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Benghazi vet headlines fundraiser

Speaker will help benefit Village Arts Factory

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Jill Engel gets the question a lot: Why is part of the Village Arts Factory being dedicated to helping veterans?

To Engel, director of the Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities, which is building the VFA on property in Cherry Hill Village in Canton, the reasons are clear. The project is being built on property originally built by Henry Ford to house and help veterans.

In an effort to help raise awareness of that part of the VFA's mission, the partnership has scheduled well-known veteran Kris Paronto to headline a fundraiser next month.



CANTON PARTNERSHIP FOR THE ARTS
Kris Paronto, co-author of the book "13 Hours" about the attack in Benghazi, Libya, will be the keynote speaker at a Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities fundraiser next month.

Paronto, co-author of the New York Times best-selling book "13 Hours," about the attack on the American embassy in Benghazi, Libya, has become a popular speaker at

conferences and other events. Engel points out that Paronto has spoken to thousands of people at high schools, universities, museums, nonprofit organizations and corporate events across the United States, including April 2016 in Detroit at the Fallen and Wounded Soldier Fund annual dinner.

Engel pointed out Paronto's 18 years of experience and personal dealings with PTSD "illustrates a piece of the trauma our military goes through and helps offer better understanding."

"(Paronto's) inspirational message about never giving up gives us the desire to rise up and help our veterans even more," Engel said. "Building relationships is the core of who we are. The definition of partnership is persons joined together and a relationship in-

volving close cooperation.

"Our goal is to weave people of all ages, cultures and experiences together," she added.

Paronto's speeches on leadership and using your training in your life both personally and professionally has led him to speak to a number of groups. J. Rozum of MSA Delivery Service in Canton signed Paronto to speak at a conference he was hosting in Florida.

He immediately made a recommendation to his mother, Marian Rozum, who serves on the board of the partnership, that the partnership find a way to use Paronto.

"I had 500 people in that room and you could hear a pin drop," Rozum said. "He was very dynamic, very down to earth. His PTSD experience will bring awareness of veterans. The (VFA) project will let veterans know there are people

out there who care about them."

It ties directly in with the mission of the factory, according to Engel. The partnership hopes to expand its commitment to the arts past Canton into western Wayne and Washtenaw counties.

The reopening of the dormitory, originally built by Ford, Engel said, will allow the partnership to "utilize the arts as a powerful, therapeutic healing tool for local veterans and further strengthen cultural ties.

"It will give us a better understanding of the sacrifices our veterans make for us," Engel said. "That's what Henry Ford was doing in the 1940s. Now we have a chance to repeat history."

The event featuring Paronto

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KELLY DOBSON

The skies are almost ready to light up again as Liberty Fest nears.

American ninjas, global dancers, Octonauts, rides, food: It's all at annual Liberty Fest

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Name one place where "American Ninja Warrior" contestants, Michigan-made beer, the Detroit Circus, "The Octonauts" ocean explorers, international performers, flashy classic cars, carnival rides and a dazzling fireworks show can be found.

It's Canton — specifically, the 26th Liberty Fest.

Canton's biggest community celebration runs June 15-17 in Heritage Park. While crowd estimates are difficult at best to gauge, Canton Recreation Supervisor Jennifer Provenzano said organizers expect 50,000-70,000 festival-goers, including repeat visitors.

"While it isn't a science, those are the numbers we're

using right now," she said.

Different this year, the Canton Rotary beer tent and expanded food options will be moved near the park's amphitheater — a decision intended to ease crowd congestion by using a bigger area of Heritage Park.

"We're hoping to disperse the crowd a little bit," Provenzano said.

Don't go to Liberty Fest looking for trouble, though, because Canton police are ready for it by assigning officers to walk and bike on festival grounds, while others plan to ride the area in patrol cars.

"We're going to dedicate a large number of our police officers throughout the festival so that everyone can enjoy the attractions and focus on having a good time," said

Chad Baugh, Canton deputy director of police. "We plan to let the people enjoy all the exciting attractions that are coming our way this year."

Paramedics will be on-site to tend to minor injuries, while police will have a central location where the few children who get lost can be reunited with parents.

"Quite often, they get lost for short periods of time," Baugh said.

The beer tent area will offer live trivia and a dueling pianos show, Provenzano said, and hungry visitors can find everything from Indian cuisine to sushi to pizza — and an abundance of food trucks.

"We're bringing a ton of new food trucks out there Friday and Saturday evening," Provenzano said. "It's

going to be a crazy amount of food options."

"American Ninja Warriors" contestants Wes "Kilt Ninja" Whitlam and Andrew Karsen are tentatively set to appear 4-6 p.m. Saturday, June 17, at Liberty Fest. Provenzano said visitors also can try their luck at a climbing wall or, for children, an obstacle course.

Captain Barnacles and Kwazii Kitten, stars of the television series "The Octonauts," are scheduled to appear on Friday's Canton LIVE! stage. Crowds will get a chance to see the underwater duo perform and mingle with fans 2-7 p.m. Friday, June 16. Other performers that night include Silver Sounds DJ spinning tunes 7:30-9 p.m. and

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Canton family wins Michigan Education Trust sweepstakes

When they were in college, Matt Morawski and Sarah Mayberry Morawski were beneficiaries of Michigan Education Trust contracts that paid for their tuition.

Today, they're still benefiting from MET, the prepaid college tuition program administered by the Michigan Department of Treasury. The Canton couple won the grand prize of \$1,529 worth of prepaid tuition in the recent MET 529 Awareness Week Sweepstakes drawing, which drew nearly 1,000 entries statewide.

It's money that Matt says is much appreciated as they continue to build college savings for their three children: Addy, 7, William, 5, and Jack, 1.

"With three kids, college is a big fear of mine," he said. "We've just kind of been setting money aside for college and deciding exactly what to do with it."

Matt called the \$1,529 MET Pay-As-You-Go contract won in the sweepstakes "a perfect plan for us."

MET's Pay-As-You-Go option — introduced in December 2015 — allows purchasers to buy contracts by credit hours rather than in semester increments, lowering the initial cost of establishing a MET contract and eliminating a potential hurdle for some families.

Another key Pay-As-You-Go feature is that it leaves the contract open to additional contributions, unlike a regular lump-sum purchase, which is closed and cannot be added to in the future. Once they purchase the initial credit hour,

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takes place Saturday, July 15, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. Engel expects tickets to go quickly. Tickets are \$100 to hear the keynote address and an optional book signing. A \$150 ticket includes an exclusive meet-and-greet

with Paronto. Proceeds from the event will be used for veterans programming at the Village Arts Factory. To order tickets, go to www.cantonvillage-theater.org or call 734-394-5300. More information about the event is available on the partnership website at www.partnershipforarts.org. bkadrich@hometownlife.com

LIBERTY

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the Detroit Circus performing feats of strength and acrobatics 9-10 p.m. Liberty Fest runs 1-11 p.m. Thursday, June 15, and Friday, June 16, and 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, June 17. One reminder: Pets are not allowed on festival grounds.

Discounted, single-day wristbands are available for attendees for \$22 at <http://www.cantonlibertyfest.com> until noon June 15. So-called "mega bands" can be purchased for \$60 for all three days. One-day wristbands also can be bought at the festival for \$25 Thursday, \$27 Friday and \$30 Saturday.

Among the festival highlights: » Taste of Liberty Fest will feature area restaurants competing for bragging rights in a taste contest presided over by Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams. » Liberty Street Brewing Co. of Plymouth is sponsoring an adult beverage tent, hosted by Canton Rotary, where a festival thirst can be quenched with craft beers and hard ciders. » Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation will have its annual spaghetti dinner 5-9 p.m. Friday, while supplies last. The money raised is used to help local families in times of need. » The Canton Lions Club will sponsor its 22nd annual pancake



Diversity is celebrated at Liberty Fest as a wide array of performers grace the International Stage. KELLY DOBSON

breakfast 7-11 a.m. in the Heritage Park north pavilion. The club raises money to buy eyeglasses and other visual aids for those in need and also to provide scholarships to students with hearing and vision problems. » Saturday morning, hundreds are expected to join the sixth annual Liberty Run, including 5K, 10K and one-mile events. Participants are encouraged to register on the Liberty Fest website. » On Saturday, the International Festival returns 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., featuring performances representing cultures from around the world. "Our International

Festival provides a great opportunity for audience members to experience music and dance from around the globe all in one location," Canton Performing Arts Coordinator Joe Kvorciak said, adding the stage "comes alive with colorful costuming and exotic instruments when these talented individuals share their heritage and some traditions that date back centuries." The International Festival also includes a 12:30 p.m. Saturday performance by soprano Ryan Blankenburg and tenor Darius Dillard, presented by the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan. » If the festival heat

gets too hot, visitors can go to the H2O Zone noon to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday near the Canton LIVE! stage. » Oasis Animals will offer a wildlife safari experience Friday and Saturday, bringing an array of animals to the festival site. » A festival-crowning fireworks show is set for dusk Saturday, where crowds can watch the skies light up over Heritage Park. For much more on Liberty Fest, go to <http://www.cantonlibertyfest.com> or call 734-394-5460.
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Pay-As-You-Go contract holders can make additional contributions in increments as small as

\$25 and friends and family members can also contribute to the contract. Matt and Sarah, who both work as producers at Detroit television station WDIV-TV (Channel 4), were already well

aware of MET's general benefits. MET contracts purchased by their families covered their undergrad tuition - Matt at Wayne State University and Sarah at the University of Michigan. As a result, unlike

many of their friends and classmates, they finished their undergraduate degrees without going deep into debt, Matt said. More information about MET is available at www.SETwithMET.com or 800-MET-4-KID.

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Canton library offers Connect Your Summer program

It's possible that this summer could be your best ever. How's that? Because your summer starts with a StoryBox at the Canton Public Library.

Connect Your Summer, Canton Public Library's summer reading program, encourages individuals of all ages to experience, explore and engage in different activities this summer. At the Canton Public Library, Connect Your Summer isn't only about reading — it's also about experiencing new things, exploring and thinking deeper about those experiences and engaging with friends, family and the community.

"I wanted to make it fun, kind of like a camp experience, so I really focused on the whole idea of CYS being about making memories and I capitalized on that," said Laura Fawcett, program librarian. "I also wanted to capture a carefree summer spirit."

This year's Connect Your Summer features a StoryBox that you get to decorate and make your own as a way to personalize a place to keep all of your summer memories together. Program challenges are available to keep you on your toes and to jump-start your summer.

Exciting programs are available this summer at the library, including Break a World Record,

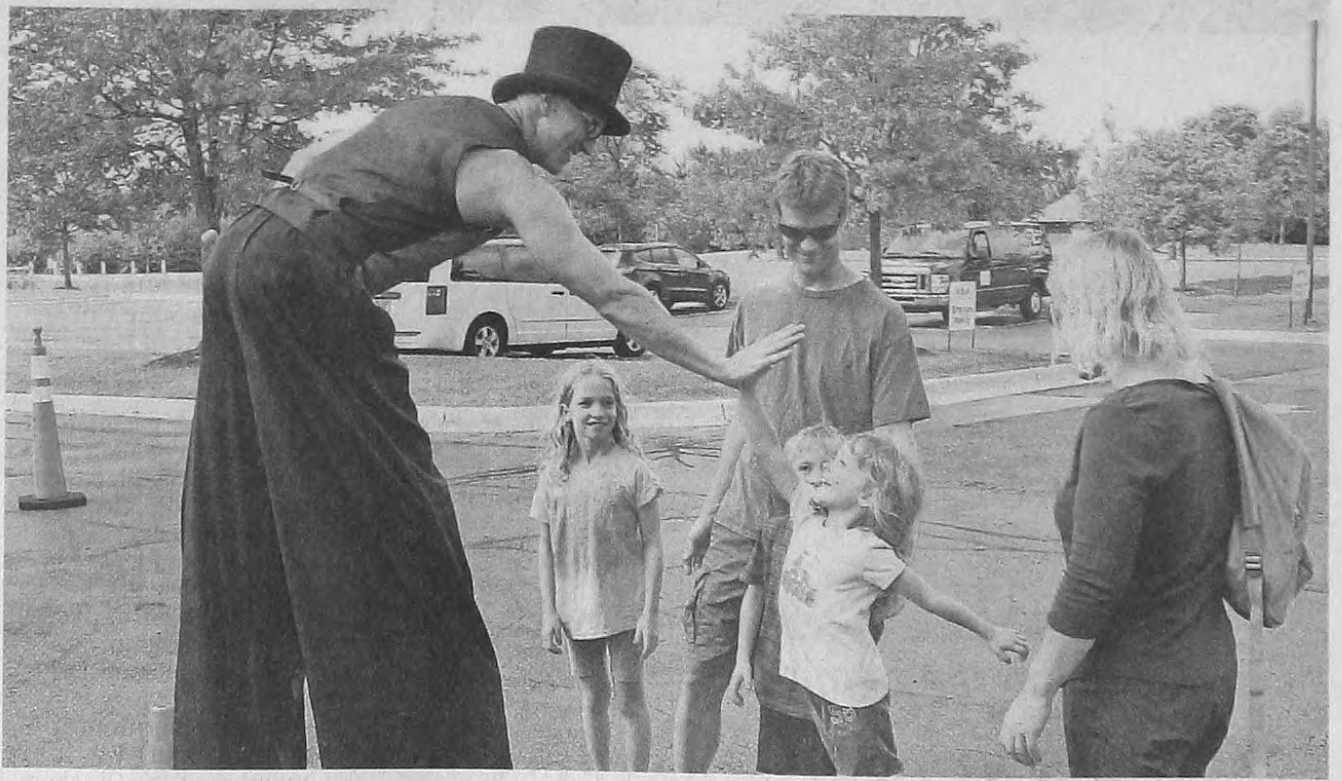
Honeybee Storytimes with a beekeeper, yoga in the Butterfly Garden, a CPL escape room, zine making workshops, a magician performance, coding workshops, ice cream, different craft workshops, a Super STEAM workshop featuring a Detroit DJ and writing workshops.

