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Legislators listen to concerns from constituents

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Kim Cates has seen her health care premiums jump some 400 percent, so when she found out state Rep. Kristy Pagan and U.S. Rep. Debbie Dingell would be at a town hall meeting Thursday at Belleville High School, she decided to go.

Cates, a Belleville resident, was among an audience of some 120 people who turned out for what Michigan House Democrats are calling a "Listening Tour," a series of about a half-dozen similar town hall-style meetings where they take questions from the audience on subjects ranging from the failed Republican health care

proposal and school vouchers to federal cuts to the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, Meals on Wheels and after-school programs.

Cates appreciated the chance to hear from her legislators, but wasn't all that happy with what they said.

"I wanted to hear there was going to be some help coming for these premium increases," Cates said. "I heard an answer, but I didn't hear what I wanted to hear."

Pagan and Dingell were joined by Ezinne Ndukwe, a health care analyst for the Center for Healthcare Research & Transformation, and Timothy Michling, a research associate with the Citizens Research Council of Michigan, a nonprofit, non-partisan organization committed to improving health and informing

policy based on facts.

They talked about the federal health care proposal and several budget proposals, focusing on how they believe those proposals will affect residents of Michigan.

Responding to a question about school vouchers, Dingell said she wasn't sure how the appointment of school voucher-proponent Betsy DeVos as education secretary would affect public education.

"I don't know what's going to happen with (DeVos)," Dingell said. "She's one of the biggest supporters of vouchers."

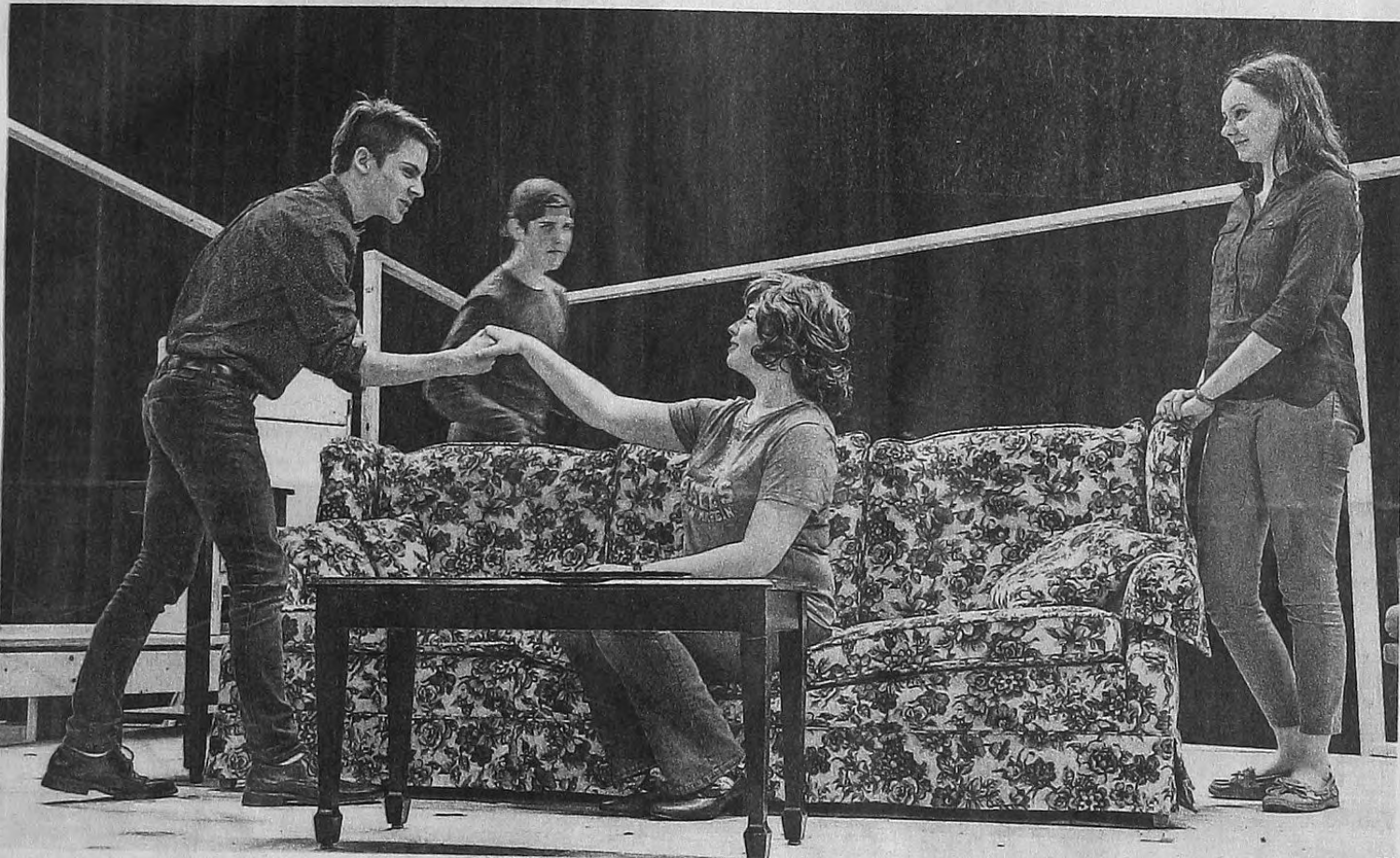
Another question involved the concerns over collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia to affect last year's election. Dingell said the investigation, currently being



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U.S. Rep. Debbie Dingell chats with Detroit resident Edward Taylor.



Victor Velasco (John Oatney) meets Ethel Banks (Sam Schikora). Daughter Corie (Madelyn Brunvand) set up the blind date. Paul Bratter (Cellach Allen) watches the encounter. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

PARK PLAYERS GO 'BAREFOOT' IN SPRING PRODUCTION

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Paul Bird remembers an all-night study session in college when he and his classmates were reading scenes from Neil Simon's classic, "Barefoot in the Park" and thinking someday he'd direct it.

Now he's getting his chance. Bird will direct the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Park Players in their spring production of "Barefoot."

"We couldn't stop laughing," Bird said of the study session. "I thought, 'One of these days we'll see if it's as funny as we thought then' and it is."

It'll start being funny on the Canton Little Theatre stage at Canton High School this week. The show runs April 21-22 and April 28-29. The play is set in the 1960s and follows the life of newlyweds Corie and Paul Bratter, who move into an apartment on the top floor of a brownstone in New York City. During the course of four days, the couple learns to live together while facing the usual daily ups and downs. Corie



Paul Bratter (played by Cellach Allen) tries to make it up to wife Corie Bratter (Madelyn Brunvand) because he will have to work late preparing for his first big court case. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

wants Paul to become more easy-going; for example, to run "barefoot in the park."

The show fits exactly what

Bird, who had to cast it against the huge spring musical "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," was looking

for. The show uses only five actors.

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Bottoms up! Students serving their beer at Schoolcraft

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Add one more group of students using Schoolcraft College's American Harvest restaurant as a way to teach them the culinary ways.

In addition to the culinary arts students who cook and serve in the restaurant, students enrolled in the brewing and distilling program at the Livonia college are now using that setting to learn the ways around pairing the beer being brewed on campus with food prepared there as well.

One such event, hosted by students in the program, took place Friday night at the American Harvest restaurant in the VisTaTech Center on campus. Students were on hand to speak about the brews and the pairing with various food items.

"It's basically teaching you how to serve beer," said Eric Selberg, a Waterford resident and student in the brewing program at Schoolcraft College.

The program has expanded greatly since being launched almost two years ago: the tanks for brewing were delivered last year and installed over the summer, while the first batch of beer began brewing on campus last fall. Today, there are several taps at the American Harvest pouring beer brewed right on campus by students. Those interested can even take it home: the college now sells certain brews in six-packs and growlers are available for refills during the restaurant's operating hours.

Annette May, one of the instructors at Schoolcraft College, said students are on hand every Thursday and Friday night for restaurant patrons to

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conducted in both the House and Senate, should be done independently. "I believe Republicans are as concerned as the Democrats" about the

allegations, Dingell said. "I think it should be an independent investigation." Not everyone was happy with what they heard in the meeting. Mike Micevicius of Ypsilanti said he felt the whole thing seemed "scripted."

"We need to connect to our legislators," Micevicius said. "This whole program was scripted; we weren't allowed to ask real questions. I think (Dingell's) agenda is her husband's agenda, which is the Affordable Care Act and a one-payer system. I'm also con-

cerned she's pushing the 'adversary' position between Republicans and Democrats, rather than thinking 'we the people.'" Dingell said she's been doing a large number of these town hall-style meetings and they're important especially now, in such a divisive

time. "Right now, people want to know their legislators are available," Dingell said. "They want to talk. We need to make sure we're connecting with people and listening to them." Pagan said she's been seeing a level of involve-

ment she hasn't seen in years and the town hall meetings are helping. This is a huge turnout," Pagan said. "People are really engaged. We can capture this energy, and sustain it."

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The problem? He got more than he bargained for with a large number of talented actors taking part in the audition process. Bird didn't want to eliminate anyone, so he cast two sets of characters.

"I wanted something with a smaller cast, something relatively modern," Bird said. "(But) I had so many good auditions, I didn't want to have to pick between them."

The two casts — each one will do three of the six schedules shows — started rehearsing the second week of January. Normally, that long of a rehearsal schedule could pose a challenge to the cast.

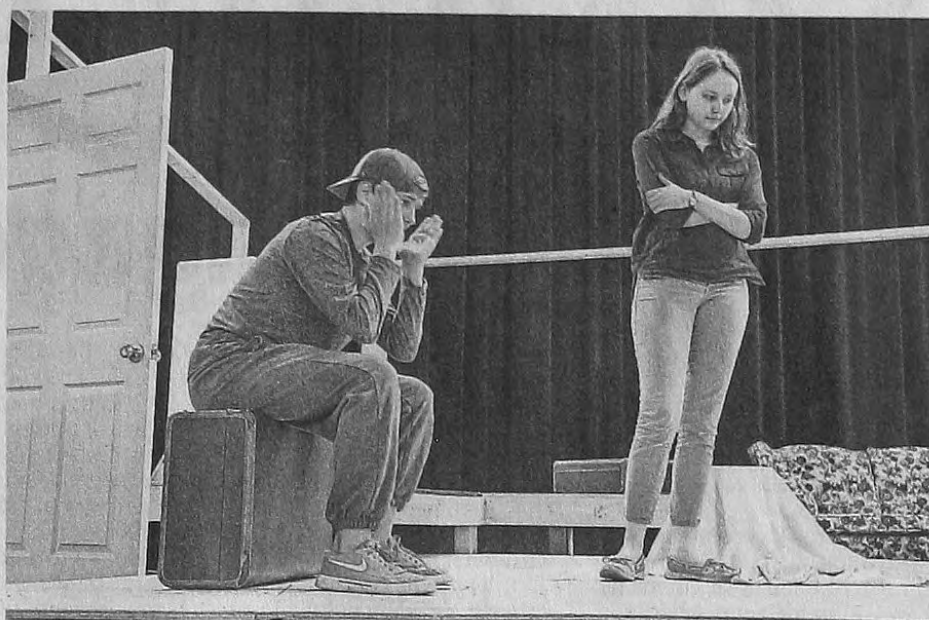
In this case, though, it actually may have worked to the cast's advantage.

"In some ways, it helped," Bird said. "The challenge is, if the rehearsal period is too long, the material gets stale. With the two casts, it stayed pretty fresh for them."

Salem High School freshman Cellach Allen, appearing in his first Park Players production, is one of the actors playing Paul Bratter. He's seen the movie, so he wasn't surprised when he read the script.

Robert Redford played Paul in the 1967 film version of the play, but Allen decided to play the normally fairly straight-laced Paul more for laughs.

"Paul is a businessman who's a very suit-and-tie kind of guy," Allen said.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Paul Bratter (Cellach Allen), climbs six flights of stairs to see his new apartment for the first time, rented by his wife Corie (Madelyn Brunvard). It is full of unwelcome surprises.

"I took him in a different direction than he's normally played and (Bird) liked it."

Salem High School junior Madelyn Brunvard is playing Corie opposite Allen. Her read of Corie is of someone who "really enjoys life. ... She wants to have fun and she has a lot of energy."

Brunvard said Allen's portrayal of Paul is forcing her to play Corie even more over the top than the character sometimes calls for.

"I think I care more about what people think then she does. ... She kind of says what she wants," Brunvard said. "She doesn't have much of a filter. That's fun. (And) Cellach is playing Paul really funny and it challenges me to take her even more over the top."

The "other" Paul — Plymouth High School senior David Grant — is

playing the character more true to form, more closely following the performance of Richard Thomas in the 1982 version of the film.

Grant, in his first production, has enjoyed getting to know the character.

"He seemed like a character whose mind I could get into," Grant said. "I'm playing it more to the script. I understand why Paul is angry, because Corie is kind of eccentric."

Canton High School junior Rosie Rufe is playing Corie opposite Grant. She calls Corie "bright, but not always thoughtful of others, which gets her into trouble."

Rufe said she shares some similarities with Corie, though Rufe has a filter and Corie often doesn't. That can sometimes present a challenge. The hardest part of

playing her?

"Figuring out what's going on in her mind," Rufe said. "She doesn't seem to always be thinking things through. She's very obnoxious, but she's relatable, too, so that's a challenge."

Bird said his first time ever double-casting a show has "been a unique experience."

"The two casts have completely different personalities and they approach it in totally different ways," he said. "In some ways, my vision had to be let go to allow them to succeed."

"Barefoot in the Park" plays April 21-22 and April 28-29. Shows are at 7 p.m. each night, with 2 p.m. matinees April 22 and April 29. Tickets are \$10 at the door and are also available at tpttc.booktix.com

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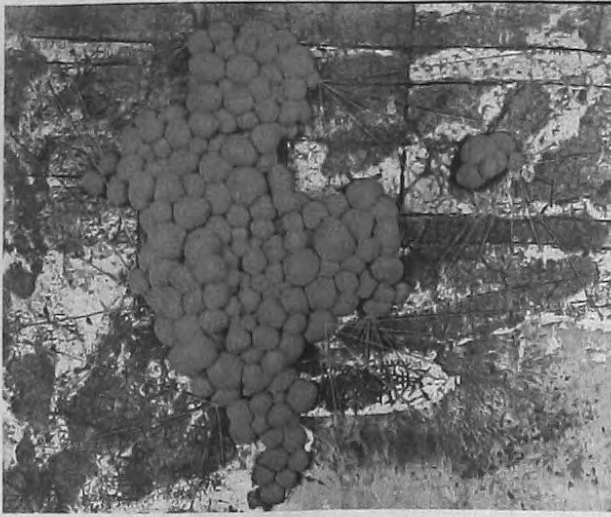
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'Loose Threads' in exhibit at Cherry Hill Theater

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is hosting the exhibit "Loose Threads," a combination of work showing the dynamics and processes of three fiber artists, through April 30.

Featured artists include Jan Waller, Leann Meixner and Joan Potter Thomas, who combined have more than 50 years of fiber art experience. Artwork includes, but is not exclusive to, quilting, felting, stitchery, printmaking and assemblage.

British fiber artist Jan Waller of Plymouth works predominately with felt making. She studied fine art (sculpture) at Loughborough College of Art and Design. After art college and a variety of "interesting" jobs, she became an art teacher and taught art at middle and high school for 10 years. Her passion for felting began at a day course with Gillian "GladRags" Harris. After moving to Australia, she was given access to some of the world's foremost felters and the Victorian Felt-



"Boiling Point" by Joan Potter Thomas.

makers Institute. Since moving to Michigan, she has become a member of the Ann Arbor Fiber Arts Guild and has exhibited around Michigan, including ArtPrize 2012.

