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## Sisters recount compelling path

'The unknown' played role in citizenship quest

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Those dime-a-dozen "I voted" stickers distributed every election day were worth more than pieces of priceless art for Canton Township twin sisters Helen Goderis and Suzanne Cooper on Nov. 6.

Residents of the United States since their family moved from England to Chelsea, Mich., almost 40 years ago, Goderis and Cooper exited Discovery Middle School on the night of mid-term elections as first-time voters — an experience made possible by their recent months-long quest to become naturalized United States citizens.

"We had never voted our entire lives," revealed Cooper, her British accent hid-

den like her sister's by four decades of living in America. "We couldn't vote when we visited the United Kingdom because we weren't residents, and we couldn't vote here because we weren't citizens — that is, until this year."

"It was such a cool experience," raved Goderis, when asked about the voting process. "We got a picture taken together with our stickers on. Now that we're officially citizens, we can vote and make a difference."

Born and raised for the first eight years of their lives in the town of Epsom, which is just south of London, the sisters moved to Michigan in 1979 when their father accepted a position in the automotive industry.

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Twin sisters Helen Goderis (left) and Suzanne Cooper voted for the first time as United States citizens on Nov. 7, almost 40 years after first moving to the U.S. from England. SUBMITTED



Santa has a few admirers. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Santa lights Canton's tree

They were hardy souls, those hundreds of people who turned out at Canton's annual tree-lighting ceremony Wednesday night at the Summit on the Park.

Braving temperatures that dipped into the 20s, the enthusiastic crowd came to listen to music, do some singing of their own and welcome the annual visit from Santa.

And Santa didn't disappoint. After arriving with an assist from the Canton Fire Department, Santa helped Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams light the tree, kicking off the Christmas holidays in grand style.

Canton's event, as it always does, featured a variety of activities, including the singing of Christmas carols, kids crafts and refreshments.

Santa then spent time visiting individually with the many boys and girls (of all ages) eager to let him know exactly what they want for Christmas.

For more photos from the event, please turn to Page A3.



Kaleigh Swindell visits with Santa Claus. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## First Step gets assist from Dunning grant

First Step has received a \$28,000 grant from the Margaret Dunning Foundation to support physical improvements to its facilities in Plymouth.

The First Step facility in Plymouth conducts counseling and support groups for victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence, and is the organization's main administrative building.

First Step officials said the improvements will modernize the building, replacing its aging structural elements, improving energy efficiency as well as safety and visibility for its occupants and visitors. These repairs and improvements, officials said, are "vital to the continuation of the organization's invaluable services" and aid in the safe navigation toward "peaceful families, safe communities."

"First Step is the only agency of its kind in Wayne County; we are the only agency that provides comprehensive services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence," said executive director Lori Kitchen-Buschel. "Evaluating

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First Step received a \$28,000 grant from the Margaret Dunning Foundation to help with repairs to its Plymouth facility. Dunning (above) established the foundation in 1997. She died in 2013.

## Citizenship

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They adapted to their new country well, despite some early obstacles.

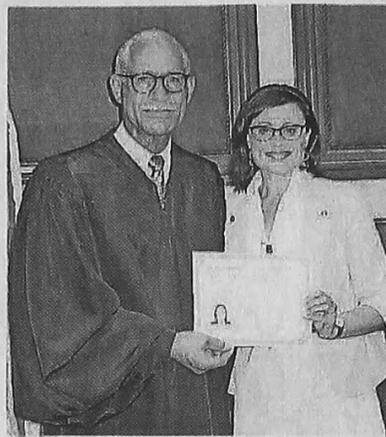
"In England, they keep twins together in the same classroom, but in Chelsea we were separated," explained Helen. "Same school, but different classes. I think it may have been harder on our mum than us as her babes were split apart. As an 8-year-old, you think your world is coming to an end, but we adjusted."

Another job-related move to Searcy, Ark., eight years later provided the sisters with a taste of life in the Deep South.

"There really wasn't a lot of culture shock moving to America from the U.K.," said Cooper. "But moving from Michigan to Arkansas, now that was culture shock. Getting used to the Deep South



Helen Goderis officially became an American citizen a few months after her twin sister. SUBMITTED



It's official: Suzanne Cooper poses with her citizenship certificate moments after becoming an American. SUBMITTED

took a while. We were juniors in high school — the formative years — but during our senior year of high school in Searcy, we both applied to and were accepted at Michigan State University, so we moved back to Michigan."

The sisters lived fulfilling lives, making sure their green cards were updated every 10 years, and ultimately settled in Canton, where they live on the same street in the same subdivision.

But the citizenship void compelled them to take action in February — especially given the unsettling climate non-citizens face these days.

"It makes you nervous, even though we've been here 38 years as upstanding citizens, we've been in absolutely no trouble, you just don't know what's going to happen next," said Boderis. "You don't know what's coming around the corner. The U.K. has a good relationship

with the United States of America, it could change, and we weren't willing to risk it."

In February, the sisters visited an immigration attorney in Ann Arbor and each paid the \$750 to get the process started.

"We both felt that was a worthwhile amount of money to become a citizen of a country," Cooper said.

The process included fingerprinting, eye scans, interviews with immigration officers and a test that covered U.S. history and procedures.

"Before you take the test, they give you a booklet with 100 questions in it," Cooper said. "We both studied it so well that we knew all 100 answers by the time we took the test. They ask you 10 questions — it's similar to a civics test — and you have to get six right to pass."

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**Helen Goderis**  
New American citizen

"We kind of had a leg up on a lot of the people seeking citizenship because we've been in the United States so long and we were educated in American schools," said Goderis, who added a couple of the questions she had to answer were, What is the capital city of Michigan? and What is an amendment?

Cooper's oath ceremony unfolded in May while Boderis had to wait until August — even though they both registered the same day in February.

"The ceremony was very emotional," Cooper said. "The Fourth of July meant a little bit more to me than it normally did."

"It's such a moving ceremony that people who were in the building for jury duty would come sit in the room to watch," added Boderis.

Following the ceremony, both sisters surrendered their green cards and accepted their all-important naturalization certificates.

"Now that it's over, I feel safer — there are no more what-ifs when I travel back to the U.K. — and I know I can make a difference here by voting," Boderis said.

"And I'm even looking forward to getting called for jury duty," Cooper concluded with a smile.

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## Grant

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capital improvement projects often comes easily because the results are tangible and can be seen. The long-term effect on the agency is significant.

"By supporting these capital improvements, First Step staff, volunteers, and board members will be able to get back to doing what they do best, making

our community safer from the crimes of domestic and sexual violence," she added.

Since 1978, First Step has been working for peaceful families and safe communities in Wayne County, Michigan. The mission of First Step is to eliminate domestic and sexual violence, and to provide comprehensive services to individuals and families impacted by these crimes. First Step provides free and confidential programs for survivors of intimate partner violence and sexual as-

sault.

First Step offers a variety of supportive services such as temporary emergency housing (shelter), a 24-hour helpline, counseling, advocacy, support groups, on-call 24-hour assault response, transitional supportive housing, legal information, children's services, food, clothing, and transportation. Certified interpreters are also available. More information about First Step can be found at [www.firststep-mi.org](http://www.firststep-mi.org).

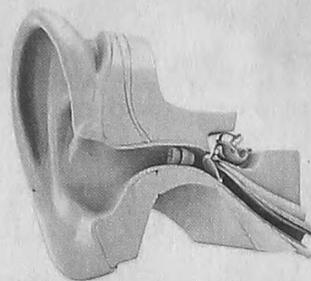
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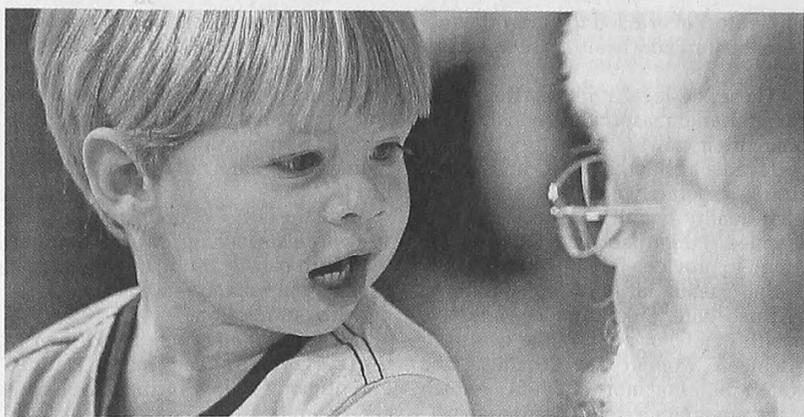
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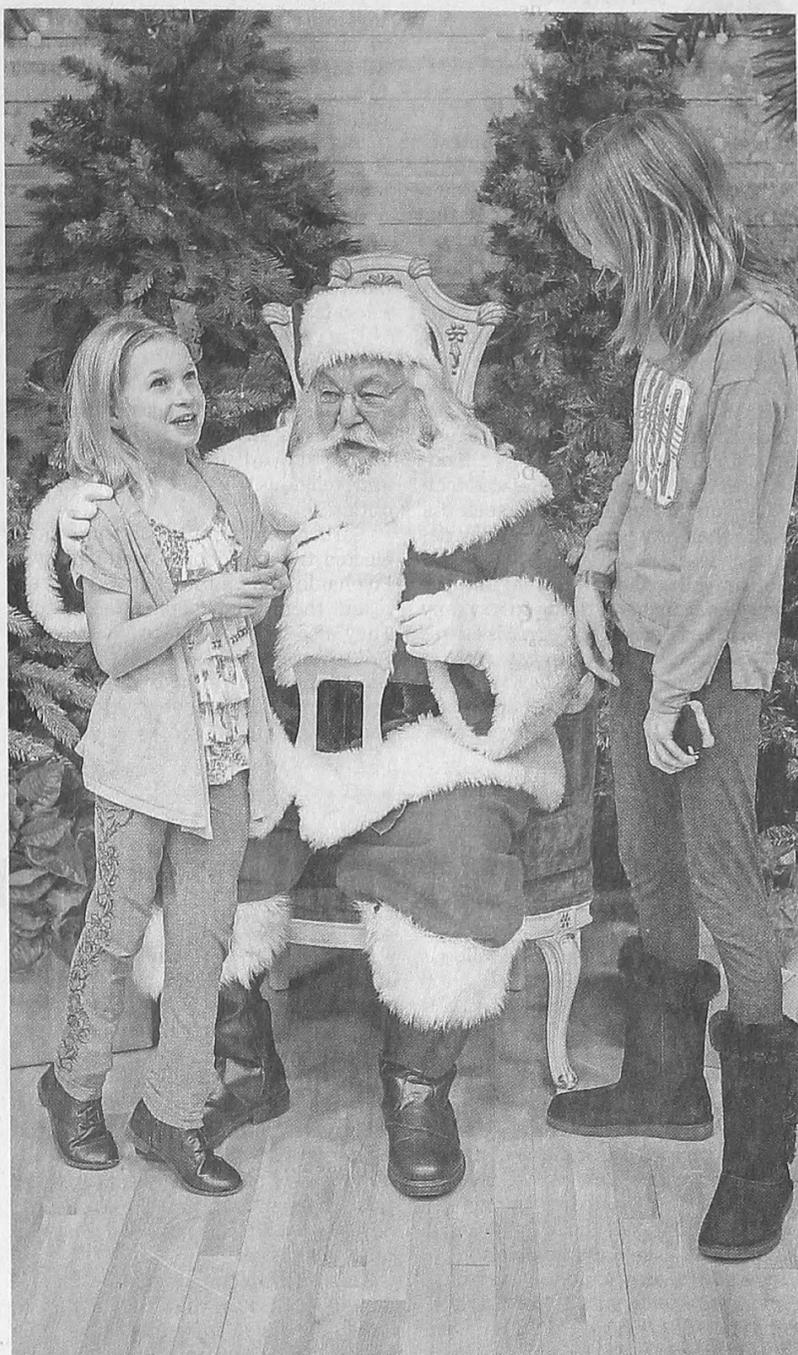
# Santa helps spread holiday cheer



Maverick Lukowicz knows just what to say to Santa Claus. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

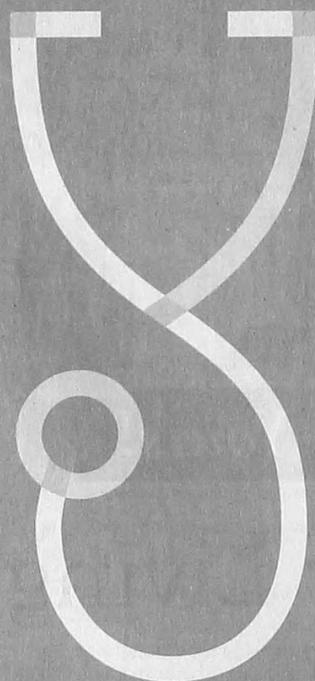


Santa takes a break to feed Rudolph. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Sisters Cadence Swickard, 8 years old, and Brianna Swickard, 13 years old, spend a little time with Santa Claus. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Santa meets the Kuntz family. Mom, Megan Kuntz, holds 3 year old Michael, and Dad, Brent Kuntz, holds Ryan, who is about 18 months old. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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# Planned Parenthood supports women



**Lori Carpenter**  
Guest columnist  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICH.

We expected the sidewalk protests. We knew a cluster of highly vocal residents would crowd Livonia's City Council meetings when word got out that Planned Parenthood of Michigan was replacing an aging, obsolete clinic with a new and up-to-date facility.

After all, protests are standard practice when the nation's largest nonprofit, reproductive health organization opts to invest its resources, as we are now doing in Livonia and in other Michigan cities where we serve 60,000 state residents annually. We are creating a modern, welcoming facility for the 4,000 Livonia women and men who seek our help in their city every year — they deserve no less.

Meanwhile, the protesters hit the sidewalks. For them, trying to stop any new Planned Parenthood clinic is as traditional as the green bean casserole at Thanksgiving dinner. They appoint themselves judge and jury, oppose access to contraception, cancer screen-

ings and other basic health care services — even when Planned Parenthood of Michigan provides a setting, such as the Livonia clinic, that is not among our locations that provide abortion services.

But don't be misled by those hoping to convince you they represent the people, that Livonia residents are angry about the building and opposed to a women's reproductive health clinic in their area. We have operated a Livonia clinic for 17 years, closing it last spring to relocate.

Our critics suggest we're out of touch with the community.

In fact, voting patterns and health statistics show that precisely the opposite is true: Livonia residents are not buying the inflammatory propaganda and religious rhetoric voiced by our critics.

Earlier this month, Livonia voters elected two pro-choice women, Dayna Polehanki and Laurie Pohutsky, to represent them in Michigan's Legislature. They also helped send to Washington, D.C., a new congresswoman, Haley Stevens, who made support for women's health and reproductive choices a campaign centerpiece. Locally and nation-

ally, voters expressed the view that access to affordable health care was a priority.

These new legislators won their races for a rational reason: their constituents share their views.

Livonia residents want, and sometimes desperately need, the affordable, high-quality health care services that Planned Parenthood of Michigan is proud to provide.

