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New Westland park named for Kosowski

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Recognizing his work for the Westland Parks and Recreation Department and efforts getting state parks funding, a new park has been named for state Rep. Robert Kosowski.

Although the city council has to officially approve the resolution naming the park at its Oct. 16 meeting, the sign was unveiled and a dedication ceremony has already been held. The newly created park is located adjacent to the Jefferson-Barns Community Vitality Center in Norwayne.

"It's a big honor. I didn't believe it. I

couldn't hold back the tears when I was told. It's a legacy. It's very cool," said Kosowski, who was Westland's longest serving parks and recreation director before he retired in 2011 after 20 years. "I really cared about parks and recreation. I would work 14- to 16-hour days. I loved it. I loved serving people."

Kosowski recalled his grandfather working 36 years as a parks and recreation supervisor in Detroit.

"I'd be with him — it was cool. That's what I focused on in college. It worked out," he said. "People could tell me their ideas and I would always listen. I

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The recent dedication ceremony at Kosowski Park in Westland. WLND



From left, Chef Kevin Gawronski retired from Schoolcraft's culinary program and now tests others; on a break, chef Tim Recher watches others in the kitchen; Jeremy Abbey talks about the testing; Chef Shawn Loving at work. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Chefs cook up a shot at certification



Nicky Pullen, left, a graduate of Schoolcraft's culinary program, watches the chefs from outside the kitchen. Also watching is graduate Kevin LaFave, a former Westland resident now living in North Carolina. Standing is Taarika Singhal, of Canton, a student of the program.

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Certified executive chef Tim Recher knows most of the people who've gathered at Schoolcraft College this week, either in person or by reputation, and has a great deal of respect for all of them.

But considering many of them are evaluating his attempt to become a certified master chef, their reputations, rather than being a calming influence, are making things difficult.

Recher, executive chef at Army Navy Country Club in Alexandria, Va., is one of 10 chefs attempting to earn the coveted designation of certified master

chef from the American Culinary Federation.

And considering there are only 65 CMCs in the country right now, it's a pretty big deal.

"It's pretty intense," said Recher, one of eight candidates who made it at

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Awards spread early Christmas cheer in Livonia

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Halloween is still a few weeks away, but it was already Christmas on Wednesday evening at the St. Nicholas Institute in Livonia.

The institute, which promotes the ideals of the historic figure of St. Nicholas and offers annual seminars for professional Santas, honored people that day who carry the saint's spirit into their communities.

The awards gala, at the ballroom at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, was full of cheer and stories of Christmases past and attended by 27 institute graduates, many decked out in red and sporting flowing Santa beards. The graduates — 25 Santas and two Mrs. Clauses — were all introduced.

Capping the list of awardees was Detroit native Ben Carson, a famed pediatric neurosurgeon, former presidential candidate and now secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in President Donald Trump's administration.

Carson and his wife Candy were given an SNI lifetime achievement award for their work on the Carson Scholars Fund, which has distributed more than \$6 million in college scholarship money to high-achieving students and established more than 170 Ben Carson Reading Rooms

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Dr. Ben Carson reacts to a joke by the Rev. Joseph Marquis.

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still will always listen to anyone."

A Democrat, Kosowski was first elected to represent 16th District in the state House in 2012. He's term-limited, with his current term ending in 2018, but is running for the state Senate 6th District seat currently held by Hoon-Yung Hopgood, also term-limited.

"We named the park for Bob due to the dollars he has been able to secure and to honor his dedicated service to parks and recreation for all those years," Westland Mayor William Wild said.

One of his visions for Westland, Wild said, has been the revitalization of the Norwayne community. Along with demolishing abandoned and



At the dedication of a field named in his honor, state Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland (from left), with Henry Johnson and Westland Mayor William Wild. WLN

blighted homes and rehabilitating some residences in that part of the city, two years ago the city leased a closed school to be renovated into the Jefferson Barns center. The city's Community Development Depart-

ment, Nankin Transit, the Norwayne Boxing Club and a host of other programs operate from the center.

As the new community center came together, Kosowski met with Wild to discuss the need for more neighborhood recreation. Kosowski brought much needed grants from the Department of Natural Resources to make the park development possible.

Most recently, Kosowski was able to obtain a \$300,000 grant, which is being used for improvements at Voss Park. It was unexpected money, which freed up local and county funding for other parks projects.

The work at Voss Park will convert two of four

baseball diamonds into practice football fields and renovate the remaining baseball fields with new fencing bleachers, lights and other improvements.

Formerly a school playground, the new Kosowski Park has baseball diamonds, a basketball court and a playscape. At 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, the Lincoln Field will be renamed Lincoln-Johnson Field, honoring the contributions of the Johnson family to Norwayne. Henry Johnson, president of the Norwayne Community Citizens Council, will be on hand for the dedication.

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least to the third day Tuesday. "A lot of these guys have helped me over the years. They set the example of what we want to achieve. It's a little intimidating, because the accomplishments of all of these chefs are so advanced."

The 10 candidates came from all over the country, from Oregon and Florida, Missouri and Ohio. One candidate, chef Shawn Loving, has the home kitchen advantage — he's the Culinary Arts Department chair at Schoolcraft.

During the exam, which started Sept. 30 and ended Saturday, candidates are tested on healthy cooking, buffet catering, classical cuisine, freestyle cooking, global cuisine, baking and pastry and other cuisines.

Each candidate must maintain an average of 75 (out of a possible 100) for the first six days and then score better than 75 on each of the final two challenges to earn the CMC designation.

"It's eight days of cooking at the highest level and being evaluated by masters of the craft," said Jeremy Abbey, the ACF's director of certification. "It's a rigorous schedule. The nature of



The chefs multi-task during the testing. Chef Shawn Loving turns away from the stove to begin the next task. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

the schedule is a challenge and it's eight days of that."

The process for even getting to attempt the exam is nearly as rigorous. Abbey said potential candidates need to be a certified executive chef or a certified culinary administrator and must have two letters of recommendation from current master chefs. To get those letters, the potential candidates have to

cook for the letter-writers.

The candidates don't find out what they're cooking until they get to the exam, making their individual cooking skills and their kitchen management abilities paramount.

"They're walking in not knowing what they're going to cook," Abbey said. "They have to be able to execute at the level of the masters of

the craft."

It's the first time in three years — "for whatever reason," Abbey said — that the exam has been presented. Abbey estimates that, in the last 10 years, the exam had a 24-percent pass rate. Indeed, by the third day this week, two candidates had already been dropped.

Kevin Gawronski taught in the Schoolcraft culinary arts program

for 30 years and retired just three years ago. He was back at the college this week as an evaluator.

Gawronski said evaluators are looking for fundamental cooking skills, obviously, but also for the harder-to-spot intangibles of how the chefs interpret ingredients and build flavors in the meals they're preparing.

"We want to see a higher level of skills,

because this is the ultimate test," Gawronski said. "We want them to take it to the 'nth' level."

Each chef is given what he needs and then given a block of time in which to prepare the day's meals. Gawronski said kitchen management is important, but so are those intangibles.

"We look at, what are they adding to it that takes the flavor to an extra level?" Gawronski said. "You're always looking for that one thing they're going to do to take it to that next level."

Recher said the actual cooking isn't necessarily anything different from what they do every day. But the atmosphere created by the masters of the craft who are watching, and the pressure of the certification that's at stake, is ratcheted up.

"We cook every day, so it should be pretty simple," said Recher, who then smiled. "But with these chefs, even doing what we do every day, it's a tough environment."

The results were announced Sunday. For those who make it, Abbey said, the future is brighter.

"The job market, the consulting market ... it opens a lot of doors," Abbey said of the certification.

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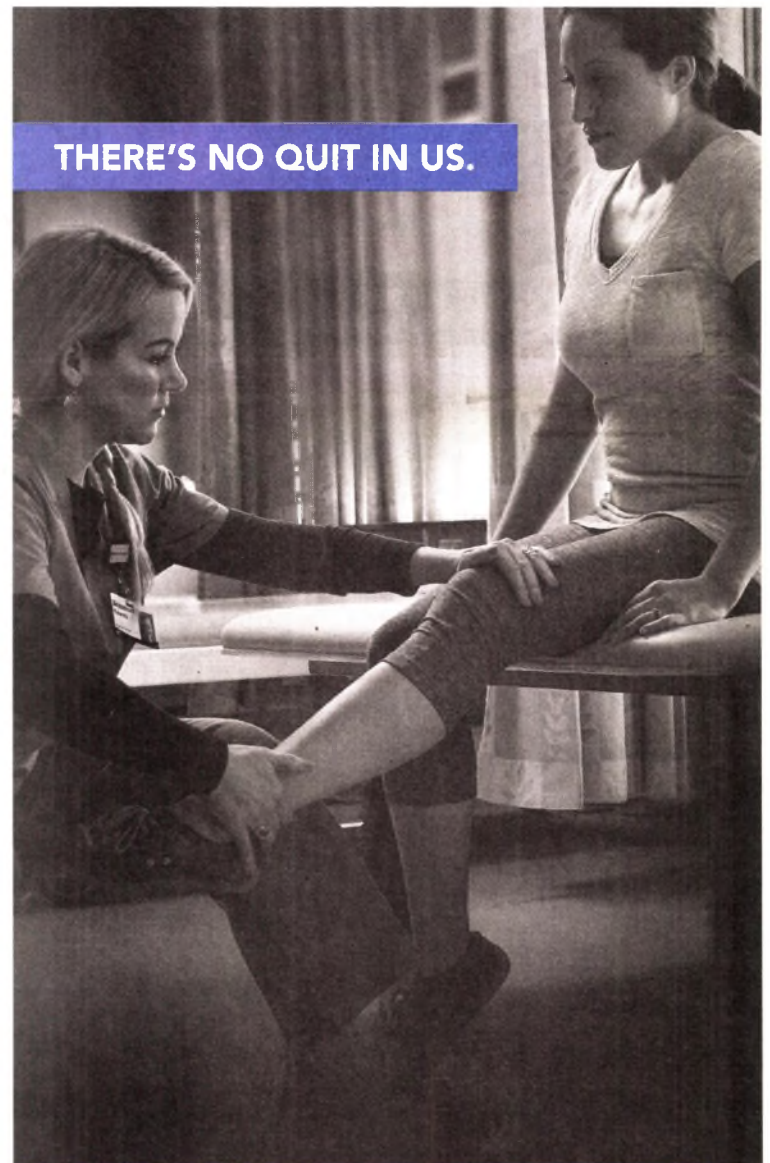


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in schools in 22 states. "We're trying to develop the future leaders of our nation," Carson said, noting what he said is a coarsening of the national dialogue. "We have to fight the forces of division in this country."

Candy Carson said she was scheduled Thursday to open another Carson Reading Room. That's a task she enjoys, she said, because it gives her a chance to speak to children. Programs such as theirs are building blocks for the future, she said.

"It has been such a privilege to be involved in the lives of so many young people and to continue to do those things to heal the



Chief Curtis Caid and the Livonia Police Department are honored for their service by the St. Nicholas Institute. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Dr. Ben and Candy Carson are honored for their work with kids through their foundation. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

breach in our country," Ben Carson said.

Also honored, with the SNI's Spirit of

Christmases Past, Present and Future award, was Richard P. Kughn, a businessman who owned Lionel Corp., the toy train manufacturer, for about 10 years. In a video shown before Kughn was introduced, he was credited with turning around, in the 1980s, the company behind the iconic toy train sets, which were under-the-Christmas-tree staples for decades.

Kughn, known as "Mr. Lionel," said he would have a toy train set running in his home on Christmas this year and he praised the SNI and the other award winners.

"Each of you in your own way is an example of what this country is all about — opportunity, love, sharing," Kughn said.

Also recognized by the SNI were:

» Steve Futrell, founder and chief executive officer of Livonia's Technology Solu-

tions, for his role in coordinating and funding a cash giveaway last Christmas. The money was handed out to shoppers by Livonia police officers as not only a holiday financial boost, but a goodwill gesture designed to build trust with the community.

» John Foppe, an author and motivational speaker who was born without arms. Foppe invoked faith as he said he overcame his struggles with God's help and, like Kughn, commended the others present for their Christmas generosity.

"What you represent is a child's first foray into faith, by giving them joy, something to wish for," he said.

"What you are doing is so beautiful in making the invisible visible."

» Chief Curtis Caid and the employees of the Livonia Police Department, for their role in Futrell's cash giveaway last year and for helping a homeless

woman and her children, with their own contributions, find shelter last year at the holidays.

Caid said Futrell had provided "a great opportunity" for the police to reach out and show compassion and praised the city's first responders.

Tom and Holly Valent are directors of the Charles W. Howard Santa Claus School in Midland, which trains professional Santas. The school was founded in 1937 and has been run as a nonprofit by the Valentis for 30 years.

"I'm really happy to be up here with all these super people," Tom Valent said.

The SNI was founded by Sacred Heart's pastor, the Rev. Joseph Marquis, who has decades of experience as a professional Santa.

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LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

Clothing worth \$1.5K stolen from Laurel Park booth

Three separate shoplifting incidents, including one in which \$1,547 worth of clothing was reported stolen, were reported in Livonia early this month.

The stolen clothing — nine silk jackets, two leather jackets and a pair of leggings — was taken Aug. 15 from the Purple Door Store booth at Laurel Park Place, according to a Livonia Police Department report. The theft was not reported until Monday.

The Purple Door store is a boutique in Wixom that sells handmade jewelry, clothing, decorations and gift items and frequently sells items at a Laurel Park booth. The complainant, an employee, told police she was

looking for an item at the booth Aug. 15 when she noticed the other clothing was missing.

She did not see who took the clothing and was planning to get access to mall security video, the report said.

In other reported shoplifting incidents:

» A man took a \$38.62 pocket knife from Menards on Middlebelt on Monday afternoon and left without paying, a police report said.

A store security employee told a responding officer that she was watching on a security monitor as a man removed the knife from its packaging and stuck it in the waistband of his pants. He then paid for other items and left the store without paying for the knife, she said.

The employee confronted the man outside,

but he was uncooperative and got into the passenger side of a Ford Focus, driven by a woman, which headed north on Middlebelt, she said. Police were unable to locate the vehicle.

The security employee did get a license plate number and police said the Focus was registered to a woman in Marysville in St. Clair County.

» Two men took two security cameras, priced at \$329 each, from Menards the evening of Oct. 1 and left without paying. A store security employee reported the shoplifting the next day.

She told police she watched as the man took the cameras and left the store without paying for them. They rode off in a gray Audi, she said.

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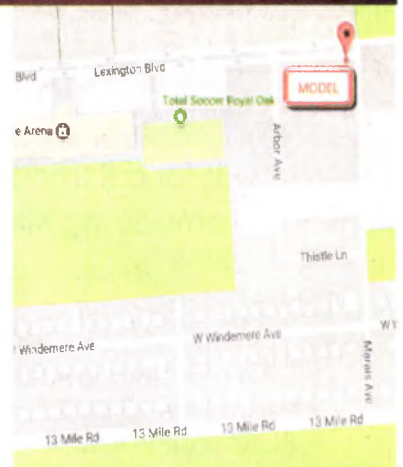
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Longtime Wayne resident, 80, counts miles walked, not just steps

If the idea of the Healthy Wayne Walking Club is to get residents out and active, Lynn Higgs, 80, is ahead of the game.

