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## Record number seek absentee ballots

Clerk says more than 7,500 have requested early ballots

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Westland has received a record number of absentee ballot requests for the upcoming city election Tuesday, Nov. 7.

From just over 60,000 registered voters in the city, 7,535 absentee voter applications have been received.

"That's the highest number for a city-only election ever," Westland City Clerk Richard LeBlanc said. "The largest part is due to notifications to people

over 60 years old last year that they can vote absentee."

Those notifications resulted in a 103-percent increase in people wanting to be added to the absentee voter list. Anyone 60 and older is eligible to vote absentee, along with handicapped people and voters who expect to be out of the city on election day.

"We had 2,000 more people sign up as absentees from the primary to the general election," LeBlanc said. "I think the interest in this location election draws it, too. You have candidates also encouraging people to vote absentee."

Incumbent Mayor William Wild and



LeBlanc

Councilman Kevin Coleman are vying for a four-year term as mayor. The council will see at least two new faces, as Coleman's council term expires at the end of the year and Councilwoman Christine Bryant isn't running for re-election. Both are incumbents.

Two incumbents, Peter Herzberg and Michael Kehrer, are seeking re-election. Six other candidates are also looking to fill four council seats: former Wayne-Westland school board member Debra Fowlkes, Timothy Gilbert, Tasha Green, Jim Hart, former Councilwoman Meriem Kadi and Michael Londeau.

The eight candidates are the maximum allowed under the city charter to run in the general election. Voters pared that number in half from 16 candidates in the August primary.

Voters will fill four council seats — the top three finishers earn a four-year term and the fourth-place candidate gets a two-year term.

Less than a month before the election, only 1,950 absentee ballots have actually been returned. The ballots were mailed out two weeks ago.

"I was at a clerk's meeting and they were seeing (only) a 25-percent return

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Around the world with Frank and Janet Kokenakes.

## Couple returns home after spending year traveling globe

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It took Frank and Janet Kokenakes an entire year to plan being away from home on a trip around the globe for the exact same amount of time.

And if you ask the now-former Livonia residents whether it was worth it, the answer from both of them is a resounding "yes."

The time in their lives was right: Their children had moved out of the house and their parents weren't quite at the age where the two of them needed to be around as

much yet.

"One thing led to another and I said to Frank, 'I can keep working for another 15 years, because that's also the reality of our age bracket. We're looking at our mothers who are pretty elderly. We're trying to plan for 30 more years,' Janet said. 'And I can keep going for a lot of years, but I just need to take a career break.'"

The couple, who now live in downtown Detroit, recently returned from an 11-month trek across five continents, visiting 32 countries. The couple always loved

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## Judging time for scarecrows in downtown Wayne

You've seen them decorating downtown Wayne, now it's time to pick your favorite.

Wayne Main Street will host its annual Scarecrow Reception and Voting event 3-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, in Derby's Alley, 35005 W. Michigan Avenue. This is the second year that the reception has been held at Derby's Alley and is meant to encourage community members to visit this public space in the heart of downtown Wayne.

Attendees will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite scarecrows included in this year's show. The event will also feature live music, corn hole, chalk drawing and free cider and doughnuts. The Heavenly Hot Dogs food truck will also be at the event.

The first 250 attendees who cast their vote will receive a free hot dog. This event is free and open to the public.

Launched by Wayne Main Street in 2012, Wayne's Scarecrow Show has become a signature event for downtown Wayne. Scarecrows will be on display throughout downtown through Nov. 3. Community members are encouraged to visit each of the more than 50 installations, while exploring Wayne's historic downtown and great businesses.

"Our goal is to promote downtown Wayne and its many amenities, while engaging community members in fun projects like the Scarecrow Show," said Juan Bradford, Wayne Main Street president.

For more information, go to [downtownwayne.org/volunteer-2/scarecrows](http://downtownwayne.org/volunteer-2/scarecrows).



Downtown Wayne will host scarecrows. FILE PHOTO



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traveling and the time in their life came where they were looking for something different to do. That's when Janet Kokenakes went to her husband with the idea of jet-setting across the globe. They sold their Livonia home, got their passports ready and planned the trip of a lifetime.