"We have programming for all ages, ranging from STEM programs to Dance Your Fanny Off and tie dye to live animals," said Nichole Welz, program librarian. "We really wanted to create a central location for kids and families to have their best summer ever."

The annual Connect Your Summer kick-off celebration is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, June 19. All are invited to celebrate the start of summer reading by decorating your personal StoryBox and visiting the different kickoff day activities to begin collecting summer memories.

As another feature of the summer reading program, CPL staff will visit neighborhoods again as part of the Prize Patrol. At the kickoff party, while supplies last, you're able to pick up a CYS yard sign and put it in your yard for a chance to be visited by the Prize Patrol on one of their summer rides.

Dates to know: June 19 — CYS kickoff party; Aug. 19 — CYS final par-



Plenty of fun is on tap this summer at the Canton Public Library's summer reading program.

ty. Add to the fun and follow what the commu-

nity says about CYS by using the #CYSStoryBox hashtag on social media.

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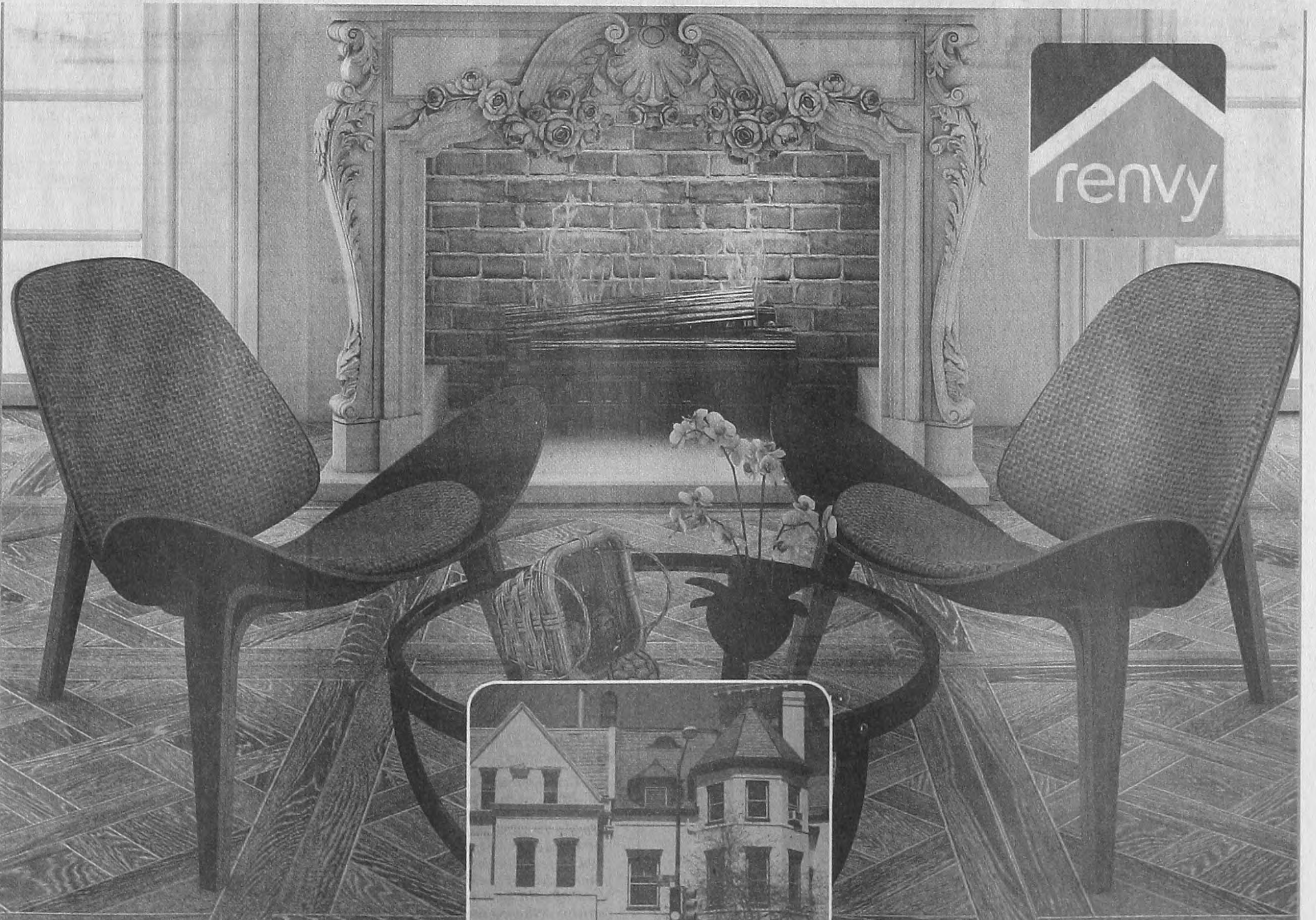
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ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

Canton resident recognized as OSU top 10 senior

Canton resident Halie Lindberg has been named a top 10 senior student for 2016-17 by the Oklahoma State University College of Education, according to a press release.

Lindberg graduated in May with a bachelor of science in health education and promotion, with an option in exercise science. Lindberg was selected based on her demonstration of exceptional leadership, academic excellence and service.

During her time at OSU, Lindberg was a member of the Oklahoma State University spirit squad and served as OSU's cheerleading captain. Lindberg was a Valerie Colvin Endowed Scholarship recipient and is fluent in Spanish. She served the Stillwater community by volunteering and participating in Coaches vs. Cancer for the American Cancer Society, Up 'Til Dawn for St. Jude Research Hospital and MPower for Stillwater United Way.

The top 10 senior students are selected by the student affairs committee in the College of Education. Recipients must have completed 90 or more credit hours, 24 of which must be at OSU, and be eligible to graduate during the 2017 calendar year. Lindberg was recognized May 12 during the College of Education Excellence Awards reception.

Student earns award in statewide essay contest

Plymouth eighth-grade



Lindberg

Ripple

er Lindsay Ripple of West Middle School was announced as one of 10 statewide winners in Farm Bureau Insurance's America and Me Essay Contest. The theme of the annual contest is "My Personal Michigan Hero."

Lindsay's essay earned fourth place in the state out of nearly 4,000 essays submitted by students from nearly 400 Michigan schools. Lindsay is the daughter of David and Julie Ripple of Plymouth. Lindsay received an engraved plaque and a \$1,000 cash award May 17 during awards ceremonies in Lansing. Eighth-graders from across the state participated in the 48th annual contest.

Open to any eighth-grade student in Michigan, the America & Me Essay Contest was developed in 1968 to encourage Michigan youth to explore their roles in America's future. As sponsor of the contest, Farm Bureau Insurance has earned 11 national awards from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

The top statewide winners and their parents and teachers were treated like visiting dignitaries during the awards day in Lansing on May 17. Activities started aboard the Michigan Princess Riverboat, where the winning essayists were welcomed by employees of Farm Bu-

reau Insurance. They then proceeded to the State Capitol Building. There students met with John Walsh, director of strategy for Gov. Rick Snyder, in the Governor's Ceremonial Room and received certificates of recognition signed by Snyder and Lt. Gov. Brian Calley. Next, they met with Mike Senyko, chief of staff to Secretary of State Ruth Johnson, who presented each winner with a congratulatory letter. The statewide winners were also the featured guests at a Lansing Lugnuts minor league baseball game at Cooley Law School Stadium, where they were honored on the field in pregame ceremonies.

The festivities came to a close at Grand River Park aboard the Michigan Princess Riverboat, where the winners attended an awards luncheon. After lunch, Jim Robinson, CEO of Farm Bureau Insurance, presented each winner with their plaque and cash award.

Wilmington Dean's List

Wilmington College junior Megan A. Wieloch of Canton is named to the Dean's List for the 2017 spring semester.

Wieloch, who is majoring in athletic training, is a 2014 graduate of Plymouth High School.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled full time and maintain at least a 3.5 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO ABANDON AND VACATE A PORTION OF A DRAIN SOUTH BRANCH OF FELLOWS CREEK DRAIN

DATE: Wednesday, June 28, 2017
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
LOCATION: 400 Monroe, Suite 400, Detroit, Michigan 48226
QUESTIONS: (313) 224-3620

A public meeting will be held at the above date, time and location pursuant to Section 391 of Public Act 40 of 1956, as amended, for the purposes of hearing objections and determining whether the portion of the South Branch of Fellows Creek Drain to be abandoned and vacated has ceased to be of public utility and is no longer necessary or conducive to the public health, convenience, or welfare.

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Proceedings conducted at this public meeting will be subject to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Information regarding this meeting may be obtained from the Wayne County Drain Commissioner's Office located at 400 Monroe, Suite 400, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

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Village Theater showing paintings by Cassidy Wood

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is pleased to present "Inflorescence," a unique exhibit featuring paintings by artist Denise Cassidy Wood. This solo artist exhibition in the Gallery@VT includes more than 25 works of art now on display through June 28.

For Wood, flowers have always induced feelings of joy, peace and warmth. These feelings are what Wood tries to capture and convey through her paintings. In painting these flowers, Wood feels as though she has bloomed internally as a person, a mother, a friend and an artist.

"I've spent most of my life dabbling in various



This is one of the works from "Inflorescence," an exhibit featuring paintings by artist Denise Cassidy Wood.

forms of art," Wood said. "In 2008, after hitting a creative wall and feeling an intense pull to nurture my creativity, I took an acrylic painting class and finally felt like I found my true calling. I continue to explore new

ways to incorporate a variety of textural elements to each of my paintings."

This current exhibit at the Gallery@VT is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, during public performances at the theater and by appointment by calling 734-394-5300. The Gallery@VT is closed holidays.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. For more information about this latest exhibition, call 734-394-5300 or go to cantonvillagetheater.org.

Michigan Philharmonic Summer Concert Series

The Michigan Philharmonic Summer Concert Series begins July 1 with "An American Salute" at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

The 75th Anniversary of the Metroparks with Movie Music@The Metroparks kicks off July 15 at Kensington Metropark, featuring music from favorite films including "Frozen" and "Back to the Future."

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» **An American Salute**

7 p.m. July 1, Kellogg Park, downtown Plymouth

» **Movie Music@The Metroparks**

7:30 p.m. July 15, Kensington Metropark

» **Movie Music Magic**

6:30 p.m. July 21, special screening of "Back to the Future" immedi-

ately following), DTE Energy-Grand River Park, Detroit

» **Movie Music@The Metroparks**

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» **Movie Music@The Metroparks**

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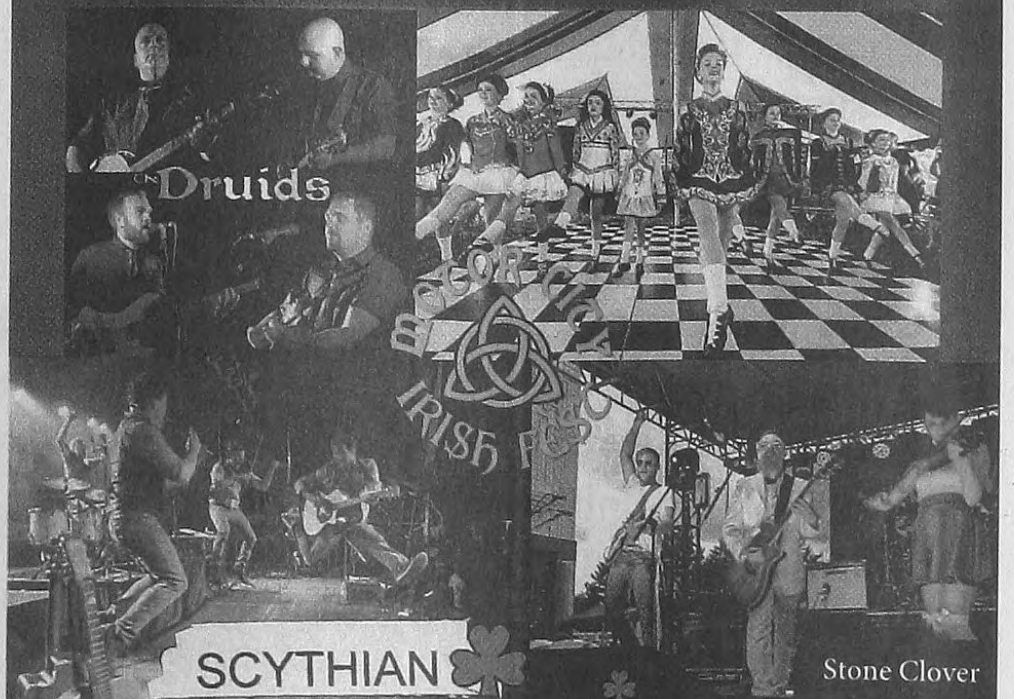


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Q: Would you know how safe my Social Security monthly payment is? I do hope and pray that it is safe. I just want your opinion. Thank you.



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

A: I have no doubt, whatsoever, that you will continue to receive your Social Security benefits without cuts. When they talk in Washington about reforming the Social Security system it is clear that those changes (if they ever happen) would not affect those collecting or close to applying for Social Security. You should have no fears that they're going to take your Social Security away.

For those who are collecting Social Security, although there is no fear that your benefits will be changed, there is a possibility that your Medicare premiums could continue to rise. As those of you who collect Social Security know, there is a cost for Medicare B that is deducted from your Social Security benefits. Over the years, premiums for Part B have risen faster than Social Security benefits and, as a result, some people find that their net Social Security check is lower than it was a few

years ago. The reason is not because of cuts in your Social Security benefits, but because of the increase in the premium for Medicare Part B.