Artist Leann Meixner received a bachelor of fine art degree with a concentration in fiber from the College of Art and Design in Detroit and has branched out into printmaking, collage

and assemblage. Meixner has been known to choose her media by the people who work in that medium and by the way that medium feels in her hands. She enjoys process and the give and take of working with other artists in an open environment. Meixner's artwork is influenced by her travel. Not only the trips where she has been able to gaze upon the Sarsens



Jan Waller's "Cheer Up Love."

and bluestones of Stonehenge, but even a quick trip to a neighboring subdivision, where she might see the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph, cast in plastic.

Artist Joan Potter

Thomas is a mixed media and fiber artist from Northville. Thomas received her BA from the University of Michigan and her MA from the College of William and Mary. Her work has been

exhibited across the country and featured in several national publications. She has also received several awards for her art, including Best of Show and Juror's Choice in three exhibits.

"I think of both my life and my art as a continuous struggle for balance. The creative process versus the necessity of business; hours in my studio versus hours at home; the freedom of a messy work space versus knowing where to find things. I juggle various mediums in my art as well, frequently shifting between two and three dimensions," Thomas said.

This current art exhibit at the Gallery@VT is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, one hour prior to and during public performances at the theater, as well as by appointment.

The gallery is at 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton. For more information, call 734-394-5300 or go to www.cantonvillage-theater.org.

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assist them with the proper pairings of beer with their meals.

"It's actually getting bigger. Since we started pouring house-brewed beer, we're getting a slightly different clientele," the Allen Park resident said. "It's really important that the people making the beer know how to interact with the customers."

Canton resident Rob Thorne was also on hand Friday helping with the dinner event. While he does some work at Liberty Street Brewing Co. in Plymouth, he's got his eyes set to open his own brewery along the shores



Friends of the brewing program gather at American Harvest for a celebration of Schoolcraft's beer. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

of Lake Erie, a market he said that is untapped.

"I'm hoping to get into Monroe," he said.

And the courses are already proving their worth for some students: Selberg said he works at

Brew Detroit, a company that brews beer for various customers, including Stroh's and Motor City Brewing Works.

"There's a lot of different paths you can take besides just beer," he

said. "There's everything from sales to distribution, merchandising."

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Delta Kappa Gamma honors Cortellini

Gamma Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma announced Debbie Cortellini as its 2017 Woman of Distinction.

Chapter officials said the honor is bestowed on a woman who has shown "outstanding leadership" in the organization and the community. Past recipients include Esther Hulsing, Zana Taurianen, Judy Pavitt, Mary Childs, Carol Davis, Kate Otto, Luan Brownlee, Marian West, Barb Rodenberg, Mary Fritz, Judy Stone, Bev Brooks, Liz VanWestenburg, Joyce Deren, Gerry Dugan, Jane Libbing, Sandy Downs, Alice Chrenko, Barbara Marshall, Debbie Maloni and Jodi Ring.

Delta Kappa Gamma is a professional, international organization of women who work in the education field. The society promotes the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in

education.

The local chapter, Gamma Gamma, is made up of teachers, para-professionals, counselors and administrators, retired and employed from Plymouth-Canton, Westland, Chelsea, Northville, Livonia and Novi. The group's charge is to raise money for scholarships and grants given to those in the education field.

The Plymouth Canton chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma has provided \$130,000 of scholarship money during the last 30 years. Presently there are nine students receiving scholarships of \$4,000 each. Other groups that have been given grants include Seedlings, Kids4Afghan Kids, Ronald McDonald House, First Step, Help for Homeless Students, The Salvation Army, Canton Literacy Council, EEF Grants, assistance for classroom teachers and many more. For

many years, the group's main fundraiser was the annual craft show at East Middle School. In place of that event, the group is sponsoring different events throughout the community such as a High Tea at Greenmead on May 6.

Cortellini is a life-long learner and educator who has worn many different "hats." She started her career in Indianapolis, Ind., as a classroom teacher and then moved on to become a reading specialist. While raising her children, she was a Discovery Toy gold sales director, "teaching" many parents and representatives about the necessity and importance of play.

She was a classroom teacher in the Plymouth-Canton school district for 15 years when she retired. While Cortellini taught school, she became quite expert at technology issues, pa-

tiently teaching her peers. Presently, she is president of the Literary Council in Plymouth-Canton, helping those English Language Learners, young and old, become comfortable with English.

She lives in Plymouth with her husband Doug and their golden retriever Gracie. She enjoys spending time with her family of three wonderful sons and her great daughter-in-law. She is very active in philanthropic groups in the community, including Women's Giving Hope Giving Circle and Chicks for Charity.

Cortellini's leadership roles in DKG have been many. The biggest of these was being the chair of the chapter's annual craft show, which was a year-long commitment. Her leadership and organizational skills led to the great success of the annual fundraiser.



Debbie Cortellini, president of the Literacy Council (here with last year's youth spelling bee winner Andrew Xie), was honored as the 2017 Woman of Distinction.

Elks, American Legion host annual lunch for vets

Veterans from around the area once again benefited from the annual steak luncheon thrown in their honor by the Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks and the Plymouth American Legion last week.

Veterans came from the extended care and mental health units from Detroit VA and Ann Arbor VA hospitals. Veterans also came from the Michigan Veterans Foundation shelter for homeless vets and the VA's domiciliary homeless program shelter. Also in attendance were two World War II former POWs, who were held in German prisoner of war camps.

More than 25 Elks, American Legion members, Masons and Knights of Columbus members helped cook and serve. While veterans ate, they were entertained by the Westside Ramblers acoustic music group. The band regularly plays at the Elks lodge and donated its time and talent to entertain these veterans. Veterans requested songs and had a hard time trying to stump the memory of the band. It was a real party atmosphere.

According to Elks veteran chairman Stew Israel, the event started more than 20 years ago and later grew into a partnership with the Plymouth American Legion.

"This allowed us to have two of these great, festive events," Israel said. "The homeless, especially, feel a real gratitude for the citizenry who remember their sacrifice and this comes at a vulnerable time in their lives. They were there when we needed them and now we pay them back when they need us."

"These vets are wounded in mind, body and spirit and we Americans don't forget our wounded," Israel added.

This is just part of the Plymouth-Ann Arbor



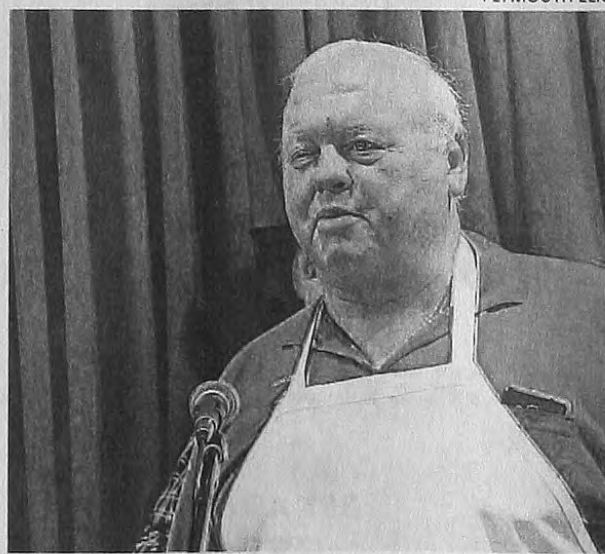
For more than 20 years, the Plymouth Elks have served steak lunches to honor area veterans.

Elks Veterans program. Last year, the program bought and wrapped 890 Christmas gifts of 14 items each and distributed them to VA hospitals in Detroit, Ann Arbor and Battle Creek, as well as three homeless shelters for veterans in Detroit.

The Elks put on horse racing in the Community Living Center of the Detroit VA, as well as hospital-wide ice cream socials. They adopted many hospitalized veterans and touched the lives of more than 8,000 hospi-

talized and homeless vets. Elks volunteered for the Veterans Golden Age games, a national veteran senior citizen Olympics.

The club also has an ongoing clothing drive for the Detroit Veterans Foundation shelter, which last year produced a donation of 240 bags of clothing and comfort items. Israel said Elks "touched the lives of over 8,000 veterans who were in the most need and covered 24,000 miles."



Plymouth Elks veterans chairman Stew Israel emcees the steak luncheon.

Online bill payments coming to Plymouth Township

The wait is over. Plymouth Township residents will finally be able to make most township hall payments online starting this summer.

"One of the biggest requests I've received from residents is to be like our neighboring communities and be able to pay bills electronically," Township Treasurer Mark Clinton said. "Up until now, the only way you could pay bills was by cash or check."



Under a new contract with Point and Pay LLC approved April 11 by the Board of Trustees, township residents will have several options to pay online, by phone or in person using their credit card. Residents will also be able to pay bills directly through their bank account via electronic check.

Credit card payments will be charged a 3-percent fee; \$3 will be charged for electronic checks. The township will accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover cards, according to Clinton. Residents can also pay with their credit card in person at township hall.

The new service will be operational by July 1, in time for the summer tax bill. An icon will appear on the township's website for easy access to online bill payment.

Supervisor Kurt Heise sees online bill payments as another example of how the new leadership is "changing the culture" at township hall.

Appliance Doctor offers 'a story of a book'

When I was born in 1941, Canada was well into World War II. The following year, my parents were stationed in Sicily serving their country. What happened to me was a point of contention in later life as I was deposited at my grandmother's home some 25 miles in the wilderness.

I had seven uncles who helped raise me during a five-year period, until the end of the war. My parents returned, purchased a home and enrolled me in an English-speaking school of 500 children. I believe I was the only first-grader who couldn't speak a word of English. That was another bone of



contention in later years. I bring up this little bit of history because today I am an old man and the lights are dimming. I sit in my little office that my darling Valorie has decorated with many pictures of my teammates with the Red Wings alumni and plaques of recognition from different groups I have served, I look back on where I came from.

In a frame on the wall is a letter from a lady who purchased the first book I ever wrote, which

is dated Nov. 8, 1993. Her name is Jacamina Crellin and she wrote: "Dear Joe, As per our phone conversation I am enclosing a check for \$14.89. Enjoyed talking with you and I'm sure I'll be buying more of your books to be given as gifts." I kept that check without cashing it.

You might ask why I would do such a thing? Unless you have written a book, you might not understand. I also have a huge poster from Barnes & Noble that announces a book signing by Joe Gagnon at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, 1994. Again, you may not understand and so I'll explain. When I think about my guilt factor and all the things I

have done wrong in my life, I look around my office and know that I have also done many things correctly and helped many others along the way. It's called a sense of pride.

The first book I wrote was published by Handyman Press Inc. and Glenn Haege, America's Handy Man heard nationwide on radio for the past 34 years. We all know he played a major role in my radio career. The second book I wrote was published by Sleeping Bear Press, well-known for children's books, which with the cooperation of this fine newspaper was allowed to reprint my newspaper columns. This book was on the best

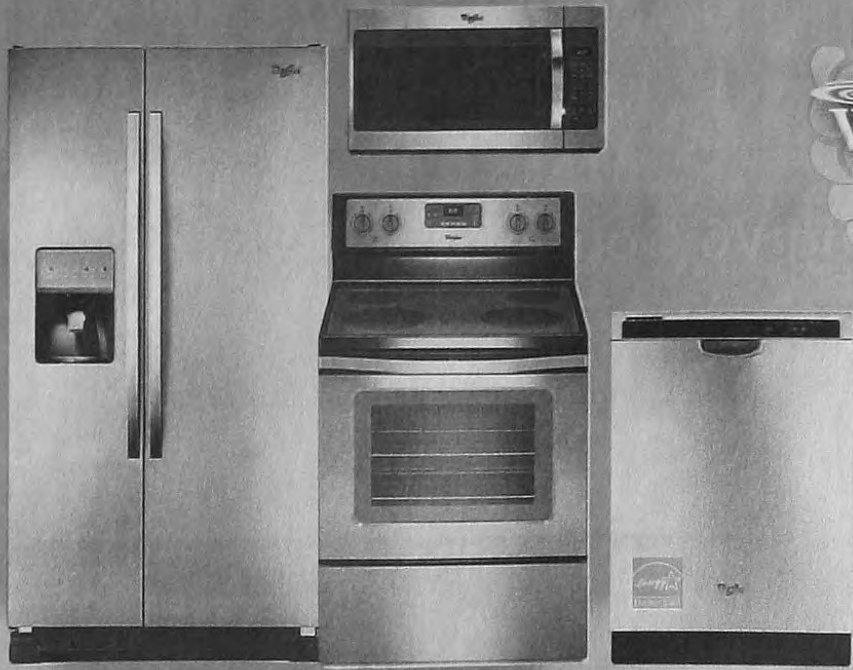
seller list for eight weeks and did very well.

Someone told me I looked like Ernest Hemingway, so I grew this thick white beard. It didn't last long when someone told me I looked like I was 90 years old. I have a copy of another book, which is dated Nov. 15, 2000, the first copy off the press. Written inside the cover, it says: "To Valorie, this first book off the press is given to the first woman in my life who has made me the happiest person in the world. Thank you for loving me and allowing me to share your life." There was more written, but it's all mushy stuff.

The books were all

ego-rewarding but are no longer in print. People tell me you can purchase them used on Amazon and other websites at very low prices. I believe Haege has a few copies for sale, as well. You can ask him for a Joe Gagnon discount. If my mother were alive today, she would say, "Not bad for a kid who at age 6 couldn't speak one word of English," wrote books and spent 32 years doing radio and teaching appliance repair and know-how to millions of listeners and readers. Stay tuned.