It was an idea that, once they shared it with friends and family, got mixed reactions.

"Most people were taken aback," Frank said.

Plenty of folks gathered with them to wish them good luck, including their co-workers and friends in Livonia.

**The trip**

It began in South America, where the couple stayed for several weeks in both hotels and hostels, done to keep the budget afloat. Visiting such places as Ecuador, Chile and Brazil, the couple said, was incredible, though both looked forward to seeing Machu Picchu in Peru.

After seeing South America, they traveled to southern Europe before hitting northern Africa, which included Morocco and Egypt. There, the couple faced their only sense of danger the entire trip: Having several men with machine guns approach a broken-down tour bus to protect it.

"They put pylons around the bus and they



Janet and Frank Kokenakes. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

*"People were always friendly to us, but we were surprised how quickly it changed after the election."*

**FRANK KOKENAKES**

guarded us with machine guns. They, at one point, pulled up a semi-truck to block us," Janet said. "It took several hours for the bus to get fixed."

"Of all the places we traveled up to that point and probably after, that was the scariest," Frank said.

Traveling as Americans, they always got a warm welcome in the countries they visited, especially as their pres-

ence meant the tourism industry was starting to rebound.

They did notice more locals had an interest in them after the 2016 presidential election. After that, the couple said they got more intrigue and questions asking about how they felt with Donald Trump being elected president.

"People were always friendly to us, but we were surprised how quickly it changed after the election," Kokenakes said. "They wanted to talk to us right away, they wanted to know our views on the president ... long conversations with people from all walks of life."

They continued, hitting Europe, southeast Asia and wrapping up in Australia and New Zealand. They flew back to

Detroit from the kiwi-filled country, their longest plane ride of the past year.

Returning home did take some adjusting. The couple now lives in downtown Detroit, where they will for the next year. They cut their adventure short by a few weeks to return and celebrate their son's wedding.

They kept a blog of their travels and updated it whenever they could, sharing photos of themselves at some of the world's most iconic locations, along with some of the more exquisite cuisine. Their site, frankandjanetaroundtheplanet.com continues to operate and the two hope to upload more photos from the trip soon.

Their advice to others looking for a similar adventure? Vary the locations and don't be afraid to stay in different places, such as hostels. Half the fun of the trip, they said, was meeting and interacting with a wide range of other travelers seeking the same sense of adventure they did.

"You have to research your countries. Go in the off-season, it's so much easier to go to places like in Europe in the off-season," she said. "You need to budget the high- and the low-cost countries. Some of these countries are expensive, but I think that's the greatest way to do it is to find that balance."

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**Livonia Civic Center library to shut down**

The Robert and Janet Bennett Civic Center Library will be closed to the public beginning Monday, Oct. 30, through Wednesday, Nov. 1, for reorganization of the layout of the first and second floors. During this time, both the Noble and Sandburg Branch libraries will be open the following hours:

Alfred Noble Branch — noon to 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1; Carl Sandburg Branch — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30; and noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1.

During this closure, the Robert and Janet Bennett Civic Center Library book drop will be closed from 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, through Wednesday, Nov. 1. It will reopen again Thursday, Nov. 2. No fines will be charged on civic center items for the days the library is closed. Donations will not be accepted Friday, Oct. 27, through Friday, Nov. 3.

You are welcome to renew your materials online at livoniapubliclibrary.org and visit the Alfred Noble and Carl Sandburg branches to return, renew and check out materials.

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rate. Some were expressing surprise, they expected a quick return," LeBlanc said, adding people

were taking their time making a decision before casting their votes.

Although it's too soon to predict the voter turnout, LeBlanc said he thinks the higher absentee voting will reduce the number of people coming

to the polls.

"People who voted at the precinct at the last city election are now voting absentee. They are still voting, but voting from home," he said. "The turnout at the precincts could be lower, but

we could have higher overall turnout. Part of the reason for absentee voting was to relief stress at the polls."

