Live music makes a community more vibrant and positively impacts its residents, businesses and visitors. That’s the mantra of the Jazz @ The Pond, the popular monthly music series in downtown Brighton – Jazz @ The Pond – which is celebrating its fifth anniversary this summer.

The husband-and-wife duo of Cal and Whitney Stone has been promoting live music in the region since 2002. “Brighthill’s Mill Pond is such an awesome space for live music that we decided in 2013 to try and make a go of it and see if Jazz @ The Pond was feasible,” said Whitney Stone. “Not only is our audience continuously growing for these free concerts, we’ve also received great support from many others.”

Those others include Caretel Inns of Brighton – the series presenting sponsor since 2014 – as well as the City of Brighton, its Principal Sponsorship, and the Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce, the Market Beet and Brightonliving.com.

“Caretel Inns continues to support the community and the arts in Livingston County,” said Cynthia Garnett, of Caretel. “These concert have been great for our guests at Caretel and continue to grow every year.”

Caretel Inns financial backing has helped 2 Stones Events present some of the best jazz musicians from Lansing to New Orleans. Most people who live in this area have no idea. So, one of the best factors in the success of Jazz @ The Pond, according to Caretel Inns President Whitney Stone, is to bring people down to the concert and visit the shops on Main Street. “It’s a connected event,” said Whitney Stone. “But when Caretel came on board, it made the decision one-easier. These concerts sound absolutely gorgeous – whether you’re sitting near the grills or sipping a glass of wine on Caretel’s patio.”

Restaurants, in fact, have been a key part of this event. “It’s all connected,” said Whitney Stone. “Matt Modrack, who was the city’s Down Town Development director until he passed away last summer, was one of our biggest champions from the get-go. He understood the lack of live music and entertainment and a thriving downtown. They hand them in and the communities that have one usually have the other Brighton has both in spades.”

Jazz @ The Pond PRODUCED BY Caretel Inns Brighton PRODUCED BY 2 Stones Events LOCATION: Mill Pond gardens in downtown Brighton (Inclement weather moves show indoors to the CollierCen 200 W Main) TIME/DATE: 7 p.m; second Wednesdays SCHEDULE: June 14 – Sean Dobbins & The Modern Jazz Messengers; July 12 – The NightHawks Jazz Orchestra; Aug. 9 – Dave Bennett Quartet; Sept. 13 – The Brothers Groove INFORMATION: www.2StonesEvents.com

By Cal Stone

Brothers Groove shot by Steve Gull

16TH ANNUAL DAY OF CARE ANNOUNCED BY JEANNE CLIM

What difference can one day make? What impact can one small Day of Caring have? On the sixth annual Day of Caring, the impact on the Livingston County community is beyond words,” stated event co-chairperson Marci Heslip, Director of the American Spirit Center. “Once you participate, you just can’t stop. We have many volunteers who come every year because it means so much to them.

Last year’s event brought together 1,340 volunteers to work at 125 worksites. The kiwanis Club of Whitmore Lake, companies, plus school sports teams and scout groups, churches, nonprofits and families. The Livingston County United Way collects workshops proposes from sponsors, schools, disabled residents, local nonprofits and local residence- tion groups such as Paws, or mini- mune house maintenance and sprucing up and operational tasks that cannot do on their own. Some examples of possibilities include:

Outdoor projects such as painting, landscaping and completing simple main-

In-home projects such as painting and light housekeeping

Delivering emergency pantry packs to shopped in

Outdoor projects such as painting, light housekeeping

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Which includes lunch at the turn and dinner after the event (a double barbeque) for all volunteers. For more information please contact Cary (734) 646-3985 or Chip (616) 446-5346.

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THE AMERICAN SPIRIT CENTER IS SEEKING DONATIONS FOR A NEW ROOF

By Pamela McConeghy

The American Spirit Center, located at 16590 East Grand River in Brighton, is seeking donations for a new roof. Their present roof needs to be replaced at a cost of $42,000. The Brighton Chamber Foundation will once again support the American Spirit Center in accepting the tax-deductible donations as a 501(C)(3).