Higgs joined the club in July. A Healthy Wayne initiative, the program calls for participants to sign up with a walking buddy and then log the amount of time they walk. After 31 days of walking, they can turn in their tracking log at the HYPE Recreation Center in Wayne for a chance to win prizes. They can take as much time as they want or need to fill up the 31-day schedule.

Higgs turned in her log to Beaumont's Healthy Wayne project manager, Lynette Ish-Green, who thought it was filled out incorrectly. In the column for the

number of steps, Higgs had entered anything from 1.5 to 8 — and she had entries for every single day. It turns out, Higgs wasn't logging steps — she was logging miles.

"I like to get up in the morning and just go," Higgs said. "It just keeps me busy and makes me feel better. My husband and I were always active and because our kids grew up with that, the kids are all active. I think that's good."

She and her husband Gerald had five kids, who all participated in sports. Higgs started running with them while they trained in junior high school and only stopped jogging when she was 68, as the rigorous activity bothered her



Lynn Higgs prepares for another walk in front of the HYPE Recreation Center in Wayne. SUBMITTED

surgically-repaired knee. Now, she walks between two and five miles every day and, occasionally, up to eight. "It just keeps you

healthy, especially when you get older. Even getting out and walking for 15 minutes a day is beneficial for everyone," she said. "I have a lot of

friends younger than I am who are almost sedentary. It really bothers me."

The Wayne Walking Club mirrors programs in Taylor and Trenton, which have also partnered in Beaumont's Healthy Communities initiative. To participate, all anyone has to do is sign up with a walking partner. They're given a Beaumont bag that includes a free pedometer and a lanyard with the walking log so they can track their progress.

"You have to have a partner," Ish-Green said. "If you're doing it alone, you're not necessarily committing to it. With a partner, you can encourage each other. Each of the Healthy Communities is doing some kind of walking activity. The

whole idea is to try to get people to add it into their routine."

For completing a schedule, Higgs, a longtime Wayne resident, was entered into a drawing for a new Fitbit. She won, but said she's since passed it on to one of her daughters, who is training for a marathon. She didn't need it, anyway.

"I tried it out for a couple of weeks and it told me I was an over-achiever," she said with a chuckle.

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Stacey Fenton (right) was selected as the USJCI Master Speak Up winner.

Local junior members honored at USJCI meeting

The United States Junior Chamber International held its 2017 annual meeting Sept. 21-24 in St. Louis, Mo., and more than 20 Junior Chamber members from Michigan attended the event, including several members from the Livonia chapter. Among those attendees were two members who were recognized for their accomplishments at the national meeting.

One of the competitions held during the annual meeting recognizes the most outstanding

speakers for the year, judging them on delivery, preparation, continuity and salesmanship. Livonia Jaycees member Stacey Fenton participated in the Master Speak Up competition at the state level and was selected as Michigan's Master Speak Up winner for 2016. Fenton was selected as the USJCI Master Speak Up winner. Additionally, she will also compete as a member of the national debate team going to the JCI Conference of the Americas

next spring.

Noelle Nachreiner, a Michigan native now living in Indiana, has been a member of the Jaycees since 2005. Nachreiner has served in a number of leadership roles throughout her Jaycee career and will now lead the USA JCI organization in 2018 as the 98th national president.

To learn more about the Livonia Jaycees, go to www.livoniajaycees.org or email LivoniaJaycees@gmail.com.

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Ramon Ramirez builds 'bridges of understanding,' improves laborers' lives

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

WOODBURN, Ore. - Ramon Ramirez is an unofficial tour guide for Woodburn. His clients are predominantly white, older residents of the community.

They carpool to downtown, to an area sometimes referred to as "Little Mexico," where taquerias and Mexican bakeries are flanked by storefronts selling Hispanic-style clothing. It's a place where not even tamales and pan dulce could ordinarily entice them to visit.

"Because they feared they would be robbed or stabbed," Ramirez said.

Ramirez arranged for local businesses to provide lunch for the guests. They left feeling welcomed and well-fed.

"They were mistaken. They admitted it," Ramirez said. "It ... was a way of saying this is how we can live together."

Ramirez believes in building "bridges of understanding."

He also organizes tours of farm labor camps, where his real passion is rooted. He has been fighting for farmworkers' rights for more than three decades.

Ramirez co-founded Pinos y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste, the Oregon union for farmworkers known by its Spanish acronym PCUN, in 1985.

He has been president of PCUN since 1995, watching it grow from a small office providing legal services for local immigrant workers to a nationwide model for integration of Latino immigrants.

Farmworkers in Oregon have improved wages and employee rights because of his work. They are eligible for sick leave and workers' comp. PCUN helped push recent legislation extending Medicaid to undocumented children.

An estimated 200,000 farm workers are scattered across Oregon, and the majority are Spanish speakers earning less than minimum wage.



Ramon Ramirez is the president of Pinos y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste (Northwest Treeplanters and Farmworkers United), in Woodburn, Ore. ANNA REED/USA TODAY NETWORK

Ramirez said the life expectancy of farm laborers is 49 years, and their risk of cancer is 25 percent higher than that of the general public. He said female farmworkers are 50 percent more likely to suffer miscarriages.

"I think that farmworkers are America's most important workers," Ramirez said. "They are the ones that put food on the table, and they pay a price for doing that."

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Q&A WITH RAMON RAMIREZ

What does it mean to you to be an American?

To live in a country free from discrimination, racism, indifference, xenophobia, and a country where you celebrate diversity, because we are a nation of immigrants. ... In order for us to survive as a country, we have to honor the diversity that makes up this country.

What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

When I was in high school, I heard Cesar Chavez speak (in 1970). He advocated for kids to go to school, to get an education, to become doctors, lawyers, nurses and educators, and to come back to the community and serve your community. He had this whole concept of community service, and it really resonated with me. ... I wanted to be part of a movement that helped people and helped build capacity in people. It's kind of like being an educator. When you teach people to read and write, you can never take that away from them. You become a person that empowers others.

What gives you hope or what concerns you?

What concerns me is the political moment that this country's in, where instead of building bridges of understanding, respecting diversity and honoring the past, there's a polarization happening, especially against people of color. The moment that we're in is very dangerous, I think.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

I think the most important thing is to create change in the community, permanent change in the community. I think we've done that by building institutions. We have, for example, our own radio station, and we have a leadership institute called CAPACES.

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Livonia Family YMCA offers updated swim lessons

Although cooler weather is a signal to many people that it is time to put away their bathing suits, the Livonia Family YMCA believes it is the perfect time to head to the pool.

"The fall and winter months provide a great opportunity to learn to swim, or to become a better swimmer," said Julie Koroly, regional manager of aquatic programming for the Y. "This time of year often affords people the chance to get themselves water-ready for next year's warmer months. And currently the Livonia Family YMCA, as well as YMCA branches throughout metro Detroit, are instituting an updated swim lesson program.

"We are putting a priority on safety benchmarks in each of the classes, so that parents and children alike can see a streamlined progression in skills and have a better understanding of what has been learned," Koroly added. "The Y has always made water safety a priority in our swim classes. These updates to the program help put the achievement of those safety-related milestones clearly in the forefront of what we do."

"The YMCA has long been associated with swim lessons in Livonia, Redford, Westland and the surrounding communities," said Brian Wolverton, executive director of the Livonia Family YMCA. "Classes are currently underway for all ages and new seven-week sessions

run through fall and winter. The next session will begin on Oct. 30 and winter swim classes begin in January. The Livonia Y also offers semi-private and private lessons year-round.

"There are many opportunities to experience the water when you live in a state like Michigan," Wolverton added, "whether you are boating, swimming or spending time at the beach. Knowing how to swim is vitally important from both a safety and recreational standpoint. We have participants in our swim program as old as 80 who can now take advantage of Michigan lakes in the summer months and a YMCA pool year-round."

The Livonia YMCA also places an importance on children knowing how to swim and knowing how to deal with various situations in the water. "We have parent/child classes for children as young as six months old," Wolverton said. "Many babies at the Y learn how to swim before they know how to walk. We also see first-hand the confidence school-age children gain as they master skills in the pool, which is often transferred to many aspects of their lives, building character and improving self-esteem."

Redford resident Todd Beck agrees with the Y and has 6-year-old son Caeden currently participating in swim lessons, with plans to enroll 3-year-old daughter Londyn as well. "I think it is important for kids to be confident in and around the water,"

Beck said. "Knowing how to swim will benefit my children now and in the future when they are adults. We will enjoy the beach and family activities around the water even more as Caeden and Londyn advance in their skills."

In addition to the safety benchmarks, participants in swim lessons at the Livonia Y will also see a change in the naming of classes. Gone are names like "Polliwog" or "Guppy," long associated with youth swim lessons. "We have changed the naming of our classes to simply refer to each level of the program in stages," Koroly said. "Starting with Stage A and ending with Stage 6, this better reflects where a swimmer stands in terms of abilities and mastery of specific skills."

The YMCA is often the most accessible community resource to prevent drowning and encourage a lifelong enjoyment of swimming. The Y introduced the country to the concept of group swim lessons in 1909, more than 100 years ago, and each year, the Y teaches more than a million children across the country invaluable water safety and swimming skills. YMCA swim lessons are taught by nationally certified instructors and prepare kids, as well as adults to stay safe and have fun in the water.

To find out more about Livonia Family YMCA swim programs, call 734-261-2161 or go to www.ymcadetroit.org/livonia/programs/.

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Michigan is not the only state with a Livonia



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The U.S. has seven Livonias?

Yes, there are seven Livonias in the United States. And our Livonia is by far the largest, with an estimated population of 97,000.

Around the world, there have been many Livonias over the centuries. The original Livonia, in eastern Europe/western Russia, dates to the 12th century, when it was a country of Finnish Livonians (Latvians) in a territory they and Baltic Germans controlled on the eastern Baltic coast.

This Livonia became part of Polish-controlled Lithuania in the 16th century and, by 1772, a province of Russia. After World War I, old Livonia was split between Latvia and Estonia. Only fragments of the old Livonia remain and few still speak the language.

Michigan's Livonia began within Wayne County in 1835, when Livonia Township was set off from Nankin Township by the territorial Legislature and vote of its residents. Before then, the area was still mostly populated by Native Americans of the Potawatomi tribe. There were no roads, only trails through the woods and along the rivers.

This began to change after the Indian Treaty of 1807, which opened up areas beyond Detroit for development. Some of the first settlers in what



The city hall building in Livonia, N.Y. GENE SCOTT

later became Livonia Township included the Aldrich, Hunt, Osband, Ryder and Simmons families. More settlers came after the opening of the Erie Canal in 1825, including the Blues, Briggs, McKinneys and Shaws.

Several of these early families came from the Livonia in New York, bringing the town's name with them.

The township of Livonia had post offices in four 19th century communities — Clarenceville, Elm, Newburgh and Stark. The first was at Newburgh (formerly called Lima and Nankin), 1828-1902. Another, at Base Line (Eight Mile) and Grand River, was called Plank Road and later renamed Clarenceville, 1834-1907.

According to the Michigan Manual and postal records, there also was a small crossroads community called Livonia Centre, at Five Mile and Farmington roads. It had a post office from 1849-65 and a town hall just west of the present city hall.

The post office at Elm, shared by Livonia and Redford townships, operated 1858-1906. The one at Stark (first called Livonia Station) operated 1877-1906.

Clarenceville straddled four townships in Wayne and Oakland counties. It was the fourth stop on the Grand River Plank Road to Lansing. Some early maps include the village of Schwarzburg, which actually was in Nankin Township, now the city of Westland.

Clarenceville, Elm and Stark were stations on the Detroit, Lansing & Lake Michigan Railroad (later called the Detroit, Lansing & Northern, then Pere Marquette). The township population then ranged from 1,200 to 1,500. These stations also were served by the Detroit Urban Railway railcar system (horse-drawn and later by engine cars), which operated until 1927. The fare into Detroit was a nickel.

All of Livonia Township, including the remaining villages, was incorporated as a city in

1950. With 97,000 residents, Livonia today is one of Michigan's largest cities, ranking ninth behind Detroit (713,000), Grand Rapids (188,000), Warren (134,000), Sterling Heights (129,000), Lansing (114,000), Ann Arbor (113,000), Flint (102,000) and Dearborn (98,000).

What about those six other Livonias around the country? Let's start with the oldest.

The first Livonia established in America is the one in Louisiana, dating to possibly before 1700, when it was under French rule. How it got the name Livonia is uncertain, but there were other places in Europe named Livonia at that time.

Today, the Livonia in Louisiana has a population of 1,330. It's located in Pointe Coupee Parish, west of Baton Rouge and north of U.S. 10.

Next oldest is the Livonia that's just off I-390, near Rochester, N.Y. It dates to 1789 and today has a population of about 1,400. Some of its first residents came

from the Livonia in Lithuania, bringing the town's name with them.

This Livonia had been larger in its 19th century heyday, when thousands of families migrated through this area to the Erie Canal and west to Michigan and the Midwest.

Directly east of this Livonia is another smaller Livonia, called Livonia Center. It dates to 1811 and has 420 residents.

The next oldest Livonia is in Indiana. It was founded in 1819 as the village of Bethel. Located in Washington County, on State Route 56 and south of Bloomington, it is a hamlet of 110 residents.

Another Livonia that may have been first settled before 1800 is the one in Pennsylvania, although its official start year is 1834. This Livonia, now a small hamlet of fewer than 50 people, is in Centre County.

The seventh Livonia in the U.S. is in Missouri, a community of 120 in Putnam County, near the Iowa border and south-east of Des Moines. It

appears to have first been settled about 1857.

All seven of our nation's Livonias were settled in the 19th century or earlier, taking their names from one of the Livonias in Europe, including the province in western Russia. In Michigan's case, it has been assumed, correctly most likely, that our Livonia was named after the one in New York, since there is no evidence that any of the city's early settlers came from Russia.

Curiously, the Livonia of the 12th century was named because it was not likely to ever be duplicated. Today, in addition to our seven Livonias, there is another in England and at least two Livonia townships, in Minnesota and New York. Also, many people have had the name Livonia or Lavinia, a popular early European name said to mean "gift of God."

More information on Michigan's Livonia and the other Livonias of the nation and the world is available in Wikipedia, World Almanacs, editions of Michigan Censuses and Manuals from 1840, Michigan State Gazetteer and Daniel's, MacGregor's and Paris' books on Livonia (Michigan) history, Burton and Farmer's Detroit/Wayne County histories, Michigan and County Atlases, 1840-1927, Romig's Michigan Place Names and a host of internet websites.

Gene Scott, a retired publicity officer and editor, was a resident of Livonia for 25 years. He has authored three books on Michigan history. He now lives in Novi.

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All are welcome to help solve the problem of gun violence. For more information, call 734-425-0079 or go to websites www.michigancoalitiontopreventgunviolence.org or www.citizen4peace.com.

Democratic Club meeting

The Livonia Democratic Club will host Shri Thanedar, one of the Democratic candidates for governor in 2018, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, at the Livonia Civic Center Library in Meeting Room C. The public is invited to come hear Thanedar speak and ask him questions about his vision for Michigan. Light refreshments will be served.

Who Should You Trust?

The State Bar of Michigan will be offering a free program titled "Who Should You Trust? Avoiding Estate Planning Mistakes" at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, at the HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne.