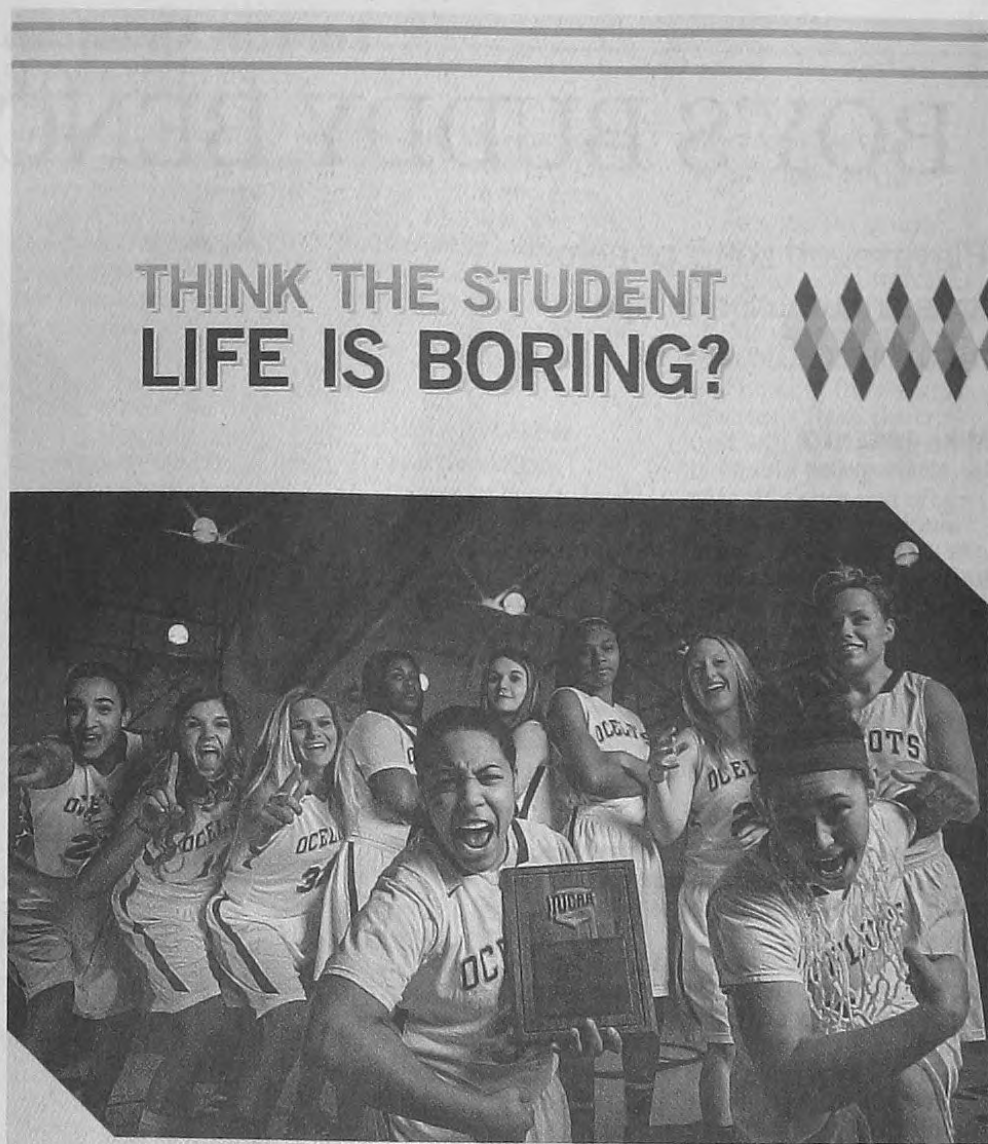
For those of you in your early 50s or younger, what Social Security will be and what it will look like when you retire will be different than it is today. The current Social Security system needs to adjust to an aging population and the fact that Americans are living substantially longer than they did in 1935, when Social Security was passed into law. It is virtually inevitable that particularly for those in their 20s and 30s, if they do receive benefits, they will be substantially reduced — if nothing more than to reflect the change in life expectancy. Another change that is possible in the future that would not surprise me would be some sort of means test for Social Security. In other words, if people make more than a certain amount, they would see

reductions in their Social Security benefits.

Social Security is one of those issues that create lots of emotions when it is discussed. Particularly in this hyper-partisan world that we live in, we have to be cautious about listening to the partisan babble that comes from politicians and their supporters. Today with the popularity of social media, anyone can say anything, whether it has a grain of truth or not. It used to be that we could at least trust the mainstream media to be accurate on the news it reports, but that's not necessarily true today. You need to use caution before you react to a news story, to social media or even to politicians. One thing I've learned is that just because you read it in the newspapers and see it on TV doesn't make it so.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to questions, email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.



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

Christian Bucks was in second grade when his family was contemplating a move to Germany.

His father, Justin, works for Magnesia Refractories in York, Pennsylvania, and the company was considering transferring him to work overseas temporarily.

His mother, Alyson, began researching schools in Dusseldorf, and while Christian was checking out the website of an international school, something caught his eye.

The school had something called a Buddy Bench on its playground.

The idea: If a kid feels lonely, or has no one to play with, or is being bullied, he or she takes a seat on the bench, a signal to other kids to come over and talk or offer to play.

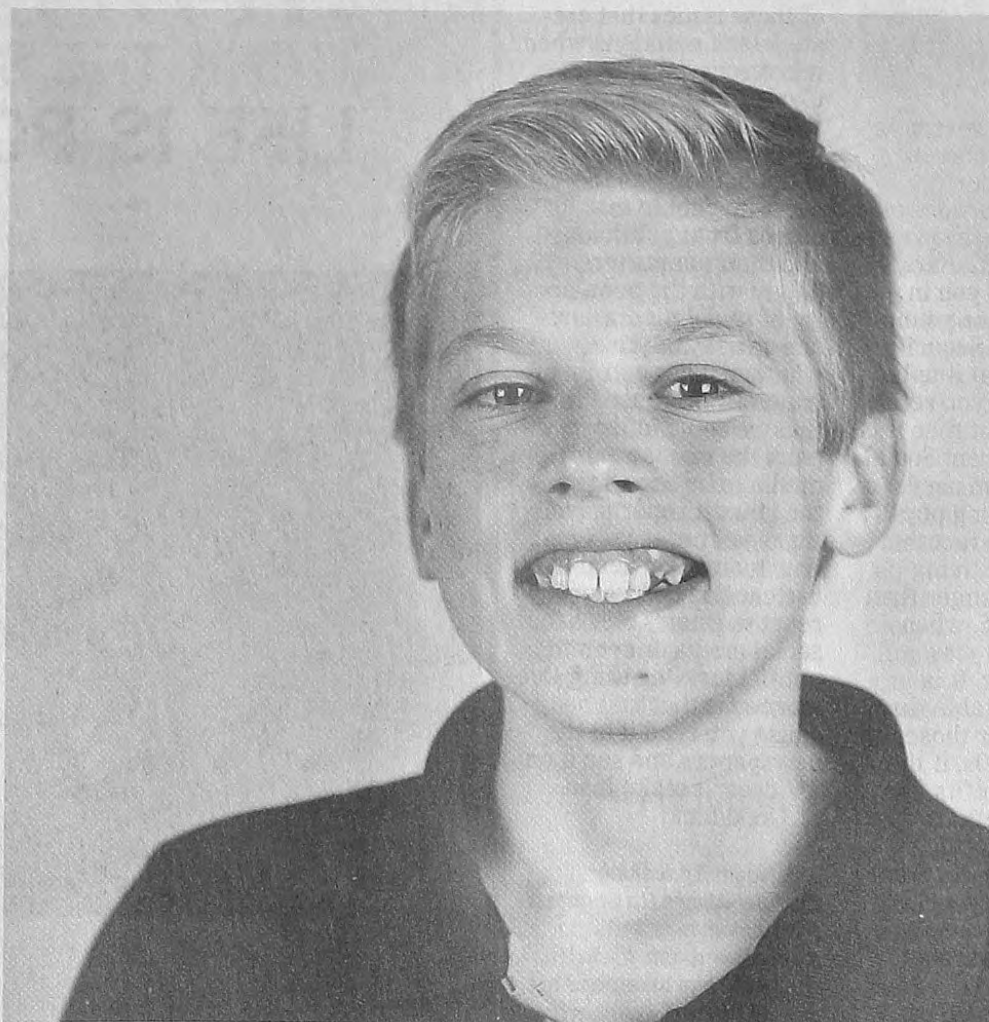
Christian thought it was a good idea. He had often seen kids on the playground at his school who had no one to play with. This seemed like the kind of thing that would help foster friendships.

At the beginning of the school year, he broached the idea with his teacher and principal. They thought it was a good idea and erected a Buddy Bench on the playground at Central York School District's Roundtown Elementary School.

It was a hit. "I noticed a big difference," Christian said. "I saw a lot of new friendships being made."

It wasn't so much about combating bullying, he said. It was about making new friends. But the effect was that the bench helped prevent bullying.

He had no idea that his simple act would spread. The bench attracted national media coverage — including a piece on "NBC Nightly News" — and be-



CHRIS DUNN/USA TODAY NETWORK

After Christian Bucks learned about a Buddy Bench at a school in Germany, he helped make the idea a reality at his school in Pennsylvania. Kids who want to play or talk can sit on the bench.

fore Christian knew it, other schools were installing Buddy Benches.

There are more than 2,000 Buddy Benches at schools in all 50 states and, at last count, 13 countries, including Italy, Russia, Spain, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Japan, Norway, Thailand, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

"I just like how the idea has spread," said Christian, now in fifth grade. "It's a little thing, but just little things can be big."

Christian Bucks

Location: York, Pa.

Age: 11

Profession: Fifth-grade student and advocate for Buddy Benches.

Mission: To spread the word about Buddy Benches so kids will learn to be kind to one another.

Q&A WITH CHRISTIAN BUCKS

What does it mean to you to be an American?

To me, being an American means being proud of your country, standing up for what you believe in and treating others the way you want to be treated.

What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

I was motivated to launch the Buddy Bench when I started thinking about how hard and sad it must be if you were lonely at recess. Recess is a time to play and have fun with friends. I didn't want anyone to feel lonely or left out. My teachers and principal thought it was a good idea.

What gives you hope?

What gives me hope is that so many people — kids and adults — have wanted to put Buddy Benches at schools all around the world. This makes me think that people really want to help each other and make friends. We thought it would just be at our school. It was a shock when it started spreading to more and more schools. I got to go to Hawaii to put in a Buddy Bench. That was an incredible trip. I just like how the idea has spread. (When the playground at Sandy Hook Elementary School, site of the 2012 Newtown, Connecticut, shootings, was renovated in 2016, the school installed a Buddy Bench.) I noticed a big difference with it around. I've seen a lot of new friendships being made. I love seeing people not being lonely and disappointed at recess.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

What I hope to accomplish is for all schools to have Buddy Benches and that through the Buddy Bench, kids will learn to always be kind and include one another, even as they get older. To me, it was more about making new friends than bullying, but (combating) bullying did go along with it.

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Canton artist featured at Westland exhibit

Award-winning Canton artist Sharon Lee Dillenbeck will exhibit her unique impressionistic style watercolors and oil paintings in a solo exhibition at Westland's Gallery at City Hall during the month of June. More than 60 works of her delicately rendered original art will include florals, landscapes, seascapes, family portraits, O'Keefe-like pieces, Oriental and still life, the largest collection of her works ever on display.

Dillenbeck is well known in the community as owner of D&M Art Studio, which she founded more than 30 years ago, and art collectors look forward to visiting her booth at Plymouth's Art in the Park every summer to buy her much coveted work. D&M offers art classes for people of all ages and skill level in a variety of mediums, has summer art camps for kids, sells art supplies and is an art gallery showcasing work by Dillenbeck and many pieces by her talented students, past and present.

Everyone is invited to attend her free reception 4-7 p.m. Friday, June 16. Guests can purchase her original hanging works of art and during the reception there will also be matted originals, note cards, any adult who brings a child will receive a free art class for their little artist at D&M Art Studio in Canton. Plus there will be free face painting for the kids. Light refreshments will be served.

This exhibition, sponsored by the Three Cities Art Club, will be on display throughout June at the Gallery at City Hall in Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road. For more information, call Dillenbeck at 734-673-2002 or Marilyn Meredith at 313-231-3939.

Pancake breakfast

The Canton Lions Club Charity Pancake Breakfast at Liberty Fest is set for 7 a.m. to noon June 17.

The annual breakfast includes pancakes, sausages, juice or coffee. There is a charge of \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under age 12.

For more information, contact Bill Van Winkle 734 254-9404 or govbill1@wowway.com.

Sounds of the Spirit

Music of the Sikh, Hindu, Buddhist and Native American faiths will be featured at Sounds of the Spirit, an interfaith event set for 3-6 p.m. Sunday, June 11.

Presented by the InterFaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit, this is the second in a series of musical presentations and panel discussions to increase respect and understanding among diverse faiths, cultures and races.

Sounds of the Spirit will be hosted by Mata Tripta Ji Gurdwara Sahib, 40600 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth.

The program includes music performed on the traditional instruments of these faiths: Native Drumming, Mary Vorves; Sikh Krtaan, Yashpreet Matharu and Manjot Matharu; Soka Gakkai International (SGI) Nichiren Buddhist Music, Carolyn Ferrari; Hindu Devotional on the Veena, Parashar Athmakuri and Deekshita Athmakuri accompanied by Rajasekhar Athmakuri on mrudangam; Sacred Wave Gong Immersion, Christopher Davis.

The event is open to



This painting, titled "Emmalynn Painting," is an oil by Sharon Lee Dillenbeck and will be on exhibit at the Gallery at City Hall in Westland during the month of June.

the public with a cost of \$10 per person; children under 10 are free. To register in advance, go to tinyurl.com/sounds-of-the-spirit2. Tickets, which include refreshments, also can be purchased at the door for \$13.