Checks may be made payable to the Brighton Chamber Foundation and mailed or dropped off at 218 E. Grand River, Brighton, MI 48116.

The American Spirit Center is home to the Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 4357 (VFW), American Legion Post 235 (The Legion) and other Veteran minded organizations. The VFW and The Legion’s continued support and services to local veterans and their families is a commitment by them to “honor the dead by helping the living” through working with the VA Health Centers, VFW National Home, Active Duty Troop Support, engage-ment with the youth and supporting a strong National defense. Members within this organization assist dis-abled and needy war veterans and members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their dependents, as well as the widows and orphans of deceased veterans. They also provide entertai-nment, care and assistance to hospitalized veterans or members of the U.S. Armed Forces. They carry on programs to perpetuate the member of deceased veterans and members of the Armed Forces and to comfort their survivors. In addition, they sponsor and participate in activities of a patriotic nature.

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What a winter. During this winter and spring, I have been working on an antique two-wheel tractor. In the 60s, these tractors were the workhorse of the garden. They came with so many attachments that you were a one-man army in your garden. You could cultivate, plow, disc, and cut the grass. They had one big obstacle, you had to walk behind them. Now small tractors have taken over the position of the two-wheel tractors. Who wants to walk when you can ride? They are a benefit if you have a small garden, and with the renewed interest in organic gardening and more home vegetable gardens, these are the ideal type of machines to use. You do not have to go to the gym after you use one. The ease of changing an attachment in minutes is great. The Montgomery Ward tractor came with 28 attachments! Many of the old engines are held on by four bolts and replacing them is quite simple. Most of the two-wheelers have had rims and tires which you find discarded in fields. But the attachments last forever: These are all built in various Asian countries and that is a shame. They are still available online and at antique tractor shows. I haven’t walked in the woods in the spring to look at wildflowers for a while. I have been so busy as always, in the spring. Not this year. I lifted my first mosquito on February 18. The bluebirds, geese and sandhill cranes came back early.

The big push to arrive at your favorite garden center can be a lot more productive if you think ahead of what the growing conditions are where you are going to plant. The amount of sun or shade your plants will receive throughout the day is important. The condition of the soil is one of the most important considerations. Plants with low moisture needs would be a good spot for dry, all sun, and asphalt conditions. I take care of an area at the Salem-South Lyon District Library that is bordered by an asphalt driveway with little water available. I use native plants like the cup plant that adapts to the conditions around it. Some years they are tall and healthy and in dry years they still survive. When you go shopping for a tree a few questions should be asked. What will be the tree’s natural height in ten or fifteen years? Will it grow close to your electrical line in the years ahead? I learned that Edison may charge you if the trees or shrubs interfere with your house supply line.

John Keast is an Advanced Master Gardener. Q&A at Gardenspotkeast@aol.com

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The Brighton District Library invites you to learn, grow, connect, and create with them this summer! Stop by the library Sunday, June 11 from 1-4pm for Springfest, the Summer Reading Program kick-off event in Millie’s Garden. Enjoy juggling and stilts walking, amazing balloon art, ice cream, petting zoo, giant bubble station, and a surprise visit from one of our favorite princesses.

Visit the library’s favorite tiger sculpture, back in Millie’s Garden, following a two-year makeover by artist Sue Sanderson and weatherproofing by Brighton Ford. The tiger has a fresh new look with vividly colorful endangered animals painted throughout the body. See how many you can name, then, join us by entering our name the tiger contest.

Register for Build a Better World, this year’s Summer Reading Program theme, June 11-August 5. It’s free and for all ages! The library is the perfect place to help imaginations take off with books, music, movies, special events, and lots of fun!