The steady drip of opposition to Planned Parenthood and reproductive health has been eroding the health of Michigan women for decades. The state's maternal mortality rate — which counts pregnancy-related and associated deaths — remains one of the nation's highest. Contrary to what our opponents say, reproductive health care is a lifeline. Amy Zaagman, executive director of the Michigan Council for Maternal and Child Health, has consistently cited improving access to contraception as a proven way to cut the unintended pregnancy rate.

At the Nov. 7 city council meeting, an opponent attacked Planned Parenthood for operating under "the cloak of darkness." Yes, we used our facilities holding

company to purchase the site and build out the new clinic. That is a common business practice; it's also what you do when you're Planned Parenthood and you want to make an affirmative difference in women's lives. Our role is providing health care, not fighting for headlines.

Until the critics denouncing our good work are also pushing for access to quality health care — trying to enhance the lives of real women — we choose to get on with our mission.

Four thousand women and men in the Livonia area already rely on Planned Parenthood for their birth control, cancer screenings, STI tests and treatment, HIV tests and accurate, non-judgmental sexual health information.

We don't have time to waste fighting those who would keep us from the simple but important task at hand: Opening a new, inviting health clinic in a properly zoned Livonia building, to serve area residents. Please don't keep them waiting.

*Lori Carpenter is president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Michigan.*

## Here's why you should oppose Planned Parenthood



**Monica Migliorino Miller**  
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Livonia has experienced a raging controversy over the proposed opening of a new Planned Parenthood clinic on Farmington Road. Hundreds of Livonia residents have participated in demonstrations and filled the City Council Chambers to voice their opposition.

In another guest column, Lori Carpenter, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Michigan, tried her best to diffuse the protests through the usual Planned Parenthood propaganda tactic that they are all about providing quality

women's health care while deliberating downplaying her organization's promotion and facilitation of abortion. To that end she indicated that abortions will not be performed at the new Livonia site.

Even should, for now, the killing of the unborn not actually occur at the Planned Parenthood clinic, the good residents of Livonia, and frankly all others who care about the sanctity of life, must express their outrage. We are not simply opposing a particular Planned Parenthood site.

This organization should be unwelcomed because of what it stands for. It should be unwelcomed because it is founded on a dangerous philosophy regarding the value of human life and the meaning of human sexuality. Planned

Parenthood treats the unborn as if they were not human. It supports abortion, advocates for abortion and exterminated the lives of no less than 321,384 unborn children according to its own 2016-2017 annual report. Each year nearly one third of all unborn children killed in America have their lives extinguished within the walls of a Planned Parenthood facility.

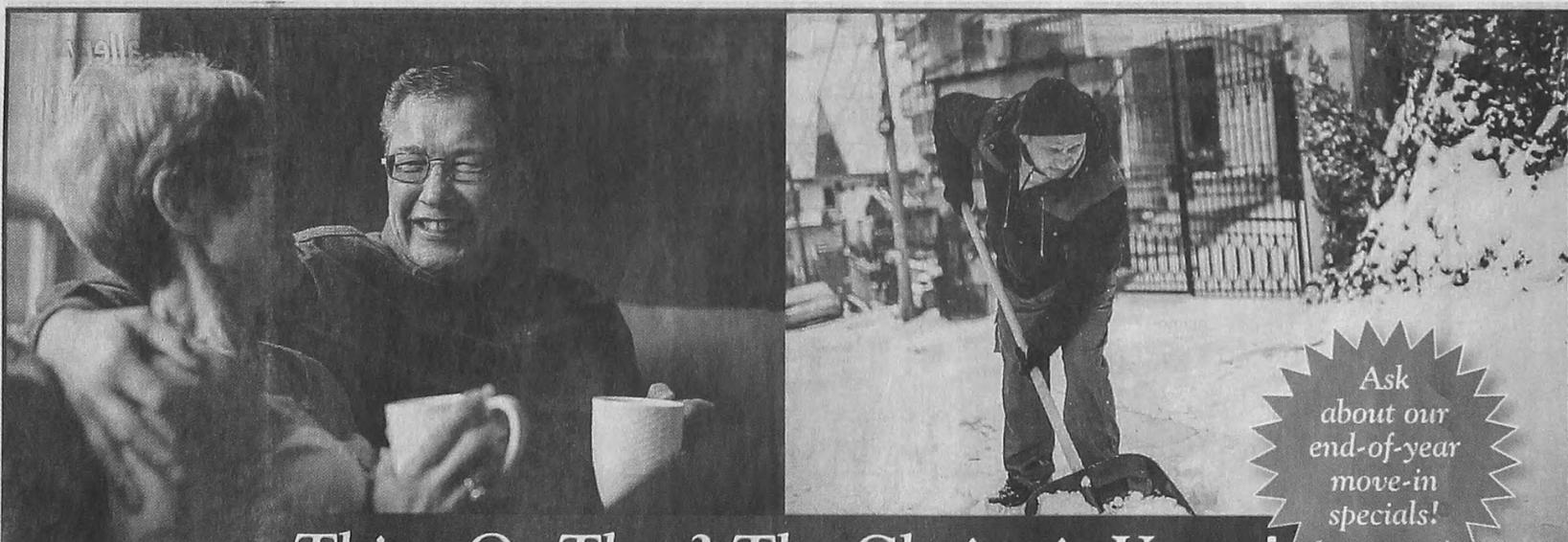
It can tout its other services all it wants, but no amount of STD tests makes up for a single human life killed by abortion.

The good residents of Livonia would never tolerate a business that openly and proudly discriminated against a minority group — and yet that is exactly what Planned Parenthood advocates —

as it discriminates against the most helpless people on the planet, innocent unborn children, actively denying them their right to life, euphemistically calling such violence "reproductive health care."

Contrary to Carpenter's caricature of the protesters, no one is protesting this proposed clinic because it will offer "access to contraception, cancer screenings and other basic health care services." She failed to mention that many women will be referred for abortions out of that building, as the Planned Parenthood clinic will feed its other clinics where abortions are performed. Thus the deaths of the unborn will be facili-

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**Music at the Elks**

Blues @ The Elks happens 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society ([www.detroitbluessociety.org](http://www.detroitbluessociety.org)). There is a \$5 donation at the door.

Erich Goebel and the Flying Crowbars will perform Tuesday, Dec. 11. The group features Goebel on guitar and vocals, Roger Noonan on bass, Darryl Pierce on drums, Joe LaBeau on sax and Mugs Benedict on harmonica.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 is at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For more information, call 734-453-1780, go to [www.plyaa325.com](http://www.plyaa325.com) or email [jazzattheelks@gmail.com](mailto:jazzattheelks@gmail.com).

**Wreaths Across America**

Riverside Cemetery, 660 Plymouth Road, in Plymouth will join Wreaths Across America in the effort to honor veterans laid to rest there at noon Saturday, Dec.

15. This is the second year that Riverside Cemetery will participate in this national event.

The goal is to raise enough funds to place remembrance wreaths on the headstones of all local heroes. To date, enough funds have been raised to lay 200 wreaths in Riverside Cemetery. To help in the purchase of wreaths, donate by sending a check made out to Wreaths Across America to Department of Municipal Services, 1231 Goldsmith, Plymouth, MI 48170. You may also donate at the WAA website: [www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org](http://www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org).

**Living Nativity**

Lake Pointe Bible Church, 42150 Schoolcraft, in Plymouth is hosting its annual free Living Nativity experience 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22. Come experience a live manger scene that includes the babe in swaddling clothes with Mary and Joseph, young shepherds watching over their flocks of sheep and goats and wise men bringing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The hallelujah chorus will sing praises and a fire will help keep visitors warm. Refreshments will be available. The Living Nativity will proceed rain or shine. Parking is available in the rear lot. Overflow parking is available across the street at the Plymouth Senior Sta-

tion.

**New exhibit at Village Theater**

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will feature the unique mixed media works of artist Jeremy Rheault in an exhibit titled "On To Something," on display through Tuesday, Jan. 1, in the Gallery@VT, 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Rheault attended Plymouth-Canton schools and received a bachelor of fine arts from Eastern Michigan University.

This exhibit is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, during public performances at the theater and by appointment by calling 734-394-5300. The Gallery is closed each holiday. For more information, go to [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org).

**Diabetes support group**

A diabetes support group meets 2-3:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street. Facilitator is Fern Vining, R.N., a diabetes educator. The group is sponsored by the Plymouth Lions Club.

**PP opposition**

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tated at the Farmington Road location. That alone is reason enough to tell Planned Parenthood it is not welcomed.

Planned Parenthood knows very well its business is controversial, yet it deliberately bought a building not 12 feet from a residential district and right next door to a Catholic dentist. Planned Parenthood does "set up shop" under the "cloak of darkness." I personally spoke to the head of the contractor company renovating the building. He had no idea he was working for Planned Parenthood and was greatly upset.

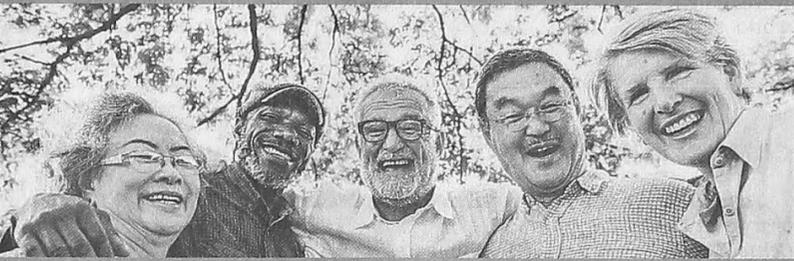
Planned Parenthood tried to build a mega-abortion center in Auburn Hills. A deed restriction held by the Comfort Inn

stood in its way. To get the owners of the hotel to give permission for them to set up their clinic they only presented themselves as a mere "medical office" never letting on that it was Planned Parenthood at all. When the hotel owners found out that Planned Parenthood intended to build an abortion center in its own front yard Planned Parenthood was taken to court and lost.

When an organization causes the killing of the innocent and advocates an immoral, irresponsible sexual ethic that leads to abortion, opposing such a group is a matter of justice. According to [michigan.gov](http://michigan.gov) there are no less than 239 federally-qualified community health clinics in our state. Patronize them instead.

*Monica Migliorino Miller is director of South Lyon-based Citizens for a Pro-life Society.*

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# Compassionate Friends host candlelight vigil

**Brad Kadrich**  
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The 22nd annual Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting, which unites family and friends around the globe in lighting candles for one hour to honor the memories of sons, daughters, brothers, sisters and grandchildren who left too soon, is scheduled for 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

As candles are lit at 7 p.m., hundreds of thousands of people commemorate and honor all children gone too soon.

Now believed to be the largest mass candle-lighting on the globe, the annual Worldwide Candle Lighting, a gift to the bereavement community from The Compassionate Friends, creates a virtual 24-hour wave of light as it moves from time zone to time zone.

Started in the United States in 1997 as a small Internet observance, the event has since swelled in numbers as word has spread throughout the world of the remembrance.

Hundreds of formal candle-lighting events are held and thousands of informal candle-lightings are conducted in homes as families gather in quiet remembrance of children who have died, but will never be forgotten.

Starting in New Zealand, candles are lit at 7 p.m. local time. As candles burn down in one time zone, they are started in another, creating a virtual 24-hour wave of light as the observance continues around the world.



Hundreds of friends, family and loved ones come out for The Compassionate Friends candlelight vigil in Kellogg Park. TOM BEAUDOIN

The local chapter of The Compassionate Friends sponsors the Kellogg Park ceremony. The event will include a candlelight vigil, reading of the children's names, a PowerPoint presentation of the children's names, poetry and songs.

Families will gather near memory trees specially decorated with the names of the children who have died too soon.

Friends and families are invited to the remem-

brance. For more information or to register a child's name to be included, call 734-778-0800 or email [tcfcandlelight@yahoo.com](mailto:tcfcandlelight@yahoo.com).

Candles will be provided and an ornament will be placed on the memory trees in the park when you register a child's name. You do not have to attend to register a child.

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## CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS

The Canton Public Library is at 1200 S. Canton Center Road. For more information, call 734-397-0999 or go to [www.cantonpl.org](http://www.cantonpl.org).

### Wood Sign Painting Workshop

**When:** 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11

**Details:** Make a wintertime, rustic wood sign using vinyl stencils and paint. Ages 18 and over. Registration required.

### Adult Writers Group

**When:** 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11

**Details:** Interested in writing? Share your work, get feedback and discuss the craft of writing.

### American Girl Club

**When:** 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12

**Details:** Character Z Yang will be highlighted. Ages 8-12. Registration required.

### Yu-Gi-Oh! Card Battle

**When:** 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12

**Details:** We supply the cards; all you have to do is show up and play, whether you are brand new to the game or seasoned player. Ages 11 and over.

### Non-fiction Book Group

**When:** 10-11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15

**Details:** Discuss Daniel H. Pink's "When: The Scientific Secrets of Perfect Timing."

### Lit Lab Productions: Dragons Love Food

**When:** 2-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15

**Details:** Take part in our Lit Lab Production where participants build literacy skills through talking, writing, singing and playing. For families with children ages 4-9. Registration required.

### Count Me In! Special Needs Storytime

**When:** 4-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15

**Details:** "Happy Birthdays" is the theme for this

sensory-friendly storytime filled with picture books, preschool songs and simple sign language designed for patrons of all ages with special needs and their families.

### Adult Contemporary Book Discussion

**When:** 7-8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17

**Details:** Discuss Betty Smith's "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn."

### Winter Snow Spree

**When:** 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18

**Details:** A reindeer, train rides, hot chocolate, crafts and stories will help us celebrate all things winter.

### Library Board Meeting

**When:** 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18

**Details:** The public is invited to attend.

### Bilingual Storytime Series

**When:** 10-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19

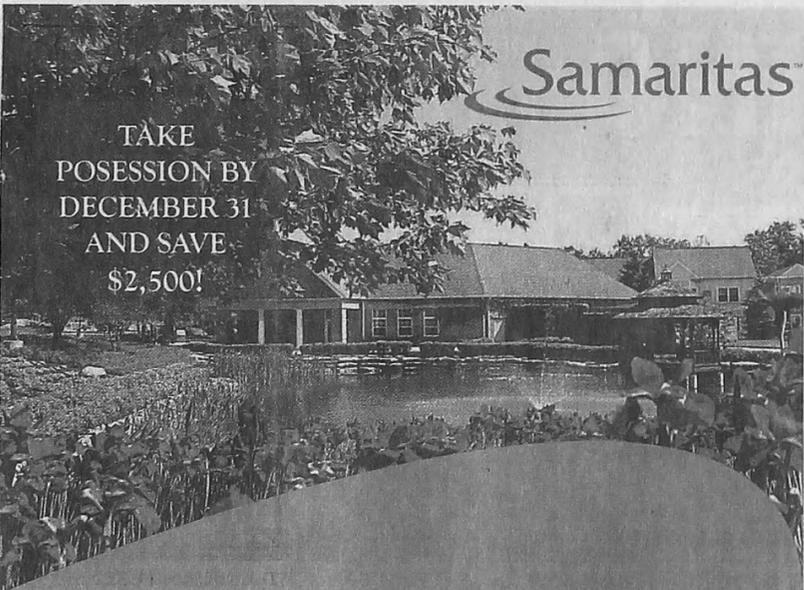
**Details:** Books, rhymes and songs will be presented in Spanish and English for children ages 0-5.