St. Mary Mercy programs

» **Fitness for older adults**

MercyElite Sports Performance, St. Mary Mercy Livonia's sports performance training facility, is offering fitness programs for older adults. Senior Fit and Senior Cross Training classes will begin on June 19 and will be held twice a week for five weeks.

Free Senior Fit classes will take place Monday and Wednesdays from 10-10:45 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday 10-10:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. to noon. These classes are designed to teach seniors how to improve their fitness by increasing their level of physical activity in a group setting, while learning exercise strategies that can be performed at home safely.

The Senior Cross Training class, which costs \$75 per participant, will take place Monday and Wednesdays from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The program is created for seniors wanting to advance their level of exercise.

All classes will be held at MercyElite, located at 13245 Newburgh Road in Livonia. To register, call 734-655-8240.

» **Tai Chi for adults with arthritis**

St. Mary Mercy Livonia, in collaboration with

WAYNE COUNTY EVENTS

the Arthritis Foundation, will offer a general exercise program and Tai Chi classes for adults living with arthritis and other related diseases. Classes will be offered Tuesdays and Thursdays, from June 27 through Aug. 25.

The general Exercise Program will take place from 10-10:55 a.m. and Tai Chi classes from 11 a.m. to noon. Both will be held in the Wellness Center at St. Mary Mercy Livonia. The exercise program costs \$80 and the Tai Chi class costs \$48.

Registration is required and space is limited. To register, call 734-655-1310.

Rep. Noble office hour

State Rep. Jeff Noble of Plymouth will host an open office hour on Monday, June 19 from 5-6 p.m. at the Northville Library in Meeting Room B, 212 W. Cady St. in Northville.

No appointment is necessary. Those unable to attend may contact Noble at 517-373-3816 or email JeffNoble@house.mi.gov.

Summer reading program

Readers of all ages will be inspired to learn more about how they can make a difference in their own lives and in the lives of others this summer as the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland presents "Build a Better World" during their Summer Reading program. The Kick Off Event is on Saturday, June 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., during which participants will pick up their reading logs, along with the kids enjoying a craft, face painting, games, light refreshments and more. Everything associated with Summer Reading is free.

From Saturday, June 17 through Saturday, July 29 the library will have programs, prizes, story-times and more. For more information, call the library at 734-326-6123 or visit www.westlandlibrary.org

Madonna hosting elder abuse conference

The Aging Studies Department at Madonna University is hosting the Elder Abuse Has No Borders Conference, which was developed by the Coordinated Community Response Coalition of Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties.

The conference features an expert panel discussion of elder abuse issues, and guest speakers from the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, PACE Southeast Michigan and the U.S. Postal Service.

The conference is set for 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, in the Franciscan Center. Registration and continental breakfast start at 8:30, and the last session ends at 2:30. A boxed lunch is included. Register for \$30 for just admission or \$35 for admission and Continuing Education Units. Register at <http://bit.ly/2rLYo2x>

The CCRC mission is to build, strengthen and sustain partnerships to promote coordinated strategic responses to victims of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation while ensuring victim safety and confidentiality.

Civil Rights, Human Rights - The March Continues

Author and speaker Robert Weir will share an emotional presentation on his Living Legacy Pilgrimage into the Land of Slavery at the Citizens for Peace meeting Tuesday, June 13. He will compare the past with the present and will reveal how and why resilience and inspiration continues despite racism.

This free talk will begin at 7 p.m. at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road. For more information, call 734-425-0079 or go to www.citizens4peace.com.

State of Public Safety in Plymouth Township

Plymouth Concerned Citizens will be sponsoring a meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, at township hall to hear the state of public safety in the township. You are encouraged to bring any questions or concerns

you may have to get answers from Police Chief Tiderington and Fire Chief Phillips, who will be bringing attendees up to date on what is happening in the township. Township hall is located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road.

Building Better Relationships

Learning how to build, rebuild or let go of relationships will be the subject of a talk by clinical psychologist and Wayne State University adjunct faculty member Bernie Les, Ph.D., 6-8 p.m. Thursday, June 15, at Livonia's Embassy Suites Hotel, 19525 Victor Parkway.

"Strain in any relationship can lead to significant medical as well as emotional problems," said Les, according to a press release. "However even the most difficult can be repaired, often leading to greater happiness and physical well-being. Often the simplest of interactions between us all can determine whether we can keep our relationships healthy, or steer them off track."

The presentation will focus on the five root causes of relationship difficulties and how to repair, preserve and enhance this essential part of being human.

Dr. Adrian Sheremeta, an internal medicine/geriatric physician, is hosting this event and will introduce Les, who has offices in Northville and Birmingham. Sheremeta is an affiliated physician with MDVIP, which is sponsoring the program. MDVIP is a national network of more than 900 primary care physicians focused on prevention and personalized health care. Sheremeta has offices at 37675 Pembroke in Livonia.

Refreshments and snacks will be served and seating is limited. To reserve, call 734-779-1000.

Lost Voices of Trafficked Kids

Join the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, 650 Church St., 8-10 p.m. Saturday, June 17, for an evening of music and provide hope and healing for a child. Proceeds from the concert will fund programs to enable young victims of trafficking and other at-risk children here in Michigan find their voices through the power of music and songwriting.

Lost Voices founder Mike Ball, along with renowned artists Kitty Donohoe, Jen Cass and others, will share their songs and experiences working with the children. There will also be a silent auction and merchandise for sale. Suggested donations are \$15 at the door.

To learn more or make a donation, go to <https://www.lostvoices.org/>.

VAAL Spring Art Exhibit

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia will present its spring art exhibit through the month of June at the Livonia Civic Center Library. The art will be presented in the Fine Arts Gallery on the second floor.

The juror for the exhibition will be Eugene Clark, Oakland University art professor of anatomy, figure drawing and painting. He is also affiliated with Center for Creative Studies, Birmingham Bloomfield Area Center, Wayne State University and Oakland Community College.

The art presented by members will represent a variety of mediums, including watercolor, acrylic, oils, pastel and mixed media. Many of the works will be for sale.

For more information about the exhibit, call 734-838-1204 or go to www.vaalart.org.

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Dugar



Gerald Born in Detroit in 1942, Gerald (Jerry) Allen Dugar of Canton, MI passed away June 1st, 2017 at the age of 75. Beloved father of Michael and his wife Heather. Loving grandfather of Parker and Owen. Cherished brother of Nancy. Treasured uncle to Sue, Mark, Ken, and John. Loving companion to his dog Cody. Dear son of the late John and Justine Dugar.

Mooney



Merle Brandon age 84, passed away peacefully at her home on Tuesday, June 6, 2017. Merle was born on November 03, 1932, in Halls, Tennessee, to Roy and Lois (Salisbury) Brandon. She graduated from Halls High School in 1950. On June 4, 1956, she married Paul Mooney of Wyco, West Virginia, and together they had two children. Merle received an Associate's Degree in Court Reporting from Schoolcraft College in Livonia. She worked as a court reporter for Tappert Court Reporting Services and then in Wayne County's 36th District Court until her retirement. Merle is survived by her loving husband of 61 years, Paul Mooney, son Paul (Megan) Mooney Jr., daughter Elizabeth (Vicki) Simon, grandchildren Jake and Ben Mooney, niece Brandon (Joe) Gibson, and nephew Robert (Becky) Owen. The Mooney family would like to extend their appreciation for the loving care provided to Merle by her private care givers and the staff at Synergy Home Care in Chelsea, MI, Home Instead Senior Care, and Great Lakes Caring Home Hospice, both of Jackson MI. Merle requested that there be no service or memorial. Therefore, the family requests that family and friends who wish to honor her memory give donations to their favorite charities. Arrangements by Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea.

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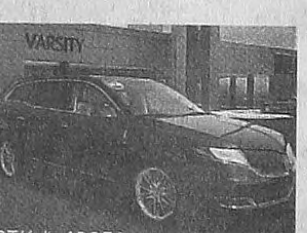
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Canton athletics legacy to be enshrined

Process begins to select high school's debut Hall of Fame class next winter

Tim Smith
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The successful, 45-year history of Canton High School athletics is finally going to be honored and Samantha Mattern is thrilled about it.

Mattern, who graduates Sunday and will attend the University of Kentucky after playing for Canton's varsity girls basketball program, might not be able to attend the

official induction of the first Canton Hall of Fame class next winter.

But she will be applauding from several hundred miles away if she can't be there.

"I think it's a really awesome chance to honor the amazing athletes which we've had at our school in the past," Mattern said. "Canton has had so many excellent athletes walk through our doors.

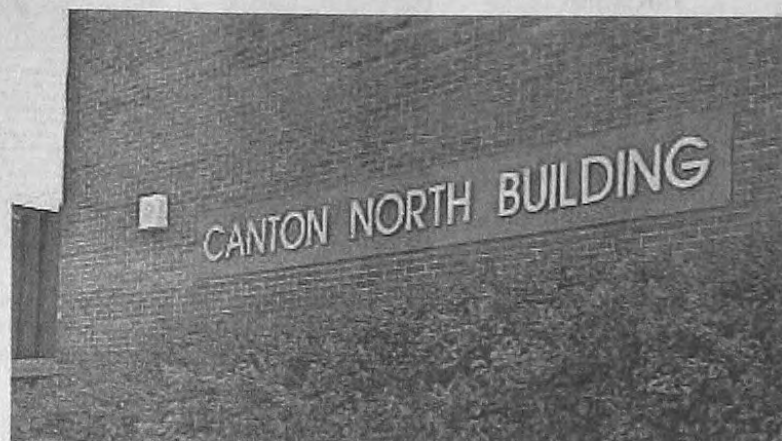
"When current students can

reflect on this excellence through the hall of fame, it will help them stride to reach those same standards. I love that Canton is starting up a hall of fame."

Veteran Chiefs girls swimming and diving coach Ed Weber also gives a thumbs up to Canton becoming the third high school at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park to implement a formal program to honor past players, teams and coaches.

Weber is on a committee to help select the inaugural class

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TIM SMITH

Early next year, the first class of the Canton Hall of Fame will be enshrined inside this building.

COACHES' ASSESSMENT



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Canton's Turner Donlin warms up before the recent KLAAs title game while Chiefs pitching coach Cosme Delapaz keeps a watchful eye.

HITTING THE MARK

MHSAA pitch count limitations mostly on target to protect hurlers' arms

Tim Smith
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With June's baseball state tourney unfolding, final pages are being written in the first chapter of a new MHSAA rule designed to limit pitch counts — and ensure the arms of young hurlers don't break down unnecessarily from overuse.

Area high school coaches agree that the health of pitchers is paramount, of far more importance than wins, losses, strikeouts and trophies. But the rule isn't an automatic strike with some.

For those without a scorecard at home, any pitcher throwing 76-105 pitches on any given day — combining doubleheaders and tournaments — must stay away from the mound for three days (although he is eligible to play another position in subsequent games).

Those tossing 51-75 pitches get two days of rest; a workload of 26-50 pitches results in one off-day; no rest is required for those throwing up to 25 pitches in a day.

"It's hurting the small schools," said Bob Miller, Redford Union head coach. "We only have 11 players and so I got to be very careful. I tell coaches now, 'If you get a chance to mercy me and it's 9-0, put on the squeeze bunt, I don't care. You're saving my pitchers for the next game.' It's unfortunate, but that's the way it is."

Plymouth Christian Academy head coach Joe Bottorff said smaller programs such as his might need to consider scaling down on game schedules.

"As a small school, this new rule requires me to think about the entire week of games as I plan and coach individual games," Bottorff said. "We have fast-tracked a

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GIRLS SOCCER REGIONALS

Plymouth's early goal holds up

Victory over Novi moves Wildcats into regional final

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Less than three minutes had elapsed during Wednesday's Division 1 girls soccer regional semifinal at Dearborn and fans were still settling into the bleachers, adjusting their sunglasses to shield their eyes from blinding sunshine.

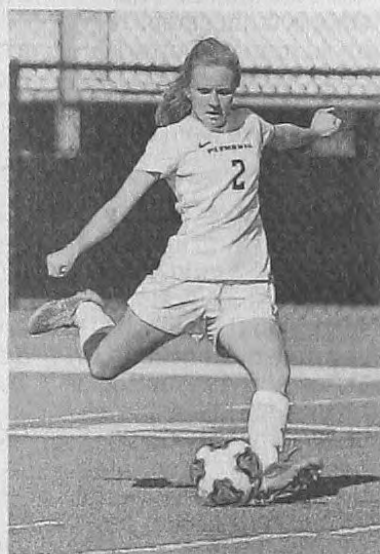
Suddenly, a loud cheer erupted from Plymouth fans as junior Hailey Melnick's free kick from 30 yards out eluded Novi junior goalie Callie Rich to make it 1-0 in the "Battle of the 'Cats."

Melnick's wind-aided drive darted past Rich and Plymouth's staunch defense — backed by sophomore goalkeeper Rebecca Przybylo — took it from there, blanking Novi 2-0 to move on to the regional final, which was scheduled for Friday.

"That was no fluky goal. It was a good set-piece hit, upper part of the goal," Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich said. "The way the wind was shifting around today, that made it a tough shot, but that was a good shot."

Melnick, who said it was "an amazing feeling to score in the first three minutes of the game," nearly had one in the second half off a direct kick,

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Launching her goal early during Wednesday's Division 1 regional semifinal is Plymouth's Hailey Melnick.

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U.S. AMATEUR FOUR-BALL

Tournament champions go through them

Area golfer teams up to reach round of 16 at Pinehurst

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Chad Johnson tipped his golf cap to the winners of the recent U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship.

And why shouldn't the Westland resident do just that? He and teammate Jordan Andrus advanced to the round of 16 held May 30 at Pinehurst Resort in North Carolina, only to be defeated 5 and 3 by the eventual champions, Frankie Capan and Shuai Ming Wong.

"They are very good



Jordan Andrus (left) and Chad Johnson were impressive at the recent U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship in North Carolina. Johnson hails from Plymouth and now lives in Westland.

players and we didn't bring our best that day and it was a tough match," Johnson said

about the loss to Capan and Ming Wong.

