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## Voters push against 'unfair' gerrymandering

Group calls for change at meetings throughout state

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Pushing back against the "unfair" way electoral districts are drawn in Michigan, a grass-roots group is gaining support for its emerging campaign to remove politicians from the redistricting process.

Calling itself Voters not Politicians, the non-partisan group brought its message to a crowd of 200 people Wednesday night at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth. Canton resident Phyllis Hampton is among the voters who say they are fed up with political parties serving their own interests,

rather than their constituents. Hampton said the sprawling 11th congressional district, whose U.S. House seat is held by Republican Dave Trott, is a prime example of gerrymandering, or drawing a district to benefit one political party. "This is one of the most egregiously gerrymandered districts in Michigan and I would like to see that changed," Hampton said. "Other states

have found ways to solve this problem and I think there are many examples Michigan can look at to fix the problem here." Northville resident Susan Greenlee said voting districts, redrawn every 10 years to coincide with the U.S. Census, should be drawn in a non-partisan way. She said districts currently are sometimes gerrymandered along income and

racial lines to marginalize voters and benefit those in power. "It's unfair," she said. Voters not Politicians, which evolved from the Count MI Vote group, has launched a series of town hall meetings across Michigan amid hopes this spring of circulating petitions for a November 2018

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This Detroit Catholic Central Robotics team — one of five at the school — took top honors, winning the Excellence Award at the VEX Robotics State championship. Team members are (from left) Nick Azzouz, Grant Zydeck, Sean Cornellier, Evan Williams, Justin Sanderson and Wesley Campbell. They will compete against teams from across the globe in April.

## Robotics win allows student's army dad to arrange for a surprise visit

**Jill Halpin**  
Correspondent

Plymouth resident Justin Sanderson has not seen his father Stephen Sanderson — a career soldier in the U.S. Army stationed in South Carolina — in more than 15 months.

However, thanks to the special efforts of his teammates from a high school robotics program, things are about to change for the Detroit Catholic Central High School junior. Justin and his father will be reunited in late April in Louis-

ville, Ky., when Justin and his teammates compete against 1,400 robotics teams from around the world, including Australia, China and Canada, in the VEX Robotics World Championship. Stephen will travel to Louisville to watch his son compete in the for top

honors in the largest worldwide organization of robotic competitions, scheduled for April 19-22 at the Kentucky Exposition Center. The excitement of the robotics event will be heightened by the reunion of father and son, both say. "I am just

going to give him the biggest hug," Justin said. "I miss him so much." Those sentiments are echoed by his father, who acknowledges that while daily telephone calls and weekly

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## Police investigate incident of shots fired at Canton shopping center

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Canton police Wednesday were continuing to investigate after shots were fired last Friday night in the parking lot of the Golden Gate shopping center, on Lilley south of Joy. It appears no one was injured as the incident unfolded about 11 p.m., Detective Sgt. Dan Traylor said. Traylor said it appears the

shooter had no specific target, but fired some rounds and struck a couple of parked vehicles. He said the incident was "absolutely not" a gunfight between opposing sides. A birthday party involving teens was occurring at the time at a banquet hall at the shopping center. Traylor said it wasn't known whether the shots were fired by someone affiliated with the party.

Police don't yet have a description of a suspect or suspects. "It looks like they were just firing indiscriminate rounds," Traylor said. No motive was known Monday. Deputy Police Director Chad Baugh said police checked with area hospitals and found no reports of any gunshot victims being admitted after the incident oc-

curred. Anyone who has information about the incident is asked to call the Canton Police Department at 734-394-5400. Anonymous tips may be reported to Crime Stoppers of Michigan at 1-800-SPEAK-UP, or online at www.1800speakup.org. The incident occurred in the same parking lot as another shooting in February 2014 that injured a 16-year-old boy.

That incident involved two groups of young males. That shooting led to the shutdown of what was then the After Dark Teen Club, which had been operating illegally because a license had never been sought from Canton Township. dclem@hometownlife.com  
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# Gallimore Elementary team takes second in robotics

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A hushed classroom at Gallimore Elementary quickly erupted into raucous cheering Tuesday as excited classmates found out how their team did in the second annual Wonder League Robotics Competition.

Gallimore's team finished second in the 9-12 age bracket.

Organizers said they've "been blown away this year" by the ingenuity, teamwork and, most of all, grit displayed in the competition.

This year, the event

went global — with 5,000 teams hailing from all over the world — and organizers said they were "so excited" to announce this year's winners. The grand prize winners will each receive a \$5,000 STEM grant and a Dash for every member to take home.

One of those teams showing the ingenuity was Gallimore's Fire-Breathing Rubber Duckies Robotics guys: Keshav Nair, Noah Short, Jack Elwell and Jacob Rider.

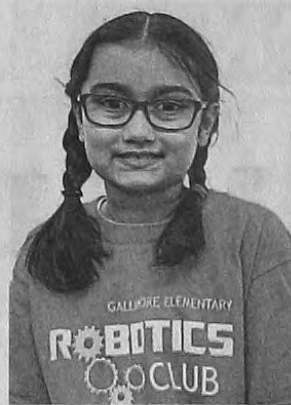
The six-month competition, during which the team had to program the popular Dash & Dot robots — designed by two

engineer fathers who were worried STEM toys and education programs weren't engaging for their own kids — was a learning experience.

"I didn't know how to program and I listened and learned," Jack Elwell said in the team's introduction video. "If you listen and do what you're supposed to do, you'll have fun and like it."

Teammate Noah Short said he learned about sticking with something, no matter how difficult it gets.

"Keep trying and never give up, even though it might be hard," he said in the video.



**BILL BRESLER**  
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Khusi Patel proudly wears her Robotics Club T-shirt. More than half of Gallimore third-graders belong to the club.



**BILL BRESLER** | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
The Fire-Breathing Rubber Duckies Robotics guys — Keshav Nair, Noah Short, Jack Elwell, and Jacob Rider — wait to hear how their team fared in competition.

## Plymouth Community Arts Council offers spring break classes for kids

The Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Road, will offer art workshops for kids ages 6-13 during spring break. The cost is

\$22 for members or \$24 for non-members per day or \$60 for all three days. All materials included. Registration required by calling 734-416-4278

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**Out of the Scrap Box:**

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ballot measure to change the state constitution. If approved by voters, supporters say it would remove politics from the redistricting process.

The group would need to collect 315,654 signatures of registered voters within a 180-day window. The move seeks to place the responsibility for drawing districts in the hands of an independent committee, possibly one composed of an equal number of Democrats and Republicans and some independent representatives.

Amelia Quilon, marketing director for Voters not Politicians, said the ballot initiative is non-partisan because either party, depending on which is in power, can be guilty of gerrymandering.

"We are not bashing either party," she said. "We have seen both parties do this rather badly."

Kevin Deegan-Krause, a Wayne State University political science associate professor volunteering with Voters not Politicians, led much of Tuesday's town hall forum and said the current system of drawing legislative and congressional districts focuses on the wrong priorities.

"What happens is politicians are choosing their voters instead of the other way around," he said, adding that "voters should choose their politicians."

Often, he said, gerrymandering serves to make it harder for minorities such as African Americans to have their fair share of representation in their districts. Moreover, he said political influence on drawing voting districts can now, because of technology and access to voter data, be more easily accomplished.

"We can now do it with surgical precision," Deegan-Krause said, adding that terms such as "hijacking" a district



**DARRELL CLEM**  
Kevin Deegan-Krause, a Wayne State associate professor volunteering with Voters not Politicians, holds up a prop to show how awkwardly drawn Michigan's 11th congressional district is.

are used.

Voters not Politicians say both political parties are guilty of trying to preserve their power by gerrymandering.

"This is a game that's played by both sides of those who are in power," Deegan-Krause said.

He said Michigan is a state that is typically close to evenly divided in the number of voters who are Democrat or

Republican. Yet, he said Michigan Republicans have a 9-5 advantage in those elected to the U.S. House, partly because of the way voting districts are drawn.

By comparison, he said the state of Maryland is gerrymandered to benefit Democrats.

Meanwhile, Voters not Politicians is now soliciting opinions from voters before it tries to

hone in on potential ballot language for the 2018 election. It also is starting to raise money and expects it may need as much as \$10 million to wage a campaign that, even then, will likely be outspent by its opponents, Quilon said.

The group admits it's a giant task to collect the signatures it needs to get a ballot proposal and then get it approved, but

members believe enough voters want the change.

"It's going to be a big task," Deegan-Krause said, "but it's not going to be an insurmountable task."

For more, go to <http://www.votersnotpoliticians.com>.

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Face-timing sessions with his son are much-valued, it is not quite the same as seeing Justin in person.

"I can't wait to see him. I am so proud of him and his teammates for all of their hard work," Stephen said.

Both of the Sandersons have high praise for Justin's teammates on his "Shambot" — named after the CC shamrock mascot — team. "They made this happen. They worked so hard for me. They knew how much I wanted to see my dad and they made it happen for me," Justin said.

The team's odyssey began with a promise from Stephen and some strong determination from team captain Grant Zydeck, a CC junior from Farmington Hills, Justin said.

When he shared the news with his father that his robotics team had qualified for the VEX Robotics State Champi-

onship held at Michigan State University's Jenison Field House in February, Stephen said, "If you win and make it Kentucky, I will be able to see you," Justin said.

Once he told Zydeck that he might be able to see his dad if their team won at the state tournament, the contest took on a whole new dimension, he said.

"Grant knew that I had not seen my dad in a long time and he knew how much I missed him. He, along with my other teammates, were really determined for me to make it to Kentucky. They worked so hard just for me to get there," he said.

Justin said that his teammates spent many hours and gave up free time on weekends to work on programming and other skills to help them reach their goal, adding, "I just can't emphasize enough how hard they worked for me to have the chance to see my dad."

Zydeck acknowledges that the opportunity for his friend and teammate to reunite with his father

provided additional motivation for the team.

"Getting to the World Competition in Louisville was always a goal. Then Justin let us know if we made it there he would get to see his dad. That completely changed everything. It made getting to Louisville real for us. It became something more important than just winning," he said.

The team's journey was not without drama.

VEX Robotics competitions are centered around teams of students that are tasked with designing and building a robot to play against other teams from around the world in a game-based engineering challenge. According to the Robotics Education and Competition Foundation, STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) skills are put to the test on the playing field as students learn lifelong skills in teamwork, leadership, communications and more.

Zydeck explained that the team was hoping to win a design award in the state contest, allowing it to advance to the

world championship.

"During the tournament competition, our biggest nightmare struck — we were eliminated in the semifinals. We only had two chances left to make it to Louisville: the Design Award or the top honor, Excellence. When our team was not called for the Design Award, we were all heartbroken," he said.

That changed just moments later, when their team name was announced once more and they were given the competition's top honor, the Excellence Award.

"We never thought that out of all the great teams there, we would receive the Excellence Award. When they announced that our team won the top honor, we were so happy we couldn't believe it. Justin would get to see his dad," Zydeck said.

Justin said that he is extremely grateful for his teammates, who he also considers friends. "Just seeking their work ethic and what they do, I know we will be friends for a long while," he said.

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# Hindu Temple of Canton hosts health fair

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In an effort to save lives and improve health, the Hindu Temple of Canton is hosting a health fair aimed at helping area residents who lack access to care.

It marks the 15th year the Hindu Temple, 44955 Cherry Hill Road, has brought in cardiologists, urologists, internists, ophthalmologists, dentists, surgeons, nutritionists and other health care professionals to help those in need. The latest health fair occurs in two rounds April 23 and 30.

