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Jury seated in Livonia shooting trial



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The jury trial for Anna Zarras, shown in this file photo, began Monday in the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in downtown Detroit.

19-year-old charged after incident involving boyfriend

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A jury of seven men and seven women has been seated to hear arguments in the criminal case against Livonia resident Anna Zarras.

Zarras, 19, is charged with several criminal counts, including assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, assault with a dangerous weapon and felony firearm. Those charges stemmed from an incident that took place June 30 at a home in the 15000 block of Richfield that resulted in Zarras's boyfriend being shot in the head.

Jury selection began Mon-

day morning in the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit before Circuit Judge Wanda Evans. No other decisions were made Monday for the case, only that opening statements and testimony would begin Tuesday.

Before questioning, Evans told the prospective jurors the duty to serve on a jury is one of the most important and sacred duties of an American. She told jurors instead of looking at having to spend several days in a courthouse, look at it as a way to impact society.

"Here's your opportunity to participate in our system and have an impact on it," she said.

She said the case was expected to last about four days.

Zarras was charged last summer after an incident in the home on Richfield. Police say

she and her boyfriend got into an altercation that day and a gun was eventually introduced into the argument. During her preliminary examination last summer in Livonia's 16th District Court, police testified that the account of events that led to the shooting changed while they were talking to Zarras in the police station, which led them to believe she was in possession of the gun that shot her boyfriend in the head.

A jury trial was originally scheduled to begin in January, but new evidence was brought into court that morning and attorneys decided to take a few months to review it.

If convicted, Zarras faces up to 10 years in prison. She remains free on bond.

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The crowd chases after the muddy, and sometimes stomped, marshmallows.

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MARSHMALLOWS RAIN ON KIDS AT NANKIN MILLS

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It's called the Great Marshmallow Drop because it is great when, regardless of your age, you watch 20,000 marshmallows drop from the heavens — thanks to a helicopter.

For the 33rd year, the marshmallows dropped from the sky as a kickoff for the Easter weekend. At Nankin Mills and Elizabeth parks, an estimated 10,000 kids and adults turned out for the two drops, said Kaye Byrd, Wayne County Department of Public Services communications

director.

As the marshmallows dropped, kids grabbed the puffy balls of sugar and were immediately eligible for a surprise gift. An extra bonus to the annual event was the Easter Bunny, played by Corey Routen, a John Glenn High School junior, who donned the costume to continue his five-year tradition of delighting the kids.

"Marshmallow Drop was a huge success. The highlight of the event continues to be the helicopter dropping the

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The chopper drops marshmallows onto the field.



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Two-year-old Annabelle Dziewit has the ears for the event.

Veteran of Month served as Marine in Cold War

Cliff Spiker, Korea/Cold War era veteran of Canton, was honored as the April 2017 Veteran of the Month by the Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 32, of the Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32 in Livonia.

Spiker served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1951-53. He was born and raised in the small rural town of National, Md.



Spiker

When he was about 2 years old, his father got a job at Kelvinator and they moved to Detroit. He loved bowling as a teen. Each Saturday, he would go to the Lucky Strike bowling alley where many of the Detroit Red Wings players also bowled.

"One day I was bowling and Gordie Howe came up to me and asked if I knew the blonde girl a few alleys over," Spiker said. "I said I did because she went to my school and he asked to meet her. Her name was Colleen and I introduced them. Six months later, they were engaged and four years later they were married."

Spiker graduated from Northwestern High School in 1951. He was in the R.O.T.C. at Northwestern and knew he would enlist in the service after graduation. He went to the Marine Corps recruitment office and enlisted.

In December 1951, Spiker was inducted into the U.S. Marine Corps and sent by train to San Diego for 12 weeks of boot camp.

"It took us five days by train to get there," Spiker said. "And we only had the clothes we left home with. The base had just been recommissioned for the Korean War and we

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had to wait another week to get our uniforms. The first thing we learned was how to do laundry."

Met Ted Williams

After boot camp, he was sent to Cherry Point, Marine Corp Air Station in Havelock, N.C., for four months. He was assigned to the carpenter shop, where they built a new mess hall. Spiker also met Ted Williams, who had been called back to service in 1952-53 during the Korean

War as a Marine combat aviator, at the base.

"I remember Ted well. He stood 6 feet, 3 inches tall and 200 pounds. He was hard to miss," Spiker said.

Next, Spiker was sent to Courthouse Bay Marine Corps Engineer School, located near Camp Lejeune, N.C. He spent the next 10 weeks training as a heavy equipment repairman. Spiker thought for sure that he would be sent to Korea, but was surprised when his orders sent him to Vieques Island, Puerto Rico, Naval Training Range.

"We flew to the island

with all our equipment on board," he said. "We flew right into a huge storm and the pilot told us we should get our life jackets and parachutes ready in case we had to ditch, but we made it!"

Kept eye on Cuba

The Cold War was nearing its peak and the U.S. was watching intently as Cuba and the U.S.S.R. were having regular meetings. The base was originally set up as a practice bombing range for the navy, but added a ground warfare and amphibious training area for Marines.

"We were put there to

keep an eye on Cuba," Spiker said. "Tensions were high and we even practiced assault landings from an LST in case something big happened." He had one month left in the service when he was sent back to Camp Lejeune. One day, they were all called into formation and told they were being shipped off to Indochina (today's Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos).

Some of them made it as far as California when the situation changed and they didn't go. Spiker finished his time and was discharged and sent home.

Spiker returned to Detroit in 1953 and worked at various job shops until landing a job at Ford Motor Co. as an illustrator. He married his wife Pat in 1954. They have three sons, two daughters, 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. They moved to Canton 30 years ago and Spiker retired from Ford in 1997. He is also a long-standing member of American Legion Post 32.

Spiker was interviewed by members of the S.A.L. Veteran of the Month Committee and a DVD was made and

shown at the April 4 S.A.L. membership meeting. A plaque was presented to him from Livonia Trophy with his picture and service information. An additional plaque was also put on display in the vestibule of the American Legion Hall. The S.A.L. invites local residents to attend their monthly meetings to listen to the Veteran of the Month.

The public is also encouraged to nominate veterans to be honored at its meetings. Nomination forms can be picked up at the American Legion Hall, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

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Nikolas Bogema of Farmington shows off one of his somewhat battered marshmallows.



It's every kid for themselves once the marshmallows hit the ground.

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marshmallows, but this year we were also pleased to see that the selfie section was very popular with attendees, as well as the hashtag #ItsRainingMarshmallows," Byrd said.

As Byrd confirmed, the Marshmallow Drop kicks off the spring-summer special events season and is one of the most popular parks events hosted by the Department of Public Services Parks Division.

The free event is sponsored by Friends of Wayne County Parks, Team Schostak, Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters & Millwrights and Trenton Parks and Recreation.



Three guys with bucket hats — Oliver Doig, 6, of Livonia, Jakub Sienkiewicz, 8, of Garden City and Vinnie Sabala, 8, of Westland — wait for the event to begin.

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Mom, daughter team up at Theater on Ice

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Amanda Goetz loves spending a little mother-daughter time when her adult child is home from college.

She and her daughter Jacque shop, get their nails done and see movies together.

"She is one of my best friends and I think she feels the same way," Goetz said. "We are years apart and have our own friends, but she's the first one I call when something good happens."

Goetz, 36, and her daughter, 18, will add a new wrinkle to their together time when they ice skate on the same team for the first time in an international Theater on Ice competition, Thursday through Sunday, April 20-23, at Yost Arena in Ann Arbor.

Theater on Ice is sanctioned by the U.S. Figure Skating Association and combines figure skating and ice dancing with the elements of theater. Teams create a six-minute routine with costumes, props, music and skating moves. The result is similar to what an audience might see during a professional ice show.

"When you watch it, you'll see a lot of good skating, a lot of artistic ability and fun themes with great costumes," Goetz said. "Theater on Ice is fun because it has a mixture of everything — dance, freestyle, synchronized skating, all combined. It has some pairs skating, too."

Teams from six countries will compete in the 2017 Nation's Cup competition, which is being held for the first time in Michigan and the second time in the U.S.

Harmony Theatre Co., based at The Ice House Skating Academy in Hartland, hosts the event



Watch Amanda and Jacque Goetz of Highland Township skate in the Nations Cup, April 20-23 in Ann Arbor.

and its teams will compete at the adult, novice, junior and senior levels.

Ages 18-80

Goetz, a skating coach at The Ice House, joined Harmony's adult team five years ago. Her daughter skated with Harmony for five years in a different division, but moved to the adult team this year. They're among 24 skaters of wide-ranging ages and skating abilities at Harmony's adult level.

"What I love about theater is we have an 80-year-old on our team, from 18 to 80. That's unheard of in any other discipline in skating to have such a wide range of athletes," Goetz said. "It's really fun. It's a great feeling and a treat to be out there with people who care about the sport as much as you do. And it's extra-special for me this year, because my daughter is on the team."

Goetz began figure skating at age 6 and skated with the University of Michigan's synchronized skating team in college. She has coached freestyle skaters since her college days and introduced her then young daughter to the sport.



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Harmony Theatre Co. Senior Team performs.

"She fell in love with it," she said. "I coached her until she was 9 and then got her another coach."

Jacque and other college students who compete with Harmony's adult team learn choreography when they are home from school, practicing while away at college.

"These kids have been doing this Theater on Ice all these years. It's not hard for them to pick up the steps," Goetz said. "The beauty of theater is those who can spin, spin. Those who can jump, jump. You may not be good at jumping, but you may be a good actress." All skills are valued and skaters perform at their own level.

Harmony's adult team earned a second place at the 2015 Nation's Cup, which was held in France. Will it score a first place in Ann Arbor?

"It would be really nice," Goetz said. "But we can't think about what the judges will do. We just need to go out there and have fun."

Other local skaters on the adult team are Chris Walker of Farmington Hills, Peggy Ki of Novi and Stanley Mackey of Redford.

In other divisions, local skaters include Madison Alestra and Cora DeWyre of South Lyon, Paige Bartholo-

mew and Alyssa Kormos of Milford, Olivia and Sonoma Colasanti of Highland, Cathryn McGowan and Rachel Teets of Livonia, Salina Shi of Bloomfield Hills and Angela Wang of Canton, all on the senior team; Carly Apple and Emily Denhof of Milford, Paige Conrad of Northville and Jolie Beasley of

Harmony Theatre Co. Senior Team performs.