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### LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

#### Driver with 41 suspensions on license arrested

Livonia police arrested yet another driver with a few too many suspensions on his driving record. Police say they arrested a 29-year-old Detroit man in the early morning hours Tuesday near Plymouth and Levan. There, they saw a Dodge Challenger with windows that appeared to be tinted too much. Police pulled over the driver, who handed police a state identification card, not a driver's license. After running the man's record, police discovered he had 41 suspensions listed on it. He was arrested and taken to the police station for processing.

#### Mirror piece taken

A shopper at Home Depot, 13500 Middlebelt, came into the police station Monday afternoon to report a piece of his vehicle had been stolen. He said he parked his car in the store's parking lot and went inside. He came out after 20 minutes and found the top cover piece from the driver's side mirror missing. He believed it had been taken using a screwdriver. He was also told by the store that the security cameras did not cover that area of the parking lot.

#### Retail fraud suspect flees

Police were called Oct. 8 to Walmart, 29574 Seven Mile, on the report of

a retail fraud that had taken place. The suspect had left the store and was seen leaving on foot. Police arrived and spotted her near Sears. She told police she was running because she was accused of stealing and had a warrant out for her arrest. She was detained and police went back to speak to the store employees. Those employees said she was seen selecting several pieces of makeup, as well as a necklace. She concealed them and tried to leave without paying. She was stopped and an employee tried to detain her, but she ran. The items were recovered by police and the suspect was taken to the police station for processing.

#### Jewelry taken from store

Police were called Oct. 6 to Carson's, 17625 Newburgh, on the report of a retail fraud suspect in custody. An employee at the store said they saw the suspect enter the jewelry department and select two pairs of earrings. She removed the tags and concealed them in her purse. She was then seen selecting other items, including bracelets and a ring that she put on her finger. She tried to leave without paying, but was stopped by an employee. The items were recovered and police issued her a citation at the store before releasing her.

— By David Veselenak

### WAYNE POLICE BRIEFS

#### Counterfeit bill found

Wayne police were called Oct. 3 to the Mobil gas station, 32707 Michigan Ave., on the report of a counterfeit bill that had been passed at the station. An employee said the suspect tried to use a counterfeit \$50 bill at the business. The employee then looked at it and determined it was counterfeit and refused it. Police went and spoke to the man who passed the bill, who said he was unsure where he got it from. Police took possession of the bill and took it to the police station.

#### Man assaulted with gun

Police were called Oct. 3 to the 35500 block of Clinton on the report of a man who had been assaulted. The caller told police the victim came into her backyard screaming for help and was hurt. The man told police one of his friends had struck him with a firearm. He said the assault took place behind Wayne Family Dental, 35102 W. Michigan Ave. He did not want to press charges against the suspect and was evasive with police when they were asking him for his name.

#### Break-in reported

Police were called Oct. 3 to Discount Auto, 39137 Michigan Ave., on the report of a break-in of the business. The owner said he arrived that morning and found the face plate of the lock lying on the ground. Police then reviewed the security footage, which showed the suspect across the street. He then walked to the front door and took out a tool. He entered the business and took some cash from a drawer. He was then seen leaving the store.

#### Guns, televisions stolen

Police were dispatched Oct. 5 to a home in the 35700 block of Main on the report of a burglary of a home that had been discovered. The victim said he was in the process of buying and moving into a house in Macomb County and stayed at that house for several days. When he returned to the house that day, he found a television stolen. He looked around the home and saw another television was missing, as well as several rifles and a shotgun. Police checked the area for evidence and no suspect information was available.

— By David Veselenak

### WESTLAND POLICE BRIEFS

#### Packages stolen from home

A resident who lives in the 31000 block of Capri Terrace came into the Westland police station Sept. 27 to report the theft of two packages from her doorstep. She said she had both packages delivered to her home by the postal service, but found they were missing when she got home. She said packages are typically left by her apartment door and also saw her mailbox left open. There was no mail inside and believes

someone also took that as well. No suspect information was available.

#### Attempted break-in reported

A resident who lives in the 7200 block of Frumin Court came into the police station Sept. 27 to report an attempted burglary. She said the window in the rear of her residence are always closed and she keeps tomato plants on the outer sill. All of it was in order when she went to bed the night before, though she woke up that morning and

found the screen on the window lifted up and the tomatoes knocked on the ground.