### Open LEGO Build

**When:** 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20

**Details:** Join us for creative play and building with our collection of Lego and Duplo Blocks. This program is intended for kids ages 7-14. Siblings welcome.

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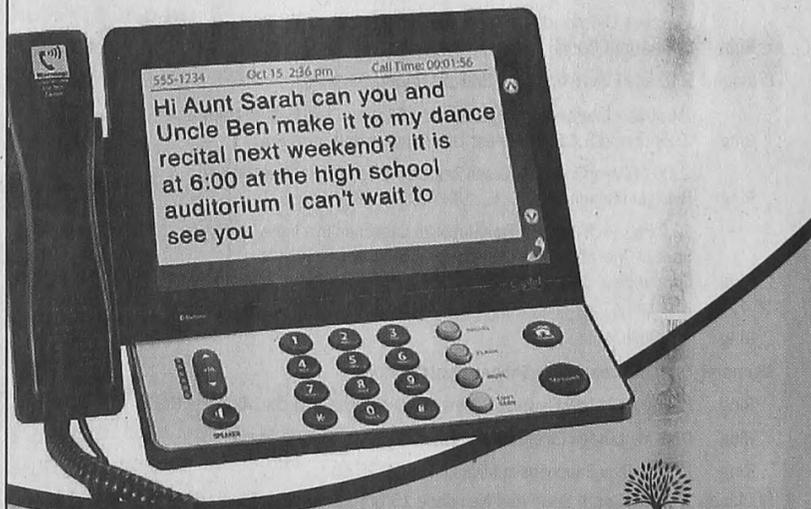
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# Calendar

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## Advanced ELL Book Club

**When:** Noon to 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21  
**Details:** Advanced English Language Learners read and discuss books in English.

## Preschool STEAM

**When:** 2-3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21  
**Details:** This program, which explores biology through learning about penguins, is open to children ages 3-5. Sponsored by All Saints Catholic School. Registration required.

## Library closed for holidays

**Details:** The library is closed Monday, Dec. 24; Tuesday, Dec. 25; Monday, Dec. 31; and Tuesday, Jan. 1. Our online databases, steaming services and e-media are always available. You can also check due dates, renew materials or put items on hold using My Account.

## Dance Your Fanny Off

**When:** 10-10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 27  
**Details:** Caregivers with new walkers up to age 5 are invited to have fun and build gross motor skills through dance.

## Canton Seniors Book Discussion

**When:** 2-3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27  
**Details:** Recap the group's most loved (and hated) books of the year over warm drinks and treats.

## Daytime Dungeons & Dragons Gaming Club

**When:** 2:30-4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27  
**Details:** Have fun while meeting and socializing with others who enjoy role-playing games. All playing materials provided, but feel free to bring your own dice or Fifth Edition Character Sheet. Ages 9 and up.

## Chess Plus

**When:** 3:30-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29  
**Details:** Play classic board games like chess, checkers and mancala. Ages 7 and up.

## Starfish Family Services Early Literacy

## Workshops

**When:** 6:30-8:30 p.m. second Monday of each month  
**Details:** SFS provides free, high-quality, early literacy training to day care providers, caregivers and parents. They teach topics, this month's being Curiosity and Questioning: Preschool Science, developed by the independent non-profit HighScope Educational Research Foundation.

## Teen Boredom Busters

**When:** For five or 50 minutes, any time  
**Details:** Students who need a brain break after school can learn something new, meet a friend, relieve stress and have fun in our Teen Space with passive or planned activities.

## Family Storytimes

**When:** 10-10:30 a.m. each Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday and 7-7:30 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday  
**Details:** Family Storytime allows caregivers to actively engage with their children under age 5. With a Youth Librarian, build early literacy skills through meaningful stories, songs, and play.

## GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE AT AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

December brings the a need for blood donors to help give the gift of life for the holidays- every 2-3 seconds someone needs blood.

- Dec 18: Summit on the Park, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton
- Dec 20: Plymouth Library, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 223 S. Main St., Plymouth
- Dec. 20: Canton Municipal Center, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 1150 S. Canton Ctr., Canton
- Dec. 23: Gurdwara Temple, 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., 3310 Canton Center, Canton
- Dec. 24: Emagine Theatre, 9:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., 39535 Ford Rd., Canton
- Dec. 26: Resurrection Church, noon to 6 p.m.,

- 48755 Warren Rd., Canton
- Dec. 26: Summit on the Park 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton
- Dec. 27: Novi Library, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., 45255 W. 10 Mile, Novi
- Dec. 28: Providence Park Hospital, 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., 47601 Grand River Rd., Novi
- Jan. 2: Plymouth Township Hall, 1-7 p.m., 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth
- Jan. 3: City of Novi, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 45175 W. 10 Mile, Novi
- Jan. 7: USA Hockey Arena, noon to 6 p.m., at the Holiday Inn Express - 15100 Beck Rd., Plymouth
- Jan. 8: Summit on the Park, noon to 6 p.m., 46000

- Summit Parkway, Canton
- Jan. 11: First Presbyterian Church, noon to 6 p.m., 200 E. Main Street, Northville
- Jan. 13: St. John Neumann Church, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 44800 Warren, Canton
- Jan. 17: Gardner White, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., 39453 Ford Rd., Canton
- Jan. 17: Gardner White, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., 43825 W. Oaks Dr., Novi
- Jan. 20: Our Lady of Victory Church, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., 133 Orchard Dr., Northville

To book an appointment call 1-800- REDCROSS.

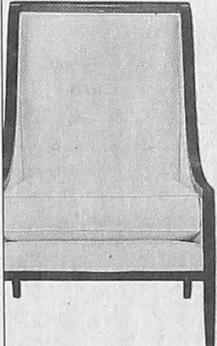
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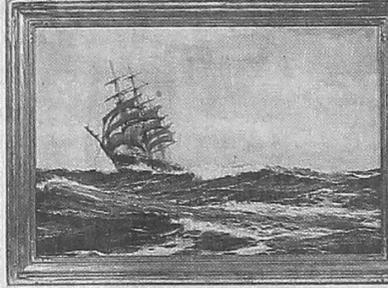
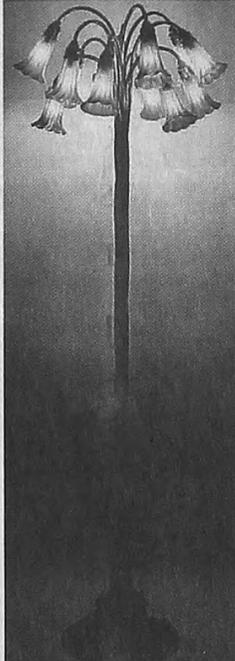
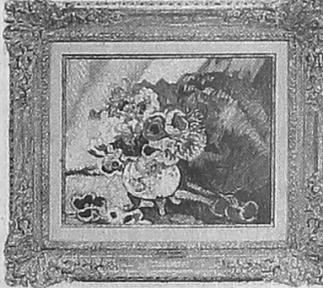
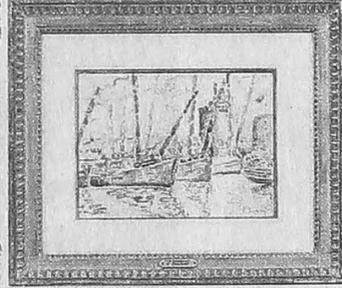
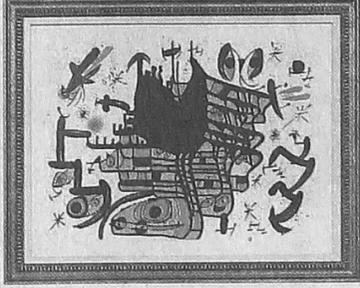
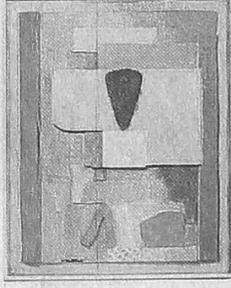
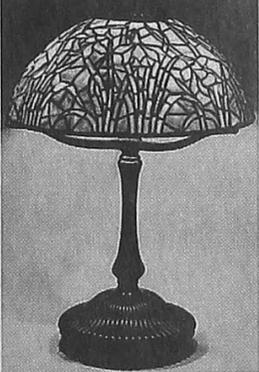
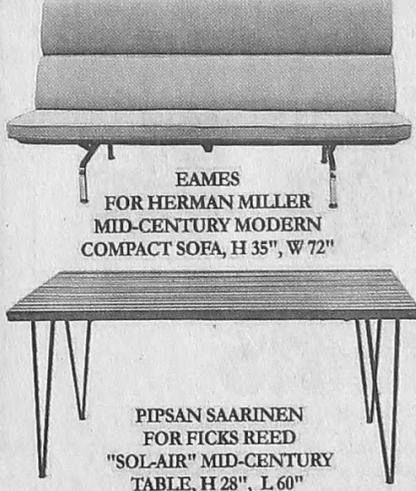
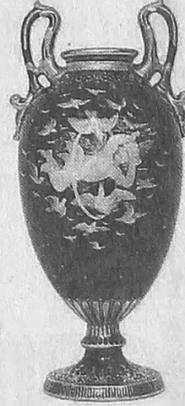
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# This family on cusp of \$250,000 prize needs your help

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A half-mile trek from his rural Green Oak Township home to a bus stop could lead to a pot of gold for a South Lyon High School freshman and his family.

After sorting through several thousand entries, judges overseeing the PepsiCo family edition Dreamvention contest selected the idea of brothers Parker and Evan Frye and their mom, Jennifer Copland, as one of five national finalists.

The first-place prize of \$250,000 will be decided by whichever idea garners the most votes in a social media-based competition.

The Green Oak trio have already earned \$10,000 by advancing to the finals, but their sights are set on the ultimate prize.

"I think we have the best idea, but it all depends on what the voters think," Parker Frye said.

People can vote once a day per platform, per browser, per device at [mydreamvention.com](http://mydreamvention.com). Once registered, those who place a vote will also be eligible for a chance to win \$1,000. The winner will be announced in early 2019.

Voting continues until Jan. 6. The Green Oak family is the only finalist from Michigan.

Parker Frye, a straight-A student at South Lyon High and the project's catalyst, came up with the Sole Riders idea during his time-consuming pre- and post-school walks to and from his subdivision's rural bus stop.

"There wasn't a bike rack near the bus stop, so riding a bike to and from the bus stop wasn't an option," he said. "And roller blades or skates were too big to fit in a back pack."

"So I thought if you could have some little add-ons that could be clipped to a special pair of shoes or boots -- say, roller blades or skates -- they would fit in your back pack and make it easier to get home."

After family brainstorming sessions, Evan and Copland came up with additional accessories that could be



Jennifer Copland is flanked by her sons Parker Frye (left) and Evan Frye during their recent visit to Los Angeles for the FritoLay Dreamvention conference. PEPSICO

clipped onto the Sole Rider shoes -- mops and lawn aerating devices, to name two -- and assisted in the promotional materials for the contest.

"We all chipped in," Copland said, "but it was Parker who got the ball rolling."

Evan Frye is a freshman at Eastern Michigan University. Copland is an associate clinical professor of law at Michigan State University.

Parker initially envisioned the Sole Riders invention two years ago, but it didn't gain widespread exposure until he heard about the Dreamvention contest -- an idea PepsiCo hatched to help inspire families to develop ideas that could help solve daily problems everyone faces.

"We know that every family has their own creative idea that can solve real-life problems that many other families face in their daily lives, but they don't have an outlet to bring that idea to life," said Rhasheda Boyd, director of marketing, Frito-Lay North America.

"We're so excited that five finalist families can now say they're one step closer to seeing their dreams come true by participating in the Dreamvention contest. There were so many creative and unique submissions, and we can't wait to see who America crowns as this year's winning Dreamvention."

### Thomas Edison would be proud

The 14-year-old inventor has a history of faring well in creative-based contests. In 2017, he won the \$1,000

first prize in the University of Akron Global Polymer Academy's annual rubber band contest.

"It was more of an art piece contest than an invention contest, but it felt good all the same," he said. "I built a shadow art figure that, when you shine a light on it just right, looks like the Statue of Liberty."

He has also created a buzz in "The Tonight Show" host Jimmy Fallon's annual invention contest -- never winning (yet), but receiving phone calls from the show's producers.

The other finalists are:

- Kid Safe Switch, a sensor that when attached to the stove or oven can sense when someone is too close and sound an alert;

- Glow the Way, a series of lights attached to a home's floor to help family members navigate to the rest room or kitchen at night;

- Sleepy Heads, which helps people keep their glasses safe when they sleep; and

- Robotic Toy Bin, a vacuum-like tool that would automate the clean-up of small toys like building blocks, cars and balls.

The winner of last year's contest earned an opportunity to meet with the stars of television's "Shark Tank" invention-based show.

"That would be cool," Parker admitted. "Even if I don't win, I may try to get on that show with the Sole Riders."

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# Obituaries

## TODAY'S OBITUARIES AND DEATH NOTICES

Name	Age	Town, State	Death Date	Arrangements
*Brown, Carolyn R.	79	Plymouth	06-Dec	Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home
*Makara, Alice	84	Plymouth Twp.	05-Dec	Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home
*Regan, Rosemary A.	85	Plymouth	04-Dec	Casterline Funeral Home

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### Rosemary A. Regan

PLYMOUTH - Rosemary A. Regan, age 85, of Plymouth, passed away on December 4, 2018. Rosemary was born January 10, 1933 in New York City, New York. She was the daughter of Raymond and Madeline (nee Barrett) Guidera. She graduated in the class of 1951 from Mary Louis Academy in Jamaica Estates, New York. She was united in marriage on August 22, 1964 to Donald J Regan to whom she was devoted for over 52 years until his death in 2016.

Rosemary grew up and remained in New York City until 1981 when she moved to Michigan living in both Troy and Plymouth. She was a caring and loving homemaker who always made family her priority. Rosemary was a fantastic cook. She was passionate about animals - taking in many strays over the years to become beloved family pets. It did not stop there. She would even care for injured wild animals when needed - either seeking out medical care or bringing them into her home until they were healed. Rosemary was an accomplished artist who often volunteered her talents. But, above all else, she was a dedicated wife and selfless mother. Over the last couple of years, Rosemary embraced and loved her new-found extended family at Sunrise Assisted Living in Northville. Her family truly appreciates the love and care they gave Rosemary. Rosemary is survived by her children, Joanne (Gary) Kosten and Donna (Hugo) Delevie; and her grandchildren, Keith Kosten, Caitlin Delevie, and Maggie Delevie. She was also loved by her husband's siblings and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to the Michigan Animal Rescue League, 790 Featherstone, Pontiac, MI 48342.

