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## Middel gets national Red Cross award

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A Westland woman recently received a national award from the American Red Cross.

Carol Middel, a Wayne-Westland Schools board member, recently was presented with the Presidential Award of Excellence, a national award given to volunteers by Gail McGovern, American Red Cross president/CEO, annually in Washington, D.C.

For 24 years, Middel has been a volunteer CPR, first aid and Automatic External Defibrillator instructor for the



Middel

Red Cross. For the last 10 years, she has also been an instructor for other trainers. "I got involved in CPR and first aid through Girl Scouts. Once my daughters went to high school and found better things to do than Girl Scouts, I found I wasn't ready to quit Girl Scouts," Middel said. "I wanted to do something where I wouldn't smell like campfire smoke or get a splinter from sitting on a wet log."

Required to take annual CPR and other classes as part of Girl Scouts, Middel said she realized she could teach and contacted the Red Cross. Currently, she usually teaches at least three times per month, usually at the Ann Arbor Red Cross facility.

Along with teaching, Middel also volunteered to clean and maintain the CPR training mannequins at the Ann Arbor facility after staff was let go, eventually stepping in to make sure the facility was maintained. The Red Cross was closing facilities, Middel said, so she was worried the Ann

Arbor site would shut down.

"I stepped up. See a need, fill a need, is my philosophy. I'd greet people at the desk. I knew it was less likely they would close a building if it was well maintained," Middel said. "They sold off the Detroit office at Mack and John R, so it worked. I like to think part of it was that I maintained the building. I'd paint a wall. I didn't think anyone was paying attention."

Nominations for the Presidential Award of Excellence are submitted by local American Red Cross staff members all over the country and then

go through a selection process.

Along with her Red Cross work and serving on the board of education since 2010, Middel also does volunteer work at the VA Hospital spending time with terminally ill veterans who have no family or no one in the area.

"The VA Hospitals have catchment areas depending on the physical problem. Families often need to go home to a job or to take care of other family," Middel said. "Some (veterans) have been going on a journey for five or seven years. Some

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The theme of this year's FIRST challenge is Steampunk, and Livonia Warriors pit crew member Carolyn Mackenzie is dressed for the occasion. She's with pit crew members Sarah Tumavitch and Joey Golinske.

## ROBOTS CONVERGE FOR EPIC, BUT FRIENDLY, BATTLES

**Matt Jachman**  
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The sounds of machines scrambling across the field and sending plastic balls into hoppers were punctuated last weekend by the shouts of enthusiastic fans and the announcer's play-by-play of epic robot battles at Churchill High School.

The annual Livonia-hosted FIRST Robotics district competition brought 41 high school teams, from as close as Plymouth and Northville townships and as far as Muskegon, to Churchill, where they pitted their robots against each other in Steamworks, this year's challenge for students in the nationwide robotics program.

FIRST, or For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology, is a not-for-



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See ROBOTS, Page A2 A traffic jam on the playing field during a Steamworks match.

## Hundreds flock to annual Spring Expo

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The line for a coney dog and salad was literally out the door Monday morning at the annual Spring Senior Expo. Redford residents Walt and Dottie Young decided the wait was worth it for some local flavor from Leo's Coney Island, located at 17398 Haggerty in Livonia.

After getting a quick bite to eat, it was off to hopefully see financial adviser Rick Bloom's talk.

"I love his column," Dottie Young said. "He's not our adviser, but I read him all the time. I've chosen our adviser based on what Rick Bloom says. I think he's excellent."

The Youngs were only two of the hundreds that came out Monday to the Observer & Eccentric's 14th annual Spring Senior Expo at Schoolcraft College. There was plenty to do, from gathering information on senior living facilities to getting more info on doctors and financial advice — and, of course, all the free stuff.

The info shared by vendors was some that Walt Young said could come in handy later, especially if a situation arises

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DAN DEAN

Schoolcraft nursing student Viosa Hysen takes a blood pressure reading for attendees of the Spring Senior Expo.



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families are worn out. Sometimes the veteran has no family at all.”

A retired Wayne-Westland Schools teach-

er, Middel is now attending seminary school. She has been an active member of Garden City First United Methodist Church since childhood.

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Livonia Warriors driver Iris Derry and operator Jake Gates put the team's robot to work.

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Farmington High School Hackbots member Maxwell Lederemann sets the colors on the team's robot using the RGB color-changer on his phone.

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profit that encourages the study of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, the STEM subjects.

Students, parents and volunteers took over big portions of Churchill on Friday and Saturday, cheering — or running — Steamworks matches in the fieldhouse, packing the cafeteria at lunchtime and turning the auxiliary gymnasium, where team members repair, test and fine-tune their robots between matches, into a hive of activity.

“We lost this match, but we've been making steady progress,” said David Ganss, a mentor for the Novi Detroit Catholic Central Shambots, upon returning to the “pits” from a Friday match. “We're on pins and needles this weekend.”

The standings can change rapidly, but the Shambots' steady pro-

gress paid off, as they stood atop the rankings at the close of the contest. After 12 matches, Catholic Central had a 10-2 record and a 1.66 match score, followed the Livonia Warriors (a combined Livonia Public Schools team) with a 9-3 record and a 1.58 match score, and five teams tied for third place, including the Heavy Duty Eagles from Thurston High School and the Hackbots from the Farmington Public Schools.

“It's the biggest, craziest sports event you've ever been to, but with none of the negativity,” said Joanna Garrett, the Warriors' lead robot programmer.

Joanna, a Churchill senior, was excited about the Warriors' trip to the state finals at Saginaw Valley State University next weekend. The team qualified by winning the Chairman's Award, given to the team that judges decide best represents a model for others and best embodies the goals of FIRST, at an earlier competition.

She spent hours helping program Iron Kraken, the Warriors' robot. “There is no better feeling in the world” than to work diligently on programming “then see it come to life,” Joanna said. “It's amazing.”

Joanna and teammate Carolyn Mackenzie, also a Churchill senior, said they liked the sense of camaraderie at FIRST, even among opponents. Everyone's friendly, they said, and borrowing tools from other teams is not uncommon.

Samatha Downs, a Farmington High School senior, said it's stressful being a “shooter,” or remotely controlling the upper half of the robot, during play. Samantha has mechanical duties in the Hackbots' shop, too.

“I stuck my hand in the 2014 robot,” as a ninth-grader, “got covered in grease and I was completely hooked,” she said.

Steamworks is played between alliances of three teams each. The field has two “airships” and each alliance tries to score by having its robots deliver gears to its airship, which human players put in place to turn propellers, and send fuel (the plastic balls) into a “boiler.” Each match is just over two minutes long and ends with the robots attempting to board the airship by

climbing a rope.

“The climber works very well,” sophomore Natalie Corrigan of the Robostangs, the Northville High School team, said at Northville's pit station after a match.

Other parts of the Robostangs' robot, The-seus, weren't working quite as well, however, including the gear manipulator. “We just need to calibrate it better,” junior Alexander Steinig said after Theseus was sent to the practice floor.

The pits are where FIRST teams get to show off their work for others, talk about their machines and tinker with them or recharge the batteries.

“Occasionally, something breaks,” said Todd Peterson, a mentor for the Farmington Public Schools team. “It's like NASCAR in here.”

“Usually, one problem leads to another and we have to fix that before each match,” said Keaton Mulcahy, a Catholic Central sophomore.

Peterson, a manager at General Motors Corp., is in his fifth year as a Hackbots mentor. An electrical engineer by training, the work keeps his STEM side happy.

“These kids are phenomenal,” he said. “That's why I really do it.”

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Dr. Frank Kava from Oakland Physical Therapy leads a discussion on exercises for osteoarthritis and knee pain during the Spring Senior Expo. DAN DEAN



Jackie Dilligard of Taylor looks over information about Schoolcraft College at the Spring Senior Expo. DAN DEAN

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they hadn't thought of. "You get some good, free information," he said.

One of those vendors was Connie Myler, a clinical specialist who oversees the Inspirit Salon at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, which caters to patients dealing with diseases such as cancer. It provides salon services, wigs, bras and other needs for patients to feel at their best.

Myler said she requested the salon have a booth at the event, her first time attending. She said the crowds had stopped by her table and picked up plenty of information and free lip balm.

"I thought it would be a good resource for us, to connect with the public," she said. "I thought it was a good place for us to get exposure."

Farmington Hills residents Marie and Frank Nido came to the annual



expo looking for a change of residency. The couple said they're hoping to move to Fox Run in Novi and came to the expo to get a little more information.

"(We come) when we find notice of it," Marie Nido said.

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Arlene Zsilka of Redford balances hot dogs and salads, courtesy of Leo's Coney Island, during the Spring Senior Expo. DAN DEAN

**HOLY WEEK**

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The home features an area near the entrance that reaches to the second floor, with an overlook to the floor below. This area, near the bedrooms, is an option, usable for office space or casual seating.

## Pulte Homes' The Enclave makes way for family lifestyles



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The cafe area contains the kitchen, casual seating for meals and an area for seating that includes a fireplace.

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If you're watching any of the HGTV home renovation shows, the term "open concept" should be familiar. And it is a strong concept that drives development of Pulte Homes' The Enclave, now under construction in Northville Township.

"We set up our homes with an open flow," said Jennifer Eckardt, sales consultant.

Pulte is developing The Enclave with four models on Seven Mile — property that had been designated by consent judgment to sport some 200 mobile homes. Pulte purchased the property with plans for 55 single-family homes, just east of the Highland shopping center.

"This is a home run for us," Northville Township Supervisor Bob Nix said, referring to the new development. "It's a different residential product."

The homes will take on an

urban feel with smaller, narrower lots 45 feet wide and 120 feet deep. Homes on the cul de sac and on corners, however, provide 111 feet in width in the back yard. The new subdivision is marketed as walkable — close to downtown Northville — again a nod to urban design and living.

On the west side of the subdivision, Pulte will build a park complete with gazebo and scenic overlook. It will also feature walking trails. When Pulte has completed the subdivision, a homeowners association will take over responsibility for the park, as well as snow removal and care of the stone monument entrance to the neighborhood. Homeowner dues are expected to be \$750 annually.

The new homes range in size from 2,500-3,000 square feet. The final price paid depends on the model and options chosen. The newly built model, the Everett, offers four or five

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## Architect: Don't star in your own home remodeling horror show

We've probably all shared that scary movie moment when, helpless in our theater seat with sweating palms, we watch while the heroine innocently reaches for the door knob.

"Don't open that door!" we shout inside our heads (or aloud, depending on our inhibitions).

We already know the monster lurks behind. We try to warn. The door is opened.

I've been an architect specializing in residential projects for more than 20 years. I've seen a lot of scary "monsters" appear when I



Dawn Zuber  
GUEST COLUMNIST

have worked on existing houses. Support beams that were undersized because the homeowner asked the contractor to make the house two feet wider. Sagging roofs that, over time, pushed walls to bow outward.

The initial fright of uncovering the unexpected secretly crouching in the walls, attic or foundation is often exceeded by the terror

of realizing the added time and expense these add to a remodeling project. As an architect, one of my primary goals is to counsel homeowners on what they might find when starting a renovation project. The troubles lurking beneath and behind will still be there, but at least together we can make allowances and prepare strategies to triumph over these villainous contingencies.

What are some of the "boogymen" that jump out of dark corners when working on older homes?

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### REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

#### Realcomp's Tools of the Trade

Realtors are invited to Realcomp's 2017 Annual Tools of the Trade Realtor Expo from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn.

Get in on this year's lessons in real estate from Karen Kage, Realcomp CEO; Jared James, a real estate coach; and economist Elliot Eisenberg, among others.

The free event includes attend exhibitors, presenta-

tions — some with continuing education credits — speakers, lunch, games and prizes. To learn more and to register for the event, go to [www.realcomp.com/News-Events/Tools-Expo](http://www.realcomp.com/News-Events/Tools-Expo).

#### Flex building sold

Friedman Integrated Real Estate Solutions recently negotiated the sale of a 7,500-square-foot flex building, 7767 Ronda Drive, Canton. The seller, J&V McKinley Realty LLC, sold the building to Bat-Cave Properties LLC.

Robert Gagniak, associate, Brokerage Services at Fried-

man, and Amit Hingorani, associate, Brokerage Services at Friedman, represented the purchaser in this transaction.

#### Down payment program

Atlanta-based Down Payment Resource allows potential home buyers to view down payment program eligible listings on two new public MLS websites — [MLSPINhomes.com](http://MLSPINhomes.com) and [MoveInMichigan.com](http://MoveInMichigan.com). Across both markets, 72 percent of homes may be eligible for

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### BY THE NUMBERS



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February real estate statistics, provided by Realcomp of Farmington Hills:

#### Wayne County Total sales

February 2017: 1,313  
February 2016: 1,332  
Change: 1.4 percent

#### Median sales price

February 2017: \$99,900  
February 2016: \$91,000  
Change: 9.8 percent

#### Average days on market

February 2017: 47  
February 2016: 55  
Change: minus-14.5 percent

#### On market listings — ending inventory

February 2017: 3,845  
February 2016: 6,680  
Change: minus-42.4 percent

#### Oakland County Total sales

February 2017: 1,101  
February 2016: 1,218  
Change: minus-9.6 percent

#### Median sales prices

February 2017: \$203,250  
February 2016: \$185,950  
Change: 9.3 percent

#### Average days on market

February 2017: 47  
February 2016: 55

Change: minus-14.5 percent  
**On market listings — ending inventory**

February 2017: 3,391  
February 2016: 5,625  
Change: minus-39.7 percent

#### Fastest selling communities

35 days and less with 10 or more sales, year-to-date:  
1: Holly: 18 days on market  
2: Lathrup Village: 20 days  
3: Clawson: 24 days  
4: South Lyon: 25 days  
5: Brighton: 26 days  
6: Huron Township: 27 days  
7: Berkley: 29 days  
8: Farmington: 30 days  
9: Novi: 31 days  
10: Oak Park: 31 days  
11: Pittsfield Township: 31 days  
12: Plymouth: 31 days  
13: Hazel Park: 32 days  
14: Wixom: 32 days  
15: Ferndale: 33 days  
16: Flat Rock: 33 days  
17: Ocoola Township: 34 days  
18: Sterling Heights: 35 days  
19: Livonia: 35 days  
20: Howell: 35 days  
21: Northville: 35 days

# My story: Living with Asperger's syndrome

April is rolling in and, while many may associate the month with showers and warmer weather, it is also Autism Awareness Month. "What is autism?" some may ask. Google defines it as "a mental condition, present from early childhood, characterized by difficulty in communication and forming relationships with other people and in using language and abstract concepts."