Bloomfield, on the junior team; and Jillian Gerus of Canton and Caroline Michalak of Bloomfield Hills, on the novice team.

Watch the adult teams compete in a short program beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday. The adult gold cup competition starts at

5:30 p.m. Friday. Other divisions will compete Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$15 per day or pay \$50 for an all-event pass. Go to 2017nationscup.com/product/tickets.

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Caring for parents: Send your stories

We are asking readers for tips, suggestions on caring for elderly

When my mom died in late 2002, my dad looked at me and asked, "What's going to happen to me now?"

Before my mom died, my dad Bill had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Definitely he had memory loss and some erratic behavior, but I doubted the definitive diagnosis.

My dad asked what would happen to him because he knew something wasn't quite right. My response was — looking back — pretty nonchalant: "Well, you will move in with me."

I have no doubt that my mom, who was very concerned, yet very weary, about my father, would have nodded in agreement. Lots of other people, how-



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ever, thought I was crazy and in for a wild ride.

Well, the first year with my dad under my care was indeed a wild ride. Many sleepless nights, many arguments and incredible exasperation. Doctors told me I was wrong for keeping him at my house.

I even went twice to caregiver support groups. I finally walked out when for hours I heard other "children" complain of the time it took to visit their parents in a nursing home or assisted living. And how inconvenient it was for their lifestyles to — at a distance —

care for their parents.

So I hunkered down. About a year into our experience, my dad was kicked out of his day care program. He had slugged a man who used foul language at the women running the program. I went to pick him up that day and found him crying at a table by himself.

It was an epiphany for me. I had spent the year trying to fix my dad. No wonder I was miserable. So I made a big decision. We were just going to live and have fun along the way.

The decision forced me into re-arranging my life, facing facts, incorporating my dad into my life — instead of behaving like a caregiver — and getting organized.

Eventually, I found the Alzheimer's Association's day care program in Southfield. It was a blessing. Staff members knew how to work with my

dad — when to leave him alone, when to talk with him, when to tell him to sit down.

Along the way, I found my own methods to ensure his safety and to make his life as free and easy as possible.

I bought an erasable board and each day left him messages, such as "don't let the dogs out" and "stay home." My dad loved cigars, but refused to smoke them in the house. So he created a perch of sorts in the garage with a chair and a stool to hold his giant ash-tray. Every day, he opened the garage door and watched the world while enjoying his cigars. He often reported back his thoughts.

That erasable board was a lifesaver. Each day, I left him two \$1 bills — one

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Aging agency to host forum on public spending

The Area Agency on Aging 1-B (AAA 1-B) will hold a public forum to get feedback on how approximately \$22 million in annual federal and state funding earmarked for senior services in its six-county service region during fiscal year 2018 should be spent. The agency's service region includes much of southeast Michigan, including Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair and Washtenaw counties. About 30 percent of the state's seniors — nearly 640,000 people over age 60 — reside in its service area.



McGuire

The agency is seeking feedback from the public as part of the development of its Annual Implementation Plan for fiscal year 2018, which runs from Oct. 1, 2017, through Sept. 30, 2018. The plan will map out spending priorities for funding received from the state of Michigan's Aging & Adult Services Agency and federal funds received from the Administration on Aging via the Older Americans Act.

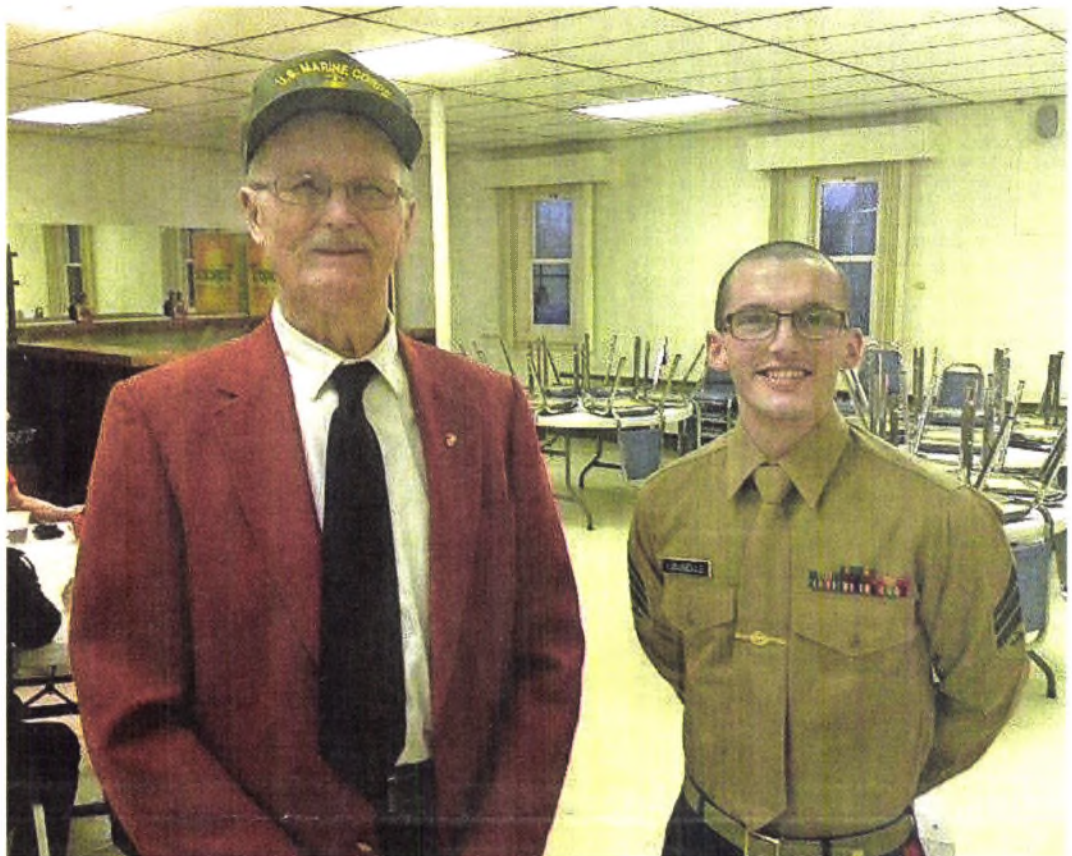
"The funding we receive from these federal and state sources helps support programs like Meals on Wheels and other services that can give seniors the extra help they need to live comfortably, safely and with dignity," said Jim McGuire, AAA 1-B interim CEO. "These are programs that are crucial to our region's older adults."

"Hearing from the public is important to us. That feedback helps shape our planning and priorities and make sure we fully understand the needs of our region's seniors."

The agency is inviting seniors, family members who are caring for older adults, senior advocates, senior care professionals and any other interested members of the public to attend the forum, which will be at 9 a.m. Wednesday, May 10, at the AAA 1-B Southfield office, 29100 Northwestern Highway, Suite 400. People who cannot attend the forum in person are invited to phone in to share their feedback.

"Hearing from the public is important to us. That feedback helps shape our planning and priorities and make sure we fully understand the needs of our region's seniors," McGuire said.

For more information or phone-in instructions for the forum, email Angela Dixon at adixon@aaa1b.com. For more information on the AAA 1-B or its programs and services for older adults, call 800-852-7795 or go to AAA1B.org.



Claude Centers, 90, was recently honored for his World War II service by the Marine Corps League.

90-year-old Marine veteran honored for his service

Claude Centers was honored for his service to the country during World War II at a recent Marine Corps League meeting.

Centers, 90, and his wife Patricia have lived for more than 60 years in the same house in Livonia, where they raised their six children.

After high school and before he was married, Centers served as a U.S. Marine and to this day is proud to say "once a Marine, always a Marine." Centers graduated in 1944 and, because of his work in the family business, Titus Welding, and his interest in engineering, he wanted to be a Navy Seabee ("we build, we fight"). But his father said they had so much work on the home front, he waited to be drafted. It wasn't long after that he was drafted into the U.S. Marine Corps.

He remembers that Mrs. Yonkers, the mother of a school friend, told him to ask for sea school. After basic training at Parris Island, most of the

recruits were sent to the Pacific to fight for the island of Okinawa. Many didn't return home. Centers was accepted for sea duty and was sent to San Diego for school, then to Philadelphia for his assignment on the newly christened U.S.S. Los Angeles.

As the ship headed to the Pacific, the atomic bomb was dropped and the war was over. Centers became a Chinese Marine when his ship was reassigned to defend the Chinese coast from Tsingtao in the north to Hong Kong in the south. He finished his tour and came home in 1946. In 1947, he joined the Marine Corps League.

The Centers have six children: Claudia, Chris, Tom, Joe, Gretchen and Marianne. Joe says he remembers his dad always talking about his sons serving in the military. As they grew up, the war in Vietnam was going on.

"I remember he always said he figured he would lose one of us in Vietnam," Joe said. But just as the boys got

to that age, the war in Vietnam ended and so did the draft. None of them had to serve. But it was daughter No. 2, Gretchen, who surprised everybody when she joined the Marines.

"I graduated in 1979, enlisted in 1980 and served four years," Gretchen said. "I like to say my dad was drafted and I drifted into the Marines. I guess I needed a little discipline."

"After I was discharged in 1985 and came back home to Livonia, my dad and I were at a Livonia Goodfellow meeting and a couple of Marine Corps League members and asked if we wanted to join. That's how I started and my dad started up again. League members march in local parades, visit veterans at the VA hospital and participate in fundraisers to help veterans in need."

Why the Marines? "When I enlisted, I didn't even consider any other branch because of the pride my dad had for the Marine Corps," Gretchen said.

Novi senior tackles trash

Resident can't stand litter in community, so she picks it up

This report may be a surprise to Novi resident Linda King. But there are those out there who want her efforts acknowledged.

When she retired seven years ago, King started picking up trash in the community. "What started her doing it was she was driving down the road one day and noticed trash everywhere and said to herself, 'Someone needs to pick that up.' Then it hit her, that someone was her," said her daughter, Christy Deringer.

Since then King — with garbage bags and a Gripper Wagon — cleans up the parking lot of the Novi Ten Shopping Center, walking Meadowbrook or 10 Mile down to Novi Road.