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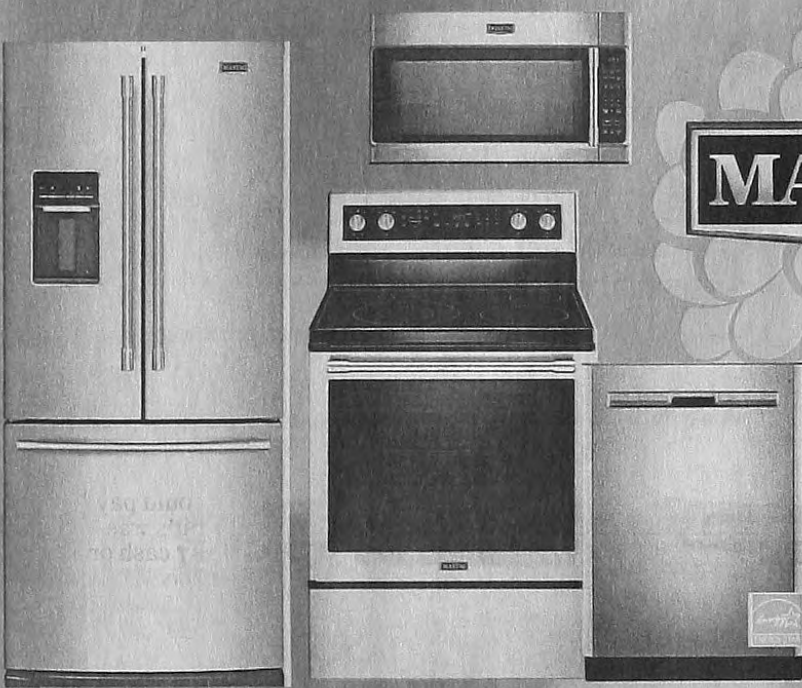
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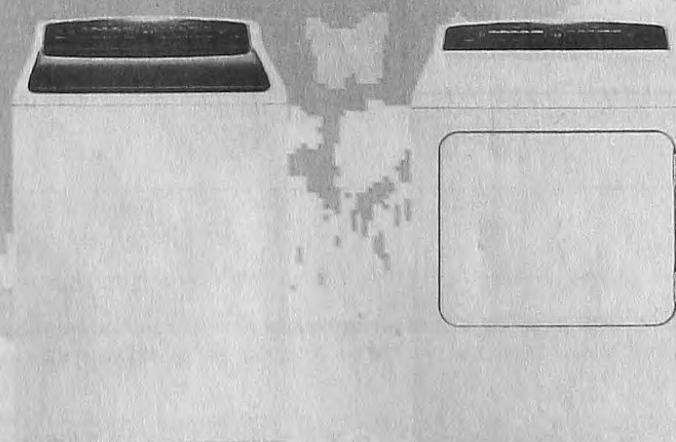
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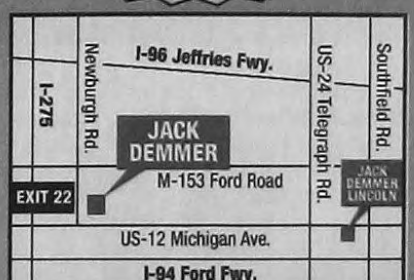
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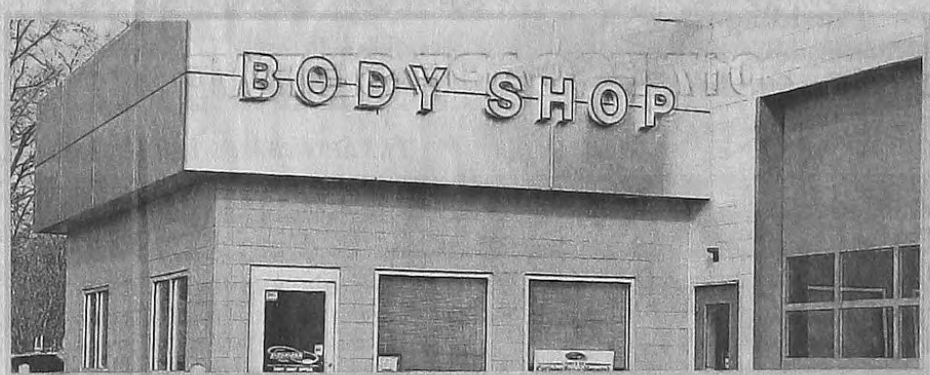


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Community activist sees how holding get-togethers forms and strengthens ties

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Each week, this series will introduce you to an exceptional American who unites, rather than divides, our communities. To read more about the American profiled here and more average Americans doing exceptional things, visit onenation.usa-today.com.

SPARTANBURG, S.C. - Marlanda Dekine is pretty sure the root of her formal activism was the day she had to tell a 6-year-old that he would never return home to his parents. Dekine had been a social worker for nearly five years, mostly doing forensic evaluations and therapy for children who had been victims of abuse. But the meeting that day brought her emotions to a head.

She sat across from the little boy and couldn't speak.

"He's 6," Dekine says, reflecting. "He's 6. I could have all the training in the world; there are no words for how you say that."

All Dekine could think of do was to write. And so as the little boy played beside her, she penned a poem.

"... Sometimes, my masters level degree cannot make sense out of what doesn't make sense," Dekine wrote. "These children, they are tried on like new shoes. If you don't like what you see, keep it moving ..."

Today, Dekine is working to foster honest dialogue across racial, religious, gender identity, ethnic and socioeconomic differences. Her organization, Speaking Down Barriers, which she co-founded with Scott Neely in 2013, began as an artistic space that brought spoken-word poetry into local churches to open conversation about issues.

The group, partly funded by a grant from the South Carolina Endowment for Arts and Humanities, holds multiple monthly gatherings, from book discussions to larger events.

At Speaking Down Barriers' first community meeting, Dekine recalls watching a multimillionaire discuss class with a person who'd just been released from prison.



LAUREN PETRACCA/USA TODAY NETWORK

Marlanda Dekine is executive director of Speaking Down Barriers in Spartanburg, S.C.

"It's a way of building community on the ground," Dekine says.

The work is slow, Dekine admits, but she and her team have seen results. People who have met through SDB events have branched off to create things such as community gardens and artist groups.

"I think the essence of transformative community building is consciousness," she says. "I am not sure you can have effective community building without it."

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Marlanda Dekine

Location: Spartanburg, South Carolina

Age: 30

Profession: Executive director, Speaking Down Barriers, poet, licensed master social worker

Mission: To transform our life together across our differences by facilitating community dialogue, training, performances and consultation.

Q&A WITH MARLANDA DEKINE

What does it mean to you to be an American?

It means, for me, living in a space that is still learning to love, and to even love who I am. And it means loving it enough back to expect more of it.

What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

That was right after (the killing of black youth) Trayvon Martin. That was right in the midst of a time when those things were much more in our awareness, and us wanting there to be a space to pull it out. It all came back to this is something people don't like to talk about, but it's always coming up. It's not just Florida, Ferguson. If it's there, it's here.

I think we all had pieces and ideas for what we wanted this space to be, but the spark, I'd say, was the idea from Scott (Neely), what would it be like to do poetry in this space. Then it just took off from there.

What gives you hope, or what concerns you?

Children give me a lot of hope, and I think that's because a lot of the work that I've done is with survivors of child abuse. I think there is a way that the most terrible thing (happens) and you witness the most amazing resilience, and that's where hope comes in for me, our ability for resilience.

Concern? I think the deep fears that we carry about being our authentic selves, about doing authentic work. The way that we just put things off to the side when really we need to look at the full list. Let's look at ourselves and not run from ourselves, essentially. And I think my concern is most of us would rather run.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

I hope to clearly see myself. So what I mean is, while the goal is community building, I don't believe I myself build community. But I think the more I wrestle here (hands on heart), the more I live here deeply, the more that what I share with the world helps to transform the community.

So I hope for my own self a constant growth, no matter how hard. I never want to ask someone to do something I'm not willing to do myself.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Merritt speaks

Plymouth-Canton School Superintendent Monica Merritt, will speak at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, at the PARC Auditorium, in the old Central Middle School on Church Street. All residents are invited to come out and hear her discuss the state of our schools and other topics such as: student and staff achievements; school funding and budget; and why Plymouth-Canton Community Schools are the best choice for all families. Please bring any questions you may have concerning our school district and she will answer as many as time permits. Plymouth Concerned Citizens sponsors this meeting.

Register for senior Livonia trip

Attention Livonia seniors, it's time to register for the Grand Experience trip Oct. 23-26 at the Mackinac Island & Grand Hotel. The cost is \$755 per person for double occupancy or \$1,005 for single occupancy and \$705 for triple occupancy.

Join the Civic Park Senior Center & M-Parks for the trip includes: round trip transportation via deluxe motorcoach, four full breakfasts, three dinners, three nights lodging at the Grand Hotel, all rooms are by "Luck of the Draw," including suites or mid-grade level rooms, ferry crossing, taxi transfer to and from the hotel, carriage tour of the island, tea and cookies in the afternoon, wine & cheese reception, kitchen tours, golf at the Grand (\$20 cart fee), activities and more. A \$250 deposit per person is required to register. Call Karl at 734-466-2556 for more information. Departs from the Civic Park Senior Center in Livonia.

Charity chili cook-off

The International Chili Society will host The Michigan State Chili Cook-off from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 22, at the Hubert-Fortiers-O'Grady VFW Post 345, 27345 Schoolcraft, Redford Township. The event is indoors with tables and chairs provided. The evening includes 50/50 and gift basket raffles. Net proceeds will go to VFW Post 345. The cost is \$10 donation at the door to sample chili, enjoy the DJ and participate in the raffles. Visit www.chilicookoff.com call Gary Ray at 313-938-6364

Kindergarten Readiness Night

On April 27, MacGowan Elementar, 18255 Kinloch, Redford, will host Kindergarten Readiness Night. All registered incoming kindergarteners and their parents are invited to come to school, have a pizza dinner and engage in activities intended to prepare them for kindergarten. Parents will receive materials to take home to practice skills with. Kindergarten Readiness Night will take place from 5:15-7 p.m.

At 6-7 p.m. April 28, MacGowan Elementary will also host Family Cardio Drumming Night.

'Barefoot in the Park'

The P-CEP Park Players Theatre Company will present Neil Simon's "Barefoot in the Park" on April 21, 22, 28, and 29 at 7 p.m. with 2 p.m. matinee performances on April 22 and 29 at the Dubois Little Theater in Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Road, Canton.

Tickets are \$10 and are available at www.tpptc.booktix.com or at the door. Credit card purchases are available online only. Tickets purchased at the door must be paid for with either cash or check made out to The Park Players Theatre Company.

Celebrate the Dodsons

Join the Dodson Elementary family for a celebration of the lives of George and Melba Dodson, who both passed away this past winter, on Saturday, April 22. The event begins at 10:30 a.m. and will be held in Dodson Elementary School, 205 N. Beck Road, Canton. The morning will include music, memories and words from past and present Dodson staff and students. Light refreshments and desserts will be served, and tours of the school and photo displays honoring the Dodsons will be available as well.

BaseLine Folk Society

An acoustic, folk and traditional music concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 22, at Plymouth Community Arts Council, 744 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. The evening's host for April is Rick Pitts, president of the East River Folk Society. Featured guests include The Folk Laureates. The trio includes John Delle-Monache, Cathy Fitzpatrick and Scott Ludwig. They will perform a 30-minute set beginning at 8 p.m.

Jazz at the Elks

Jazz @ The Elks happens 7-9:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres. Enjoy jazz in a listening room setting close to the entertainers.

On April 25, hear the seasoned, gritty and humorous Ramona Collins Quartet. Collins did jazz before jazz went to college and one of her proteges was Sean Dobbins. You will thoroughly enjoy hearing Collins on vocals, Cliff Monear on keyboard, Jeff Pedraz on bass and Sean Dobbins on drums. www.ramona.collins.com.

Plus-size clothing sale

The Michigan Bariatric Institute will host an upcoming community plus-size clothing sale in the south lobby of St. Mary Mercy Livonia, 36475 Five Mile Road. Gently used clothing for both women and men will

be on sale, including sizes 40-60 and up to 5XL. The sale is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29.

Annual jewelry, purse sale

Canton Club 55+'s Annual Jewelry and Purse Sale returns to the Summit on the Park on May 2-3. Area residents are encouraged to stop by and discover a new-to-you handbag and trinkets from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Parkview Room in the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

Donations of gently used purses, totes, clutches, wallets and jewelry are being accepted. Drop off these items purged from your closets during spring cleaning at Canton Club 55+ before April 26th. All proceeds from this popular sale will go toward supporting future programming at Canton Club 55+. For more information, call the Canton Club 55+ front desk at 734-394-5484 or visit www.cantonfun.org.

Angels and baby gowns

Angels Above Baby Gowns with Garden City High School will host a Prom Dress Event from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 22. These gently used dresses will be available for anyone in need, free of charge. A \$10 donation to cover the cleaning cost is suggested. This donation will go directly to the nonprofit AABG. For more information, contact Dawn Lafferty at 734-421-2322 or angelsabovebabygownsmi@gmail.com. Wedding gowns will not be collected at this event, which is at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt.

Change of date

Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman Road, Livonia, has changed the date of the Annual Mystery Purse Auction to noon, Saturday, April 22. For more information, call Melissa at 734-765-1827.

Mom2Mom Sale

Spring cleaning will be here before you know it. Rent a table and sell items at the Garden City High School Spring Mom2Mom Sale (you keep all the money you make) or come to shop for great deals on new and gently used baby and kids' clothes as well as toys, games, DVDs, books, strollers, bikes, swings, bouncers, etc.

The sale is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (early bird at 8:30 a.m.) Saturday, April 22. There will be more than 75 tables to shop from, a large item area, concessions and a bake sale. Admission is only \$1, strollers welcome. Garden City High School is at 6500 Middlebelt Road, between Ford Road and Warren. Tables are \$25 for an 8-foot table, including standard rack space (you provide rack). No vendors, please. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/gcmom2momsale or email gcmom2momsale@hotmail.com

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KATHLEEN ELIZABETH (nee KELLEY) passed from this veil of tears on Palm Sunday at 5:39 p.m. EDT, after lengthy illnesses. The beloved, ebullient wife of David Gregory for 55 years, the devoted mother of Gregory, Kelley, and David Anthony, the doting grandmother of Courtney, Emily, Melanie, Sienna, Devon, and Gavin and a new great grandmother of Mara. A long-time resident of Bingham Farms, Kathy was born in Royal Oak to Daniel Kelley and Lillian Nelder Kelley and was younger sister to Robert Kelley. She graduated from Dondero High School and attended Central Michigan University. She was an avid golfer, bowler, tennis player, and bridge devotee. Kathy traveled extensively in the US and Europe, while residing in the London suburb of Cobham, Surrey, England. May bands of angels wing Kathy to her rest. Services were held Saturday at Northbrook Presbyterian Church, Beverly Hills, MI. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. Memorial tributes to the American Lung Association. Sign guest book and share memories at A.J.Desmond.com

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BILLY K. April 9, 2017. Age 88, of Dearborn Heights. Beloved husband of the late Annamary. Loving father of John (Barbara), Douglas (Hetty), the late Phil (Rita), Kathryn (Timothy Leonard) Pate, Carolyn (Joseph) Dery, the late Wenda (Christopher) Selvig, Billie (Daniel) McCarty, and Anna. Cherished grandfather of twenty-one and dear great-grandfather of eighteen. Memorial Visitation will be Monday at 10:00 a.m. at First Congregational Church of Wayne, 2 Towne Square St. (Michigan Ave. and Wayne Rd.) until time of Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lions Club of Garden City. Care and services were entrusted to the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Westland, (734) 522-9400. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com.

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SWIFT



JONATHAN Phd Born in Scotland in 1932, Jonathan Swift came to the United States in 1948. He was educated in Great Britain, France, and the United States. He earned a bachelor's and master's degree from Wayne State University, a PhD from Michigan State University, and a certificate in music from Conservatoire National de Musique, Paris, France. Over the years, he received many honors among which were a Fulbright Scholarship, the International Teacher of the Year (Applegate-Dorros) Award from the Hometown National Television Award, the Philo Farnsworth Television Award, the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors Award, and two tributes from the Michigan State Legislature. From 1957 to 1964, he taught in the Science and Arts Program at Mumford High School. During those years and beyond, he was also adjunct faculty at Michigan State University, Wayne State University, and Oakland Community College. He was a pioneer in Global Education in the United States and, in 1976 became the founding Director of the High School of Global Education in Livonia, Michigan, a position he held until 1997. His most recent position was Director of the Center for International Studies at Madonna University, Livonia, Michigan. His various careers spanned singing in opera, concert, night club, and music hall, as well as recording albums of songs and arias. He was one of the first tenors to sing leading roles with the Michigan Opera Theatre. For many years, he sang throughout the United States with the Piccolo Opera Company. In the mid-60's, he resided in Europe where he sang in theatres, on television, and for recordings. As a singer and public speaker, he criss-crossed the globe. In recent years, he hosted and produced three television series - "Global Connections", "Dining Out with Jonathan Swift", and "Time Out for Opera" this latter with the Michigan Opera Theatre, a program he co-hosted with Karen DiChiera. These programs, produced at Bloomfield Television, were seen on both WFUM-TV (PBS-Flint) and WTVS-TV (PBS-Detroit). A long time parishioner of St. Regis Catholic Church in Bloomfield, Dr. Swift was instrumental in launching the St. Regis Concert Series. Active in many Church events, Jonathan Swift was also a Eucharistic Minister. In Bloomfield Township he served as a member of the Oakland Hills Subdivision Board of Trustees. Dr. Swift was also the author of several dozen articles, reviews, poetry, and other contributions to professional books and journals. He was a consultant, evaluator, and avid worker in educational television and school curriculum. Jonathan is survived by his dear friend, Jackie Collins and family in Scotland, England, and the United States. He is preceded in death by his longtime companion, Thomas St. Charles. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Regis Catholic Church, 3695 Lincoln Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48301, Wednesday, April 19th at 11:30am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 10:30am.