An early age, I was diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome, a milder form of autism. Life for students with special needs can be hell while you're growing up. There's always a sense of isolation from other people; you're always told that you're "different." Words people use to describe those like me can range from "retard" to "special," but they all mean the same thing: you don't belong and you're different.

While adults have good intentions for children with this diagnosis, they have a hard time putting themselves in our shoes.

I'm considered high functioning on the autism spectrum. This means I can communicate effectively and I have an average or above-average cognitive ability.

However, people like me tend to have trouble reading social cues and knowing what's appro-



appropriate and what's not. Because I'm high functioning, I was placed in regular classes in school, the equivalent of throwing me in a lion's den, with teachers and para-professionals my only armor from direct encounters.

Kids with special needs get some of the worst treatment from their peers. It's a struggle to communicate and realize what's acceptable and what's not. Kids with autism are seen as a joke.

It can feel like the entire world hates you for just existing — like you're always being pitied, treated like you're stupid or both. I was raised to keep my condition a secret because it carries a stigma, it's considered wrong and weird.

I've had people take advantage of my condition and judge me differently once they found out. I remember in middle school how we would have these things called "Snack Pack," and invite kids who weren't in special-needs program to hang out with us. Most of the time, these kids were just using it to get free food. Later, we would see some of the same kids making fun of us in the hallways with their

friends, usually by imitating or mocking us. It hurt a lot, but worse yet, it was widely accepted to mistreat people like me. I hear people use special or retarded as an insult in the hallways all the time. Using someone's race as an insult is short-sighted and no longer tolerated, so why is it OK to use mental disabilities in the same way?

You can imagine that many kids, including myself, grew bitter from this treatment. I got used to hurtful comments and to different treatment, be it good or bad. I thought I was immune to the things people said, to the things people did, but I really wasn't. I was just detaching from it, which is very different from being immune.

I was talking to a teacher at my school one day. When I briefly told him that I was bullied and why, he only had one question for me: "Was there something wrong with them or something wrong with you?"

I remember internally smiling, the answer was so obvious. I looked up at him and replied, "There is something wrong with me."

Until then he was not nonchalantly listening, but he quickly turned to face me. "Wrong? There is nothing wrong with you."

I was confused when he said this; what did he

mean by that? I'd always believed that I was the one who couldn't communicate right or learn things like everyone else. For a brief moment, all my flaws crashed into a chaotic mess, a circus of negativity within my own thoughts. I realized just then what his question really meant. I had given everyone who hurt me permission to because I believed I was born wrong. But really, it was the people who hurt me who are truly wrong in the end. I was just me and there would never be anything wrong with me for being who I am. The people who had hurt me in some way were the ones who were wrong. They were the ones who thought they had the right to deem others as being abnormal or broken.

When I tell everyone the story, it is not for pity. I've had enough of that. It's to get people to wake up and realize the pain they are causing others. My story gets a happy ending here, but I know many others out there are still hurt and bitter. I want a world where people don't hate themselves for existing or feel afraid of things they can't control. I want the world changed to be a place where people can be accepted for who they are, not judged by it.

Abby Desselles is a student at Plymouth High School.

## LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

### Retail fraud

Livonia police were called Wednesday evening to Walmart, 29555 Plymouth, on the report of a retail fraud suspect in custody at the store. Police were told by an employee the suspect was seen at the self-checkout area with several items. They said she was seen scanning a UPC of an inexpensive item several times as she placed several items on the belt, not registering the full price of the items. She then tried to leave with the items, but was stopped by a store employee. She was detained and several hundreds of dollars worth of merchandise were recovered after she had paid only \$12 for them. She was arrested and taken to the police station for processing.

### ID theft

A resident who lives in the 33400 block of Cindy came into the police sta-

tion Thursday evening to report a case of identity theft.

The resident said she was contacted by the human resources department at her job, who told her someone had filed for unemployment benefits in her name. She said she had not filed for benefits. She checked to see if someone had tampered with any of her accounts.

### Tax fraud

A resident in the 13900 block of Cardwell came to the police station Wednesday to report someone fraudulently filed taxes on her behalf.

She said she received a letter last month from the Internal Revenue Service, telling her someone had filed a tax return on her behalf. She said she was not out any money and was advised to file a police report.

—Compiled from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department.

## WAYNE POLICE BRIEFS

### Packages taken

A resident in the 34900 block of Chestnut filed a report with Wayne police April 4, stating packages had been taken from their doorstep.

The resident said someone walked up to the porch March 29, something the resident noticed when reviewing personal security camera footage. Dogs began barking loudly, which scared the suspect away. Later, the resident realized two packages were missing. The resident said they would provide police with the camera footage.

### Vacant home broken into

Police were called Feb. 9 to a home in the 4500 block of Howe on the report of a vacant home break-in.

The victim said police came the day before when a neighbor saw a suspect in the home. Police came but did not see signs of forced entry. The next day, the home's owner came into the house and realized nothing was missing.

—Compiled from reports filed with the Wayne Police Department.

## ZUBER

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### Inadequate insulation

Homes built before the 1980s were built when energy was cheap. They are often under-insulated or possibly not insulated at all because of the price of heating fuel. We now know that it's better to keep our heated and conditioned air inside rather than letting it escape through our walls and roofs. Adding insulation is a good intention, but be aware this can change the way that water vapor moves through the walls, which can, in turn, cause mold and mildew to form. It's wise to consult an expert before adding barrier materials to assess how our friend and simultaneously potential foe — moisture — will be handled.

### Knob and tube wiring, undersized electrical panels

We own a lot more electrical devices now than people did in the early to mid-20th century — just think of the number of hair dryers, curling irons, shavers, electric toothbrushes and other devices you probably have in your bathroom. Most older homes that haven't been updated have 60-amp electrical panels with screw-in fuses rather than circuit breakers.

A home today is better served by 150- to 200-amp (or more) service and some insurance companies are refusing to insure homes with outdated electrical panels. Not many things are as frightening as an insurance agent saying "no" to issuing a policy on an over-sized risk! When you renovate your home, you should ask your electrician to calculate the estimated loads and size the electric panel accordingly.

In addition, homes built before the 1940s are likely to have knob and tube wiring, which was not designed to handle the electrical loads we need for all our devices today. If that weren't scary enough on its own, cellulose and spray foam

insulation cannot be installed where knob and tube wiring is present because the heat produced by this outdated method of wiring can cause the insulation to catch fire. It's important to plan to replace this obsolete electrical system as part of any renovation project.

### Galvanized plumbing pipes

Many homes built before the 1960s have galvanized plumbing supply lines. Supply lines are the pipes that bring water from your water meter to your faucets. Galvanized pipes are steel pipes with a zinc coating on the inside. Over time, this zinc coating erodes, which causes the insides of the pipes to corrode, causing low water pressure by blocking the pipes. Corroded pipes can also leak at the joints. Galvanized pipes are another hiding monster you may be required to chase away with PVC or copper replacements when you remodel a kitchen or bathroom.

### Orangeburg sewer lines

Orangeburg pipe was made of layers of wood fiber and pitch and was used for piping sewage from houses to the main sewer line. During World War II, inexpensive Orangeburg pipe became popular because cast iron — the material sewer pipes were typically made from — was subject to a heavy tax. Over time, Orangeburg pipe tends to absorb moisture, deform under pressure and eventually disintegrate. If your home was built between the late 1940s and the mid-1960s, you may have Orangeburg pipe. Sorry, but again, just the architect as messenger here: it should be replaced.

### Asbestos, lead paint, and radon

A lot has been written about these potential dangers. Although these adversaries may be as familiar to most as Frankenstein, Dracula and the Wolfman, it's still worth the expense to hire an expert to advise you about the best way to identify and remove or encapsulate these threats.

### Hacked-up structure from old renovations

Homes that are so old that they may have been built without indoor plumbing or that have been renovated a few times may have floor joists or wall studs that have been cut or notched inappropriately. These cuts weaken the structure, but can and should be repaired when they are found. Unfortunately, even the best-intended builders can create terrifying problems when disregarding the laws of physics.

### Furnace and water heater capacity

If you are building an addition, you should check with a heating and cooling contractor to assess the capacity of your existing furnace. Although many older furnaces were over-sized, if yours is nearing the end of its lifespan, it might be time to replace it.

If you are adding a bathroom or two, you should also consider the size of your water heater. If you run out of hot water when taking a long shower, you're already stretching the capacity of your water heater. You may want to replace the existing unit with a larger model, add a second water heater to serve only the new bathrooms or replace your water heater with a tank-less water heater.

As you can see, there are a lot of beasts that can jump out and grab you (and your savings) when you remodel your home. I recommend setting aside a contingency fund of 10-25 percent of the cost of construction to cover these potential expenses.

Canton resident Dawn Zuber, AIA, who owns Studio Z Architecture in Plymouth, earned her bachelor of architecture degree at the University of Cincinnati. She also completed an independent study at the Architectural Association School of Architecture in London. She moved to southeast Michigan with her husband in 1994 and initially worked with two other architecture firms before starting Studio Z. She is a licensed architect in Michigan and Ohio.

## Passages

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### BUCHANAN



**PAUL JAMES** 88, passed away Friday, April 7, 2017. He was born in Jackson County, North Carolina, son to the late John Thomas & Daisy Owens Buchanan. He is also preceded in death by his wife Lois Evelyn Buchanan, and nine siblings. Funeral services were held 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at Concord Bible Church, 711 Williamsburg Ct. NE Concord, NC 28025. Burial followed in Sunset Memorial Gardens. Paul is survived by two sons; Art Buchanan, wife Connie; Jim Buchanan, wife Leslie; six daughters; Pam Jordan, husband Jon; Pam Yerkes; Connie Wakefield, husband Tom; Sandy Marano, Cheryl Brum; Laurie Reeder, husband Daniel; a sister Wilma Bloom, twenty five grandchildren, and fourteen great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Concord Bible Church, 711 Williamsburg Ct. NE Concord, NC 28025. Gordon Funeral Service & Crematory is caring for the Buchanan family. Online condolences may be made at [www.gordonfuneralservice.com](http://www.gordonfuneralservice.com)

### PATE



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

### SHURLY

**MARY ANN AFFLECK LUTOMSKI** Age 72 of Goodyear, Arizona, originally of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan entered into life eternal on Friday, March 17, 2017. Born June 8, 1944 to Gregor and Elizabeth Affleck of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. She is survived by husband, Burt R. Shurly III; daughter, Karen Lutomski Biddulph (Curt) and son, Karl F. Lutomski Jr. (Carla); grandchildren, Brynlee, Braxten, and Brittan Lutomski, Lily Biddulph; and step-children, Burt Shurly IV (Lauren) and Rosmary Barbara Duval (Chris). Mary Ann is preceded in death by her parents; brother, Gregor Affleck; and first husband, Dr. Karl F. Lutomski, DDS, MS, PC. Mary Ann was a graduate of Kingswood School Cranbrook and the University of Michigan where she majored in Industrial Math and Art. Mary Ann spent her childhood living in the Affleck House, a Frank Lloyd Wright home built for her family and later donated to Lawrence Technical University. Mary Ann was very active in philanthropic efforts, leading Kingswood School's Giforama and Cranbrook Gala de Cuisine annual events. When Mary Ann and Burt moved to California, she led efforts as President and then Treasurer of the Assistance League of Huntington Beach, raising \$2 million each year benefitting local children. She was a voracious reader, a worldwide traveler, and a true friend through and through. Her magnetism, exceptional cooking and entertaining brought people together. Mary Ann will be missed greatly by her husband, children, grandchildren, extended family, and all those she lovingly touched in her life. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be sent to: Cranbrook Schools: [https://schools.cranbrook.edu/page\\_LUNGevity](https://schools.cranbrook.edu/page_LUNGevity); <https://www.lungevity.org>; International Myeloma Foundation: <https://www.myeloma.org>; Assistance League of Huntington Beach: <https://www.assistanceleague.org/huntington-beach/#1450582126817-968a53a3-5d5f>. In California: Celebration of Life services will be held in California on March 25th, 2017 at St Michael's and All Angels, 3232 Pacific View Drive, Corona del Mar, CA 92625. (949) 644-0463 at 2 p.m. Reception to immediately follow at Shady Canyon Golf Club, 100 Shady Canyon Drive, Irvine, CA 92603. Suggested hotel: Newport Beach Marriott Fashion Island. In Michigan: Celebration of Life/Columbarium Committal will take place on April 8, 2017 at Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304, (248) 644-5210 at 10 a.m.

### CRAWFORD



**DOROTHY (PRIMOZICH)** April 7, 2017. Age 83 of Naples, Florida, formerly of Livonia, MI. Surviving is her husband of 32 years, Richard Crawford; sons, Randy, Danny, and Gary Primozich; step-sons, David and Douglas Crawford; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Visitation Friday, April 14, 5-9 p.m. at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. No services scheduled. Private burial. Please share a memory of Dorothy at [www.rghharris.com](http://www.rghharris.com).



**BRIEFS**

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some type of home ownership program. The company also launched a new partnership with Homes for Heroes to ensure more community heroes are aware of the discounts and savings available to them.

Consumers searching on the public MLS websites can benefit by immediately seeing which homes are eligible for down payment help. Home searchers can click the Down Payment Resource icon to check their eligibility. Both the home and the home buyer must be eligible for the home ownership program.

Across southeast Michigan, 71 percent of Realcomp II Ltd. listings are eligible for a home ownership program. When consumers go to MoveInMichigan.com, they create their own custom home search, selecting "down payment assistance" to view properties with program eligi-

bility. Down Payment Resource and Homes for Heroes are also working together so any "hero" home buyer will see additional savings and discounts they may be eligible for when buying a home.

Now, when consumers using Down Payment Resource identify themselves as a firefighter, active military or veteran, law enforcement, teacher or health care worker, they will see a Homes for Heroes link next to their home ownership program results. It will take them to the Homes for Heroes website so they can investigate rebates, savings and other discounts available to them when buying, selling or refinancing a home.

**Northville Realtor honored**

RE/MAX Dream Properties, 138 Main Center, Northville, was recently honored at the RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan Awards Gala. The event was held at the Henry Ford Museum in Dear-

born and celebrated the accomplishments of RE/MAX's highest performers in southeast Michigan.

RE/MAX Dream Properties received the prestigious Showcase Award during the event. Showcase Awards are based on agent growth,



Hall

average yearly commission per agent and average yearly production per agent. RE/MAX Dream Properties was recognized for achieving the highest net gain for an office size of 11-25 agents. The award was accepted by Lisa Hall, broker/owner, RE/MAX Dream Properties.