King, 69, cannot miss a piece of gar-

bage. As her daughter tells it, if she is in a car and sees trash, she will return to pick it up.

King, whose husband was a custodian with the Novi Community School District for 30-plus years, used to have a car. Unfortunately, their car was stolen about five years ago. It was found in a chop shop in Detroit. Believe it or not, "she was just happy to get some of her things — the Gripper Wagon and garbage bags. I don't even think she thought of the car!!" Deringer said.

King's daughter is thankful some of the businesses in her area offer her a cold drink during the summer as she is cleaning up. "Maria (Maria's Bakery) forces her to come in and get a cold drink when she's out in the summer," she said. "It's nice to know people do show appreciation. Sometimes people tell her she's crazy, but she just smiles."



Novi resident Linda King picks up trash along a road.

Civic education is paramount to remain united

What are the core values of America? After all, we are called the "United" States of America for a reason. What unites us? Are we united by merely a geographic boundary or are we united by something that transcends boundaries?

This is a very important question. After all, we do not seem to be very united nowadays.

For more than a year, I was engaged in a focus group sponsored by the Michigan Department of Education tasked with defining our next generation of social studies standards for K-12 education in our state. My participation in this exercise was solicited as a result of a letter I wrote to the



department in response to its first attempt at crafting these standards. In this letter, co-signed by 17 of my legislative colleagues, I cited 15 issues that needed to be reconciled before I could support these standards. All that I asked was that the standards were politically neutral and accurate. These objectives were adopted by the focus group.

I am pleased to report that at the end of our focus group deliberations, we did indeed reach compromises on all

15 issues. However, we failed to reach agreement on one issue that surfaced during the discussions. What was that issue? The definition of our core values.

In the wake of our deliberations, I took to social media to ask our citizens what they believed were our core values. There was no consensus there either.

So why is it so difficult for us to define our core values? Our values today are very diverse. Perhaps the first step should be to define what makes a value a "core" value. It would seem to be self-evident that for a value to be a "core" value, it would need to be a value shared by the majority of Americans. Sounds sim-

ple enough.

How do we know if a value is shared by the majority of Americans? I would submit that the values would need to be documented in a social compact that binds all Americans. We have only two such compacts throughout our history — the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. Of the two documents, I would submit that the Declaration of Independence is a statement of our core values, while the Constitution is a statement as to how we would structure our government to promote these values.

So what are the core values found in the Declaration of Independence?

- » We are all created equal;
- » We have unalienable rights endowed to us by our Creator;
- » Government authority comes from the consent of the governed;
- » It is the duty of the people to oppose government abuse of authority; and
- » Purpose of government is to secure the rights of the governed.

Some people may think that the importance I have placed upon the need for a quality civics education is less pressing than other matters, such as the state budget or economic development policies. In light of the importance of unity to the strength of the United States of America, I

would submit that civics is of paramount importance. Our enemies, and we have many, would like nothing better than to divide us. Regrettably, we have taken our unity for granted for too many years. It is time to rededicate ourselves and our nation to the need for unity by affirming these core values. Once we do, we will once again earn the title of the United States of America, which is truly exceptional in all the world.

Sen. Patrick Colbeck represents the 7th Senate District, which encompasses the cities of Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and Wayne, as well as the townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To submit a Letter to the Editor, email Joanne Maliszewski at jmaliszewski@hometownlife.com.

An Easter angel

I am the activity director at Oakmont Northville and I want to thank an anonymous Easter angel. At 3:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, one of my residents could not remember her pin number to her debit card. As we were leaving the store empty-handed, our cashier ran up and handed us her bags and said the lady, who along with her daughter waited so patiently, had paid for all of Betty's things. I was so touched by that act of kindness I cried all the way to the bus.

Happy Easter!

Marie Rumbley
Northville

GOP accepts Trump's lies

This letter is in response to some of the remarks made in Leo Weber's editorial entitled "Liberals are annoying." This is how a "liberal" finds Republican conservatives besides being annoying, but accepting President Trump's lies without question. Why shouldn't we be ecstatic about Trump's failure to get rid of Obamacare? That was a major part of his campaign promises, most of which he is not able to carry out because his own party doesn't support him.

He also claims the town halls were filled with yelling Democrats. The town halls run by Republican congressmen were in answer to their own constituents who were fed up with their lack of response to their questions about the new president's policies and how it was going to affect them. These are the attendees who were acting like "out of control school brats."

As to his remarks about liberals railing against anything linked to Trump, he has a short memory if he doesn't remember how President Obama served eight years with no bipartisan support from the Republicans. Mr. Weber, you may not want to associate with we liberals, but believe me, we don't want to associate with the likes of you.

We are not the only ones upset over what you call a fantasy tale about Russia. It has been proven by the FBI and CIA that the Russians interfered with the election; we're just waiting for the Republican-controlled congress to hold an independent hearing so that all the facts can be made public. Trump keeps tweeting lies thinking he's diverting attention away from his Russian connection. And the Republicans never stopped bringing up Benghazi and the death of four Americans, but they were always very quiet when it came to the deaths of over 4,000 of our soldiers in the Iraqi war, which was started by the lies of Bush and Cheney.

And finally, you conservatives made a big issue of all the traveling to Hawaii and golfing

done by President Obama. Well, the truth of the matter is that in eight years, President Obama's trips cost the taxpayers \$97 million. Your President Trump is costing the taxpayers \$3 million a week for his trips and golfing in Florida. At that rate he will spend more in one year than Obama spent in eight! And don't forget the hundreds of thousands of dollars spent to protect Mrs. Trump and their son in New York.

Jean Wrenbeck
Livonia

'Trumpnics' are bullies

I want to address the rants of one Leo Weber in the Thursday, April 13, Observer.

Calling out your neighbors by name doesn't make you tough — it makes you a punk bully. So many of you Trumpnics are punk bullies with your confederate flags and scare tactics. This is not the conservative or Republican way — it is some entirely new phenomenon.

To answer your rants: 1. Your "Russian Fairy Tale" is being investigated by the FBI — the Republican FBI director told a Republican Congress that that fairy tale is being pursued by many Republican patriots as well, who are worried about their country.

2. The Benghazi Incident was investigated for months by a Republican Congress and covered by all the news outlets — without any finding of fault. Even after grilling Hillary Clinton for 10 hours, no fault was found. It was a tragic mistake very much like the Yemen raid ordered by Trump that got a Navy Seal and nine civilians killed.

3. Town Hall rants — yes — the left is doing it. They learned from you Tea Bagger — took it right out of your play-book the Kochs wrote and funded for you — which you used against the Democrats.

4. You call abortion and sodomy out as key button issues because it makes some folks cringe — but the real issue is on people's right to choose — it comes with living in a free country — not one run by Sharia Law. And you are the arbiter of righteousness and virtue? You decide what is right and wrong? You sound just like one of the Mullahs.

5. Most conservatives and Republicans I know held their nose while voting for the Donald — don't look at the 46.1 percent as some huge Trump movement — it was as much anti-Hillary as pro-Donald.

6. And finally — what is wrong with this country? Look in the mirror. Your absolute hatred for liberals (I prefer progressives) will keep this country divided forever. Ronald Reagan and Tip O'Neal would get together, tell some off-color jokes, drink a beer and find common ground to move this country forward. The same happened with Bill Clinton and Newt Gingrich (don't

think they drank?). We need to find common ground. We need to move our country forward. We need to rebuild our infrastructure, create jobs, take care of the elderly, provide a good education to everyone, strengthen the middle class and find peace with the world. That won't happen with this hatred.

Richard Williamson
Livonia

Restore our democracy

The recent letters to the editor about frustration with Congressman David Trott echo my feelings. He was picked by the Republican leadership to run against Kerry Bentivolio in 2014, and he won. He will continue to be the congressman for the 11th Congressional District as long as the Republicans have a majority in the state Legislature, due to the gerrymandered districts. After the 2010 census, with the help of computer software, the congressional and state districts were drawn so there would be a majority of Republicans in the state Legislature and a Republican majority of the Michigan caucus in the U.S. House of Representatives.

After the 2020 census whoever has a majority in the state Legislature will do the same kind of partisan redistricting. We need to restore our representative democracy by having an independent commission draw the districts. The organization "Count My Vote" has started a campaign to do just that. They are gaining support to have a proposal on the November 2017 ballot, that when passed will change the Michigan constitution, so an independent commission draws the districts. A constitutional amendment cannot be changed by the state legislature.

Fair districts will be competitive; candidates will not be guaranteed re-election. They will have to appeal to a majority of the voters made up of Republicans, Democrats and independents. Our elected officials would then have to represent all the people in their districts. I urge you to get involved and support the work of "Count My Vote." Their website is www.votersnotpoliticians.com.

Ann Abdo
Livonia

Need important answers

As we approach the halfway point of 2017, we know that there will be people announcing their intention to run for public office in 2018.

We will be electing a new governor.

As the parent of two children in P-CCS public schools, I can't help but keep my eyes on the public policy that shapes our schools. It's for the sake of my children, my community and my state. I encourage others to join me in asking our current public officials and candidates to defend their positions and policy on public education.

Let's push them to go beyond ideological talk-

ing points. Let's push them to dig deep, and support their responses with facts, objective outcome data. Have their policies helped only some and hurt others?

Who are their policy advisers and political allies and what do they know about education?

Betsy DeVos is a Michigan native whose appointment to secretary of education was the most controversial and protested in the position's history.

Throughout the country, Michigan's sub-par charter school laws were cited as a reason for protesting her. Michigan has the most for-profit charter schools in the country. More than the state of California. Her next move is to give federal financial incentives to states to develop voucher programs.

Several studies have been released in the past months citing the dismal results of voucher programs in Ohio, Indiana and Kansas.

This is not the first time voucher programs have been used and proposed since economist Milton Friedman first conceived of the notion in the 1950s.

They were implemented immediately after Board v. Brown was passed, so that parents did not have to send their children to integrated schools.

The origins of vouchers do are not education-centric and the supporters today have major deficiencies and experience with education and publicly funded schools with pluralistic student bodies.

Let's ask our public servants and candidates the tough questions and hold out for REAL answers, not talking points.

If they claim to believe education should be managed at the local level, ask them if they really have acted in accordance with that belief.