WILSON



GRACE passed on April 14th, 2017. Loving Wife of 32 years to Jack Wilson. Caring Mother to John (Shelley) Hutcheson, Terry Ostoin and Fred Hutcheson; Step Mother to Tom (Tina) Wilson; Grandmother to Fred II, Jeanette, Crystal, Nick, Alex, Sarah and 4 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her siblings Jack Ostoin and Darleen Hart. Survived by her brothers Doug and Walt Hayward and sister Margie Prieskorn. In lieu of flowers the family has asked that memorial donations be sent to either the Michigan Moose Association or the Salvation Army. Visitation will be held Tuesday, April 18th and Wednesday, April 19th from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. A funeral ceremony will be celebrated Thursday, April 20th at 10:00 a.m., at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home. www.heeney-sundquist.com

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BARBARA THAYER Age 91, died peacefully in her home surrounded by family. Barbara was born in Saginaw Michigan to Ruth and Frederick Thayer in 1926. Barbara was raised by her mother and Great Aunt Belle, as Fred died when she was three years old. She and her best friend Ginny, who later became her stepsister used to say that they would each have a dozen children or they would become Old Maids and have parrots that swore. Barbara and Ginny had a bakers dozen of children between them. Barbara is survived by her seven children: Nancy Tripp and her spousal equivalent Chuck Burdett, Susan Burleigh and her son Abe, David and Jean Tripp and their children Devin Roewe, Lindsay and Andrew, Mark and Katherine Tripp and their children Aaron and Ashanah, Paul and Donita Tripp and children Chelsea and Ben Meyers with Henry and Harper, Nick and Courtney Tripp with Sophia and Jack, Barbara and Chris Calleja and their children Christopher and Alexandra Reyman and Alayna and Abby Calleja, Stephen and Dianne Tripp and their children Jillianne, Adam and Bethany. She is also survived by her step brother John Harris and his wife Dulcie of Boulder Colorado. Barbara's family, children, grandchildren and great grands were the light of her life. There is nothing she loved more than to be surrounded by her family. Barbara was working after High School when she met Donald Tripp. They married in 1949 and began a family. Barbara was a mother and a homemaker as they raised the tribe in Rochester and Plymouth Michigan. As a couple they were integral in the formation and development of The Plymouth Fire and Drum Corp. Many hours and many miles were covered with their children who marched to the tweet and the beat of that drum corp. In 1978 they moved their family to Lovell Maine to manage Westways at Kezar Lake. Barbara became the glue as Innkeeper, Breakfast Chef and Housekeeper at the Main Lodge, while Don commuted from Michigan to Maine until his retirement. Following these years she took jobs at Berlin City Bank and J.C. Penny's. Barbara was guided in life by a deep and abiding faith in God. The Lovell United Church of Christ was her true home and she contributed time and energy to her love of Jesus and community at that small church. For 38 years and the 21 years following Don's death this was her true home. Her friends at this church meant the world to her. Barbara moved back to Michigan last year to spend the last days of her life with children and grandchildren living at the American House in Westland Michigan. The family wishes to thank the wonderful staff at Arbor Hospice and Mom's aides Denise, Mari and Susan who helped and supported Barbara into the last days of her life. It was a rare day that you couldn't get a giggle or a smile from Barbara, even on the worst of days. Her strength, kindness and good spirit will be missed by all who knew her. A Memorial Service will be held in Michigan on Saturday April 22nd at Sequoia Place, 1131 N. Maple Rd. Ann Arbor, MI 48103, from 2pm to 4pm. An additional Memorial Service will be held in Lovell, Maine in early August. Dates and places for the service in Maine will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers Barbara ask that any donations be given to The Lovell United Church of Christ or The Myasthenia Gravis Foundation. To donate to Lovell United Church of Christ, mail check or cash to the below address: The Lovell United Church of Christ PO Box 232 1174 Main St. Lovell, ME 04051 To donate to the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation please visit the website below: <http://www.myasthenia.org/HowcanIhelp/Donations.aspx>

WARREN

WILLIAM "BILL" A Memorial Service is planned for Saturday, April 22, 11:00 am at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia with a luncheon to follow in the church hall. Bill, 93, who passed on December 23, 2016 was a loving husband, father, and grandfather, a 40 year administrator for Livonia Public Schools, and a charter member (1953) of the Livonia Lions Club.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

So many can be helped, saved

I attended a new FAN chapter in Canton Township that was attended by (my count) 12 judges, two police chiefs, a township supervisor, several lawyers, other community leaders, family members and individuals who are in recovery or battling with or for someone against addictions to alcohol, methamphetamines, cocaine, heroin, deadly fentanyl and other illegal and prescribed opioids.

So many will be helped and saved by the continuing and ever growing FAN organization.

Last night I was told that 144 Americans die each day as a result of

opioid overdoses. I was shocked to my core.

We must work together to make our neighborhoods, towns, cities and nation a safe and nurturing place for our children. We need to work with all due diligence and all our strength to this.

We need to reestablish the right of every American to live their lives in safety. All of us should be assured that we may live out those dreams we have of betterment in safety and peace.

The children and adults who have stumbled into addiction need assistance. Quite simply they have been ambushed and need us to help those who will accept assistance.

The stigma of addic-

tion is only helping to hide it and so this scourge grows stronger. Each day it takes more of our family, friends and neighbors away from us.

Too often those seeking help are turned away with tragic results.

If you were in battle, and life can be a battle, and your friend were hit and cried out to you in pain what would you do?

Alfred Brock
Wayne

New uses for Livonia strip malls, vacancies

It is apparent that multiple factors from a changing retail landscape resulting in the need for less retail space and the fact that there are simply too many

strip malls and vacancies to fill is working against our community in Livonia and communities throughout the country.

What is even more apparent is that Livonia residents want more engaging, walkable, and lively developments and the sense of community that they will bring to the city. This is not an effort that any city can accomplish on its own. It is vital to have developers that recognize the forces at play and that are willing to invest their money along with creative and passionate people to find solutions that will establish Livonia's future as an engaging community for all ages.

Too frequently I have sat at red lights throughout Livonia and seen one empty building after another on Plymouth, Five Mile, Six Mile, and Seven Mile. This is not a problem isolated to one section of the city, but rather a problem that should cause us as residents to unite and act. We need to do more and we need to do it now.

It's for this reason at the next Livonia City Council meeting I will request that the issue of vacant strip malls and commercial vacancies be placed in to the council committee of the whole so that their future could be reviewed along with residents and developers. It is my hope that this will be the beginning of a conversation with action.

I am advocating for the transformation of the city's empty retail spaces into many thriving and engaged community centers within walking distance of all neighborhoods that anchor the different sections of the city. Yes, this would require private investment, and the city evaluating and eliminating obstacles that prevent the growth and development that we all want. Imagine Livonia's neighborhoods with their tall trees and side-

walks that lead to restaurants and businesses but also benches, music, festivals, and community gatherings where your neighbors will once again become your friends.

Jim Jolly
Livonia City Council

Trump blames Obama

A poison gas attack allegedly perpetrated by pro-Assad government forces in Syria's civil war has prompted a predictably stupid response from President Trump. According to Trump, weakness and a refusal to act by President Obama in 2013 to the use of poison gas by Assad resulted in this week's attack although hypocritically Trump's tweets reveal that he opposed any U.S. intervention at the time.

Obama's eventual response skillfully maneuvered Russia into agreeing to be responsible for the collection and sequestration of these weapons of mass destruction from Syria to prevent their future use by Assad. This obviously wasn't "Obama doing nothing" as Trump characterized it and the action succeeded since no such attacks had occurred in the four years since at least until Trump took office.

Trump has only been in office for eleven weeks and the world's bullies and tyrants are emboldened. Not only has Assad broken from a four year hiatus from using chemical weapons on civilians, Kim Jong Un of North Korea has stepped-up testing missiles that will someday be capable of delivering nuclear warheads to American shores and has ramped up the aggressive rhetoric. Looks as if the weak and feckless GOP characterization of Obama for all those years far more aptly fits Donald Trump since like Rodney Dangerfield, he is getting no respect, no

respect at all.

An enraged Trump was asked whether the gas attack had crossed any lines and his response was "many many lines" especially in light of the many "babies" reported among the casualties. The president however had nothing to say about what he intended to do about the atrocity. It appears that like healthcare, nobody knew how complicated Syria is.

In this as in many other cases, it will be difficult to for the U.S. to claim the moral high ground since just last week an American attack resulted in the death of 230 civilians, including many "babies" in Syria. Granted, poison gas wasn't used but incendiary bombs are no fun either. In addition another ill-fated American attack several weeks ago in Yemen not only cost the life of a Navy Seal but resulted in the deaths of 23 civilians including an eight year old girl who was a U.S. citizen. Where was the rage then in either case, Mr. Trump?

Since according to Trump, Obama was to blame for the Assad's poison gas attack 10 weeks after leaving office, I wonder if Trump will blame Obama for the "mess" he inherited in the form of great jobs reports for February and March. Certainly not but most economists will view this as an unprecedented trend of Obama jobs creation that has spanned nearly eighty consecutive months lumbering forward under its own momentum.

Understandably Trump is enraged about the tragic deaths of the Syrian victims of this abomination, especially the "babies" but oddly dismissive of the predictions from multiple respected sources including Harvard University about the tens of thou-

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Original Rosie interviews protected in Library of Congress

The Yankee Air Museum is launching an ambitious project to interview as many Original Rosies as possible. The interviews will be preserved in the U.S. Library of Congress. All women who worked in wartime industries during World War II are eligible, including those in factory work, secretarial work, farming, child care, military service, USO, Red Cross and other occupations necessary to win the war.



The Yankee Air Museum wants to interview original Rosie Riveters.

Interviewees are encouraged to apply by emailing oral.history@yankeearmuseum.org or calling the museum at 734-483-4030. "This initiative is a

part of our campaign to renovate the Willow Run Bomber Plant," said Julie Osborne, curatorial director of Yankee Air Museum. "Without the stories of the women working on the home front, the building is just

a structure. Their experiences breathe life into the beating heart of a worldwide legacy. They are the reason we are working so hard to save the bomber plant."

Yankee Air Museum will offer several benefits to interviewees. In addition to having their story preserved forever in the Library of Congress, they will receive a free DVD copy of their interview. The museum will also cover the cost of their admission in the American Rosie the Riveter Association, if they choose to enroll. Finally, the name of each interviewee will be inscribed on the Yankee

Air Museum's Original Rosie Honor Roll.

"We have 21 trained oral historians who are excited and ready to start conducting interviews," said Barb Matthews, leader of the interview committee. "It is such a privilege to ensure that the legacies of these women survive for future generations, while helping save the Willow Run Bomber Plant as a new home for the stories."

The interviews are

conducted in three stages. The first stage is filling out a simple two-page biography form so the oral historian conducting the interview can do research and come prepared with good questions. The second stage is a pre-interview meeting between the oral historian and the Original Rosie (family members welcome) to establish a rapport. The final stage is the actual interview (family members welcome). The museum

needs first-person interviews and at this time is not able to record second-hand accounts from descendants.

"We hope as many people as possible will reach out to us with Original Rosies to interview," Osborne said. "Almost everyone in metro Detroit knows or is related to an Original Rosie. These women and their memories are the threads woven in the fabric of our community."

LETTERS

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sands of Americans that will die per year for lack of health care, thousands of whom will be babies, if the GOP repeal/replace plan becomes law. No rage for American "babies" Mr. President? Trott? GOP? Buehler?

Mitch Smith
Canton

Liberals are annoying

Liberals are being annoying now like a sink faucet dripping late at night. The ad nauseum rants against congressmen, like Dave Trott, have gotten old a long time ago and it's yesterday's news.

You liberals who want to keep Obamacare got a temporary reprieve and now you're mocking Republicans for backing down. In your eyes, Trump and the GOP can do no right in anything they do or say. The liberals are just going to rail unceasingly against the right — give up all hope ye who long for biparti-

sanship. The Democrats only demand bipartisanism when they're in power!

As for the town halls, we get it. You want to yell at reps like a pack of wild animals or out of control school brats. The GOP members shouldn't even subject themselves to this adult version of "Romper Room."

Let me tell you, it takes some real vile creatures to drive for hours through a snowstorm and then stand for an hour outside in the cold.

I've noticed that since the Observer papers have adopted a single Wayne County opinion page that we've been "treated" to seeing what the "heavy hitters" from neighboring towns think. For example, big mouths like Gerald Maxey from Farmington Hills and James Huddleston from Canton. I think the readers of the Livonia Observer know how lucky they've been to have had me for over 15 years and now our neighboring towns know it as well.

Ever since the presidential election, the liberals have been carrying on like unreasoning mad

dogs, railing against anything linked to Trump. These are people who cannot be cooperated with. They wish nothing but ill-will toward the right. This is nothing short of a full-blown, cultural war for the future of America.

The liberals promote a demonic dogma that approves of despicable things like abortion and sodomy. Liberals are scurrilous folk who I have no interest in associating with. I'd rather befriend Fang the fire-breathing dragon on "The Munsters" old TV show!

Finally, liberals can "get their panties in a bunch" over some fantasy tale about Russia, but you didn't hear a peep from them about Obama when four Americans were killed in Benghazi Libya in 2012 at our embassy. Then Obama had the utter gall and audacity to lie about the incident and publicly claim that it wasn't a terrorist attack, but a spontaneous protest that had erupted in response to an obscure Internet video.

Leo Weber
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PREP SOFTBALL

Pitchers spark Plymouth twinbill sweep of Churchill

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

What's a team like Livonia Churchill to do?

After coming back from spring break, the Chargers varsity softball team faces high school powerhouses Northville and Plymouth right off the hop.

On Wednesday, Churchill had no answer for Plymouth junior pitcher Jenny Bressler in the first game of a KLAA South Division twinbill. Bressler threw a five-inning perfect game, fanning 14 as the Wildcats won, 12-0.

The nightcap was somewhat better for coach Steve Gentilia's team. It only lost 5-3 as Plymouth freshman pitcher Angela Schmidt threw a complete game and won her first varsity contest in the circle.

"She's one of the best pitchers around in the state," Gentilia said about Bressler. "It's tough facing her, but we got to do a better job of attacking the zone and being aggressive with our at-bats."

Plymouth head coach Lauren Evans raved about both her starting pitchers, as the Wildcats improved to 3-0. "Jenny Bressler threw a perfect

game in five innings," Evans said. "She only had one ball put in play and it was snagged in the outfield by a great play by (junior) Jessica Tucci."

As for how Schmidt pitched, striking out the side in the first and finishing with 10 strikeouts, the coach smiled.

"It's awesome," Evans said. "We now have a pitching staff of three student-athletes and they're all gamers. I have Jenny Bressler, ace for us last year and confident on the mound, always ready to compete. Leader on and off the field."