#### Car broken into

A resident who lives in the 1000 block of South Carlson came into the police station Oct. 1 to report her vehicle had been broken into. She said it appeared someone entered her unlocked vehicle and rummaged through it. The only thing missing appeared to be some loose change, though she did find the wallet of another individual who

lives nearby on her lawn. Police returned to the wallet to its owner.

#### Camera taken

A resident who lives in the 7100 block of Parkcrest filed a police report Sept. 28, stating a camera had been taken. He said he parked his vehicle the early morning hours of Sept. 25 in the parking lot. When he returned the next day, he found the camera missing. No suspect information was available.

— By David Veselenak

## John Glenn and Wayne Memorial marching bands win at competition

The John Glenn and Wayne Memorial high school marching bands both enjoyed a successful week. The Zebras marching band performed "Twilight Zone" at competitions in Wyandotte and

Gibraltar and placed first at both and won Best in Show in Wyandotte. Wayne Memorial High School's fall instrumental music concert will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, at Stockmeyer Auditorium,

3001 Fourth Street. This concert is free and open to the public. The Rockets marching band won first-place awards in its class at the Scholastic Marching Band Festivals in Trenton and Wyandotte. John

Glenn High School's fall instrumental music concert will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at Stockmeyer Auditorium, 3001 Fourth Street. This concert is free and open to the public.

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# Two armed robberies reported in Wayne

Police searching for suspects

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Wayne police are investigating a pair of armed robberies that took place in late September.

The first robbery was reported to police Sept. 28 in the 33100 block of Forest. Police say the victim, a 34-year-old Detroit man, came into the police station to report the incident that had happened the day earlier. He said he arranged to meet with a potential buyer for a cellphone via the app Let Go.

He arranged to meet with the buyer at Midtown Square Apartments.

When he arrived, he met with the buyer, who asked to see the phone. After a few minutes, he asked the man if he was interested in buying it. The suspect then pulled out a handgun and told the victim to leave.

The victim then left and saw the suspect run toward the apartment building. He told police he did not call 9-1-1 that day because he needed to get to work. He told police he did not want to prosecute anyone involved in the incident, but he did want the phone back.

The suspect in the case was described as a male about age 17, 100 pounds and had a medium-length afro. The suspect was wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt and

jeans.

The second incident took place the afternoon of Sept. 29, near South Hubbard and Stellwagen. An officer was flagged down by the victim, a 30-year-old Wayne man.

The man said he had just been robbed and told police he had cashed a check at the 7 Eleven at 32324 Annapolis and was walking to work, which was on Van Born. The suspect approached him near Angelo DeMario Park and asked what he had on him. The man said, "nothing," which led the suspect to say "don't lie" and produce a handgun.

The suspect then pointed the gun at the victim's face and asked for his wallet. The man pulled his hand out of his

pocket, which contained cash. The suspect took the man's wallet and all his cash. After the robbery, the man said he ran away and eventually saw the suspect run into the woods near Hickory Hollow. He could not be located by police.

He was described as a 25-year-old male, about 5 feet, 8 inches, and 135 pounds. He had a goatee and was wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt and ripped off jeans.

Anyone with information regarding the two robberies is encouraged to contact Wayne police at 734-721-1414.

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Seedlings founder/director Debra Bonde explains how Seedlings got its start to the Smith Family of Novi during Seedlings' 2016 open house. SEEDLINGS

## Bernstein headlines Seedlings open house

Justice Richard Bernstein, the first blind justice elected to the Michigan Supreme Court, will be the special guest at an open house 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, at Seedlings Braille Books for Children in Livonia.

Attendees will be able to meet and talk with Bernstein, who made history in 2015 when he was elected to the state's highest court. Blind since birth, Bernstein was known as a tireless advocate for disabled rights as an attorney with the Sam Bernstein Law Firm in Farmington Hills before being elected. He is also a marathon runner and a triathlon competitor.

"I look forward to touring Seedlings and learning more about how they provide free and low-cost braille books to children who are blind all over the world," he said.

Seedlings helps blind children learn and practice reading, he said. And with the obstacles people



Richard Bernstein made history in 2015 when he became the first blind justice elected to the Michigan Supreme Court. SEEDLINGS

with disabilities face getting a job as adults, literacy shouldn't be one of them.