"We are very proud to see RE/MAX Dream Properties recognized for superior performance," said Magnus Sublett, chief executive officer, RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan. "The hard work and dedication of Lisa and her team have helped RE/MAX maintain

its position as the No. 1 real-estate company in southeast Michigan."

"I am honored to be recognized at the regional level for the accomplishments of RE/MAX Dream Properties," Hall said. "Our entire team is committed to providing superior service to our clients throughout the Northville area. We look forward to another productive real-estate season."

**Industrial building sold**

Friedman Integrated Real Estate Solutions recently arranged the sale of a 78,065-square-foot industrial building at 23300 Haggerty Road, Farmington Hills. The seller, 23300 Haggerty Associates, sold the building to Humanetics Innovative Solutions Inc.

Phil Konopitski, senior vice president, Brokerage Services at Friedman, represented the purchaser in this transaction.

**Brokers honored**

Friedman Integrated Real Estate Solutions

announced the following individuals in the Brokerage Services Division were recently awarded the 2016 CoStar Power Broker Awards, which honor the nation's top brokerage firms and individuals in commercial real estate: Glenn N. DesRosiers, senior vice president, Brokerage Services; Rob Gagniak, associate, Brokerage Services; Todd Hawley, senior vice president, Brokerage Services; Alan Stern, vice president, Brokerage Services; and Rich Deptula, national director, Investment Advisory Services.

The awards are presented to the top 15 individuals in their field who closed the highest transaction volume in commercial property sales and leases in their re-

spective market during the previous year.

In the Detroit metropolitan market, DesRosiers, Gagniak and Hawley were recognized as Top Office Leasing Brokers, Stern as a Top Retail Leasing Broker and Deptula was recognized as a Top Sales Broker. In addition, Friedman was honored as a Top Leasing Firm and a Top Sales Firm, ranking in the top 15 firms in the Detroit metropolitan market. CoStar is the largest independent information provider to commercial real estate professionals in the United States.

To submit real estate news, email Joanne Maliszewski at jmaliszews@hometownlife.com.



Commercial brokers recognized included (from left) Glenn DesRosiers, Robert Gagniak, Todd Hawley, Alan Stern and Rich Deptula.

**ENCLAVE**

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bedrooms, two or three bathrooms, 2,823 square feet and starts at \$462,990. The largest design is the Woodward, with four to six bedrooms, two to four bathrooms and 2,950 square feet with a starting price tag of \$459,990.

The smaller designs are the Bridgeport with four bedrooms, 2½ baths and 2,561 square feet with a starting price of \$442,990. A bit larger is the Boardwalk, with four to six bedrooms, two to four bathrooms and 2,658 square feet for a starting price of \$449,990.

"You can't build in Northville for this price. This is a real draw," Eckardt said. "Pulte has not been here for a while." The Enclave homes



The master bedroom.

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are designed to support today's family life with smaller bedrooms, yet options for flexible space, such as a loft area on the second floor. "It is like a second living room on the top floor. We are moving away from building huge bedrooms,"

Eckardt said. Bowing to the needs and likes of today's families, formal dining rooms and large formal living rooms are not a focus. In the Everett, space that can be used as dining and living rooms greet guests when the

front door opens into a smaller foyer. "People see (formal areas) as wasted space. You use the formal dining rooms once a year. So it is really up to you what you want to do with the space."

Also gone in the new design is the closed-off kitchen. Today, parents

want an open kitchen to the living area to encourage families to gather in the space and for parents to see what the kids are doing while busy in the kitchen, Eckardt said.

"Whether entertaining or with the family, they can all come together now," she said.

No longer called a family room, that "come together" space is named a gathering room and is open to the dining area and the kitchen.

Pulte offers as standard granite counter tops, although the less porous quartz is an option. As a \$3,200 option, a five-burner gas stove top, oven and microwave can be designed as built-ins. The 50/50 stainless steel sink is standard, but Pulte has available as an option a large sink made of a composite material that doesn't scratch, Eckardt said.

The kitchen also

boasts an island facing the cafe, as well as 42-inch cabinets with maple as the standard material.

Each of the four designs also will boast a planning center, which is a desk near the kitchen that can serve as a good spot for kids to do their homework or as a small office for empty-nesters.

And for those empty-nesters, Pulte offers, as an option, a small bedroom and full bathroom on the main level. Otherwise, the main floor bathroom is a powder room.

In the Everett, the flex space, if chosen as an option, is essentially the entry point to the upper floor, with bedrooms off a gathering area. While the secondary bedrooms are smaller, ranging in size from 10 by 12 feet to 11 by 12 feet, the master bedroom runs larger, 14 feet, 6 inches by 20 feet, 10 inches, accompanied by a master bath with double vanity and two walk-in closets. The master suite also provides room for a sitting area.

If a buyer does not want the upstairs flex space as a gathering area option, the space is used as a cathedral ceiling for the main floor front foyer.

In the Everett, the secondary bedrooms share a Jack and Jill bath. "People really like these, because it gives easy access for the kids," Eckardt said. "The bedrooms are smaller, but they will fit what you need."

Each of the available models also includes an upstairs laundry, another popular contemporary design. "People like this because this is where their clothes are," Eckardt added.

While plenty of options in all the models are available, the one thing Pulte will not do is redesign the spaces, such as making the upstairs bedrooms larger. "We have a six-month build, so we don't do custom options," she said.

Excited with the new residential offerings, Nix said The Enclave will be a winner for Pulte and for the township, considering that the property was originally scheduled for mobile homes. "That was not compatible with the surrounding area," Nix said. "This is a fill-in parcel. If we can get more families in there, that's great. We know the (Northville) school board said they need more children."

A number of other residential areas are planned in Northville Township, including neighborhoods specifically for empty-nesters, a means to keep in the community those residents whose children have flown the nest.

"We're looking at the master plan to see how much acreage we have left for residential," Nix said.

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**ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2017-11 April 4, 2017**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 8:13 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. APPROVED: minutes of Regular & Special City Council meeting of March 21 & 22, 2017; bid award to Goretzki Con. For Sims St.; reappoint I. Bunek to Dangerous Buildings; lot split at 33577 Michigan Ave.; purchase Outlot A & B from Wayne County; purchase agreement with Metro Storage; Ethics Committee; Kathryn Sample appt. as Finance Director; Special Study Session 4/18/17 @ 6:00 p.m.; consent calendar. Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned to closed session at 9:04 p.m. Reconvened in open session at 9:36 p.m. Adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Matthew K. Miller  
City Clerk

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**City of Livonia - 03/27/2017 Special Meeting Synopsis**

President McIntyre called the meeting to order at 8:47 p.m.

**Present:** Meakin, Kritzman, Brosnan, Jolly, White, Bahr and McIntyre.  
**Absent:** None

#121-17 Approving the City of Livonia Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2017-2022.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.**  
**Full text of the official minutes is available in the Office of the City Clerk.**

Susan M. Nash  
Livonia City Clerk

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**So many can be helped, saved**

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

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

Last night I was told that 144 Americans die each day as a result of opioid overdoses. I was shocked to my core.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Alfred Brock  
Wayne

**New uses for Livonia strip malls, vacancies**

It is apparent that multiple factors from a changing retail landscape resulting in the need for less retail space and the fact that there are simply too many strip malls and vacancies to fill is working against our community in Livonia and communities throughout the country.

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

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

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

I am advocating for the transformation of the city's empty retail spaces into many thriving and engaged community centers within walking distance of all neigh-

borhoods that anchor the different sections of the city. Yes, this would require private investment, and the city evaluating and eliminating obstacles that prevent the growth and development that we all want. Imagine Livonia's neighborhoods with their tall trees and sidewalks that lead to restaurants and businesses but also benches, music, festivals, and community gatherings where your neighbors will once again become your friends.

Jim Jolly  
Livonia City Council

**Trump blames Obama**

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

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

Trump has only been in office for eleven weeks and the world's bullies and tyrants are emboldened. Not only has Assad broken from a four year hiatus from using chemical weapons on civilians, Kim Jong Un of North Korea has stepped-up testing missiles that will someday be capable of delivering nuclear warheads to American shores and has ramped up the aggressive rhetoric. Looks as if the weak and feckless

GOP characterization of Obama for all those years far more aptly fits Donald Trump since like Rodney Dangerfield, he is getting no respect, no respect at all.

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

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

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

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

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

Mitch Smith  
Canton

**Liberals are annoying**

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

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

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

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

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

Ever since the presidential election, the liberals have been carrying

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

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

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

Leo Weber  
Livonia

**Redford to honor public safety heroes**

Redford will honor its public safety workers on Thursday, April 20, during the township's annual police and fire awards banquet.

The dinner is at 7 p.m. at the cultural center at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 26355 W. Chicago, with cocktail time beginning at 6:30 p.m. It will be the 32nd annual public safety awards banquet.

The event, organized by the Redford Township Chamber of Commerce, will recognize the police officer and firefighter of the year as well as the recipients of other awards from the police and fire departments.

Tickets are \$36 each and include dinner and an open bar.

Tickets can be purchased at the chamber offices, 25050 Five Mile, during business hours; Visa and MasterCard are accepted, and checks can be made out to the Redford Chamber of Commerce.

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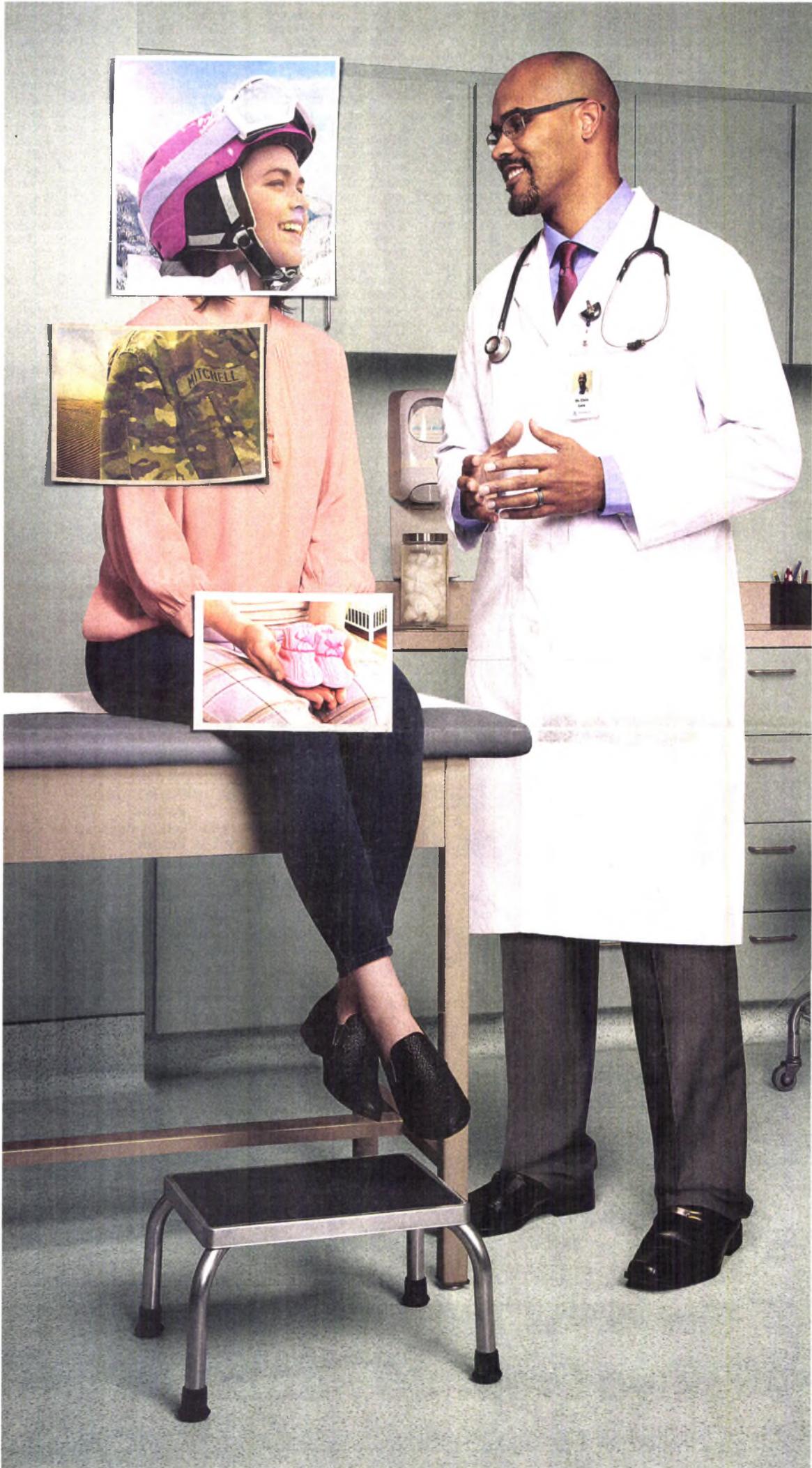
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FRANKLIN TO HOST EVENT

## College recruiting myths on docket

Recruiting Realities' Jack Renkens has can't-miss message April 19 for students, parents and coaches

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The college recruiting game sometimes is a dirty one, but Livonia student-athletes and their parents have a unique chance to get the clean scoop about what's in it for them.

In his presentation "The Realities of College Athletic Recruiting," Jack Renkens, a motivational speaker and author from Recruiting Realities, will break it all down at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, in the Livonia Franklin auditorium.

The free presentation, which will last about 50 minutes, is for student-athletes from Franklin, Livonia Churchill and Livonia Stevenson — as well as parents and coaches.

Renkens, a former college coach, will tee off on a couple of important trends, including about parents who are unrealistic and critical of coaches.

"This event has been at Churchill in recent years," Churchill athletic director Marc Hage said. "We have Jack visit

us every four or five years. It is beneficial because he gives parents a very realistic perspective about the both the recruiting process and where their child actually fits into it — and if they even do.

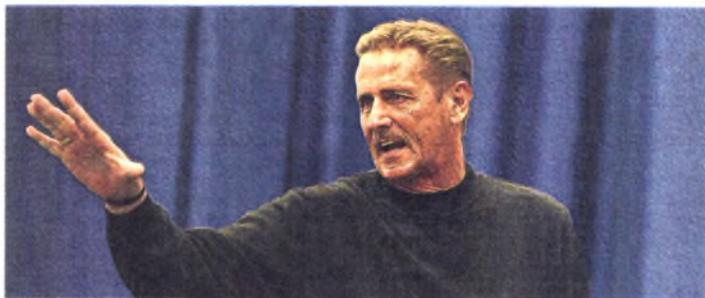
"Also, he tells parents how to proceed if it is their child's desire to pursue collegiate opportunities."