"I have sophomore Kiersten Metz,

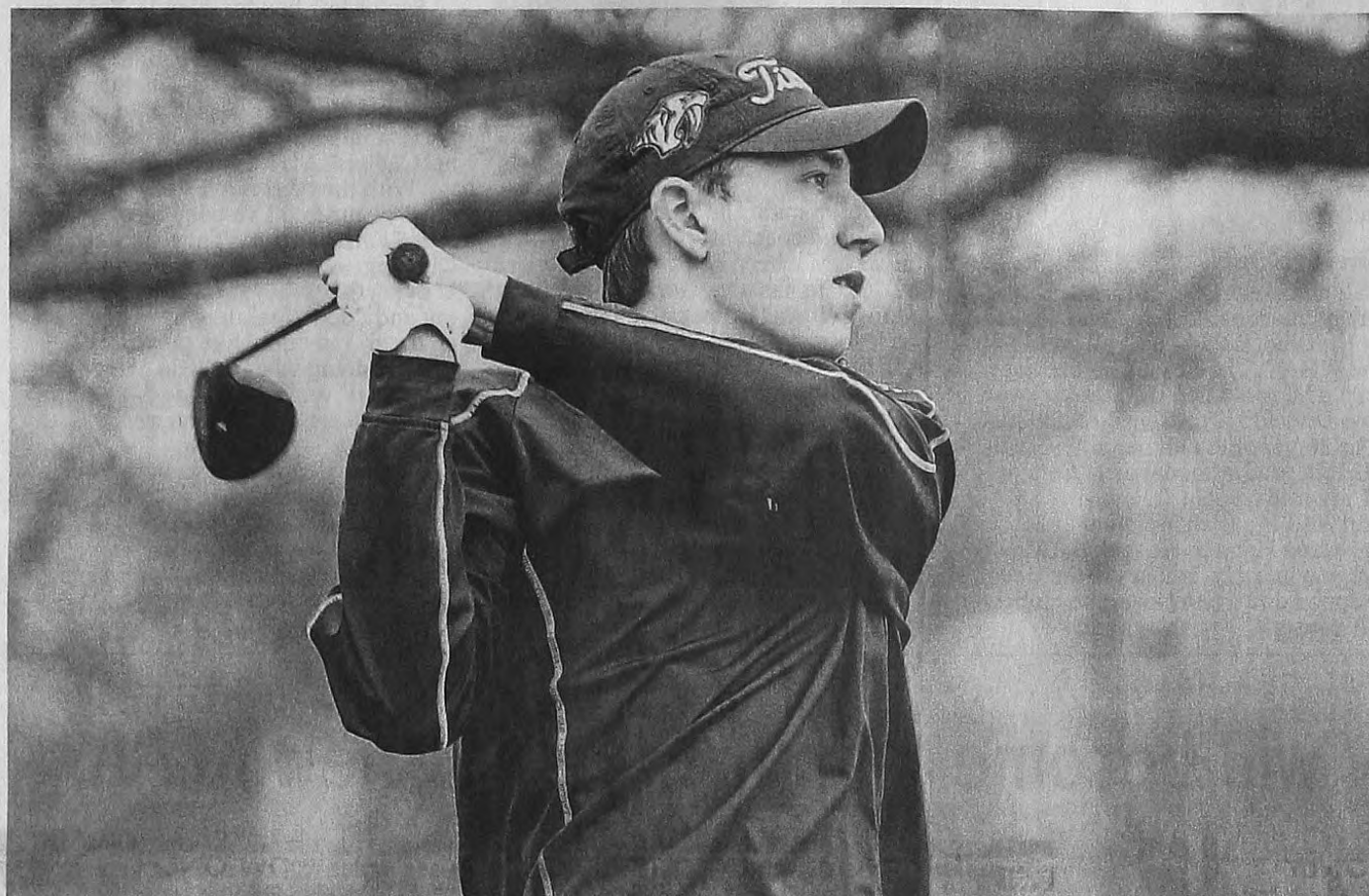


TOM BEAUDOIN

Plymouth's Angela Schmidt pitches Wednesday against Livonia Churchill. It was the freshman's first varsity game in the circle.

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BOYS GOLF



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Following the path of the ball Thursday is Plymouth's Matt Decker. The Wildcats repeated as champion of the Kensington Conference preseason tournament, held at Whispering Willows in Livonia.

TEEING OFF

Tough conditions at Whispering Willows not enough to slow Boczar, Wildcats

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Cool and damp conditions Thursday at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia might have been a nuisance to golfers competing in the KLAA Kensington Conference preseason tournament.

But for co-medalist Jack Boczar and the first-place Plymouth Wildcats, such conditions merely are another obstacle to hurdle during what the team hopes will be another big season.

"It kind of gets you started," Plymouth varsity boys golf coach Dan Young said. "It's good to get off to a good start. Tough day weather-wise, so we had to grind it out."

Plymouth tallied 307 to collect 12 points in the tournament, which essentially is used as a gauge to determine where teams fit against each other in the conference.

The Wildcats edged second-place Northville (310), but then there was a drop off to Novi (third, 329), Livonia Stevenson (fourth, 335) and Livonia Churchill (fifth, 337).

Boczar shot 3-over-par 73 and shared the top spot with Northville's Abhinav Alluri.

Finding a way

"Jack can score even if he doesn't have a perfect swing going, because he can chip and putt," Young said. "He



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Robbie Hermes watches his putt Thursday at Whispering Willows.

can figure his way around the course. And I would say (teammate Justin) Kapke is similar that way.

"Those guys have played this

course a lot, know how to stay out of trouble and limit their losses and then get a birdie here or there on some of the holes that are reachable."

Kapke, also a senior, and Northville's Jimmy Dales both shot 75. Plymouth freshman Ian Smith showed his mettle with 76.

"I've been hyped up for the high school season for a couple months," said Boczar, a 2016 all-stater. "And I'm excited to get out here and see what we can do this year. We didn't have the best scores today, but we still grinded it out."

"We just have to keep working hard and see where the rest of the season takes us."

Boczar shrugged off the chilly weather and rain-soaked terrain. He added that although not being able to play consistently due to rainouts and spring break can be challenging, teams really have no choice.

"Everybody does it, so we got to manage somehow," Boczar said. "As much as I would love to be in warm weather all the time, I think it makes us mentally tougher as a team and individuals when we have to put up with the weather and all the starts and stops."

Rounding out the Plymouth scorecard (the top four players scores were tallied) was senior Matt Decker (83).

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USA HOCKEY

Cole leaves for MSU gig

Coach had great success leading USA Hockey's National Team Development Program

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

For the second straight year, USA Hockey's National Team Development Program is losing a coach to the college ranks.

In 2016, Don Granato left the Plymouth-based NTDP to join brother Tony behind the bench at Wisconsin. On Tuesday, Danton Cole officially became head coach at Michigan State University.

The 50-year-old Cole, who played at MSU in the mid-1980s and went on to enjoy a six-year career in the National Hockey League, will take over from Tom Anastos, who resigned in March.

"I'm really honored to have the opportunity to represent Michigan State University and Spartan hockey," Cole said in an MSU press release. "This is a position to which I've always aspired. I wasn't sure the timing would ever work out, but I'm very fortunate."

"My mom and dad both went to Michigan State — I didn't grow up around MSU, I grew up at MSU. It has been an enormous part of my life."

But so was his exceptional seven-year career with USA Hockey's NTDP, a proving grounds for young players with similarly big aspirations.

"We've been fortunate to have someone with the experience level and passion for development that Danton brought to the NTDP each and every day over the course of the past seven seasons," said Scott Monaghan, the program's senior director of operations. "He has been a great teacher of the game to our players and a mentor to young coaches as well. We wish him nothing but the best at Michigan State."

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Danton Cole (left) is returning to Michigan State University, where he once played college hockey. This time, he will coach the Spartans, leaving USA Hockey's NTDP.

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COLLEGE BASEBALL

Crusaders look forward to playing at Copa

Madonna University will play Northwestern Ohio in a game April 19 at Comerica Park

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The Madonna University baseball team is more than happy to give up one home game this season to move from the friendly confines of Ilitch Ballpark to Comerica Park.

And in what they hope becomes an annual affair, the Crusaders will take on Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference leader University of Northwestern Ohio at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, at the home of the Detroit Tigers.

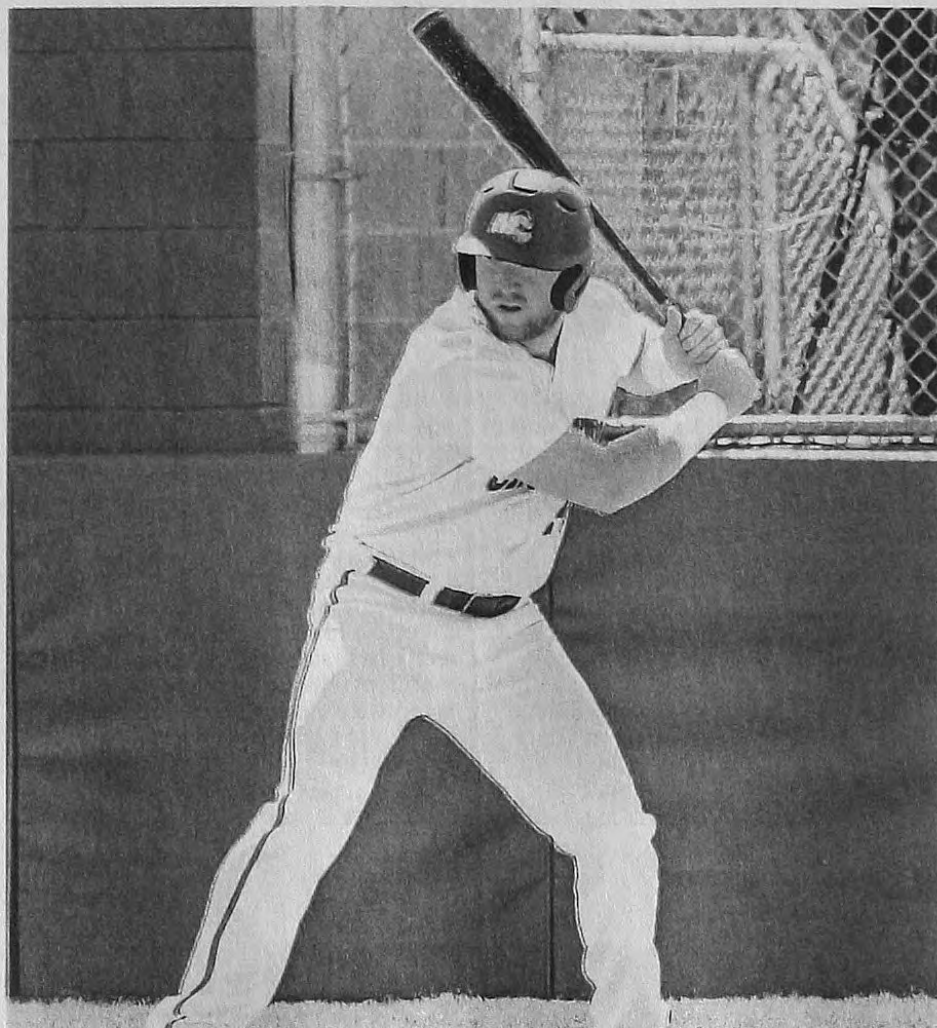
"What's really cool is the people at Comerica Park said they want this to be as much a home game for Madonna and they're really taking care of us," Madonna first-year coach Ted Falkner said. "It's going to be a great opportunity for our guys."

General admission tickets for the game, which is open to the public, are \$10 for adults and \$5 for college and high students (16-and-under with I.D.) on a first-come, first-served basis where they'll be able to sit in sections 118-137. Tickets also will be available the day of the game at the box office located outside Gate A. Parking for the event will be available in lots 1 and 2 located in front of Gate A for \$6 per car.

"Scott (Kannell), our athletic director, knows the Ilitch family through his son's travel baseball," Falkner said. "He had been talking to them about the possibility of doing it and it got approved through the administration here at Madonna."

There will also be an alumni tailgate prior to the game 5-6:30 p.m. at Cheli's Chili Bar, located across the street from Comerica. There will be a donation of \$5, with all proceeds going toward the Madonna Fund for scholarships.

"We're trying to play Wayne State every year and make that kind of annual thing where we get Detroit area alums to come," Falkner said. "This year, it's going to be a giant conference game because it's against Northwestern Ohio, who is in first place, 3½ games



Madonna University senior Taylor Grzelakowski is hitting .463 with eight homers and 46 RBIs.

ahead of us."

Team is raking

Falkner's team, heading into a Saturday home doubleheader against Northwestern Ohio, is 22-12 overall and 14-5 in the WHAC. The Crusaders are coming off a huge 6-4 win Wednesday over NCAA Division 1 foe Central Michigan.

The 36-year-old Falkner, a 1998 Milford High grad who played at Concordia University, spent five years (2007-10 and 2013-14) as an assistant at MU under Greg Haeger. He took the Madonna job in early January after Haeger stepped down last December following 19 seasons.

Falkner spent the past two seasons as the head coach at Viterbo (Wis.) University, where he compiled a record of 27-61. He has a master's degree from Ashford (Iowa) University, where he was an assistant coach from 2011-12.

In Falkner's first season as head coach, Madonna is hitting a robust .311 as a team.

Senior outfielder Taylor Grzelakowski (Fraser) leads the way with a .463 average to go along with a team-best eight homers and 46 RBIs.

Jaren Hagen (Dearborn Heights/Henry Ford CC) and Jalen Thomas (Southfield Lathrup) are hitting .339 and .318, respectively, while freshman

infielder Frankie Lucska (Garden City/Dearborn Divine Child) is also enjoying a solid rookie year with a .324 batting mark.

"What we harp on and what I push my team about is on-base percentage," Falkner said. "It's something I first said to them when I first got hired. I told them, 'You're batting average will come with your on-base percentage.' And some guys have really stepped up and changed their approach. And I really think it's helped set the table for Taylor Grzelakowski and Jalen Thomas, getting guys on base with people in front of them. They've really bought into that."

Madonna has outscored its opponents, 268-183, over the first 34 games while compiling a 14-5 record in the WHAC.

"I firmly believe that's why we're hitting so well, because we're getting on base at a really good rate," Falkner said. "I've got guys getting on base at .410 or above. If we can set the table in the middle of the order, which we've been doing, then good things are happening for us, for sure."

DeYonker stars

As a team, MU has a combined 5.10 earned-run average, with senior John Rodriguez (Sterling Heights/Indian Hills CC) posting the top record (6-3) and leading in innings pitched (57).

Senior left-hander Alex DeYonker (Livonia Franklin) is 4-0 with a 3.60 ERA, while junior right-hander Taylor Turner (Northville), is 3-2 in 49 innings.

Closer Cliff Landess (Carleton Airport), a junior, is 4-1 and owns a team-best 2.60 ERA with seven saves.

"With the pitching, I've acquired an older group and I've been blessed for that," Falkner said. "They've taken the challenge on. They've taken ownership in everything they do. They're competing and I don't feel they have pressure on them. I just feel like they're going out and doing what they do. We've still got a lot of work to do. I do have some depth and some guys have really stepped up."

For more information on the April 19 Comerica Park game, call 734-432-5602.

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PREP ATHLETICS

Belleville likely will become 14th member of new KLAA

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It's not quite official just yet, but it appears the Kensington Lakes Activities Association has found a new member school.

Belleville, currently part of the Western Wayne Athletic Conference, will likely become the 14th member of the KLAA beginning with the 2018-19 school year.

"We're trying to finalize it this week, but I think it's a go," Belleville athletic director Joe Brodie said. "We anticipate getting something out here before or during the (spring) break."