This informal seminar, hosted by the Wayne Senior Services, will offer important information for seniors by Michigan licensed lawyers. It will be approximately an hour. There will be a question and answer period. Attendees will also receive a free specially designed folder containing essential estate planning information, forms and other materials for effective estate planning.

No registration is required, but preferred. To register or for more information, call Nancy at Wayne Senior Services at 734-721-7460, ext. 7.

Western Wayne Genealogical Society

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society will be meeting Monday, Oct. 16, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Please note the new format: 5:00pm Volunteers needed at 5 p.m. to set up tables and chairs, bring dinner and enjoy conversations with other members at 5:30 p.m.

At 6:15 p.m., Lisa Curlew will be discussing hidden treasures in city

directories. At 7:30 p.m., Jessica Harden will present "Demystifying Michigan Court records." Attendees will get a better understanding of what type of cases were heard in what court, the type of documents contained in court files, where records are held and how to find case numbers related to a given name. The program will include a walk-through example.

Meetings are open to the public. Guests are always welcome. For further information, go to www.wwcgs.org.

3D Photography Club meeting

The 3D Photography Club will hold the second meeting of its 2017-18 season 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. The meetings are free to attend and visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent.

The program will be a presentation of the very best stereo images from the recent Ohio International Stereo Exhibition. After a refreshment break, there will be a 3D image competition among club members with the topic of "Flowers & Gardens."

For more information, go to www.Detroit3D.org or call Dennis at 248-398-3591.

Livonia Halloween open house

Join the fun from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15, at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center Halloween open house, 15100 Hubbard. Enjoy the pool, climbing wall and a variety of gym activities. The gyms will be set up for roller hockey, pickleball, volleyball and basketball.

Guests will also have a chance to learn about organizations and business. As a special treat, youths are invited to trick-or-treat at participating organizations and businesses. Costumes are encouraged, but not required.

Admission is free for the day for residents and \$3 per person for non-residents. For more information, contact the Kirksey Recreation Center at 734-466-2900.

Savior Christian neighborhood program

Savior Christian Church of Redford, a mobile ministry, has started a program called "Redford Neighbors Helping Neighbors." It is offering assistance to the elderly and disabled in the community who may



Darrin Owl will be one of the creatures at the Nakin Mills Halloween Forest Fun Hike, scheduled for Friday, Oct. 13.

need help with taking out their trash and recycling bins. This will not cost any money nor will any donations be accepted.

Elderly Redford neighbors ages 65 and older who are unable to take their new bins to the road or the disabled of any age living in Redford may call 734-469-7910 and ask for Stacey, Savior Christian Church's service minister, to schedule a trash take out. It can also be reached by email at SaviorChristianChurch@yahoo.com.

Savior Christian Church would love to have volunteers, as well. Residents that are willing to donate one evening a week, for an hour or so, contact Savior Christian Church to sign up to lend a hand.

Halloween Forest Fun Hike

Head Friday, Oct. 13, to Nakin Mills Interpretive Center for a guided night hike to meet "not-so-scary" and "sort-of-silly" nature characters. These costumed creatures will tell you all about themselves and share some Halloween prizes and treats. The hike, which starts at 6 p.m. and each half-hour after until 7:30 p.m., is on the grounds of the Interpretive Center and lasts about 45 minutes. It is followed by an indoor live animal show, where you will meet amazing creatures from around the world. Please arrive 15 minutes before your tour time. Program is recommended for ages 4 to adult.

Pre-registration is required by calling the park office at 734-261-1990. You will only be pre-registered when payment is made. The program fee is \$6 per child and \$2 per adult.

Add \$1 per person for non-Wayne County residents. No charge for children 3 and under. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Harvest, Hike & Hunt

The Livonia Parks and Recreation Department is hosting Harvest, Hike & Hunt at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, at Rotary Park (Six Mile and Hubbard). Families will enjoy an afternoon hike and create crafts with the items they find along the way. In addition to the hike, crafts and refreshments, spend time with a naturalist from Crosswinds Marsh for a hands-on learning experience about animals and nature.

Tickets are \$6 for Livonia residents, \$9 for non-residents and can be purchased in advance at the Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. For more information, call 734-466-2900 or go to www.LivoniaParks.org.

League of Women Voters auction

The League of Women Voters of NW Wayne County is hosting its annual auction Saturday, Oct. 14, at the Alexander Blue House at Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburg Road, Livonia. Viewing starts at 11 a.m. and the auction starts at 11:30 a.m. and runs to 1:30 p.m. The

auction is open to the public and there's no cover charge. Items to be auctioned include local business gift certificates, holiday and household items, jewelry, home-made baked goods and event tickets.

Proceeds from the Auction will be used to fund the League's non-partisan election activities including candidate forums and voter guides. The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization whose purpose is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. It never supports or opposes any candidate or political party.

Livonia native to give benefit concert

Organist Christian Kreipke, a Livonia native, returns to his home church, St. Paul's Presbyterian, to present a concert at 3 p.m. Oct. 15, titled "America, the Beautiful."

Though Kreipke now performs mainly as a classical organist, he got his start on the organ as a high school student playing at the Redford Theater. He later studied organ with Ray Ferguson at Wayne State University, and was given the opportunity to study in Cuba where he performed for an audience that included Fidel Castro.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church is at 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. A free will offering will be taken. Audience members are invited to an afterglow following the performance. For more information, contact the church office at 734-422-1470.

St. Mary Mercy to host cardiovascular events

St. Mary Mercy Livonia is hosting two free cardiovascular presentations 6-7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16 and 23, in the South Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Dr. Delair Gardi and Dr. Tanmay Swadia will educate participants about peripheral arterial disease, its symptoms and effects. Attendees will learn how to reduce the risk of developing PAD, as well as the latest treatment options.

Both presentations are free of charge, but registration is required. Call Laura Smith at 734-655-2987 to register.

St. Mary Mercy to host Ladies' Night Out

St. Mary Mercy Livonia will host a special Ladies' Night Out event 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19. The event, Get the Inside Knowledge: The Art of Plastic Surgery, will take place in the hospital's South Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia, and will include health screenings, massage, prizes, vendors and a presentation by Dr. DeLorean Griffin, a plastic and reconstructive surgeon at St. Mary Mercy.

Participants will learn about various plastic and reconstructive services available to enhance appearance, improve well-being and boost self-esteem. The event is free of charge, but registration is required and space is limited. Call 734-655-1182 or go to stmarymercy.org and click on "Classes and Events" to register.

Harvest dinner at First United Methodist

The United Methodist Women's Club is hosting its annual harvest dinner 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, at First United Methodist Church of Wayne, 3 Towne Square. It is a complete turkey dinner with dessert and beverage. There will also be a bake sale, crafts for sale and Rada cutlery.

Tickets are \$10 adults, \$5 children ages 4-12 and under 4 are free. All profits go to support mission projects. For more information, call the church office at 734-721-4801.

John Glenn 1972 reunion

The Class of 1972 of John Glenn High School will hold an informal reunion Saturday, Oct. 21, in Canton. Seats are limited to 100 people and near half have been taken. For details, see the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/114150605331182/> or email Barry Hensel at Barry76Lt@wowway.com for a registration form.

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Kuhns



Janice Elizabeth of Fenton, age 67, of Fenton, died Wednesday, October 4, 2017. Graveside services will be 11 AM Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at Parkview Cemetery, 34205 5 Mile Rd, Livonia, MI 48154. There will be a luncheon immediately following the service. Janice was born November 7, 1949 in Tacoma, WA, the daughter of Paul and Elizabeth (Murray) Horn. She was a member of the Elks and Moose Club. Surviving are: 2 children, Eric Kipp of Detroit and Steven (Jennifer) Kipp of Linden; 6 grandchildren, Kayla, Kaitlyn, Steven, Christian, Joshua, and Nathan. She was preceded in death by: her parents; and husband, Kenneth Kuhns. Arrangements provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com



Ritterling

Elaine M. Age 83, of Magnolia, passed away Sun., Oct. 1, 2017. Born in Laurel, NE, a daughter of the late William and Edna (Felger) Haisch, she had been a 30 year resident of Farmington, MI before splitting time between FL and Magnolia, OH. Elaine was a longtime member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Farmington, MI where she also served as Librarian, and retired as Church Secretary at Hope Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills, MI. Preceded in death by her son Scott Ritterling. Survived by her husband, Orville Ritterling, with whom she would have celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Nov. 27th; one daughter and son-in-law, Suzanne and Dr. Brady Kail; one son, Tim Ritterling; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Eileen Allerman, Linda and Bill Gurney, Lila and Kenneth Foor; brother and sister-in-law, Irvin and Paula Haisch; grandchildren, Jacob (Morgan) Kail, and Luke, Ellie and Addison Kail; and numerous nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service will be held Fri. at 11 a.m. in the Finefrock-Gordon Funeral Home in Magnolia with Pastor Dale Boston officiating. There will be no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Elaine's memory may be made to: The National Alliance of the Mentally Ill, (N.A.M.I.), 3803 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 100 Arlington, VA 22203. Condolences may be left at: www.gordonfuneralhomes.com.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Kay A. Arnold

It's hard to believe it has been two years. We love and miss you.



PUBLIC NOTICE OF UPCOMING NATIONAL ACCREDITATION VISIT BY ACEN (Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing)

Schoolcraft College, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association and the Michigan Board of Nursing, will host a site review for continued national accreditation of its Practical Nursing and Associate Degree Nursing Programs by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing.

You are invited to meet the site visit team in person to share your comments about the nursing programs at a meeting on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 from 1:45-2:45 PM at the Livonia Campus-Biotechnology Building-Room BTC 225.

Written comments are also welcome and should be submitted directly to:

Dr. Marsal Stoll, Chief Executive Officer
3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850
Atlanta, GA 30326
or email: mstoll@acenursing.org

All written comments should arrive at ACEN by October 6, 2017.

Please RSVP to nursing@schoolcraft.edu or call 734-462-4456 by October 6, 2017 if you plan to attend.

Don't forget to pick up your welcome packets

It can be tricky to figure out the little details when moving into a new house in a new community. Luckily, there are a few resources, some new and some established, that are here to help those get acquainted to Livonia for us new residents of the city.

I've covered Livonia for hometownlife.com for more than four years and pride myself on trying to know as much as I can about this 36-square-mile city. I've learned plenty more in the last couple of weeks, as my wife and I became homeowners in the city where I spend plenty of my time covering police news, business news and other topics in western Wayne



David Veselenak
STAFF WRITER

County.

It's been an eye-opening experience to see what's made readily available for newbie residents like us. There are plenty of resources for those purchasing homes in the city during this hot real estate market. One such resource is the new welcome packet put together by city hall. A 17-page digital packet, it features pages dedicated to various city departments.

When is trash pick-up? What are the city's parks and recreation

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offerings? Who do I talk to get to get on my water bill? And what's the story behind that historical little village at Eight Mile and Newburgh (I'll take this one: that's Greenmead, one of the most intriguing spots in the city). All these and more can be found in this new packet being offered online at the city's website. It can be found at ci.livonia.mi.us/Community/NewResidentWelcomePage.aspx.

And if you're in need of some home improvement advice or other business needs, be sure to take the card mailed to you from the Livonia Chamber of Commerce to its office at 33300 Five Mile, Suite 212, to pick up your welcome bag. The bag, at least when I picked it up, was packed with fliers for local home improvement businesses, community organizations and charities. There was plenty I


didn't recognize from the bag, though plenty I did, including info from Tailwaggers 1990, Angela Hospice and the Ian Clemens Foundation, named for the Churchill High School alumnus who died shortly after beginning his freshman year at the University of Michigan four years ago. There may even be a coupon or two to enjoy some of Livonia's eateries (I know I'll be taking advantage of that Awrey's Bakery Long John coffee cake, thank you very much).

And while you're looking for something new in the city for all you newcomers, be sure to check out the print edition of the Livonia Observer and

hometownlife.com, the home for news and events in western Wayne and Oakland counties. We're hard at work providing coverage of stories in our local communities, including Livonia, Westland, Farmington Hills, South Lyon and Milford, along with coupons and other services for the businesses in our towns.

I'll see you around town, Livonia, even more than I currently do. Especially when picking up that coffee cake.

David Veselenak is a staff writer for hometownlife.com. He and his wife recently became residents of Livonia. He can be reached at 734-678-6728 or via email at dveselenak@hometownlife.com.



CITY OF GARDEN CITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
October 23, 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on October 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. regarding the proposed use of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider the reprogramming / transfer of the following funds and the creation of a new project to make repairs and improvements at the Garden City Fire Station (6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, Michigan). Repairs and improvements include boiler and radiant heat, windows and doors, roof, and garage door and threshold.

Qualifying the Project
The repairs and improvements to the Fire Station (boiler and radiant heat, windows and doors, roof, and garage door and threshold) project would meet the qualifying standards for CDBG projects as follows:

- National Objective – LMA, Low- and Moderate-Income Areas
- Eligible Activity – Public Facilities and Improvements (HUD Matrix Code 03)

The City will comply with all CDBG regulations pertaining LMA project qualification, including documenting location within the LMA.

Proposed Funding Sources
The cost of the improvements is budgeted at \$100,000. The City proposes to use the following estimated funding:

• Reprogram (transfer) 2016 balances:	
o Activity #16-07-14A, Housing Rehabilitation -	\$100,000.00
	TOTAL \$100,000.00

Everyone is encouraged to provide input regarding the proposed re-allocations of these CDBG funds. Documentation regarding the proposed actions is available at the Community Development Department, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, Michigan 48135, (734)793-1663.

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City Clerk / Treasurer

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

Door & Frame Replacement Bid – 3 Buildings for the 2017-2018 School Year
(See Attached Specifications)

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

Sealed bids marked Door & Frame Replacement Bid will be received until 12:00 p.m. on the 18th day of October, 2017, in the Business Office at the Board of Education complex, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. Mailed bids should be sent to the attention of: Phillip Francis, Director of Operations, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48154. **Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays.**

The Bid Opening will take place at **12:00 p.m.** on the **18th day of October, 2017**, at the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education Complex, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read. No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified and will not be opened. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

Walk thru of the 3 sites will be at 3:30 p.m., on October, 9th, 2017, starting at Frost Middle School – 14041 Stark, Livonia, MI; proceeding to Roosevelt Elementary-30200 Lyndon, Livonia, MI; Cooper Upper Elementary- 28550 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, MI.

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

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

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

This is a PREVAILING WAGE project.

All bids must include a Treasury listed bid bond or certified check made payable to Livonia Public Schools for not less than five percent (5%) of the contract for each bid over \$23,000.00 and must be submitted with the bid forms furnished with specification.

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

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

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

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

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

“Door & Frame Replacement – 3 Buildings Bid”

One (1) copy of the bid package should be retained for your files. Any questions regarding bid specifications should be referred to Harry Lau, Administrator of Facilities and Operations, hlau@livoniapublicschools.org, 734.744.2511, between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. EST.