According to a press release, Livonia Public Schools made the investment to the community "to provide our student-athletes and parents with information about playing college athletics.

"This event is designed for every high school parent and their student-athlete. If your son or daughter truly has aspirations to play at the college level, this is a 'can't-miss' event."

Two popular myths that Renkens will debunk are that only top athletes should consider college athletics and that they must hold off until junior year of high school to start revving up their communications with recruiters.

According to Recruiting Realities,



RECRUITING REALITIES  
Jack Renkens, a motivational speaker, author and former college coach, will break down the realities of recruiting April 19 for Livonia district student-athletes.

those myths are as follows:

» Myth 1: That the time to gear up recruiting efforts is late in the junior year. Reality: The best time to start is freshman year.

» Myth 2: Only the top athletes can expect to get opportunities. Reality: There are great schools all over the country looking for good athletes, good students and good kids right now.

The first five coaches that Renkens

meets April 19 will receive a complimentary copy of his latest book.

For more information, go to the website recruitingrealities.com.

Also, interested people can contact Recruiting Realities vice president Lucy Cohen at 800-242-0165 or email lucy@recruitingrealities.com.

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CYO SOFTBALL

## NIGHT COURT

Judge Mike Gerou's 'day job' is at 35th District Court, but he relishes coaching Good Counsel softball

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As a judge or softball coach, Mike Gerou loves holding court.

Not only is Gerou a longtime judge at 35th District Court in Plymouth, but he also guides and directs young people in another way — as the new varsity softball coach at Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Whether wearing his black robe inside the courthouse or his green and gold Crusaders garb out on the softball field, he loves to connect and communicate.

"I don't even know if they know," Gerou said when asked in his trophy-laden chambers about whether any of his players knows he's a judge in his day job. With a hearty laugh, he jokingly added that "in a few years they might."

All kidding aside, Gerou couldn't wait to get his new team out on the practice field at Farrand Elementary School in Plymouth to practice everything from bunting to sliding.

The Crusaders open the season with games Saturday against Dearborn Divine Child and Sunday against Livonia's St. Michael Catholic School.

He's no stranger to coaching softball, having founded and coached the successful program at All Saints Catholic School in Canton. In a three-year span there, his teams went 29-1.

Travel teams have benefited from his coaching over the years, including renowned programs such as the PC Pride and Livonia Storm.

And in 2015, he was the junior varsity coach at OLG. He had to give it up for a season last spring, because it was his daughter Elaine's final year of col-

lege softball at Schoolcraft and "I didn't want to miss her games."

### Helping the kids

Now that he is the Crusaders varsity coach, does Gerou worry about having enough time what with his duties at 35th District Court? He said he'd find a way to make it all work because he flat-out loves coaching the sport.

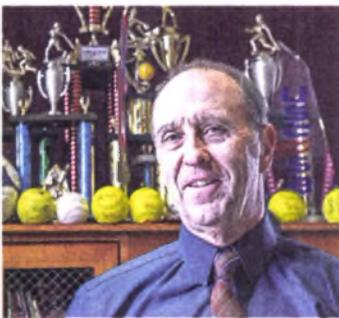
"Nah, I'm type A, terminally type

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Despite recovering from recent shoulder surgery, Our Lady of Good Counsel softball coach Mike Gerou (above) enthusiastically plays catch with a Crusaders player during practice.



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Even when Mike Gerou is in his judge's chambers at 35th District Court in Plymouth, an overflowing trophy showcase reminds him and visitors about his "second" career.

PREP SOFTBALL PREVIEW

## Patriots ready to hit ground running

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As far as Livonia Franklin softball coach Brittany Grys is concerned, last season was a mulligan for her and the Patriots.

Grys was hired to take over the team shortly before the 2016 season began, which didn't give her sufficient lead time to work with players. The Patriots finished 9-29, falling in the district finals to Garden City.

But in Year 2, she expects things to be much more settled.

"The team will be more competitive this year especially with league games," Grys said. "Last year's close-to-season hire date didn't leave much time to work in the off-season before tryouts and games.

"The off-season workouts have made a huge impact with the team and leadership already this year."

Franklin will look to make noise in the KLA South Division with a trio of team captains leading the way.

Those include senior catcher and power bat Brooke Garbarino, senior infielder-outfielder Melissa Ferrier and junior pitcher-shortstop Miyah Smith.

"Miyah was our starting shortstop last year," Grys said. "We will utilize her glove again this year but she will be our starting pitcher after stepping up and taking on a critical role for the team."

Also back and expected to be key

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A key returnee for the Patriots is Miyah Smith, shown during a 2016 game.

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## PREP SOFTBALL PREVIEW

## Patterson will mix and match with Cougars

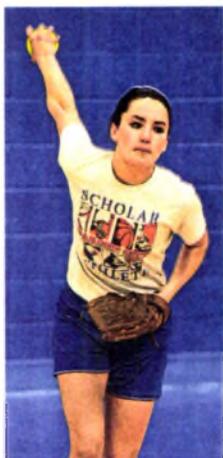
Garden City softball lineup will feature interchangeable parts early in season

Tim Smith  
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Yes, the Garden City Cougars have some all-state-sized holes to fill, thanks to the graduations of shortstop Kaylen Glenfield and outfielder Amber Swisher.

And don't forget that all-conference catcher Mikaela Smolar is now at Schoolcraft College.

But veteran head coach Barry Patterson isn't fretting too much, because the Cougars also



TOM BEAUDOIN  
Alissa Turnbull will do some pitching for the Cougars.

have some pretty good players coming back from the 2016 team that went 23-16 and won a regional title.

"We're going to be competitive," Patterson said. "Depth-wise, I think we're probably as good as anybody in the league if you look at 1-to-10 in the lineup."

The defending Wayne Westland Athletic Conference Red Division champions boast a balanced lineup, as well as strong defense and pitching.

Those components usually result in victories. "We have a couple returners coming back to the outfield who are going to catch it well for us," Patterson said. "I feel pretty comfortable about

that."

He listed those outfielders as seniors Brittaney Radtke and Alecia Montgomery and sophomore Megan Glaser.

Patterson also can call on junior Kamryn Dunham to log time in the outfield, when she isn't helping out at the catcher's position.

On the mound will be junior starter April Rudolph, who already has two seasons in the circle under her belt.

"(Rudolph) started as a freshman and as a sophomore, so she has a lot of game experience," Patterson said. "Not an overpowering pitcher, she locates the ball well, doesn't walk people, gives us opportunities to be in

every game.

"She doesn't get a ton of strikeouts, so that's why it's real important that we catch the ball behind her."

Also ready to share the pitching load are senior Alissa Turnbull and junior Aubrey Boston.

Turnbull will start somewhere in the infield most of the time, although Patterson said he is still trying to determine which players will play where.

Also in the infield mix are power-hitting senior Alicia Ascencio, junior Natalie Billings and even Radtke, not to mention varsity junior newcomer Amanda Kesson (also vying for the starting catcher's job).

If Kesson isn't catching, behind the plate will be freshman Emma Gausden, senior Shelby Casey or Dunham.

Radtke, Montgomery and Glaser will be the main outfielders, but Patterson has several options when needed.

Those players who might help out in the outfield include juniors Olivia Polak, Cortni Mower, Amy Porter, Kesson, Dunham, sophomore Libby Spears and freshman Siena Sanchez-Condash.

Both Spears and Sanchez-Condash also can chip in at infield positions.

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## WOMEN'S WORLDS

## It's on to semis for U.S. Women's National Team

American top Finland to advance in tourney

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Although the ice was tilted toward the Finland goal Monday night — with a wide edge in scoring chances — the U.S. Women's National Team found itself in a 3-3 tie with 11 minutes left.

Needing a victory to ensure a spot in the semifinal round of the 2017 IIHF Women's World Championships at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, center Hannah Brandt and her linemates sensed the urgency and opportunity.

"We knew it was going to be a battle going into it and we knew that after they got that third goal that we were going to need another one to win the game," said Brandt, who scored the winning goal in Team USA's 5-3 victory. "So our line looked at each other. We said, 'We got the next one.'

"It was pretty soon after that third goal that they got that we came back and were able to put one in. It was nice that we were able to get it back quick and our line was itching for a goal."

With the win, the U.S. moves on to the semifinal game set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday against the winner of Tuesday's Russia-Germany preliminary round match-up. Also Thursday, at 3:30 p.m., Canada will square off against either Finland or Sweden.

## To the net

On the deciding goal, U.S. defenseman Gigi Marvin threaded a pass from the left corner to Brandt charging in front of the blue paint.

As Brandt lunged forward, she mustered enough on the re-direct to slip the puck past Finland goalie Noora Raty, who kept her team in it with a 35-save performance.

"I just went to the net and Gigi found my

stick," Brandt said. "I really just had to get enough on it and it trickled in."

But the victory was not yet signed, sealed and delivered. The U.S. needed to kill off a subsequent five-on-three situation for a span of 1:35.

There were several factors behind the penalty kill.

Goaltender Alex Rigsby (21 saves), who wasn't tested as much as Raty, came up with several timely stops.

On defense, Farmington's Megan Keller out-muscled Finland forwards for possession of the puck behind the net. And players such as forward Kendall Coyne seemingly were everywhere to get in shooting lanes.

Clinching the win, before 1,368 fans, was an empty-netter at the 19-minute mark by Jocelyne Lamoureux.

"No. 1, we had Rigsby, who made some big saves," U.S. head coach Robb Stauber said.



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Team USA's Kendall Coyne (right) congratulates goal-scorer Hilary Knight.

while, the game was up for grabs.

"I did mention to the players that we've all been in games like this before where you look up at the shot clock," Stauber said. "It can be lopsided. But on the other hand, the score matters. It's not just shots on goal."

"So we've all been in games like that before and, the critical thing is, when it is lopsided, that you still come out on top."

## Group effort

One of the key performers for the U.S. was forward Hilary Knight, who scored two of her team's three power-play goals.

"It helps to have a veteran presence whenever you're a team in a big tournament on a world stage," Knight said. "But I think the beautiful thing about our team is that we can get everyone going."

"And when we get everyone going, (we're) tough to stop."

Knight, however, added that although the atmosphere in Plymouth has been "fun," it would be even better with more spectators in the seats.

"I'd like to see more fans," Knight said. "But the fans are fantastic and I'm looking forward to a bigger crowd next time (in the semifinals)."

The U.S. also is assured of playing Friday, either in the bronze medal game (3:30 p.m.) or gold medal game (7:30 p.m.).

Also scoring for the U.S. was Coyne, on a power play at 3:33 of the second period, to snap a 1-1 tie.

Amanda Kessel's shot from the left circle was blocked, but the puck caromed over to Coyne near the right post. She collected it and jammed it home.

Tickets remain on sale at the USA Hockey Arena box office or online at 2017womenworlds.com.

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## GEROU

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A," Gerou said, laughing again. "I'm a driven person. But I'm really passionate about coaching softball. I like coaching kids, I love the game of softball and it's a great opportunity to impart life's lessons to these kids."

"Not only (about) hard work, but that putting in the extra effort pays off. Also, attention to detail, setting lofty goals, believing in yourself, believing in your teammates, putting a plan in place and every day you work to get better and better."

At any rate, he doesn't have far to travel from the courthouse to adjacent Massey Field, where the Crusaders play home games.

"It's a great opportunity," Gerou said. "The city of Plymouth takes care of Our Lady of Good Counsel. It's a fabulous field to play on."

Gerou said he was "honored" to be asked to take over the team, composed mostly of seventh- and eighth-graders. Last year, the Crusaders had a rough go of it (1-8-1) against Catholic Youth Organization opponents in their initial foray into varsity play.

"Some of the girls were saying they didn't know if they liked softball anymore, that sort of thing," Gerou said. "So I ran into Mike Riordan (Circuit Court of Appeals judge) and said, 'Hey, if anybody'd be looking for a coach, let me know.'"

"I'm very excited to do so. I get a chance to coach a lot of the girls I coached two years ago. There's some new ones as well, but I'm excited for the opportunity."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Our Lady of Good Counsel softball coach Mike Gerou shows his team how it's done during practice last week.

## THE GEROU FILE

**Who:** Mike Gerou, new varsity softball coach at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth.

**He's a vet:** Gerou previously coached at OLGC in 2015, heading up the JV softball team. He helped found All Saints Catholic School in Canton and was softball coach there for several seasons.

**Community leader:** The Canton resident is president of Catholic Youth Organization athletics at All Saints, has coached various community youth sports over two decades (including several nationally ranked fast-pitch softball teams) and was the first president of the Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association.

**Meet the judge:** Gerou was elected in November 2002 to serve as a 35th District Court judge in Plymouth. He remains in that position.

**Meet the coach:** He has an extensive background as a travel softball coach, including successful stints with the PC Pride, Livonia Storm, Queens of Diamonds and Michigan Strategy.

**Meet the Crusaders:** His first OLGC varsity team includes players Sydney Marx, Madeline Stone, Zara Post, Clare Baker, Nikita Moore, Olivia Haass, Sophia Hogan, Rachel Paulin, Sarah Ellsworth, Fiona Riordan and Maria Plenner.

**Coaching staff:** Helping out Gerou will be OLGC main assistant coach Karyn Paulin, along with team manager Karen Baker. Daughter Elaine and son Nolan also will be helping out as assistant coaches. His oldest son is Miles.

**Home games:** The Crusaders will play home contests at Massey Field, a softball's throw away from Gerou's chambers.

## Don't worry

His first goal is for players to get just as excited about playing softball. Gerou intends on making sure they play hard and not be

afraid of throwing to the wrong base or dropping a pop fly.

"I've been coaching kids sports for 20 years, fast pitch softball for about a dozen years," Gerou said. "I think a

girls is, come spring and the ground's still hard — and they haven't ever done this before — they're afraid to slide," he said. "If you can't slide, you're never going to run the bases aggressively, so they bought some sliding pads. In our indoor practices, we've done extensive work on sliding."

Whether those sessions will help the Crusaders rack up wins and victories remains to be seen.

## Game of life

But Gerou is more interested in coaching up kids so they can add to a different kind of victory column. He wants them to be respectful and go about their business the right way.

"We have two team mottos," Gerou said. "One, we respect everybody. We respect our teammates, we respect our opponents, we respect the coaches, the umpires, the parents. And we fear no one."

"The other team motto is every day, in every way, we're getting better and better. As long as we're seeing improvement every day, things just take care of themselves. We'll be OK."

Meanwhile, according to Gerou the judge, there is another underlying reason it is essential for young people to have a purpose and a place to be.

