whole wheat pita breads (6 1/2-inch)**  
**1 cup baby spinach leaves**

Mix lemon juice, oil, oregano and garlic powder in medium bowl until well blended. Add tuna, tomato, red onion and feta cheese; toss lightly. Cover. Refrigerate at least 1 hour or until ready to serve. Cut pita breads in half. Line with spinach leaves. Spoon tuna mixture into pita pockets.

### FISH MARINADE

**1/2 cup oil**  
**1/4 cup vinegar**  
**1/2 teaspoon sea salt**

Mix ingredients and use as marinade.

» Variation: For Balsamic Honey Marinade, add 1 teaspoon ground cumin, 1 teaspoon honey, and a pinch of coarse ground black pepper. Use balsamic vinegar.

» Variation: For Asian Fish Marinade, add 2 tablespoons orange juice, 1 1/2 teaspoons ground ginger, 1 teaspoon brown sugar, 1 teaspoon soy sauce, 1 teaspoon garlic powder, and 2 teaspoons sesame seeds toasted. Use rice vinegar.



### GARLIC HERB TILAPIA

Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 10 minutes  
Makes: 4 servings

**1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, softened**  
**1/2 teaspoon garlic powder**  
**1/2 teaspoon McCormick Perfect Pinch Italian Seasoning**  
**1/2 teaspoon mustard, ground**  
**1 pound tilapia fillets**  
**1/2 teaspoon salt**  
**1/4 teaspoon black pepper, ground**

Preheat oven to 400°F. Mix butter, garlic powder, Italian seasoning and ground mustard in medium bowl until well blended. Place fish on foil-lined shallow baking pan. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Spread fish with herb butter mixture. Bake 10 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork. Cooking tip: Try recipe with red snapper, striped bass, flounder or sole. If desired, substitute 1/2 teaspoon each basil leaves and thyme leaves for the Italian seasoning.

## CITY BITES

New Holland Brewing Co. released two limited release beers and a seasonal pale ale this month.

The company describes the flavor of Night Tripper imperial stout as a “dark chocolate, malty.” Carhartt Woodsman, also a limited release, is a wood-aged pale ale made in collaboration with the Dearborn-based work apparel company, Carhartt.

The brewery’s first seasonal beer of the year is White Hatter blend of “soft malt, fruity tones, hoppy tones, and delicate spicing of a Belgian White.”

According to New Holland’s “online beer finder” Night Tripper and Carhartt Woodsman are available at stores and restaurants throughout southeastern Michigan, although the limited release beers may sell out fast.

Rocky Zebari, owner of Beer Baron in Livonia, had just three bottles of the Night Tripper stout left late last week.

“I taste most of the beers.



Carhartt Woodsman is available this month in limited release from New Holland Brewing Co.

One of my jobs is to educate the customers. Every porter is different. Every stout is different. Night Tripper, it’s very limited. And another thing, the alcohol is 11 and a half percent,” Zebari said, adding that higher alcohol content may explain some of its appeal. “I love stout. This is the kind that

you drink one bottle and after drinking, you better stay away from the wheel.

“Carhartt is popular because of the name. People like it because of the name,” he said.

Beer Baron, which boasts more than 2,000 different beers, doesn’t carry the White Hatter but Zebari said he stocks the Imperial Hatter, Rye Hatter and Mad Hatter.

The brewery beer locator showed the seasonal White Hatter available in Toledo, Almont and Flint and beyond.

For more about New Holland Brewing Co., visit newhollandbrew.com. For more about Beer Baron, visit beerbaronlivonia.com; 248-987-6563.

Here’s a sampling of local beverage and food events:

### Whiskey, mac, brews

Royal Oak — Sample your way through scotch, bourbon and whiskey — more than 100 whiskeys from around the world will be available — at “Whiskey Business,” 8-11 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 20, at Royal Oak Farmers Market, located at 11 Mile and Troy Street, just east of Main.

Meet brand ambassadors and taste whiskey-inspired appetizers from numerous restaurants. Tickets are \$50 for the general session and includes 10 tasting opportunities. More tastings and food will be available for purchase. The VIP session starts at 7 p.m., costs \$70 and includes 15 tasting opportunities. Visit whiskeybusinessmi.com

Mac N’ Brews will bring more than 20 restaurants and 20 breweries together for a mac n’ cheese, craft brew and comfort food tasting event, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 25 at Royal Oak Farmers Market. Tickets are \$50 general admission and include 10 craft beer samples. VIP entry is at 6:30 p.m., costs \$65 and includes 15 samples. Sample comfort foods, like Chicken Pot Pie Soup from Zoup!, Pulled Bacon Mac N Cheese from Mt. Chalet, and Korean Style Mac N Cheese from Chef Raymore Catering.

Visit macnbrews.com for tickets.

### Boogie Woogie Ball

Farmington Hills — Oakland Community College’s Culinary Studies Institute will serve hors d’oeuvres, a five-course meal, and signature 1940s-era beer, cocktails and wines at its 1940s USO Boogie Woogie Ball, 6 p.m. Feb. 25, in Tirrell Hall, 3rd Floor J-Building on the OCC campus, located on Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696. The OCC Community Jazz Band will play sounds of the era. Tickets are \$55. oaklandcc.edu/culinary

### Barbecue, beer

Farmington — Barlow’s Gourmet Sauces will serve Slow Apple Smoked Chopped Pork and Smoke House Meatloaf dinners with sides at Farmington Brewing Company’s winter barbecue, 4-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, 33336 Grand River Ave. Admission is free to this family-friendly, all ages event. Dinners cost \$10. 248-957-9543.

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