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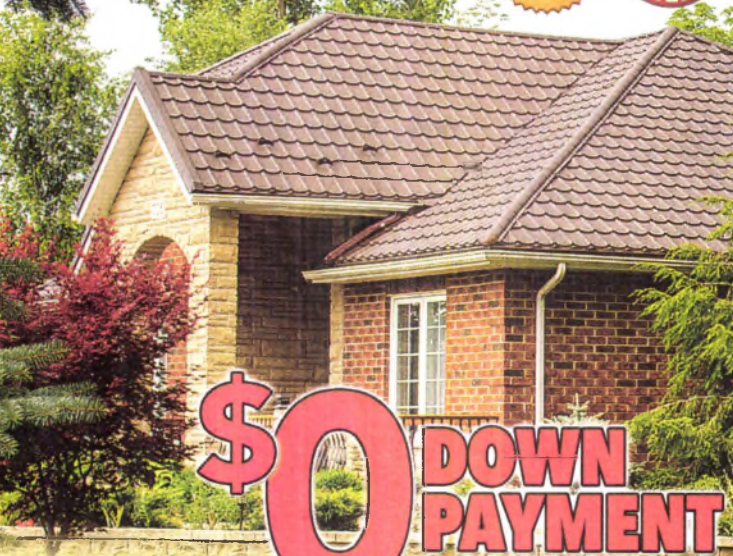
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Pawlak honored as Veteran of the Month for October

Mason Pawlak, a World War II veteran from Livonia, was honored as the October 2017 Veteran of the Month by the Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 32, of the Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32 in Livonia.

Pawlak served in the U.S. Navy Reserves from 1938-40 and the U.S. Navy from 1940-46. He was born and raised on Detroit's west side and graduated from Chadsey High School. Pawlak had a passion for photography beginning when he was 12 years old and worked on the school newspaper. He was in the ROTC at school and attended the Citizens Military Training Center in Battle Creek in the summer of his senior year.

A close friend of his wanted to join the navy and Pawlak went with him down to the armory. While there, he noticed a list of all the different positions in the navy and saw "photographer." He signed up with the reserves, hoping to get assigned as a photographer. He was assigned to the U.S. Naval Armory in Detroit as a seaman. He did not have to go to boot camp, because he attended the CMTC.

He was assigned to the USS Dubuque PG-17, a naval patrol combatant ship, as a gun pointer on a four-inch platform gun. He trained in Lake Michigan, using Manitou Island as a backstop for target practice. While serving in the reserves, he had a job with the Detroit Times and the ANS News Service as a photographer.

In 1940, his reserve unit was called to active duty and he and the USS Dubuque set sail from its home port in Detroit to



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Boston. Pawlak and his unit were assigned as temporary replacements on ships that were short-handed. He served on many different ships as a gunner, patrolling the Atlantic coast from Florida to Iceland. Each time he came back to port, he would ask to be assigned as the ship photographer and, after a year of requesting, was assigned to Norfolk Naval Station in the photo lab.

Merchant supply ships in the Atlantic were being sunk by the Germans and U-boats were blamed, but intelligence suggested the Germans were using South American freighters that they equipped with hidden guns to gain access to the convoys and then sink

them. Pawlak was assigned as an aerial photographer, taking pictures of the suspected freighters to determine if they were German or not. He applied and was accepted to the Naval Photography School in Pensacola, Fla., for four months of training.

Pawlak's next stop was the U.S. Naval Base in Hawaii, where he teamed with a pilot to fly reconnaissance missions in the Pacific, searching for enemy ships. On one mission, Pawlak was standing in the open cockpit (to steady the camera) and a Japanese fighter came after them. Pawlak didn't see him, but the pilot did and made a fast right-handed wing over to avoid being

shot down. Pawlak lost his balance and was thrown from the cockpit, but caught his foot on the gun turret, which saved him from falling out — but he lost his camera.

In 1944, the U.S. Navy assigned Pawlak to the U.S. Army as a photo war correspondent and eventually assigned him to Yank Magazine as a combat correspondent. This was a major promotion and gave Pawlak officer status, but he had to exchange his navy blues for combat green fatigues.

On Sept. 17, 1944, the 81st Infantry Division, along with Pawlak, stormed the beach on the island of Anguar in the Palau Islands. Pawlak was hit by shrapnel and knocked to the ground. He was bleeding badly and told to get to the medics hut.

He managed to make it to the medics hut, only to find it under attack from enemy artillery and the medics taking cover in a sandbagged fox hole. Pawlak was hospitalized and recovered from his wounds in time to get in on the invasion of Leyte, which opened the Philippines campaign. Pawlak was wounded a second time on Okinawa and received two Purple Hearts and two Bronze Stars during his time in the Pacific.

Pawlak married his wife Emily while on leave in 1942. She died in 2012, two months after their 70th anniversary. Pawlak became an instructor at the School for Photography in Detroit and then opened his own photography studio, Lens Art Photographers, in Detroit. He retired in 1990 and lives in Livonia. Pawlak and Emily have a son and a daughter, four grandchildren and three

great-grandchildren.

Pawlak was interviewed by members of the S.A.L. Veteran of the Month committee and a DVD was made and shown at the October membership meeting. A plaque was presented to Pawlak from Livonia Trophy with his picture and service information. An additional plaque was also put on display in the

vestibule of the American Legion Hall. The S.A.L. invites local residents to attend its monthly meetings to listen to the Veteran of the Month. The public is also encouraged to nominate veterans to be honored at its meetings. Nomination forms can be picked up at the American Legion Hall, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48150.

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USA HOCKEY NTDP

Who to watch, when to go this season

Tim Smith
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Yes, hockey fans all over metro Detroit can't wait to make the pilgrimage to Little Caesars Arena — the glistening new home of the Red Wings.

But there's another spiffy place to take care of that hockey fix in Plymouth.

USA Hockey Arena will host some of the best young junior players in the United States when the National Team Development Program's Under-18 squad drops the puck Friday, Oct. 13, against Miami (Ohio) University.

Throughout the 2017-18 season, the NTDP U-18 and U-17 teams will square

off against college rivals as well as teams in the United States Hockey League.

Fans will have an up-close-and-personal chance to watch potential National Hockey League stars, many already committed to play for major colleges in 2018-19.

Worth checking out

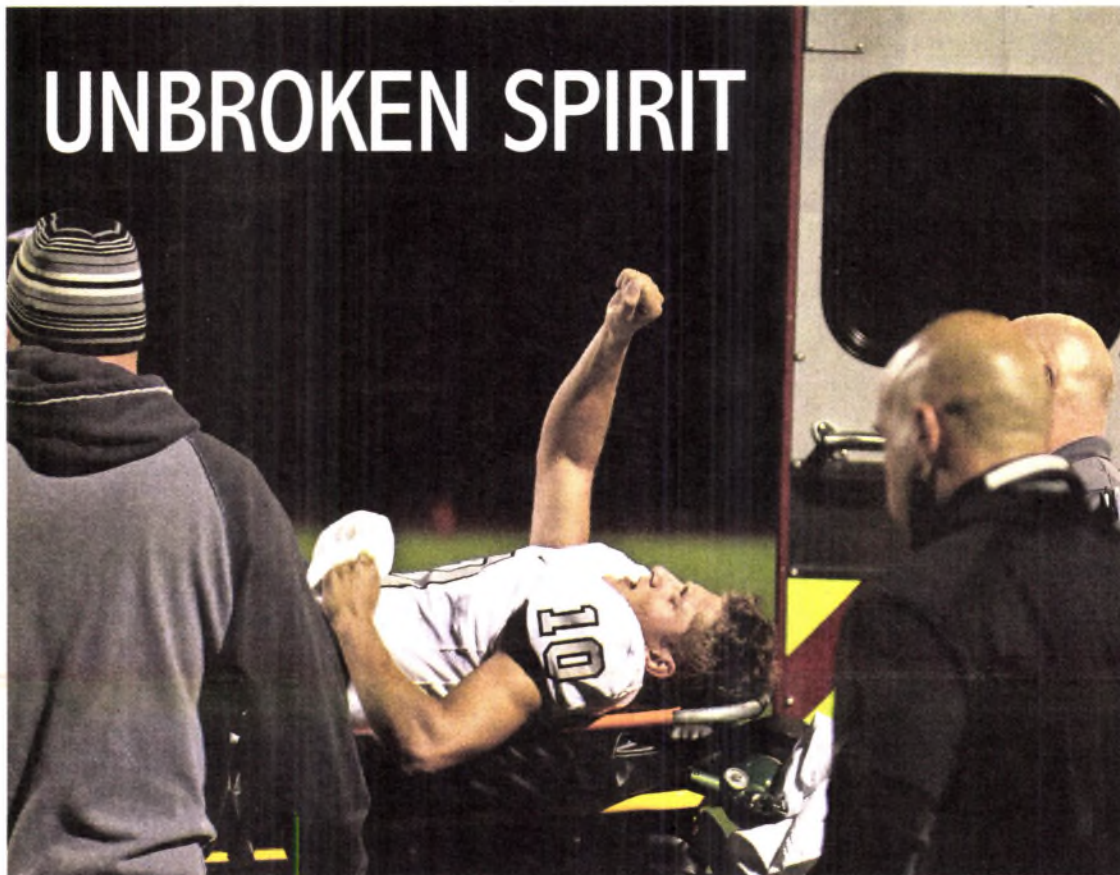
Here's a list of the top-10 USA Hockey NTDP players to watch — with comments from U-18 coach Seth Appert and U-17 coach John Wroblewski — and games to see at the Beck Road venue during the 2017-18 campaign:

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Birmingham's Bode Wilde (left) is one of the players area hockey fans will want to check out this season at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

PREP FOOTBALL



UNBROKEN SPIRIT

Plymouth senior quarterback Zach Beadle gives a sign of encouragement to the crowd as he is moved into an ambulance Friday, Sept. 29. MICHAEL VASILNEK

Community's love bolsters Plymouth quarterback who broke leg in game

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Zach Beadle saw the opening and went for it, the Plymouth quarterback looking to spark a comeback for his football team against Livonia Churchill.

In an instant, the play meant nothing. His right leg had snapped between the knee and ankle. Beadle screamed in pain from the turf at Churchill and looks of shock and concern were etched across the faces of teammates, opponents and fans alike.

But what happened in the days following that Sept. 29 Kensington Lakes Activities Association football game meant — and continues to mean — the world to the affable, popular senior.

An outpouring of love and support began that night and really hasn't subsided in the days since.

"It started when I got out of surgery," Beadle said. "I didn't get back to my room until 4 o'clock in the morning. I had two of my teammates there, A.J. Neal and Carson Miller. Robbie Begley was there, Jake Cain stayed as late as he could. And two of our water girls, Marina Malone



The healing process has already begun for Plymouth's Zach Beadle. He plans on playing his final year of high school baseball next spring.

and Teresa Courney, they were all there for me.

"They got there at about midnight and they were there throughout the entire surgery, which I think was 3½ or four hours. They were there for me when I got up."

Saying thanks

The next morning, Sept. 30, his cellphone was overloaded with messages from well wishers. Many people sent tweets to him, urging him to heal fast.

"I don't even know where to begin by saying thank you," he said. "It meant so much to me to know that, not just my community, but Churchill's football team, their cheerleading team ... even some of their players reached out to me personally."

And the silver lining as far as athletics is concerned is Beadle will probably be able to resume playing baseball next spring for the Wildcats.

"You can't take anything for granted," Beadle said during a Monday telephone interview from his Canton home. "I'm super-thank-

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BOYS SOCCER

Raiders stop Ravens in key OAA White Division clash

Marty Budner
hometownlife.com

North Farmington's perseverance on the pitch has paid dividends.

The Raiders suffered a heartbreaking 1-0 early-season OAA White Division loss to Birmingham Groves. They couldn't afford another division defeat if they wanted to meet their goal of winning the league crown.

Their efforts were rewarded Tuesday on the road at Royal Oak.

The Raiders entered the game needing a victory and hoping Groves, undefeated in the division, would stumble to last-place Oxford. Shortly after storming past the Ravens, 5-1, the Raiders learned Oxford had scored a late goal to upset Groves, 2-1.

The results left North Farmington as the OAA White Division champion with a 5-1-1 record. Groves was second at 4-1-2.

Second-year head coach Erika Rust said North simply focused on its own play ever since losing to Groves.

"We knew we just had to take care of business on our end and, as long as we did that, maybe we'd catch a break, maybe not," said Rust, a former assistant coach at North. "But regardless of what happened, we would be happy with knowing we'd close out league play with some wins. We knew we had to win our last games to have any chance (of winning the division). That was our mentality."

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Junior forward Hunter Washington (right) scored twice during North Farmington's win over Royal Oak, which wrapped up the OAA White Division championship. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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ful that although the injury was bad, it wasn't anything that could end all sports for my senior year.

"It kind of sucks to say it, but I'm happy it was a bone rather than my ACL or my Achilles or something like that. That would have been a whole year process, at the least. And would have put me out of sports for good."

Painful memory

The sequence that resulted in his broken tibia and fibula remains crystal clear in his mind, although it all seems surreal to look back on now.

Plymouth trailed 28-7 early in the fourth quarter and the Wildcats were on the move. The quarterback carried the ball, trying to chew up some yardage on the drive.

"I was running the ball up the middle and I went to plant," Beadle said. "My leg was going one way and a lineman fell on it going the other. I just heard a really loud crack and thought it was my knee at first."

"So I tried to kind of pop my knee back into place when I straightened my leg. I tried to get up and I collapsed. I picked my leg up to look at it see what was going on and, about half-way down my shin, I couldn't see anything because it was just dangling there."

Within seconds, Plymouth assistant coach Scott Murray (a retired police officer) and members of Livonia Churchill's medical staff were attending to Beadle to make sure he didn't hyperventilate or perhaps lose consciousness.

"I started screaming and, within a few seconds, coach Murray was over the top of me, helping me control my breathing before I was in shock or passed out," Beadle said. "While I didn't have to deal with the complications of passing out, it was probably better that I just put up with the pain. He seemed like he knew exactly what he was doing."

It would be about 20 minutes before the ambulance was able to transport him to nearby Livonia St. Mary's Hospital, where he would soon undergo surgery.

During that span, parents Rosie and Steve Beadle rushed to Zach's aid and his sister, Plymouth freshman Alaina (on the varsity cheerleading squad), hurried on to the field to be near her badly injured sibling.

"I didn't hear the sound, but I knew it was him because I saw (Plymouth football player) A.J. (Neal) running towards the sidelines and I saw his facial



Stepping up to the line of scrimmage for Plymouth against Livonia Churchill is quarterback Zach Beadle. MICHAEL VASILNEK

expression," Rosie Beadle said. "I went flying out of the stands like I was running a race."

"The coaches brought us out there and Zach just said, 'Mom, please don't cry.' We told him we loved him and the coaches were amazing. Our coaching staff was absolutely fabulous. Churchill's medical staff that was there was absolutely fabulous."

Could have been worse

The injured player also came to realize that broken bones heal faster than torn knee ligaments. It means that, with determination, many physical therapy sessions and time itself, he'll at least be able to play baseball again.

"I know if everything goes well and I do what I'm supposed to, I'll be all set for my senior year for baseball," Beadle said. "I was talking to (Plymouth) coach (Jason) Crain a little bit. I'm going to work my way into catching a lot more. I won't catch nearly as often as I would have to start the season."

"And then he'll work me in so, by the end of the season, I'm ready to go for all the really important games."

Crain, who was at the hospital to lend support to the Beadles, said talk of playing baseball is premature. But he wouldn't put it past the kid who doesn't know when to stop.