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### Carolyn R. Brown

PLYMOUTH - age 79, December 6, 2018. Loving mother of Kris (Kimberlie) Zecman, and Kurt (Jamie) Zecman. Proud grandmother of Sara (Bobby) Babcock, Ryan (Stephanie) Zecman, Ava Teddy, and Meryn Teddy. Dear sister of Alan (Emma) Brown. Sister of P.E.O. Retired teacher from the Plymouth/Canton Schools. Active volunteer with many community organizations, including Make-a-Wish. Gathering Wednesday, December 12th, 10:30 AM until the Wednesday 1 PM Memorial Service at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Rd. W., (Btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. To share a memory, please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

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### Peggy Jean Pursell

PLYMOUTH - Peggy Jean Pursell passed away on December 2, 2018. She was born March 13, 1933 in Clarksville, Tennessee to Homer and Omega (Suiter) Brown. Peggy was preceded in death by her husband Carl D. Pursell. She is the beloved mother of Phil (Paula) Pursell, Mark (Barbara) Pursell and Kathy (Brad) Martin, proud grandmother of Kimberly (Tim) Reiher, Samantha (James) Werman, Sarah (Joseph) Maltese, Madeline Pursell, Julia Pursell, Jackson Martin and Benjamin Pursell, great-grandmother of Annabelle Werman and Eleanor Maltese. She is also survived by her sisters, Evelyn (John) Yando and Janette (Bill) Stone.

She moved from Clarksville, Tennessee to Wyandotte 81 years ago. She met her beloved husband, Carl at Eastern Michigan University. She received her undergraduate degree from Eastern Michigan University and her Master's Degree from University of Michigan. She began her long-time teaching career at Ft. Benning in the late 1950s and eventually taught fourth grade for more than thirty years for Livonia Public Schools. Peggy loved music, sang in her Church choir and also played the piano. She was a very active member at Praise Baptist Church of Plymouth and also taught Sunday School until two weeks ago. At one time she was a member of the Business Professional Women's Club. Peggy is deeply loved and will be greatly missed by many.

A Funeral Service will take place Saturday, December 8, 2018, 10AM at Praise Baptist Church, 45000 North Territorial Road, Plymouth. Friends may visit beginning at 9AM.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Peggy Jean Pursell to Praise Baptist Church or Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256.

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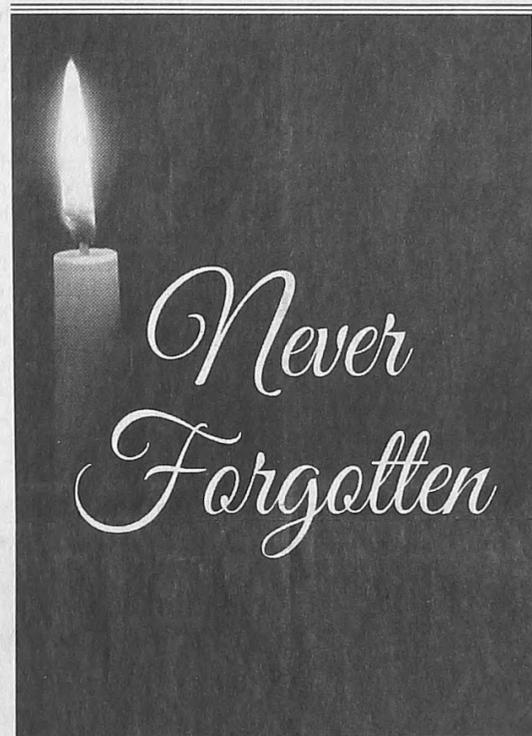
### Alice Makara

PLYMOUTH TWP. - age 84 long time resident of Plymouth Twp, passed away on December 5, 2018. Loving wife of the late George Makara. He preceded her in death in 1991. Dear mother of Michael, Paul, David (Michelle) Makara. Proud grandma of Anna, Jackson, Raquel, and Jacob.

Caring sister of Albert Sarafian, Rosemary Strauss, and Harry Sarafian. Alice was a concerned member of the Plymouth Community, and volunteered her time teaching English as a second language. She gave a lot to charitable causes, including; Boys Town, DAV, and various Cancer funds. Visitation Tuesday, December 11th 3-8 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Rd. W., (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. Rosary Tuesday 7 PM. In state Wednesday, December 12th 10 AM until the 10:30 AM Funeral Mass at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton, MI 48187. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to DAV, Boys Town, or American Cancer Society. To share a memory, please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

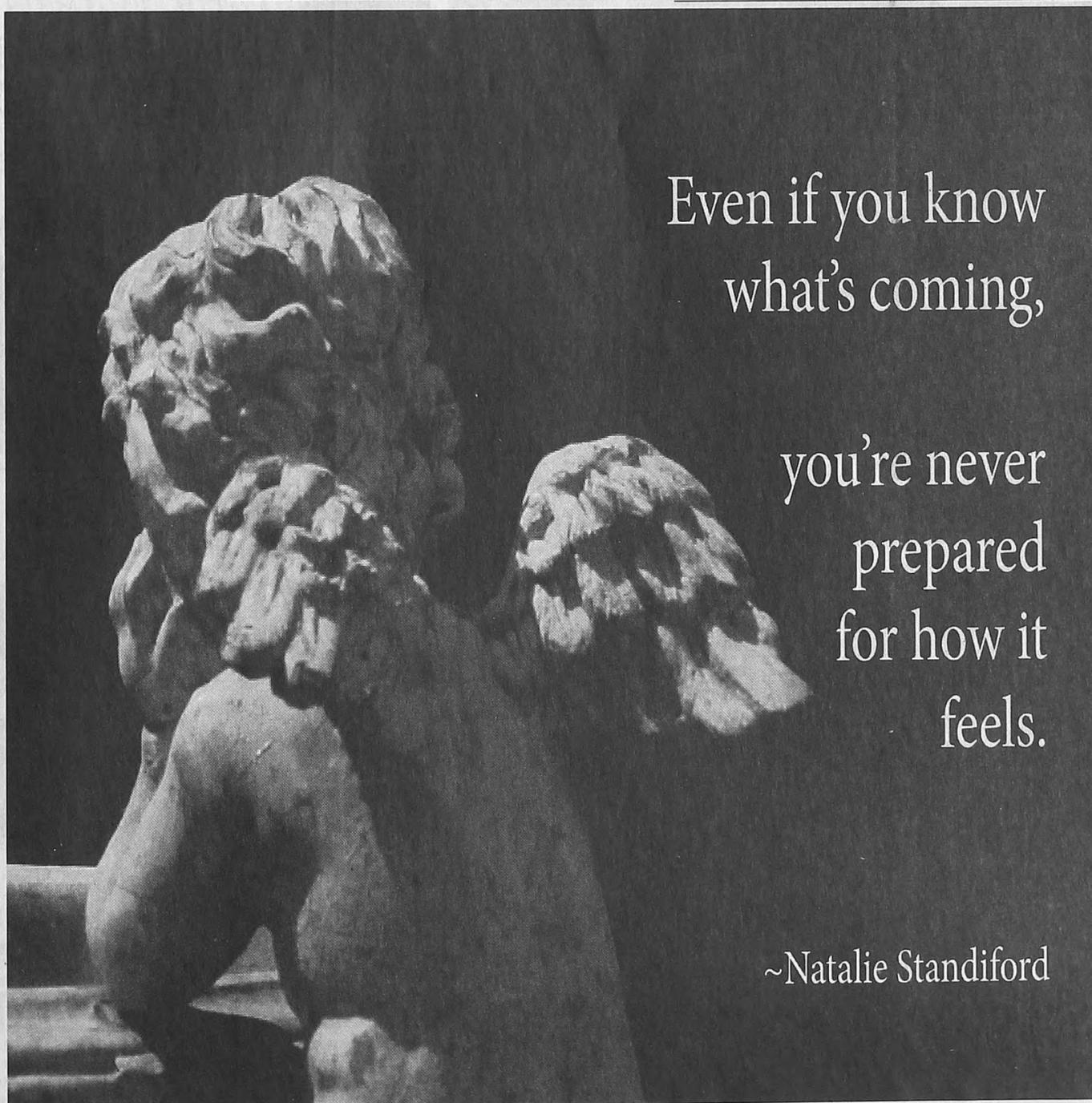


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# Northville's McCauley has mission with new book

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When Joseph McCauley grew up near the hustling, bustling Detroit intersection of Grand River Avenue and Greenfield Road, life could be busy, crazy and, sometimes, magical.

Hey, you could spot Gordie Howe watching youngest son Murray practice at the Jack Adams Ice Arena or see teen-aged Little Stevie Wonder perform the 1963 harmonica-driven tune "Fingertips Part 2" over at Arena Skate Club.

That intersection was the hub of the 48227 ZIP code, bordered by Puritan on the north, Southfield Freeway on the west, West Chicago on the south and Meyers Road on the east.

Neighborhoods from the end of World War II until Detroit's 1967 riots were highlighted by red-brick homes sitting atop manicured lawns — adjacent sidewalks jammed with baby boomers riding bikes or playing catch.

There were bowling alleys, movie theaters (hello, Great Lakes), restaurants (Dimambro's anyone?) and department stores lining up to greet the masses.

And those very images are brought to life within the 96 pages of McCauley's new book, "Detroit's Grand River & Greenfield Neighborhood" (Arcadia Publishing, \$23.99).

"It was probably one of the more wealthier areas of Detroit and I'm sure it was the second largest retail center in the city besides downtown," McCauley said. "There were just so many stores. You got Montgomery Ward, you got Federals, you had Cunningham's drug store, you had Meyer Jewelry Store, you had the Big Boys, you had the Sanders."

McCauley, now retired after a 30-year career with the United States Postal Service, spent about six months researching and collecting archived material to include in what became a colorful, photo-packed paperback now available on Amazon.com and at area bookstores such as Barnes & Noble.

"The book's about the neighborhood in the '50s, '60s and '70s," McCauley said. "And the kids that grew up and some of the activities. Almost all the schools and all the churches I've got listed, with a little bit about each one of



Author Joe McCauley grew up in this neighborhood in Detroit. His book is "Detroit's Grand River & Greenfield Neighborhood." BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

them. It's all about the 48227. I pretty much stuck with that. I wanted to stick with that particular area.

"(The book) brings back a lot of memories, because I have so many things that I cover. Things about celebrations, so I got kids out there with sparklers and hula hoops."

He talked about the era when Grand River-Greenfield was the center of the neighborhood's universe during a recent book discussion at the Henry Chaney branch of the Detroit Public Library (16101 Grand River).

### Then and now

Among those there for the presentation were former residents of the 48227, including Ted Lietz — a classmate of McCauley's from the 1969 graduating class of St. Mary's of Redford High School.

"I worked at Legel's Party Store and that was owned by Jack Legel, who eventually became a congressman in Lansing," said Lietz, now a resident of Ferndale. "(The store) was on the corner of Fenkell and St. Mary's. My parents moved us there in 1960. It was Tom's Party Store when I was a kid.

"(McCauley's book) is interesting. It was fun to look through and see some of the places ... what they were like then and what they're like now. My biggest surprise was, the place we liked to hang

out at was the Red Devil Pizzeria, over near Greenfield and Fenkell. I think Joe said in here somewhere that it's now a Caribbean restaurant. Things change."

Lietz added that the 48227 was "a great place to grow up. It was the '60s, so there were tons of kids on every street."

McCauley's childhood home (1951 until 1978, after he left Wayne State University, where he studied journalism) was on Winthrop, near Greenfield between Kendall and Schoolcraft.

"We could see the Wrigley's supermarket on Greenfield right from our backyard, which is kind of convenient," McCauley said. "In fact, the place just got torn down within the last year.

"I used to come back at least once a year and I'd see how it was going downhill."

Over on the corner of Abington and Glendale, across from Dossin Elementary School, is where Steve Backus lived as a youngster. He now is 65 and lives in Wyandotte. He found out about McCauley's book (and the discussion) via a Facebook page.

"To me, it's important (to have the 48227 documented)," Backus said. "And I think it's important to a lot of people that don't live there anymore and miss it."

He added that the wealth of photos in McCauley's book can trigger memories. "It's history, it's where we came from, where most of us grew up, (so) I think

(readers) would be interested in this," Backus said. "Everybody's been kind of scattered, so it's nice to have a way to get back."

### You never know

Whether or not the Grand River-Greenfield area ever sees the kind of successful reboot going on right now in downtown Detroit remains to be seen. But rumors are afoot that a renaissance might be coming.

"I think everybody knows it got run down," Backus said. "Hopefully, it's coming back or people will help to rebuild it."

The neighborhood's potential rebirth — pinned to talk that the Forman Hills department store will be moving into the erstwhile Montgomery Ward building — would have been happy news to the ears of the late Mike Ilitch.

An enormous reason downtown Detroit has returned to life during the 21st century was Ilitch's belief that it could.

Ilitch, a baseball star at Cooley High School (located in the northern portion of the 48227, at the intersection of Hubbell Avenue and Chalfonte Street), went on to play a major role in downtown's comeback, through his ownership of the Detroit Red Wings and Tigers.

"People are really excited around here about (Forman Hills) going in there, because they got these dollar stores, that just doesn't cut it," McCauley said. "That will be more of a place where people want to go."

Old landmarks of mid-1900s business are gone now, replaced by nondescript shops.

There are crumbling homes where there once were showpieces. But McCauley is hopeful something good is coming. It is one reason he wanted to write his book.

"It's one of these parts of the city, it's like you got the downtown that's doing pretty well," McCauley said. "It still hasn't reached out to the neighborhoods yet.

"But I got a feeling that maybe we'll see it in our lifetime. You never know."

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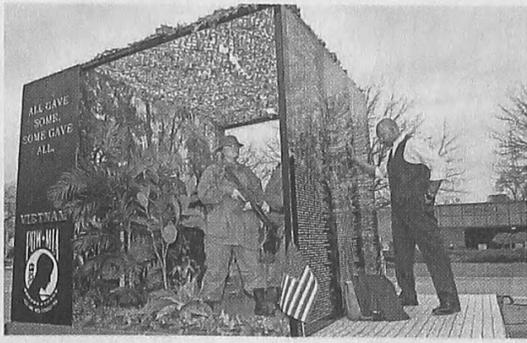
# Livonia float promotes traveling Vietnam wall

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Among all the holiday lights, marching bands and fire trucks Sunday stood a testament to a war several decades ago.

A float representing the traveling Vietnam War memorial wall made its appearance in Livonia's Merry and Bright Parade Sunday. And it appeared to make quite the impression.

"It's such a cool thing. It would add to any parade," said John Gardner, the manager of Roush's Veterans Initiatives Program, and who was also on the float. "When our float pulled up, everyone who was getting ready to



The Vietnam Veteran's traveling wall is coming to Livonia next August. Roush Industries built this float to promote the event. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

walk in the parade stopped."

The float was made by Roush after the city approached the Livonia-based company about adding such a display in the parade, now in its

second year. Dave Varga,

the city's director of administrative services, said the committee saw a similar float from a parade in Arkansas and thought it would make a good addition to Livonia's

parade.

"We saw that and said, 'that would be awesome,'" he said. "We sent them (Roush) the image and said 'this is kind of what we're looking for.'"