Have they let universities hours away from a community approve charter schools to be built there? To be managed by companies that are outside the state?

Have they interfered with the curriculum as a legislator or let communities do their jobs? Do the pass unfunded mandates that add to the loss of professional autonomy of our teachers?

Do they respect all the families of the community, no matter the religion or makeup of the family? Or have they used their platform and rhetoric to build up some types of families and marginalize others?

Have they been respectful of the profession of education? Do they defer and listen to those that know more than them?

Do they know how devastating vouchers for children with special needs and IEPs and their hard fought legal rights? Do they hide from tough questions?

The answers are important to get.

Marcia Peterson Buckie
Canton

Stop Trott bill

To Congressman David Trott: You introduced H.R. 1849, which you've titled "Practice of Law Technical Clarification Act of 2017." On its face, this bill appears to be written in your own self-interest, as it exempts lawyers and law firms such as Trott Law (nee Trott & Trott) from two important regulatory controls:

- (a) Section 803(6) of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act; and
- (b) Section 1027(e)(2) (B) of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010

Cui bono? Both of these regulatory controls were, separately, created to protect consumers and the general public from misbehavior by those who — for their own financial gain — abused consumers in the handling of financial activity. These regulatory controls exist because the public was being mistreated — yes, even by lawyers. It is the singular purpose of the government to protect the public, and these controls provided some degree of protection in fulfilling that obligation.

Your proposed bill seeks to remove those protections and to grant lawyers and law firms more leeway to mistreat the public once again. Cui bono?

It is noteworthy that your ascendancy to the Congress followed decades of practice as a lawyer in the business of debt collection. You parlayed that practice into a very lucrative industry, with your personal interests in all aspects of mortgage foreclosures — title companies, legal service, and more. Trott & Trott, the law firm you headed, served as the lead in so many mortgage foreclosures that you were aptly named the "Foreclosure King" long

before you sought a seat in Congress.

And your success in this debt collection business made you the sixth wealthiest member of Congress, ahead of 430 members of the House and ahead of all but one senator.

Now you bring before the House this H.R. 1849, cast as a "technical clarification." It is nothing of the sort. It is, in fact, a cloak under which law firms such as that from which you arose can misbehave, free of the regulatory controls that would otherwise protect the public. Cui bono?

Who among your constituents demanded that law firms have this freedom? Who among your constituents cried out against protecting the public? Who among your constituents want to free up your former law firm, and your former law partners, and your other personal interests in the mortgage foreclosure industry? Who among your constituents want the "Foreclosure King" to subject the public to the abuses they once endured before these regulatory controls? Cui bono?

It is noteworthy that your H.R. 1849 has, to date, no co-sponsors.

But it is also noteworthy that this bill, from which you and your associates would personally gain, will be reviewed by the Financial Services Committee, a committee on which you serve. Cui bono?

I urge you, Congressman Trott, to withdraw H.R. 1849. I urge you, Congressman Trott, to oppose any further effort to pass similar exclusions that apply to the private interests of yourself, your family, your former law firm and partners, or any other business ventures in which you are personally invested.

Bryan Watson
West Bloomfield

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SHORTT



MADELEINE R., 91, of Farmington Hills, passed away Friday, April 14, 2017. She is survived by her loving children, James (Esther), Gary (Donna), Ralph, and David (Judi); her cherished grandchildren, Noel, Paul, Andy, Michael, Jeff, Laura, Casey; and great-grandchildren, William and Elizabeth. Sadly, Madeleine was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, William (d. 2012). Visitation Saturday, April 22, from 12 p.m. until the Rosary and time of remembrances at 2 p.m., at the Heaney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Inc., 23720 Farmington Road (between 9-10 Mile Rds., just N. of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Memorial tributes are suggested to Angela Hospice.

heaney-sundquist.com



OBSERVER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Annual stamp show arrives

The West Suburban Stamp Club presents the 48th annual Plymouth Stamp Show from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. April 29 and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 30 at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland.

Thirty-seven dealers from 11 states and Canada will sell stamps, postcards and other related items. Nineteen exhibitors will place nearly 2,000 pages of rare and intriguing material on exhibit to be judged, with the grand award winner qualifying to participate in the World Series of Philately national exhibition.

Admission and parking are free. Seminars for youth and adults interested in learning how to collect and store stamps are offered at no cost. Stamps in Your Closet is an opportunity to bring items you have inherited for a complimentary evaluation. The United Post Office will be present on Saturday, April 29. The United Nations Postal Administration and Nordica Postal Agents will be present the entire weekend.

The West Suburban Stamp Club meets twice each month at the Plymouth Historical Museum. Visit www.thewssc.com, www.plymouthshow.com, email mywssc@msn.com or call 313-533-7737.

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 a \$10 donation at the door to sample chili, enjoy the DJ and participate in the raffles. Visit www.chilicookoff.com or call Gary Ray at 313-938-6364

Kindergarten Readiness Night

On April 27, MacGowan Elementary, 18255 Kinloch, Redford, will host Kindergarten Readiness Night. All registered incoming kindergartners and their parents are invited to come to the 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.

Tickets are \$10 and are available at tpctc.booktix.com or at the door. Credit card purchases are available online only. Tickets purchased at the door must be paid for with cash or check made 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, Can-

ton. 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 at 8 p.m.

EMS education

The Huron Valley Ambulance will host an open house for students, teachers and parents to explore careers in emergency services from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at HVA, 1200 State Circle, Ann Arbor. Tours will be offered of the education and ambulance centers. To register, email ojackson@emergenthealth.org

Plus-size clothing

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+ 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 new-to-you handbag and trinkets from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Parkview Room in the Summit on the Park, 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 26. 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 angelsabovebaby@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

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. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/gcmom2momsale or email gcmom2momsale@hotmail.com

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Moose Lodge fundraiser

A fundraiser for Garden City Moose Lodge is set for 5 p.m. April 22 at 29137 Ford Road, Garden City. Call 734-522-8330. Parking is located off Pardo in back of the building. There will be an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner for \$10 per person. Refreshments are available for purchase. There will be 50/50 and basket raffles.

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.

CARING

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each way for the SMART bus to day care — and two cigars.

Why I often doubted the Alzheimer's diagnosis is because he was up and dressed before me. He made his bed and had hung up his clothes. He made himself a cup of coffee, grabbed the dollar bills and his cigars and stood outside waiting for his bus. After dinner, he would get up, collect the dishes and starting putting them in the dishwasher and scrubbing the pots and pans.

I also bought a landline phone with huge numbers and rehearsed with him how to use it, so I could call him if I was running late. I left him phone numbers of friends to call while I worked if he needed anything. Friends were a godsend. They, too, incorporated my dad into their lives. And he knew who they were and loved them as part of his family.

And the one thing we stuck to was telling each other the truth. I had no qualms telling my dad he was driving me crazy. And he did the same. I also

told him the truth when he would ask where my mom was or my older brother, who died in 1988.

Doctors had told me to just change the subject when he asked a question they believed the answer would be upsetting. But my logic and my loyalty told me my father had always expected the truth from me. And when our roles reversed, I believed he still deserved the truth and I was there to help him work with it.

We had some rough times. I still had sleepless nights. But we also had good times and plenty of laughs. I always described my dad as a Walter Matthau with a cigar hanging out of his mouth. My dad was with me for seven years. And through that time, we together developed ways to cope — with each other.

We would like to hear from you, our readers, who are family caregivers. Tell us what methods or tips you have to cope with your family member. Or tell us of a problem you might be having as a caregiver. Please send your brief story to Joanne Maliszewski at jmaliszewski@hometownlife.com. We accept photos, too, as jpg format attachments in the email. And thank you for sharing.

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The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, Livonia, Michigan, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for the purchase of:

Churchill Tennis Courts / Buchanan Elementary Paving RE-BID for the 2017-2018 School Year (See Attached Specifications)

Request for Proposal (RFP) documents can be obtained at the Livonia Public School Website, www.livoniapublicschools.org under the section titled DISTRICT Purchasing Bids, 2017-2018, school year, open bids OR Buy4Michigan Website, www.buy4michigan.com. Please feel free to include additional pages of information if necessary. For bids to be considered they must meet or exceed all specifications herein.

Sealed bids marked Churchill Tennis Courts/Buchanan Elementary Paving RE-BID will be received until 12:30 p.m. on the 27th day April, 2017, in the Business Office at the Board of Education complex, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. Mailed bids should be sent to the attention of: Phillip Francis, Director of Operations, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48154. Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays.

A walk-thru meeting will be on Wednesday, April 19th, 2017, 2:00 p.m. starting at Buchanan Elementary School, 16400 Hubbard, Livonia, MI 48154; proceeding to Churchill High School at 8900 Newburgh, Livonia, MI 48150.

The Bid Opening will take place at 12:30 p.m. on the 27th day of April, 2017, at the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education Complex, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read. No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified and will not be opened. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

PREVAILING WAGE RATES APPLY TO THIS BID.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement of disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner and any employee of the bidder and any member of the Livonia Board of Education, the Livonia Public Schools Superintendent or Director of Finance, any member of the Wayne RESA Board of Education or the Superintendent of Wayne RESA. No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized Affidavit of Compliance – Iran Economic Sanctions Act. No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized statement.

All bids must be accompanied by the Equal Opportunity Statement. No bid shall be accepted that does not include this statement.

All bids must include a Treasury listed bid bond or certified check made payable to Livonia Public Schools for not less than five percent (5%) of the contract for each bid over \$23,230.00 and must be submitted with the bid forms furnished with specification.

All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet and all sheets must be returned for the bid. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of ninety (90) days.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part; to award to other than the low bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the district, including awarding by line item, with rationale to support such a decision. Livonia Public Schools local preference resolution will be followed for all proposals.

Prices bid are to be F.O.B. Destination. All purchases are to be exempt from all taxes, including state and federal taxes. Exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.