The Summer Reading Program encourages reading during the long summer months to help maintain the gains that were made during the school year. “Of all the activities children and teens participate in, time spent reading is the best predictor of reading achievement because the more students read, the better readers they become,” said Carla Sharp, Head of Youth Services at the Brighton District Library. “Children tend to read more when they are allowed to choose their own reading material. Those who read during the summer move ahead with their skills, those who don’t may lag behind in the fall,” said Sharp.

Springfest and the Summer Reading Program have been generously sponsored by the Friends of the Brighton District Library. The Brighton District Library is located at 100 Library Drive, Brighton. For information about Springfest or the Summer Reading Program call 810-229-6571.

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SUMMER READING PROGRAM BEGINS AT THE LIBRARY

By MARGARET VERGITH
deification is defined as a communication which expresses grave dislike, contempt, ridicule, shame, disgrace, or obloquy, and which has a tendency to injure a person’s reputation by diminishing his or her standing in the community, or which refers to a person in an offensive manner. These written words are more permanent in nature, whereas spoken words are more transitory in nature.

Defamation involves the defamatory statement that must be false and injurious to the plaintiff’s character. Defamatory statements are categorized as a “true” or “false” statement. A false statement may be considered a serious injury because it is more likely to injure a person’s reputation. The statement’s truth or falsity is often determined by whether the communication’s source and recipient are of the same third party. If the communication is true, it is understood in light of extrinsic facts, but some still use the actual malice standard.

The defenses to a defamation claim are categorized as either “absolute” or “qualified” privilege. The absolute privilege applies when communication possesses a special “interest in being protected,” and (b) the statement is/was in fact true or made with the plaintiff’s consent, (c) statements made in judicial proceedings (including witnesses), (d) statements made in governmental, legislative or executive proceedings, and (e) statements made to law enforcement or in private communications. The plaintiff must prove special damages, as extrinsic facts to show the inducement, and (d) statements made by husbands and wives, by diminishing his or her standing in the plaintiff’s reputation, or to tend to displease others with associations with the plaintiff. In defamation cases, there is also a distinction drawn between public and private officials (i.e., those in government positions, their dealings and activities are automatically considered to be a matter of public concern (because of their position), and there is an absolute and unconditional right to say what one wishes about public officials. For this reason, in order to prove a public officer is defamatory, the plaintiff must prove with clear and convincing evidence that the defamatory statement was false and that the defendant knew it was false. If the communication was to a private person, most states use a negligence standard, but some still use the actual malice standard. In cases involving private persons, most states use a negligence standard.

The plaintiff must show that the defendant’s defamatory statement will tend to harm the plaintiff’s reputation in the community, or to tend to displease others with associations with the plaintiff. The communication must be false or prove the communication was/were in fact true or made with the plaintiff’s consent, (b) statements made in judicial proceedings (including witnesses), (c) statements made in governmental, legislative or executive proceedings, and (d) statements made by husbands and wives, and unconditional right to say what one wishes about public officials. For this reason, in order to prove a public officer is defamatory, the plaintiff must prove with clear and convincing evidence that the defamatory statement was false and that the defendant knew it was false. If the communication was to a private person, most states use a negligence standard, but some still use the actual malice standard. In cases involving private persons, most states use a negligence standard.

By Meghan O’Brien

Celebrating its 10-year-anniversary, the Michigan Activity Pass will continue to provide access to hundreds of Michigan state parks and recreation areas, historic sites, cultural attractions and campgrounds. The program is courtesy of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Michigan Recreation and Park Association (MRPA) and the Michigan Association of Libraries (MIAL). The program will kick off with a brief presentation on Wednesday, May 17, at 1:30 p.m. at the Lansing Looming at 3:30 p.m.

More than 10,000 patrons available throughout Michigan are introduced to the features of the Michigan Activity Pass each year, said Ron Olson, chief of the Recreation Executive Director Jim Pletz. With the Michigan Activity Pass, all residents access to these resources.”