So after several months of work, Roush unveiled the float, which rolled on a trailer and depicted two soldiers in Vietnam and a mourner at the memorial wall in Washington, D.C. It features named of military members from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties who fought and died in the war.

The effort did not go unnoticed from city leadership when it was shown before Thanksgiving.

"They took it and they amped it up a lot. It's better than what we sent

them," Varga said. "They put a lot of heart and soul into it and it showed."

The display promotes the upcoming visit of The Moving Wall, a smaller-scale traveling model of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in the nation's capital. The wall will be on display around the clock Aug. 8-12, 2019 at Livonia's Ford Field.

Even with Livonia's lone parade over, the city has plans to bring the float out in the coming months, including at the city's Memorial Day ceremony in May. It's also possible the float could make an appearance in area Memorial Day and Independence Day parades next year as well.

Gardner, who retired from the Air Force in 2012

and works to help secure work for veterans at Roush, said this was the first time the company had done such an endeavor. Given the reaction he heard from the crowd at the parade — Gardner was on the float, dressed in a suit facing the memorial wall — he'd say it was a success.

"We worked quickly and we did great work and it came out awesome," he said. "This is the first time we've done something like that. And I think we knocked it out of the park."

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## With income down, it is a slam dunk to convert to Roth IRA



### Money Matters

Rick Bloom  
Guest columnist

**Q: I have a couple questions about my situation. I am in my mid-40s and divorced. Under the divorce settlement, I had to pay my ex alimony for a year. Since the alimony was based upon my income, I decided to quit my job so I would have no income. Therefore, for 2018 I have no income whatsoever. I have been living off a small inheritance which I received. My first question deals with my IRA. I read a column of yours a while ago and you seem to suggest that someone in my situation should do a Roth conversion. Does it make sense for me to do a conversion? My second question deals with my new company's 401(k) plan. Should I do a Roth 401(k) or the traditional?**

**A:** You are in a unique position and as far as I'm concerned, it is a slam dunk that you should do a

Roth IRA conversion. After all, with zero taxable income, you could convert a significant amount of money tax free. Typically, one of the downsides of a Roth IRA conversion is you have to pay taxes on the money converted. However, in the situation at hand, considering that there is no income, a significant amount of money can be converted tax free.

If you find that by converting the entire IRA there will be some tax liability, it may make sense

to convert even that money. If some of your conversion will be taxed at the lower tax bracket it may make economic sense to convert that money as well; particularly, if once you start work you'll be in one of the higher brackets.

I have always been a big fan of Roth IRA conversions, and it's something I recommend that everyone look at on a year-by-year basis. Many people think that once they retire they're not eligible for Roth IRA conversions, but that is not the case. In fact, for retirees who may find themselves in lower tax brackets, doing a Roth conversion may make economic

sense.

With regards to the Roth conversion many people think that there is an age where it doesn't make sense to convert to a Roth. As far as I'm concerned, that makes no sense. I don't care if you're 28 or 98, in certain situations, Roth conversions make sense and it's something that more and more people ought to consider.

With regards to the second question of whether you should use a traditional 401(k) or a Roth 401(k), generally in a situation such as yours, I would lean toward the Roth 401(k). My reasoning is that you'll probably be working for at least an-

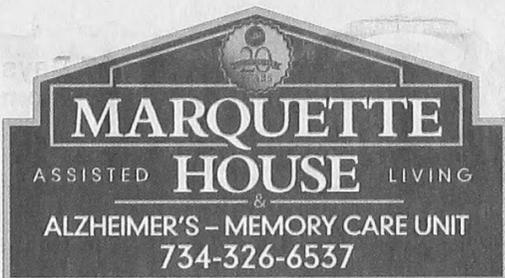
other 20 years, and the advantage of having money grow tax free versus tax deferred can be substantial. The downside, of course, is that with a traditional 401(k) you're putting in pre-tax money while with a Roth 401(k) you're putting post-tax money. In other words, by doing a Roth 401(k) you are paying a bit higher taxes today. However, I would rather take a short-term hit today for a long-term gain tomorrow. I've always been a believer that you cannot save too much money for retirement, because retirement can be longer and more expensive than most people plan. Therefore, being

able to withdraw money tax free versus tax deferred would put more money in your pocket in retirement, exactly where it is needed.

As a reminder, if you are going to do a Roth conversion the transaction must be completed by the end of the year. IRA custodians tend to get very busy near year-end so don't delay; the time to do the transaction is now.

Good luck!

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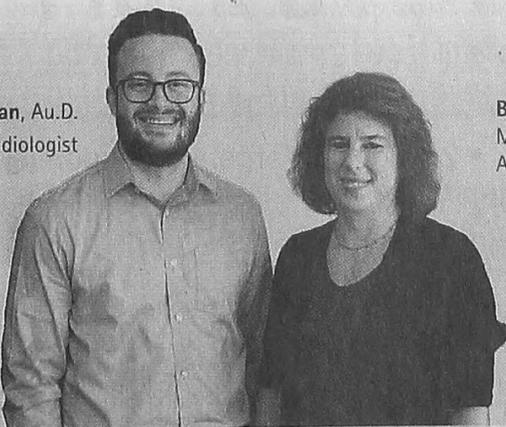
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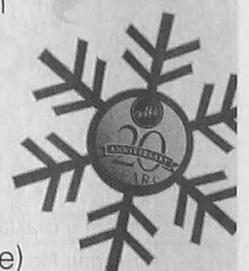
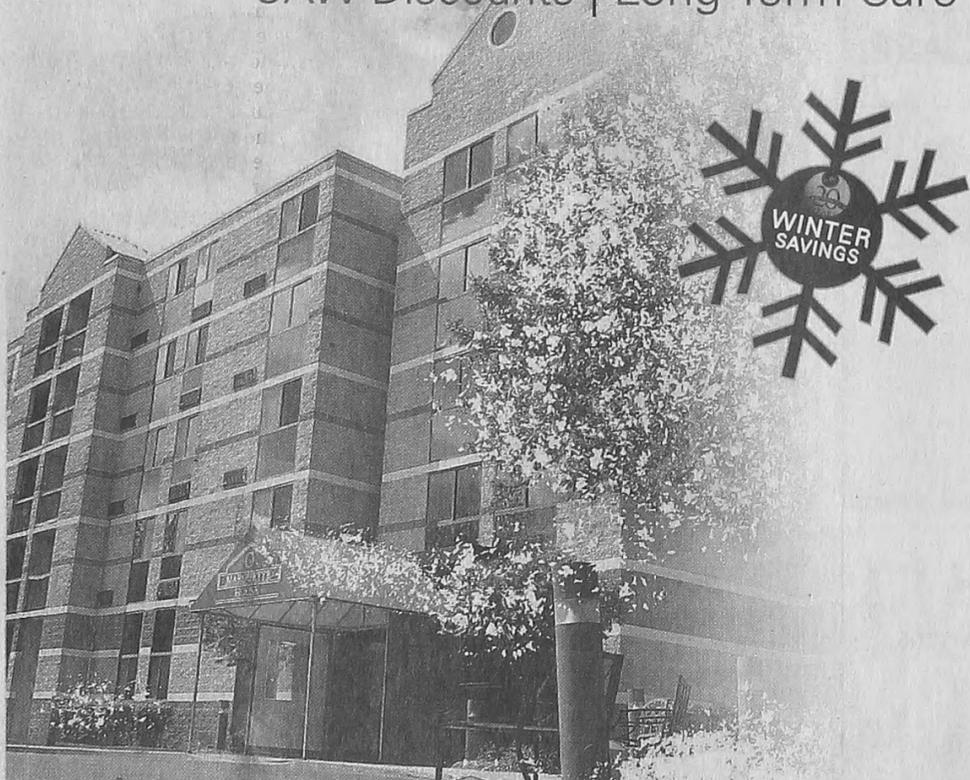


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# Sports

PREP HOCKEY

## Strong start on the ice

New Farmington United team kicks off with 7-1 start

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Counting Wednesday's 6-2 victory over Canton, Farmington United's hockey team is off to a strong 7-1 start this season.

It's even more impressive considering it's a new unit consisting of players from all three of the district's public schools. Last year Harrison and North had a combined team while Farmington fielded a squad of its own.

Farmington United head coach Brad Levick found out last spring the two programs would be combining to form one United team to start the 2018-19 season.

Levick is more than satisfied with his squad's early-season cohesiveness.

"It's a good feeling right now. It's a good feeling for all the Farmington community coming together," said Levick, who coached at Farmington last year. "I think it has come together quicker than I had thought. We're a big family now."

"Our cohesiveness is great right now. It started back in the summer and fall and all the work that they've been doing," he said. "You never know sometimes when you combine back to all three schools. But, the captains, seniors and all the guys have really just gelled once they started together. It's just growing throughout the season."

**Captains leading the way**

Levick credits the team's the senior

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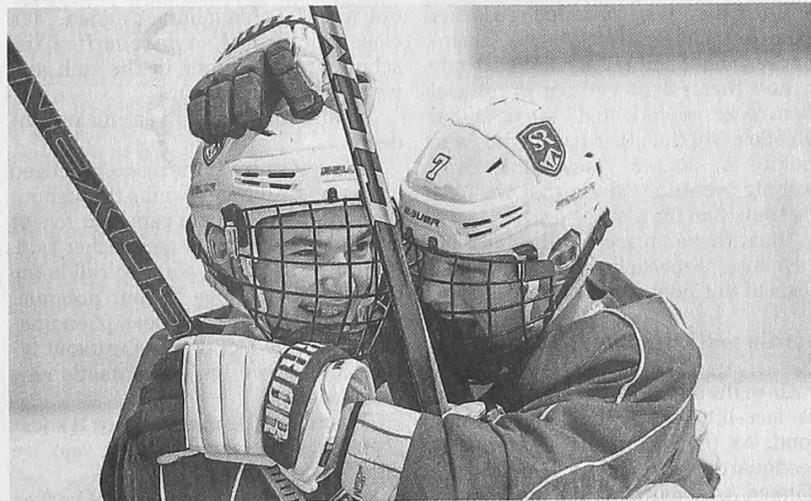
Senior forward Zach Kniffin (3) celebrates a second-period goal along with his Farmington United teammates in Wednesday's win over Canton. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

PREP HOCKEY



Salem Rocks head coach Ryan Ossenmacher speaks with the team during Monday practice. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Salem Rocks pumped to begin 'Victory' hockey era



Sean Sugrue (27) scores during practice at Victory Ice Center and is congratulated by Dante Doute (7). BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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The Salem Rocks hope they have their own little slice of hockey heaven at Victory Ice Center in Plymouth.

They deserve to have one after their nomadic existence of 2017-18 — being shuttled to and from a handful of rinks for practices and games. So now, it doesn't get much better than having a place to call their own.

Players soon will find out how much of a home ice advantage they'll have at "The Vic," formerly known as the Arctic Pond. Salem's first home games this season were Thursday against Howell and Saturday against Livonia Churchill.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

## Churchill falls to Western in hoops opener

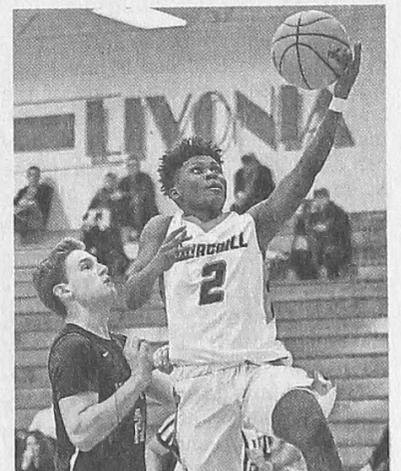
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Walled Lake Western couldn't buy a free throw in a Nov. 30 61-50 setback to Detroit University Prep during a boys basketball showcase at North Farmington.

But just two days later, the Warriors couldn't miss and it proved to be the difference Monday night as they spoiled host Livonia Churchill's season opener, 67-58.

"It's funny and amazing . . . high school, the sport in general," Butcher said. "We played on Saturday and went 3-for-19 from the line and we just went 21-for-25 tonight? So, I don't

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Churchill's Brandon Craddieth (2) goes in for the layup against Walled Lake Western. DAVE DONOHER

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## CHURCHILL

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know . . . you tell me. We basically just took day off yesterday and Sunday because we had been going seven straight days for practice and games. And all we did was come in and shoot free throws yesterday and Sunday, so evidently it helped a little bit."

It also helped that Western (2-1) had the dominant post player in the game in 6-foot-5 senior center Camron Williamson, who finished with a game-high 24 points.

"I thought Camron had by far his best game since he's been here at Walled Lake Western," Butcher said. "Most importantly he made his free throws, but also finished around the basket for us really well as he should have. He had size and athleticism against this team and we thought we had that coming in. And he took advantage of one of the gifts that he has . . . his height and athleticism, so it was good to see."

Churchill (0-1) trailed 14-8 after one quarter and 30-22 at halftime, but in the third quarter cut the deficit to 43-39 before falling back behind, 49-39, entering the fourth.

The Chargers cut it to 53-48 on a triple by senior forward Joel Forgacs (team-high 19 points) with 5:18 left, but couldn't get over the hump down the stretch as the Warriors answered with a Tate Gerard layup with 4:38 remaining.

"It's really going to be a baptism by fire, we have a lot of young guys this year and surprisingly our young guys played very well," Churchill coach Jay McCulloh said. "You've got a big guy (Williamson) like they got . . . he's on the glass day-in and day-out. It's tough to beat a team when you give 24 points to somebody that is that active on the glass."

Churchill also got 12 points from sophomore guard Jaylen Davison and nine from sophomore guard Brandon Craddieth, but the Chargers only made 12-of-21 free throws (57.1).

Meanwhile, Western went 84 percent from the line.

Churchill hit eight triples to Western's two, but still came up short.

"You always say that Bob Knight expression, 'You've got to make more than



Churchill's Ethan Gyurnek (with ball) works in the low post against Walled Lake Western Camron Williamson (right). DAVE DONOHER

your opponent shoots,' so they were pretty close to that," McCulloh said. "In a close game like this we always say, 'Fouling negates hustle,' so we got to keep guys off the free throw line."

Better shot selection is the goal going forward as Churchill takes a week off before facing Walled Lake Central on Tuesday, Dec. 11 at home.

"It's all stuff that we can control, just taking the best shot for us as opposed to

settling for shots that's given," McCulloh said. "We've got to get out in transition a lot better, but for the first game we did a lot of the stuff that we sit there and we talk about."

Senior guard Zach Peterson chipped in with 14 points for Western, but it was Williamson, the transfer from Redford Thurston, that proved to be the difference inside.

"He hasn't gotten many looks,"

Butcher said of the senior's college interest. "We're trying to get him some looks right now. Last year he transferred in he was ineligible first semester, so he only had a very small sample size last year. Unfortunately he's kind of a late bloomer."

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## VICTORY

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"I think (that) when we get a game under our belt here, it's going to feel like a home-ice advantage," said veteran Salem head coach Ryan Ossenmacher, following Monday's practice. "Because, if we get a couple hundred people in here, or more, it's just going to feel packed. It's going to be loud. The sound system's good. The fans are on top of the ice."