"If they don't get anything else out of this, find something in life you're passionate about," Gerou said. "Just pursue your passions."

That's what Gerou does and he has no intentions of slowing down anytime soon.

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contributors are junior first baseman Sarah Iler and junior outfielder Tara Trujillo. The coach said both Iler and Trujillo are outstanding hitters, combining for power and average.

The Patriots also boast junior returnees Emily Johnson and Alanah Kirwan.

"They will be an effective combo for us both in the infield and outfield," Grys said. "They already have visible improvements from last season both offensively and defensively."

A promising group of varsity newcomers also have the second-year coach optimistic about this season.

Sophomores Haley Bennett and Aubrey Wiacek and freshman Maddison Reynolds "bring new energy to the team and will be key players for us. For being newcomers to the team they are stepping up and giving the returners some major competition in all areas of the game. Haley will also see time behind the plate."

Helping out in the pitcher's circle will be junior Jordan Berger and sophomore Lauren D'Angelo.

"Lauren has a strong bat and will be utilized in the lineup frequently," Grys said. "Both girls put in consistent work in the off-season to improve consistency and speed in their pitching."

Providing versatility will be sophomore catcher-outfielder Olivia Napier, while junior utility player Ashley Kent returns after missing last year due to shoulder surgery.

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USA HOCKEY

## St. Cyr standing tall in U.S. net

Goalie's inspired two-year run with NTDP closing with stint at IIHF Under-18 Men's Worlds in Slovakia

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Dylan St. Cyr only stands 5 feet, 8 inches, but he is about to be a big presence on the world hockey stage.

St. Cyr, 17, son of former women's professional goaltender Manon Rheaume and ex-minor league player Gerry St. Cyr, is competing through April 23 at the IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship in Slovakia.

That's where St. Cyr and his teammates on the U.S. National Team Development Program U18 squad are capping off an intense, two-year journey.

"Anytime you put on the USA Hockey jersey, whether it's international or USHL games or college games, it's special," St. Cyr said during a recent interview at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth. "But obviously, it's just a different mindset, it's a different feel."

"You know you're going up against every other country. It's a really special feeling going into places like Sweden, Slovakia. I'm really excited about having played in those five tournaments (over the past two years) and being here

and part of that."

The Northville resident's most recent international tournament might be tough to surpass, however.

### Shootout star

At the Five Nations Tournament during February in Sweden, St. Cyr stoned four of six Swedish skaters in a shootout as Team USA prevailed 5-4 in the gold medal game.

"In our final game, to battle the adversity that we did, so many penalties called against us and scoring with about three seconds left, down a man," St. Cyr said. "That was pretty cool stuff to go into overtime and force a shootout,

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Northville's Dylan St. Cyr stands inside USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, where he has been a standout the past two seasons with the National Team Development Program.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL



Salem baseball players spread tarps as the rain begins Monday. The storm passed and play resumed against Wayne Memorial.

PREP ATHLETICS

## Belleville likely will join KLAA

But high school won't join circuit until 2018-19

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

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

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

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

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

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

Belleville would replace Grand Blanc, which was voted out of the association by the member schools last month by a 13-1 vote.

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

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

Those member schools include Dearborn Fordson (enrollment 2,459), Dearborn High, Dearborn Edsel Ford, Dearborn Heights Annapolis, Dearborn Heights Crestwood,

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# OPENING DELAY

Wet weather interrupts Salem's home opener against Wayne, but game resumes and Rocks prevail, 9-2

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The baseball bunting decorated the backstop at Salem High School and the hot dog grill was back in business Monday afternoon.

Mother Nature also had her say in matters as the Rocks hosted Wayne Memorial in a KLAA crossover varsity baseball game, opening up the 2017 season for the home team after a string of rainouts.

For a while, it looked like Salem would be 0-for-5 against Michigan's unpredictable spring weather, when lightning and thunder — and then rain — forced the teams to their respective dugouts

with the Rocks up 1-0 in the top of the third on a wild pitch (scoring Luke Hindt, who doubled to left in the frame).

But instead of another postponement, the bad weather subsided enough for the game to resume. Salem ultimately won 9-2 in six innings, behind home runs by Trevor Genaw and Danny Diaz and strong pitching from starter and winner Erich Payne.

Top performers for Wayne Memorial (2-4 overall) were sophomore Gio Ramirez (two hits) and senior Brandon Pryzbala (RBI).

"I guess that's Michigan though, you got to kind of expect it," said Salem's third-year head coach John Wright, during the weather delay. "We're real blessed this year with 10 or 12 pitchers, so when these games have to be backed up we're still going to be able to throw people out there that have a little bit of experience on the mound."

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Wayne Memorial pitcher Colin Ramsey throws the baseball during Monday's contest against Salem.

BASEBALL PREVIEW

## Warriors ready to take on MIAC

For Lutheran Westland and Plymouth Christian, new baseball season one of optimism and hope

Tim Smith  
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Weather is warming up in Observerland and so is high school baseball in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Both Lutheran Westland and Plymouth Christian Academy are optimistic about be-

ing competitive in the MIAC in 2017, although the incline might be a bit steeper for the young Eagles.

Following is a glimpse at both teams as the season begins in earnest this week.

### Lutheran Westland

For veteran Warriors head coach Kevin Wade, last year was one of the best in school history with a 18-6 record and district championship.

That team then lost "irreplaceable" Jordan Williams and Brent Croft to graduation. But Wade isn't too concerned because "we have guys who

are ready to step in and pick up where they left off."

Lutheran Westland does return a trio of senior captains in outfielder-pitchers Drake Snyder and Kory Barikmo and shortstop-pitcher Andy Faith.

"All three young men bring different talents to the team so they complement each other well. Each has a drive and determination to be successful and that will be infectious with the rest of the team."

They are three of nine senior returnees, providing Wade with plenty of experience as

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FILE PHOTO  
Rounding the bases during a 2016 game is Lutheran Westland's Drake Snyder. He is part of the Warriors' impressive cast of returnees for 2017.

## ST. CYR

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which was awesome.” Another Michigan product, forward Josh Norris of Oxford, was the hero at the end of regulation with his short-handed goal, which gave St. Cyr his chance to shine in the ultimate pressure situation.

Beginning this week, St. Cyr and company will try to have the same kind of success. The U18 squad faces Belarus and Russia on Thursday and Saturday, respectively, during the preliminary round. The top four teams in each of two pools will advance to the quarterfinals.

Whatever happens in Slovakia, the Northville High School senior will be more than ready to start his collegiate hockey career at Notre Dame.

St. Cyr originally committed to the University of Michigan, but earlier this year decided — with encouragement from his parents — to change his future address.

“I think it was a collective decision, just family and all,” he said. “My dad has been along the way, too. He wasn’t a goalie, but he was a player.”

“He’s helped me, especially mentally and in influencing decisions. I just think it was the right decision for everyone.”

The growth St. Cyr has made in his second season with USA Hockey undoubtedly could help lift him to a successful NCAA Division I career.

With the U18 team, which in addition to tournaments faces a demanding slate of games against college and United States Hockey League teams, St. Cyr so far has played 40 games and posted a 2.79 goals-against average with .896 save percentage while going 26-11.

As an NTDP rookie in 2015-16 with the U17 team, he gave up 3.31 goals per game and won just 13 of 34 decisions. In the NTDP, elite junior players from around the country are procured for a unique, two-year program with the purpose of winning medals.

“It’s a process. You show up here and you’re playing against older guys,” St. Cyr said. “It’s really something you want to experience so you can move and challenge yourself to play against those older guys.”

“Moving forward, I think it’s really going to help in the long run, getting that experience that no other kids our age are getting, playing against college kids now.”

Yet, as any goalie will attest to, the nature of the position itself requires the ability to have a short memory and flick away any bad experiences as though they were beads of sweat.



Maintaining sharp focus as he knocks a shot away with the knob of his goalie stick is Team USA’s Dylan St. Cyr.

### Thanks, mom

That’s where St. Cyr doesn’t mind having the first female professional goaltender in history in his family. Rheume won the silver medal for Canada in the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano.

“At a younger age, (Rheume) was more working with me on the ice and working with my team, but that was at a very young age,” St. Cyr said. “And now, it’s just the mental game, because that’s something that’s always going to be a part of the game, it’s not going to change.”

“So she’s really been there for me a lot. Just know there will be times that you’re going to be on your downs and you’re going to have to work through it and mentally overcome it, I think that’s been a really good help for me this year.”

Although the good games have far outnumbered the bad this winter, Rheume knows from experience when to step in and offer some advice or encouragement.



Dylan St. Cyr and the rest of the U.S. NTDP Under-18 team begin play Thursday at the IIHF U18 World Championship in Slovakia.

“Usually, bad games I don’t like to talk about, I keep those to myself,” St. Cyr said, nodding with a smile. “But she always tries to help me with keeping confidence and always just keeping the right mindset going to the next game.”

“Usually that night, I’ll be upset (about) it, but moving forward from that there’s nothing you can do. You got to move forward.”

## THE ST. CYR FILE

**Who:** Dylan St. Cyr, 17, a senior at Northville High School and goaltender for the U.S. National Team Development Program Under-18 team.

**What:** St. Cyr and his teammates are finishing their NTDP careers from April 13-23 in Slovakia. They will play in the 2017 International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 Mens World Championship.

**Michigan flavor:** In addition to St. Cyr, Michigan products skating in the tourney include defenseman Tommy Miller (West Bloomfield), forwards Logan Cockerill (Brighton) and Josh Norris (Oxford).

**Openers:** Team USA, slotted into the B pool, will open preliminary round play Thursday against Belarus and will follow up with a Saturday game against Russia. Top four teams in the A and B pools advance to the quarterfinals.

**Personal:** St. Cyr’s parents are Manon Rheume and Gerry St. Cyr, both former minor hockey players. Rheume, also a goaltender, is the only female to suit up for a National Hockey League team. She played several preseason games in 1992 for the Tampa Bay Lightning. St. Cyr has committed to play college hockey at Notre Dame.

NTDP career coming to a close.

### Still a Mustang

He’ll graduate from Northville High, where during the season he’s attended morning classes before finishing up daily schoolwork at the rink.

“That was my school for all my life, so I see all the same friends,” he said. “It’s right down the street, so I can’t complain about it; it’s about two minutes away from here.”

“I really like Northville. It’s a great school, definitely challenges you. I go to three classes out of the four a day and then I come over here.”

With the Notre Dame chapter of his hockey life waiting for him, St. Cyr will never forget the whirlwind two seasons wearing the red, white and blue.

“It’s been the most exciting two years, but also the quickest two years of my life and I think everybody can tell you that,” St. Cyr said. “It’s tough, but it’s fun and I enjoyed it a lot.”

“But you really don’t believe it’s going to be that quick of a two years, but when you look now, there’s only (several) games left, it’s crazy to even think about that.”

Not all that crazy is the notion St. Cyr could soon add to his growing pile of hockey gold.

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## BASEBALL

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Zebras counterpart Kerry Johnson, starting his first season at the helm, shook his head about the delay, which came moments after Ramirez reached first base on a sharp single to left.

“You know, as a coach I always want to play and at least get four innings in,” Johnson said. “Because making up a game is pretty difficult, with the schedules. We play a lot of three-day weeks already.”

Should Wednesday’s weather cooperate, the Rocks will host Northville for a KLAA Central Division doubleheader while Wayne visits Livonia Franklin for a twin-bill.

“Luckily I got my 1-2 guys ready for Wednesday,” said Johnson, referring to senior Devin Puckett and junior Tyler Napier. “With the new pitching rules with the days off between number of pitches, you have



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Salem’s Luke Hindt (left), who scored on a wild pitch on this play, watches as teammate Henry Runnells is tagged out trying to make it home from second. Tagging him out is catcher Tyler Hamilton.

to be careful who you use each particular game.”

### Wayne preview

Despite Monday’s loss, Johnson sees hope

that the Zebras can make strides following a 4-17-1 season in 2016 (including 1-15 in the KLAA South Division). And it starts with pitching and defense.

“We’re real happy defensively,” Johnson said. “We need to improve our hitting, obviously, with a couple of one-run losses. We have some returning guys in

the outfield which is helpful.

“We’re a young team up the middle, (we) have some young guys playing those positions. But it’s pretty good, I’m real

happy so far.”

Returning players include senior Devin Puckett, junior Tyler Napier and junior catcher Justin Johnson.

“Devin and Tyler are my 1-2 starters (starting pitchers),” he said. “They are back from last year, which is good.”

Puckett and Napier will play centerfield and third base when they are not pitching.

Other seniors looking to help the Zebras turn things around include infielder Bryan Struppa, first baseman Brandon Pryzbala, second baseman-pitcher Colin Ramsey, outfielder-pitcher Kent Goodling, outfielder-infielder Kyle Swindehurst, outfielders Michael Coats, Anthony Gray and James Green-shields.

Helping the cause will be junior outfielder-infielder A.J. Fickling, sophomore shortstop Gio Ramirez and sophomore pitcher-outfielder Malik Lewis.

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## BELLEVILLE

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Dearborn Heights Robichaud, Romulus, Redford Union, Redford Thurston and Livonia Clarenceville (the smallest member with 559).

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

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

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

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

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

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JOE BRODIE  
Belleville athletic director

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

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

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

The KLAA, which had 24 schools this school year, is losing nine of its current members to the Lakes Valley Conference, which will be launched in fall 2017. The LVC includes South Lyon, South Lyon East, Milford, White Lake Lakeland, Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Western, Walled Lake Northern, Waterford Mott and Waterford Kettering.

Another current KLAA member, Pinck-

ney, will compete next school year in the Southeastern Conference.

Pending Belleville’s acceptance, realignment of divisions will once again take place for the 2018-2019 school year. The KLAA will have two divisions, Black and Gold, featuring seven schools each.

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

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

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

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

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the Warriors navigate through the MIAC waters.

That group includes Ben Brown (catcher), Zach English (third base), Colin McLaughlin (second base), Jeremy Orme (first base-pitcher), Evan Zagata (outfield-pitcher) and Greg Miller (outfield-pitcher).

Also back are juniors Josh Rockensuess (infield-pitcher), Christian Zimmerman (outfield-pitcher) and sophomore Nate Schaffer (infield-pitcher).

A pair of senior newcomers also could spice things up for the squad. Luke Konkel will play third base and pitch while Grant Ingersoll is ready to help out anywhere in the infield and on the mound.

“I think we will compete just fine in our division,” Wade said. “We have a good mix of experience and talent that should keep us in most games.”

“We have a lot of guys who can throw as well, which will be important as games get stacked up as the season goes along.”