By Meghan O’Brien

Social Security replaces about 40 percent of an average worker’s income, but many retirees and their families are not aware of how the program works or what role Social Security plays in their retirement. Anyone unemployed goes into a trust fund. Be aware of workers’ contributions, which are matched by their employers. We use the cost of living adjustment in the Social Security. Any unpaid money goes into a trust fund. Be aware of the Social Security tax and about 41 million people social security benefits. About 42 million of these beneficiaries are retirees and their families. Encourage everyone to watch our Social Security 101 video at www.socia... Could be a little worse of an offense because it is understood in light of extrinsic facts, but some still use the actual malice standard. In cases involving private persons, most states use a negligence standard, but some still use the actual malice standard.
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS JUNE 2017**

### Barker Road, Whitmore Lake, MI 48189.

- **JUNE 8**
  - **CAR CRUISE NIGHT** Car Show 5-7:30pm. Special guest speaker, Oldsmobile Club of America. 9800 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon, MI 48178.

- **JUNE 30**
  - **GARDEN PARTY** 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Pinckney Community Public Library, 125 Putnam St, Pinckney, MI 48169. Free. Food, pop, water, and sparklers. Call 734-478-3888 for more information.

### Whitmore Lake Area Library

- **JUNE 9**
  - **SPINNERS** 5:30 pm. The American Legion Post 419, Whitmore Lake, MI 48189. Free. Call 734-878-4057 for more information.

- **JUNE 10**
  - **STEAK DINNER** 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM. Pinckney Community Public Library, 125 Putnam St, Pinckney, MI 48169. Free. Food, pop, water, and sparklers. Call 734-478-3888 for more information.

### FAMILY MOVIE

- **JUNE 1**
  - **Family Movie** Come watch “Finding Dory,” rated PG, at the Hamburg Township Library, located at 10411 Merrill Road; Ramberg, MI 48189. Free. Call 734-478-3888 for more information about this or any upcoming events or visit our website www.pinckneylibrary.org or on Facebook & Twitter.

### MOPS GARAGE SALE

- **JUNE 17**
  - **Pre-K CRAFT** Come decorate a picture frame for the child in your life. You can choose a picture from from the library, located at 10411 Merrill Road, Ramberg, MI 48189. Call 734-478-3888 to register.

### STEAM TEAM

- **JUNE 21**
  - **READ TO JOEY & RUBY** Drop in and read to Joey and Ruby the Reading Therapy Dogs! Joey & Ruby at the Hamburg Township Library, located at 10411 Merrill Road, Ramberg, MI 48189.

### FAMILY CRUISE NIGHT

- **JUNE 29**
  - **PIZZA & A MOVIE NIGHT** Food, pop, water, and sparklers. Call 734-478-3888 for more information about this or any upcoming events or visit our website www.pinckneylibrary.org or on Facebook & Twitter.

### BUILD A BETTER LEGO WORLD!

- **JUNE 24**
  - **LEGO LAB (RATED G)** 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM. Pinckney Community Public Library, 125 Putnam St, Pinckney, MI 48169. Free. Registration Required. Lego building fun at the library! The library will supply the Legos, you bring the imagination and ideas! Ages 5 and older. Please call 734-478-3888 for more information about this or any upcoming events or visit our website www.pinckneylibrary.org or on Facebook & Twitter.

### PIZZA A MOVIE NIGHT

- **JUNE 25**
  - **PIZZA & A MOVIE NIGHT** 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Pinckney Community Public Library, 125 Putnam St, Pinckney, MI 48169. Free. Registration Required. Lego building fun at the library! The library will supply the Legos, you bring the imagination and ideas! Ages 5 and older. Please call 734-478-3888 for more information about this or any upcoming events or visit our website www.pinckneylibrary.org or on Facebook & Twitter.
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I just had a marvelous rediscovery of an Ann Arbor band that has been pleasing audiences for over two decades. The band is “The Paul Klinger Easy Street Dixieland Band,” that now plays at “Zal Gaz Grotto Club” every Tuesday night from 5:30 to 8:30PM. If you like to shake a tail feather and enjoy the many moves involved in the music of the “Roaring Twenties” this is a must. This is strong rhythm driven music with lots of horn solos played by pros who love it and are determined to keep it alive and essential. Almost every tune they play comes from “Dixieland” in the 20’s and you’ll understand why wild dancing swept the nation and eventually the world.