Johnson added that "turns out we lost to the

kids who went on to win it."

The 17-year-olds went back to famed Pinehurst No. 2 on May 31 and finished the event with their names on the coveted trophy.

They defeated Kyle Hudelson and Clark Collier 2 and 1 in comeback fashion.

What Johnson-Andrus achieved also was noteworthy, since they reached the round of 16 in a tournament that began with 128 teams from all over the United States.

The U.S. Amateur Four-Ball is an amateur team tourney conducted by the United States Golf Association, having succeeded the U.S. Amateur Public Links in 2015.

Each team in the tournament plays a four-ball format in 36 holes of stroke play, with the top 32 teams moving on to match play.

Johnson, who hails from Plymouth and now lives in Westland, played at Wayne State University from 2007-10 and currently helps coach the Warriors golf team.

One of the WSU golfers he coached from 2015-17 was Andrus, a Pinckney resident.

They teamed on the golf course last year with an eye on golfing at Pinehurst.

Last September, Johnson and Andrus, in a two-man best-ball format, shot 64 during a qualifying round at Bedford Valley Golf Club.

They went on to shoot a 2-under 69 in the first round of stroke play, May 27 at Pinehurst No. 8. The second round, the following day at Pinehurst No. 2, resulted in a 1-under performance.

That enabled them to receive the 23rd seed going into match play, which began May 29.

Johnson and Andrus defeated a pair of Rice University juniors in the round of 32 and won in 20 holes.

From there, the Michigan duo went up against the Capan-Wong tandem.

One competitive round later, it was time for a doff of the cap.

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HALL

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of 20 (individuals and/or teams) which will be unveiled Jan. 30, 2018, during a Canton-Salem boys/girls basketball doubleheader; with the formal banquet Feb. 3. In subsequent years, classes will be limited to 10 selections.

"This opportunity for Canton High School to recognize their history and traditions is a great idea," Weber said. "Many other education institutions have gone through this process, including Plymouth and Salem (high schools).

"We will start receiving nominations for our first class in the next few



Samantha Mattern (5), shown during the 2016-17 season, said the Canton Hall of Fame will be an "amazing" showcase. Mattern graduates Sunday and will attend Kentucky.

weeks. So our committee is excited about getting the community behind us and supporting the ath-

letes, coaches, legacy teams and volunteers that have made Canton athletics so inspiring."

Among those on the committee is longtime football, basketball and baseball coach Mark LaPointe, a district resource with an encyclopedic memory. He will help with consideration of some of the great players, coaches and teams from past decades.

Incredible legacy

The Canton Hall of Fame chairman is Mattern's former coach, Rob Heitmeyer. He, too, is enthusiastic about the long-awaited endeavor bearing fruit over the next several months.

"As a Hall of Fame committee, we are doing everything we can, to recognize all those who have contributed to the rich athletic history of the high school," Heit-

meyer wrote, answering an emailed question-naire. "It's a special honor for us to relive the great sports moments of the past, as we reflect on a number of really incredible teams, student-athletes, volunteers and coaches.

"I'm excited what we are doing is not only recognizing the proud past, but also connecting the student-athletes of today, with their school history.

"'Chiefs are Leaders' is a common theme here. Our current student-athletes will have the opportunity to see the names and read the histories of all the people who truly exemplify that theme."

According to Canton athletic director Vernon

Crump, also on the committee, nominations may now be submitted via the school's athletic department website (cantonthletics.com); a form also can be found on Twitter and Facebook).

Nominations are due Sept. 10. The list of qualifications is listed on the Canton athletics website.

Mattern added that one main reason she chose Kentucky was the ongoing success of the women's basketball program, which she could relate to from her time with the Chiefs.

"Students at both schools take pride in their teams and their successes," she said.

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PITCHES

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couple of guys into pitching roles that they were probably about a year away."

Bottorff added that he pulled a pitcher "who was cruising because I thought I might need him two days later" and the Eagles lost as a result.

But he is willing to put up with some temporary inconvenience and bumps in the competitive road if the end result is a reduction in arm injuries.

The shocking rise of Tommy John elbow surgeries throughout prep, college and professional ranks in recent years undoubtedly triggered the new restrictions.

"I believe that any rule aimed at player safety and health is noble and I am glad that the state is taking steps to avoid injury," Bottorff said. "I think the rule is here to stay and, as coaches, we have to figure it out."

In the zone

Although firmly in favor of the guidelines, coaches at several schools in the larger-enrollment Kensington Lakes Activities Association said the rule doesn't change the way they have handled their pitching staff in recent years.

"Stevenson does have a big roster, but we groomed extra pitchers to pitch to handle the pitch count rules," said Spartans head coach Rick Berryman, who doubles as the team's pitching coach. "I feel the pitch count rules overall are a good idea. It helps prevent overuse and possible injuries.

"We did nothing different at Stevenson, as our current pitching preparation has not yielded any injuries in the past."

According to Canton pitching coach Cosme Delapaz, whose son Kevin (a 2010 graduate) pitched for the Chiefs,

what the MHSAA has put together (at the behest of the National Federation of State High School Associations, which last year recommended the changes) pretty much is on the money.

"I think it's a good rule if it's enforced," said Delapaz, whose team won the KLAA championship. "We've noticed that other coaches have basically obeyed by the rule quite a bit. The (Brighton pitcher) threw 104 pitches and the maximum is 105.

"Again, teams we have faced this year, I have not seen them abuse that rule."

Delapaz noted the Chiefs benefit from having a deep roster, something the smaller schools cannot match.

"We have a lot of pitchers, so it really hasn't affected us that much," Delapaz said. "We're 10 deep as far as pitching, so we monitor their pitch count. And usually around 70-75 pitches, we take them out anyways.

"Regardless of a pitch count or not, we haven't really faced any problems this year."

Mark Uyl, MHSAA assistant director for baseball, could not be reached for comment.

Numbers game

Plymouth head coach Jason Crain, along with his pitching coach (Beau Adams), already erred on the side of caution regarding arms before the MHSAA made the rule change ahead of the 2016-17 school year.

Crain said he and his staff have kept close tabs on the number of pitches thrown for several years and communicate daily with the athletes to make sure they feel up to throwing on that particular day.

"Baseball is an unnatural motion and, occasionally, it just comes up and bites you," Crain said. "But there's other kids that can't handle 100 pitches no matter what, but maybe they're very



Plymouth pitching coach Beau Adams (left) and assistant coach Scott Niemiec review a notebook to keep track of which pitchers can throw that day — and how many pitches they can throw per new MHSAA guidelines.

KEEPING TRACK

The pitch-count guidelines enacted by the Michigan High School Athletic Association are one thing.

Making sure numbers being logged by pitchers are neat and tidy is another thing that prep baseball coaches continue to work on.

"I have a great scorekeeper that lets me know every game when each pitcher is approaching 25, 50 and 75 pitches, so I can decide whether or not to leave a guy in or take him out before he hits the next milestone for days rest," Bottorff said.

Crain, meanwhile, takes absolutely no chances that either his team or the opponent that day cracks the pitch threshold.

"On your scorecard, you're required to have a section called ITP, 'ineligible to pitch.' Those are all the people that can't throw that day, ineligible from the previous day's throwing," Crain said. "On top of that, there's a chart that every coach has to keep that both coaches sign at the end of each game that lists which pitchers threw, the date and how many pitches they threw.

"That keeps everyone honest as to what the actual pitches were. So far, all the coaches and teams we've played have been really good about it."

But just to be sure, Crain said he, pitching coach Beau Adams and assistant coach Scott Niemiec log every pitch.

"So we have lots of fail-safes there. So that everyone's aware where we're at," Crain said.

effective for 40 pitches or 50 pitches, so that just creates a different role for them.

"We talk to them (pitchers) every day," he added. "We search out our people and talk to them about their arms on a daily basis, about how they're feeling and make sure we accommodate anything that we're doing to any arm health that we

need to be aware of. We want to make sure their arms are feeling good."

Delapaz takes the same approach with Canton pitchers.

"We always have a set-up as to who is going to (start), who is going to follow that pitcher and we do that ahead of time," Delapaz said. "I was out there in the bullpen talking to the guys

that could come in (in the late stages of the KLAA title game) and they're well-rested. All our pitchers are well-rested."

Crain said there is no rhyme or reason to whether a kid can handle a heavy workload or not.

"Some kids can handle 105 pitches and some can't," he said. "I don't know that you're going to be able to put a rule in to help coaches determine that. It's on the coaches to figure out which kids can handle it or not."

An improvement

Meanwhile, Crain said what the MHSAA came out with for this year vastly improved what had previously been in place, which was based on outs, not pitches.

"You could throw tons of pitches over so many outs," Crain said. "And it just left for potentially irresponsible decisions to be made on how many pitches a kid throws because he's not getting outs. You could leave him out there for a long time.

"This is certainly an improvement over that particular rule. I think everyone wants to protect the kids arms. This is much improved over that."

The last thing Crain wants to see is a teen pitcher unable to toe the slab because of an injury or perhaps deal with the long-term ramifications of surgery. He knows from personal experience about that.

"I have had two shoulder surgeries myself from playing baseball (shortstop) and it wasn't from throwing," Crain said. "It was from a dive; I landed on my shoulder. But nonetheless, it probably took me six or seven years for my shoulder to really rebound to be able to do the things we do in everyday life.

"So it's important for these guys, because as the stats show, most of them are not going to play major league baseball and they've got to be able to use their right or left arm for everything

else they do in life.

"It's important that we all remember that and make decisions based on their future (as people in everyday life) not as a baseball player."

Common sense, too

PCA's Bottorff said he would like to see the MHSAA follow up on the changes with some additional resources to help coaches and pitchers alike.

"There are training plans, exercise and stretching, strength programs all over the Internet," Bottorff said. "I can look them all over and decide what to try based on many factors, including cost.

"What would be nice is to have the MHSAA ... make some recommendations on what are the best offerings out there without the marketing of these programs muddying the waters."

What Bottorff came up with this year was having pitchers throw twice a week in December and gradually building up their pitch count over the next few months as the season drew closer.

Yet all the training manuals and state guidelines can't guarantee healthy arms when all is said and done. There must remain a healthy dose of common sense, along with the sprinkling in of some good fortune.

Crain said it helps that baseball coaches, by and large, are behind the changes and understand why they were implemented in the first place.

"The Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association (was) integral in the process of putting together this rule with the MHSAA," he said. "And I know most of those guys, they're all good baseball people that understand the game and what needs to be done to protect the kids."

That's definitely the best pitch of them all.

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COLLEGE BASEBALL

Ocelots made some strides in second season

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Championships are the goal for Schoolcraft College baseball coach Rob Fay and his second-year program.

But despite the disappointment of getting knocked out in the NJCAA Region XII playoffs — not to mention dealing with injuries, numerous rainouts and other adversity — Fay sees a bright future as the 2017 season fades into the rearview mirror.

“When you’re trying to build a championship program, obviously we’re going to grade ourselves every year on the championships we win,” Fay said. “This year we didn’t attain any of those goals.”

“However, as the program grows, we obviously had more wins than our first year. We did better in our conference, stat wise we improved in every category over our first year.”

Schoolcraft finished 21-27 overall and 8-20 in the Michigan Community College Eastern Conference after going 15-30 and 8-18, respectively, in



Sliding into second base for Schoolcraft during an April contest is David Chavez (20).

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the 2016 debut season.

In regionals May 12-13, the Ocelots won two games against Lorain County Community College but lost two to Delta College to conclude their run. Fay said his team played single games against each team both days in an unusual play-off format.

The postseason got off to a rousing start with a 13-6 win over Lorain County at Northwood University.

Big guns were infielder Garrett Edgell (3-for-6), first baseman Jordan Pressley (3-for-5) and outfielder Waymon Lemon (2-for-4). Justin

Julion won in relief of

starter Amedeo Apolloni. Then came an 11-8 loss to Delta before the Ocelots returned for May 13 contests in hopes of winning two and advancing.

The next day began well with a 9-6 win over Lorain County. Matt Buhagier and Livonia Franklin alum Hunter Sellers each went 2-for-3 and Plymouth product Jared Merandi posted the pitching win with seven innings of work.

Bitter loss

Unfortunately the season would end later that day against Delta. The Ocelots scored twice

in the top of the ninth to go up 7-6 but lost 8-7 after giving up two runs in the bottom half — after the first two batters were retired.

“That game kind of summed up how our guys were all season. Winning or losing, these guys competed until the final out. They hung together, they battled together. It was just one of those things where I thought in both games we did enough to win.”

“But there were some circumstances throughout our losses in regionals that we could not overcome.”

Despite the postsea-

son defeat, Fay saw plenty of positives during the three-month season.

The Ocelots hit the ball all over the field, led the MCCA Eastern Conference third-team member David Chavez (first base/pitcher) and honorable mentions Pressley, Edgell and Jared Merandi (outfielder/pitcher). Also solid was second baseman Sellers.

“We finished 10th in the nation in team batting average which is a huge jump for us,” Fay noted. “So we’re on our way, to get to that championship level. But it’s just a matter of getting there sooner than later.”

Other conference honorable mention honorees from Schoolcraft included first-baseman/pitcher Will Buraconak (North Farmington) and pitcher Christian Mercure.

But sophomore co-captain and catcher Nick Romanowski (Canton) was lost for the season to a concussion suffered during an April doubleheader at Ford Field.

Then, in the second game of that same twin-

bill, Romanowski’s replacement behind the plate, Tyler Chase, fractured a thumb and also was done for the year.

Contingency plan

That left Fay scrambling for catchers to handle the final part of the season.

“We lost both our catchers in the same doubleheader, we had to move couple guys around to finish the last four weeks of the year,” Fay said. “And those were Blake Sloan and Matthew Buhagiar. They both did a phenomenal job under the circumstances.”