"We do this to serve the community and people in need," said Jatin Desai, who chairs the health fair committee and is vice president of the Hindu Temple board of directors. "It has been a tremendous success. We have people approach us from all walks of life."

The temple hosts the event with Beaumont Hospital-Wayne and the Michigan Association of



The Hindu Temple of Canton is returning with its 15th annual health fair. This photo is from a previous fair.

Physicians of Indian Heritage, or MAPI.

Desai said the health fair has helped to detect serious illnesses such as leukemia and also has flagged conditions such as high blood pressure and diabetes that, when treated, can help to prevent serious health issues.

Dhaval Vaishnav, president of the temple's board of directors, said 20-25 doctors will be involved in the health fair.

"This is for people who cannot afford to go see a doctor and also the people who basically do not have any other way to get an understanding of

where they stand with their health," Vaishnav said.

He said the effort reflects Hindu teachings to help others in the community.

"We have been taught and brought up to help others and that is part of our life and part of our culture," Vaishnav said.

The health fair occurs in two rounds.

For the first round, a limit of 300 people has been set. It occurs 9-11 a.m. Sunday, April 23, at the temple and involves a blood screening for everything from diabetes to prostate cancer to cholesterol. Registration is required in person by April 3 at the Hindu Temple. A \$10 cash deposit is required, but the health fair has no other costs.

Participants must be 18 or older and they should fast after midnight before attending the fair.

The second round occurs 9-11:30 a.m. Sunday, April 30. People who had their blood drawn one week earlier will get their results, which health fair officials say could potentially save a life with early detection of serious diseases.

However, the second round also is open to anyone — not just the original 300 — who wants to get their blood pressure checked and have

health-related discussions with a wide array of health care professionals.

Registration is not necessary for this round and visitors can talk to health care professionals ranging from cardiologists to orthopedic surgeons. Informational booths also will be set up with professionals in pharmacy, nutrition and lifestyle enhancement.

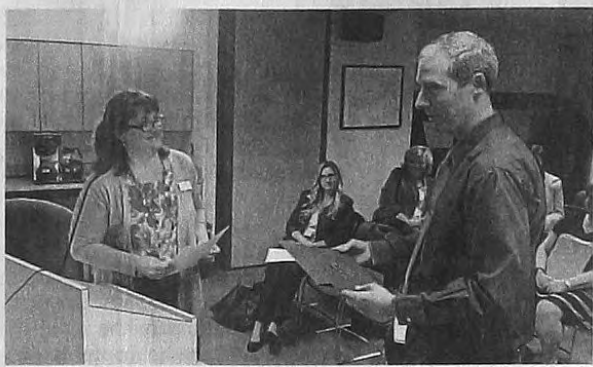
For those who may need follow-up care and can't afford it, health fair leaders say doctors and social workers will try to help patients find the services they need.

Vaishnav said the health fair, in its 15th year, has proved successful year after year.

"We plan to keep this going as long as we can," he said.

For more on the Hindu Temple of Canton, go to <http://www.thehindu temple.org>.

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BRAD KADRICH

IB chemistry teacher Scott Milam accepts the Mary Beth Carroll Extra Miler Award from Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Trustee Patricia Mullen.

## Teacher has right chemistry for honor

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When Plymouth-Canton school officials were trying to figure out classroom assignments last year, it looked like some applicants for the IB chemistry program were going to have to be turned away.

Plymouth High School science teacher Scott Milam, who was scheduled to teach the course, threw up both hands at Principal Cheri Steckel and said, "Don't cut any of them! I'll teach them all!"

Steckel recalled the story Tuesday night, when the P-CCS Board of Education honored Milam with the district's Mary Beth Carroll Extra Miler Award. The award came after Milam was named the Michigan Science Teachers Association High School Science Teacher of the Year.

"He really just embraces teaching all kids," said Steckel, who hired Milam seven years ago. "It's the quality I most admire in him."

Steckel praised Milam for his efforts in making chemistry ac-

cessible for all students, regardless of level of strength. He not only teaches in traditional styles in the classroom, but engages students on their terms as well. For instance, he has made hundreds of YouTube videos, using straight teaching techniques and parody — he even sings one video to the tune of a song from Disney's "Little Mermaid" — to get his points across.

"He is insanely knowledgeable about chemistry," Steckel said. "He has a way of making it understandable to his students. He's also a really cool problem-solver. He has creative ways of writing grants and getting things for the classroom."

"I feel like what I teach, a lot of little tiny things, have tremendous impact on what I do," said Milam, who thanked, among others, IB coordinator Casey Swanson, who recruited Milam to teach IB chemistry. "That was a game-changer for me. It's kind of what I was destined to do."

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## Cops investigate choking, knife incident

A domestic dispute involving allegations of choking and threats with a knife brought Canton police to the 1300 block of Stacy, near Haggerty and Palmer, about 3:20 p.m. Friday.

Witnesses told police that a suspect, a 46-year-old man, was choking a woman, 44, from behind during a dispute inside the home. One male witness told police he tried to push the suspect away from the woman, but the suspect then dragged her down some stairs.

The male witness then went outside, but the suspect followed him and was carrying a large knife, the report said. The witness told police he got into a car and drove off while the suspect was swinging a knife toward the vehicle.

Police learned that the suspect and the woman he was choking once had a relationship and he was still using the address for his mail. The suspect told police he had suicidal thoughts, so police arranged for him to receive a psychiatric evaluation.

The suspect was facing felony assault charges.

## Tequila tussle

Canton police went to the Target store on Michigan Avenue amid reports a suspect was causing a ruckus after he was confronted for trying to steal four bottles of tequila, a report said.

The incident unfolded March 22, when store employees summoned police after they subdued a 45-year-old Ypsilanti man who allegedly put the liquor inside his jacket and walked toward the exit.

During the incident, it was reported that the suspect had gone into the Starbucks in Target and

was "tearing up the store," the report said.

Police took the suspect into custody.

## Stolen tires, rims

A 26-year-old man called police to report that tires and rims worth \$1,200 were stolen after he stacked them in a corner of his garage in the 8400 block of Alton, near Joy Road and I-275, a police report said.

The victim told police he went to bed and returned to his garage about 8:10 a.m. March 21 to find the tires and rims had been stolen from his garage.

## Thief confronted

A stolen Icaig tablet was returned to a Rite Aid store on Lilley, south of Cherry Hill, after police tracked down the suspect and got it back, a police report said.

A store employee notified police after the

incident happened about 10 a.m. Sunday. The worker told police the suspect was a regular customer and gave police information that helped lead them to his home.

Police confronted the suspect, warned him to stay away from the Rite Aid store, retrieved the tablet and returned it to the store. The employee did not want to prosecute.

## Helping hand

Police were trying to help a 26-year-old Canton woman who initially contacted authorities to conduct a well-being check on her mother, whom she couldn't reach her by phone at her Ypsilanti home.

It ended up being the Canton woman police helped.

Police went to her home to discuss her mother and found bags of garbage piled high near the door of her residence.

Police also found furniture and other belongings piled in a room.

The woman, who reportedly has an autoimmune disorder, told police she was too weak to take out the garbage. She also said she hadn't eaten.

Police learned she had sent 50-70 texts to her mother during the past week and only two of them had been answered. The mother, contacted by police, said she is doing all she can for her daughter, adding that the daughter also is bipolar and suffers anxiety. She said she gives her daughter money that is apparently not spent on food.

Police took out the daughter's garbage, advised her to contact a food pantry of The Salvation Army and told her to call the police department if she needs more assistance.

— By Darrell Clem

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## Summer park season takes flight with annual Marshmallow Drop

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Some things are so cool, no matter your age, that they stir your imagination and pump your adrenaline with amazing anticipation — like the annual Marshmallow Drop. The whoop, whoop of the helicopter filled with marshmallows is nothing but pure delight.

Corey Routen grew up with the Wayne County parks. You name it, he did it — learning about bugs and critters, Native Americans, camping, playing and just getting out in the fresh air. The Nankin Mills Interpretative Center in Westland was a favorite. But that helicopter and marshmallows falling from the skies was something to behold.

As a kid, the Marshmallow Drop was something he didn't miss. And the Westland John Glenn High School junior will be there again on Good Friday, April 14 — in time for Easter — with one major change. He's no longer a kid. But he will continue his five-year tradition of volunteering as the iconic bunny.

Routen was well known among parks personnel because he was long part of many programs. When he got older, he offered to volunteer wherever needed. Then five years ago came the request from Carol Clements of the Wayne County Parks Nankin Mills Interpretive Center — where Routen and his family played. Clements asked Routen's mom, Lisa, if he would serve as the official Marshmallow Drop bunny.

"It was a no-brainer," Routen said. "I get there a couple of hours early. It's fun with all of the kids. When the marshmallows drop, I have photos (taken) with all of the people."

Life is definitely a circle. When Routen first dressed in the bunny costume, it was sort of big on him. "Now it's getting sort of small," he said.

When Wayne County residents next hear the whoop, whoop of a helicopter, rest assured the young man in the bunny costume will be Routen, ready to celebrate the 33rd Marshmallow Drop.

At 11 a.m. kids and parents will watch the helicopter drop about 20,000 marshmallows over Nankin Mills on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. An earlier drop is planned for 9 a.m. in Elizabeth Park, Trenton.

It's not just the helicopter that draws the kids. There's



Corey Routen of Westland is in his fifth year as the Marshmallow Drop bunny.

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Whoop, whoop! means the Marshmallow Drop helicopter is ready to drop its load of gooey treats.

rhyme and reason to the marshmallows. The gooey, spongy goodies mean prizes. Each child in attendance needs only one marshmallow — though they can certainly fill up their baskets — to receive a prize at the treat area under the shelter in Nankin Mills. There will be three age groups in which kids will be awarded their prizes: 4 years and younger, 5-7 years and 8 and older.

Parents are urged to ensure that their kids do not enter the drop zone until the "OK" is announced and to avoid running or standing underneath the helicopter.

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

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## Get out of the house and come play at Wayne County parks

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What's your pleasure? Golf? Hiking? Soccer, basketball, baseball or volleyball? Nature? Swimming? Bicycling? Walking the dog? Fishing?

The question isn't what do you want to do, but where can you do it? Well, that's a no-brainer.

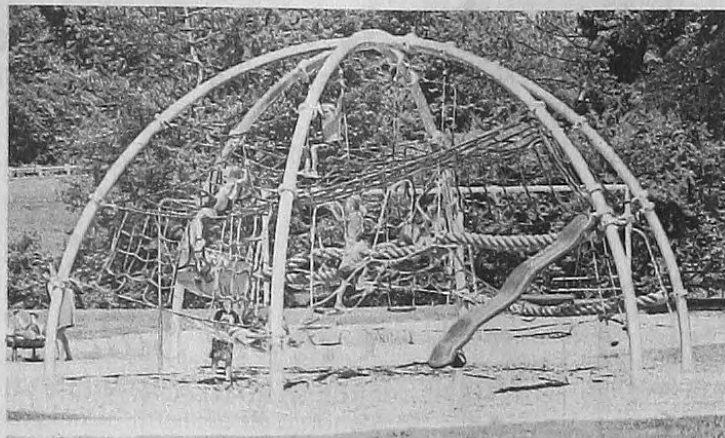
If you live in Wayne County, you don't have far to go to play, get outdoors, learn about nature or participate in an active sport. Parks are strategically placed throughout the county.

Wayne County operates 41 locations that include 37 parks, two golf courses, a marina and an aquatic center. And within those areas, some parks, such as Bennett Arboretum on Hines Drive, specialize in nature. It offers a two-mile trail through Michigan's oldest arboretum.