"You know what? He's a great kid," Crain said. "He's a hard worker, he hits a speed bump along his path. Fortunately, it was a clean break rather than an ankle or knee or some-



Zach Beadle tries to avoid a Livonia Churchill defender during the Sept. 29 contest. Beadle broke his right leg later in the game. MICHAEL VASILNEK

thing like that. In time, it will heal up and should be as strong as ever.

"It doesn't surprise me that

he's got the attitude he does. I'm sure there was some disappointment that evening, aside from the pain he was in.

Disappointment in the fact his high school football career is done. I'm sure thoughts of his other sports came into mind, but I think once cooler minds prevailed and he was talking to doctors, I think he's excited to put the work in to contribute on the baseball field."

Rosie Beadle also firmly believes her son's career as an athlete — both at Plymouth High School and, hopefully, at a college to be determined — isn't over.

"Zachary is one determined young man, that is for sure," she said. "He handled this like an absolute champ. Mom learned from him, I think, this time. ... I was quite impressed."

"He wants to catch; that's his dream. He does (want to play college baseball). He loves to play all of them, but baseball's the one he's always wanted to play in college."

Just amazing

Beadle likely will go from a splint to a hard cast in the next week or so and then begin physical therapy in December. It could be April before the all-go sign is given.

Until then, he'll be as active around his high school as he possibly can be, whether in a wheelchair or on crutches. That's because he wants to repay the love that's been shown to him during a traumatic episode in his young life.

His mom doubles down on that sentiment.

"My house is decorated," she said. "I have posters outside, I have posters inside. Everything's just been an absolutely huge support system for him and for all of us. All the boosters, everyone's been amazing."

"It's like a full house here. It already started as soon as school was out (the following Monday), actually. They're already piling in."

Meanwhile, Crain, who played baseball at Canton High School and dealt with injuries himself, emphasized that the best medicine for Beadle and other student-athletes who find themselves on the shelf is to still be part of things — something that playing sports has a tendency to do for people.

"It's certainly a risk that they take and we took as youngsters, at some point," Crain said about high school athletes having their career cut short due to injury. "But honestly, I don't think any of them would do it any other way. There's so many good times and life lessons and friends that are made on the athletic field, whether it's baseball, basketball, football, hockey — go down the list."

"They would not give up those moments for anything. I know I wouldn't."

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HOCKEY

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Drew DeRidder, goalie,

U-18: Already committed to play Big Ten hockey at Michigan State University, the Fenton resident could be a difference-maker.

Appert's take: "Drew is an ultra-competitive goalie who has great athleticism and quickness. He has strong experience being a starter in the USHL last year and winning a gold medal at the Youth Olympics."

Bode Wilde, defenseman,

U-18: Area fans will want to check out the Birmingham resident's skill set. Wilde already is committed to play at Harvard University and is projected to be selected in the 2018 National Hockey League Entry Draft.

Appert's take: "Bode is a high-end offensive defenseman. He has the skating ability and stick skill to become great in our transition game, while possessing a heavy shot on the power play. He can also add physical play and a mean streak on the defensive end."

Mattias Samuelsson, defenseman, U-18:

Ticketed to play college hockey at Michigan, Samuelsson also is projected to be drafted in the first round at next year's NHL draft.

Appert's take: "Mattias is a big (6-4), mobile and highly intelligent two-way defenseman. He has the hockey sense and skill to create offense, while being very difficult to play against defensively with his size, skating ability and



Oliver Wahlstrom (front) chases the puck during a preseason game for the NTDP U-18 squad. RENA LAVERY | USA HOCKEY

WHEN TO GO

FRI. OCT. 13 (7 P.M.): The U-18 team opens the home season against Miami.

FRI. NOV. 17 (7 P.M.): The Clark Cup champion Chicago Steel will skate into USA Hockey Arena for a USHL match-up against the U-17 team.

WEDS. NOV. 22 (7 P.M.): This Thanksgiving Eve contest pits the U-18 team against Adrian in another college match-up.

SAT. DEC. 2 (7 P.M.): Perhaps the marquee game of the arena's "College Six" promotion will feature University of Michigan skating against the U-18 squad.

SAT. DEC. 16 (7 P.M.): Michigan State University's team is led by former NTDP coach Danton Cole, who played his college hockey as a Spartan.

FRI. APRIL 13 (7 P.M.): The U-17 team faces Muskegon, expected to be one of the contenders in the USHL.

INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY: Also on the docket for Feb. 13-17 is the always compelling Five Nations Tournament, involving the U-18 team and squads from other countries.

For information about NTDP tickets, call the arena at 734-453-8400 or go to USAHockeyNTDP.com/SeasonTix. USA Hockey Arena is located at 14900 Beck Road, south of Five Mile Road, in Plymouth.

competitiveness."

Jonathan Gruden, forward, U-18:

One of several Michiganders on the roster (Rochester), it promises to be a key season for Gruden, who

will play college hockey at Miami University.

Appert's take: "Gruden is a complete two-way center. He has many offensive talents, but he is at his best when he brings

out his high-end competitiveness. The more he competes and plays at a high pace, the more offense he creates."

Oliver Wahlstrom, forward, U-18:

Yet another potential NHL first-rounder, Wahlstrom will look to continue making a big impression against college, international and USHL rivals. He is slated to go to Harvard University after leaving the NTDP.

Appert's take: "Ollie is a world-class goal scorer and a power forward. He has the rare ability to break people down one-vs.-one and a shot that can beat goalies from anywhere in the offensive zone. He combines that with the strength and work ethic of a power forward."

Joel Farabee, forward, U-18:

Farabee moved up to the U-18 team during the 2016-17 season and will be called upon in myriad key situations. His future college hockey home is Boston University.

Appert's take: "Joel is a 200-foot hockey player and a high-end competitor. He has the skill and creativity of an offensive player, combined with the toughness and blue-collar work ethic of a checking player. He also has the courage to score goals in high-traffic areas."

Domenick Fensore, defense, U-17:

Just 5-6 and 140 pounds, NTDP officials describe the New York state native as "small, but intriguing."

Wroblewski's take: "Dom is electric and versatile, a true hockey player. He's always playing on angles and is constantly involved in the attack."

Jack Hughes, forward,

U-17: The younger brother of ex-NTDP player and current Michigan defenseman Quinn Hughes is a virtual lock to be taken by an NHL team in the 2019 draft.

Wroblewski's take: "Hughes blends high-end quickness, creativity and skill and is always involved in scoring chances. We have a collection of dynamic forwards on this team and Jack is there in the top tier."

Ryder Rolston, forward, U-17:

The resident of Birmingham and a product of the Little Caesars youth hockey organization, Rolston intends to take another assertive step in his development. He already has verbally committed to play at Notre Dame.

Wroblewski's take: "Rolston is a late emerging player that earned his way into the NTDP at the tryout camp. He will not be outworked and that hunger will be a defining characteristic of his game. We're anticipating a huge jump in his game over the two seasons as he starts to fill out."

Danny Weight, forward, U-17:

Son of a former NHL great, the 5-11, 187-pounder is yet another prospective NHL draft choice down the road. Weight is verbally committed to join Boston College following his time in the NTDP.

Wroblewski's take: "Danny Weight is a playmaker. He understands spacial awareness and the opposition's gap extremely well. His deception and passing efficiency is on another level from players in his age group."

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PREP ATHLETICS

Churchill to dedicate track to Austin, field to Joiner

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Larry Joiner and Rick Austin were fixtures in not only building, but also in the success, of the Livonia Churchill High School athletic program.

A dedication ceremony will be held 6:30-6:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13, in their memory prior to the kickoff of the Chargers' KLAA Gold Division varsity football game at home against Wayne Memorial. Game time is 7 p.m.

The Charger Stadium field will be named in honor of Joiner,



Larry Joiner was the athletic director at Churchill for 21 years. CHURCHILL YEARBOOK



Churchill will dedicate its track in honor of the late Rick Austin.

er, while the track will be dedicated in the name of Austin.

Joiner, who died in 2011 at age 82, spent 21 years as the school's first athletic director (1969-90). The World War II vet was a graduate of Western Michigan University and became the football and swimming coach at Livonia Bentley in 1955.

While at Churchill, Joiner was the driving force behind bringing girls athletics into the schools. He was also inducted into the school's inaugural athletic hall of fame class 16 years ago.

Austin unexpectedly died last March at age 57 from complications following heart surgery.

The 1978 Churchill grad was a standout hurdler who went on to coach at his alma mater for 21 seasons, starting in 1996, replacing track and field coach Fred Price.

Austin, who taught business education at Churchill, will be remembered not only for his one regional, three conference and six division titles, but also for his passion and the interaction with his student-athletes.

Austin Memorial 5K

The inaugural Rick Austin Memorial 5K run-walk will start at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at Churchill, 8900 Newburgh Road. Cost is \$20 (students ages 13-18) and \$25 (adults). Packet pickup will be 4:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at the Churchill fieldhouse. Race day registration begins at 8 a.m. To be guaranteed a T-shirt, register prior to Oct. 25 at a2racemanagement.com. For more information, contact Kaylin or Becca Austin at chscapfunrun@gmail.com.



Senior Jarryn Shin is a defender on the North Farmington boys soccer squad that has posted nine shutouts. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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"We weren't at all confident with Oxford beating Groves. It's not a knock on Oxford, it's just that the odds were against that happening. So actually, as our game ended, their score on twitter was 1-1 and we just kind of waited around as a team to hear the final result — and we were able to celebrate.

"It was a great feeling to wrap up the division title," she added. "The guys really earned it. In our losses and tie, in both of those games, we felt we didn't play our best. We just weren't finishing. That's why (the Royal Oak) game was so nice for us. We finished at both ends of the field."

Defense is team strength

Rust, who played soccer at Sterling Heights Stevenson High School and at the University of Detroit-Mercy, had eight returning varsity players entering this season. She felt all along this was a team capable of winning the division title.

"Looking at the teams in our league, we knew that anyone could beat anyone on any given day," Rust said. "It was just a matter of putting solid performances throughout league play, not having a day off."

North Farmington's forte this year is its stingy 3-5-2 formation.

The Raiders have registered nine shutouts, including five in division action. They are 8-3-3 overall, with their only other losses coming to OAA Red Division member Berkeley and traditional state power Detroit Country Day in non-league action.

Senior goalie Zachary Shuk, a first-year varsity player who has been absolutely spectacular with eight shutouts, spearheads the defense. He has been supported defensively by seniors Jarryn Shin, Jake Selinsky, Zarvan Chinoy and Zach Worthing, plus juniors Diego Verde and Ryan Morgott.

Finishing out the season

In the division-clinching victory over Royal Oak, North Farmington got down to busi-



Second-year head coach Erika Rust led North Farmington to the OAA White Division title and is looking forward to reaching other goals as the season comes to an end. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ness right away by storming to a 3-0 halftime lead. The Raiders added a pair of second-half goals before the host Ravens broke the shutout late in the game.

Junior forward Hunter Washington paced the offense with a pair of goals. Seniors Matthew Swarthout, Anthony Damiani and Andrew Goerge accounted for the other Raiders goals.

"It was a nice bounce-back win for us since we lost in our previous (non-league) game to Detroit Country Day," Rust said. "They scored very late in the game. We kind of fell asleep a little bit after going up 5-0, but it was a great shot by them."

Now that they've won the White Division title, the Raiders are focused on their two other goals: winning the city and district titles.

North Farmington will host Farmington on Thursday with the city title on the line. The Raiders will play in the Division 1 district at Livonia Stevenson.

"It's nice that we've already met one of our goals," Rust said. "We just want to focus on putting it all together, being opportunistic with our chances and maintaining strong defense. We have four games to get ready of refocus for districts."

BOYS SOCCER



At left, Groves senior Spencer Tredwell (left) battle Oxford's Coda Mendoza in the OAA White Division game at Falcons Field. At right, Groves junior midfielder Nick Restrepo (left) attempts to get the ball past Oxford's Nicholas Morawski. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Groves misses chance to wrap up division crown

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Birmingham Groves had a chance to wrap up the OAA White Division boys soccer championship Tuesday.

Playing on their home field, the Falcons hosted an Oxford team that was winless in the division and had won just two games all season. A win would give Groves the outright title over North Farmington.

But things did not go so smoothly for head coach Jonathan Turner's unlucky squad.

Despite outshooting the visiting Wildcats by a 24-13 margin, holding a 7-0 advantage in corner kicks and controlling the majority of second-half action, Groves suffered a heartbreaking 2-1 defeat.

A few minutes after the game, Turner learned that North Farmington defeated Royal Oak, which lifted the Raiders to the White title with a 5-1-1 record. The Falcons finished second at 4-1-2.

"It's disappointing, to say the least," Turner said. "This was a game where it seemed like we could have come out and taken advantage of them, but Oxford played like they wanted to beat us."

"Here's the thing. I think, like anything else, when a team knows there's another team fighting for a title and they have a chance to be a spoiler, I think teams step up to that. Oxford did that tonight. I think they only had three opportunities and they scored on two of them."

"That's why I love soccer and hate soccer. We're dominating the entire game and firing shots at will and they have a couple of opportunities and take advantage of them," he added. "It's a shame. Our guys have worked really hard and it just didn't pay out in the end."

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JONATHAN TURNER
Groves coach

An ominous beginning

In an ominous beginning for Groves, it was Oxford which took the early lead in a wide open first half that featured 20 combined shots, 13 by the Falcons.

Senior midfielder Mitchel Morawski scored the first goal five minutes into the game, when he stole the ball from a Groves defender and rushed untouched toward the net. Morawski's low shot stayed on the ground and beat Groves goalie Christian Williams, who had come out in an attempt to cut the angle.

The Falcons were forced to play catch-up right away.

Groves had a number of solid chances, finally beating Oxford freshman goalie Tristan Bennett at the 28:14 mark. Junior forward Amedeo Crovasce rushed down the left wing and rolled in his shot to the far right side, past a sliding Bennett.

Groves had a flurry of chances to score late in the first half, but could not beat Bennett, who kept the Wildcats in the game with a number of spectacular saves. Isaac Thompson, Spencer Tredwell and Evan McCulloch all came up short on great scoring chances for the Falcons.

Breaking the deadlock

Despite all those opportunities, the game was tied 1-1 at halftime and remained deadlocked through 35 minutes of the second half. It appeared as if it would stay

that way.

But Oxford pulled off the stunner with 4:58 remaining, when sophomore midfielder Christopher Escalante picked up a rebound and booted it home for what proved to be the game-winner. Williams made the initial save on a hard shot from the right wing, but the ball ended up on the foot of Escalante, who did not miss the wide open net.

The Falcons pressed over the final four minutes in an effort to tie. But frustration set in and they were slapped with a red card, which left them one player short for the final two minutes. Part of Groves' agony derived from the fact it had two goals called on offside calls.

"We, obviously, have to score and their goalie played off his rocker. He kept them in and that had an impact," Turner said. "But sometimes it seems as if we're playing against two teams and that doesn't seem right. I'm not sure about the first offside. But on the second one, it looked like we had made a delayed run and he was on, but I'd have to look at the video to see for sure. But it is what it is."

"And, unfortunately, we have to do a better job of composing ourselves when we're dealing with that kind of adversity," he said. "We didn't deal with it well and, as a coach, I'm embarrassed about that. I don't want to stand for a program that's known for being like that."