“But you can’t replace a Romo, that’s the bottom line.”

Romanowski will be going to the University of Michigan-Dearborn, but Fay said the gutsy catcher is deciding whether to play again or focus on academics.

Fay, meanwhile, already is starting to stock his cupboard for the 2018 season, signing Canton senior pitcher Tyler Newsom and Livonia Stevenson infielder Michael DiPonio.

SUMMER CAMPS AND CLINICS

Plymouth football

Plymouth Wildcats football coach Mike Sawchuk and his staff are hosting sessions 6-8 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, July 11-13, for youngsters between ages 6-14.

Sessions will take place at the Plymouth junior varsity football field (entrance off Beck Road, south of Joy Road).

Those ages 6-8 will receive an overall introduction to football; kids ages 9-14 will work on offensive or defensive skills.

“Players will be taught the basic fundamentals of the game of football during each camp, the Plymouth way,” read the information flier about the program. “Drills and demonstrations will be used to teach the proper techniques of throwing, blocking, receiving and tackling.”

All campers will receive a Plymouth Football T-shirt.

Cost to sign up is \$50 if pre-registered by June 16 and \$60 after. Make checks payable to Plymouth Football and send to Plymouth High School Football, Attn: Coach Mike Sawchuk, 8400 Beck Road, Canton, MI 48187.

Stevenson football

Livonia Stevenson is holding high school and youth football camps, both at the Stevenson football field.

The high school camp (fee \$60) runs 3-6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, June 19-22. It will help students “learn and develop skills to help them become more successful during their freshman, junior varsity or varsity seasons.”

The youth camp (fee \$10) runs 6:30-8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, July 24-25, and helps youngsters entering grades 3-8. The camp will help kids of all levels learn both offensive and defensive skills.

Questions should be sent to rmicalle@livonia-publicschools.org or 248-514-7557.

Franklin future stars

Livonia Franklin’s baseball staff, led by head coach Matt Fournier, will hold the future stars summer baseball camp from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday, June 26-29.

Cost to sign up is \$70 and each camper receives a T-shirt. Registration deadline is Friday, June 23.

Make checks payable

to Franklin High School and send to Matt Fournier, Franklin Baseball Camp, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia, MI 48150. Inquiries also can be made by email to mfournie2@livonia.k12.mi.us or phone 734-968-0499. Also go to franklinpatriots-baseball.com.

The camp is for boys and girls exiting grades 2-8 and will focus on “sport specific skills.”

Sessions will take place on the Franklin varsity baseball field or, in the event of rain, the Franklin Field House.

Livonia Unified soccer

Youth soccer players should consider signing up for the 2017 Livonia Unified Soccer Camp, set for 9-11 a.m. Monday through Thursday, June 26-29.

Cost is \$70; checks should be made payable to Livonia Churchill High School.

Boys and girls are welcome to sign up; the camp is for those entering grades 3-9 and players will be divided by age and skill level.

Camp directors are Livonia Churchill boys soccer coach Matt Grodzicki, Stevenson boys and girls coach Ken Shingledecker; and current play-

ers Nick Atwood and Kelly Capoccia.

Any questions, contact Grodzicki at megrodzicki@yahoo.com.

Livonia Blue gymnastics

Gymnasts ages 11 and up are invited to sign up for the 2017 Livonia Blue gymnastics summer camp at Churchill High School.

The three-week camps are June 19-22, July 10-13 and Aug. 7-10.

Cost is \$75 for one week; \$135 for two weeks; \$185 for three weeks.

Submit questions to coach Lisa Broomfield at MissLisa621@yahoo.com or 734-765-5439.

The program provides the chance for youngsters to “practice and showcase their skills” and receive instruction on conditioning, flexibility, individual skills and team building.

Stevenson basketball camp

Livonia Stevenson is hosting June camps for boys and girls basketball at the high school field house.

The boys basketball camp is 6-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, June 19-22.

Youngsters entering

grades 6-9 are invited; cost is \$75, with checks made payable to Livonia Stevenson Boys Basketball. Questions should be directed to varsity coach Kareem Smartt at Kareem.smartt@yahoo.com.

The girls basketball camp is 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday through Thursday, June 20-22.

Youngsters entering grades 4-9 are invited; cost is \$70, with checks made payable to Livonia Stevenson Girls Basketball. Questions should be directed to varsity coach Karen Anger at karenanger@icloud.com.

Summer volleyball

Kim Berrington, head coach at Siena Heights University, is holding a volleyball camp June 26-28 at Livonia Stevenson High School in conjunction with Spartans head coach Julian Wargo and members of the SHS program.

The sessions will be at the Stevenson Field House, courts 1 and 2. Times are 1-3:30 p.m. (Session 1) and 4-6 p.m. (Session 2).

Cost is \$160 and covers all six sessions (two per day). A camp T-shirt is provided.

Make checks payable to Kim Berrington and send with registration

form to Siena Heights University Fieldhouse Volleyball Camp, 1247 E. Siena Heights Dr., Adrian, MI 49221.

Any questions should be directed to SHU coach Berrington at 734-264-7875 or Stevenson coach Wargo at 248-295-7245.

Schoolcraft Fast Break

Schoolcraft College’s men’s basketball program is hosting the second annual Fast Break camp from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 26-30.

Head coach Abe Mashhour will lead sessions for boys and girls going into grades 3-8, focusing on basic fundamentals including shooting, passing, ball-handling, defense, rebounding and more.

Advance skills will be taught as age/skill levels dictate and includes lectures, games, contests and competitions.

To register, contact Patrick Yelsik at 734-462-7696, 989-289-8933 or pyelsik@schoolcraft.edu.

Each participant will receive a customized camp basketball and reversible camp jersey. Cost is \$85 if signed up before June 16 and \$95 after until the start of camp.

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but officials ruled a Plymouth foul on the play to nullify the goal.

Plymouth did get an insurance goal with just 1:26 left. A corner kick by Melnick bounced around in the box until sophomore Kennedy White wheeled and chipped it over the keeper.

But the way Przybylo and her defense continues to shut teams down (Plymouth also blanked Canton in the district final), perhaps the extra goal wasn’t needed.

“She’s really found her niche,” Neschich said about Przybylo. “She’s not going to let a bad goal in. She’s rock-solid on anything in the air or in the box.”

Pushing it

Neschich said his team did keep pushing things on offense, with Alexis White and Kennedy White joining Melnick to continue applying pressure on Novi.

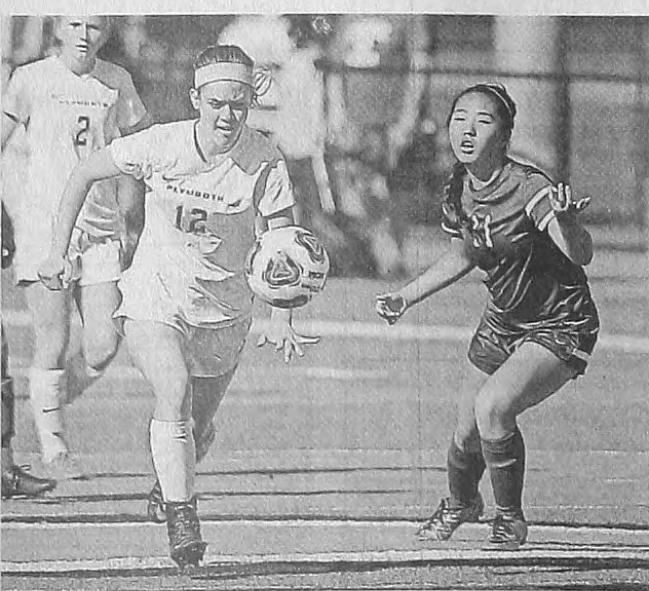
“We wanted that second goal, but our key was defending them, because they’re a very dangerous team,” Neschich said.

Novi head coach Todd Pfeiffer said his squad played better than the final outcome indicated, but stressed that “when you get to this level, you know you got two very good teams.”

“And we both saw each other before (in the Kensington Conference game, won 2-0 by Novi), so when you give up a free kick early in the game like that, it just kind of floated in,” Pfeiffer said. “We knew we were going against the wind in the first half and the wind seemed like it shifted, through the game. I think we went against the wind both halves, which was unfortunate.”

“But we’ve come from behind, we didn’t let it bother us, we talked about it and said, ‘Let’s play the next five minutes and get ready.’”

Novi (13-6-3) had some chances to get the early goal back, but was not able to connect much in



Vying for the ball Wednesday evening at Dearborn are Plymouth’s Rachel Rubio (left) and Novi’s Emmie Takada.

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the offensive end of the pitch.

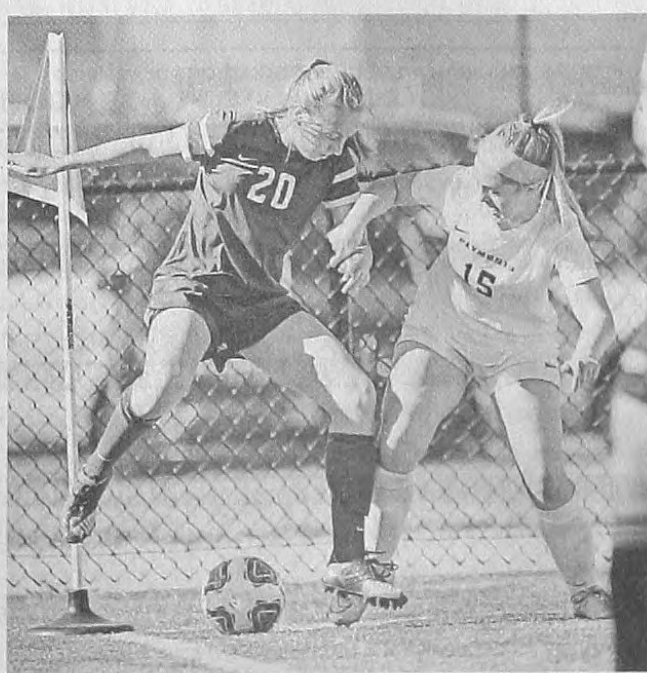
One shot that looked to be sure goal was ripped by sophomore Lexi Whalen from about 20 yards, but the ball barely missed the left side of the net.

“It’s hard, especially for the seniors, to lose like this, giving up a goal early,” Pfeiffer said. “We felt we controlled most of

the possession. We had a lot of the ball most of the game, but just in the final third, we just couldn’t put things together.”

“They scored the one off a free kick and at the very end they got one off a corner kick. Other than that, they didn’t really have a lot of high-pressure scoring opportunities on us.”

Novi senior co-captain



Battling for possession in the corner of the field Wednesday are Novi’s Julia Stadtherr (left) and Plymouth’s Madelyn Rush.

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Gracie Backus said Plymouth “out-muscled us, we were a step behind every tackle.”

And once the second half started getting down to lower numbers, she acknowledged players started to feel extra pressure.

“I think we started to

get a little frantic with how we were playing,” Backus said. “We weren’t relaxed, because we were down 1-0 and the clock seemed to go faster and faster. We just couldn’t finish today.”

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Impress the interviewer with these questions

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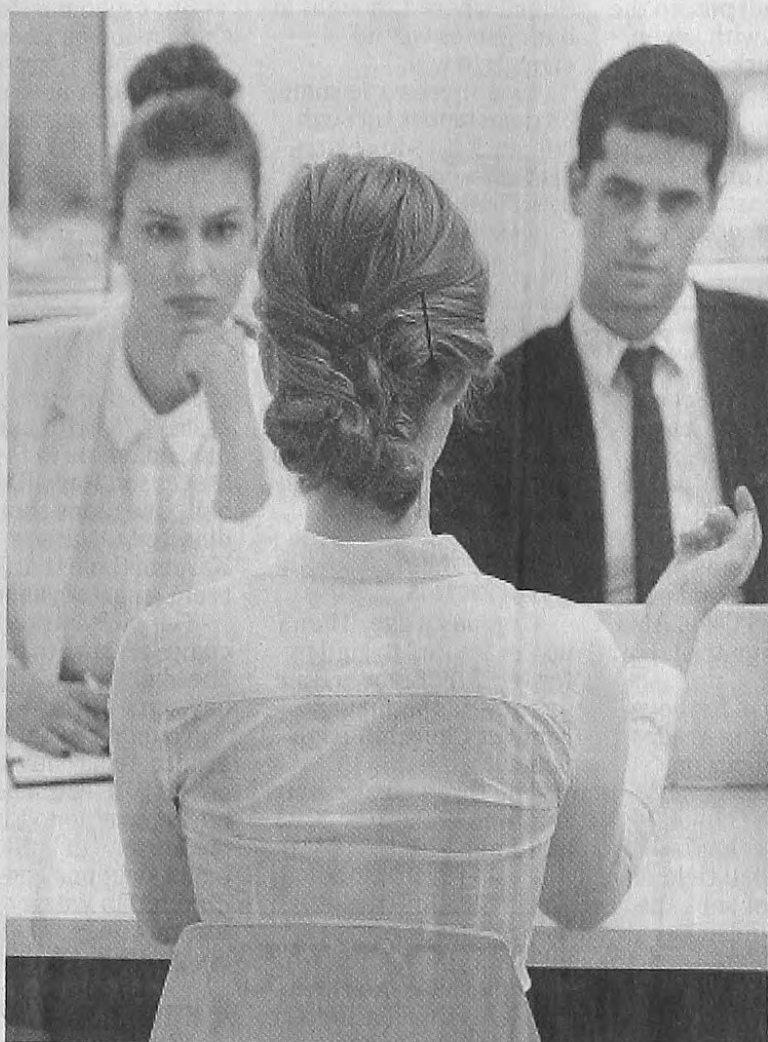
There comes a point in every interview when the tables turn and you have the opportunity to ask the questions. And it's a big opportunity. So don't waste it.

When it comes to impressing your interviewer, generic and uninspired questions just won't cut it. It's important to come prepared with a list of questions that will spark thoughtful conversation and differentiate you from the pack of other applicants.