"Wayne County's parks system offers great experiences for people of all ages," Wayne County Director of Public Services Beverly J. Watts said.

"We hear that sentiment regularly from visitors, whether they're attending unique community-wide events, like Marshmallow Drop, or dropping by smaller interpretive programs, like maple sugaring. We continue to take pride in maintaining a world-class parks system with something for everyone to enjoy."

No doubt there's plenty of



Doesn't it look fun? Kids busy themselves on a playscape in Waterford Bend Park in Northville.

Wayne County residents who certainly have heard or attended the annual Lightfest, the Marshmallow Drop, Mud Day or the annual Fishing Derby. Those activities draw hundreds, perhaps thousands, of people and draw residents to the parks. Each park offers a variety of potential activities, depending on your interests.

"We would just go to get out there to do nature and other things. The kids learned about bugs, Native American history — we did a lot at Nankin Mills," said Lisa Routen of Westland.

Her son Corey for the past five years has volunteered as the bunny for the Marshmallow Drop. When the parks system needed a volunteer, Corey came to mind because

his parents took him and his siblings to the parks all the time. "They did nature camp every year. It was so cool," Lisa Routen said.

The back yard is always a cool place to play. But if you want to get closer to nature, learn some new stuff, stretch those muscles with an activity or just get some fresh air, Wayne County offers 5,600 acres of pure relaxation or fun.

How about horseback riding, cross country skiing or fishing? You'll find those activities, including trails for hiking, at Crosswinds Marsh in southeast Sumpter Township. If you're into trails, head over to William P. Holi-

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### HOW DO YOU PLAY?



A deer in Woodland Hills Nature Park in Farmington Hills.

KATHY MARICK

#### Hiking nature

Armed with a camera, Kathy Marick of Canton hikes a couple of times a week. It's her "me" time and a moment for some alone fun. "I hike there two times per week," she said, referring to Kensington Metropolitan Park in Milford. The Woodland Hills Nature Center in Farmington Hills is another favorite.

As she hikes and see birds and critters, she has her camera handy. "I always take my Canon 60D camera and use my iPhone for videos," she said.

#### Digging for treasure

Tom Kilsz of Livonia likes to dig. And so do the more than 100 members of the Michigan Treasurer Hunters.

"It's the joy of the hunt — what's coming up next?" Klisz said. "Why do people like fishing? You never know what you're going to get."

Klisz has hunted treasure for 40 years and enjoys the research that goes along with it. Club members get permission to check out properties or bodies of water. They use metal detectors and, when they hear a beep, they delicately use a knife to dig back the dirt, "Some metal detectors have a meter," he said. "It will tell you if it's a quarter or a dollars."

Tokens, relics, jewelry and coins are among items Klisz and his colleagues have unearthed. "We find mostly old stuff. This has set some member up in coin collecting and in using the Internet for re-

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

To submit items for the Community Calendar email editor Joanne Maliszewski at jmaliszews@hometownlife.com.

'Uncle Jessie White' film

"Uncle Jessie White - Portrait of a Delta Bluesman in Detroit" tells the story of the late Jessie White, an influential blues artist who had a profound effect on multiple generations of musicians. The film will be shown - as part of the Detroit Free Press Film Festival - Friday, March 31 at 9:30-11 p.m. Guests are asked to arrive by 8:45 p.m. Jeff Grand and the Grandmasters will play at 9 p.m. at the Cinema Detroit, 4126 Third Street, Detroit. The theater sits between Willis and Alexandrine streets.

An allegory of survival and redemption, this film traces Jessie White's story from his impoverished rural youth in Mississippi to his migration to Detroit where his charismatic personality and musical integrity kept the spirit of the original Delta blues alive during some of Detroit's darkest days.

After the film Detroit Free Press pop music critic Brian McCollum leads a discussion that will include Canton resident Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, the film's co-producer and co-director; codirector Doug Drummond and Jesse White's daughters, Lois and Janet White. Tickets are available at: <https://ticketing.us.veezi.com/purchase/3873?siteToken=xqz727RTzEGBFKUDula9jQ>

Office hour

State Rep. Jeff Noble of Plymouth will host an open office hour on Monday, April 3, 1-2 p.m. at the Northville District Library, 212 West Cady, Northville.

Hippity Hoppity

Join the fun at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center Hippity Hoppity Open House, 15100 Hubbard, noon-4 p.m., Sunday, April 9. Enjoy the pool, climbing wall, and a variety of gym activities. The gyms will be set up for roller hockey, pickleball, volleyball and basketball. Guests will have an opportunity to learn about organizations and business in their community. Participating organizations and businesses will be handing out treats to children. Admission is free for the day for residents and \$3 per person for non-residents. For more information, contact the Kirksey Recreation Center at 734-466-2900.

Spring career fair

Madonna University will host a Spring Career Fair 3-5 p.m., April 4, at Madonna University Activity Center, Administration Building. Register at [http://madonna.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_ewX3LuoTekOGEi](http://madonna.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ewX3LuoTekOGEi) Bring your résumé and meet with employers who will be interviewing for part-time, full-time, internship, and career positions. For more information: career.services@madonna.edu or 734-432-5623

Easter Egg Hunt

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church will host an Easter Egg Hunt 1-2:30 p.m., Saturday, April 8, at the church, 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Join us inside first for crafts, cookies, and a basket giveaway, then we'll head out for the big Easter Egg Hunt! There is no charge for this event and all are welcome. Come rain or shine! For more information, call the church of-fice at 734-422-6038

Curbside pickup

In Canton, curbside pickup of residential yard waste will begin April 3 and continue until Nov. 30. All yard waste should be placed with recyclables on the opposite side of your driveway from your refuse. Yard waste and recyclables must always be placed separate from your refuse to avoid confusion during collection.

Acceptable yard waste items include; grass clippings, leaves, yard and garden waste, pruning debris, wood debris, and brush. Unacceptable yard waste items include; food scraps, animal waste, batteries, chemicals, and sod.

Twigs, branches, brush, pruning, and wood debris must be tied with heavy twine into bundles no longer than three feet, not exceeding 1 1/2 inches in diameter, and weighing no more than 50 pounds. Bundles are limited to six bundles a week.

Grass clippings, leaves, and garden waste must be placed in 30 gallon paper yard waste bags or 32 gallon reusable containers with sturdy handles marked "YARD WASTE". Stickers for reusable containers are available at the Canton Treasurer's Office. Please note, dirt and clay are unacceptable yard waste items, if either are placed in the yard waste bag or receptacle, GFL Environmental Services will leave the yard waste behind.

Residents are advised that the oversized container rule also applies to yard-waste containers. Any container over 32 gallons and weighing more than 50 pounds will be left at the curb. For questions or more information on yard waste collection visit [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) or

call GFL at 866/722-8900.

Bariatric seminars

The Michigan Bariatric Institute will offer free monthly educational seminars to the community, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to hear a presentation about Laparoscopic Bariatric Surgery by Dr. Tallal Zeni, director of Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery at St. Mary Mercy Livonia and Dr. Jacob Roberts, a bariatric surgeon at St. Mary Mercy. The upcoming seminars will be at 3622 Five Mile Road, Suite 202, in Livonia: Thursday, April 6; Thursday, May 5; Monday, May 15; Thursday, June 1; Monday, June 12. Seminars are free, but registration is required. To register or for more information, call the Michigan Bariatric Institute at 1-877-Why-Weight (1-877-949-9344).

Blessings in a Backpack

"Blessings in a Backpack-Livonia is holding its 2nd Annual Summer Cereal Drive. We currently provide weekend meals to 210 children in the Livonia Public School system during the school year, but when summer vacation starts, often hunger does too. We'd like to send lots of cereal home with students again this year, to help them start their summer days out right.

If you or your business would like to hold a cereal drive for us, please contact us at [biablivonia@gmail.com](mailto:biablivonia@gmail.com), and we will send you a flyer to post. We ask for healthier cereals, in family size boxes (but not gigantic boxes), with as little sugar and dyes as possible. We will have to collect all the cereal by May 15 to be able to distribute it in time. Please see our web site at

<https://www.biablivonia.org/> for additional information.

School open house

St. Michael Lutheran School located at 3003 Hannan Road in Wayne is hosting an all school open house from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 1. Meet our teachers, learn about our programs. Also, the Leslie Science Center from Ann Arbor will present a wild animal exhibit from 11 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 734-728-3315.

April Fools' Softball

Come out and play Saturday, April 1. It is a 10 Team Tournament, Modified Chicago Style Double elimination, Championship game. Teams are co-ed. Minimum five female, five male. Rain, shine or snow, the tournament will take place.

Registration fee is \$150. Winning team receives T-shirts. Registration and payment accepted at the Wayne Senior Services Office in the HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne. Organized by M3 to benefit the Wayne Commission on Aging.

Artists-of-the-year

Tuesday Musicales of Detroit presents its 2017 Artists-of-the-Year concert featuring duo pianists Yuki and Tomoko Mack, at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Ave., just north of Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. The concert will benefit a program supporting scholarships for out-

standing young musicians.

The Mack Sisters will perform works by Brahms, Mendelssohn, Liszt, Smetana, Rachmaninoff, Barber and Gershwin.

Admission for adults \$25; students \$10; students 18 and under free (Courtesy of Perlman Insurance Agency). Scholarship Support: \$50, \$75, \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1,000 (gifts above the cost of tickets are tax-deductible). Make credit card purchases at 313-885-7882. Mail checks payable to Tuesday Musicales of Detroit, P.O. Box 36535, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, or log on to [www.tuesdaymusicaleofdetroit.org](http://www.tuesdaymusicaleofdetroit.org) for more information. Tuesday Musicales of Detroit is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

Monte Nagler speaks

Three Cities Art Club is proud to have Farmington Hills' renowned photographer Monte Nagler as our guest speaker as he reveals some of his secrets for creating award winning photos. The public is welcome to attend this free event from 7-9 p.m., on Monday, April 3, at Canton Township Hall, lower level meeting room, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton. Light refreshments will be served. For more information about this event, contact Marilyn Meredith at 313-231-3939 or email [marilynmeredith@wowway.com](mailto:marilynmeredith@wowway.com). To learn more about the art club, visit [www.threecitiesartclub.org](http://www.threecitiesartclub.org).

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search," Klisz said. "We often hunt Wayne County parks, as well as private residences," he added. "Get off the couch and see what your neighbors are finding and learn about our fascinating hobby!"

Michigan Treasure Hunters meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt. The next meeting is April 25. Contact Klisz at 734-422-6345. "We usually have a guest speaker on metal detecting or history," he said.

Old Gear Shifters

As far as the Canton-based Old Gear Shifters are concerned, you are never too old to get off your duff and bicycle — literally all over the place — for health and fun.

"The members of our group have diverse backgrounds. Several are former engineers, but we also have a couple teachers, an airline pilot, a customs officer, an accountant and several other occupations represented," member Spiro Karras said. "Most are happily retired, but one



Canton Old Gear Shifters photographed before the start of the 2016 Blue Water Ramble in Algonac. Members are (from left) Bhaskar Patel, Rick Grandke, Dave Young, John Chinn, Jesse Virden Jr., Don Weigand, Lise Lenahli, Spiro Karras and Valeria Krimmer.



Metal detectors accompany the Michigan Treasure Hunters.

of our younger members still works full time as a teacher and another works part time as a tax accountant during tax season. The age of our members ranges from the high 50s to the low 80s."