The band leader is Paul Klinger, an Ann Arbor fixture, who plays cornet, soprano sax, and occasionally sings. On rhythm guitar and banjo is Rod McDonald. Per- ry Kimura sings, sometimes and plays trombone. Chris Tabaczynski and Janelle Reichman are a wonderfully lyrical duo on clarinet. The bass is held down by local master Paul Kellor. Rounding out the band is one of the finest piano players in the entire country, retired U-M piano professor James Dapogny. He loves this music and his supreme command of the instrument leads to beautiful accompaniment and sizzling solos reeking with ripping rhythms and colorful inventive riffs. These pros have an infectious quality sound worth further investigation. They also had two fine local drop in performers Yi-Ching Chen on tuba and Chris Schwartz on vocals, that added depth and breadth to the overall sound.

Zal Gaz Grotto Club, on West Stadium in Ann Arbor, has a limited but tasty food menu of soups, salads, sandwiches, burgers and side munchies, plus a full bar. Make your next Tuesday memorable with a visit.

I want to remind everyone that the Ann Arbor Summer Festival is upon us. It starts June 6th and runs through July 4th. There are main stage acts like Diana Krall, Pink Martini, Ira Glass, and The Capitol Steps. From June 9th through July 2nd, six nights a week is “Top of the Park.” Over 170 wide ranging acts of all genres make up the free music followed by a free movie every night. Monday nights are off nights. Check online at “A2SF.org” for a complete listing of performers and stage times. It is the best family friendly atmosphere to be found in the summer.
What Are They Hiding?

By Gary Wellings

While the Establishment in Washington DC looks for the Holy Russian Trump Collusion Grail the media ignores some of the most interesting and treacherous criminal behavior in Washington. In February of this year 3 Congressional IT workers were investigated for accessing top Democrat Congressional leader’s computer systems. Now pay attention because this reads like a Tom Clancy novel. Three brothers Abid, Imran and Jamal Awan were shared employees for Democratic members of Congress. Intel committee members and foreign affairs committee members used the services of the three brothers. They were accused of accessing networks without permission and stealing computer equipment while making over $160,000 per year, three times the average Congressional IT worker’s salary. At the time DNC chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz had her email account hacked. Think there could be any connection? Not if you’re the mainstream media or a Democrat. Now Congressional aides are worrying that some blackmail is going on in Washington. Normally politicians quickly distance themselves from trouble such as this but in the case of former DNC Chair and Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz she seems to be protecting not only Imran Awan but also his wife Hina Alvi. This last week Congresswoman Wasserman Schultz pressured the Chief of the DC Capitol Police to release a laptop in a public budget hearing to return a laptop seized in the investigation going so far as to tell him there will be consequences for not returning the laptop. Sound fishy to you? Indeed. When you accompany this with the stalled investigation into the assassination of DNC staffer Seth Rich you can figure somebody is hiding something….and it’s not Russian collusion.

Gary Wellings, Editor

For more info please call 734.629.6010

Northfield Township is hosting its 4th annual Washtenaw County Clean-Up Day Saturday, June 10th from 9am to 2pm at the Northfield Township Public Safety Building, 8350 Main St, Whitmore Lake. This is a great opportunity to get rid of all of that stuff you’re not quite sure what to do with: paint cans, motor oil, batteries, electronics, old furniture and appliances, tires, the list goes on. There is a suggested donation of $10 per car to offset the costs of the trash removal and recycling companies that will be onsite, but residents will not be turned away for inability to pay. Residents can bring up to 4 tires at no charge, but will be asked to pay $5 for each additional tire. Residents can bring 1 of the following appliances at no charge: television, washer, dryer, computer, or Freon-containing appliance; but will be asked to pay $10 for each additional appliance. This is for WASHTENAW COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY! Items from businesses or out-of-county residents, and household trash will not be accepted.