### One-stop hockey

According to some of the team's veterans, having a single destination almost is like a dream come true — particularly after what was experienced last season.

"The best thing about moving here is having a locker room and a place where we can all put our stuff," junior defenseman Anthony Gattoni said. "And it creates team bonding."

Sky high about how the Rocks' hockey fortunes have turned is junior forward Alex Schaumburger, one of the team's top goal scorers last season. Being able to hang with his boys, play cards and "chill" is as much a part of the Salem brotherhood as taking on Plymouth, Canton and all their other KLAA rivals.

"Honestly I like 'The Vic' way more than PCC (Plymouth Cultural Center)," Schaumburger said. "I feel like this is a more modernized rink. It's more hockey serious, we get to utilize more things. PCC didn't provide as much as The Vic does, and that's what I like."

There is a top-end workout facility for players to utilize before practices, and so-called shooting studios where tiles look like cracked ice and athletes can fire pucks to their heart's content.

In previous seasons, Salem players went to separate facilities for workouts. Getting any extra shooting practice might have resulted in some dented garage doors, too.

"The difference between this rink and the Cultural Center is definitely the workout area," junior blueliner Josh German said. "When we were at the Cultural Center, we were working out at Barwis Methods. We had to drive back and forth. Now we got it right here at our own rink."

German, meanwhile, said he wouldn't be surprised if a new wave of interest in playing hockey for Salem High School starts to build, merely because of Victory Ice Center's allure.



Josh German (from left), Anthony Gattoni and Alex Schaumburger sit down to talk about Salem's new home rink. All three are juniors who last season bounced around between several rinks while the Victory Ice Center was renovated. They played at Plymouth Cultural Center two seasons ago. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"Oh yeah, 100 percent, especially because the facility is so cool," German said. "They (younger kids) can look at Salem Hockey and say 'Yeah, I want to play there.'"

"Look at the coaching staff, you got a great coaching staff too. That could build some confidence for some little kids to want to play high school hockey."

### Buzz in the building

Future players could be enticed. But those who currently make up the Salem Rocks are pretty pumped, too.

There is real excitement around the team, with practice skirmishes up-tempo and fun. With nets turned toward the boards, two forwards battled against a D-man and goalie, resulting in crunching hits, rapid-fire passing and gloved high fives after finding the back of the net.

Even the dreaded skating drills were completed with additional vigor under Victory Ice Center's bright lights.

Having good times at their rink are overdue and deserved. Just consider that the Rocks, having moved out of PCC following 2016-17, were poised to move over to what was then known as Arctic Pond for the 2017-18 season.

Except the roof collapsed.

The team found itself playing home dates everywhere from USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth to Redford Arena, among others, while a \$3 million renovation took place at the building. Weekly itineraries had to be seriously perused, to make sure everybody knew where to be.

"Those are the guys I felt worse for last year, they went from having a locker room to having nothing," said Ossenmacher, about players who left PCC only to find themselves without an official team locker room with all the bells and whistles. "All the other guys (who were rookies in 2017-18) they came from nothing, went to nothing so it wasn't a big transition for them."

"But to have a place to call home is always huge, especially when you have a place of this quality as your rink."

### Gordie and 'The Joe'

Once the state-of-the-art facility had its face-lift, it was no longer Arctic Pond. As the Victory Ice Center, it is headquarters for Victory Honda's acclaimed AAA youth hockey program.

There is a section of red seats on the balcony overlooking one of the nets, actually a relocated section from the former home of the Detroit Red Wings.

On the wall above those 60 seats is the famous Joe Louis Arena sign that once towered above the Gordie Howe Entrance. By the way, the Howe signage also made its way over to 40475 Plymouth Road, placed above the main entrance.

"We're hoping that the Joe Louis section of seats will be where our students will be at," Ossenmacher said. "I think that provides kind of a unique little atmosphere for them, being on top there and have that professional style seating."

"... One of the guys that works here put it best, they view it as a boutique

rink. That's really what it is, right? It's different. There's not a rink around where you have a single sheet of ice that's like this.

"Whether it be the Gordie Howe Entrance sign on the outside, the Joe Louis sign and seats on the inside. . . . A lot of other rinks have other things going on at them. This is designed and created and built for hockey."

About the Joe Louis Arena connection, Gattoni said he thought it was "pretty cool, because we grew up going to that rink (The Joe) and watching the Red Wings play. That rink will always have memories in the back of my mind, so it's kind of cool to look up and see it there."

### Like clockwork

Also pretty cool for hockey players is something perhaps not so exciting — knowing that non-game days will be pretty standard.

"We have our rink, we have our workout room," Schaumburger added. "It's close to our school, so we come from the school and hop right to the rink and we're on the ice by four."

What a difference a year makes, indeed.

"We were all over the place, practiced at five or six different rinks throughout the year, played home games at five or six different rinks," Ossenmacher said. "So for us to have a place to call home this year, . . . is huge for our program. That said, this rink has been phenomenal for us, the fact that the workout facility's here, we have a fantastic new locker room."

"Practicing (here) every day. It's just given us some stability. Last year we didn't have that."

And, he stressed, high school hockey is about stability.

"It's about program and it's about scheduling," Ossenmacher noted. "It's about giving guys an opportunity to get home to do homework after practice. That's what the move here this year did for us."

"It's been good so far."

It could be far beyond that level, should the Salem Rocks christen "The Vic" with a slew of fast-paced, winning hockey.

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## ROUNDUP

# Sorrows wins; academic runners

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## Sorrows cagers win tourney

It was a great Thanksgiving weekend for the Our Lady of Sorrows 4th grade boys basketball team.

The Sorrows players captured the championship of the 53rd Annual Thanksgiving Tournament held at the Farmington-based school. They outscored their two foes by a whopping 44-9 margin.

After a first-round bye, Sorrows won its semifinal game over Livonia St. Mike's, 38-5. In the championship game played Nov. 25, Sorrows defeated Novi St. James, 16-4.

The winning team members representing Our Lady of Sorrows included Jayven Arafat, Lindon Bojaj, John David, Thomas Kakos, George Kallas, Jude Kizi, Evan Milosevich, Bo Miller, Asher Miscovich, Caleb Miscovich, Leo Smith and Owen Wisniewski.

The team was coached by Scott Wisniewski, Reggie Kakos and Scott Miller.

## Academic cross country

The Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association recently announced its top Division 1 Boys Academic All-Star teams and Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice was third.

Alpena had the best team grade-point average at 3.996 and Clarkston was second at 3.984. Brother Rice was the top Hometown Life squad among the top 25 teams with a 3.976.

Brother Rice's state team consisted of seniors Alec Miracle and Jacob Hannawa, juniors Mike Shaffer and Joe Berg, and sophomores Joe Kawka, Henry Moran and Joe Shaya.

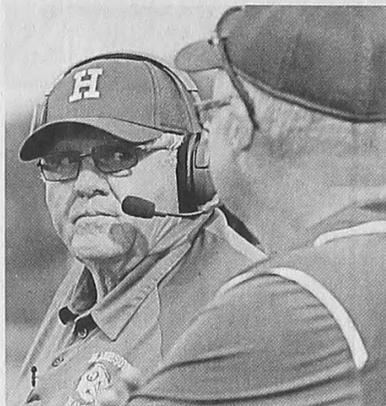
The Hometown Life area's other schools which made the list included Salem (3.883), Plymouth (3.8), Northville (3.74), Milford (3.524), White Lake Lakeland (3.89), Birmingham Seaholm (3.885) and Northville (3.68).

## Football Dream Teams

The Michigan High School Football Coaches Association recently announced its 2018 All-State Dream Team.

While the All-State Dream Team did not include any players from the Hometown Life area, it did include a coach.

Farmington Harrison's John Herrington was selected the state's top coach by the MHSFCA. Herrington, the state's



John Herrington (left) is the only head coach in Farmington Harrison's esteemed 49-year football history

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all-time winningest head coach, led Harrison to an 8-4 overall record this year in the program's final season.

The Hawks advanced to the Division 4 regional championship game where they were defeated by Chelsea in a close game.

Herrington is the only head football coach in Harrison's 49-year history. The school is closing its doors after this current school year.

Following are Hometown Life players selected to the various All-State teams by divisions:

**DIVISION 1:** Steven Walker, running back, Canton.

**DIVISION 2:** Max Saylor, defensive lineman, Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice; Avery Greiner, defensive back, Livonia Churchill.

**DIVISION 3:** Jordan Turner, tight end, Farmington; Donavon King, offensive lineman, Farmington; Terry Day, linebacker, South Lyon East.

**DIVISION 4:** Chase Paulus, specialist, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood; Max Zimmerman, linebacker, Detroit Country Day.

## Five Marian signers

Bloomfield Hills Marian recently celebrated five student-athletes who announced their college intentions.

The group includes three pitch players -- Jansen Eichenlaub, Neva Badalow and Katie Sullivan -- who helped lead Marian to consecutive soccer state championship in 2017 and 2018. The other two signees include tennis player Claire Stechow and volleyball standout Molly Lynch.



The Our Lady of Sorrows fourth-grade boys basketball team captured the championship of its recent Thanksgiving tournament with wins over Livonia St. Mike's and Novi St. James. SUBMITTED



Marian seniors (left to right) Neve Badalow, Jansen Eichenlaub, Katie Sullivan, Mallory Lynch and Claire Stechow recently announced their college intentions. SUBMITTED

Eichenlaub, a high-scoring forward, will play next year at the University of Virginia. The two-time All-State soccer standout is also a state champion (4X400 relay) sprinter and a member of the school's National Honor Society.

"Marian gave me the opportunity to prepare and succeed in my soccer and track development with its great coaches and athletic director," said Eichenlaub, a Bloomfield Hills resident. "The great winning tradition at Marian is alive and well."

Badalow, a midfielder, plans to attend Michigan Tech to play soccer and study biological sciences. She earned third team All-State and all-league honors last spring.

Sullivan, a Ferndale resident, will play soccer for Western Michigan University.

Stechow plans to play tennis and study engineering next year at Wittenberg University in Ohio. The Oakland Township native was a two-time team captain on the tennis team and also played field hockey for the Mustangs.

"Marian helped me grow into the player I am today," said Stechow. "My coach, Lincoln Wirgau, supported and challenged me to push harder on the court."

Lynch is a Northville resident who will play volleyball next year at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She was a four-year varsity volleyball player, including three years as a libero. She has been a volunteer Religious Ed Teacher at St. James Catholic Church.

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## VOLLEYBALL

# MIVCA unveils 2018 All-State girls volleyball teams

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The Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association has selected the All-State teams for the 2018 season.

Each division has three teams and then up to 24 honorable mention players. Division 1 and 2 have 12 players selected for each team. Division 3 selects 10 players for each team and Division 4 selects eight players for each team.

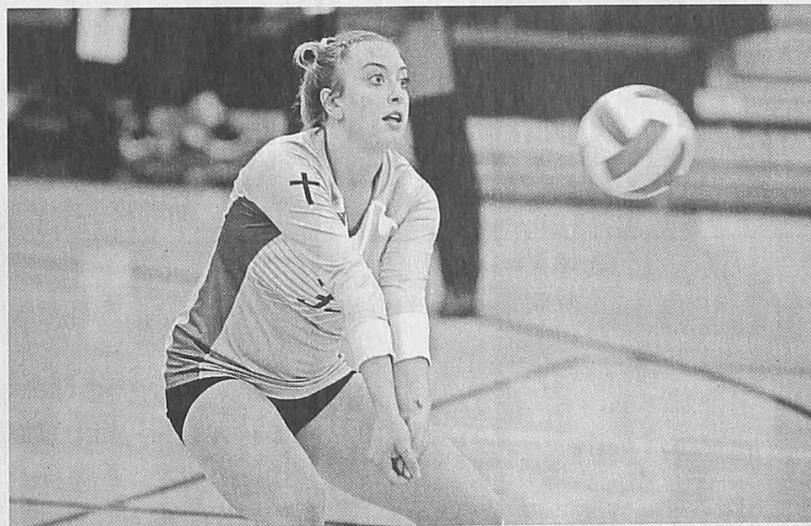
Players are nominated by their varsity head coach to the regional level. After being selected to the Region team, some players are nominated to move on to the state level where Region representative come together to select the All-State teams.

Here are the honorees:

## Division 1

**First team:** Jaelianna Primus, 6-2 Sr. MH, Hudsonville; Emmy Webb, 6-0 Sr. MH, Rockford; Lindsay Taylor, 6-2 Sr. OH, Rockford; Desiree Becker, 6-2 Sr. OH-MH, DeWitt; Allison Wiese, 5-6 Jr. libero, Mattawan; Ryann Jaqua, 5-8 Sr. OH, Portage Central; Celia Cullen, 6-0 Jr. setter-RSH, Brighton; Jess Mruzik, 6-1 Jr. OH, Farmington Hills Mercy; Julie Bishop, 5-11 Soph. setter, Mercy; Paige Briggs, 5-10 Sr. OH, Lake Orion; Wren Macauley, 5-10 Sr. setter, Lake Orion; Jessica Robinson, 6-2 Sr. OH, Troy.

**Second team:** Jenna Reitsma, 5-11 Soph. OH, Lowell; Taylor Rutgers, 5-9 Jr. OH, Mattawan; Natalie Foster, 5-11 Jr. OH, Mattawan; Lexie Beeke, 5-8 Jr. setter, Richland Gull Lake; Sidney Schiller, 6-0 Sr. OH-MH, Battle Creek Lakeview; Kendall Murray, 6-1 Jr. OH, Ann Arbor Skyline; Ellia Louissia, 6-1 Sr. OH, Mercy; Kate Stration, 5-10 Jr. OH, Rochester Stoney Creek; Christine Audette, 5-9 Jr.



Farmington Hills Mercy junior Jess Mruzik earned first-team Division 1 All-State honors. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

OH, Birmingham Marian; Sydney Smith, 5-10 Jr. RSH, Lake Orion; Hannah Grant, 5-6 Sr. libero, Northville.

**Third team:** Megan Kolp, 6-2 MH, Petoskey; Ashley Slater, 6-2 Jr. OH, Grand Haven; Emilee Karelse, 5-8 Sr. setter, Rockford; Meghan Meyer, 6-0 Jr. MH, Lowell; Riley Homer, 6-1 Jr. OH, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern; Madeline Morrison, 6-1 Sr. OH, Flushing; Kenzy Corstange, 5-10 Sr. OH, Gull Lake; Karlie Kucharczyk, 6-0 Sr. OH-MH, Lakeview; Alexa Rousseau, 6-3 Jr. setter, Bloomfield Hills; Charli Atiemo, 6-1 Soph. MB, Mercy; Abbey Herrmann, 6-2 Sr. MB, Sterling Heights Stevenson; Clare McNamara, 5-10 Jr. MH-OH, Northville.