In 2018-19, Belleville would link up with 13 other existing KLAA schools — Canton, Salem, Plymouth, Wayne Memorial, Westland John Glenn, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Stevenson, Northville, Novi, Brighton, Howell and Hartland.

Belleville got the nod over three other schools that reportedly expressed interest in joining the KLAA: Saline of the Southeastern Conference, along with Lapeer and Davison of the Saginaw Valley High School Association.

"There were a bunch of different factors," Brodie said. "We looked at it from a competitive standpoint. And we also looked at it from a travel standpoint. And it looked like the teams that are matched up with us divisionally give us a lot of competition with a lot of our sports."

Belleville would replace Grand Blanc,



which was voted out of the association by the member schools last month by a 13-1 vote.

Grand Blanc will compete in the KLAA for one more school year (2017-18) and has had preliminary discussions with Saginaw Valley High School Association and will make a formal presentation to the league April 26. The Valley includes former Big Nine rivals Flint Carman-Ainsworth, Davison and Flint Powers Catholic.

Once Belleville finalizes its decision to leave by April 7, it will compete one more year (2017-18) in the 12-school WWAC.

Those member schools include Dearborn Fordson (enrollment 2,459), Dearborn High, Dearborn Edsel Ford, Dearborn Heights Annapolis, Dearborn Heights Crestwood, Dearborn Heights Robichaud, Romulus, Redford Union, Redford Thurston and Livonia Clarence-

ville (the smallest member with 559).

Belleville, meanwhile, aligns with most of the KLAA schools in the number of athletic programs it has to offer.

The Tigers field a boys lacrosse program, but do not have girls team. In boys hockey, Belleville and New Boston Huron have a unified program.

"I'm sure we have a little less (sports) from what the others have to offer, but the mainstream sports ... yes, we have them," Brodie said.

Brodie, who became Belleville A.D. in 2015, said both Van Buren Schools Superintendent Peter Kudlak and high school Principal Stacy Buhro are on board with the move.

"I just think it's a good conference," Brodie said of the KLAA. "All the schools are pretty much the same size. The big thing is the competitive aspect for us. I think we match up well with those schools. They're close in proximity. We play a lot of them in a lot of our sports anyway. It's just a good fit for us."

Brodie is a graduate of Salem. His father Bob has been the longtime varsity boys basketball coach at Salem.

"I grew up in that old Western Lakes (Activities Association)," the younger Brodie said. "I know those schools real well over there."

Travel concerns, enrollment discrepancies and issues regarding a competitive level playing field have caused several schools to jump or abandon leagues just within the past year.

The KLAA, which had 24 schools this school year, is losing nine of its current

members to the Lakes Valley Conference, which will be launched in fall 2017. The LVC includes South Lyon, South Lyon East, Milford, White Lake Lakeland, Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Western, Walled Lake Northern, Waterford Mott and Waterford Kettering.

Another current KLAA member, Pinckney, will compete next school year in the Southeastern Conference.

Pending Belleville's acceptance, realignment of divisions will once again take place for the 2018-19 school year. The KLAA will have two divisions, Black and Gold, featuring seven schools each.

If it's done geographically, Belleville fits into a southern pod of KLAA schools that would also include the three Livonia, two Wayne-Westland and one of the three Plymouth-Canton schools.

Travel and playing weeknight games could still be an issue. In a divisional crossover situation, it's a 100-mile round trip from Belleville to Howell and it's 88 miles between Wayne Memorial and Hartland.

New KLAA president Nicole Carter, principal at Novi, could not be reached for comment Thursday. The KLAA athletic directors, however, are expected to meet following spring break.

"Right now, there's a couple of different things out there," one KLAA athletic director said. "They may judge it on geography (on the divisions). We'll get that firmed up the next couple of weeks."

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PREP BASEBALL

Northville's Ziparo tosses no-hitter against Salem

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Northville's Connor Ziparo proved to be his swashbuckling best Wednesday.

The 5-foot-10, 170-pound senior left "The Mark of Zorro," throwing a no-hitter in the opener of a doubleheader as the Mustangs went on to sweep host Salem in KLAA Central Division baseball action, 1-0 and 6-2.

Ziparo, a left-hander, finished with seven strikeouts and only two walks in seven innings in Game 1 and was able to out-duel Salem ace Matt Brooks, who allowed just two hits and one walk while striking out 10 over six innings.

Northville scored the game-winning run in the top of the seventh on Billy Flohr's one-out RBI single, scoring Jake McWilliams, to hand Salem reliever Sean McCormack the loss.

In Game 2, Northville improved to 4-0 overall and 3-0 in the Central Division thanks to six innings of scoreless relief by Tyler Troyer, who picked up the win.

Troyer allowed just two hits, walked

three and struck out three after Salem (1-2, 1-2) struck for two runs in the first off Northville starter Ryan Pumper.

But the Mustangs answered with three runs in the top of the second before adding one in the fourth and two in the fifth.

Jack Sargent went 3-for-4 with two RBIs to pace Northville's nine-hit attack. Other contributions came from Aram Shahrigan (two hits, two RBIs), Flohr (two hits, one RBI) and Michael Lionas (two RBIs).

Salem starter Jacob Seipenko, who gave up six earned runs in five innings, suffered the loss. He had two hits and an RBI, while Trevor Genaw also added two hits.

NORTHVILLE 11, WAYNE 0: Junior Nick Broda notched his first career win Thursday as the host Mustangs (5-0, 4-0 KLAA Central) rolled to a five-inning Kensington Conference crossover victory over Wayne Memorial (0-4, 0-4 KLAA South).

Broda, a left-hander, allowed just one hit, walked one and struck out three over four innings.

Billy Flohr went 2-for-3 with two RBIs to lead the Mustangs' seven-hit attack.

Northville broke it open with five runs in the bottom of the fifth inning on RBI singles by Kevin Morrissey, Jack Sargent, Aram Shahrigan, Jake Moody and Ryan Perkins.

Tyler Napier had a first-inning single for Wayne, while starter Malik

Lewis took the loss.

STEVENSON 3-3, SOUTH LYON 2-2: The host Spartans swept Wednesday's KLAA Central Division doubleheader, winning each game by the same score.

In Game 1, two-hit showings by George Ferguson (two runs) and Brandon Posky keyed Livonia Stevenson's attack. RBIs were picked up by Ferguson, Posky and Danny Morris (1-for-2).

Earning the win in relief of starter Dan Bos (four innings, one run) was Jacob Way, with Bobby Cavin coming in for a two-out save. Stevenson (6-0 overall, 5-0 in the division) finished the sweep with Mark Petterson's RBI hit in the bottom of the sixth, snapping a 2-2 tie. Petterson's hit scored Danny Morris, who doubled.

Combining efforts on the mound were starter Ferguson (five innings, one run, nine strikeouts), winning pitcher Conner Beck and Cavin, who fanned both batters he saw for his second save of the day.

FRANKLIN 5-8, WAYNE 4-7: Livonia Franklin took a pair of close contests Wednesday against KLAA South Division opponent Wayne Memorial.

In the opener, the Patriots were sparked by Kyle Wollam (2-for-3, two runs), Kolby Dewhurst (2-for-4, two RBIs) and Ben Ralsch (2-for-3). Earning the win was Jon Montie, who struck out seven in 4½ innings. For Wayne, registering three hits was Justin Johnson with Devin Puckett (2-for-4, two RBIs) and Tyler Napier (2-for-4) helping the cause.

The nightcap was tight through four frames (2-2) before each team had big innings. The Zebras scored five in the fifth, with Johnson smacking a three-run double.

But Franklin responded with a six-spot. Nick Hoyer's hit drove in the winning run to help Harrison Merrill earn a win in relief of starter Richie Garcia.

"We had great contributions all day from all of our players," Franklin head coach Matt Fournier said. "Each and every one of our guys played their roles well today."

NEW BOSTON HURON 11, CLARENCEVILLE 1: Livonia Clarenceville (1-2) committed seven errors leading to five unearned runs Thursday in a non-conference setback at New Boston Huron. Clarenceville pitchers gave up six earned runs on only six hits.

"Our pitchers threw strikes for the most part," Clarenceville coach

Craig Cotter said. "Not going to win many ball games when you boot the ball around like we did today."

Demond Scrutons had the lone RBI single for Clarenceville, which loaded the bases twice with less than two outs, but hit into inning-ending double plays.

Matt Drain, Kam MacIver and Bobby Jaber had the other Clarenceville hits.

CLARENCEVILLE 10, HURON VALLEY 0: Zack Richards fired a one-hitter Wednesday as Livonia Clarenceville (1-1) took just five innings to mercy host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

Richards needed only 63 pitches, striking out nine and walking only one.

"Zack threw a lot of strikes and got ahead in the count all game," Clarenceville coach Craig Cotter said. "I like the way he went after guys and did not back off. He did a great job of hitting his spots."

Offensively, leading the Trojans were junior Demond Scrutons (two hits, two RBIs, three runs) and junior Nick Bisaro (two doubles and two RBIs). Senior Justin Kelley's two-run double in the fourth blew the game open to put the Trojans up 8-0.

Bobby Jaber, Kam MacIver, David Means and Richard had the other hits for Clarenceville.

"Our top three hitters in the lineup went 5-for-8 with six RBIs," Cotter said. "Can't ask for any better than that."

REDFORD UNION 15, HENRY FORD ACADEMY 0: Winning pitcher Tyler Collard went 4-for-4 as the Panthers (2-0) rolled to a non-conference victory Wednesday over visiting Dearborn Henry Ford Academy.

Jake Bowles also went 3-for-3 with four RBIs, while Jacob Reams also went 3-for-3.

"It was a good effort by all the players," RU coach Bob Miller Jr. said. "I'm pleased everybody got a chance to play and contribute."

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN RESULTS: Plymouth Christian Academy opened the season losing a doubleheader to Oakland Christian.

After the opening game in which the Eagles lost a high-scoring contest despite a triple and home run by Austin Andres and two hits by Nathan Bishop, PCA dropped a pitcher's duel in Game 2.

The tough-luck loser was Phillip Morby, who gave up just one earned run. PCA's only hit was recorded by Josh Mason.

PREP BASEBALL

Plymouth takes advantage in 13-2 win

Wildcats parlay walks, errors and hits into 11-run inning and turn 2-2 game into mercy against Churchill

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Here's an indication of how quickly Plymouth's varsity baseball team comes back from a little bit of adversity.

Livonia Churchill's Matt Smith smacked an opposite-field single to right field to score two runs and tie Wednesday's opener 2-2 in the bottom of the fifth.

The first batter for the Wildcats in the top of the sixth, Brenden Latorato, doubled to right and scored two batters later on a single by Nikhil Patel to give Plymouth the lead right back.

By the time the inning ended, the Wildcats were up 13-2 and freshman Jeremy Fuchs retired the side to finish what turned from a tight ballgame into a mercy.

"As I told you before, it's all about a team thing for us," Plymouth head coach Jason Crain said. "We had three different guys play right field for us that game, we had guys running."

"The kid that finished up, Fuchs, is a freshman. So we're real excited about the whole team and how we pick each other up. It's someone else contributing all the time."

Earning the win with five strong innings was Plymouth senior starter Mike Matovina.

Game 2 of the KLAA South Division doubleheader was a more conventional mercy, with Plymouth winning 12-0 behind the shutout pitching of starter Josh Janovsky (five innings) and Kai St. Germaine (one inning).

Collecting two hits each were Evan Good, Kyle Aniol and Mike Wischer as Plymouth improved to 3-0.

Things snowballed

Lamenting how the first game got away from the Chargers was Churchill head coach Ron Targosz.



Plymouth's Nikhil Patel (left) slaps a tag on Livonia Churchill base-runner Matt Smith during the opener of Wednesday's doubleheader.

TOM BEAUDOIN

"We battled, we just had trouble throwing strikes a little bit," Targosz said. "Couple errors didn't help and a couple seeing-eye singles that guys couldn't get to. But it is what it is."

On the plus side for the Chargers (0-3) was Game 1 starting pitcher Joe Wozniak, who gave up only an RBI hit to Zach Beadle in the second (to score Wischer) and threw a wild pitch that allowed Jacob MacBrien (who led off that inning with a double) to score.

"Joe pitched really well. That's his first time out this year, as far as a game," Targosz said. "He was up in pitches. He had 97 or 98 (pitches) and he let the first two guys on, so I figured it was time to pull him."

"I don't want to hurt anybody's arm this early in the season."

The Wildcats benefited from five walks and a hit-batsman, along with an error during the 11-run surge.

But there also were some clutch hits. In addition to Patel's single that gave Plymouth the lead for good, runs came home on a two-run base hit to center by Michael Wischer and another pair scored when Beadle grounded the ball through the hole at shortstop.

An infield single by MacBrien with the bases loaded made it 12-2.

Crain also cited a perfect bunt by Logan Dziadzio that went for a single.

"Mike Wischer had four hits and a lot of great at-bats by a lot of people," Crain said. "Dziadzio laid down a great bunt in that inning, early on, to get it started."



Michael Wischer takes off for third base during Wednesday's opening game.

TOM BEAUDOIN

ROUNDUP

Kopitz scores four goals as Stevenson wins, 6-0

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Audrey Kopitz couldn't be stopped Wednesday, as she scored four goals in Livonia Stevenson's 6-0 victory over Walled Lake Central.

But Spartans head girls soccer coach Ken Shingledecker also gave praise to the rest of his team for playing a strong all-around game against the Vikings.

"Audrey had a special night," Shingledecker said. "But I don't want to underestimate the effort from the rest of our team. Tonight goes into the category of total team win."

Helping the Stevenson cause with two assists each were Kennedy Thurlow and Megan Verant while Kayla Gacioch and Sarah Monte also drew assists. Other goal scorers were Verant and Maria Bayyouk.

Combining for the shutout were goalies Haley Demers, Mackenzie Fifer and Ashley Kasper.

"Things get serious next week for us with two tough league games," Shingledecker said, referring to contests against Salem and South Lyon East.

"No one is handing out any trophies for winning non-league games."
PCA 9, ARBOR PREP 1: Behind a strong offense keyed by Jessica Paulson, Allie Crecelius, Crystal Bock and Danae Moriary, Plymouth Christian Academy cruised to victory Thursday afternoon.

"They (Eagles) picked up the intensity on and off the field today and it showed," PCA head coach Annette Somercik said.

GREENHILLS 8, CLARENCEVILLE 0: On Thursday, Livonia Clarenceville couldn't overcome a 5-0 halftime deficit in a non-conference loss at Ann Arbor Greenhills (1-1), which got two goals apiece from Emma Petrillo and Kirin Cromer.

Clarenceville goalkeeper Allison Lay made 12 saves with defensive help from Monica Gonzalez, Allie Snage, Jordan Lay and Breanna Ford.

"We held them to three goals in the second half having some miscommunication costing the goals," said Clarenceville coach Amanda Truitt, who mentioned the offensive efforts of Michelle Marzolo, Yumeko Sakamoto and Paola Gonzalez.

ARBOR PREP 7, REDFORD UNION 5: On Tuesday, Maggie Osowski scored twice and Cassidy Sandelin added a goal and two assists, but it wasn't enough as Redford Union (0-2) lost to host Ypsilanti Arbor Prep in a high-scoring affair.

OTHER GAMES: Salem lost 1-0 to Waterford Mott; Canton defeated Livonia Franklin, 8-0; Plymouth defeated John Glenn, 7-0; Livonia Churchill routed Wayne Memorial, 7-0.

Softball

NORTHVILLE 13-2, SALEM 7-10: Northville pounded out a total of 26

hits on Wednesday, but had to settle for a split of a KLAA Central Division girls softball doubleheader with host Salem.