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A few years back we increased the size and shape of the Courant to try and ensure content on each page to go with advertising. That was done to help our existing customers keep their ads within visual range of readers for a few minutes longer. That’s something you don’t get with emails that flood people’s inbox or advertising mailers that may get a few seconds of viewing on their way to the recycling bin. The other problem with email advertising is that you get filtered out after your first email or two. Gmail now even filters ads into a sweep out “Promotions” box that people can just swipe to delete all advertising emails. Your money is wasted.

In today’s internet world people use Google or other search engines to search for products or services. If they input a general term for your product or service you’ve probably already lost that customer to the dozen or so companies that paid more for Search Engine Optimization than you did. The real trick to advertising is to have your business branded so well that when a prospective customer finds themselves in need of your service or product they think of you. If they Google your company name instead of a word or term you’ve won a possible sale. That kind of branding takes repetitive and consistent output on the part of the business. Running an ad once or not at all is a sure way to lose a customer. The chance of a customer seeing your ad the same day they need your service is millions to one. Customers need to associate your company brand with the product or service you offer and that takes time, effort and yes money to advertise. If you’ve done that over a period of time and with good ads people will remember your business name when the time comes to buy your service or product.

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We exhale.

What could generate the enormous wealth and power they covet? How about the financial system that has arrived. Amazingly, three crises of the 1990s and have remained so since. Climate scientists were forced to discard their computer models, predicting a massive climate spike when hacked by the opposition research to come out of the 50's starting with Arctic expert Dr. S. We're told too much of it in the atmosphere, as chemical, physical and biological processes determine that climate change have been in the wind for decades. The front wheel speed sensors can be anti-lock brakes, can you please help me? The ABS light is not on but it seems like it is in the middle of the swamp lands. What could generate the enormous wealth and power they covet? How about the financial system that has arrived. Amazingly, three crises of the 1990s and have remained so since. Climate scientists were forced to discard their computer models, predicting a massive climate spike when hacked by the opposition research to come out of the 50's starting with Arctic expert Dr. S.

I have a 2000 Chevy 4x4 truck and when I come with Aussies averaging $2,300 a year their power from wind and solar. No longer can they afford to subsidize the costly users of fossil fuels, they’ll likely start taxing greenhouse gases and other heavy industries. Once they’ve taxed power plants, air, lines, manufacturers and other heavy users of fossil fuels, they’ll likely start taxing gasoline, natural gas, propane, charcoal, coal, maybe even a tax on the carbon dioxide we exhale about 23,000 times a day. Natural gas is the solution, cheap as long as it’s subsidised, which is never free. Green energy is the solution, developed by the UK Germans, and Brazil and other countries that could no longer afford to subsidise fossil fuels. Wind energy infrastructure needed to produce 25% of power from wind and solar. One Million Californians already live in green energy poverty as the state works toward one third of its power production by 2020 and solar 2020. It will only get worse if the state continues on its path to 50% renewable by 2030. South Australia’s 35% renewable infrastructure is already problematic with Aussies averaging $2,300 a year for electricity. Power losses are another problem, solved by shipping fuel generated power from other parts of the country. It’s unconscionable to use expensive, unreliable, electrically destructive energy (2,000 lbs of toxic waste per wind turbine) to meet the high demand fossil fuel power needs of a country often forcing the poor to choose between food and housing. The World Health Organization estimated 30% of winter deaths in Europe and North America every year in the 1600’s that the earth was the center of the universe. Theirs, nuthin’ goin’ on, totally predictable. I’m not brainwashed into submission or paid anywhere, ever unless they’ve been brainwashed.”
How many of you have read "1984" by George Orwell? If you haven't, I strongly recommend you do. The first time I read this masterpiece was only a few months ago. I was riveted. In fact, I would submit that it was one of the best works of fiction I have ever read.

Sadly, this work of fiction has gradually become a work of non-fiction in our society.