Turner was disappointed that Groves couldn't capitalize on its many chances.

"There's no question we had many opportunities," Turner said. "I feel comfortable in the fact these guys worked hard, but they just couldn't find the net. These guys are going to learn from this."

"They don't like the feeling, which I can imagine most guys wouldn't," he added. "But we'll get back to this and take a chance at it in two weeks in the districts."

OAA ROUNDUP

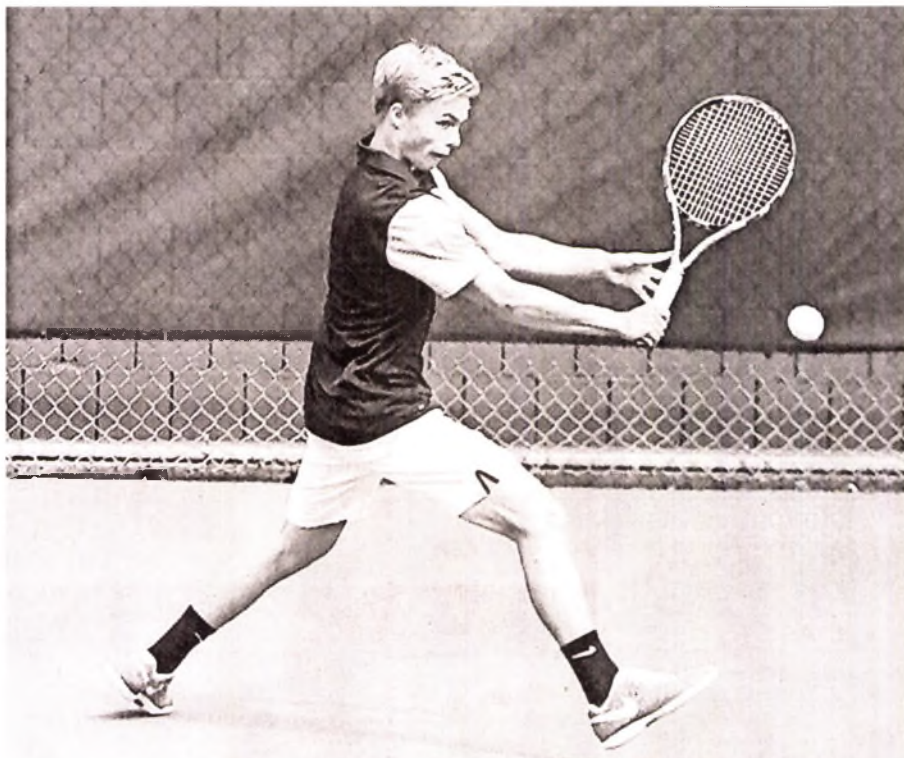
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BOYS TENNIS

SEAHOLM 5, MIDLAND DOW 4: In this recent non-league match-up, Seaholm survived Dow by a point. The Maples won three of the five doubles flights after the teams split the four singles matches. Seaholm's doubles winners, each in straight sets, were the teams of Aiden O'Neill and Max Levitsky (No. 3), Ben Adams and Alex Acho (No. 4) and Palladio Lavigne and William Appleford (No. 5). The Maples' singles winners were Brennan Bull (No. 1) and Owen Claar (No. 4). Claar defeated Dow's Caleb Qui in the lone three-set decision, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

WEST BLOOMFIELD 5, NORTH FARMINGTON 4: On April 28, West Bloomfield defeated North Farmington in OAA White Division action. The host Lakers swept all four singles matches and captured one doubles flight. The Raiders won the Nos. 2-5 doubles flights, led by co-captain Keith Jackson and Ryosuke Nishida, who defeated the Lakers duo of Jacob Strange and Kasper Zamajtis in a nice three-set match, 6-2, 4-6, 6-1. The other winning Raiders' doubles teams were Srihari Srinivasan and Jackson Jozwiak (No. 3), John Goodwin and Nick Cherney (No. 4) and Keegan Kenrick and Asa Turkmani (No. 5).

LIGGETT 5, GROVES 3: Groves took the top three singles flights, but that's all it could muster in this non-league outing Monday. The



Seaholm's Brennan Bull chases down at shot at No. 1 singles during a recent non-league match against Midland Dow.

Falcons singles winners were juniors Gabe Liss (No. 1) and Gabe Vidinas (No. 2) and freshman Jonah Liss (No. 3). Gabe Liss and Vidinas won in straight sets, losing just seven games combined. Jonah Liss needed three tough sets to top Liggett senior Casey Scoggin, 2-6, 7-6 (2), 7-5. The lone three-set doubles match came at No. 4, where the Liggett duo of Pat Ilitch and Vick Logan defeated

the Groves pair of Joe Behrman and Will Hess, 2-6, 7-5, 6-3.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY BROTHER RICE 21, ST. MARY'S 38: Brother Rice wrapped up its second straight Central Division title with this easy victory Monday at Kensington Metropark. The Warriors were led by Michael Tremonti and Alec Miracle,

who tied for first place with a time of 16:48. Rice's Grant Davey placed third in 17:15. The other Warriors in the top 10 were Joe Berg (seventh), Dan Serra (eighth), Nick Noga (ninth) and Jacob Hannawa (10th). The top two Eaglets runners were Jack Rankin (fourth in 18:01) and Brendan Moriarty (fifth in 18:30).

HANSON INVITATIONAL: On Sept. 30, Brother Rice

raced to first place in the 23-team Hanson Invitational held at Stoney Creek. The Warriors finished with 83 points, followed by Stoney Creek (94) and Clarkston (105). Rice senior Michael Tremonti was second overall in a time of 15:50. Alec Miracle was fifth (16:05) and Grant Davey seventh (16:09) for Rice.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

OAA WHITE DIVISION JAMBOREE NO. 2: North Farmington placed sixth in the second OAA White Division jamboree Tuesday at Bloomer State Park. The host Cougars won with 50 points and Bloomfield Hills was second with 63. Farmington was third with 91 points, followed by West Bloomfield (99), Royal Oak (105), North Farmington (149) and Troy Athens (161). North Farmington's top two runners were Whitney Reid (fourth in 20:01.7) and Maya Rai (27th in 22:50.7). The Farmington city meet is at 4:30 p.m. Monday at Oakland Community College.

BOYS SOCCER

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY 3, BIRMINGHAM ROEPER 2: The teams were tied 1-1 at halftime, but visiting PCA won with a pair of second-half goals.

VOLLEYBALL

SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 3, FRANKLIN ROAD CHRISTIAN 0: Southfield Christian traveled Tuesday to Novi and defeated Franklin Road in three sets, 25-14, 25-9, 25-14. The Lady Eagles were led by senior Kaelin Ray (17 kills, three aces) and sophomore Emily Van Dyke (16 kills, 11 digs). Sophomore Rachel Stiteler finished with 37 assists.

KLAA ROUNDUP

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GIRLS SWIMMING

NOVI 113, HARTLAND 73: On Oct. 3, Julia Katulski and Annick Gardon each figured in three first-place finishes as the Wildcats (6-3, 3-1) defeated the visiting Eagles in a KLAA Gold Division dual meet. Katulski swept the 50- and 100-yard freestyles in 25.20 and 55.04, respectively, while Gardon took firsts in the 200 individual medley (2:19.34) and 100 backstroke (1:04.43). Other individual winners for Novi included Lorna Dunn in the 1-meter diving (193.55 points) and Danielle Gardon in the 500 freestyle (5:28.48). The four-some of the two Gardons, Katulski and Elise Fonda also teamed up for a victory in the 400 freestyle relay (3:48.13). Hartland's Maddie Mince also figured in three wins, capturing the 100 butterfly (59.59) and 200 freestyle (1:59.63), while also being a member of the 200 medley relay (1:54.83).

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

NORTHVILLE 16, HARTLAND 39: Freshman Yasmine Yansi was the individual winner in 18:53 as the Mustangs (5-0) defeated the Eagles in a KLAA Gold Division meet Oct. 3 at Cass Benton Park. Following Yansi, who now ranks sixth all-time on the school record board, were Emily Gordon, second (20:07); Keira Courtney, third (21:04); Olivia Masse, fourth (21:21); and Emily Rudberg, sixth (21:21).

DOUBLE DUAL: Plymouth defeated both Livonia Franklin and Westland John Glenn in a KLAA double dual Oct. 3 while the Patriots also came away with a win. The Wildcats defeated Franklin 25-32 and John Glenn 15-50, while the Patriots also earned a 15-50 victory over the Rockets. Medalist was Franklin's Erin Seibert, who finished with a time off 19:45.8. Trailing Seibert were Plymouth's Arwa Hararwala (second, 19:53.0), Londyn Swenson (third, 20:13.2), Franklin's Allyson Stabler (fourth, 20:40.9), Plymouth's Izzy Tiplady (fifth, 21:00.2) and Emily Esker of the Patriots (sixth, 21:06.8). Other notable Plymouth performers were freshmen Lola Merrill (21:31), Paige Cristea (21:32), juniors Rachel Glovatsky (21:42) and Ana White (21:49). Franklin's Hailey Kutrukis (21:40.2) and Ruby Walker (21:59.0) also eclipsed the 22-minute mark.

The top finisher for John Glenn was Nivene Rizkallah (15th, 23:55.2).

SALEM 15, CHURCHILL 50: The Rocks (4-0) took the first seven places en route to a convincing win Oct. 3 against KLAA Black Division rival Livonia Churchill at Willow Metropark. Medalist was Hallie Younglas, with a time of 20:36.2, just edging teammate Reagan Justice (20:37.4). Other Salem finishers included Gabrielle Mancini (third, 20:44.3), Olivia Millen (fourth, 21:02.8), Shae Wilson (fifth, 21:03.1), Lizzy Lu (sixth, 21:08.5), Bridget Nelson (seventh, 21:12.4), Jessica Hughes (10th, 21:33.1) and Hannah Jeffress (11th, 21:42.0). Churchill's top finisher were Esha Bingi (21:29.1) and Claudia Shuler (21:43.3).

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

CANTON 24, WAYNE 35: The Chiefs were sparked to victory Oct. 3 by medalist Shane Andrews, who finished in 17:33. Helping the cause for Canton were Andrew Lake (third, 18:16), Garrett Nagelhout (18:35), David Kight (18:53) and Daniel Jimenez (18:59).

PLYMOUTH WINS DOUBLE

DUAL: In a KLAA double dual meet on Oct. 3, Plymouth prevailed 16-45 over Livonia Franklin and also bested the shorthanded Rockets, who only had four runners. Franklin also defeated John Glenn. Medalist was Plymouth's Ethan Byrnes (16:16), followed by teammates Carter Solomon (16:18), Patrick Byrnes (16:52) and Tyler Mussen (17:08) in places 2-4. In fifth with a time of 17:19 was Franklin's Jackson Nordbeck, while Plymouth's Brandon Boyd came in sixth with a mark of 17:26. Rounding out the top 10 were Franklin's Logan Evanchuk (seventh, 17:41), Plymouth's Adam Stepek (eighth, 17:49), Jarrett Warner (ninth, 17:51) and Basil Syed (10th, 18:04). In 11th place for the Patriots was Joe Nichol (18:11).

VOLLEYBALL

NOVI 3, CANTON 0: The two Miss Volleyball candidates, Abryanna Cannon (18 kills, 12 digs) and setter Erin O'Leary (41 assist-to-kills, eight kills), sparked the Wildcats (29-3) to the 25-15, 25-18, 25-14 KLAA crossover triumph Oct. 3 at home over the Chiefs. Other Novi contributions came from Katherine Ellison (12 kills, 17 digs) and Claire Pinkerton (13 digs).

BRIGHTON 3, PLYMOUTH 0: The visiting Wildcats fell short Oct. 3 and could not carry over the momentum of their big

win Sept. 28 against Westland John Glenn. Standouts for Plymouth against Brighton included Lauren Wheeler (nine assists), Kayla Courtney (four digs) and Grace Balch (five digs). Courtney (returning from injury) and Kenna White each had 11 kills in the 3-0 road win over John Glenn while Wheeler chipped in with 35 assists and eight digs.

HOWELL 3, SALEM 0: On Oct. 3 at Howell, the Rocks played better than the final outcome, coach Brian Theut noted.

NORTHVILLE INVITATIONAL: On Sept. 30, Temperance Bedford gained revenge defeating the host Mustangs (29-6-2) in the championship, 25-21, 25-22. Northville finished 4-1-1 on the day defeating Walled Lake Western, Marysville, Dearborn Edsel Ford and Grosse Pointe Northville, while tying Romeo in pool play. Brianna Maccoux led Northville's hitting attack with 27 total kills on the day, while adding 43 digs. Libero Hannah Grant had 59 digs and 10 ace serves. Setter Rachel Holmes had 85 assists and 17 digs. Other leaders for the Mustangs included setter Morgan Rodgers (26 kills), Christina Valentini (20 kills), Jessica Hogan (18 kills), Clare McNamara (10 kills), Jenna Boksha (10 kills) and Ally Zayan (11 digs).

BOYS SOCCER

NORTHVILLE 3, BRIGHTON 1: Felipe McCarthy had pair of goals as the Mustangs (10-3-1, 3-1) earned a make-up match victory Oct. 2 over the host Bulldogs at Sloan Field. No scoring occurred after play was halted with 9:36 left in the first half in a KLAA Gold Division game from Sept. 21. Andrew Mitchell added a goal and assist, while Yianni Kanellopoulos was the winning goalkeeper as the Mustangs improved to 8-2 overall in the KLAA.

CANTON 1, PLYMOUTH 5: In the second game of the Soccer World Park Cup series, held Oct. 2, the campus rivals played to this hard-fought draw. Canton goalkeeper Sean O'Meara was strong, making 13 saves and only giving up a penalty kick goal to Plymouth's Bennett Brooks. Answering with a goal for the Chiefs was Jordan Fourney, assisted by Nick Yono.

BOYS SOCCER



Livonia Stevenson's Tanner Brose approaches the ball as he gets set to score the tying goal on a penalty kick. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Spartans starting to get healthy, tie Rocks

Tim Smith
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Livonia Stevenson rolled out the welcome mat Sept. 28 for previously injured players Tanner Brose and Andrew Barry for its KLAA boys soccer match-up against visiting Salem.

And the reinforcements couldn't have come soon enough for an injury-depleted Spartans roster, as Brose scored on two penalty kicks in a come-from-behind 2-2 tie.

"This is probably the best game he's had since he's been back," Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker said about Brose, a senior forward. "He looks fully healthy. But we were without him all last week and we just hit a rough stretch with a bunch of guys injured. We got a couple back to night and it made a massive difference for us."

Brose opened the scoring at 12:15 of the first half, when he ripped a low liner past Salem junior goalkeeper Oral Buraq on a penalty kick (awarded due to a hand ball in the box).

The Rocks, who have been at or near the top of the standings in the KLAA Black all season, took the lead on two goals in the second half by senior forward Jason Warras. He tied the game in the 62nd minute, when he raced down the left side of the field and drove the ball past onrushing Stevenson senior keeper Dylan Jesmore.

Warras made it a 2-1 game with 18:01 to go, when he received a nice feed from junior

midfielder Hudson Shields, wheeled inside the box and blasted a hard shot past the Spartans' goalie.