The Mustangs (3-1, 2-1) won the opener, 13-7, as Abby Tolstyka led an 18-hit attack going 3-for-5 with three RBI.

Meanwhile, Salem (2-1, 2-1) took the nightcap, 10-2, as sophomore Maddie Petix, making her first high school start, allowed 13 hits while walking one and striking out five as she took the loss.

Sara Moos went 3-for-4 with a solo homer in the first inning, while Hige added an RBI.

FRANKLIN 15-17, WAYNE 0-2: Livonia Franklin improved to 2-1 on the season with Wednesday's doubleheader sweep of Wayne Memorial.

Sparking the Patriots were Haley Bennett and Brooke Garbarino, each hitting three-run homers. Jordan Berger and Lauren D'Angelo were the winning pitchers.

Another early season standout for Franklin has been freshman Madison Reynolds, who is leading the team with a .857 batting average.

Girls tennis

GARDEN CITY 6, REDFORD UNION 2: Redford Union put up a fight in its girls tennis season opener before falling Tuesday at home to Western Wayne Athletic conference foe Garden City. The Panthers got wins from Haley

Hebner (No. 4 singles), who won a super-breaker, 10-9, along with the No. 2 doubles team of Sarina Anderson and Isis James, who prevailed, 6-3, 6-2.

RU's No. 1 singles player Bria White split her first two sets before falling in a super-breaker, 10-8.

SALEM 7, SOUTH LYON 2: Salem prevailed over the Lions, with winning players including Lizzy Lu, Bianca Ghita, Corina Ghita and Ovyia Venkat at singles; Trina Pal, Sarah Martin, Neha Narayan, Rachel Zhou and Sharon Chen at doubles.

Boys track and field

CANTON WINS BIG: Canton opened the dual meet season Tuesday with a 122-15 win over Westland John Glenn.

The Chiefs finished first in all but one event. Individual firsts were recorded by Drew Koenigsknecht (pole vault), Jordan Forney (high jump, long jump), James Deese (discus), Jemal Vaunado (110- 300-meter hurdles), Caleb Moraw (400 dash), Hunter Hall (800 run), Steve Walker (100-, 200-yard dash) and Zac Clark (two-mile run).

Girls track and field
SALEM 107, SOUTH LYON 30: Salem swept throws events (Lyniah Wilson and Rachel Lepper won the shot and discus, respectively) while Erin McCann won in the long jump.

Other Rocks of note included high jump winner Makayla Ward and Haven Essien, who won both hurdles events.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Madonna baseball upends MAC leader CMU

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It turned out to be a pleasant ride back from Mount Pleasant on Wednesday as the Madonna University baseball team proved once again it can carry its own weight against an NCAA Division I opponent.

The NAIA Crusaders scored six runs over the final five innings to upend Mid-American Conference leader Central Michigan University, 6-4, at Theu-nissen Stadium.

The win snapped a seven-game win streak for the Chippewas (17-15), who lead the MAC's West Division with a 6-0 record. The Chippewas committed five errors in the loss, while MU has now won three straight and five of six to move to 22-12 on the year.

"Our guys just competed," MU first-year coach Ted Falkner said. "We actually got the call the day before

from (CMU coach) Steve (Jaska). He said, 'We have an open date and you have an open date, do you want to come up and play?' And I said, 'absolutely.'"

CMU led 2-0 after three innings, but the Crusaders answered with two runs on three hits, coupled with three Chippewa errors, in the fifth to even the game at 2-2.

Ryan Freemantle reached on a one-out infield single and moved to third on a stolen base and throwing error. A walk put Jerad Dokey on before Ryan Lambrecht singled to tie the game.

MU added two more in the top of the sixth on one hit and another error.

Freshman Frankie Lucska (Garden City) walked with one out and Freemantle reach on a fielder's choice, then moved to second on an error. Walks to Matt Deneau and Dokey loaded the bases for Lambrecht, who delivered again with a two-run single to center for a 4-2 advantage.

A walk and back-to-back singles for the home team cut the lead to one in the bottom of the inning, but Madonna wasn't done.

Lucska doubled with two outs in the seventh and scored on the fifth CMU error. Jared Hagan then drove in Dokey with a single.

In the bottom of the ninth, CMU loaded the bases and got a sacrifice fly from pinch-hitter Nick Stowkowski to cut the deficit to 6-4, but Cliff Landess got a fly out to end the game for his seventh save of the season.

"We had some guys shuffled around our lineup," Falkner said. "We did not have our regular lineup. Guys moved around but they all did their jobs and did everything we asked them."

Zack Schmidtke (2-2), who got credit for the victory, got the start and allowed two runs on four hits in three innings with two strikeouts. Johno Rodriguez pitched the next three innings,

allowing one run in the bottom of the sixth, while Layne Gusler came on to pitch two scoreless innings.

Lambrecht, the senior designated hitter from Lake Orion, drove in four runs, while Taylor Grzelakowski added two hits.

"Our pitchers filled the (strike) zone and all hit their pitch counts," Falkner said. "They did their jobs and we had no errors, which was also big. And offensively we had some big hits. Ryan Lambrecht had two huge hits for us."

Zach Kohn (0-4), who came on for CMU starter Jordan Grosjean in the fifth, suffered the loss.

Daniel Jipping (Plymouth Christian Academy) doubled twice, while David Cole and Alex Borglin also collected two hits apiece to pace CMU's 11-hit attack.

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PLYMOUTH

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who is going to see time on the mound. She's consistent, she throws strikes and has a passion for the game, passion to pitch.

"And I have freshman Angela Schmidt, who just played in her first game and she showed us she's ready to compete."

On the prowl

The Plymouth offense was clicking in the opener, with Bressler going 4-for-4 to pace a 15-hit attack.

Other multiple hits were collected by Tucci (2-for-4), Whitney Holden (3-for-4), Gina Barber (2-for-3) and catcher Haley Gagnon (2-for-3).

The second game was icing on the cake for Plymouth, with Schmidt's pitching and solid defense along with some opportunistic offense leading the way.

"It was very fun," said Schmidt, who played travel ball for Novi Madness, about her Plymouth debut. "I loved being able to play with my new teammates on varsity."

She said facing older players didn't bother her, because her coach with the Madness "had us play against older teams, so it was very helpful."

Plymouth notched single runs in the first and second innings before the Chargers sliced the gap to 2-1 in the bottom of the second.

Kaitlyn Vinitzki dropped a single to center to score Brooke Hanson, who also singled in the inning.

But the Wildcats came right back, scoring two runs in the third on RBI hits by Gagnon and Holden — the latter tripling to right-center.

Churchill tallied two runs in the home half of the third. Hanson doubled to center and Madison Christensen followed with an RBI single.

"She's one of the best pitchers around in the state. It's tough facing her, but we got to do a better job of attacking the zone and being aggressive with our at-bats."

STEVE GENTILIA

Churchill coach, about Plymouth's Jenny Bressler

Once again, Plymouth answered. With two outs in the fourth, Barber roped a triple off the fence in left-center. Barber then scored on Gagnon's single.

Airtight 'D'

The Chargers were held to singles by Maria Targosz and Jenna Kwiecinski the rest of the way, although several well-struck balls were turned into outs by Plymouth's infield defense.

In the sixth, Metz gloved a liner to open the inning and freshman first baseman Sophia Dibbles flagged down a hard-hit ball to take away another potential hit.

Freshman shortstop Alexis D'Alexander then short-hopped another bullet, off the bat of pinch hitter Ashley Bond, and threw to Metz for the force at second.

"Our team is very good at fielding and I trust them," Schmidt said.

Despite the Game 2 loss, Gentilia said he liked how his team "came back and were more aggressive. We put the ball in play and we started making some things happen."

"It was a better effort on our part and that's all we ask, is that every day we're getting better and doing the things we need to do to take care of ourselves," he added.

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Applying bat to ball Wednesday is Plymouth's Jessica Tucci.

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COLE

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Also saluting Cole was Jim Johannson, USA Hockey assistant executive director for hockey operations. "It's certainly a big loss for our program, but we're extremely happy for him."

Winning pedigree

Under Cole's leadership, NTDP teams have scored gold medals in 2012 and 2014 at the International Ice Hockey Federation Men's Under-18 World Championship, among numerous other team accomplishments. He coached the Under-17 team during 2016-17.

In the university's press release, MSU athletics director Mark Hollis said Cole has been a proven winner every step of the way, going back to his playing career.

"He's raised the Stanley Cup as a player, understands the obligations of running a Division I hockey program and he's plugged into the country's best young talent from his time with the USA Hockey National Team Development Program," Hollis said. "He has demonstrated the ability to develop young talent into great players."

"Most importantly, his comprehensive approach to developing men of



Lansing Waverly grad Danton Cole played on the 1986 MSU national championship squad.

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character goes beyond on-ice instruction and into the classroom with a commitment to education, as evidenced both by his work with the NTDP and his time as a student-athlete during which he captured the Big Ten Medal of Hon-

or."

Cole, the seventh head coach in Spartans history, wants to help restore the program to its former glory days.

"As a program, we want to compete for Big Ten championships and be a



Cole

part of the NCAA tournament," Cole said, "because as I experienced as a player, once you get in the tournament, you're on the doorstep of a national title."

"We're going to identify and recruit young men that want to be Spartans and share our vision of excellence on and off the ice."

Cole played in the NHL with Winnipeg, Tampa Bay, New Jersey, the New York Islanders and Chicago. He and his wife Debbie have three daughters — Ashton, Madeleine and Payton.

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GIRLS TENNIS

Canton captains to set the tone

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Veteran Canton girls tennis coach Barb Lehmann is looking forward to seeing how her young squad is going to evolve over the course of the season.

"While the experience will be a weakness that will only last for a little while," Lehmann said. "Their dedication and determination to improve is impressive."

There are key veterans in senior co-captains and singles players Lily Pita and Caroline Scheuing.

"Both have led the team with pre-season workouts and continued (with) positive encouragement," Lehmann

said.

Also in the singles lineup are returning sophomore Marquette Winston in the No. 1 spot and newcomer Ishani Vaishnav.

In the doubles lineup will be seniors Brooke Posada and Nimrat Khbra (back after missing a season), juniors Emily Naegelin, Pandora Pando and Dawn Tang, sophomores and Chelsea Comar, Isabel Espinoza and Sarah Boger and freshmen Maureen McDougall and Sreya Sista.

"The season has begun with a strong showing even with so many new to the program," Lehmann said.

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GOLF

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Not far behind were Timmy Baldwin (85) and Joe Fontana (87).

Northville's lineup, in addition to Alluri and Dales, included Aaron Youmans (79) and Drew Kearis (83).

Leading Novi with 77 was Mike Ulle, followed by Ryan Welch (81), Chris Fisher (85) and Derek DuBois (86).

Not the best day

For the fourth-place Spartans, head coach Curt Hage almost called the day a team mulligan.

"I just think it was tough playing conditions and we've only had two or three days to practice to get ready," Hage said. "I think they are going to do well, but they just hit a rough spot."

"They're good players, they just got some work to do."

The bright spot for the Spartans was senior newcomer Craig Jakacki, who Hage said was the only player on the team to shoot his average with 84.

His younger brother, Connor, shot 81, while Trevor Lopus tallied 83 and Easton Schlatterbeck 87.

Churchill's best performer of the day was senior John Doyle, with 79.

Also scoring for the Chargers were Logan Welch (85), Aaron Walton (86) and Max Proulx (87).

Veteran Canton head coach Tom Alles said his No. 1 player, senior Suhas Potluri, finished with 81 after a tough start.

"(Potluri) started his round with a seven on a par-3 and after that he righted the ship and played very well the remainder of the round," Alles said. "But we had a really rough start."

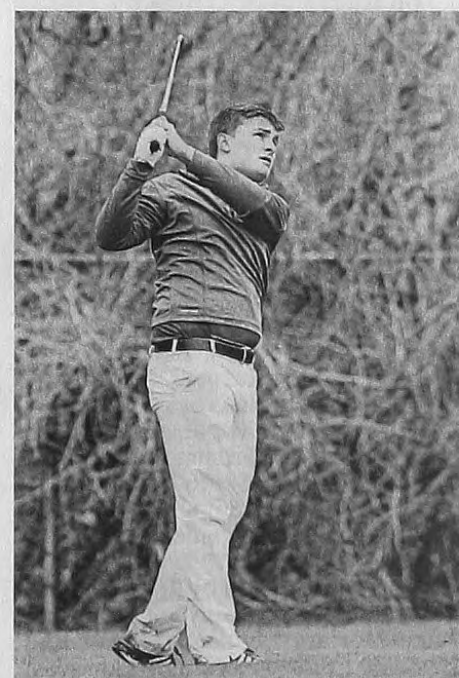
"Patrick McDougall, a junior, shot 84 and those were our two best players."

Dominic Dimaya and D.J. Jablonski registered respective scores of 88 and 89 for the Chiefs.

"It shows you who can play in sloppy weather and cold weather," Alles said. "And it just gives you an idea of how you're going to compare with the other teams in the conference."

Alles added that playing in less-than-ideal conditions is a good learning opportunity for young golfers.

"The ball doesn't go as far in this weather and you have to accommodate



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One of Canton's more consistent golfers Thursday was Patrick McDougall.

for that by using more club," Alles said. "A lot of times kids don't figure that out in time."

Game plan

According to Salem head coach Ryan Nimmerguth, scores at the tourney "were a bit higher today than we would have liked. But these guys have potential."

"Three of my guys are getting their first tournament experience ever, so hopefully we can continue to improve throughout the year. The goal is to be playing your best golf at the end of the year."

For the Rocks, leading the way with 85 was Justin Pulce. Chipping in with 86 was Bryce Henderson, while Robbie Hermes (87) and Shawn Weldon (88) followed.

Several other golfers with solid performances included South Lyon East's A.J. Clark (79), Livonia Franklin freshman Brandon Tirador (82), South Lyon East's Jason Zobl (83) and South Lyon's Nate Campbell (84).

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Try these careers and travel the world

BY SARAH SIPEK
 CAREERBUILDER

Fantasizing about exotic locations while staring at your cubicle wall isn't very productive. But if you can't trade in your suit and tie for a backpack and hiking boots and say sayonara to the workforce, fortunately, there's a happy medium.

Many career paths allow you to work remotely—thanks in large part to technology—while others require you to travel the globe to get the job done.

Translator
 If you have a knack for languages and adapt well to new environments, a career as a translator could be your ticket to traveling the world, says Zachary Painter, a career adviser and hiring manager at ResumeGenius.com.

You can choose to work through a travel agency where you'll lead tours for businesses and corporations, or seek out a more niche role with a boutique agency, says Painter. Either way you'll be working as a cultural liaison, leading groups through historic cities and sites.

"A friend of mine recently scored a gig translating Mandarin to English and German for a documentary about musicians being produced in



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Taiwan," Painter says. "The possibilities are endless."

Web developer
 If you want to work remotely, tech companies are your best bet, says Kean Graham, CEO of MonetizeMore, an ad tech firm. Web developers in particular tend to do their best work from remote locations.

"Remote work has less interruptions," Graham says. "In a traditional office, there are too many meetings, noise and random interruptions that break a developer's concentration. In a remote atmosphere, many of these

distractions can be avoided." Many companies have traditional offices but also use remote developers to supplement the workload. So grab your laptop and head to anywhere in the world with a Wi-Fi connection.

Military
 Joining the military is a great way to see the world—both on-and-off duty. Jessica van Dop DeJesús, a Marine Corps reserve officer, has been in the military for almost 20 years. During that time, she has visited 45 countries. "Being stationed in places

such as Japan, South Korea and Germany allowed me to see plenty in those regions," says van Dop DeJesús. "I also worked as a civil servant at NATO in Brussels where I had plenty of time over the weekend to see Europe."