Some members will venture into other areas of Michigan or even out-of-state for non-competitive bicycling. "Our usual group rides range from about 20 to 40 miles at a pace around 12-14 mph. On some bike tours,

however, a few of us will go further (e.g., last August, three of us did the 62-mile metric century route at Wayne State's Baroudeur tour)," he said. "Needless to say, not everyone in our group has the same experience or ability, so we pretty much try to stick together and look out for each other."

Please send us photos that you have taken or anecdotes of what you are doing to have fun in our large array of Wayne and Oakland county parks. Do you hike? Do you run? What activities do you participate in at the county parks? Email your photos in jpg format and anecdotes to [jmaliszews@hometownlife.com](mailto:jmaliszews@hometownlife.com). For more information, contact Joanne Maliszewski at 248-396-6620.

AHLGREN



**KAREN JEWELL** Age 73, passed away on March 27, 2017 at the Rouse Home in Youngsville, Pennsylvania. She was born in Warren, PA on October 31, 1943 the daughter of Arnold E. Jewell and Eleanor "Billie" (Pees) Johnson. She married David Norman Ahlgren on December 4, 1964, who preceded her in death on September 4, 2009. Karen was also a former resident of Pittsburgh, PA and Plymouth, Michigan. Karen was a homemaker who loved history, genealogy, golf, camping, gardening, and Penn State football. She was a nursing student at Mercyhurst College in Erie, PA. Karen was a member of the Woman's Club of Warren, the Conewango Valley Country Club, Meadowbrook Country Club, the Warren Shakespear Club, Grace United Methodist Church, and the Red Hat Society. Karen was also an active volunteer and supporter of the Warren County Historical Society and Warren's Library Theatre. Surviving are her children- Timothy Ahlgren, his wife Lisa and their five children and two grandchildren of Canton, MI; William Ahlgren, his wife Rebecca and their two children of Cranberry Twp., PA; Carrie Reynolds, her husband Dave and their four children of Grove City, PA; Susan Mugerdichian, her husband Marty and their three children of Adrian, MI. Also surviving are four siblings- Kathleen Grettum, her husband Thomas of Fallon, NV; Judith Rapp, her husband Dan of Warren, PA; Jennilee Essig, her husband David of Seattle, WA; Jerry, his wife Carrie of Russell, PA; In-laws Audrey Hart of Dunedin, FL, Betty Carlson of Warren, PA, June Ellington of Lakewood, NY, Sharon and Roger Pike of Erie, PA, Judith Turner of Randolph, NY; as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Friends will be received at the Russell United Methodist Church, 17 N. Main St, Russell, PA, on Saturday, April 1, from 2 to 4 p.m., at which time, a funeral service will be held there with Rev. Jerome Kennedy, pastor, officiating. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to make a memorial contribution should consider the Russell United Methodist Church, or the Warren County Historical Society, 210 4th Ave, Warren, PA 16365. The Peterson-Blick Funeral Home, Inc. has been entrusted with arrangements. E-condolences may be sent by visiting [petersonblickfuneralhome.com](http://petersonblickfuneralhome.com).

LAVOIE



**ROGER LEO** 77, passed away peacefully on Monday night, March 20, 2017 surrounded by his loving family. Beloved husband of June. Loving father of Nanine (Steve) Cvangros, Kristen and Daniel (Emma) Lavoie. Proud grandfather of Madison Cvangros as well as Luca and Nina Lavoie. Also survived by cherished sister, Janet (David) Solomon and several nieces and nephews. Visitation will be at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd. in Livonia, on Friday March 31, 3-8 p.m. Funeral Services will be held at St. Collette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Rd. in Livonia on Saturday, April 1, in state 9 a.m. followed by 10 a.m. Mass. Roger's full obituary can be viewed at [www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com](http://www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com).

SEYUIN

**JOSEPH I.** Age 97, of Livonia, Navy veteran of World War II, passed away March 26, 2017. Joseph is survived by his children, Joann Schlicht and Joseph (Mary) Seyuin; 16 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; 14 great-great-grandchildren (and another on the way); and sister, Anna Jodway. Sadly, Joseph was preceded in death by his wife of 72 years, Gatha (d. 2014), daughter, Ruth Kelley, and brother, Lawrence Seyuin. Funeral Services will be conducted Thursday, March 30, 11 a.m., at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (between 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Interment Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens, Livonia. Memorial tributes suggested to Angela Hospice. [heeney-sundquist.com](http://heeney-sundquist.com)



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day Forestry & Wildlife Preserve, east of I-275 in northwest Westland.

Ball diamonds are available at a number of parks, including Venoy-Dorsey in Wayne, Bell Creek in Redford, as well as parks in Trenton and Inkster. If you want to play disc golf, which is growing in popularity, head to Lola Valley Park in Redford or Cass Benton in Northville Township. Two water slides, wave pool and spray fountains are available at the Wayne County Aquatic Center in Detroit; For the kids, there are great playscapes at Kinloch Park in Redford and Cass

Benton in Northville Township.

How about model cars? There's dirt track for just that kind of fun at Gunsolly Mills in Plymouth.

Newburgh Pointe in Livonia offers a fishing dock and canoe rentals, while Oak Grove, also in Livonia, offers fishing. Nankin Mills in Westland provides volleyball courts, a playscape and ball diamonds. More ball diamonds are available at Perrin Field or Sherwood in Westland. Basketball courts are available at Perrin Field.

Practice your swing for two golf courses: an 18-hole course at Inkster Valley Golf Course and 36 holes at Warren Valley Golf Course.

Let's not forget the

dogs. Wayne County residents can take their pooches to the Hawthorne Ridge Park in Westland (Hines Drive, west of Merriman Road) June to April. But you need to be registered at the Wayne County Parks office in the Nankin Mills building in Westland.

If you want to head to the parks to learn, Wayne County offers two interpretative centers.

Westland's Nankin Mills, a historic grist mill, showcases interpretive displays highlighting Native American history, water-powered settlements and Underground Railroad history. For nature enthusiasts with an interest in wetlands and wildlife, Crosswinds Marsh and its Interpretive Center is a must-see.

You can explore diverse wetland habitats, where more than 240 species of birds and 40 species of mammals have been identified. Crosswinds Marsh is home to a nesting pair of bald eagles, beavers and other exciting native wildlife.

When you decide what you want to do or what your kids want to do, don't make a move without checking out Wayne County parks. The easiest way is online at [www.parks.waynecounty.com](http://www.parks.waynecounty.com), where you will find maps, available activities and resources and a schedule of events.

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# Truck ban aims to keep heavy haulers from local roads

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New rules in western Northville Township for the drivers of commercial trucks are designed to make life quieter and safer for people who live and go to school nearby.

Signs went up last week banning commercial truck traffic from Six Mile, between Ridge and Napier, and from Napier, between Eight Mile and Six Mile. The move followed more than a year of lobbying efforts by township officials, including Supervisor Bob Nix, and the approval of a traffic control order by the Wayne County Board of Commissioners.

The ban is intended to keep heavy trucks, particularly those heading to the Arbor Hills landfill and the Calo & Sons concrete crushing operation, both in Salem Township, off local roads, where they've brought noise, raised dust and destroyed unpaved stretches of road, Nix said.

"This has been a pe-



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Northville Township Supervisor Bob Nix shakes hands with Wayne County Commissioner Terry Marecki on March 23 at Six Mile and Napier. Marecki, Wayne County and township officials worked together to get commercial trucks banned from Napier north of Six Mile, and from Six Mile, between Napier and Ridge. Local residents had complained for years of loud trucks running through their neighborhoods while on the way to and from businesses in neighboring Salem Township.

renial problem for years and years," said Nix, who gathered with other local officials at Six Mile and Napier one afternoon last week to

announce the ban.

Nix said he had worked on the issue for about a year with officials in the county's public services department.

"We're really pleased with the county's efforts here," he said. Also present were county Commissioners Terry Marecki, who represents the township, and Joe Barone, who represents neighboring Plymouth Township.

Nix said truckers would routinely ignore the local speed limit and that the trucks kick up clouds of dust and cause excess noise. The traffic was a problem for the county, Nix said, because the trucks would tear up the gravel roads within weeks of regrading. The county is responsible for maintaining local roads.

Truckers hauling trash to Arbor Hills or concrete to Calo & Sons are supposed to use the freeway system to get to Beck Road, then travel on Five Mile, Nix said. The trucks going to Arbor Hills can go north on Napier to a landfill entrance just south of Six Mile, while the trucks going to Calo & Sons can get there via Chubb Road, which is further west.

Nix said exceptions to the ban can be made for commercial trucks making local deliveries and for the garbage trucks making weekly curbside trash pickups in two nearby subdivisions. Drivers of the latter, he said, can head straight to Arbor Hills to dump trash, as that is more efficient than forcing them to travel to a distant transfer station only to have the trash return in a larger hauler.

Operations at Arbor Hills should not be affected by the ban, said Joe Kohn, a spokesman for Advanced Disposal. The company had asked truckers last summer to avoid the routes along which commercial trucks are now banned.

"This actually follows and reinforces what we've been communicating to our trucking customers all along," Kohn said. "We did send them an email about the new signs last week, using it as another opportunity to highlight the designated route and thank them for being mindful of it and of

our neighbors."

Between 200 and 300 trucks a day stop at Arbor Hills, Kohn said.

Nix said Advanced had been cooperative, but that not every trucker passing through the area had followed the suggested routes.

Nearby resident Dave Horan, who lives in the Steeplechase subdivision, said he's pleased with the new regulation.

"With the new 'no truck' signs going up on Six Mile and Napier roads (north of Six Mile), I am hopeful that the truck traffic issue of Arbor Hills will be much improved," he wrote in an email.

However, Horan continued, he'd rather that trucks heading to the landfill avoid Wayne County altogether, as it doesn't see any tax benefits from the operation, which is in Washtenaw County.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Spared Trump Care

After seven consecutive years and over 60 votes in the U.S. House to repeal "Obamacare," House Speaker Paul Ryan pulled the GOP replacement for the AHC 3-24, 2017. It is quite obvious that the GOP, including Trump, ran on repeal and replacement of the AHC without any semblance of a workable replacement.

Trump Care was pushed fiercely March 23, as Trump wanted the bragging right to have his replacement bill, exactly seven years after President Obama signed

the AHC. When the reality of insufficient GOP support from House Republicans, Ryan pulled the bill sparring those GOP representatives, who were poised to vote against Trump Care.

With but 17 percent support for Trump Care and only six percent strongly in support, the obvious incompetence of Trump and Ryan are on full display. Contrary to what has been the talking point for seven years, the GOP dripping hypocrisy was on full display with repeal, but incompetent replacement.

The ACA is the law of the land and the 24 million American people are spared from losing coverage due to Trump Care. Trump Care would have

cost Americans more for less health coverage and simply resulted in more welfare for the already rich.

Over 90 percent of Americans now have health coverage, the highest rate ever. The American people are the clear winners in being spared Trump Care scarcely health care coverage.

Gerald Maxey  
Farmington Hills

### Didn't even brake

To the person who rear-ended my friend and I on St Patrick's Day night about 11 p.m. and left. We know you drive a darker-colored car and a smaller car. You hit us on Lotz Road and Finley in Canton. Little do you

know my friend is fighting cancer, kidney disease and three other life-altering health issues, but also their walker was in the trunk that you destroyed when you didn't even slow down. In fact you didn't even hit your brakes! I hope you feel good about yourself for what you did. And next time you have something in your life go wrong, ask yourself what you did to deserve it.

Dennis Brown  
Canton

### Democrats: Take advantage of failure

After Trump Care failed in the House, Trump blamed the Democrats. I found that charge a little strange since not a single one of them had endorsed that train wreck. A few, very few, moderate Republicans thought the bill would hurt too many people. A lot more on the extreme Right said they would vote no, evidently not enough people would be hurt.