Increasingly, instead of actual sources of truth that can only be found through free discourse — allowing multiple world views, our college campuses are becoming more and more like the Ministry of Truth found in the book "1984." As a result, what the book refers to as "Newspeak" is becoming the language not only of our universities but our communities at large. We need to reverse this trend and restore an appreciation for our First Amendment freedom of speech.

The concept of free speech, under the First Amendment, is one of our core values as Americans. The right to free speech at our schools is a particularly important piece of the fabric of our country. It is at this time that many of our younger citizens first start to realize the true importance of both their individual voice and the ability to learn from the differences of others.

In the interest of preserving our core value of the freedom of speech, I have introduced Senate Bills 349 and 350 to protect freedom of speech at our colleges and universities.

The legislation calls for the adoption of university and college policies that promote both the dissemination of knowledge and the importance of peaceful free expression. While illegal speech such as defamation, sexual harassment, and true threats of violence would still not be allowed, clear policies would also need to be put in place to ensure free intellectual debate, the ability to voice divergent opinions, and the right to peaceful spontaneous assembly.

The legislation requires policies that ensure campuses do not bar or ban any speaker whom students, student groups, or faculty members have invited and whom the college understands will be allowed on campus. All public areas on the campuses would also be considered as areas for potential public forums that would be equally open, on the same terms, to any speaker.

Constitutional experts agree that the limus test for when free speech should be barred has little to do with whether others believe it is objectionable. In fact, that's why we need the First Amendment. We do not need a First Amendment to protect against speech that we like.

Groupthink is the last thing we want to see on our campuses. Our colleges and universities need to be areas where intellectual freedom is preserved and not limited by campus policies that effectively dictates which ideas or values are better or than others. If campus leaders believe some speech creates a unsafe or threatening environment of audience members wishing to use violence, they must police those who will break the law in order to stifle free speech, and not punish speakers by taking away their voice.

Intellectual freedom on our campuses must not be bullied into silence.

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

Patrick Colbeck  Michigan State Senator representing District 7

All Americans should feel a sense of pride in our new President's actions overseas during his recent trip! Just watching him and Melania, as they travel place to place, is breathtaking! For those who have referred to our President as a bull in a china shop, this must be shocking. I've never seen any leader look as Presidential. The speeches he has made abroad have been exactly what our country has needed to set the stage for a new era of foreign policy...completely the opposite from our last leader. Instead of starting out apologizing for America, President Trump has strengthened ties to our allies, and politely scolded and warned the rest. To stand in Saudi Arabia and give the speech he gave to leaders of countries where most Islamist terrorists originate, took resolve and guts (of which, this President seems to have a lot of). He's not afraid to look the enemy in the eye and say "enough." He implored these leaders to drive terrorists out of their communities, out of their mosques and basically off the face of the earth. I don't remember any former President, from either party, putting the problem so bluntly and calling for help from the very places the terrorists are coming from. I do recall George Bush constantly referring to Islam as a religion of peace and Obama making endless appeals for radical Islamic terrorists. It's refreshing to finally have a President unafraid to speak the truth, and doing so in a very friendly tone. And it's even more amazing to watch the response of the recipients of his message...they actually like him! You can tell they seem to appreciate a straight-talking American President who's calling them out, while skipping tara and "censored" with one of their swords! The initial media barely even covered his travels; they were still in search of Russian collusion clues. But to those of us who watched on Fox, YouTube, or wherever it could be found, we experienced a great sense of pride in President Trump and First Lady Melania Trump!