Corporate event planner
 Event planners don't just plan parties and weddings. Large-scale corporate events—including meetings and trade shows—require corporate event planners to meet with vendors across the country and then travel to the event location to help oversee everything from setup through breakdown.

"A career in the corporate meeting planner world is a great way for people to travel and see the world while working remotely," says Chivonne Hyppolite, an event execution expert with Abstract Elements Management Agency. "I have traveled to four continents planning and executing events."

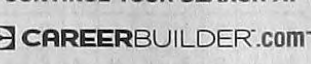
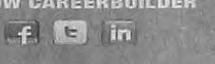
Digital marketing specialist
 It helps to look for a job that isn't time-zone specific. Search engine optimization—or SEO—fits that bill. Digital marketers require SEO knowledge, along with a familiarity with analytics programs and social media trends, says

Painter. While the role requires broad skills, the payoff is great. "These types of jobs typically offer lengthy contracts with commensurate pay, enabling one to work from home—or from their hammock in the Philippines—with relative ease," Painter says. "It just takes good time management and focus."

Virtual assistant
 Help organize a client's work and personal life without actually being in the room. As a virtual assistant, you do everything from cleaning a client's inbox to scheduling their appointments and purchasing holiday gifts for their friends. While it may seem impersonal, it grants you a great amount of flexibility in your schedule.

"Virtual assisting has given me the opportunity to travel both within the U.S. and now internationally," says Melissa Smith, founder of the virtual assistant staffing company The PVA. "I don't have to choose work over family or travel. Now I can do both."

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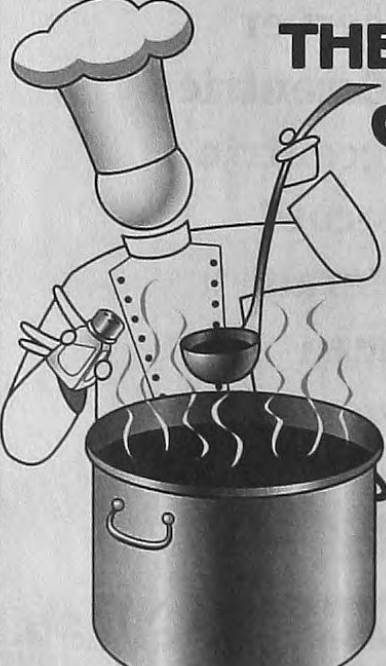
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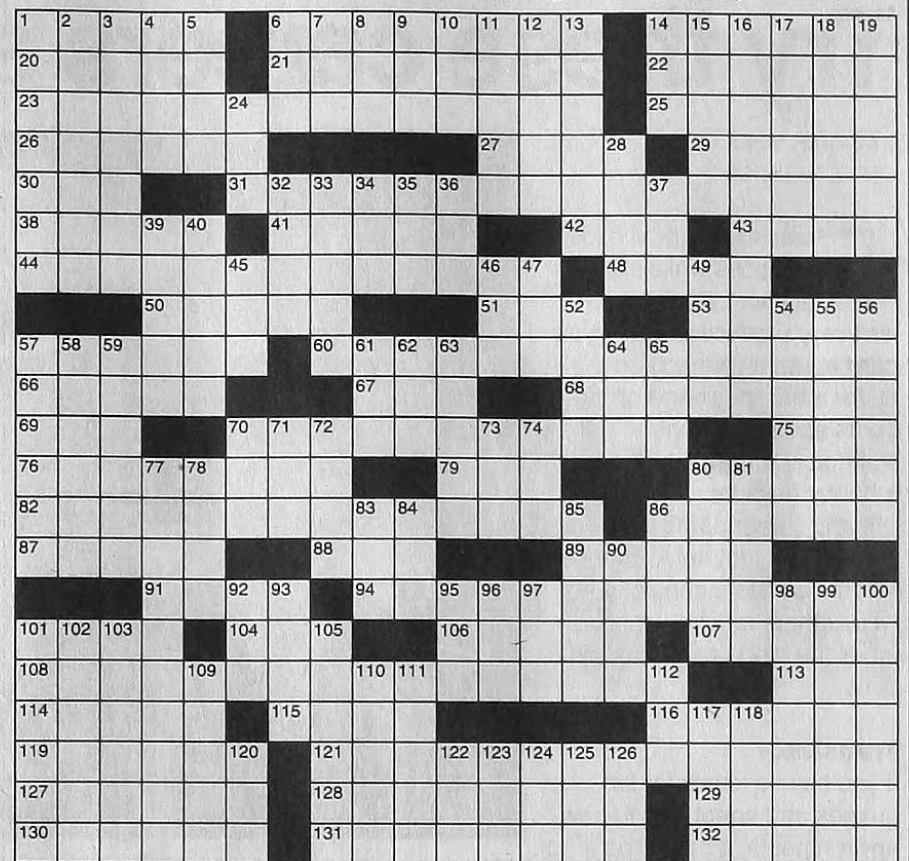
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Sinks in mud
 - 6 Baloney
 - 14 Place to exit
 - 20 As a whole
 - 21 Information collection
 - 22 Jumbo size at Starbucks
 - 23 College for chumps?
 - 25 Keep in custody
 - 26 "The plan was OK'd"
 - 27 Race pace
 - 29 Clark of film
 - 30 Classic Olds
 - 31 Like a bathing fish?
 - 38 "... unless I'm wrong"
 - 41 "It's — bet" ("You can't lose")
 - 42 Musical knock
 - 43 "... — ye be judged"
 - 44 Puddy bodies?
 - 48 Steeped drinks
 - 50 Pitcher Warren
 - 51 Mauna —
 - 53 City in Southern Iraq
 - 57 — faire (tact)
 - 60 House with a leaky roof?
 - 66 Make revisions to
 - 67 Sea, to Jules
 - 68 Obscure
 - 69 Wine cask
 - 70 Fighter giving people the willies?
 - 75 Santa — Mountains
 - 76 Some raincoats
 - 79 Nickel source, e.g.
 - 80 Frequently
 - 82 Drink mishap in a Silicon Valley office?
 - 86 Gleaming
 - 87 New Mexico or Colorado county
 - 88 Pom-pom user's cry
 - 89 Steve of country rock
 - 91 Stork's kin
 - 94 Like a piano score full of black notes?
 - 101 Relaxing facilities
 - 104 "— Na Na" (TV oldie)
 - 106 Stoop (to)
 - 107 Pop singer Cassidy
 - 108 Record one's finest film scene?
 - 113 Org. backing arms
 - 114 Rival of Advil
 - 115 "How sweet —!"
 - 116 Start of a famous JFK quote
 - 119 Grieve for
 - 121 Result of a superhero's careless dressing?
 - 127 Card game akin to whist
 - 128 Peruse
 - 129 Hall's partner in pop
 - 130 Realty listing
 - 131 Lengthy journeys
 - 132 Extort (from)
- DOWN**
- 1 "Number two" golf club
 - 2 Gestating
 - 3 Ice-T number
 - 4 Philosopher
 - 5 Garden pest
 - 6 401, to Livy
 - 7 Loo
 - 8 Consumed
 - 9 Hole statistic
 - 10 "Conan" channel
 - 11 Bonnie of song
 - 12 Houston baseball pro
 - 13 Mexican cactus
 - 14 LAX takeoff guess
 - 15 Kind of shorthand
 - 16 Marketing of goods in stores, usually
 - 17 Authorize
 - 18 Makes silent
 - 19 Most sound
 - 24 Tel. book listings
 - 28 "How's —?"
 - 32 Curse word (1938 hit)
 - 33 Organized bodies; Abbr.
 - 34 "... leezel!" ("Spare mel!")
 - 35 Time span
 - 36 Funds added to a bank acct.
 - 37 Afore
 - 39 Director Welles
 - 40 Slightly warm
 - 45 Alpine river
 - 46 Giant Manning
 - 47 Junior, often
 - 49 Help in crime
 - 52 James with a 1958 Pulitzer
 - 54 Tiers
 - 55 "Oh, God!" director Carl
 - 56 Obscure
 - 57 Starts, as a task
 - 58 Charm
 - 59 Grand Canal city
 - 61 Trauma-trained pro
 - 62 Long, thin fish
 - 63 Hosp. area
 - 64 Wichita-to-Houston dir.
 - 65 Bounce
 - 70 "— Mir Blist Du Schön" (1938 hit)
 - 71 Brow's curve
 - 72 Romanov title
 - 73 Shout, in Lille
 - 74 Family mem.
 - 77 Six-time U.S. Open winner
 - 78 Radio tuner
 - 80 Eyes
 - 81 Bone cover
 - 83 — Vegas
 - 84 "Quiet!"
 - 85 Janet of "Psycho"
 - 86 Pound noise
 - 90 Year, to Livy
 - 92 Equal: Prefix
 - 93 Feng —
 - 95 Radio spots
 - 96 On Soc. Sec., say
 - 97 Greek letters
 - 98 Bitter-tasting chemical salt
 - 99 "Madagascar 3: — Most Wanted" (2012 sequel)
 - 100 "CSI" procedure
 - 101 More banal
 - 102 Kingly home
 - 103 Tarzan, e.g.
 - 105 Conductor Toscanini
 - 109 Gossipy type (1938 hit)
 - 110 Two-legged creature
 - 111 Op-ed piece
 - 112 Large playing marble
 - 117 Skiing base
 - 118 1980s Chrysler
 - 120 — Aviv
 - 122 Carders ask to see them
 - 123 Two, to Juan
 - 124 Eden exile
 - 125 Actress Susan
 - 126 Choice words?



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WORDS

- ADVANTAGE
- ASSIST
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- BOX
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- DEFENDER
- FIELD
- FOOTBALL
- GOALIE
- GOALMOUTH
- HALVES
- HAND
- HEADING
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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TINALL DATABASE TRENTA
DUPEUNIVERSITY DETAIN
TECHNO TROT DEARIE
REO SOAPOEDTOTHEGILLIE
ORNOT ASURE FEARLEST
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SPAHN LOA BASRA
SAVOIR SEEPINGSHELTER
EMEND MER ESOTERIC
TUN BATTLECREEP ANA
SLICKERS ORE OFTEN
TECHNICALSPILL AGLARE
OTERO RAH EARLE
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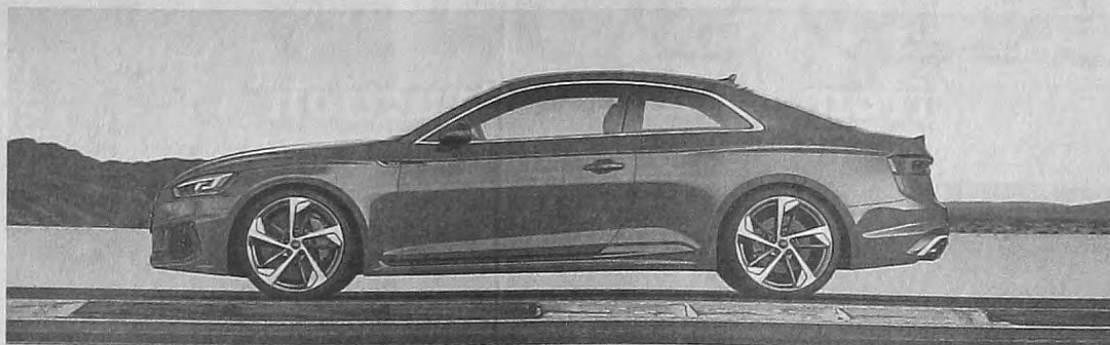
BIG GUNS OF DETROIT LEAD THE PARADE OF POWERFUL NEW SHEET METAL AT NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW



America is an auto market with a split personality, between the inevitably self-driving and electric future and the present -- where low gasoline prices, fuel-efficient

internal-combustion engines, and big SUVs and trucks are still turning the heads of most actual U.S. vehicle buyers.

There's no better display of that schizophrenia right now than the New York International Auto Show, where at press days various automotive OEMs went to great lengths to show off their latest developments in the vehicle types du jour. Electric vehicles and self-driving innovations? They're getting their due, but they certainly haven't taken over yet.



The 2018 Audi RS Coupe

The show is "a shameless celebration of size and horsepower, more proof that the emissions-free vision touted by the industry for now is trumped by the current market realities of consumer demand, low interest rates and cheap gas," wrote Daniel Howes of the Detroit News.

In fact, the New York show seems to be emerging as the second-most important auto exhibition in North America each year, after Detroit's own North American International Auto Show in January. This year's

NAIAS also celebrated automotive testosterone.

The Detroit Three clearly led the parade of heavy, powerful sheet metal at NYIAS:

Fiat Chrysler displayed is a 707-horsepower Trackhawk version of its Jeep Grand Cherokee SUV, as well as an 840-horsepower version of its Dodge Challenger muscle car, the SRT Demon. Top speed for the new Grand Cherokee: 180 mph.

The company also introduced two new option packages for its Ram pickup trucks: Ram 1500 Sublime Sport and Rebel Blue Streak. They "expand our offerings in factory-custom trucks and give dealers a more extensive color palette to excite customer who are looking for something unique," said Mike Manley, head of Ram brand.

Ford promoted an updated Ford Explorer, its mid-size SUV, and a longer if lighter version of its behemoth Lincoln Navigator SUV. The new Navigator will feature upgraded leather seats, plush carpeting and running boards that pop out automatically, as well as a dial that selects from six

driving modes for varying weather conditions and terrain.

"It is the most spacious and luxurious Lincoln SUV yet, and will elevate family travel to what we call first class," Ford CEO Mark Fields said.

General Motors showed off a new version of its full-size Buick Enclave SUV even while it also gives props to the Chevrolet Bolt, its new fully electric hatchback that is meant to pre-empt gains in the mainstream-EV market by Tesla's upcoming Model 3.

Other auto brands made splashes in New York too:

Audi unveiled the GT4 version of its R8 LMS race car on the eve of the show, the newest addition to the Audi Sport customer-racing program. The VW-owned luxury brand also introduced its new Audi Sport brand, which it said represents "the best in track-tested performance available from the four rings." Over the next 2 years the brand plans to launch eight new Audi Sport models in the US market.

Genesis, the new luxury brand launched by Hyundai, used the show as a stage for its GV80 hydrogen

fuel-cell concept vehicle.

Jaguar Land Rover debuted its all-new Range Rover Velar in the middle of its biggest metropolitan market for Range Rover. Designed to fill the white space for a mid-size SUV in the Land Rover market, Velar already has experienced the highest website traffic within the first 30 days of launch of any Land Rover vehicle launch ever.

Mercedes-Benz announced plans to produce powerful new versions of its big GL sport-utility vehicle that can be supplied with as much as 500 horsepower, part of a presence at NYIAS that emphasized new utility vehicles and that some analysts called the strongest for any brand at the show.

Nissan unveiled a version of its Rogue crossover with special provisions for dogs, including built-in food and water dishes, custom removable dog bed, 360-degree dog wash shower and integrated dog-drying system. It was built by Dennis McCarthy, car coordinator for the Fast & Furious films.

Subaru, long known as the crunchy maker of all-wheel-drive vehicles and small SUVs, has expanded its footprint by showcasing the Ascent full-size SUV, a near-production concept vehicle that will feature three rows of seating for seven passengers when it rolls off its Indiana assembly line next year.

Toyota introduced its FT-4X Concept -- or "Future Toyota" Four-Wheel-Drive Crossover, which addresses the tendency by millennials to take "brief, unplanned casual adventures" rather than "multi-day, extreme, high-effort excursions."



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