Trump boasted about replacing the Affordable Care Act with one that would be much less costly, would cover everyone, lower deductibles and be beautiful. Trump Care was none of those things. However, it did protect greedy pharmaceutical and insurance companies and gave a financial break to the ultra rich.

I hope the Democrats take advantage of this disaster of a bill and craft one that actually does what Trump promised. Present it to the House and Senate and let them fail to act, then blast them in every media available (including Tweets). Keep the pressure on these people, including Rep. Dave Trott, who favored Trump Care.

James Huddleston  
Canton

### Who is un-American?

Apparently Congressman Trott aide Stu Sandler (the guy caught on tape after a town hall admitting to "bouncing" constituents' questions replacing them with softball questions that Trott would rather answer) thinks many who attended the congressman's recent town hall are un-American because they had the audacity to voice opposition to dramatic spending increases to the most wasteful, pork-laden, corrupt part of our government, the Department of Defense, while dozens of popular programs and departments are likely to face savage cuts. Since Trott didn't walk back the claim I assume he tacitly agrees.

Seems to me that those who are un-American are those who support a president, like Trott and Sandler, that would take food from the mouths of poor and or

disabled seniors, as well as underprivileged children, eliminate regulations that prevent industry from polluting our air and water, roll back standards that would slow the destruction of the planet by unabated warming, cut education spending, severely limit the rights of average citizens to sue corporations, prevent women from controlling their own reproductive health, and promote a bill that would strip health care from millions over a decade resulting in an estimated 11,600 unnecessary premature deaths next year steadily growing each year to as many as 20,000 deaths in 2026 - the total carnage tripling the number of Americans who perished in the Viet Nam War - all so that the wealthy among us could enjoy generous tax cuts.

My guess is that many of the citizens of Michigan District 11 must have different values than Congressman Trott and aide Stu Sandler and would have different criteria for determining who is un-American.

Mitch Smith  
Canton

### Religious overreach

Last week state Sen. Patrick Colbeck introduced a bill (SB 269) which would exempt the clergy from a law that makes it illegal to offer inducements or threats of punishment to influence how a person votes. Under this amended law, it would be legal for a minister to threaten expulsion or excommunication to a person whose voting practices do not fall in line with what that pastor feels is right.

Sen. Colbeck is a darling of the Tea Party and a staunch supporter of the religious right. This is the group that goes positively apoplectic at the imagined threat of Sharia Law being imposed if we don't limit the Muslim population in this country, and yet this bill is exactly the kind of religious overreach that the religious right incorrectly fears.

How do we keep electing people like this?  
John D. Webster  
Northville

### Harassment

Mr. Jachman would have done your readers a journalistic service had he spent some time explaining who organized the harassment of Mr. Trott and why. As we know, such events are not spontaneous.

Pierre Willermet  
Livonia

### Trott deaf to concerns

I am a constituent of U.S. Rep. Dave Trott, of the 11th District in Michigan. This district is one of the most gerrymandered in the nation. I live in Livonia, my girlfriend in White Lake also has Dave Trott as her repre-

sentative, as does my friend in Troy, and my other friend in Canton.

The reason for my letter is the remarks Dave Trott made about the attendees of his Town Hall Meeting on March 18. After skipping the congressional break to go to India on the nation's dime, and apparently after viewing the press on the Town Halls put on by his constituents, Mr. Trott decided he better have one.

I got an email on Wednesday, March 15, at 12:06 p.m. about a Town Hall meeting where Mr. Trott would actually be present. The Town Hall Meeting was scheduled for Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m., less than 72 hours later, in Novi.

I woke up early on Saturday morning, and drove in a snowstorm to Novi, in horrible road conditions. I got there before 8 a.m., when the doors opened. There were already 1,000 people or more there. Only half of us got in. I was not among them. Of the half that did get in, most had their written questions simply thrown away by Mr. Trott, and never answered.

I stood with 500 other people in the snow and wind for over an hour waiting to see if Mr. Trott would come out, or at least thank us for coming. This is what we got instead: "We are un-American." "We are paid agitators." "We are not from his district." "We hate the military."

Well, I am an American, my son is joining the Air Force, and we support all military personnel. I live in Mr. Trott's district, and I am certainly not getting paid to call or show up to his Town Halls, the ones he has, and the ones he can't be bothered with. I am aware that Mr. Trott does not read our letters or postcards. As he succinctly put it, he doesn't need to, he listens to cable news. No one can get into his Troy office, and his constituents are usually turned away by his security guards. When I call his Washington office, I speak with a polite young man or woman, who I am sure, never relates my concerns or views to my "representative." The responses I always get are simply form letters emailed to me which do not address any of my concerns.

In short, Rep. Trott has demonstrated that he has nothing but utter contempt for the people in his district. He doesn't want to hear from them, see them, or listen to their real and honest concerns. Is it any wonder people boo? Look up what "representative" means Mr. Trott, and then maybe try to act it.

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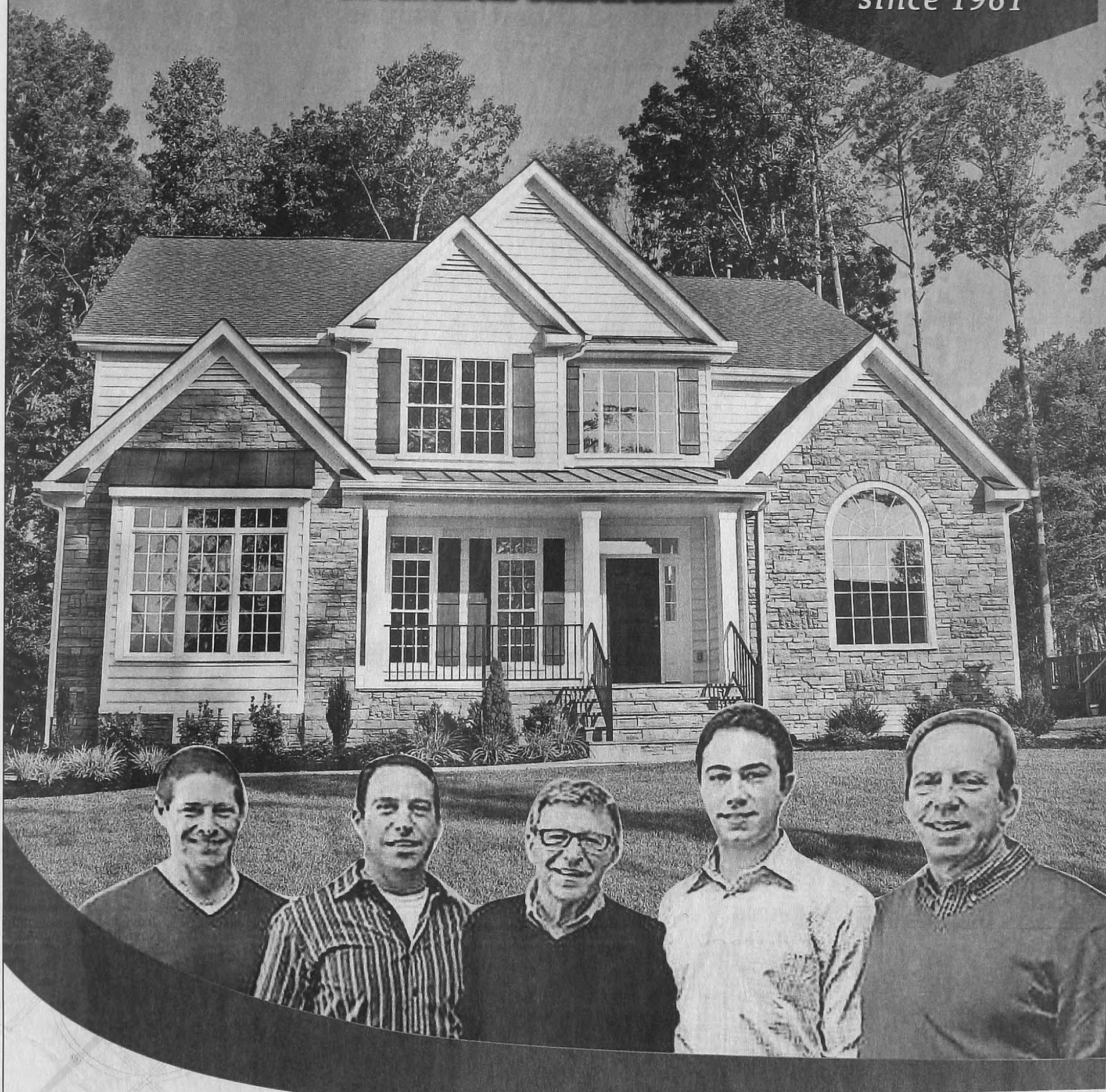



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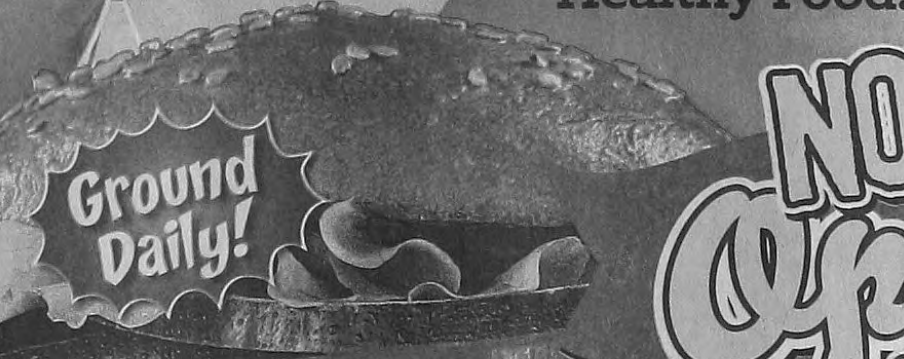
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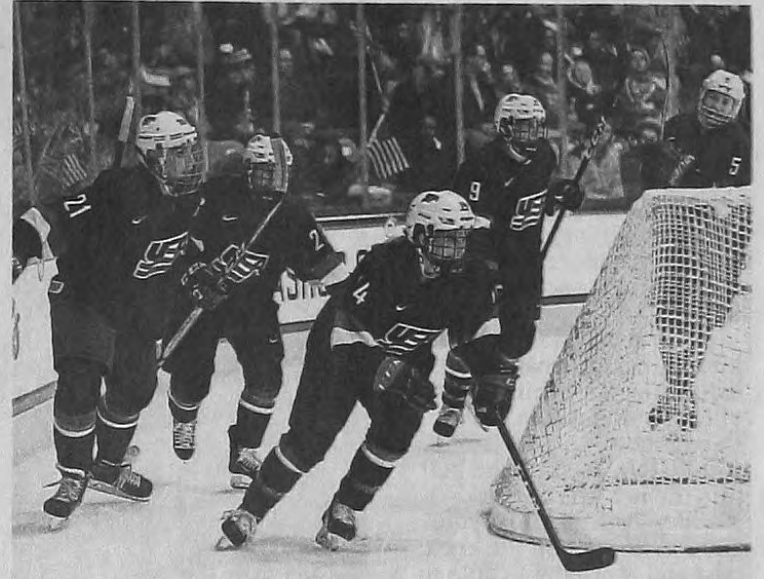
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2017 IIHF WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

# Back to Plan A as U.S. women approve deal

End to long contract struggle between team and USA Hockey green-lights tourney in Plymouth

USA Hockey director of women's hockey Reagan Carey excitedly talked about how great a showcase for the sport the tourney would be. Fast forward to this month, when a controversial boycott by the U.S. women's national team — with potential replacement players also strongly on board with the stance — threatened to take plenty of air out of



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Team USA's Brianna Decker (front) celebrates after scoring a goal during the second period of a December exhibition against Canada.