"Jason's done well. He creates a lot of chances up top," Salem head coach Kyle Karns said. "Extremely dynamic player, got two goals for us tonight, which should have been enough. He's a huge part of our offense right now."

It wasn't enough because of Stevenson's persistent offensive push, with Brose in the middle of things.

Another player just back from injury, senior forward Lucas Rea, teamed up with senior midfielder Zak Merchant for a dangerous attempt that caromed off the left post. On the subsequent sequence, a Spartan was fouled inside the box and a PK was called.

"We got a good buildup and we played it through to Merchant," Brose said. "He did a great job trying to finish, hit the post and then Rea worked his butt off to get there and just got shoved in the box. We were able to finish."

Stevenson's record moved to 8-2-3 overall (No. 5 in the rankings), while Salem is 9-5-2. Meanwhile, Karns still see positives coming out of the contest.

"I felt like we, in certain stages of the game, we were able to play well," Karns said. "We got tons of chances and it just didn't work out."

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COLLEGE SOCCER

WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

NO CULTURE CLASH AS QUARTET FROM VENEZUELA LEADING SCHOOLCRAFT RISE TO CONTENTION

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Blazing heat that transforms a soccer pitch into a turf-covered stove top doesn't slow the Schoolcraft College men's soccer team in the least.

Of course, it shouldn't be a surprise when the 2017 Ocelots feature a roster composed of players from Venezuela, Brazil, Jamaica and Iraq.

That melting pot of a squad — coached by longtime Schoolcraft veteran Rick Larson and an undeniable contender in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association — roasted visiting Lake Michigan College, 12-0, on Sept. 22.

And right in the middle of the fun, as usual, were Venezuelans Mikel Ibanez (sophomore midfielder), Carlos Martinez and Carlos Valbuena (freshman defenders) and Juan Gomez (freshman goalkeeper).

"We got to keep going until nationals and then we can say we're good," Ibanez said. "Not yet. Our team, we have players from all over the world, from Mexico, from Africa, from Jamaica, from Venezuela. We have a lot of players, international players."

Valbuena, who stressed that he and his countrymen refer to the sport they excel at as "football," played this summer for AFC Ann Arbor. Then, he met Larson and saw the sparkling soccer facilities at Schoolcraft, which include the St. Joe's Sports Dome that towers over I-275 in Livonia.

"I have a friend who was an All-American twice, he played

here (Schoolcraft), like, six years ago, Marco Lobo," Valbuena said. "He also played at Western (Michigan). He told me, like, four years ago if I ever wanted to come and play some college at good level, the doors were open."

"I moved to Ann Arbor four months ago, from Miami. I was with AFC Ann Arbor for the summer and, after (that), I decided to play some college and they introduced me to Rick. I saw the facilities and the coaching staff and players were awesome."

What about the boiling heat for the early afternoon tilt against the Red Hawks?

"I will say it's hotter there (Venezuela), the part where I'm from, which is more like the coast," Valbuena said. "It gets to 100 every day."

Gomez said Larson "contacted an alumni from the school that works with bringing players from my country to play college football and he gave me the opportunity to come here."

A destination

Schoolcraft's reputation as a standout program for a number of years makes it an easier call for Venezuelans and other international players to find their way to Livonia.

"I knew they were a top 10 team for a while and they have won championships," Gomez said. "So it was a nice opportunity to come here."

The goalie, who is living with a billet family, said he is fluent enough in Spanish and English to communicate with



There is quite an international flavor to the Schoolcraft College men's soccer team. Four of the key players are from Venezuela: (top, from left) goalie Juan Gomez and Carlos Martinez and (bottom, from left) Mikel Ibanez and Carlos Valbuena. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

whoever might be in the back with him.

"Sometimes, I got half my defense speaks Spanish and the other half speaks English," Gomez said with a smile. "I switch idioms, I switch the languages a lot."

The Ocelots continue to turn the heat up on MCCAAs rivals, scoring goals in bunches and rarely getting scored against. As of the win over Lake Michigan, Schoolcraft remained first in the conference and region.

"We love what (the Venezuelans) bring to the table," Larson said. "They're leaders in the way that they're very professional about the way they take care of themselves, about the way they train and the intricacies of the game."

"They really love the details of soccer. We're able to have in-depth conversations about the nuances of particular positions and particular situations."

Everyone benefits

Americans on the squad, such as Observerland alums Jordan Whitt (Livonia Franklin), Alex Spratte (Plymouth), David Tetaj (Farmington Hills Harrison) and Nyle Ellis (Westland John Glenn), also welcome the international players. Their arrival is essential to all players raising the bar on their own performance level.

"When my returning players come in, they know there's going to be an influx of international players," Larson said. "And they're kind of chomping at the bit in an excited way to figure out what those players are going to look like, who they're going to be, where they're from."

Patrick Yelsik, of Schoolcraft's athletic department, added that the college as a whole also benefits from having international players on the field.

"We're extremely fortunate to have international student-athletes like these guys on our

teams," Yelsik said. "How they open our awareness to different cultures and perspectives and give us a better world view is invaluable."

Ibanez said there also is a winning atmosphere away from the field and no sign of cliques.

"We're trying to make the new guys feel comfortable with us," Ibanez said. "With this team, it wasn't hard. Everyone is friendly with each other, we're a good team."

"We have fun and work hard," Valbuena said. "In every team, there's always three or four players who are a little better than the others."

"But this team is more like a family. That's what I think has been taking us far and probably take us farther."

Home cooking

Larson added that another key reason why Schoolcraft is scorching rivals left and right is the sports dome right next to the game field.

The year-round dome also houses the elite Michigan Wolves (males) and Michigan Hawks (females), as well as Livonia youth soccer teams.

"A big part of why we want to do so well at home — a big mission for them (Ocelots) is to go undefeated at home — is because there's Wolves players watching us," Larson said. "And they come in after our games and we share this complex. We want top-level Wolves players to play in our program."

Meanwhile, players from other countries are enjoying life at Schoolcraft College, maybe even enough to hold off on possibly moving on to a four-year college in 2018-19.

"There's always a chance to transfer," Valbuena said. "But I think I'll stay here because of the coaching staff, the facilities."

"Plus we have a good squad that we're trying to take to nationals."

Those are magical words in any language.

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PREP ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



MIKAELA SCHULZ

GIRLS GOLF JUNIOR
BLOOMFIELD HILLS BLACK HAWKS

WHAT SHE DID: Schulz was individual medalist at the prestigious Oakland County Girls Golf Championships held Sept. 20 at the Pontiac Country Club. The third-year varsity golfer shot a two-under par-70 that included an eagle on the par-5 second hole. "I started off really well. I was focusing on making sure that I took it one shot at a time, worrying about the next shot and not the overall picture," Schulz said. "I was putting well and striking the ball well and not making too many errors which helped me." Just as importantly, she was happy to help lead Bloomfield Hills to its first ever Oakland County team title. "In general I was pleased with my round and glad that I could help my team to the victory," she said. "Our team played great that day."

WHAT SHE SAID ABOUT BEING NAMED ATHLETE OF THE WEEK: Schulz had trailed early in the voting but received a huge boost from family and friends around school, the golf team and even club members at Tam O'Shanter. "It's a really big honor for me," said Schulz. "I appreciate all the people

who supported me and voted for me. My mom shared it on Facebook and a lot of her friends voted and also a lot of my golf friends and people in school. And my country club, Tam O'Shanter, shared the link, had everyone voting and was a big support. It's really exciting and fun."

WHAT SHE SAID ABOUT THE UPCOMING STATE TOURNAMENT: Schulz was second-low medalist at last year's Division 1 state tournament. She is hoping to improve on that finish this fall. "First things first, we hope to do well at regionals and assuming we advance I really want to win states," Schulz said. "It was a big goal of mine last year and I fell just short. I really want to perform better this year and shoot some low scores."



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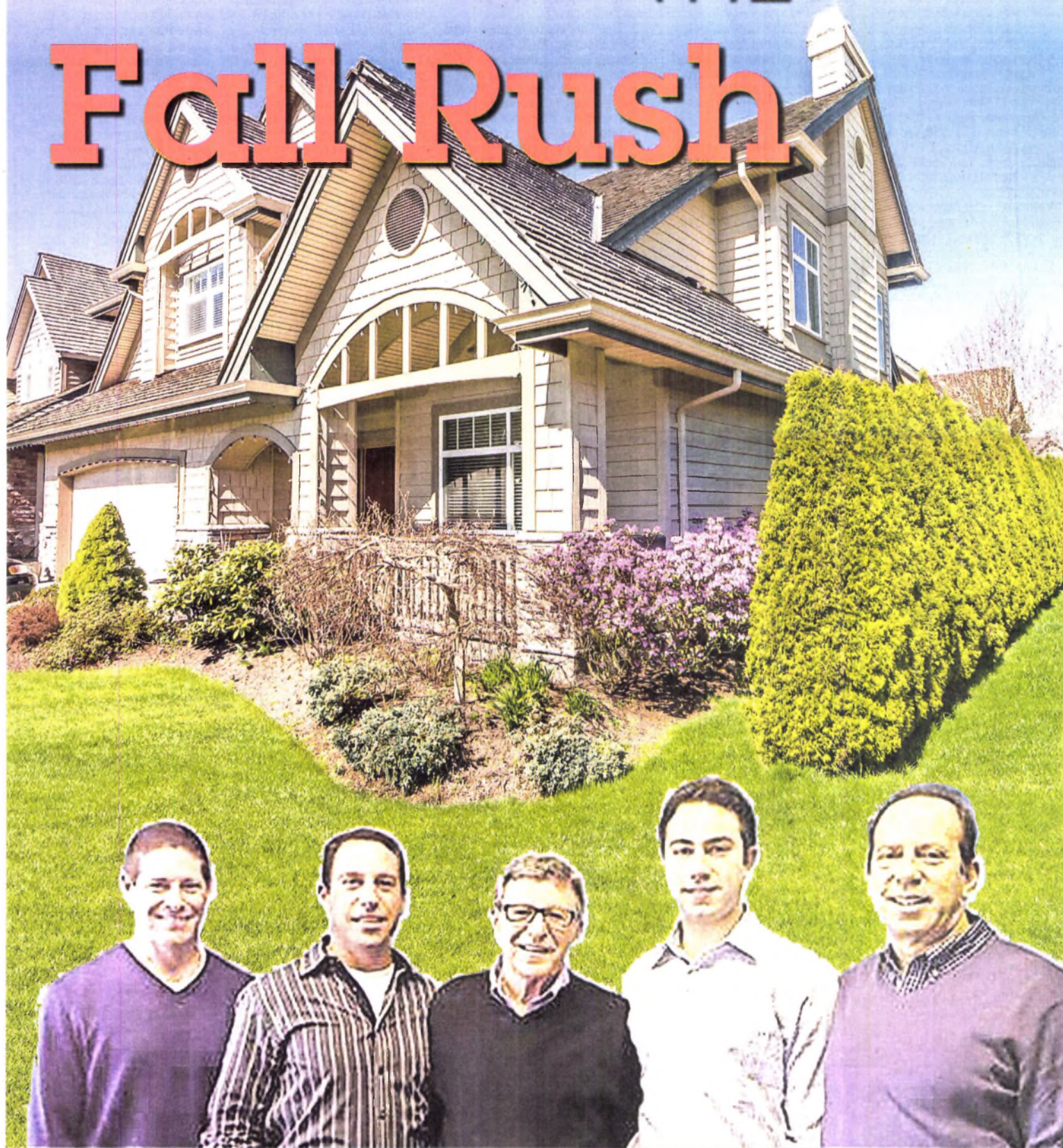
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of Garden City will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on a request to rezone the eastern 132 feet of property located at 1724 Middlebelt Road and just south of 1724 Middlebelt Road (Tax Parcel No. 35013010053001 and 35013010054001) from O-1, Office District to R-1, Single Family Residential District.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

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The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on a request to rezone the property located at 203-225 Middlebelt Road (Tax Parcel No. 35019990009000) from C-1, Local Business District to C-2, Community Business District.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

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**PROPOSED ORDINANCE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD**

At the Regular Meeting on October 10, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., the Redford Township Board of Trustees will have the 2nd reading and adoption of proposed Ordinance No. 346.

ORDINANCE NO. 346

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND REDFORD CHARTER TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD TO CHAPTER 38 ARTICLE 5 SECTION 93 TO 96 TO PREVENT, REDUCE, OR ELIMINATE BLIGHT, BLIGHTING FACTORS, OR CAUSES OF BLIGHT WITHIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT HEREOF; AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION HEREOF.

The ordinance can be viewed in its entirety either online at www.redfordtwp.com on the home page under "Services/Ordinances Online" or at the Township Clerk's Office, 15145 Beech Daly, Redford, MI, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on proposed amendments to Section 154.030 (Lighting Requirements) of the Garden City Zoning Ordinance. Major changes include a new sub-section (F) that includes amendments for string lights, tube lights, and similar lighting around windows and architectural building features in non-residential zoning districts. Proposed amendments include provisions for district locations, static lighting, specific standards for window lighting and architectural outline lighting, and temporary lighting.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to the Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendments may be examined at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 during regular office hours until the date of the hearing.

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**CITY OF LIVONIA
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**AGENDA
Zoning Board of Appeals**

**October 24, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.
Livonia City Hall - Auditorium (1st Floor)
33000 Civic Center Drive
Livonia, MI
(734) 466 2259**

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-09-52 (Tabled on September 12, 2017): TG2, LLC / Motor City Peaks Livonia, east side of Haggerty (20120) between Phillips Road and Eight Mile, seeking to erect one additional wall sign upon a commercial building while maintaining two existing wall signs, resulting in excess number of wall signs and wall sign area.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-10-61: Patrick and Dianne Tarbet, west side of Wayne (9535) between Ann Arbor Trail and West Chicago, seeking to construct a detached garage while maintaining an attached garage, resulting in excess number of garages, garage area and the detached garage being excess in height. The existing shed to remain, which is 198 sq. ft. This increases the total area of "outbuilding" to 1718 sq. ft.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-10-62: Dennis Buddenborg, north side of Howell (37772) between Richfield and Blue Skies, seeking to maintain a covered front porch constructed without a permit, resulting in deficient front yard setback.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-10-63: James Hamrick, west side of Cardwell (8959) between West Chicago and Joy, seeking to construct a rear addition onto a nonconforming dwelling, resulting in deficient rear yard setback. Nonconformity is based on the existing rear yard setback of 25 feet where 50 feet is required.

Public Comments may be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals Office at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154 - all comments must include name, address and signature.