Here are a few of the questions interviewers say helped candidates stand out and land the job.

Ask something.

It is never appropriate to decline the opportunity to ask more questions. Responses such as, "You've answered all my questions," or "I can't really think of anything at the moment," communicate a lack of preparedness and disinterest to the employers, says Elizabeth Minei, founder and CEO of EMinei Consulting, LLC. "There are no interviews so thorough that the candidate will be left with no questions," Minei says. "Prepare upwards of 10 questions, write them down in a notebook and have them easily accessible during the interview."



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Ask about competitors.

Employers want to know that you did more to prepare for the interview than print out your resume. It's important to demonstrate that you've researched both the company and the marketplace in which they compete. Asking questions about competitors achieves this goal.

Mat Patterson, customer

service manager at Campaign Monitor, recommends posing the following: "When I did some research, it looked like your closest competitors in the market are 'X' and 'Y.' What would you say are the core differences between you and them?" In addition to showing off market knowledge, questions like this gives the interviewer the opportunity to

ask you about your research and perspective, which will help you differentiate yourself from other candidates.

Ask about long-term goals for the position.

It's important to demonstrate to potential employers that you are capable of long-term commitment and are growth minded, says Minei. She suggests asking questions such as, "What are the added responsibilities that you anticipate this role taking on over time?" or "Do you envision this role will gain increased autonomy or leadership over time?" Asking questions like these communicates to employers you are interested in growing with the company and are not using the company as a stepping stone.

Ask why they work there.

Workplace culture is becoming an increasingly important differentiator among employers. Asking an interviewer why they continue to work for their company pushes the conversation in the direction of culture and shows you are concerned not only with finding a well-paying job, but also about finding the right "fit."

Ruth Wilson, director of development at Brightmont Academy, says that her favorite question is, "Why do

you continue to work here?" "It instantly puts me in my comfort zone of being able to talk about our culture and some of the non-tangible perks of working at Brightmont Academy," Wilson says. Questions like this lead to a discussion of the day-to-day life in the position, which causes the interviewer to envision you working at the company.

Ask if there is any reason they won't hire you.

It may seem like a big risk, but at the end of the interview you should directly ask if the employer has any reservations about hiring you. This closing question gives you the opportunity to address any concerns in the room before the door closes and the team begins their post-interview deliberations, says Anthony Richardson, general partner at Agility Collective.

If you decide to ask this question, be prepared to counter any potential concerns with evidence-based examples of how you can excel in an area an interviewer presumes you to be weak.

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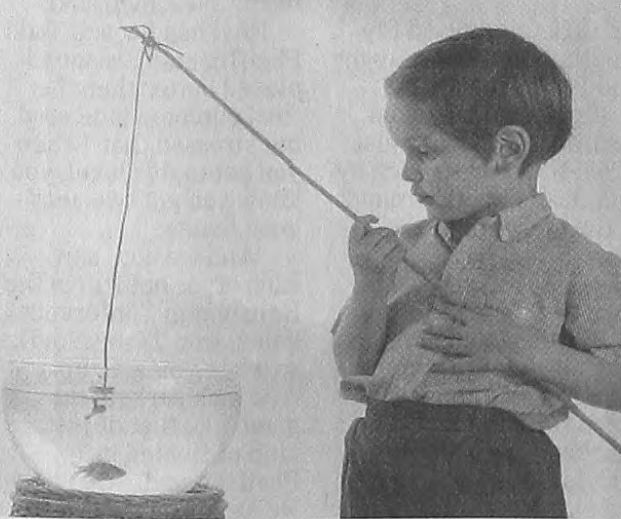
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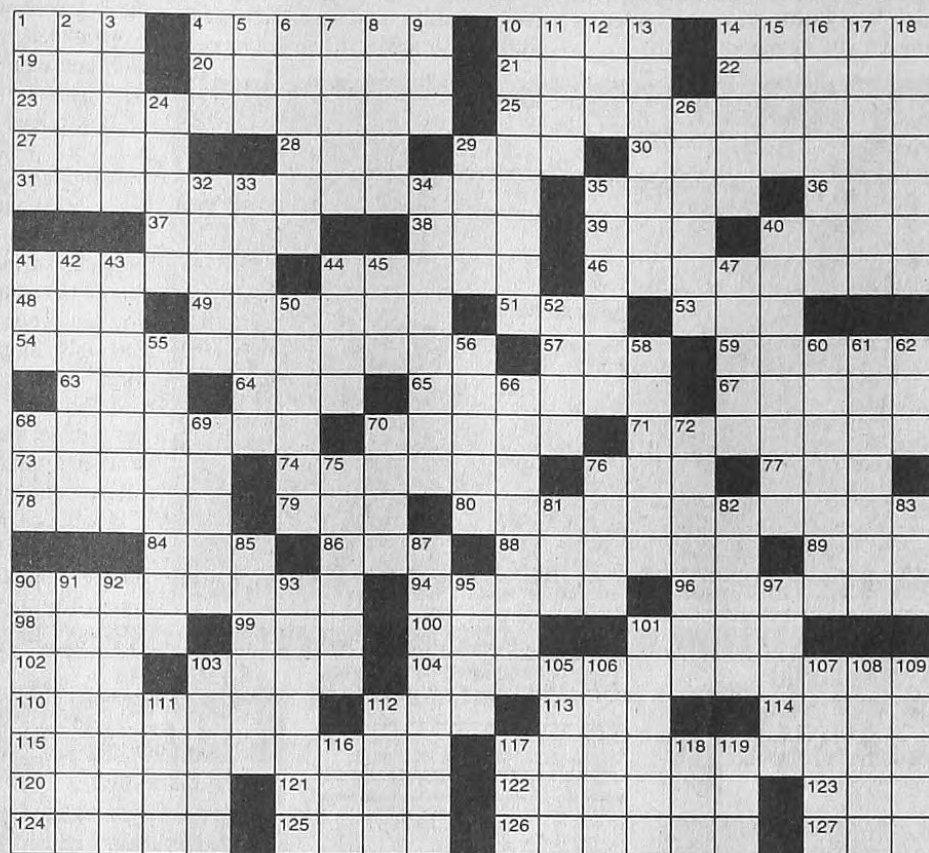
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 - 4 Champion
 - 10 Insect feeler
 - 14 Slight smell
 - 19 North Dakota's tree
 - 20 Farewells
 - 21 Regal Norse name
 - 22 Sharpening device
 - 23 Talk show host with three Emmys
 - 25 Best Actor nominee for "Hotel Rwanda"
 - 27 Giant in retail furniture
 - 28 "— be my pleasure"
 - 29 Cold cubes
 - 30 Childishly trivial
 - 31 "Quantum Healing" author
 - 35 Cause a floating log to spin by walking on it
 - 36 Direct (at)
 - 37 Sorority letters
 - 38 Apt. units
 - 39 30-day mo.
 - 40 Writer Rice
 - 41 Very familiar (with): Fr.
 - 44 Irked greatly
 - 46 He played Clark Kent on "Lois & Clark"
 - 48 Ending of some pasta names
 - 49 Gestures from 4-Acrosses
 - 51 Start to fall
 - 53 Juice brand
 - 54 "Designing Women" co-star
 - 57 Kickoff prop
 - 59 Catholic leaders
 - 63 Univ. helpers
 - 64 MD's gp.
 - 65 Jim who played Gomer Pyle
 - 67 Psychic glows
 - 68 Rats on a model that's an apt alternate title for this puzzle
 - 70 Jet airliner
 - 71 Talks glibly
 - 73 Zones
 - 74 Fit for — (regal)
 - 76 Small, like Abner
 - 77 Building wing
 - 78 They bray
 - 79 Slimy stuff
 - 80 Sixth actor to play James Bond
 - 84 Pop music's — Lobos
 - 86 Ending for Brit
 - 88 What you might call a cool cat
 - 89 4 p.m. social
 - 90 She played Frenchy in "Grease"
 - 94 — ski party
 - 96 Landscaping tools
 - 98 Kiwi cousins
 - 99 "— cool!"
 - 100 "Kill bill" vote
 - 101 Brit's prison
 - 102 Red Cross skill, for short
 - 103 Big birds of myth
 - 104 "How to Win Friends and Influence People" author
 - 110 Selma locale
 - 112 32nd prez
 - 113 Cur's threat
 - 114 Nada
 - 115 "Wayne's World" co-star
 - 117 She played Alice in "Bob & Carol & Ted & Alice"
 - 120 — nous
 - 121 Snack
 - 122 Breathing problems
 - 123 USN officer
 - 124 Navigate
 - 125 Zoomed
 - 126 E. Sicilian volcano
 - 127 King, to Juan
 - 17 Filmmaker Federico
 - 18 Ex-slaves
 - 24 Sorority letter
 - 26 Cry from a 4-Across
 - 29 Old TV's "My Friend —"
 - 32 "— always said ..."
 - 33 Tastelessly artistic
 - 34 Being there
 - 35 Harass
 - 40 Equip
 - 41 Give relief
 - 42 Ally makers
 - 43 Obsesses
 - 44 Farming-related prefix
 - 45 Leveling stuff
 - 47 Attack like a playful pup
 - 50 Sean Penn drama
 - 52 Slews
 - 55 Galilee residents
 - 56 Assessed
 - 58 Eyed
 - 60 High-ranking cleric
 - 61 Previously
 - 62 Mil. draft gp.
 - 66 Sudated alternative
 - 68 Goat's call
 - 69 Pt. of NBA
 - 70 Threads
 - 72 Not closing seasonally
 - 75 Five womb-mates
 - 76 Pan covers
 - 81 Scott's denial
 - 82 Nucleotide triplet
 - 83 With 118-Down, fuel container
 - 85 Wine region in California
 - 87 Like batik fabric
 - 90 Century parts
 - 91 Embed firmly
 - 92 Comic Jimmy
 - 93 Extreme diet rule, perhaps
 - 95 Jack of early TV
 - 97 Beck of radio
 - 101 January gem
 - 103 Relay athlete
 - 105 Nile locale
 - 106 Heavy lifter
 - 107 Lost cause
 - 108 Hole — (ace)
 - 111 Undecorated
 - 112 Gala
 - 116 Big shot
 - 117 Beaver work
 - 118 See 83-Down
 - 119 Simile part



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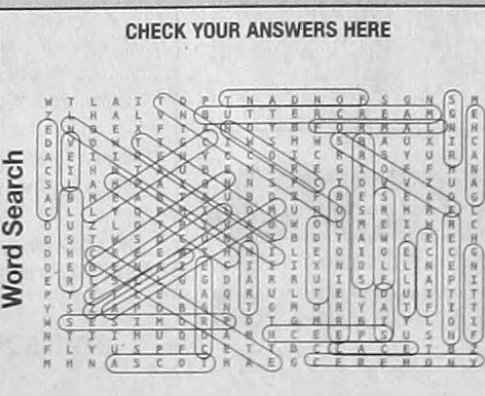
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- CASCADE
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RAE	VICTOR	PALP	WHIFF
ELM	ADIEUS	OLAV	HONER
TICK	CAVIETT	DONC	HEADLE
IKER	AITD	ICE	PUERILE
DEEP	PAKCHOPRA	JIRL	AJIM
PSIS	ORMS	APR	ANNE
AUFAIT	ATEAT	DEANCAIN	
INTI	VSIGNS	SAG	HIC
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TAS	HMO	NABORS	AURAS
BETRAYS	DC	TEN	PATTERS
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ASSES	MUD	DANIEL	CRAIG
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DON'T FOOL YOURSELF: PACIFICA MINIVAN IS DREAM VEHICLE FOR MILLENIAL FAMILIES, AND CRUCIAL FOR FIAT CHRYSLER



By Dale Buss

The more I drive the new Chrysler Pacifica, the more delightful dimensions of this vehicle are unveiled.

Make no mistake: The new Pacifica minivan, introduced last year as a replacement for the venerable

Town & Country minivan, is a crucial vehicle for the future of Fiat Chrysler Automotive. Sure, the company continues to fare relatively well in a flattening U.S. market largely because of growth in Ram truck sales, traction for Dodge and the continued relevance of Jeep as it pivots from old Compass and Patriot models.

But Pacifica is single-handedly keeping the venerable Chrysler brand relevant as it phases out the disappointing 200 small sedan, and as its full-size 300 model suffers from being hoary just a few years after its gangster styling made it cool.

Sales of the all-new Pacifica were up 325 percent in May compared with the same month a year ago, not long after its launch. May was the minivan's best sales month ever and helped cement Pacifica's role as the eighth-best-selling nameplate in the company's entire vehicle lineup.

Moreover, Pacifica continues to carry the minivan torch for FCA at a time when it's possible that millennial parents are maturing enough to recognize the fabulous attributes of the minivan model — and especially Pacifica — for their growing families and perhaps put away the image-related concerns that they and Generation X have had about driving this vehicle type.

In fact, the Hybrid form of Pacifica also is the nameplate that FCA has chosen to carry its initial and crucial hopes to keep up with the rest of the industry in self-driving technology. It's the first electrified vehicle in the minivan segment, achieving 84mpg-equivalent. And Pacifica is the only demonstration vehicle chosen to be outfitted for testing of an automated-



Chrysler Pacifica's rakish new styling stands out in the minivan category.

driving system that was developed by Waymo, the auto unit of Google, and is being tested now.

Pacifica prices start at \$28,595, and the regular version gets 18mpg in the city and a very respectable 28mpg on the highway. Visibility through the "greenhouse" of windows is unparalleled in Pacifica compared with any other vehicle segment, and the panoramic sunroof available in top-priced versions gives you and your passengers the feeling of traveling along with complete access to the great out-of-doors.

And yet, inside the vehicle, Pacifica provides so many ways to make the journey as comfortable as possible for you and your passengers, including not only ample room but various forms and sizes of compartments and holders both up front and throughout the vehicle, a nifty rear-seat entertainment system, and the car's unique onboard vacuum cleaner.