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The CON'TD PLOY to DELEGITIMIZE TRUMP

The progressive left will do anything to delegitimize Donald Trump's presidency. The George Soros, John Podesta-funded and clown John Lewis-vote recount was the first shot at Trump. The fake news election hacking by the Russians is another example of the progressive's desperation grabbing at straw to rain Trump's rights with over Hillary Clinton. Trump killed it and they will never get with that. And by the way, the Russian hacking thing is not about actual hacking, it's about getting into ballot machines and driving up ballots for Trump. It's about the left being exposed for what they truly are in Hillary, Podesta, and Obama emails being leaked out for all to see. And...if I suspect the intelligence community before i'd suspect the Russians on that. For the past eight years the fbi has been told"don't do your job." They've been told to "stand by and do nothing" knowing that Hillary is guilty of serious national security breaches. But the bottom line is we the thinking hillary saw the left and for what it was, and given this, see voted for Trump. The legacy of suicides Obama and the left will all be shown, and rightfully so. 2016 will get down as the most illegitimate election year in American History.

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"Delegitimizing Trump" refers to the efforts of the left to discredit President Donald Trump's presidency. The author, Thayrone X, highlights examples such as the George Soros and John Podesta-funded vote recount in favor of Hillary Clinton, which was labeled a "first shot at Trump," and the allegations of Russian hacking. These attempts are described as desperate moves by the progressive left to delegitimize Trump's presidency. The author contrasts this with Trump's actions, such as his direct address to leaders in Saudi Arabia, which was seen as bold and resolute. The author also discusses the legacy of previous administrations and the perception that the 2016 election was illegitimate. The article emphasizes the author's belief in the legitimacy of Trump's presidency. 

Patrick Colbeck represents the 7th Senate District, which encompasses the cities of Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, and Wayne, as well as the townships of Canton, Northfield, and Plymouth. The legislation he has introduced focuses on preserving the freedom of speech at universities and colleges by advocating for policies that promote open dialogue and intellectual diversity.

Linda Hughes serves as the General Manager of WAAM 1600 AM, a radio station in Southeast Michigan. She highlights the importance of free speech and the First Amendment, emphasizing the need to protect this fundamental right amidst efforts to delegitimize President Trump's presidency.
TRIGGER TALK: HOW LONG SINCE YOU SHOT...?
Dick Cupka
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Last night I was at a Safety Committee meeting of our gun club where the Chairperson of the various ranges discuss any incidents that took place, damage, required improvements, etc. During the meeting we talked about training and behaviors of shooters. A common observation was that many people are not adequately familiar with their firearms.

One of the attendees relayed that his neighbor has purchased an AR-15 several years ago and has never fired it. His explanation was that "he bought it and several boxes of ammo just in case things got bad". This is not only a bad idea but it is the opposite of being prepared. It leads to a false sense of security and can actually be dangerous.

As more of us shared similar stories of friends and neighbors, it became clear we were describing a void in training that needed fixing. We discussed the available "Military Show" service as a possibility and a planned class, by a nationally known Instructor. But it was brought up that people were reluctant to display their lack of knowledge and training in front of people that were very practiced and proficient.

Beyond basics, like training the gun correctly, trigger pull, and proper sight picture, do you really know how to "run your gun"?

The great ramp up in semi-automatic rifles, in the past several years, has meant that many familiar (AR-15) less familiar (AK47, HK91, Tavor, FN PS90, Galk, SCAR Steyr AUG), and others are often seen at your local range.

The most popular rifle platforms in the country is the AR-15 and its many variants. In the past two decades, tens of millions have been sold and many are still in the box. I will use it for this example, but the discussion applies to all the other firearms as well.

Think about the things you need to know. I have seen people struggle with remembering how to unlatch and pull the charging handle to chamber a round, finding the bolt release and instead accidentally drop the magazine on the ground, and "what the heck is a forward assist for the bolt do and why do I need one?"

So you know the difference between Remington .223 and 5.56 NATO ammunition? What is Barrett feed? And what are the typical bullet weights for different purposes? And, why are some paired with a green tip?

Now imagine doing all this under pressure, while you and your family are in danger!

If you have access to a resource such as a qualified instructor you know from the range or gun store, a friend that is very into shooting the type of gun you own, or an acquaintance who belongs to a sportmen’s club, ask if there is a basic class in pistols or rifles (of the type you own). While you are still, ask about an Armorers Course or a basic class on disassembly.

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