Any bid submitted will be binding for ninety (90) days subsequent to the date of the bid submission. All bids must be submitted on the attached bid form and signed by the bidder. Two (2) signed copies of the bid package are to be addressed to the attention of:

Phillip Francis, Director of Operations
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
Livonia, MI 48154-5474

"Churchill Tennis Courts/Buchanan Elementary Paving RE-BID" One (1) copy of the bid package should be retained for your files. Any questions regarding bid specifications should be referred to John Stadnicar, NTH Consultants, Ltd., jstadnicar@nthconsultants.com, 248.662.2730, between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. EST. LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL-SOFTBALL

Patriots' day: Late rally nips Rocks

Montie's second
straight walk-off
hit lifts FranklinTim Smith
hometownlife.com

Salem held a 4-2 lead and only needed three more outs to secure a KLAA varsity boys baseball win over host Livonia Franklin Monday.

Well, apparently, Jon Montie and the Patriots had the Rocks right where they wanted them. For the second game in a row, the senior delivered a walk-off hit as Franklin rallied for a 5-4

victory.

The bottom of the seventh began innocently enough, with the first Franklin batter being retired. But then Salem junior relief pitcher Ryan Lambrix couldn't find home plate, plunking Kyle Wollam and Collin Metzler with inside pitches to give the Patriots some hope.

Kolby Dewhirst then tied the game with a line-drive triple to right field and Montie grounded a base hit to left to bring home the winning run and improve Franklin's record to 8-2.

"I got to give credit to Dewey," Montie said. "He hit the triple to score the two runs and set me up for it.

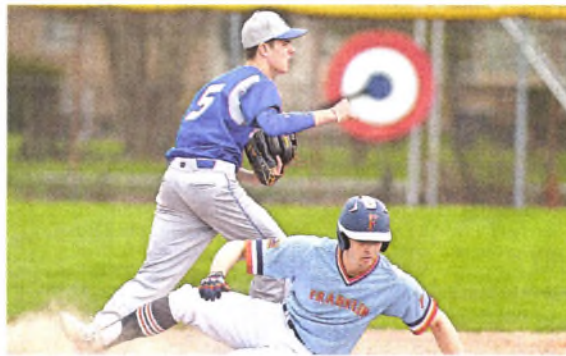
"We never give up until it's over, we're a comeback kind of team."

Montie is no stranger to late heroics. On Saturday, in the second game of a twinbill against West Bloomfield, he roped a grand slam to right field in the bottom of the seventh to give the Pats a 7-3 win.

"I liked the grand slam a little bit better," said Montie, with a laugh. "But whatever does the job I'm happy with."

Dewhirst went 2-for-4 and drove in three runs while Wollam also had two hits, scored twice and drove in one.

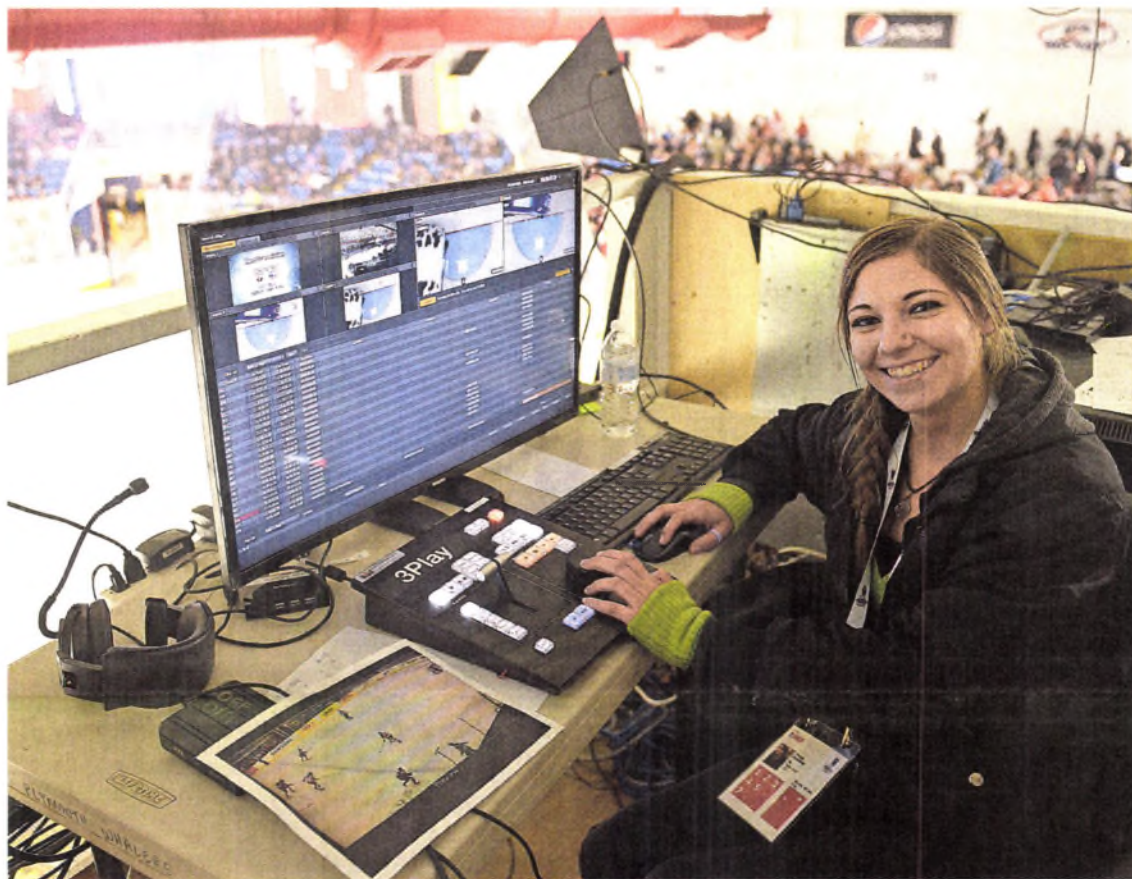
For Salem (1-5), the late



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Salem's Gage Moyers (left) turns a double play Monday, while Livonia Franklin's Kolby Dewhirst is out at second base.

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USA HOCKEY



JUNFU HAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Chelsie Husband poses behind her video replay board before the April 7 Women's Worlds gold medal hockey game between the U.S. and Canada.

'WORLD'S' VIEW

Madonna's Chelsie Husband enjoyed goal judge duties during IIHF Women's World Championship in Plymouth

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

The international women's hockey world — including a sellout crowd inside USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth — waited nervously during the third period of Women's Worlds gold medal game between the U.S. and Canada.

Referees skated to the penalty box, slipped on headsets and peered at nearby monitors. Did Canada score a power play goal to tie the all-important contest at 2-2? The ruling on the ice April 7 was that the puck didn't cross

the goal line.

From her station on the press box roof, high above the ice surface, video replay goal judge Chelsie Husband of Canton poured over the images on a small screen.

Moments later, officials and the anxious crowd had the answer.

"It just made it over the line," said Husband, who graduated from Canton High School and worked a similar job for the now-defunct Plymouth Whalers of the Ontario Hockey League. "It was one of the hardest calls I ever had to do, being a goal judge. It

put them into overtime."

With Husband's confirmation of the Canada goal, the mood went from anxiousness to nervousness for the rest of the evening, with the difference between gold or silver merely one push of the goal judge's button away.

"It was exciting," said the 24-year-old Husband, with a laugh.

All's well that ends well, however, at least for the American side.

Team USA, a team including blueliner and North Farmington High School graduate Megan Keller, won 3-2 in

overtime on a goal by captain Hilary Knight.

"I was excited when Canada tied it up, because it became really interesting," Husband said. "I was happy the U.S. won, I wasn't jumping up and down. I smiled though."

Husband said she was recruited for the Women's Worlds almost by accident.

"I was directing and producing for one of the games for USA Hockey and I ran into (broadcaster) Pete Krupsky who told me the position

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SCHOOLCRAFT
COLLEGEFinally
home,
Ocelots split
with No. 1
LansingTim Smith
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Finally able to play on home turf, at Ford Field in Livonia, Schoolcraft College's baseball team demonstrated it can hang with the best in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

On Friday, behind a complete game by freshman pitcher Blake Sloan, the Ocelots won 12-2 in the nightcap of a twinbill at Lansing Community College — bouncing back from a tough 5-3 loss in the opener.

Saturday's doubleheader at Ford Field against Lansing followed the same script. After losing 10-9 in Game 1, with the tying and winning runs on base in the bottom of the seventh, Schoolcraft rolled 14-9.

Sparkling the win against the first-place team in the MCCA were homers in the first inning by Jared Merandi (Plymouth) and David Chavez, who also homered in the first game. The two round-trippers turned an early 2-0 deficit into a 4-2 advantage and the Ocelots (8-11 overall, 3-7 in the conference) never looked back.

"This is our first time out, we haven't been able to practice here," Schoolcraft head coach Rob Fay said. "So it's the first game on the field. It was perfect weather for it, the field's in good shape and we're excited to be back home."

Despite the tough loss in Saturday's opener, Fay still liked his team's compete level.

"It's real simple, when you play a good team like Lansing, who's tied for first in the conference (23-7, 13-3), you can't afford to leave eight runners in scoring position," Fay said. "... And we let some plays get away from us. But it shows the guys how good they really are. We were in that game the whole way, we never quit and we gave ourselves opportunities to win that game."

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HIGH SCHOOL GOLF PREVIEWS

Can Redford Union continue to make strides?

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Mike McCrea enters his fourth season as Redford Union boys golf coach full of optimism.

The Panthers, led by two-time regional qualifier Evan Albright, finished last season with an 8-4 overall dual match record, including a 5-4 mark in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference.

The most notable loss to

graduation was Ryan Randall, an All-WWAC selection whom McCrea said, "was the heart and soul of our team during his time with us."

"He will be missed," added the RU coach.

The Panthers, who will play their matches at Glenhurst, hope to continue to move up the ladder after tying Dearborn Heights Crestwood for third place in the WWAC.

"Each year we have taken steps in the right direction as a

program," McCrea said. "Coach (Justin) Rosin and I have a great group of kids to work with. They're very coachable, they respond well."

McCrea will lean on three seniors to pave the way led by Albright and Ben Hawn, both of whom made All-WWAC, along with Jesse Suiter.

Both Albright and Hawn were McCrea's first recruits and have been with the program since their freshman year. Suiter, who joined the

squad as a sophomore, has developed into a solid player and was named the team's most improved player in 2016.

"They have done a wonderful job developing as golfers and setting examples of student-athletes for our underclassmen to follow," McCrea said.