When you need Pacifica to serve as a cargo carrier, it's a snap to open up the vehicle's huge cubic interior form. The second-row, Stow & Go

difficult cargo including furniture, bicycles, lawn equipment and more.

Consider how Parents magazine and Edmunds.com lauded Pacifica as they selected it as the "Best Minivan" on their list of the "10 Best Family Cars of 2017":

"The company that invented the minivan is back in a big way with this stylish, tech-laden family mover. The second-row seats tuck completely into the floor in seconds. Pull a lever and they tilt forward so you can access the third row, even with child seats installed.

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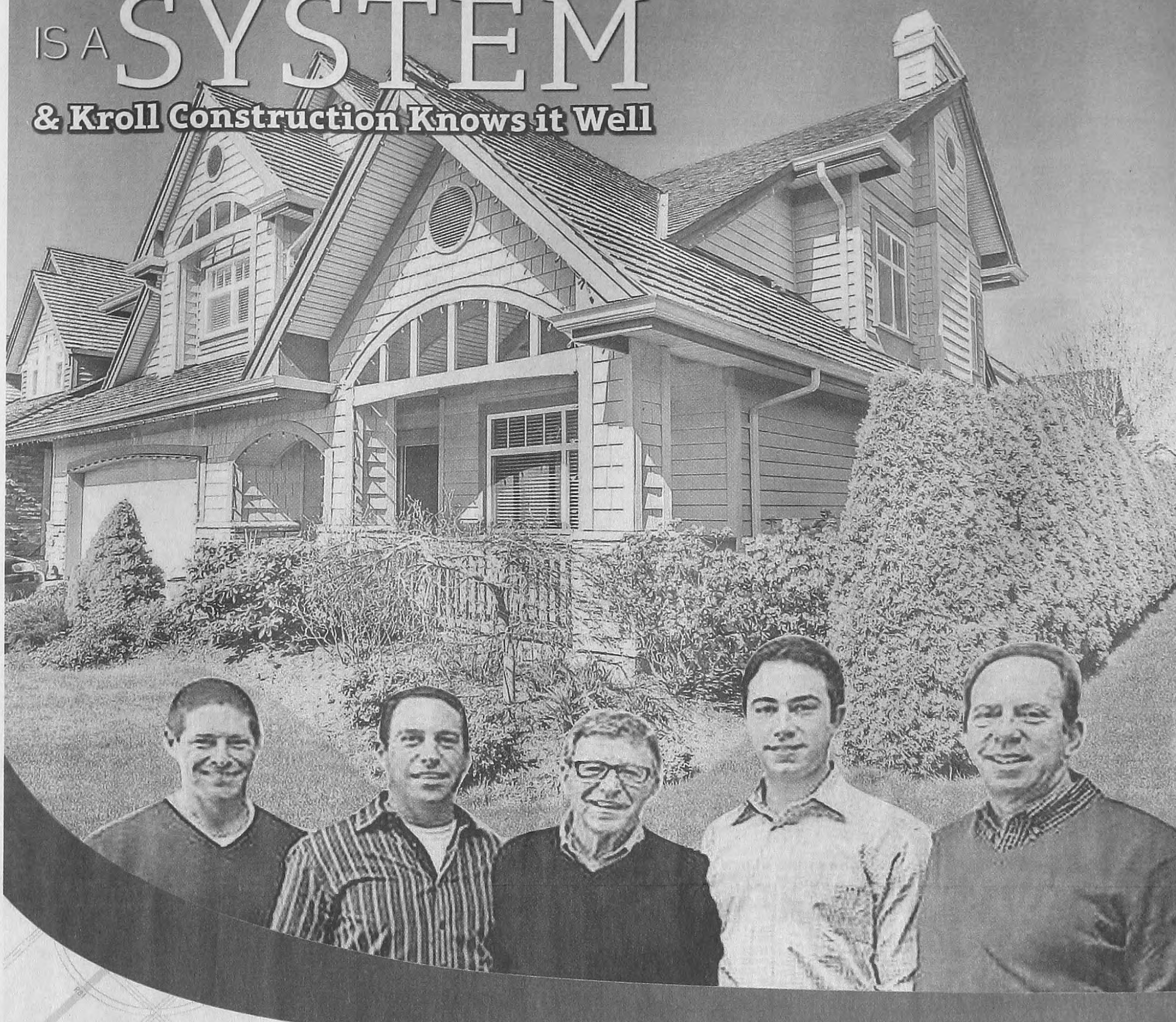
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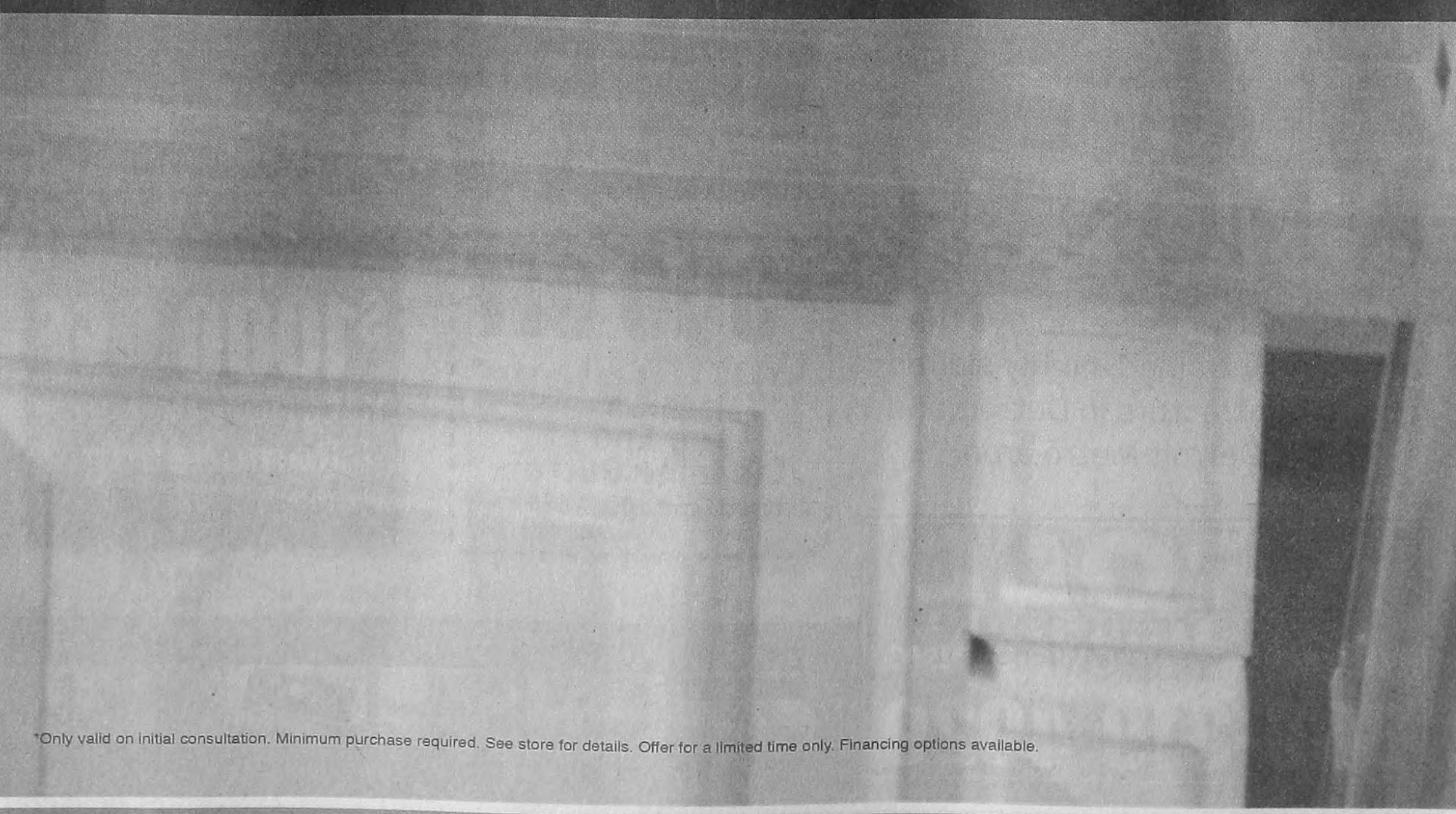


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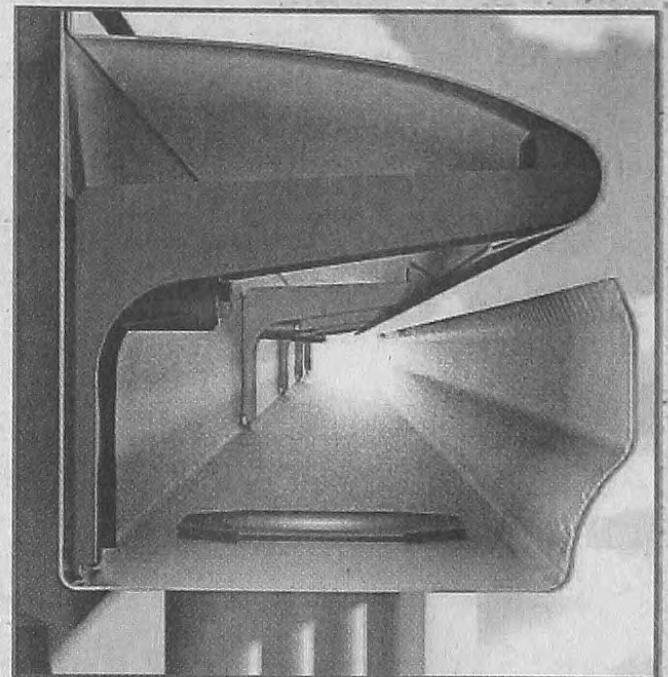


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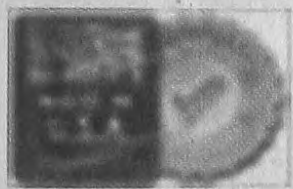
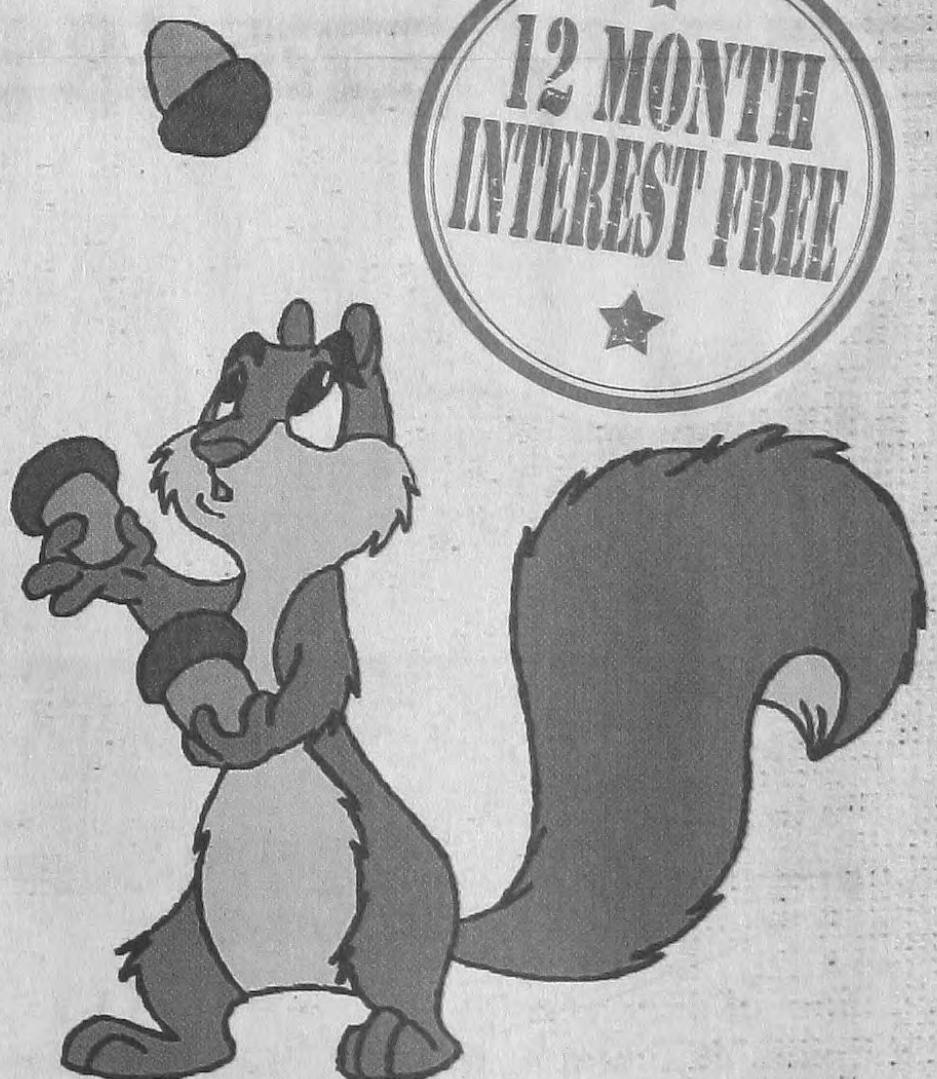


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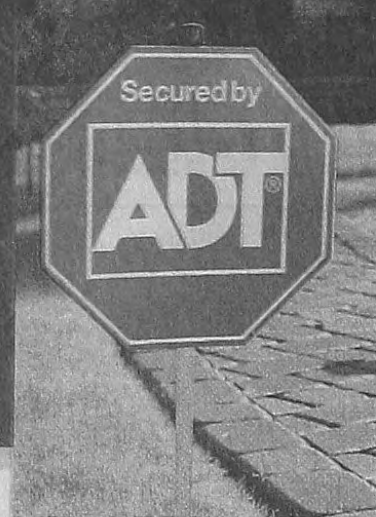
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