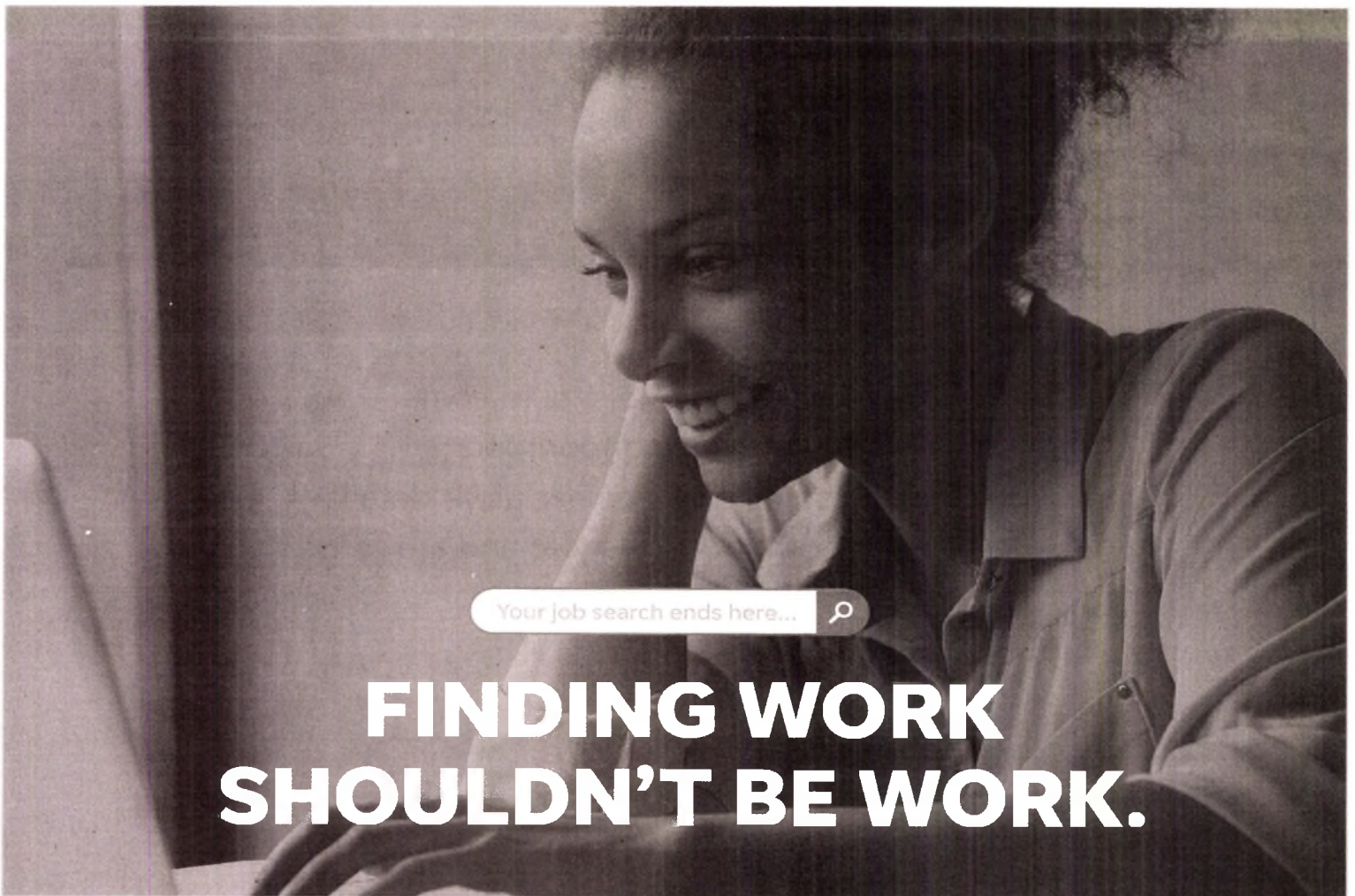
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What are the pros and cons of job hopping?

BY PETER JONES
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The jury remains out on job hopping. Most people agree the stigma is mostly gone, particularly if you're in the unique brand of circumstances that makes it the wisest move for your career. But there are still pros and cons — even if you think it's all good or all bad.

JOB HOPPING PROS

Finding yourself. If you're not entirely sure what you want to do with your life, a few job hops early on can actually be very useful in saving you valuable time. Just be mindful to figure out what you like and start pointing yourself in that direction with some force and purpose.

Variety is fun. They don't call it the spice of life for nothing. You get that many more opportunities to make sure you find the right fit—as well as a fresh take on things with each new company.

But remember, the novelty wears off very quickly. Make sure to get accustomed also to the routine of working a job for more than a few months.

Networking, networking, networking. You can amass a truly powerful network by job hopping. Just



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make sure you're actually making lasting connections and not just blowing through people for the sake of it.

You'll grow as a person. You'll meet more people, you'll work in a broader range of diverse fields and institutions and you'll be exposed to a much wider variety of information and resources. This can really build your versatility, and indeed, your attractiveness

as a long-term hire, provided you shape your experience mindfully.

A cash increase. Jumping to a new position, when done right, almost always ends up with you making a bit more money — often more than a routine raise.

JOB HOPPING CONS
Relationships are in danger. Gaining experience

by job hopping might get you a bunch of bullets on your resume, but it won't necessarily get you a good recommendation, and it won't help you build the kind of relationships that make for a long and successful career. The last thing you want to do is give the impression that you're unreliable.

Employers might hesitate. If you have a track

record of loving and leaving, so to speak, employers might be hesitant to hire you.

Or worse, they might put you on the chopping block first if or when lay-offs are in order — before you've had a chance to prove your loyalty. Basically, they fear you'll jump ship at the first sign of trouble. And, to be fair, they have no counter evidence.

Lack of satisfaction. If you don't stick around long enough to really reap some of the slow-release, long-term benefits of company loyalty, you'll miss a potentially truly enjoyable part of your career.

Greener grass syndrome. If you get into a pattern of job hopping, you might start to fall victim to the trap of always thinking the grass is greener in some other job or other career.

Try to find a place to settle down when you can and when appropriate. Otherwise, you'll develop a long list of shallow experiences and expertise, and never reap the sweet rewards of loyalty.

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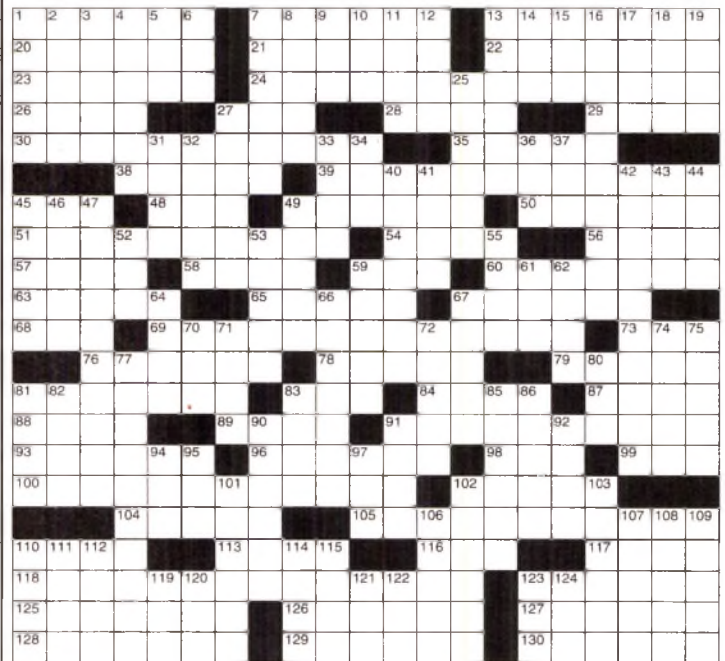
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 - 24 Place with lots of slots
 - 26 Presently
 - 27 Sturdy tree
 - 28 Ponce de —
 - 29 Golf bag items
 - 30 A pilot lowers it during approach
 - 35 Greasy of the gridiron
 - 38 Love, in Livorno
 - 39 Aid in raising heavy weights
 - 45 Grayish color
 - 48 Chi follower
 - 49 Escaped
 - 50 Capital of Kazakhstan
 - 51 Brie and feta seller
 - 54 About
 - 56 — Z (old Camaro)
 - 57 Freezing
 - 58 Bygone New York stadium
 - 59 Suffix with Siam
 - 60 Biohazard face wear
 - 63 Many seized autos
 - 65 iPod maker
 - 67 See
 - 83-Across
 - 68 Weaponize
 - 69 Place to make earthenware
 - 73 — Aviv-Yafo
 - 76 Reverses
 - 78 Bar legally
 - 79 Chopin composition
 - 81 Custodian
 - 83 With
 - 67-Across, protein source for a hive
 - 84 Conked out
 - 87 Et — (and more)
 - 88 Big outback birds
 - 89 in — (stymied)
 - 91 Simple torlkift
 - 93 Motive
 - 96 Put to work
 - 98 "Evolve" singer
 - DiFranco
 - 99 Porkers' pad
 - 100 Bladers' wear
 - 102 Barrel along
 - 104 Brit's buddy
 - 105 Helm locale
 - 110 Morales of "La Bamba"
 - 113 "Der —" (Konrad Adenauer's nickname)
 - 116 Never, in Berlin
 - 117 Actress — Flynn
 - Boyle
 - 118 Easy-to-travel-with suitcases
 - 123 Two-dimensional
 - Arquette of "Crash"
 - 126 1 followed by 100 zeros
 - 127 Dines at home
 - 128 Swim at a shoal, maybe
 - 129 Stuffed shirts
 - 130 Things that nine answers in this puzzle have
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Central
 - 2 Vying venue
 - 3 Bright yellow
 - 4 To-do list
 - 5 Prefix with stick
 - 6 Tiny colonist
 - 7 Occupy
 - 8 Tremble
 - 9 German city
 - 10 Tirana's nation; Abbr.
 - 11 Tattle
 - 12 Emmy winner Falco
 - 13 "— & Lacey"
 - 14 Follower of "Jean," often
 - 15 Coach Parseghian
 - 16 Dillydallies
 - 17 "Nasty" Nastase
 - 18 Maui goose
 - 19 Old GM cars
 - 25 Some jazz combos
 - 27 Like a cruel beast; Var.
 - 31 Wee devils
 - 32 Snouts
 - 33 Per item
 - 34 Deep groove
 - 36 Dry — bone
 - 37 Fleur-de- —
 - 40 Least strict
 - 41 Decoy
 - 42 Big spiders
 - 43 Actress Mireille —
 - 44 Big name in big trucks
 - 45 Capital of Ghana
 - 46 Smithy, e.g.
 - 47 Relative of a user's guide
 - 49 Have a cow
 - 52 Tokyo, to the shoguns
 - 53 Warm (up)
 - 55 Psalm starter
 - 59 Mother on "Family Ties"
 - 61 Late boxing great
 - 62 — gin fizz
 - 64 Primer pooch
 - 66 Forestal
 - 67 Iris center
 - 70 Tijuana gold
 - 71 Part of TB
 - 72 In the present era
 - 74 Official order
 - 75 Like a sieve
 - 77 Not alike
 - 80 — Mahal
 - 81 Actress Ryan
 - 82 Call in church
 - 83 Crimson Tide, to fans
 - 85 Tick away
 - 86 Bright star in Cygnus
 - 90 — and Hyde
 - 91 Ritzy
 - 92 Level
 - 94 Out — limb
 - 95 Take home
 - 97 Aries article
 - 101 Martial arts actor
 - 102 Sales pitches
 - 103 Distend
 - 106 Metallic bar
 - 107 Ballet, e.g., in Brest
 - 108 Object of a knightly quest
 - 109 Takes home
 - 110 Is off base
 - 111 Momentarily
 - 112 Additionally
 - 114 Yanks (on)
 - 115 Von Furstenberg of fashion
 - 119 Balpoint fluid
 - 120 LA-to-IL dir.
 - 121 Ozzy gunk
 - 122 Past
 - 123 Chapel bench
 - 124 "— di-dah!"



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

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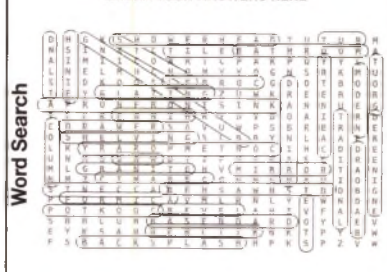
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

Crossword Answers

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Car Report

SUBARU GAINS FANS, SALES FOR IMPREZA BY INTRODUCING ALL-NEW 2017 VERSION WITH TECHNOLOGY, OTHER UPGRADES



By Dale Buss

Subaru has completely redesigned the Impreza for 2017 as the brand continues to pile up sales and take market share from much bigger rivals. Impreza wasn't at the top of the list of reasons that Subaru has gained traction, but the new version of the small nameplate — available as a sedan or hatchback — certainly will move it up a few notches.

The brand is an intriguing one. For something whose name is so Japanese, and a company that is Japanese, Subaru seems more like a brand and a car lineup designed by Americans, for Americans.

Sure, there's the crunchy element of the brand — after all, Subaru recently ran a TV advertisement that literally depicted the grandchild of someone who was at Woodstock hugging the

tree where she and grandpa met back in their dissipated days. But if you talk with Tom Doll, the chief of Subaru in the United States, he explains that progressives are just who Subaru's market is.

Yet it's hard not for everyone to love Subaru. The brand loves dogs and tells you so. It has become associated with tough slogging through difficult weather because all of its vehicles are all-wheel drive — and have been for a long time.

And how can a Midwesterner not like a company that's now making many of its vehicles in Indiana? So even though Subaru sales not too long ago were up by 20 and 25 percent a year in the U.S. over the previous year, its gains have backed off recently to an annualized level of about 6 to 8 percent a year over 2016, Doll recently told the Philadelphia Inquirer. But that's in the context of an overall U.S. market that faces the possibility of its first year of decline in eight years.

Which brings us to the new Impreza. The nameplate never has had as much



Impreza offers a sedan version.

cached or sales volume as Subaru's beloved Outback or Forester SUVs, and Legacy was always the brand's primary sedan.

But Americans are showing tremendous appreciation for the new Impreza: Sales through August this year were up by more than 40 percent over 2016, far outpacing volumes for Legacy and giving Impreza the best year-to-year relative performance of any vehicle in the Subaru lineup.

It's not difficult to see why buyers are demonstrating unprecedented appreciation for Impreza nowadays. It was completely redesigned for 2017 and, while Subaru never has been a design-forward company, the new lines put Impreza well within the mainstream — which, for this vehicle, is a good thing.

Impreza has always been known for its roomy interior, but the new version moves the wheels further apart to open up additional space in the cabin. And pop open the rear of the hatchback version to the kind of cargo space that matches some small SUVs: more than 55 cubic feet with the rear seat down.

latest versions of several useful safety features, such as Subaru's proprietary EyeSight Driver Assist Technology that includes adaptive cruise control, automatic pre-collision braking, lane departure and sway warning, and lane keep assist.

Including EyeSight as an option on Impreza gives great value for buyers of a car that comes even fully loaded for under \$30,000. And it underscores Subaru's commitment to occupant safety, one of its primary brand values.

In fact, WardsAuto recently recognized Impreza on its 10 Best User Experience list for intuitive and effective features including connectivity, infotainment, controls and driver-assist technology as well as overall value.

Subaru also added power for its four-cylinder, 2.0-liter, dual-overhead-cam engine, which now generates 152 horsepower and 145 pound-feet of torque. It's no speed burner, but then most Subaru customers don't are about that. They do care that Impreza notches an impressive 37 mpg on the highway and 28 mpg in the city.



Subaru's 2017 Impreza Hatchback is a very timely offering for today's market.

Impreza's rear compartment also has a short lip, which I appreciate when compared to many SUVs where there's a threat for things to slide out the back when you open the door.

Subaru also has upgraded the interior of Impreza with better materials, more modern technology and the



The rear of the Impreza hatchback is plenty roomy for its segment.

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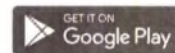
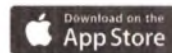
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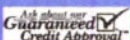
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