Other returnees who have shown improvement and will be counted on as the season progresses, McCrea said, are sophomores Jon and Gasper Havier.

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

KLAA announces future division alignments

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New division alignments have been announced for the 14-school Kensington Lakes Activities Association with Grand Blanc exiting after 2017-18 season and Belleville accepting an invitation to join in 2018-19.

Grand Blanc, which was voted out of the KLAA by a 13-1 margin last month, will be part of the seven-school Gold Division for its last year, along with Brighton, Hartland, Howell, Livonia Stevenson, Northville and Novi.

The Black Division, meanwhile, will consist of Canton, Plymouth, Salem, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson, Westland John Glenn and Wayne Memorial.

With the exception of football, the 2017-18 division alignments for all other boys and girls sports were based on geographic locations and

proximity to other member schools.

"The majority of our schools could not support Grand Blanc being in the league," KLAA president and Novi High Principal Nicole Carter said in a press release. "The original development of the league was based on geography, so with 10 schools leaving the league, it created a hole between the schools because of the mileage situation with an outlying school."

Last April, 10 schools departed from the KLAA.

Milford, South Lyon, South Lyon East, Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Northern, Walled Lake Western, Waterford Kettering, Waterford Mott and White Lake Lake-land broke off and formed their own nine-school Lakes Valley Conference, which will start this fall. Pinckney decided to join the Southeastern Conference.

Next fall's football divisions, however, will be based

on a past performance standard involving MHSAA playoff points and enrollments.

The Gold Division will include Northville, Plymouth, Churchill, Grand Blanc, John Glenn, Franklin and Wayne, while the Black Division will consist of Canton, Hartland, Stevenson, Brighton, Howell, Novi and Salem.

Divisions could also be tweaked next season for KLAA schools that do not field lacrosse, hockey or gymnastics teams.

Belleville, which was officially voted in as a 2018-19 member last week, will remain in the 12-school Western Wayne Athletic Association through the 2017-18 year.

On April 11, the KLAA principals and athletic directors also made recommendations for 2018-19 division realignments that will be voted upon at a later date when Belleville becomes a member.

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Rounding second base for Schoolcraft during Saturday's second game is Cori Wilson (7), an alum of Livonia Stevenson.

OCELOTS

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Lansing took a 7-6 lead in the top of the sixth, but Schoolcraft got it right back on a bases-loaded walk to Livonia Franklin product Hunter Sellers.

In the seventh, however, the Stars struck for three runs on a bases-clearing double by Chris Lowe with two outs.

Schoolcraft answered on a two-run base hit by Chavez that rolled past the right fielder. The Ocelots could not get one more clutch hit.

"Like we stress, good teams get guys into scoring position, great teams score them," Fay said. "We just weren't able to do that enough today."

Game 2 was a different story right off the bat. With Merandi homering, Chavez blasting his fourth of the season (a 2-run shot) and Cam Ernest following with an RBI single to center, Schoolcraft pushed across four runs and were on their way to a big win.

Schoolcraft now will play a slew of games, many of the makeup variety, through this weekend. Ford Field will be the site for doubleheaders at 3 p.m. Thursday against Henry Ford CC and at 1 p.m. Saturday against Jackson CC. Monday and Tuesday, the team was slated to face Lorain County and Kalamazoo Valley, respectively.

Fay praised Sloan's effort in the Friday nightcap against Lansing, which gave the team evidence it could match up with Lansing. "Blake threw a phenomenal game, just went up there, attacked the strike zone and dominated."

ees are seniors Dimitri Van Well and Trevor Pevovar, along with juniors Bryan Cox, Brendan Chaubin and Joel Kozich.

Junior Nick Geierfbach and freshman Evona Lewis also will vie for playing time as the Eagles are scheduled to open their season April 19 at Glenhurst against WWAC opponent Dearborn Fordson.

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GOLF

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state district as a team and play in the regional," McCrea said. "I'm excited to see our seniors finish out their final year. It has been fun watching them develop and improve their games during the past seasons."

Thurston outlook

Redford Thurston second-year coach Ann McManamon

hopes her team can pick up the slack for two regional qualifiers who as underclassmen were scheduled to return, but will not be back.

Thurston placed ninth in the Division 2 district at Maple Lanes and finished last in the WWAC.

"We'll do what we can do," McManamon said. "We're going to struggle. It depends on how our top guys get their game going. If they get their game going they should be OK."

The team's top two return-

JUDGE

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was open," Husband said. "I couldn't do it for the whole week but I managed to do it for a few days."

The camera angle she stayed glued to throughout the 2017 International Ice Hockey Federation Women's World Championship was above one of the goals.

Glad to return

Nobody sat in booths behind the nets, where goal judges historically have been stationed.

"There's cameras that

point straight down at the net," Husband said.

Husband knew Krupsky from working the Whalers games when she was a Schoolcraft College student.

"I did it for about six years with the Plymouth Whalers," Husband said. "So it was really great that I could come back."

"They had updated equipment and I was really excited to try out the new equipment, because it's all HD now. And up to date. I was just glad I could be part of the experience."

Now it's on to other projects, although she wouldn't mind future gigs at USA Hockey Arena.

Later this spring, Husband will graduate with a bachelor's degree in broadcast and cinema art.

Last year, she produced a feature film titled "Married on a Monday" and she is producing and directing a public access series for Madonna, "Celebrate Michigan."

"I was just glad I could experience that (the Women's Worlds)," she said. "It was such a huge event. I felt very special to be picked for it. I was very honored that I could do it."

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PATRIOTS

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Franklin rally spoiled a strong effort by starting pitcher Erich Payne, who went six innings and scattered four hits, giving up just two runs.

At the plate, the Rocks collected 13 hits. Leading the way were Luke Hindt (3-for-4), Trevor Genaw (2-for-4, run, RBI), Sean McCormack (2-for-4) and Jake Seipenko (2-for-4, RBI).

Salem went up 2-0 in the first inning with Genaw and Seipenko singling in runs.

Leading off the frame with a double was Carlton Harper.

Franklin got one run right back, but the Rocks then regained a two-run edge (3-1) in the second and tacked on a run in the fourth.

But Salem head coach John Wright lamented the inability to cash in on scoring chances. The Rocks left 14 runners on base, several in scoring position.

"We've got some good ability, I'd bet we had 10-plus hits today," Wright said. "But we've got to be able to knock that run in from second. I think everybody is looking for someone else to do it instead of them doing it. Until that happens, these things are going to happen."

Franklin head coach Matt Fournier said his team was able to keep Salem close enough to have a chance. A solid relief outing by Richie Garcia, who took over in the third from starter Montie, was the biggest factor.

"Jon didn't have his 'A' game on the mound," Fournier said. "Richie came in and settled it down and gave us an opportunity to be in the game."

Fournier said his team is heeding his message to "minimize when we have the opportunity to minimize, eliminate the big inning" by opponents.

On Saturday against West Bloomfield, the Patriots took a similar route to take Game 2

(Franklin mercied the Lakers 16-1 in the opener).

Metzler walked with the bases loaded to make it a 3-3 game and Montie followed up with his winning grand slam.

But Fournier said that surge wouldn't have happened without the bottom of the order coming through to get it started. Howie Whitaker walked, Johnny DiPonio singled and Wollam "put down a phenomenal bunt" for a single that loaded the bases for Montie.

"We've said it from the get-go, we're a decent hitting team," Fournier said. "We haven't hit our stride yet, but we show pretty good discipline at the plate at different times and we think we have enough arms to keep us in games."

Franklin will visit Livonia Churchill for a Wednesday doubleheader while the Rocks will host Livonia Stevenson.

Salem softball rolls

It only took four innings Monday for visiting Salem to dispatch Livonia Franklin as the Rocks rolled to a 16-0 girls softball victory.

Pitcher Maddy Rosiewicz was a thorn in the Patriots side in the circle and at the plate. Rosiewicz threw a perfect game, retiring all 12 Franklin batters she saw. She also helped her own cause going 4-for-4, including a home run in the second inning.

The Rocks got things going with 11 runs in the first inning and followed up with two runs (both on homers) in the second. Starting the second with a blast over the fence in center field was Emily Stewart (2-for-3, four RBI) and Rosiewicz followed two batters later with her homer.

Salem then tacked on three runs in the fourth, with RBI hits in succession by Rosiewicz, Morgan Overatis (2-for-3) and Aubrey Whipple.

"We were just hitting the ball really well," Salem coach Bonnie Southerland said. "The girls had a lot of power in their swings today. They really stepped up and got the runs



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Livonia Franklin's Kyle Wollam (23) rounds third base and heads for home Monday against Salem.

early and just kept the pressure on."

Kristin Mihalic and Hailey Dechalk each went 2-for-3 for Salem, 3-1 overall entering Wednesday's doubleheader against Livonia Stevenson at home.

According to Franklin head coach Brittany Grys, whose team fell to 2-2, it was one of those days.

"Salem came out rocking and crushing the ball, hitting it in gaps," Grys said. "There wasn't much that we could do as far as where the ball was being hit."

"... the girls played with a lot of heart, they kept their heads up."

More baseball
STEVENSON 6-10, WLC 5-0: Livonia Stevenson swept both

Tanderys (three runs), Ferguson (two runs) and Cavin (three RBIs). Picking up the win was starter Connor Beck, who threw three hitless innings.

ALLEN PARK 5, WAYNE 4: A base hit in the bottom of the seventh made Wayne Memorial's Malik Lewis a tough-luck loser on Monday. Lewis pitched a complete game.

Devin Puckett enjoyed a 3-for-4 day at the plate for the Zebras (2-8) with Justin Johnson going 2-for-4.

PINCKNEY 10-8, REDFORD UNION 8-5: On Saturday, Redford Union (2-2) dropped both ends of a non-conference doubleheader against the visiting Pirates (2-1).

RU starter Brendan Kerhof (0-1) took the loss in the first game, while Jacob Gagnon (1-1) suffered the setback in the second game.

Bobby Dixon had a two-run single, while Jackson Allison added an RBI single in the nightcap for RU.

"I'm proud of how hard our kids played against a very good and deep Pinckney team," RU coach Bob Miller Jr. said. "They never gave up or gave in."