**Honorable mention:** Maggie McCrary, 6-2 Sr. MH-OH, Traverse City Central; Ashley Alford, 5-11 Sr. OH, Mount Pleasant; Katerine Perry, 5-7 Sr. MH;

Midland; Kayle Maat, 6-0 Jr. setter, Hudsonville; Aubrey Wrubel, 5-8 Sr. OH, Jenison; Natalie Dunn, 5-10 Sr. OH, Holland West Ottawa; Lydia Harper, 6-0 Soph. setter, Caledonia; Sydney Mills, 5-11 Sr. OH, DeWitt; Chloe Itoni, 6-0 Sr. OH, Fenton; Kelsie Vanivelt, 5-8 Sr. setter, Grand Blanc; Tyler Scheid, 6-0 Sr. MH, Coldwater; Levin Lennard, 5-10 Sr. setter, Temperance Bedford; Breeanna Long, 5-6 Sr. libero, Bedford; Taylor Venuto, 6-2 Sr. OH-MH, Dexter; Olivia Cristian, 5-10 Sr. OH, Skyline; Abby Durecki, 6-1 Sr. MH, South Lyon; Clair Nowicki, 5-10 Soph. OH, Clarkston; Stephanie Smith, 5-8 Sr. setter, Stoney Creek; Ava Brizard, 5-11 Fr. OH, Marian; Samantha Palazzolo, 5-8 Sr. libero, Utica Eisenhower; Alexis Kopicki, 5-11 Sr. OH, Sterling Heights Stevenson; Sarah Dunn, 5-8 Jr. OH, Livonia Churchill; Madeline Douglas, 5-9 Sr. libero, Trenton.

## Division 2

**First team:** Maradith O'Gorman, Jr. RS, Lake Odessa Lakewood; Patsy Morris, Sr. libero-setter-RSH, Lakewood; Jordyn Gates, Jr. setter, Grand Rapids Christian; Maria Bos, Sr. OH, Grand Rapids Christian; Addie VanderWeide, Soph. OH, Grand Rapids Christian; Aubrey O'Gorman, Soph. MH, Lakewood; Elizabeth Norris, Jr. MH, Corunna; Allyson Severance, Sr. OH, North Branch; Cailin White, Sr. OH, Adrian; Madeline Chinn, Sr. OH, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep; Natalie Risi, Sr. OH, Notre Dame Prepl Emma Schlagheck, Sr. RSH, Wixom St. Catherine of Siena.

**Second team:** Jessica Lefler, Sr. OH, Kingsley; Aubrey Bates, Jr. setter, Coopersville; Olivia Keelean, Sr. OH, Grant; Kylie Oberlin, Sr. MH, Fruitport; Autumn Deshetsy, Sr. setter, North Branch; Alyssa Lester, Sr. libero, Hamilton; Makenzie Bonnell, Jr. setter, Marshall; Abby Welke, Soph. OH, Marshall; Taylor Wegener, Jr. MH, Ida; Madeleine Kennedy, Sr. OH, Chelsea; Katie Grose, Sr. setter, St. Catherine of Siena; Tyler Bieszczad, Sr. libero, Marysville.

**Third team:** Austyn DeWeese, Jr. MH, Kingsley; Abby Olin, Soph. MH, Coopersville; Jenna Core, Sr. OH, Spring Lake; Allysin Grams, Sr. MH, Whitehall; Madeline Zenas, Sr. setter, Crosswell Lexington; Skye Leach, Sr. OH, Edwardsburg; Olivia Webber, Soph. MH, Marshall; Kyle Crandall, Soph. libero, Battle Creek Harper Creek; Alyssa Borellis, Fr. OH-setter-MH, Notre Dame Prep; Kennedy Bearden, Sr. OH, Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day.

**Honorable mention:** Brooke Kochanny, Jr. MH, Cadillac; Macy Brown, Soph. setter-OH, Cadillac; Jorday Carlyle, Sr. RSH-setter, Fruitport; Gianna

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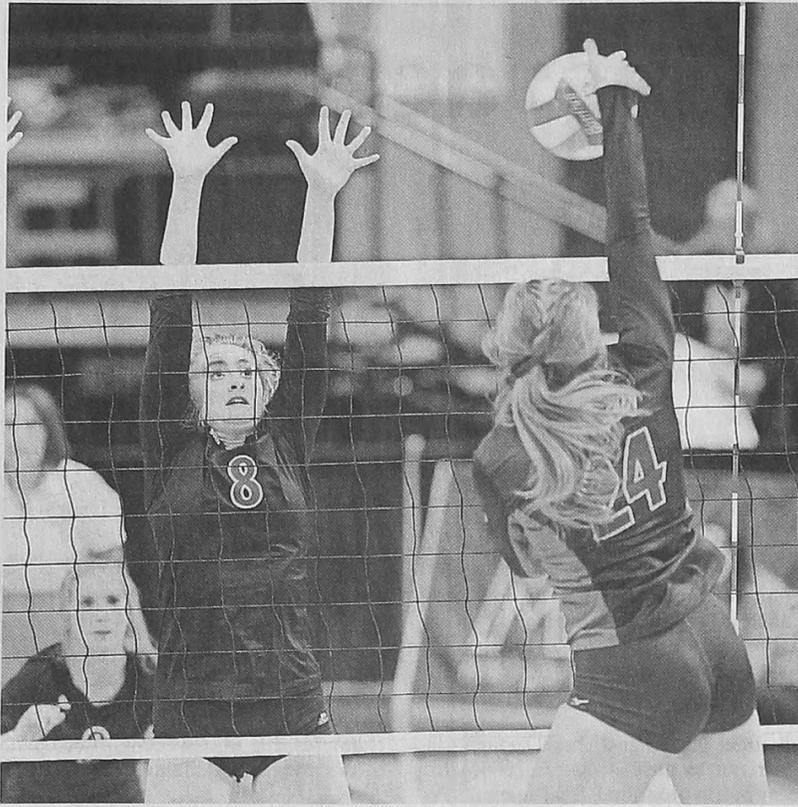
Megna, Sr. libero, Whitehall; Morgan Smith, Sr. OH, Grand Rapids Catholic Central; Caitlin Pistro, Jr. OH, Free-land; Jordyn Conrad, Jr. setter, Frankenthum; Sydney Sweet, Sr. OH-MH, Clio; Hannah Bader, Sr. libero, North Branch; Allison Bryce, Sr. MH, North Branch; Allison Ediger, Soph. OH, Hamilton; Claire Alby, Sr. setter, Edwardsburg; Abbie Harpenau, Sr. OH-MH, Niles; Jocelyn Hack, Jr. MH, Edwardsburg; Corbyn Wayner, Soph. OH, Hamilton; Faith Hayes, Sr. OH, Harper Creek; Alicia Lake, Sr. MH, Battle Creek Pennfield; Day'Anna Marr, Soph. OH, Adrian; Kadie Carsten, Jr. OH, Ida; Maria Famularo, Sr. setter-OH, Notre Dame Prep; Payton Porter, Sr. OH, St. Catherine of Siena; Jenna O'Brien, Soph. OH, Warren Regina; Brenna Murphy, Sr. MH, Madison Heights Lamphere.

## Division 3

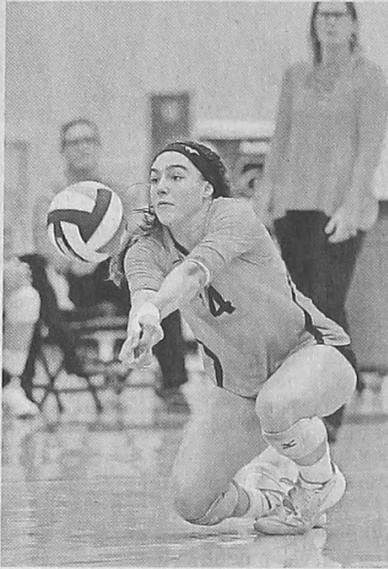
**First team:** Molly Mirabelli, 6-1 Sr. OH, Traverse City St. Francis; Rylee Zimmer, 5-9 Sr. MH, Unionville-Sebewaing; Andelyn Simkins, 5-10 Jr. OH, Schoolcraft; Ashton Wronikowski, 6-0 Sr. MH, Bronson; Keona Salesman, 5-11 Jr. OH, Bronson; Kiera Lasky, 5-5 Sr. libero, Bronson; Callie Bauer, 5-10 Soph. OH-setter, Hudson; Jayden Humphrey, 5-8 Sr. OH-MH, Manchester; Mikayla Hunter, 5-10 Soph. OH, Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central; Abby Jackson, 5-7 Sr. libero, Monroe St. Mary CC.

**Second team:** Anna Sytsema, 6-0 Sr. MH, Muskegon Western Michigan Christian; Annie Holesinger, 6-1 Sr. OH, Grand Rapids NorthPointe Christian; Kaitlyn Ill, 5-11 Sr. OH, Millington; Joanna Larsen, 6-1 Sr. OH, Centreville; Kayla Onken, 5-7 Soph. setter, Schoolcraft; Jolie Smoker, 6-0 Sr. RSH, Bronson; Kaiya Wall, 5-11 Sr. OH, Adrian Madison; Paige Gallentine, 5-7 Jr. OH-setter, Brighton Charyl Stockwell Prep; Maddie Haut, 6-0 Sr. MH, Monroe St. Mary CC; Sydney Kusiak, 6-0 Sr. OH, Riverview Gabriel Richard.

**Third team:** Sage Schumacher, 5-1 Soph. MH, Beal City; Molly Gerow, 5-8 Soph. OH; Alexis Strait, 5-5 Soph. setter, White Cloud; Braelyn Berry, 5-7 Fr. OH, Morley Stanwood; Kendal Muxlow, 5-7 Sr. OH, Brown City; Samara Schlabach, 5-10 Sr. OH-setter, Centreville; Maggie



**Birmingham Marian's Christine Audette (8) earned second-team All-State honors.** DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



**Northville junior Clare McNamara earned third team All-State laurels.** BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Morris, 6-0 Soph. MH, Schoolcraft; Meagan Lasky, 5-4 Soph. setter, Bronson; Kayla Engel, 5-8 Jr. OH, Manchester; Rachel Speck, 6-0 Sr. MH.

**Honorable mention:** Celia Kiilunen, 5-10 Sr. MH, Calumet; Taylor Fleming, 5-10 Sr. MH, Rogers City; Ellie Louise, 6-3 Sr. RSH, Charlevoix; Kelli Ignat, 5-11 Sr. MH, Houghton Lake; Hannah Sidowicz, 5-8 Soph. setter, Traverse City St. Francis; Lyndsey Fillenworth, 5-10 Jr. OH, Beal City; Kasey Firestone, 5-6 Sr. OH, North Muskegon; Syann Fairfield, 5-10 Soph. MH, North Muskegon; Eleya Jo Zichterman, 5-5 Sr. libero, NorthPointe Christian; Megan Schrock, 5-6 Sr. setter, NorthPointe Christian; Lindsey Matsumoto, 5-5 Sr. setter, Bath; Megan Greenup, 5-6 Sr. setter, St. Louis; Kelsey Vittitow, 5-5 Jr. libero, Saginaw Valley Lutheran; Aleix Wiltsie, 5-4 Sr. setter, Brown City; Amber Pleiness, 5-8 Sr. MH-DS, Harbor Beach; Madison Thompson, 5-11 Sr. OH-MH-setter, Reese; Carley Broekhuizen, 5-1 Jr. MH, Kalamazoo Christian; Kelby Goldsch-

meding, 5-8 Soph. libero, Schoolcraft; Keilyn Carpenter, 6-1 Soph. OH; Vermontville Maple Valley; Paris Outwater, 5-5 Sr. DS, Bronson; Ellery Cure, 6-1 Jr. MH, Hanover Horton; Lila Splavec, 6-4 Jr. MH, Charyl Stockwell; Cori Manore, 5-5 Sr. setter, Petersburg-Summerfield; Isabella Kandas, 5-3 Jr. libero, Riverview Gabriel Richard.

## Division 4

**First team:** Sydnie Zeeryp, Sr. MH, Rudyard; Allie Martin, Sr. OH, Leland; Ella Siddall, Sr. setter, Leland; Aubrey Crotser, Sr. setter, Mendon; Anna Smith, Soph. OH, Mendon; Amijha Bailey, Sr. libero, Mendon; Emily Van Dyke, Jr. OH, Southfield Christian.

**Second team:** Hanna Elwell, Sr. OPP, Leland; Mia Osorio, Soph. libero, Leland; Ashtyn Hescott, Jr. MH, Merrill; Brooklyn Witgen, Sr. OH-MH, Fowler; Marisa Snyder, Sr. OH, Fowler; Abby Austin, Jr. setter, Battle Creek St. Philip; Brooke Dzwik, Fr. OH, Battle Creek St. Philip; Jordan Stump, Jr. setter-OH, Camden Frontier.

**Third team:** Emily Judd, Sr. MH, Bay City All Saints Central; Lindsey Barry, Sr. OH, Calhoun Christian; Maddy Hal-lacy, Jr. OPP, Battle Creek St. Philip; Maya Segovia, Sr. MH, Battle Creek St. Philip; Alexis Koenig, Soph. OH, Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes; Caitlin Warnshuis, Jr. OH, Southfield Christian; Madison Raymond, Jr. libero, Plymouth Christian.

**Honorable mention:** Rachel Beelen, Sr. MH, Rudyard; Cierra Molina, Sr. setter, Rudyard; Michael Werner, Sr. MH, Munising; Darcy Bennin, Jr. MH; Pickford; Calley Selke, Sr. OH, Onaway; Jordan Larson, Jr. libero, Onaway; Mallorie Neelis, Jr. setter, Onaway; Kristy Robinson, Sr. OH, Pellston; Kaitly Bricker, Jr. setter, Pellston; Colleen McCarthy, Jr. OH, Onekema; Michael Hubbard, Sr. MH, Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart; Peyton Nabozny, Sr. setter, Climax Scotts; Abi Nunez, Soph. OH, North Adams-Jerome; Frances Churchwell, Jr. libero, Camden Frontier; Sophia Hadash, Sr. OH-MH, Waterford Our Lady; Abigail Kawka, Sr. libero, Waterford Our Lady; Haile Ide, Soph. libero, Oakland Christian; Elise Miera, Sr. MH, Plymouth Christian; Isabella Racho, Sr. setter, Plymouth Christian.

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leadership of captains Collin Rea and Ben McColl and assistant captains Ben Jugan and Kyle Jackson for helping to mold the team chemistry.

McColl and Rea showed their on-ice leadership against Canton in the non-league game played at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

McColl registered the game-winning goal and added an assist while Rea finished with three assists. Jugan also tallied a goal and a helper while Jackson added one assist.

"All of our captains, their leadership is great right now and they are getting the team ready," said Levick. "McColl had another good game and the other three captains are playing great as well. They are all leading and that's what we need out of them."

Farmington United skated to a 3-0 first-period lead and never trailed.

Farmington United opened the scoring when senior Nathan Arnold poked in a rebound past Canton goalie Michael Renzi at the 9:54 mark of the first period. Just 46 seconds later, sophomore forward Tony Eaton slipped the puck into the net for a 2-0 lead.

McColl, who leads the team in scoring with 19 points, then wristed in a shot from the high slot on a power play at the 8:05 mark of the period as Farmington United scored three goals in less than two minutes to take control early.