### Plymouth Christian

The backdrop is one of relative uncertainty for Plymouth Christian Academy baseball coach

Joe Bottorff and the Eagles.

A handful of players graduated, but Bottorff said there is reason for optimism.

“Fortunately, we have several players with significant experience that are hungry for their turn to start,” he said.

Certain to spark PCA is senior leadoff hitter Matt Cusumano, who will divide time between shortstop and outfield.

“Matt is a perfect leadoff hitter,” Bottorff said. “He always puts the ball in play and his speed puts pressure on the defense.”

Other seniors are Josh Mason, power-hitting cleanup hitter Nathan Bishop, Brendan Hess, Adam Albert and Austin Andres.

The latter is one of PCA’s top starting pitchers as well as an all-around talent who will start in centerfield on non-pitching days.

“Austin has power and speed and aggressively attacks the defense at the plate and on the bases,” Bottorff said.

PCA’s other top starting pitcher is versatile junior Phillip Morby (who will play catcher, first base or shortstop when not on the mound).

“Phillip is a very smart player, hits for a high average and is an excellent base runner,” Bottorff noted.

Bottorff also can get innings out of Mason,

Norby Fernandez and Elijah Grit, among others.

“With the new MHSAA pitch count rule,” Bottorff said, “pitching will be at a premium and we will use around nine different guys at some point during our 28-game schedule.”

A lot of the offense will be set up by Cusumano at the top of the order. But Bishop (catcher, first base, pitcher) hopefully will then clear the bases from his cleanup spot in the lineup.

“Nathan was a clutch pinch hitter late in games last season and I am excited to see how he does as a full time player,” Bottorff said.

Flexibility will be PCA’s main ingredient. Sophomore Grit and Mason can play third base and the outfield; Albert is ready for second base or outfield duty; sophomore Fernandez can chip in at either middle infield spot; junior Conner Smith is available at second and the outfield and Bottorff can plug Hess and junior Gavin Goerke into the outfield.

Other players set to help the cause include: juniors Caleb Godin and Evan Wright; sophomores Aaron Geisler and Tyler Joseph; and freshmen Aiden Andres and CJ Mangum.

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SCARY ADVERSITY

# TRIUMPHANT RETURN

Big obstacles don't deter tiny Canton senior Jana Hilditch from reaching individual state finals

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When Jana Hilditch wants something — especially in gymnastics — she keeps her eye on the prize and flicks off all surrounding distractions until she gets it.

For the 17-year-old Hilditch, a senior at Canton High School, the 2016-17 gymnastics season was her final chance to get the personal goal she wanted the most: to qualify for the MHSAA individual state finals.

But then came the Monday morning after Thanksgiving break, something that turned her world upside down in the same way she catapults through the air during another on-the-money vault routine.

Hilditch suffered a seizure in her bedroom, blacking out for a couple of minutes and not being clear-headed for at least 20 minutes. After getting up, she rolled her left foot and broke a toe while trying to make her way to the ambulance.

"We don't have any family history of seizures, so it was kind of sudden and we really didn't expect it at all," said Hilditch, a tiny young woman (4-foot-11 and 96 pounds) with a big knack for nimble performance. "It was kind of big, because I was out of school for two days and I then I was out of gymnastics for about a month."

And during that absence, the daughter of Gina and Jim Hilditch of Canton openly wondered if her quest to reach the finals her senior year was upended.

It was tough for her to cope with at first.

"It made me very

upset when I was off," said Hilditch, with her mom during an interview at Grand Traverse Pie Co. in Plymouth. "I kind of had to sit at practice and watch my teammates practice for a month. I just kind of sat there."

"I was so tempted to just get up and go and run and do flips, but I wasn't allowed to because I wasn't cleared yet. There were a few times when I just had to step out into the hall and compose myself."

Finally, Hilditch was given the green light to return to the Chiefs and — despite another seizure in January — she was a key contributor to Canton's latest team regional championship.

And yes, the Division 1 gymnast was able to qualify for individual finals in the balance beam and floor exercise.

But not before an anxious week leading into the individual regional filled her with a rare kind of self-doubt. Not to mention she was dealing with a sore back that hampered her.

"The week up to regionals, it was a very bad practice and I was kind of concerned that I wouldn't make it to states," she said. "I knew the team would make it, but I wasn't sure if I was going to make it to individuals or not. I couldn't get skills consistently."

"I had a lot of thoughts: What would I do if I didn't make it to states? It was really hard. But when I made it to states, all the pain was worth it."

Although Hilditch didn't garner all-state honors, she was pleased with how she performed.

"Floor was good and beam was pretty good," Hilditch said. "Except I fell on my mount."

**On her feet**

Getting up after slipping is something Jana Hilditch is getting pretty good at though. Her mom definitely is noticing that about her daughter these days.

"I've learned that she's a pretty strong kid," Gina Hilditch said. "I think at first she was embarrassed about (the seizure). But she realizes it's part of life now. ... I think she's overcome it well."

"She's hung in there and she continues to hang in there and bounce back well."

Gina Hilditch said Jana had an "episode" earlier in 2016, but that "they had not classified it as a seizure. After she had the second one, it was very clear that that's what had happened before."

"There's no good explanation for what happened to her; all her tests have been normal. She is just classified with a generic epilepsy, because they don't have anything else to call it," Gina added.

But now Jana takes medicine for the condition. She will need to continue taking it for two years.

"We don't know that there were ever any indicators that it was going to happen," Gina said. "It was just very sudden. And there really was no predictor at all. I think it's important for people to understand ... your life is not over. You can be pretty much normal. It doesn't have to label you or control your



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO  
When Jana Hilditch is doing a gymnastics routine, she hones in on the task at hand.

life."

**Ups and downs**

So needless to say, Jana Hilditch's senior season was a roller-coaster ride, to say the least.

Although waiting to hear doctors give her the green light to compete again seemed to take eternity, a strong support system with the Chiefs really buoyed her spirits.

"It helped a lot," Hilditch said. "I think gymnastics really helped get me back in the mood and towards the swing of things, because I wanted to go to states and everything and I actually ended up going to states this year and that's always my main goal at the be-

ginning of a season. "I did, which I was really happy about. It made the season a lot better."

Of course, once Hilditch was cleared to return to the team, it took some time to sharpen her skills again.

"She had to put off starting her skills and practicing for a month," Gina said. "And that's really difficult in gymnastics to take that much time off and be able to go back to where you started."

"You're behind at that point. So it was really hard for her to be able to come back and get where she was."

But that didn't take as long as some might have thought, what with her doing the same drills and movements since joining Splitz Gymnastics Academy in Canton when she was about 3 years old.

Hilditch stayed at Splitz until joining Oakland Gymnastics in Walled Lake as an eighth-grader. Two years later, she joined her Chiefs to give high school gymnastics a try.

"Usually, if I take time off, I'm better when I come back, it's easier for me to do things," she said. "I feel once you start doing skills, it's in your blood and you know how to do it. So once you get back, it's not hard to get your skills back."

"You have muscle memory, so you remember how you do it."

**Comfort zone**

Also big was the love and support from family and friends, not to mention teammates and coaches such as John Cunningham.

"He's very supportive," Hilditch said about the longtime Canton coach. "He's probably one of the best coaches I've had, ever."

"But he knows where to push me and he knows what I've been going through. ... He knows how to push me and help me be the best gymnast I

can be."

Also important, her mom said, was Jana's "faith in God helped her get through all the hard times."

Having such a strong and comforting support system undoubtedly wrapped itself around her enough to come back strong.

Yet for a while in the weeks after the late November seizure, Hilditch felt conflicted about whether she should even talk about her situation outside the family home.

"I didn't originally tell people," she said. "But sometimes people would ask, 'Why isn't your car in the parking lot?' And I'd say, 'Oh, I can't drive, I haven't driven since November.'"

"And they were always wondering why. I just said, 'I had seizures' and they were freaking out about it. ... When a lot of people find out about it, they're supportive and they don't judge me about it."

**Time to chill**

Hilditch noted that she needs to wait six months after suffering a seizure to drive. Because she had a subsequent episode in January, she isn't permitted to drive until July.

"On my birthday, I can drive. I get to drive again on July 9," she said, adding that getting behind the wheel again will be a "very nice 18th birthday present."

One of her first drives will be to Grand Valley State University, where she will attend school and possibly do club gymnastics.

Or maybe she'll head over to Starbucks for her favorite beverage, a chai tea latte on ice.

"They know my order and they know my name," she said, with a beaming grin.

After so many unknowns and detours, Jana Hilditch definitely stuck the landing.

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PREP BASEBALL ROUNDUP

## Chargers drop 8-0 decision to Northville in crossover

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Ben Schmidt did it with his arm and Mike Lionas contributed with his bat Monday as host Northville opened KLAA Kensington Conference crossover play with an 8-0 baseball win over Livonia Churchill.

Schmidt worked the first six innings, allowing just two hits, to earn the victory. He struck out five and walked one before reliever Nick Broda closed with a scoreless

seventh. Lionas paced Northville's 10-hit attack, going 2-for-4 with an RBI.

Other offensive production for the Mustangs (2-0, 1-0 KLAA Central) came from Kevin Morrissey (2-for-2, RBI, two runs), Aram Shahrigan (two RBI), Nate Wixon (two runs), Jake Moody (RBI) and Christian Williams (RBI).

Churchill starter Jake Osen, who suffered the loss, allowed eight runs on 10 hits in 4½ innings. He was followed on the

seventh by Luke Jaroszewicz and Mitch White.

Northville led 1-0 after three innings before scoring four times in the bottom of the fourth and three more in the fifth.

For the Chargers, Matt Smith and Brett Stern each went 1-for-2 while Joe Ztargosz had a 1-for-3 showing.

**Glenn stopped by Novi**

Ryota Torri pitched four innings of scoreless relief Monday as host Novi (4-2-1, 1-0) held off

Westland John Glenn in a KLAA Kensington Conference crossover.

Torri, who scattered four hits and two walks while fanning four, took over for starter Cam Czapski in the third inning. Nate Lys came on to get the final two outs and the save with a pair of strikeouts in the seventh.

Evan Yokie had a two-run double and Tyler VanKirk contributed two hits for the Wildcats, who built a 5-0 lead before Glenn rallied for two runs in the sixth and one

in the seventh (off reliever Nathan Wicks).

Josh Muse collected two of Glenn's four hits, while Rockets starter Trevor Smith suffered the loss.

**Warriors downed**

After a soggy week, Novi Franklin Road Christian (0-1) finally launched its 2017 season Friday, falling to host Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day, 7-4, at Centennial Field.

Winning pitcher Anden Armbruster went the

first five innings, allowing two runs while striking out six and walking two.

John Barnwell paced the Yellowjackets offensively, going 2-for-4 with a run scored, while Anthony Toma went 1-for-4 with a run.

Evan Lorey went 2-for-4 with a two-run homer in a losing cause. Paul Alex also added one hit and scored a run for the Warriors.

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TRACK AND FIELD PREVIEW

## Thurston, Redford Union squads hit the starting line

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As Redford Thurston boys track and field coach Al Chambo gears up for his 23rd season, he already likes what he sees as the Eagles plan to defend their Red Division dual meet crown in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference.

Chambo believes his team can improve upon last year's sixth-place finish in the WWAC meet and 14th-place showing at the MHSAA Division 1 regional at North Farmington.

"We are looking forward to the upcoming season," Chambo said. "Despite the weather not

cooperating this spring, the athletes have been working very hard. We think our depth will be better this year as we have had an increase in participation. Our strength in the past has been the sprints and that will be the case again this year although we feel our mid-distance and distance runners will be contributing more this year."

Thurston, which finished 5-0 in the WWAC Red, lost three valuable team members to graduation, including Errol Franklin, who placed third in the 400-meter dash (50.52) at the Division 1 regional, along with Caebryn Crabtree,

who was seventh in the 800 at the regional (2:04.55); and Alonzo McCoy.

Leading returnees include sophomore Ryan Gailliard (sprints), junior Darian Jackson (distance), sophomore Jordan Lewis (sprints) and junior Kevon Holloway (sprints).

Thurston was set to open its WWAC season on April 12 at Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

"Last year we were young and inexperienced overall," Chambo said. "With another year of experience, our athletes will be better prepared knowing what is expected of them and knowing what the competition will

be like."

**Redford Union**

Redford Union coach Roger Weekes went through a major rebuilding phase in 2016 and hopes a pair of newcomers from the Panthers' football program will help the Panthers improve upon last year's sixth-place finish in the WWAC meet and 13th place showing at the Division 2 regional.

"We've got a good core of 36 boys," said Weekes, who is entering his sixth season. "We have more athletes in more events. I'm especially excited about what our performance could be in league dual meets."

Juniors Isaac Grant (sprints-shot put) and Thornton Cain (sprints) are two newcomers and give Weekes reason for optimism. Both were members of RU's football team that finished 7-4 and reached the second round of the Division 3 state playoffs.

"They know that both football and running will help," Weekes said. "We're more dedicated. We're excited and more confident than last year. Last year we were learning about the sport."

Clifford Stafford, who took sixth in last year's WWAC meet in the 800, returns along with fellow junior middle distance runners Chandler Shet-

leroe, Arriyaun Matthews and Case Parker.

Other returnees include senior Ryan Tate (400), senior Zach Johnson (shot put-sprints), junior Reiven Holt (sprints), junior Justin Blunt-Bell (sprints), junior Jack Shroat (distance) and sophomore Marquis Hill (sprints).

Meanwhile, Weekes' biggest concern is filling spots in the long jump, discus and pole vault events as RU opens its WWAC season on 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 11 at Dearborn Heights Annapolis.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

## Stevenson kickers chalk up 2-0 win

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Livonia Stevenson's varsity girls soccer team got on the scoreboard nine minutes into Monday's KLAA crossover against Howell, and that was all the Spartans needed in a 2-0 victory.

Sharing the shutout for Stevenson were goal-

ies Haley Demers and Mackenzie Fifer, who combined to make four stops.

"Our back line of Alysa Benvenuti, Yasmine Jaafar, Carson Vandike and Emma Werthman were excellent tonight," Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker said. "We needed to start tightening things up in the

back and I thought the girls did a nice job of doing that."

Getting the Spartans (3-0) off to a good start was Maria Bayouk, scoring in the ninth minute from Audrey Kopitz. Providing an insurance goal in the 70th minute was Megan Verant, with a header off a Kennedy Thurlow cross.

**GC 4, FLAT ROCK 1:** Senior Brooke Collins scored two goals Tuesday to spark the Cougars to a non-league win. Claire Konopatzki had two assists for Garden City (1-2-1).