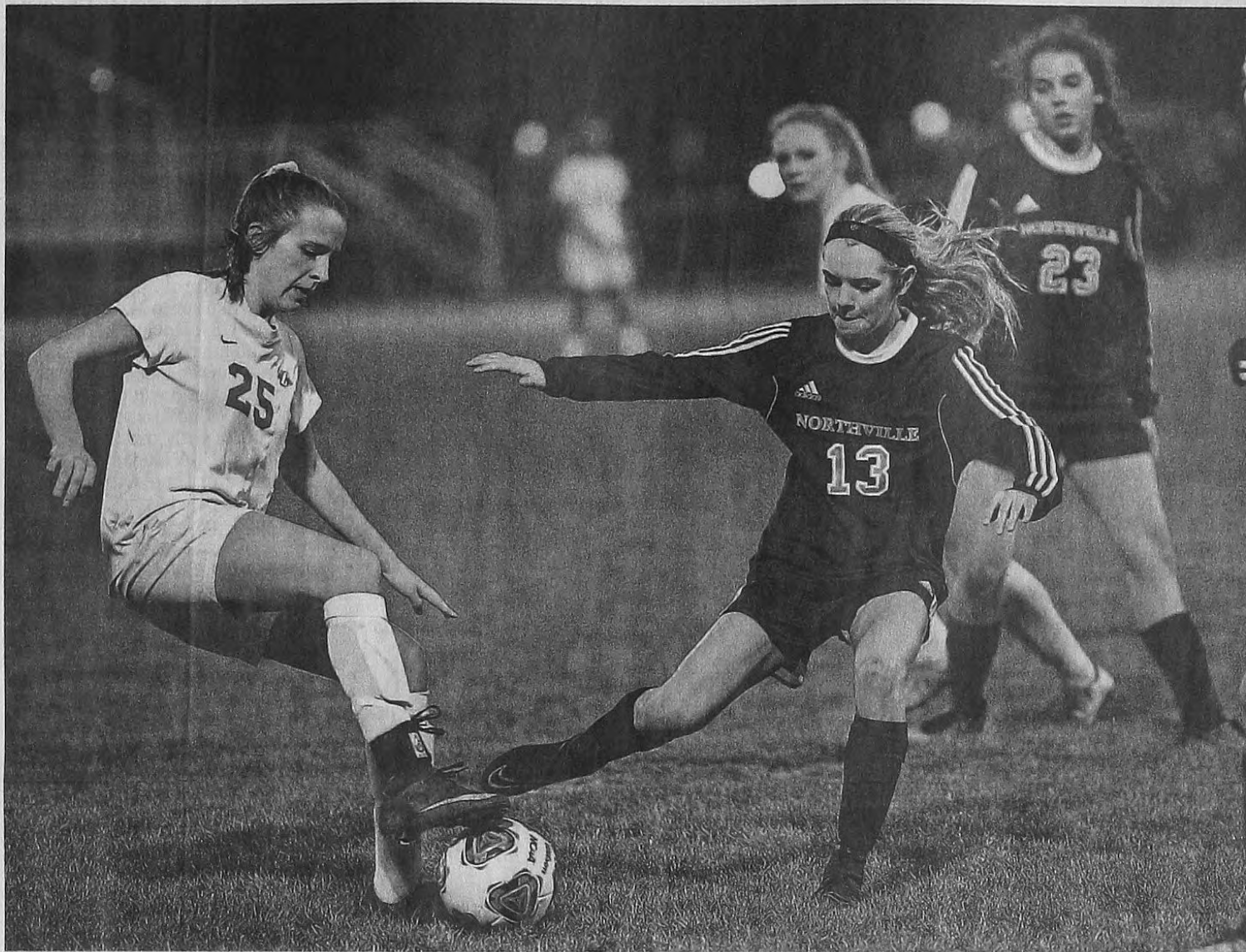
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Compuware Arena in Plymouth. Excitement in the room that day was palpable. There were young players from Compuware's girls hockey team filling the front rows and they later had the chance to meet and greet U.S. players. Meanwhile,

More than a year ago, USA Hockey officials joyfully announced that the 2017 International Ice Hockey Federation Women's World Championship would be coming to the former

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GIRLS SOCCER



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Canton's Hannah Lapko (left) and Northville's Jenna Lauderbeck battle for a 50/50 ball during Monday's game.

COLLEGE RECRUITING

## Two-sport Dimaya ready to golf, bowl

Canton senior is first to sign with Siena Heights men's bowling, men's golf teams

Tim Smith  
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When Dominic Dimaya goes to Siena Heights University next fall, he'll bring his bowling ball and golf clubs along with his laptop.

That's because the Canton High School senior recently signed to become a dual-sport athlete at Siena Heights, the first at the college to commit to men's bowling and men's golf.

"It's both, it's a combination (athletic and academic)," said Dimaya, 17, of Canton. "I was only the first in bowling and golf, playing them together. And I thought that was really cool."



Dimaya

"The golf coach (Al Sandifer) contacted me and then the golf coach contacted the bowling coach (Charles Cain) and they just set it up. I'm really excited for both sports."

He strongly considered attending Grand Valley State University, but opted for Siena Heights after his campus visit as well as for his unique athletic opportunity.

"It's huge. I was thinking I was going to go to Grand Valley and then it automatically switched," Dimaya said. "It was kind of a life-changer, because that's four years of my life that I know what I'm going to do."

Hard work is key

Dimaya already knows the two-sport drill with the Chiefs. He is letter winner in both sports at Canton.

In bowling, Dimaya owned a 200 average in 2016-17, with a 259 high game. He also was an all-stater.

And in April, he will begin competing with the Chiefs

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# CHIEFS PICKING UP WHERE THEY LEFT OFF

Last year's Division 1 state finalists shows they still have winning touch

Tim Smith  
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The stinging memory of losing in the Division 1 state finals is shared by most of the Canton Chiefs — with 16 players returning for the 2017 varsity girls soccer season.

Of course, getting back to Michigan State University will take a lot of hard work and sacrifice, as well as some good fortune.

Bring the challenges on, said senior forward Hannah Lapko, who led the 2016 team (17-3-4) with 25 goals.

"We have so much drive to get even further than last year, because we were so close to winning it all," Lapko said following Monday's 2-1

win over visiting Northville. "I think since we were so close we got a taste of it. So now we want the whole thing."

Nodding in agreement was senior defender Sarah Willett. "That experience gives us a lot of motivation to work even harder to reach our goals," Willett said. "Because we didn't reach it last year."

The win over the Mustangs demonstrated that the Chiefs are well-versed in bouncing back from a stumble or two.

Northville, playing its season opener, took a quick 1-0 lead on a goal by Megan Krygier less than a minute into the KLAA contest. Sarah Noonan's crossing feed was



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Canton players celebrate after scoring in the second half against Northville. The goal turned out to be the difference in a 2-1 win.

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# CHIEFS

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jammed in past Canton senior goalie Sarah Hammond.

## No worries

But Canton came right back to even things up just seven minutes later, on sophomore forward Carly Schwinke's direct kick from just above the 18-yard box.

The tie-breaker came with 31:59 remaining in the game, when sophomore midfielder Marlee Taylor scored on a tap-in.

After a ball was served into the 6-yard goal box, it was deflected behind Northville starting goalie Carlie Castiglione.

All alone to stuff the ball into the net was Taylor.

"(Senior Abigail Heyde) got a head on it on the back post and Marlee was able to get her foot on it right there," Canton head coach Jeannine Reddy said. "We work on that in practice. We don't stop until someone has the ball or the ball's in the back of the net."

From there, Hammond and the Canton defense held the fort, giving the Mustangs few chances to score the equalizer.

With about 18 minutes left, senior Megan Williams drilled a pass from senior Sydney Schembri wide of the left post.

The Mustangs came a bit closer in the final 75 seconds, when a long boot from Schembri narrowly missed the net.

Northville head coach Eric Brucker said his team is very young and trying to add a bit more offense to the mix.

"It was being in the right place at the right time," Brucker said about Northville's lone goal. "The last couple years, we've been a little bit more defensive-oriented. (We're) trying to be more offensive, but it's a learning curve."

"I got an extremely young team this year, a lot of new players and this is our first game."

Brucker wasn't satisfied with the outcome, but saw a lot of good things against "one of three teams in the state of Michigan recognized nationally. We knew it was going to be a challenge coming in here, especially on their home field."

Willett said the early goal by the Mustangs was a "wake-up call" for the Chiefs, but being able to shake off something is in the team's DNA.

And, of course, having last season's postseason run fresh in their minds is a definite plus.

"It's nice that we all know each other," Lapko said. "We actually have 16 returning this year. We all know each other; we're already a family."

Reddy did not discount the fact most of this year's team stared down pressure last year. The Chiefs ultimately came up just short of a championship — losing 1-0 to Rochester Hills Stoney Creek in the D1 final.

"It's huge, I have 12 seniors, 16 returners," Reddy said. "Obviously, we have some things to work on."

## Chiefs' outlook

Canton, which defeated Ann Arbor Pioneer in Fri-



Vying for possession of the ball during Monday's contest are Canton's Jennifer Richmond (left) and Northville's Sarah Noonan.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Dribbling up the pitch Monday is Canton's Nicki Giordano (left) while Northville's Sydney Schembri closes in.

day's season opener, 2-0, enjoys depth and balance in addition to experience.

Up front, in addition to Lapko, the Chiefs can rely on capable forwards such as seniors Raquel Church, Jen Richmond, Monica Newton and sophomores Taylor and Schwinke to push the pace on offense.

Taylor actually is a midfielder, but as demonstrated with Monday's winning goal, she is comfortable joining the attack.

And Schwinke has two goals in two games.

Reddy said sophomore newcomer Katie Nestico is "a real good player" who complements Taylor in the middle.

Strong players in the back include seniors Nicole Doucet, Kaleigh Mahaz, Willett and Nicki Giordano. Augmenting them are senior Lauren Nutter and sophomore Riley Spalding.

Reddy also likes having Hammond backing up everything.

"I'm obviously excited to have Sarah back there," he said. "They're just organized

(on defense). I just need them to be calm and composed and talk to each other."

As for the remaining players, the Chiefs also have senior goalie Maren Kennedy, juniors Jessica Suyak, Alexandra Wallman, and Isabella Wingate and sophomores Kiera Savage and Parita Shah.

"We have some really young good players," Reddy said. "I have 21 starters, I feel like. I really could start any of the girls on my bench, it's just figuring out where people need to play."

# DIMAYA

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varsity golf team. Last spring, he averaged 41 for nine holes and 85 for 18.

"It's almost like now, but I would just have to work a little bit harder because it's a higher level," Dimaya said. "It's about the same. Got to do my homework, stay good in school and just work on my sports as well."

During bowling season, for example, he still found time to work on his short game.

"I would just go in my basement, chip balls, just do little things that would help me out," Dimaya said.

He emphasized that getting to the level where college coaches notice requires dedication and a work ethic to always strive for improvement.

"I made a 10-pin improvement from last year, which is really big," Dimaya said. "And I qualified for states, which was also very big. I just feel like I'm



Canton senior Dominic Dimaya (seated, center) recently became the first student-athlete to sign with Siena Heights in the dual sports of bowling and golf. Celebrating the day with him are (from left), step-mom Renee and dad Jeff Dimaya and mom Dawn and step-dad Mike Pryor.

getting better every day."