Canton, however, scored at the 2:13 mark when junior forward Hugo Fonovic, who was a scoring threat all night, beat Farmington United goalie Nick Rogers to make it 3-1 after the first 17 minutes.

Fonovic's goal was the first Farmington United has allowed this year in the first period. United has now outscored its eight foes by a 15-1 margin after the first 17 minutes.

"We definitely got off to a good start, but unfortunately we allowed that late goal," said Levick, whose team's only loss was to Clarkston. "But, we knew we had to be ready for the second period because Canton is a good team and we knew we had to play hard. We did that and we were able to distance ourselves a little bit."

Farmington United senior Zach Kniffin netted both of his team's second period goals. Canton's Declan O'Hare sandwiched a goal in between Kniffin's pair, but the Chiefs trailed 5-2 heading into the final period.

### Canton can't catch up

Canton came out strong in the third period, using a power play early on to gain some momentum. The Chiefs had the period's first three shots on goal but couldn't beat Rogers.

Then, halfway through the final period, Jugan scored on a long wrister from the point that got past Canton goalie Jaxon Taylor who had relieved Renzi halfway through the middle period.



Canton's Austin Woelke (23) and Farmington United's Nathan Arnold face off in Wednesday's game at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Farmington United then regained control and cruised to the four-goal victory.

Kris Kozoro (two), Matt Nieman, Arnold (two) and Tony Eaton were other United players credited with assists.

For Canton, seniors Austin Woelke and Alex Poe, sophomore Tyler Laksi and Fonovic earned assists.

"We didn't come out to play today. We had a tough game today and I don't think the boys came out and skated very hard," said Canton's second-year head coach John Bartle. "We gave away the lead early and we were never able to get it back."

"I just told the guys in the locker room you have to give effort for the full 51 minutes of the game," he said. "It just seemed like we maybe gave effort about half

that game today."

Canton (4-3) next travels to Midland and Bay City, respectively, for road games on Friday and Saturday. Farmington United hopes to keep up its winning ways Friday evening against Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

"We definitely have some high hopes this year and we're off to a good start," said Levick. "We have a long ways to go still, but we can still get better. We were a little off at times tonight. Both of their goals were kind of running around our own zone. But, we'll clear that up and we'll look at film and we'll get ready for Friday."

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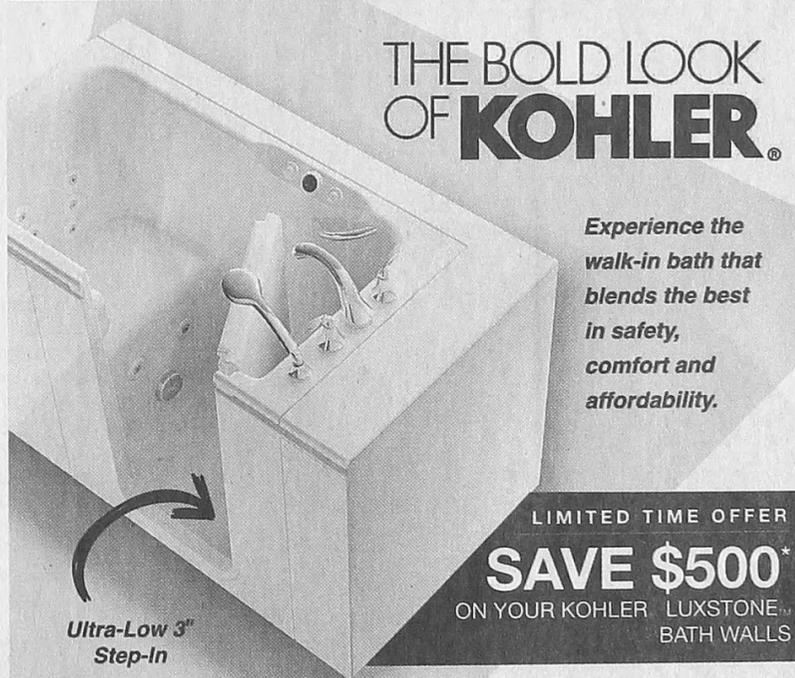


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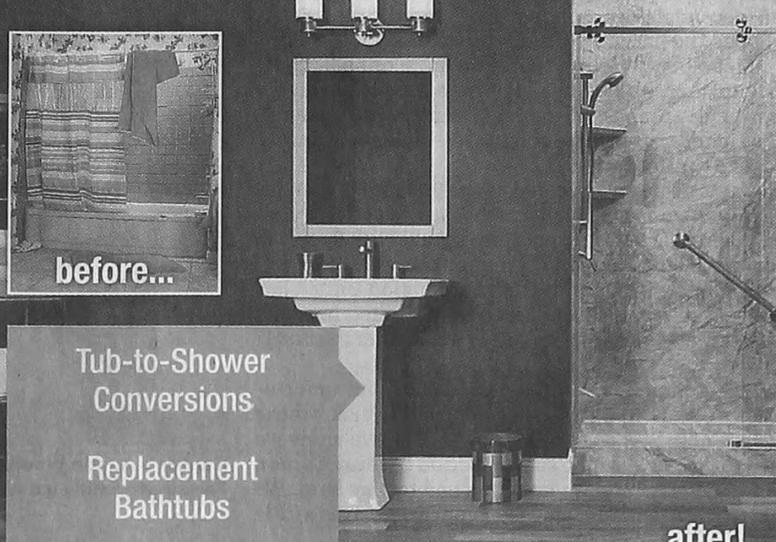
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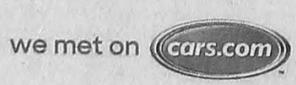
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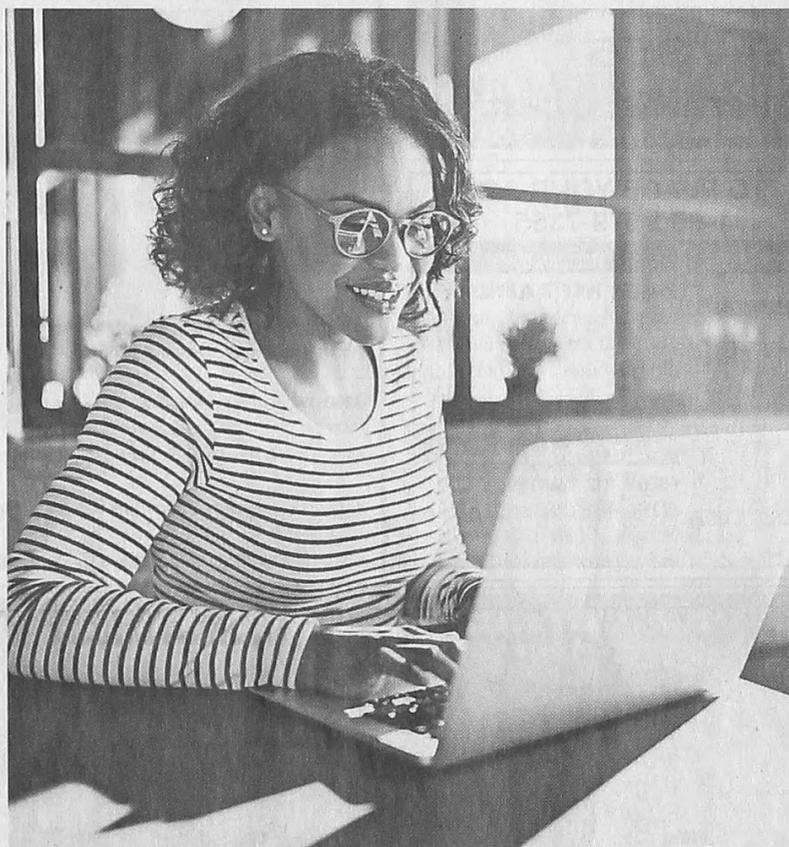
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An indisputable fact of modern digital life is that we're all highly searchable by just about anyone looking for information. And when it comes to our professional lives, it becomes even more relevant: bosses, hiring managers, recruiters, and others may have a glimpse into our histories when we don't even know we're on someone's radar. That's why it's so important to make sure that your personal brand, particularly online, is in good shape.

### Google yourself regularly

If you want to get a sense of what's attached to your name, it's super easy to do—all you have to do is a quick search. It's not an ego thing; it's a maintenance thing. If you've already done some social media or personal brand cleanup in the past, you're likely not to see anything truly alarming (those inappropriate party photos from school, perhaps?), but you should look for lesser "sins," like outdated information and stagnant profiles. What are the first results? Are they active social media profiles, or the LinkedIn profile you haven't touched in months?

And if you do find things you'd rather not be public, you have the opportunity to do damage control. You can't always control what people are saying about you, but you can put limits on what parts of your personal social media profiles are available for public search. You can untag yourself in others' Facebook posts. You can also try to crowd out old or not-great information by building up a more robust online presence under your own name. That way, your pro-Justin Timberlake manifesto from high



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school becomes maybe the 10th result in your search results, not the first. Blog posts under your own name are a good start (making them relevant to your brand, of course). Creating your own website is a good step as well if you want to push less relevant results off the page and feature your more recent good

work.

After you've done a search engine audit for what comes up under your name, you can set up Google alerts that will let you know if any new results are coming up under your name or related search criteria. That makes it easier to maintain on an ongoing basis.

### Do frequent social media sweeps

Content is the key to your personal brand, so make sure you're re-upping all of your public or professional social media accounts with new posts or new links. If it's obvious that you're not engaging via your social media profiles, that dings your personal brand health. You don't have to be on top of every bit of social media every second, but making sure you're checking in and sending out content to your followers a few times a week can help maintain your connections and show that you're on top of all the relevant stuff going on in your field.

It's also good policy to review your followers pretty frequently. Do you have a core group of followers with whom you interact by retweeting, commenting, etc.? Or do you have mostly a group of absentee, bot-esque followers who don't engage with your content? The best thing for your brand is having people whom you can depend on to respond to you, and vice versa. Every month, take a few minutes to see if there are any other new accounts you should follow yourself, and make sure you're keeping an eye on the people and sites that provide the most up-to-date info in your field.

You don't have to overhaul your brand all the time, but taking time throughout your week and your month to do a quick review of what's out there (especially with your name on it) and what you're doing to interact with your world is going to help you keep your public image healthy.

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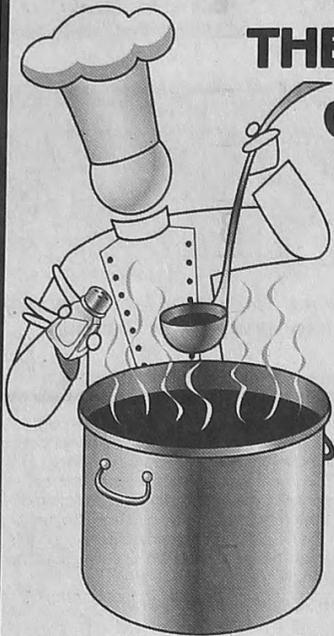
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- 10 TV "angel" player
- 14 Bus costs
- 19 Equestrian arena
- 21 Puccini song
- 22 Trump's first wife
- 23 Case yet to be cracked
- 25 Rocker
- 26 Honked
- 27 Major port of Japan
- 28 Ocean's main body
- 30 — Jose
- 33 Quality Inn alternative
- 35 April 1 gag
- 40 Supple
- 43 Tons
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- 54 Hockey's Bobby
- 55 Internet automaton
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- 57 Central California city
- 59 What may develop between eHarmony members
- 63 Ballet attire
- 64 Minuscule
- 65 In the dumps
- 66 Reebok rival
- 67 Gift label
- 70 Carry out
- 75 Psychic gift
- 76 Other, to Gabriela
- 78 Flimflam
- 79 Top-secret govt. group
- 80 Not colorful 1980
- 82 Lennon-Ono album
- 86 Second half of an LP
- 90 "It's the end of —"
- 91 Vetoes, e.g.
- 92 Defunct
- 94 U.K. record label
- 94 Boxed stringed instrument
- 95 Part of FDR
- 97 Six Flags amusement park in New Jersey

- 100 Capped body part
- 102 "Morning Joe" aier
- 103 Lessens
- 104 Specialty of Sophocles
- 110 Flub
- 112 It's south of Rwanda
- 113 Issues a ticket to, e.g.
- 116 Minuscule
- 122 Stan's old film partner
- 123 Its first part is "Inferno"
- 127 Has to have
- 128 Wiggly fishes
- 129 Lists one by one
- 130 Slalom curves
- 131 "Nuts!"
- 132 Fish snarers
- 133 Tasty tidbit

- 9 Florida islets
- 10 Hanukkah menu item
- 11 Geometry calculations
- 12 "Cut!" caller: Abbr.
- 13 Diurnal hooting bird
- 14 Raging blaze
- 15 — -garde
- 16 Give a boost
- 17 Be admitted
- 18 "The father of lies"
- 20 Potential binge-watching buys
- 24 Heavy sword
- 29 Lowly laborer
- 31 Ring legend
- 32 El — (Pacific current)
- 34 Most sour
- 35 Grad's gala
- 36 Start all over on
- 37 Got 100 on
- 38 Three trios
- 39 Toady (to)
- 41 Like tossed dice
- 42 Kind of wasp
- 45 Part of BLT
- 46 MLB stat
- 47 Ending for bass or ball

- 49 Unkind
- 50 "Dumb Dog" musical
- 51 52-card sets
- 52 Win every game of
- 58 Not just short on
- 60 Helmsley of hotels
- 61 Invasions
- 62 Add scent to
- 67 Salutation on a June greeting card
- 68 Do penance
- 69 Liquid oatmeal food
- 71 While furious
- 72 Valuable qualities
- 73 Caribbean's — Islands
- 74 Chuck Berry (1974 hit)
- 77 — "Ca-Dabra"
- 81 Popular fishbowl fish
- 83 Gaunt quality
- 84 Neither fish — fowl
- 85 Chinese thinker
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- 87 As a result
- 88 Had life
- 89 Tram's load
- 93 "— delighted!"
- 96 How much 1990s music was released
- 98 Fine, rare violin
- 99 TiVo predecessor
- 101 Got ready for print
- 104 Hearty steak
- 105 Governs
- 106 City on the Rhone
- 107 Tour leader
- 108 High-speed Amtrak train
- 109 In the — of (amongst)
- 111 Derby, e.g.
- 114 Not odd
- 115 Trig ratio
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- 118 Sharif of "Lawrence of Arabia"
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- 124 That vessel
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- 126 Ambulance gp.

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**Article I. In General**

**Sec. 22-1-Marihuana Establishments Prohibited**

Marihuana establishments as defined in Section 3 of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act, and as it may hereafter be amended from time to time, are completely prohibited within the City limits of the City of Plymouth, as provided for in Section 6 of the Act.

Sec. 22-2- Sections of this Ordinance related to the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act shall be reviewed annually.

**This Amendment to Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances is determined to be an Emergency and it shall have immediate effect. Further, the City Clerk is directed to notify the State of Michigan as is required by the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act of the City's actions.**

Ordinance Effective: December 3, 2018

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