CHURCHILL 1, SOUTH LYON 0: On Monday, Livonia Churchill rode the strong pitching of Drew Alsobrooks to victory. Alsobrooks blanked the Lions over 6 2/3 innings for the win. He gave up two hits and struck out 11. Retiring the final out for a save was Jake Osen.

Noah Cross (1-for-2) singled home Matt Smith (1-for-3) in the fourth inning for the game's lone run.

More softball

NORTHVILLE 13-2, SALEM 7-10: After falling in the opener Saturday, Salem bounced earned a split behind three-hit games from Morgan Overaitis (3-for-3, home run, two doubles, four RBI), Caroline Miller (3-for-4, two doubles) and Hailey Dechalk (3-for-4). Jordan Hazel (two doubles and Maddy Rosiewicz (2-for-4) also helped the cause.

Each notching two hits were

STEPPING TO THE PLATE

Sigma Pi chapter hits homer for HAVEN

Wayne State fraternity holds softball tourney to raise money, awareness to fight domestic abuse, sexual assault

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There were plenty of smiles, hugs and base hits Saturday, April 8, at Inglebrook Park in Southfield as Sigma Pi Fraternity held its second annual "No Place Like Home" charity softball game.

But bubbling beneath the surface is something going in across all of society that is dark and serious — domestic abuse and sexual assault. That's why Sigma Pi's Gamma Omega chapter (Wayne State University) is earmarking proceeds to the HAVEN Foundation to help victims or raise awareness to put a dent in potentially dangerous situations moving forward.

Taking their cuts and crossing home plate on four fields were some 90 players from several WSU fraternities and sororities (such as Delta Zeta, Kappa Delta and Alpha Epsilon Phi) as well as other Michigan Sigma Pi chapters, including Lawrence Technological University's Zeta Omicrons.

It was estimated that more than \$2,000 would be generated from the event.

Let's help fix it

"This stuff is going on every day in every community," said WSU Sigma Pi pledge Nicola DePalma of Plymouth. "This is something that is going to need to be fixed. Any small part we can play, especially if it means we get to have fun and play softball, I'm happy to."

DePalma, a 2016 Canton High School graduate, didn't play Saturday as he is still going through the process of becoming an active member of Gamma Omega. But he headed up concessions, helping sell hot dogs, pop and chips to raise dollars for HAVEN.

The 18-year-old stressed that, although the image of fraternities and sororities isn't always accurately portrayed, the softball event again underscores how passionate those organizations are about helping people.

"Gamma Omega Sigma Pi is probably the most diverse group of guys I've ever met, which really didn't fit what I had in mind for fraternity," DePalma said. "...At this point it's making me a better person,

which is really what it's about.

"I feel people think of fraternities as just this 'party and do whatever you want' kind of thing. And it really is about personal betterment and bettering your community. I feel if people got to know that there wouldn't be such a negative stereotype for it."

According to Gamma Omega's Jared Hoehing, it remains important for the chapter to stay involved and affecting

positive change through events such as "No Place Like Home."

"We searched a long time to find an event we could put on every year and kind of be our thing," Hoehing said.

"And we really just struck gold with this. It's proven to be successful.

Opening Day (for the Detroit Tigers) was yesterday, so everyone is now really into baseball. And softball is just a hop, skip and a jump away from baseball.

"People love it (the event), people support it, and the money goes to the HAVEN Foundation, which is just doing wonderful things."

Wanted to help

HAVEN also is the national philanthropy for Sigma Pi, which is headquartered in Vincennes, Indiana.

"They (other chapters) do their own events to raise money for HAVEN and ours happens to be a softball tournament," Hoehing said. "I'm hoping a couple thousand dollars can be earned out of this (coming) from sponsors, the pay-to-play fees.

"Obviously we have a couple expenses on our end that it (money) goes to. But we don't keep any of the profits, anything that isn't used to rent the fields or actually put on the event will go directly to HAVEN."

One of the important pieces to the puzzle in putting on the softball tourney was finding a suitable location, one that was centrally located. The always trustworthy network between Sigma Pi chapters earned a big assist in pulling it off, said Gamma Omega's Jeff Brohl of Grosse Ile.

A Sigma Pi working for Southfield's Parks and Recreation Department proved invaluable to the cause.

"I talked to a LTU brother,



Wayne State University's Sigma Pi chapter celebrates after Saturday's successful benefit softball tournament at Inglebrook Park in Southfield.

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ABOUT HAVEN

What: HAVEN is Oakland County's only comprehensive program for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. HAVEN provides shelter, counseling, advocacy and educational programming to nearly 30,000 people each year.

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Info: Go to www.haven-oakland.org.

and he contacted an Oakland (University) alumni," Brohl said. "It cost \$100 for the four fields for six hours."

Brohl noted that the Wayne State chapter wants "No Place Like Home" to become an annual event.

"This is the second year we've done it; we just wanted to continue on," Brohl said. "We got this place because last year's wasn't an ideal location. We just wanted to help out any way we can with our national philanthropy. We thought softball ... everybody's been excited about softball."

Event's a winner

All indications were the tournament was a home run.

"We have been raising money for it for years now and this is just another way to do it," said WSU Sigma Pi member Bilao Hammoud, of Dearborn Heights. "Last year we came up with this idea and everyone loved it. It took off and we figured, why not do it again?"

"The enthusiasm is great. I couldn't be happier with how people feel about this whole thing. The turnout's actually really nice."

According to Wayne State Sigma Pi sweetheart Devon Abbey, a member of WSU's Kappa Delta Sorority, all participants paid \$25 to play and received a T-shirt along with all the softball fun and camaraderie.

"Last year the weather was not quite as nice, it was about 30 degrees and raining," said Abbey, 21, an alum of Royal Oak High School. "But this year the weather is so much nicer. The gentleman that we got registration for fields is an alum and we got a great deal.

"Hopefully every year, if not here, we'll have it somewhere in the greater Metro Detroit area. We extended invitations to all the Sigma Pi chapters from Grand Valley to Saginaw to here. There are people from all over."

Madison Rotar, 19, of Harrison Township and a member of the Wayne State Delta Zeta chapter was thrilled to participate.

"We're playing for a great cause," Rotar said. "It's fun to play softball. I played softball in high school and it's nice to relive my glory days."

Helping each other

Rotar emphasized that Wayne State fraternities and sororities attempt to help each other out with philanthropic efforts.

"We have a tight Greek system, with only four sororities and four fraternities, so we all have to support each other for our philanthropies," Rotar said. "At each philanthropy there's always a presence of each chapter. It's great to see different chapters come out.

"... It's really important to support causes like (HAVEN). Everyone's causes are so important but I think HAVEN hits home to a lot of people. ... I know people are affected with situations like that."

The successful event also helped take a little bit of the sting out of what has been a difficult year for the Wayne State Sigma Pi chapter.

At the end of 2015-16, the fraternity was forced out of its longtime house on Virginia Park north of campus because the landlord sold the property.

This year, without a house, the chapter has held meetings and other events at the WSU student union. Efforts continue to find a new home.

"It's tough motivating our guys," Brohl said. "Everybody's kind of lethargic now that we don't have a house or anything to look forward to. So I think this event definitely helps us come together as one."

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PREP ROUNDUP

Plymouth boys lacrosse team scores big in win

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Plymouth's varsity boys lacrosse team showed it can climb out of early trouble and put a big hurt on rivals in a hurry with Saturday's 14-7 victory over visiting Huron Valley.

The Wildcats fell behind 2-0, but coach Ray Miller huddled the squad for a timeout message that hit the mark. Four unanswered goals followed the break and Plymouth was in control to improve to 3-2 overall and 1-0 in the conference.

"Lacrosse is a game of runs," Miller said. "They came out with the first two goals of the game and we responded with a four-goal run of our own, which was the turning point in momentum of the game for us.

"I was proud of how the boys gathered themselves back together and how they played the rest of the game."

Leading the Plymouth surge was senior attackman Zach Gallaher, who tallied two goals and five assists.

Others with multiple points were senior midfielder Nolan Ouellette (three goals, assist), senior attackman Jack Balch (goal, two assists), sophomore midfielder Carson Miller (two goals, assist), freshman attackman Ethan Rottell (two goals, assist).

Helping the cause with single goals were senior midfielder Blake Varner, sophomore midfielder Ian Gozdor, junior defenseman Charlie Shaver and freshman attackman Harrison Albano (who scored his first varsity goal after being



A standout for Plymouth on Saturday against Huron Valley was senior Zach Gallaher (11).

MICHAEL VASILNEK

brought up from the JV).

Making eight stops for the win was sophomore goalie Blake Nowicki.

CC 16, COUNTRY DAY 5: Novi Detroit Catholic Central's varsity boys lacrosse team (6-1) entered its nine-day spring break with a four-game winning streak following a 16-5 non-league triumph April 11 at

Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day (4-4).

Senior captain Brennan Kamish led the way with six goals, while senior midfielder Nick Capatina added seven points.

A day earlier, CC improved to 3-0 in the Catholic League with an 18-2 win over U-D Jesu-

it. CC returns to action at 6

p.m. Tuesday, April 20, at Macomb Community College to face host Warren DeLaSalle.

GOOD START FOR N'VILLE: The Mustangs opened up the boys lacrosse season with a 3-1 record. After losing 12-9 to Hartland on April 11, Northville (3-1) bounced back with a 10-8 win over Belleville on April 12, followed by a 9-4 triumph Saturday over Troy Athens.

Girls soccer

FORDSON 4, REDFORD UNION 1: Cassidy Sandelin tallied the lone goal from Maggie Osowski on Monday as Redford Union (0-3, 0-1) fell to Western Wayne Athletic Conference setback against host Dearborn Fordson.

RU goalkeeper Mia Sopko had 14 saves in a losing cause.

DEARBORN 10, CLARENCEVILLE 0: Goalkeeper Allison Lay made nine saves in a losing cause Monday night as Livonia Clarenceville (0-3, 0-1) fell to the host Pioneers (4-2, 3-0) in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference match.

Dearborn scored all 10 goals in the first half to end the game on a mercy.

"We came out really slow and unfocused," Clarenceville coach Amanda Truitt said. "We had a hard time focusing on the little things that would make the big difference in the game and it ultimately led to more shots against us. We started stepping it up toward the end of the half seeing leadership from Allie Snage, Myla Hoskins and Yumeko Sakamoto."