Last week, he talked about his college decision following the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park bowling banquet at Fox Hills. Boys and girls bowlers from all three high schools reminisced about the season.

"Since I was little, I've played them my whole life and I just loved them both," Dimaya

said. "I wanted to pursue them further on."

Dimaya, who has a 3.3 grade-point average with thoughts of pursuing a business degree, also pointed to plenty of encouragement from his family. Those include dad Jeff Dimaya and step-mom Renee Dimaya, mom Dawn and step-dad Mike Pryor and his grandparents.

"My parents helped out a lot, but they just wanted to make sure that I made the decision," Dimaya said. "They really didn't tell me what to do. They just showed me and gave me examples on what to do."

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# TOURNEY

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the tournament balloon when games are slated to begin Friday with a noon contest between the Czech Republic and Switzerland at USA Hockey Arena.

At long last, the fight is over. It was announced Tuesday by USA Hockey that a deal finally was struck that will allow the Women's Worlds defending champion Americans to play at 7:30 p.m. Friday against Canada.

"Our sport is the big winner today," Meghan Duggan, captain of the U.S. Women's National Team, said in a press release issued about the agreement. "We stood up for what we thought was right and USA Hockey's leadership listened. In the end, both sides came together. I'm proud of my teammates and can't thank everyone who supported us enough."

"It's time now to turn the page. We can't wait to play in the World Championship later this week in front of our fans as we try and defend our gold medal."

Players, such as Duggan and Farmington's Megan Keller, approved the contract proposal Tuesday evening.

With the accord, fans and businesses — who have been looking forward to watching eight women's teams from around the globe since that February 2016 press conference — can exhale and plan on watching the U.S. team that had been announced in early March.

Also set to breathe again are USA Hockey officials, who have felt increasing heat in the last week or so about the boycott.

"We look forward to the future with great anticipation," USA Hockey executive director Dave Ogrea said. "This process has, in the end, made us better."

Details of the agreement were not disclosed, but the press release noted that there will be formation of an advisory group composed of former and current players from the U.S. Women's National Team "to meet regularly to assist USA Hockey in efforts to advance girls and women's hockey in all areas, including programming, marketing, promotion and fundraising."

According to USA Hockey senior director Dave Fischer during an interview last week, the organization remained optimistic something could be done to save the week-long tournament.

Fischer emphasized that USA Hockey intended to still have the "players that we have previously announced to be a part of that team" compete in the Women's Worlds. But he stressed then that USA Hockey could field a replacement team from a "very deep player pool with a lot of talented players that can populate the ice to play on our women's national team."

That plan went haywire. Players from the so-called 'B' list said no thanks. Even college club and high school players were approached; in virtually all cases, the invitations to suit up were declined.

Thanks to the agreement, it's back to Plan A.

Other games in the preliminary round involving the U.S. are at 3:30 p.m. Saturday against Russia and at 7:30 p.m. April 3 against Finland.

The playoff round is April 4-6, with the relegation series ending April 7 on the USA Hockey Arena's bigger Olympic-sized ice sheet.

Following is the schedule:

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**PLAYOFF ROUND:** Tuesday, April 4, 3:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., quarterfinals; Thursday, April 6, 3:30 p.m., semifinal; 5 p.m., placement game; 7:30 p.m., semifinal; Friday, April 7: 3:30 p.m., bronze medal game; 7:30 p.m., gold medal game.

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SCHOOLCRAFT SOFTBALL PREVIEW

# THEY'RE READY TO MASH

Eleven talented players join nucleus as Lady Ocelots open second season

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It can be nerve-wracking and rewarding at the same time to launch a team.

That was learned first hand by players and coaches on the Schoolcraft College softball team, which had an up-and-down debut season in 2016 (15-21). But the team closed out strong and has that experience handy as the second season gets rolling.

For returning head coach Rey Linares and a nucleus of players back from last year — led by Observerland alums Cassidy Lipinski, Kelsie Powell, Rosie Garvin and Alaina DeFrain — the second go-around will show how much attention they paid to the college scene a season ago.

“Our expectations and goals for this season are to compete for the conference title, then continue on through district and regional play and, hopefully, make a run at nationals,” Linares wrote in an email to the Observer. “This team has bonded very well and certainly has the personnel, talent, skill set and competitive desire to do so.”

Conference play was supposed to get underway with Saturday’s scheduled doubleheader at Henry Ford Community College.

But the Lady Ocelots already have gotten in plenty of innings, beginning with a jam-packed fall schedule (against teams like Madonna University and Lawrence Tech).

**Power bats**

In February, the team played a doubleheader inside the new sports dome on campus, with 9-8 and 5-2 wins over Lakeland (Ohio) College, but had a week of spring trip games postponed due to bad weather.

Then March 19, Schoolcraft split a twinbill at Lakeland. Slamming their first collegiate home runs were freshmen Victoria Porter (Canton) and Emma West (Divine Child).

Perhaps another sign of things to come, sophomore captain Lipinski (Livonia Stevenson) ripped a two-run homer that traveled more than 240 feet.

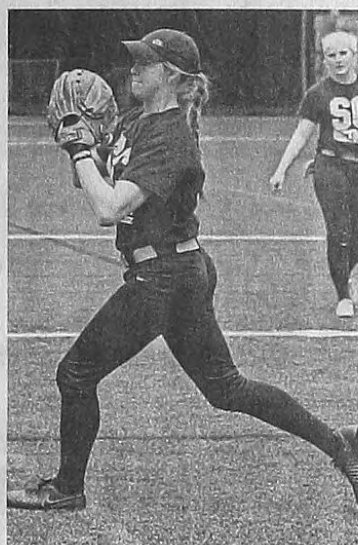
Porter comes in at catcher, but Linares still has sophomore Caitlin Fitzpatrick (Melvindale) behind the plate.

Lipinski is a hard-hitting, hard-nosed second baseman who anchors the infield, along with third baseman Powell (Garden City), first baseman Garvin (Livonia Churchill) and Fitzpatrick.



Schoolcraft freshman pitcher Brittney Resinger throws the ball during a practice session last week.

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Schoolcraft softball players Alaina DeFrain (foreground) and Bailey Wright take part in fielding practice inside the St. Joe's Sports Dome.

Probably a front-runner to take the shortstop spot is freshman Autumn Dobrick of Melvindale, although several other freshman infielders are ready to help the cause.

Those include Stevenson alum Cori Wilson, Livonia Ladywood product Madelyn Haas and Megan Poremba.

**Recruiting pays off**

Livonia Franklin alum DeFrain is one of the top returners for the outfield.

Linares has several talented rookies to also log outfield innings, with Garden City alum Mikaela Smolar, Bailey Wright and West when she's not catching.

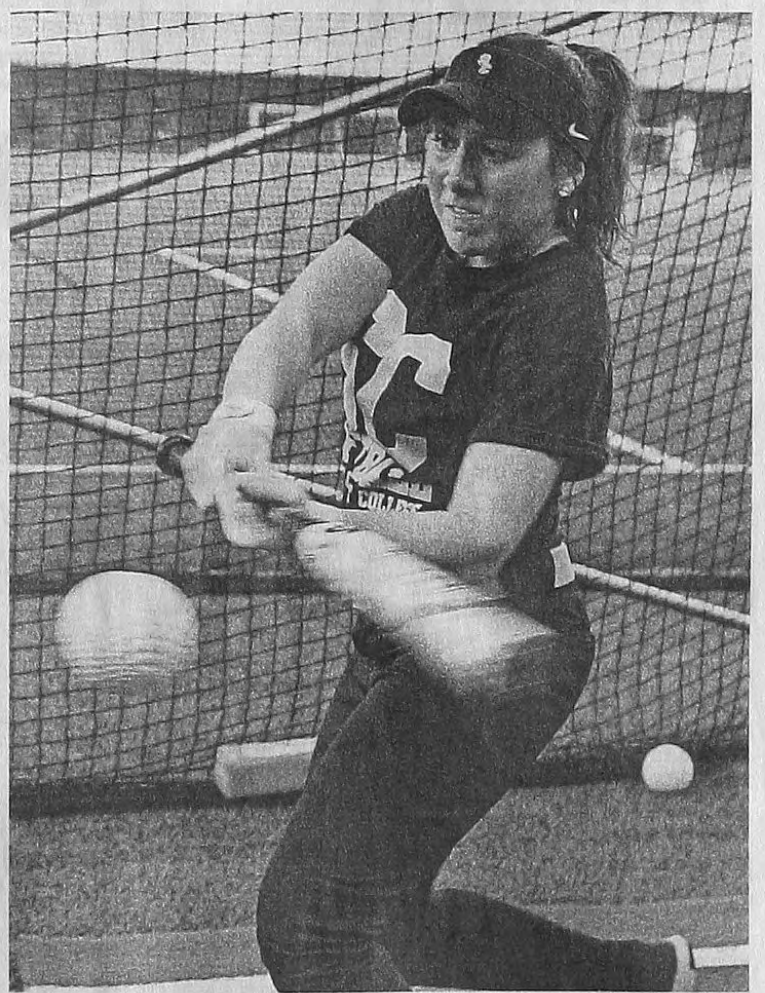
Taking care of pitching duties will be sophomore Kerry Prowse (Wixom St. Catherine of Sienna) and freshmen Julie Littler (New Boston Huron) and Brittney Resinger (Howell).

Rounding out the “outstanding” class of 11 freshmen is utility player Lauren Sandie (Divine Child).

“Our coaching staff worked hard at recruiting these young ladies and have high expectations that they will add significant contributions toward moving Schoolcraft into a top conference contender,” Linares said. “This freshman group includes several all-league, Dream Team, all-district, all-regional and all-state awarded players.”

“Additionally, each of these players are all long-time travel ball players, having played several years for an assortment of the top travel organizations in the area.”

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Taking a cut in the batting cage is Schoolcraft College's Lauren Sandie.

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USA HOCKEY

# NTDP U17 squad sticks to plan, even in defeat

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Save for a few road games, the U.S. National Team Development Program's Under-17 team is successfully through the hard part.

Oh yeah, the Danton Cole-coached squad lost 3-1 in its home finale Friday night to Bloomington, making it 11 consecutive losses.

But that didn't bother Cole, because he saw a team battling and fighting against the United States Hockey League rival before 1,173 fans at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

“It's a hard time, but if the guys can get through it and keep grinding and keep the positivity and keep working, it's a good thing,” Cole said. “But it's been a tough road. I think 18 of our last 20 are on the road and a lot of long trips. We found ourselves against some of the best teams in the league as well.”

“So it's been a great experience for our guy. They learned how to fight through that. I think we proved you can do it and keep picking yourself up. That's one of the biggest lessons that we get here, especially in the first year.”



Even though his team lost again Friday, NTDP Under-17 head coach Danton Cole (shown in a 2015-16 photo) sees plenty of growth from his group as it moves up next year to the U18s.

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The U17s avoided a shutout when Skyler Brind'Amour — playing just his third game for Team USA — chipped in the rebound of K'Andre Miller's blue line blast with just under seven minutes remaining. Drawing the first assist was Trevor Janicke.

“He's come out and helped us quite a bit,” Cole said about

emergency fill-in Brind'Amour. “He'll be heading back Sunday; he's got school starting out east.”

“He helped out earlier with the U-18 team. He's a good player and it's a great experience for him. He'll play in the USHL next year.”

Team USA was outshot 30-24 for the game, but en-

joyed a 12-8 edge in the final period, which began with Bloomington up 2-0 on first-period goals by Jake Durlinger and Jerry Harding.