**Baseball**

**STEVENSON 3, FRANKLIN 1:** A three-run surge in the third inning Monday lifted Livonia Stevenson to a KLAA crossover baseball win at Livonia Franklin. The win improved the

Spartans record to 4-0 overall and 3-0 in the KLAA. Franklin fell to 3-1.

Stevenson parlayed five hits into the three-run third, with RBI hits by George Ferguson, Mark Petterson (2-for-3) and Jacob Way. Other Spartans with hits included Chris Tanderys, Michael DiPonio and Danny Morris.

Earning the win was Stevenson starter Branden Posky, who threw 3 2/3 innings, allowing one run

while striking out five. Finishing out the pitching duties were Josh Marquand and Bobby Cavin (save).

The Franklin pitcher victimized by the Stevenson third was starting pitcher Kolby Dewhirst, who pitched the first three frames but did not return to throw the fourth following a rain delay.

Collin Metzler (1-for-2) and Harrison Merrill (1-for-3) had the Franklin hits; Ryan Celmer scored in the fourth.

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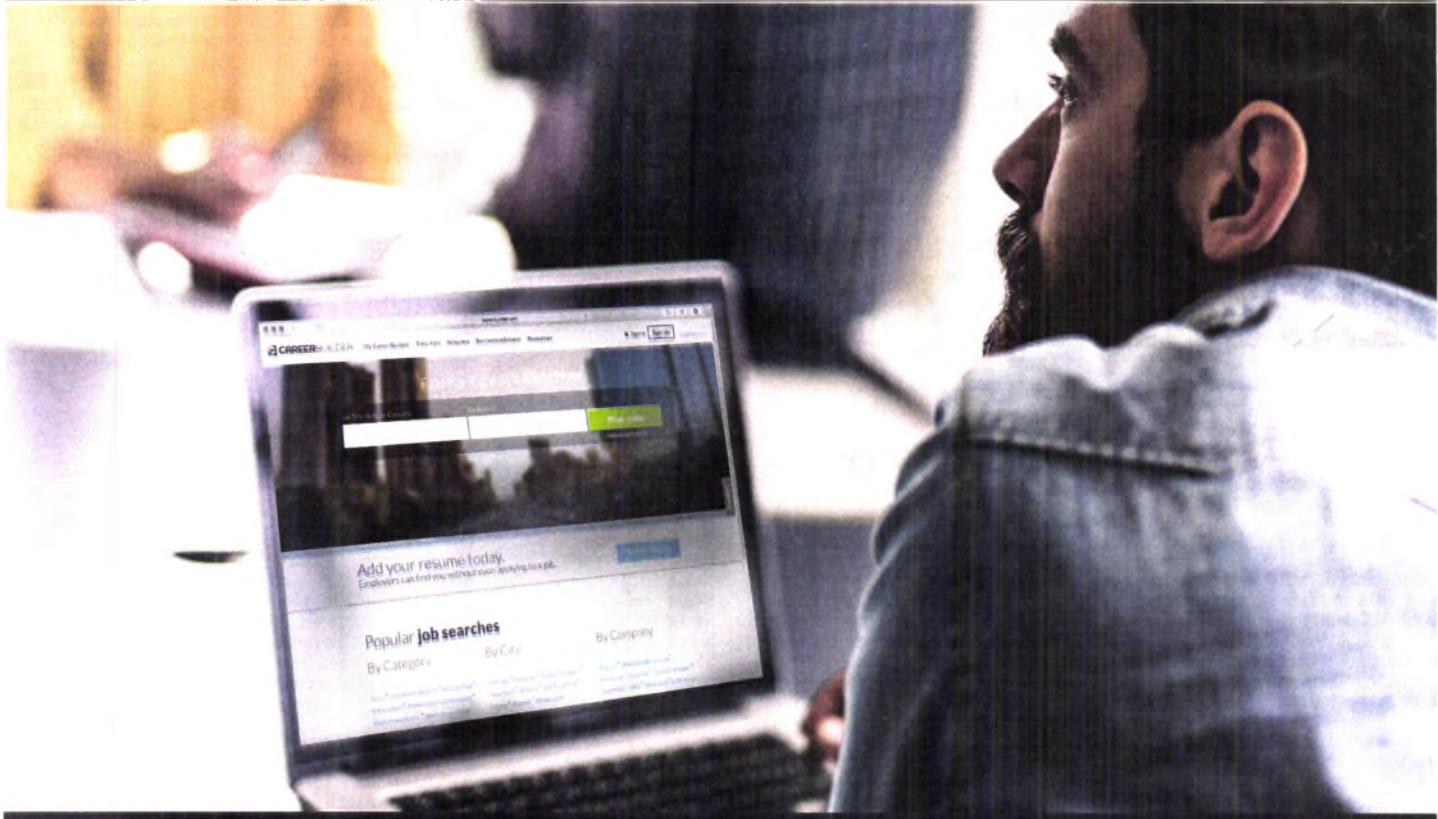
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**ACROSS**

1 Not rough  
7 Small digital images expressing ideas  
13 Bus schedule  
16 Bouquet-bringing co.  
19 Oahu  
20 Extreme eccentricity  
21 Ivy — (Yalie, e.g.)  
23 Diamond events  
25 Any of 13 Catholic leaders  
26 Experts at CPR  
27 Prefix with gauge  
28 On — streak (winning big)  
30 Was in need of restocking  
31 Strong Italian cheese  
34 They're overgablers  
36 Lakota's language family  
38 Lifting syllable  
40 Parris Island mill. branch

**DOWN**

41 Sticky, chewy candy  
42 Shelters for backpackers  
45 Sash for Cio-Cio-San  
47 Texter's "As I see it..."  
48 Election day, often: Abbr.  
49 Hold fast (to)  
52 "Pieces of Me" singer  
57 They often include spiels  
60 LuPone who played Evila  
63 Bygone autocrat  
64 Grimm bully  
65 "Dash it all!"  
66 The "A" of ACLU: Abbr.  
67 Mu — beef  
69 Some NFL linemen  
71 With 83-Down, like Rudolph  
72 "Behold!" in Latin  
73 Dir-dishing  
74 Dear old dad  
76 — dog's life  
78 Super-angry  
79 Orchestral array

**ACROSS**

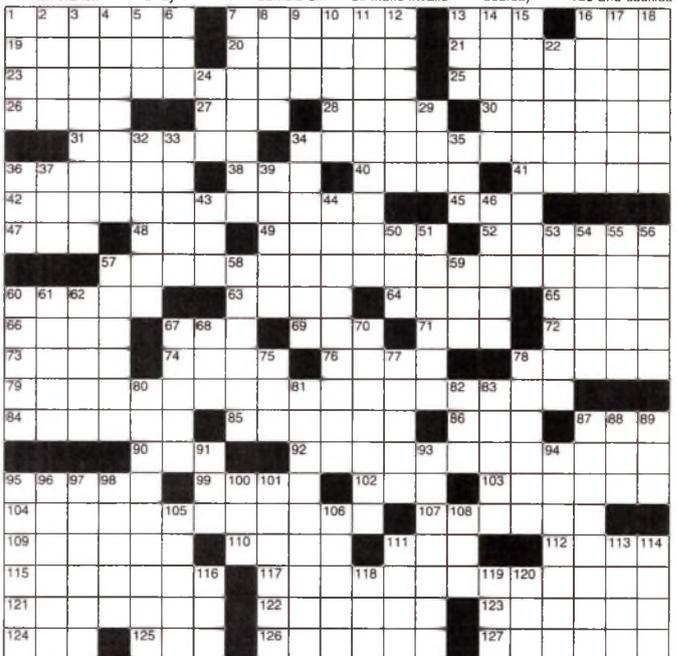
84 Reply to "Am sol"  
85 More chance  
86 Mauna —  
87 Prefix with angle or fold  
90 "Not impressed"  
92 Thrown-away items  
95 Tricky pool shot  
99 Kosovo native  
102 Norse god of battle  
103 PC-sent holiday greetings  
104 Some paved arteries  
107 "Phooey!"  
109 Capital of Albania  
110 New attempt  
111 Palmtop device, for short  
112 — yellow ribbon ...  
115 Salon colorant  
117 Theme of this puzzle number, e.g.  
122 Writer Waugh  
123 Tackled emergentally  
124 Niger to Zambia dir.

**DOWN**

1 Mr. Kotter  
2 Jack of old Westerns  
3 Spaceship in "Alien"  
4 2004-15 sarcastic recap series on E!5 R&D room  
6 Sofia's "thal"  
7 "E.T." boy  
8 Steins, e.g.  
9 Bump — log  
10 Actor Malcolm — Warner  
11 Places to store frozen blocks  
12 B-board runners  
13 Skiing peak  
14 Co. shuffling  
15 Hip-hop performer  
16 Rifle with Drive, in golf  
18 Half-asleep  
22 Largest port in Italy  
24 K-O middle  
29 Cook with Apple  
32 Luau cocktail  
33 Make invalid

**DOWN**

34 Desert rodent  
35 Cpl. or Sgt.  
36 Ecol., e.g.  
37 Sam-  
39 Gets, as profits  
43 "No kiddin'!"  
44 Declaration while pointing  
46 Bleated  
50 Car of the early 1900s  
51 Memory trace  
53 People in concealment  
54 Poet Federico Garcia —  
55 Sign into law  
56 Lauder of perfume  
57 Virus variety  
58 Half-witted  
59 Half of sei  
60 City ENE of 22-Down  
61 Love, to Luc  
62 Wrought up  
67 Sudden rush  
68 Actor Sparks  
70 Curb locales  
75 "Shy" singer  
77 Ill-tempered  
78 Lake — (Mississippi River source)  
80 Be sporadic  
81 Explore a reef, maybe  
82 High RR  
83 See  
87 71-Across  
88 Rustic mail abbr.  
89 What — (conjectures)  
91 '48 electee  
93 Tending to wear down  
94 Adorning lawdriy, with "up"  
95 Singer Johnny  
96 Mongolians, e.g.  
97 Elish one  
98 Allotment  
100 Require a  
101 Across, maybe  
102 Movie critic  
105 Onion part  
106 Is a little too fond  
108 "I've — it!"  
111 — ed (gym)  
113 The same, in France  
114 "The Thin Man" dog  
116 Afore  
118 151, to Nero  
119 Old rival of Pan Am  
120 She cackles



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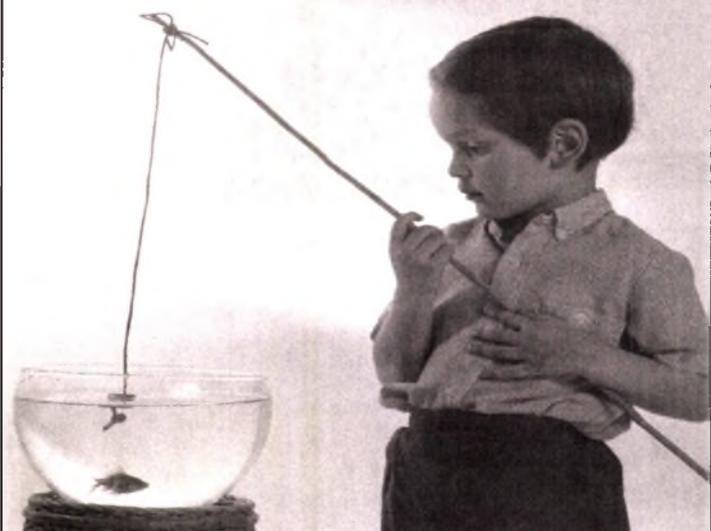
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	2						
	9			2			6
			3		1		
6				7			1
							6
9	7				5	3	1
	1		2				8

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

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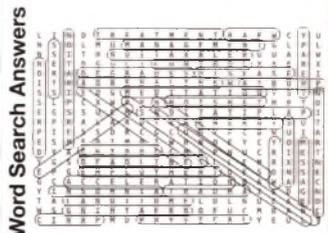
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BASEBALL GAMES POPELEO  
EMTS MTS AHOT RANLOO  
ROMANO SLOPING ROOFS  
SQUAN TENTS USMOTTAFFY  
GAMPIG TENTS OBT  
LMO TUE ADHERE ASHLEE  
SALES PRESENTATIONS  
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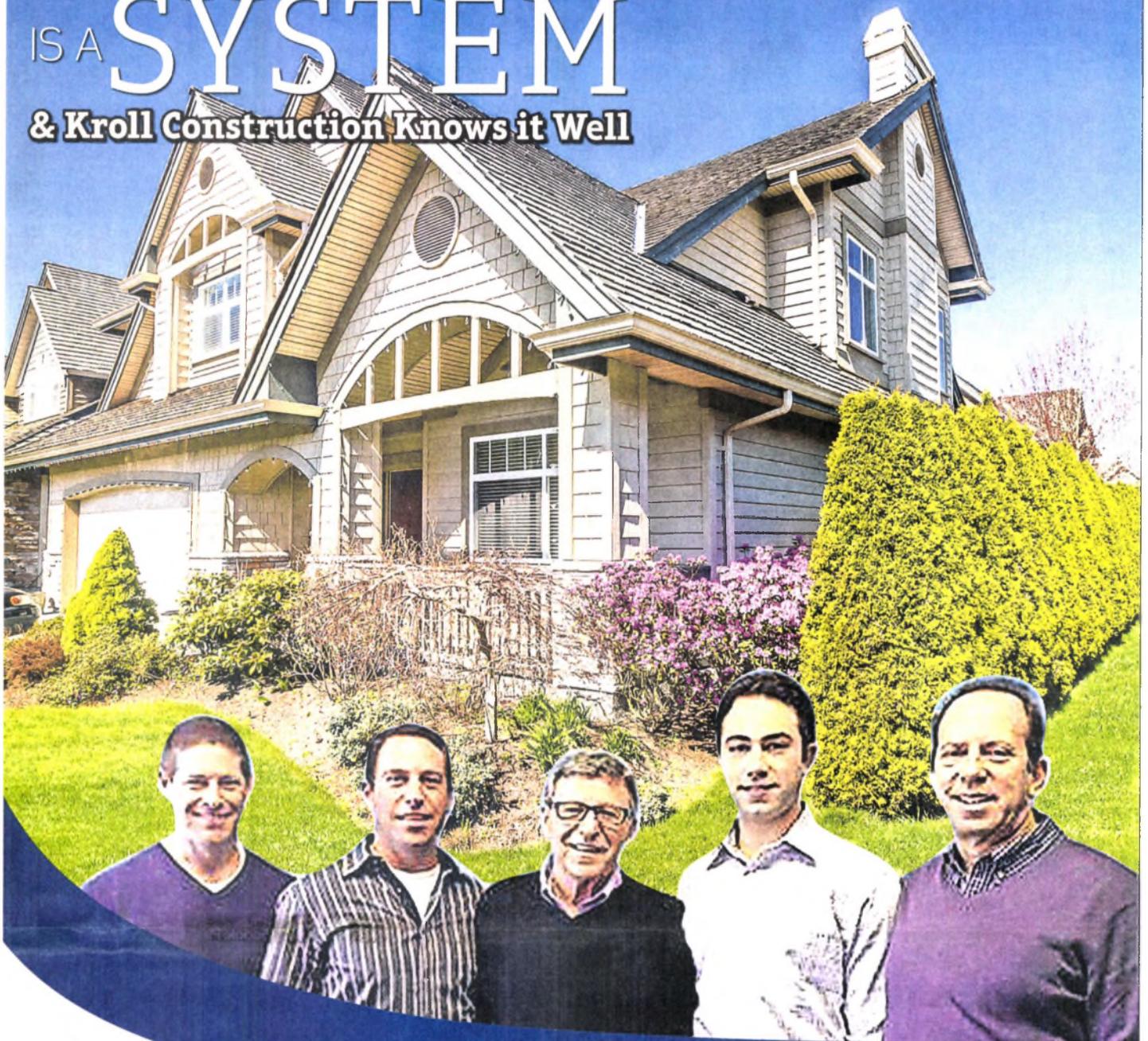
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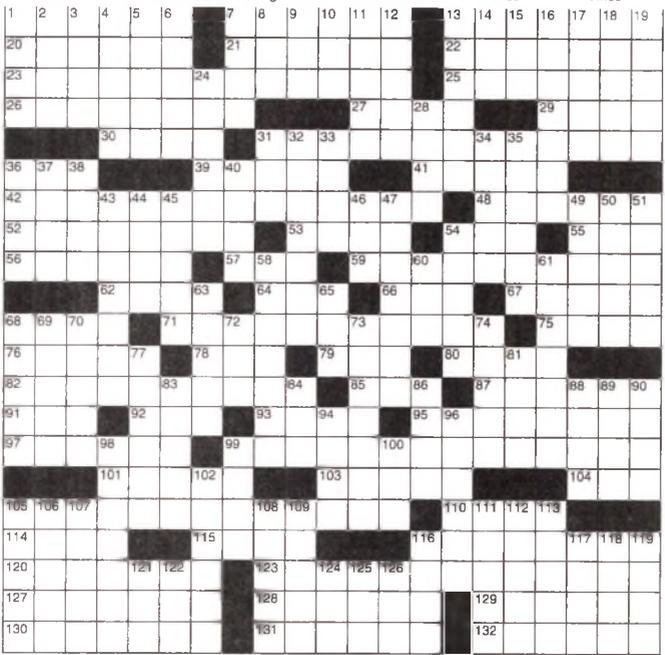