Girls tennis

RU WINS SWEEP: Abby and Sarah Bishop each won third set super-breakers at number two and three singles Thursday as host Redford Union blanked WWAC foe Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 8-0.

Haley Hebner also won 6-0, 6-0 at No. 4 singles, while the No. 2 doubles team of Sarina Anderson and Isis James also won 6-0, 6-0.

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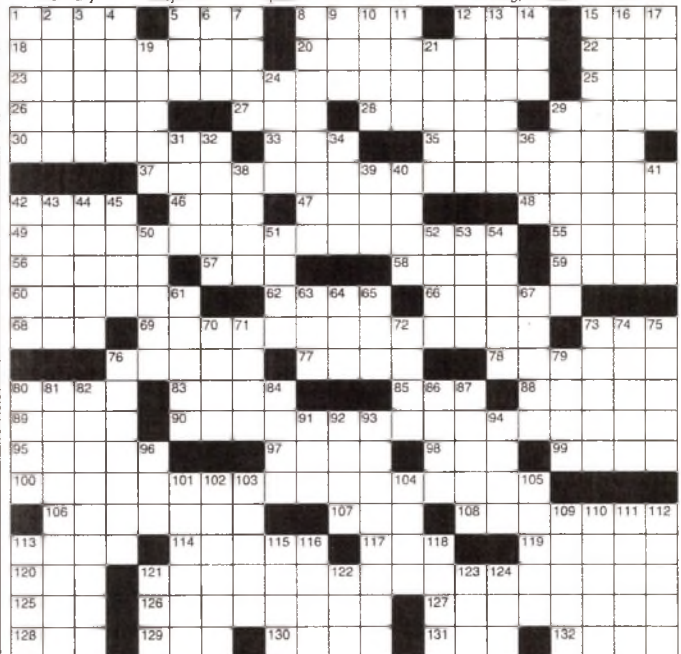


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THURSDAY PUZZLE CORNER

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- 1 Travel aimlessly
 - 5 Sport — (vehicle)
 - 8 Marsh fuel
 - 12 See 124-Down
 - 15 "Well, this — surprise!"
 - 18 Extents of estates
 - 20 Enjoying an African trek
 - 22 Biscotti lidbit
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 25 Swaying to and —
 - 26 "Heaven Can Wait" director
 - 27 " — will!"
 - 28 Diplomatic agent
 - 29 Do injury to
 - 30 Keeps hold of
 - 33 Brit's 26th letter
 - 35 Religious recluse
 - 37 Riddle, part 2
 - 42 Little guys
 - 46 Socratic "T"
 - 47 Inch or mile
 - 48 Garden flowers, informally
 - 49 Riddle, part 3
 - 55 Part of a list
 - 56 Thing pulled by a milker
 - 57 Prefix with flooey
 - 58 Mexican moola
 - 59 Desertlike
 - 60 Little lyke
 - 62 Animal pen
 - 66 " — a loss for words"
 - 68 Bar drink
 - 69 Riddle, part 4
 - 73 To the —
 - 76 Replay mode, briefly
 - 77 Sandy color
 - 78 Crotchety
 - 80 Runaway GI
 - 83 Seized auto, e.g.
 - 85 Ending for count
 - 88 Made less harsh
 - 89 Good score in diving
 - 90 Riddle, part 5
 - 95 Lauder of fragrances
 - 97 James of "Slither"
 - 98 "How pretty!"
 - 99 "On the subject of..."
 - 100 End of the riddle
 - 106 Inhale
 - 107 " — Bravo"
 - 108 50-50 chances
 - 113 Barren
 - 114 Pottery, e.g.
 - 117 Trident, e.g.
 - 119 The Evil One
 - 120 Pig — poke
 - 121 Riddle's answer
 - 125 VIP on the Hill: Abbr.
 - 126 Move to a new post
 - 127 Ify issue
 - 128 Equine critter
 - 129 Get a total
 - 130 Hefty volume
 - 131 Put in words
 - 132 Got hold of
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Less cooked
 - 2 Colour in a landscape
 - 3 "Looks — everything"
 - 4 High-IQ organization
 - 5 "I hale this!"
 - 6 Driver's prop
 - 7 Gas brand up north
 - 8 Forks over
 - 9 Many an MIT grad
 - 10 "Even — speak..."
 - 11 Little mountain lake
 - 12 Spiritual goal of Zen Buddhism
 - 13 Hunted, with "on"
 - 14 Lung-filling stuff
 - 15 Inspire with foolish passion
 - 16 Cry uncle
 - 17 The "H" or "O" of H2O
 - 19 Stuffy room
 - 21 Footrace a little over 3.1 mi. long
 - 24 Rice-sized pasta
 - 29 Hatchet man's roster
 - 31 — one (zip)
 - 32 Kiss noise
 - 34 Chinese statesman — Xiaoping
 - 36 Chow mein additive, for short
 - 38 Immaculate
 - 39 Co. board member
 - 40 At the apex
 - 41 J.D. Salinger heroine
 - 42 Actress lines
 - 43 Vocalist Paula
 - 44 Evade slyly
 - 45 Litigious one
 - 50 Fishing net
 - 51 Black-and-white whale
 - 52 Figure skater
 - 53 Johnny
 - 53 Morales of "NYPD Blue"
 - 54 Lover of Juliet
 - 61 "American Beauty" actress
 - 63 Ending for Gator
 - 64 Big name in SUVs
 - 65 Cochlea
 - 67 Madison Ave. solicitor
 - 70 Future sign
 - 71 Ray of —
 - 72 Feels regret over
 - 73 lbs' homes
 - 74 Fido's prize
 - 75 Prefix with carbon
 - 76 Rained pellets of ice
 - 79 Probe org.
 - 80 From the top
 - 81 Pulled chicken leftovers?
 - 82 Ottawa natives
 - 84 Start of a fairy tale
 - 86 Clog, for one
 - 87 Oilcan part
 - 91 Flove
 - 92 Lion's home
 - 93 Native resident
 - 94 Extremely, informally
 - 96 Greek vowel
 - 101 Hankered
 - 102 Bobbin stuff
 - 103 NHT's Toronto Maple —
 - 104 Time piece?
 - 105 Optional
 - 107 SAT part
 - 108 Egypt's Anwar
 - 110 In — (as yet unborn)
 - 111 — diet (trendy regimen)
 - 112 Act stealthily
 - 113 Big name in credit cards
 - 115 Lickety-split
 - 116 The Magi, e.g.
 - 118 Fanzines, say
 - 121 Musical syllable
 - 122 "Grand Hotel" studio
 - 123 Big initials for hunters
 - 124 With 12-Across, mud wrap locale



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SUDOKU

			3					
	2	8	5					
7		1	2				9	
	5	9	1					
9	4					7	3	
	1	2	6					
8		3	5					1
	6	1	4					
		4						

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

8	5	3	9	4	2	7	6	1
7	2	1	8	5	9	3	6	4
6	4	3	7	5	8	1	9	2
5	9	2	1	4	8	6	7	3
3	7	1	4	2	8	9	6	5
2	8	7	3	6	5	1	9	4
1	8	4	9	3	6	7	5	2
4	1	2	7	8	6	3	9	5
9	6	8	7	1	2	5	3	4

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WORDS	WORDS
G I N S T R U M E N T A L S T H E E P O	ACOUSTIC MUSIC
S E O C T A V E D P C O T N O A Q L E S	AMBIANCE OCTAVE
D L B L K Q R H M F N A L Y O U D N T	AMPLIFIER OFFKEY
L Y R I C S S Y L F A R A E O R A A I R	COMICAL OUTPUT
I D C K E O D W K P U C K N K L L O H O	DANCING OVERLOAD
Q S L A C O D V E I A I D K T T Z I L C B	DECIBEL PARTICIPANTS
S U U F L K Y C T M M Y H E N E Z R A E	ENTERTAINMENT PROFESSIONAL
B E Q E T M I S O O Y P S R S E E M O	EQUALIZER RESTAURANT
O K M P U T E C D T R O L S R S E E M O	GROUP SING
U O U H R R G U T O N E L A M N V O O M	INSTRUMENTAL SONGBOOK
T A H A P R L Q F G B Q H I P A M E O E	KARAOKE SONGS
P R U U O A N E B I P P W N L I U N F T	KEY STROBE
U A U U T Q S O B C I O M I B S U E L	LYRICS TEMPO
T K P O V S O E G D G V R E F M I T R A	MACHINE TIMBRE
H S R F I K D Y A F N L D N I A C U A E	MELODY TUNE
U G G O Z B U N G W I R S T E K U R K	MICROPHONE VOCALS
L P N N M T C W W P S C R U R C Y B C O	MODULATOR WOOFER
W A A T O I E N O H P O R C I M H P D Z	MONITOR WORDS
L T W B N S C T A D Z M O N I T O R C	
Q S C G O C I T S U O C A Q T S L B G H	

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

Crossword Answers

1. TRAVEL
5. SPORTSCAR
8. MARSH
12. DOWN
15. WELL, THIS SURPRISE!
18. EXTENT
20. ENJOYING
22. BISCOCCO
23. RIDDLE
25. SWAYING
26. HEAVEN CAN WAIT
27. WILL
28. DIPLOMAT
29. DO INJURY TO
30. KEEPS
33. B
35. RECLUSE
37. RIDDLE
42. LITTLE
46. T
47. INCH
48. GARDEN
49. RIDDLE
55. PART
56. THING
57. PREFIX
58. MEXICAN
59. DESERT
60. LITTLE
62. ANIMAL
66. LOSS
68. BAR
69. RIDDLE
73. TO
76. REPLAY
77. SANDY
78. CROCHET
80. RUNAWAY
83. SEIZED
85. ENDING
88. MADE
89. GOOD
90. RIDDLE
95. LAUDER
97. JAMES
98. HOW
99. ON

Word Search Answers

ACREAGES
ONISAFARI
NUT
WHENTHESONGWRITER
PRO
ERNSTING
ORT
ENVOY
HARM
RETAINING
ZED
EREDITE
ADSTALP
OSIDA
KIDSTUNE
ABOUTACROD
PPOWER
ITEM
UDDER
KER
LES
RESO
SERE
RUGRAT
CAGE
IAMAT
ALE
WHOHAD
MARRIED
NTH
SLOMO
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