“We finished well. I thought the first was decent, the second was pretty good and the third was our best,” Cole said. “We put more pucks on net. You got to keep pushing.”

There's no shortcuts out on the ice and there's no elevators to success. You got to take the stairs.”

And following road games this weekend against Fargo and April 7-8 against Youngstown, the players will exhale and begin training in preparation of 2017-18 — when they will comprise the U18s.

Next year, with Cole moving up with them, those players (including Plymouth's Will MacKinnon and Birmingham's Bode Wilde) will hit the stretch drive of their two-year program.

“Crawl under the hurdle, go around the hurdle, jump over the hurdle, however you get past it that's the key,” Cole said, discussing the challenge of closing out year one. “And the message tonight was keep doing it and doing it together.”

“It is a rite of passage and those are the important lessons our guys got to get. That's why we play in this league. We have to be darn near perfect, plus get some breaks to win games and that makes it hard. But that's how you learn things.”

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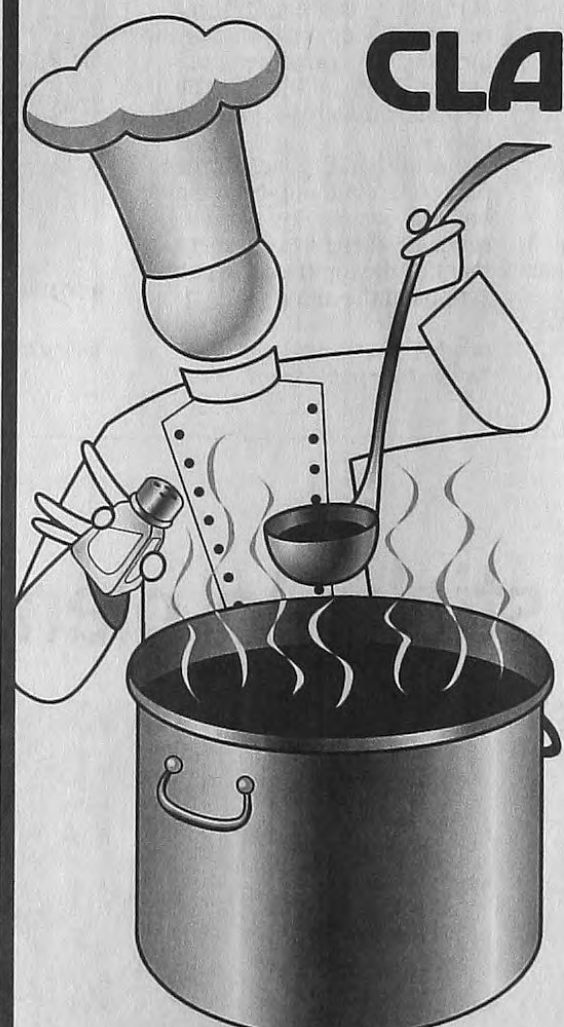
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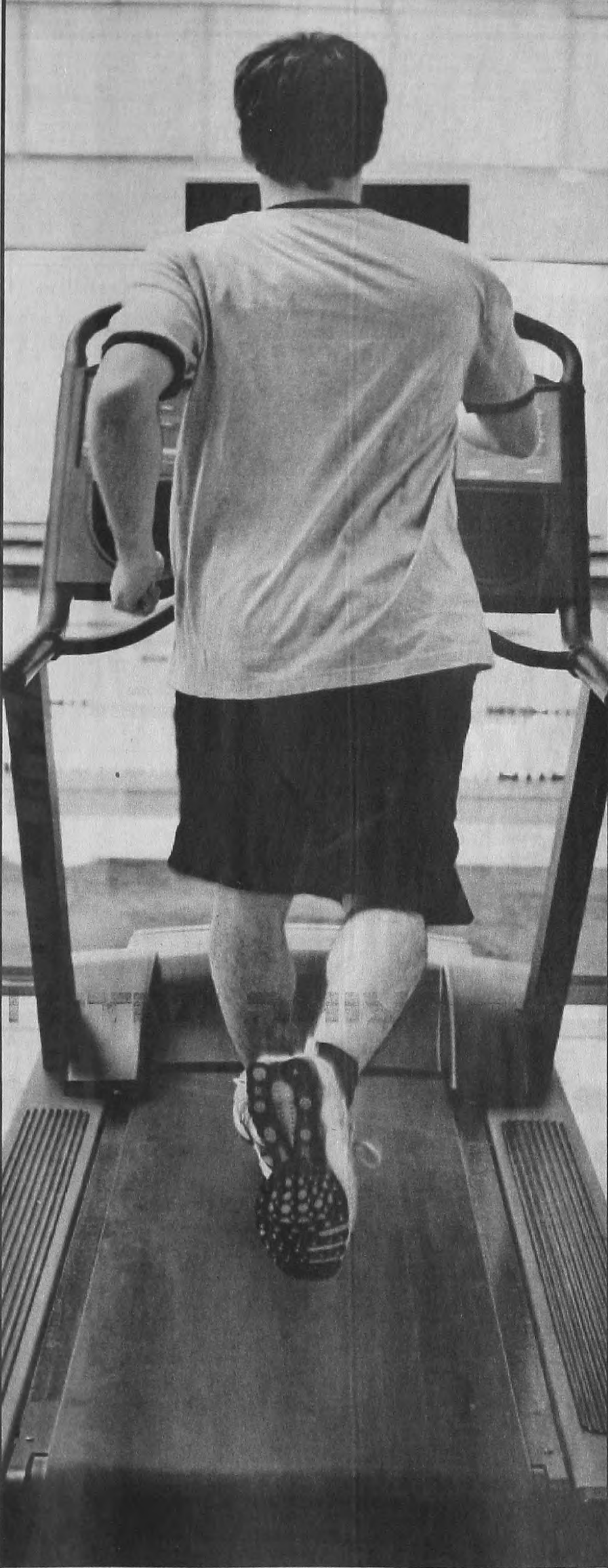
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- ACROSS**
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  - 5 Miss — (Dickens spinster)
  - 13 Small-combo jazz genre
  - 20 Even-steven
  - 21 Hated thing
  - 22 Like waves, to shorelines
  - 23 Disdain for cow milkers?
  - 25 Heeded, as a suggestion
  - 26 Not be under the weather
  - 27 Note before la
  - 28 "Moses" novelist
  - 30 A, to Klaus
  - 31 Ungenuine
  - 33 Give a tot some grub?
  - 38 Psych., e.g.
  - 40 Trail rope
  - 43 Priam's city
  - 44 Part of USSR: Abbr.
  - 45 Tremble resulting from drawing curtains?
  - 48 Gas additive
  - 52 With 66-Down, she won a 1957 Tony for "L'il Abner"
  - 53 Sleek, briefly
  - 54 Tanzania's — es
  - 55 Moniker
  - 56 Quantity in a given area
  - 59 More irate about the cards one was dealt?
  - 64 Work unit
  - 65 Grain bundle
  - 68 Rod go-with
  - 69 Old region of Asia Minor
  - 70 Retaliation plan that's proceeding tediously?
  - 74 Mag revenue source
  - 77 River of Florence
  - 78 Dame Judi
  - 79 Larch cousin
  - 82 Statement about a tea box?
  - 86 Certain tax shelter
  - 88 Author Blyton
  - 89 LAPD division?
  - 90 Julio's "eight"
  - 93 Driving club
  - 94 Orate
  - 96 Sleep furniture designed for athletes?
  - 101 West ender?
  - 102 Cuddly "Star Wars" critter
  - 103 Office scribe
  - 104 TV "Science Guy" Bill
  - 105 Rice field with a salami factory in the middle of it?
  - 110 Used a bat
  - 112 What sit-ups work
  - 113 "Yeah, bro"
  - 114 Cheer for a 12-Down
  - 117 Love of Tristan
  - 120 Scrounged
  - 123 Rivals at auctions?
  - 127 Members of the mob
  - 128 Underscored
  - 129 Elsa's sister in "Frozen"
  - 130 Written law
  - 131 Euros replaced them in the Netherlands
  - 132 Lucy's guy
  - 5 Tool for cutting metal
  - 6 Year, in Brazil
  - 7 Movers' vehicles
  - 8 "Leave — me!"
  - 9 Library unit
  - 10 Skirt border
  - 11 Bit of gig gear
  - 12 Torero
  - 13 Georgia fruit
  - 14 Symphony performer
  - 15 Boozing type
  - 16 Mao — tung
  - 17 — one's time (waited)
  - 18 Egg-shaped
  - 19 1-cent coin
  - 24 Rich boy in "Nancy" comics
  - 29 Pig holder
  - 32 Tried
  - 34 Abbr. at JFK
  - 35 Before, to Browning
  - 36 — i-noor diamond
  - 37 Novel by Sir Walter Scott
  - 38 Uppsala native, e.g.
  - 39 Apple quaff
  - 41 "Thar — blows!"
  - 42 Sharing word
  - 46 — Plains
  - 47 DeLuise of "Fall Safe"
  - 48 Head organ
  - 49 Indian bread
  - 50 Old Dodge hatchback
  - 51 Mother of Helen, in myth
  - 54 Dig deeply
  - 57 — Brothers ("Fight the Power" R&B group)
  - 58 E'en if
  - 60 Inert element
  - 61 The, to Klaus
  - 62 Achievement
  - 63 Snug-fitting
  - 66 See
  - 52-Across
  - 67 Unwavering
  - 70 Sells
  - 71 L.A.-to-Boise dir.
  - 72 Dresses
  - 73 SFC or CPL
  - 74 Nailed
  - 75 Aarhus native, e.g.
  - 76 Bank acct. guarantor
  - 79 Forefront of an activity
  - 80 Wry twist
  - 81 Span
  - 83 Most tenacious
  - 84 — pah
  - 85 Blue Jays, on a scoreboard
  - 87 Covered up
  - 91 Euro divs.
  - 92 Pres. after FDR
  - 95 Parseghian of Notre Dame
  - 96 Goodie-filled gala gift
  - 97 Pea holder
  - 98 Permitted
  - 99 Colls around
  - 100 Drench
  - 102 Dermis or Pen lead-in
  - 105 "Dynasty" actress
  - 106 "Three Men in —" (novel or film)
  - 107 Yank's land
  - 108 "Metro" star
  - 109 Sing on a peak, maybe
  - 111 Roving type
  - 115 Loan out
  - 116 Art Deco notable
  - 118 Cubs' homes
  - 119 Morales of "Caprica"
  - 121 Op. — (kin of "Ibid.")
  - 122 Astros, on a scoreboard
  - 124 Hospital div.
  - 125 Roman 601
  - 126 At any time, to Browning
- DOWN**
- 1 Double — Ores
  - 2 Adviser, e.g.
  - 3 Changing the nature of
  - 4 Author — Rogers St. Johns

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- WORDS**
- AERATION
  - ANTS
  - BROADLEAF
  - BROWN
  - CLAY
  - CLOD
  - CLOVER
  - COMPOST
  - CRABGRASS
  - DESTCCANT
  - DRAINAGE
  - DROUGHT
  - EDGING
  - FERTILIZER
  - FESCUE
  - FOUNDATION
  - GERMINATION
  - GRUBS
  - HERBICIDE
  - IRRIGATION
  - LANDSCAPE
  - MOLES
  - MOSS
  - MOWING
  - MULCH
  - ORGANIC
  - OSMOSIS
  - PESTS
  - RESEEDING
  - SOD
  - SPRINKLER
  - THATCH
  - TOLERANT
  - TRAMPLE
  - TURF
  - WEEDS

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

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