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# THURSDAY PUZZLE CORNER

## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- 1 Phase
  - 7 Animals with two legs
  - 13 Eyelash makeup
  - 20 1960s space program
  - 21 Farhart in a cockpit
  - 22 Hires
  - 23 218 or more seats in Congress [BROWN]
  - 25 Simple tunes
  - 26 16th-cen. nun of Avia
  - 27 Bird of New Zealand
  - 29 Magazine for a fashionista
  - 30 "SCTV" bit
  - 31 Heart-tugging facet of a media story [SIMONE]
  - 36 Oral health org.
  - 39 Wed
  - 41 Heighten
  - 42 Verses using visual devices [GABRIEL]
  - 48 Golden Arches sandwiches with barbecue sauce
  - 52 Person held in custody
  - 53 —-dieu (prayer bench)
  - 54 Seoul's region: Abbr.
  - 55 King, in Nice
  - 56 Certain Greek
  - 57 "— dare?"
  - 59 2010 Kevin Spacey film [MITCHELL]
  - 62 Sleuth's tidbit
  - 64 Hailed car
  - 66 Bus.
  - 67 Wrist wear
  - 68 Cod or koi
  - 71 Romanian tennis great [SEDAKA]
  - 75 Letters after wyes (for an apt alternate title for this puzzle)
  - 76 Artist for a comic book
  - 78 Up — point
  - 79 Dieter's target, often
  - 80 Dr. — (1990s TV therapist)
  - 82 Substantial number [CALLAS]
  - 85 "... iron bars a cage"
  - 87 Salad staple
  - 91 Farm mother
  - 92 Solder stuff
  - 93 Gulf republic
  - 95 Switchboard worker
  - 97 Balkan republic
  - 99 Warning message [BENNETT]
  - 101 Lover boy
  - 103 A bit warm
  - 104 Bovine call
  - 105 Setting of hearings for minors [DION]
  - 110 — -tat-tat
  - 114 Algerian port
  - 115 Purim's month
  - 116 Lover's tune
  - 120 Ocelot, e.g.
  - 123 Supporting vocalists (or an apt alternate title for this puzzle)
  - 127 Jack of fitness fame
  - 128 Wisdom goddess
  - 129 Ogle
  - 130 Climbed, as a rope
  - 131 Not so fat
  - 132 Disco effect
  - 1 Look sulky
  - 4 Nobody — (only mine)
  - 5 Store assistant
  - 6 Marisa of Hollywood
  - 7 Cabo's peninsula
  - 8 "I believe," to texters
  - 9 — diem
  - 10 Wallach of Hollywood
  - 11 NFL great
  - 12 "Know what I'm —?" ("Get it?")
  - 13 City north of Mecca
  - 14 Vocalist
  - 15 USMC NCO
  - 16 Provider of dishes
  - 17 Quick-footed
  - 18 Film rolls
  - 19 Thing of use
  - 24 Sagacious
  - 28 Slim and muscular
  - 31 Mod
  - 32 Idealistic
  - 33 Painter
  - 34 The Bard's — of Athens
  - 35 Place in trust
  - 36 "Black Ice" rock band
  - 37 Active sort
  - 38 Stud fee?
  - 40 It's a must
  - 43 One behind a batter
  - 44 Oman's currency unit
  - 45 Blah feeling
  - 46 Muscle jerk
  - 47 Wince at, e.g.
  - 49 Mad as heck
  - 50 Lawn bowling game
  - 51 Many Punjabis, religionwise
  - 54 Mall stallion
  - 58 Nauru and Fiji's area
  - 60 Pirate realm
  - 61 Guy playing bebop, say
  - 63 John at the piano
  - 65 Purse
  - 68 Shril flutes
  - 69 Dazzled
  - 70 T-bar user
  - 72 Bettor's slip
  - 73 Less cloudy
  - 74 Diner
  - 77 Allotment
  - 81 Whig's rival
  - 83 Florida city
  - 84 Capote, to friends
  - 86 Rice-A- —
  - 88 Thing split in fssion
  - 89 Dog in Oz
  - 90 Dunkable, treat
  - 94 Aleutian island
  - 96 San Diego ball team
  - 98 Actor
  - 99 Fraser
  - 99 Not single-sex, as a school
  - 100 Decide (to)
  - 102 Jubliant
  - 105 Lower cheeks
  - 106 — the Hitite
  - 107 Vocalist
  - 108 Rebels' ring
  - 109 Sermonize
  - 111 Seed cases
  - 112 Basic belief
  - 113 Fury
  - 116 Argue (with)
  - 117 Streamlined, for short
  - 118 Uncolorful
  - 119 Punta del —
  - 121 Channel for Jake Tapper
  - 122 Meth-ender
  - 124 Third of a dance move
  - 125 Writer Kesey
  - 126 Article in Arles



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

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9	8	6	3	2	4	7	1	5
4	7	1	9	6	5	2	8	3
2	5	8	8	7	1	6	9	4
7	9	7	2	4	5	6	3	1
5	9	8	3	2	4	7	6	1
4	3	1	6	7	8	5	2	9
6	1	9	3	5	3	8	1	2
3	5	2	7	6	6	4	8	3
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STTERESA KIWI ELLE  
SKIT HUMANINTEREST  
ADA UNITE RAISE  
CONCRETEPOETRY MCRIBS  
DETAINEE PRITE KOR ROI  
CREAM DOT GASTINO JACK  
CLUE CALB GEOWATCH  
FISH HERSHASE ZEB  
INKER TOA GUT KATZ  
FAIRAMOUNT NOR TOMATO  
EWE TIN IRAN OPERATOR  
SERBIA CAUTIONARYNOTE  
ROMEO TEPID MOO  
JUVENILECOURT RATA  
ORAN ADAR SERENADE  
WILDCAT BACKUP SINGERS  
LALANNE ATHENA LEERAT  
SHINNED LEANER STROBE

**Word Search Answers**

ACUTE  
ANTIBIOTICS  
BLI OOD  
COMPLETION  
COVERAGE  
DISSOLVE  
DIZZINESS  
DOSAGE  
DURATION  
EFFECT  
EXPIRATION  
FINISH  
GENERIC  
HERBAL  
INJECT  
INSURANCE  
LIVER  
MEDICINE  
ORAL  
OTC  
PHARMACY  
PLAN  
POISON  
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City of Livonia – 03/13/2017 Regular Meeting Synopsis

**Present:** Jolly, Bahr, Meakin, Brosnan and Kritzman  
**Absent:** White and McIntyre  
Items were received and filed.  
#89-17 Approving minutes of the 1,819th Regular Meeting of Council on February 27, 2017.  
Vice-President Kritzman stated there is an X-item that will be discussed following tonight's Agenda.  
#90-17 Referring the subject of employee wellness to the Committee of the Whole.  
#91-17 Authorizing final budget adjustments for the Fiscal Year ending November 30, 2016.  
#92-17 Accepting the bid of Sci Floor Covering for carpet installation at the Livonia Senior Center.  
#93-17 Granting permission to co-sponsor Red, White and Barbeque Event at Greenmead.  
#94-17 Accepting bid of ID Enterprises for design, three proofs, editing, printing and sorting of the "L" Magazine.  
#95-17 Approving increase in senior golf rates for Fox Creek, Whispering Willows and Idyl Wyld.  
#96-17 Authorizing purchase four (4) Toro Zero Turn Mowers.  
#97-17 Authorizing purchase four (4) John Deere TH 6x4 Turf Vehicles (Gators).  
#98-17 Authorizing one-year extension of the contract with Michigan Joint Sealing, Inc. for 2017 Joint and Crack Sealing Program (Contract 17-D).  
**First Reading** was given to an ordinance adding Chapter 110 (Greenleaf Commission on Sustainability) of Title 2 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.  
#99-17 Waiving City's Noise Ordinance to allow a car show with a DJ at 30200 Plymouth Road, March 25, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.  
#100-17 Suspending the rules for procedure.  
#101-17 Authorizing an emergency purchase of one 2016 Pierce Ascendent 107' PUC Aerial Quint Truck.  
**Meeting Adjourned at 7:57 p.m.**  
Full text of the official minutes is available in the Office of the City Clerk.  
Susan M. Nash  
Livonia City Clerk

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NO. 3026

AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 110 (GREENLEAF COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY) OF TITLE 2 OF THE LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED.

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. Chapter 110 is hereby added to Title 2 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, which Chapter shall read as follows:

Section 2.110.010	Established
Section 2.110.020	Appointment of members—Compensation
Section 2.110.030	Election of officers
Section 2.110.040	Meetings—Rules of procedure—Accounts
Section 2.110.050	Powers and duties
Section 2.110.060	Other commission services
Section 2.110.070	Conflicts with other departments
Section 2.110.080	Compensation
Section 2.110.090	Annual report required

2.110.010 **Established.** A commission to promote energy efficiency, conservation and environmentally friendly practices is established, to be known as the "Greenleaf Commission on Sustainability".

2.110.020 **Appointment of members—Compensation.** The Greenleaf Commission on Sustainability ("commission") may consist of up to seven (7) members appointed by the mayor pursuant to the provisions of Section 2, Chapter V of the City Charter, to hold office at the pleasure of the mayor. The director of public works or the director's designee shall be an ex officio member of the commission. The members of the commission shall receive such compensation as may be allowed by resolution of the city council.

2.110.030 **Election of officers.** The commission shall elect annually a chair, vice chair, and secretary. The commission shall prescribe the duties of such officers.

2.110.040 **Meetings—Rules of procedure—Accounts.** The commission may hold six (6) meetings per year during odd numbered months, shall designate the time and place thereof, shall adopt its own rules of procedure, and shall keep a record of its proceedings. The chair of the commission may call a special meeting with the approval of the director of the department of public works ("director") or the director's designee. A majority of the members appointed to the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of official business. Proper record of accounts shall be kept of the receipts and expenditures of all money in accordance with established city procedure.

2.110.050 **Powers and duties.** The powers and duties of the commission which shall be exercised and performed as herein provided in accordance with the law and ordinances of the city, shall be as follows:

- A. Recommending environmentally friendly policies, practices, and procedures relative to air quality, water management, energy consumption, green buildings, transportation and connectivity, trash and recycling, land use, and neighborhoods;
- B. Assisting in the evaluation of the adequacy of existing services of public and private agencies that are actively engaged in promoting environmentally friendly practices, education and development in the city;
- C. Advising the mayor, city council, and director of public works regarding findings of the commission;
- D. Recommending action to the mayor and city council in the best interests of the environment; and,
- E. Providing information to the community regarding the commission's aims, functions, findings, and recommendations.

2.110.060 **Other commission services.** The commission shall, if requested by the mayor or city council, perform any other services that the mayor and/or city council deem advisable for the promotion of environmentally friendly practices.

2.110.070 **Conflicts with other departments.** Nothing herein contained shall be presumed to infringe upon the powers and duties of the mayor, city council, or any city department or in any way relieve any other city department of its responsibility under the terms of the Charter and ordinances of the city or under the law.

2.110.080 **Compensation.** The members of the commission shall receive such compensation as may be allowed by resolution of the city council.

2.110.090 **Annual report required.** On or before March 31 of each year, the commission shall submit in writing to the mayor a summary of the goals and objectives that it seeks to accomplish that year. The commission shall, on or before December 31 of each year, make a written report to the city council and mayor relative to the work of the commission during that year. The report shall be certified by the executive secretary, placed on record with the city clerk, and published in such manner as the city council may direct. The commission shall also make such other reports as the mayor and/or city council may require from time to time.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Section 3. Should any portion of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

The above ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Monday, March 27, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

Susan M. Nash, City Clerk

The foregoing ordinance was authenticated by me on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017.

Dennis K. Wright, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Donald L. Knapp, Jr., City Attorney  
Dated: March 28, 2017

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