Employers often don't give people with disabilities a chance, Bernstein said. Before going to work for his father's law firm, Bernstein had 65 interviews with other law firms. Not a single one called him back for a second interview, let alone with a job offer.

Bernstein started the pro bono public services division of his father's

firm, focusing on disability rights litigation. He worked 15-hour days, taking on cases no one else wanted because they were too costly, difficult or challenging. His cases helped to set national standards protecting the rights and safety of people with and without disabilities.

Seedlings founder/director Debra Bonde said Bernstein is an inspiration. "We are pleased and honored to have him as our special guest," Bonde said.

Besides meeting Bernstein, open house guests will be able to tour the Seedlings facility and watch as staff members and volunteers make braille books. Guests can also enjoy refreshments and learn to write their names in braille using M&Ms.

Seedlings is located in the MetroPlex Office Complex, 14151 Farmington Road, Livonia. For more information, call 734-427-8552.

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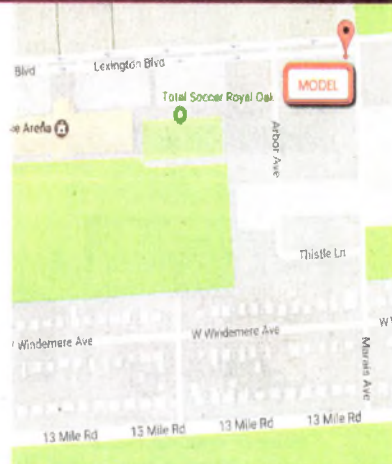
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## Police arrest four for impaired driving

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Livonia police say perhaps the recent warmer weather could have led to more drivers hitting the road while impaired.

That's because officers handled four drunken or drugged driving incidents overnight Oct. 3-4 in the city, a number that's unusually high for this time of year, said Capt. Robert Nenciarini of the Livonia Police Department.

The first incident was reported in at about 8:45 p.m., as police noticed a vehicle driving eastbound on Interstate 96. The driver, found out to be a 17-year-old Novi boy, got off at Inkster Road and stopped his vehicle on the exit ramp, according to police. He turned onto northbound Inkster and was eventually stopped by police, who suspected something was wrong, near Inkster and Meadowbrook. Police suspected the driver had been operating his vehicle under the influence of drugs.

The second incident took place a few minutes later, near Seven Mile and

Parkville, just east of Middlebelt, at 8:50 p.m. Police were called to the area for an accident.

Police arrived and found the driver of the vehicle believed to be at fault, a 44-year-old Livonia man, had crashed after trying to reach for a slice of pizza in his vehicle. Police say he failed a sobriety test and was arrested under the suspicion of drunken driving.

Another incident happened after midnight on I-96 near Farmington. Police were called by another freeway driver, who noticed the suspect was weaving in and out of lanes of traffic on the road while only going about 50 mph. Police arrived and pulled the vehicle over near Newburgh.

After the man, a 46-year-old Detroit man, stopped for police in the middle of the road, police came out and spoke to him. He said he believed he was on I-69 and said he was headed to Sterling Heights from Detroit. Police did a sobriety test and he was believed to have been driving under the influence of alcohol.

The fourth incident

happened later that morning before 2 a.m., when police located a man driving eastbound on Five Mile, west of Farmington. Police saw the vehicle in traffic and believed the driver was driving under the influence. Police pulled over the man, a 68-year-old Livonia resident, near Five Mile and Andrea Court. He was arrested after police suspected he was driving under the influence.

Nenciarini said the number of impaired drivers that evening is rare for a city the size of Livonia, especially during the week.

"This is quite a few," he said. "That's fairly rare."

He said even with the warmer weather experienced this month, which is sure to make folks more susceptible to staying out longer, drivers still should call for a ride if they're planning on drinking.

"That doesn't mean that you throw all caution to the wind and drive drunk," he said.

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## WESTLAND LIBRARY EVENTS

### Job Seeker Lab

Monday, Oct. 16, 23 and 30, 6-8 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 19 and 26, 3-5 p.m.

Are you a job hunter? Do you need assistance developing your resume or cover letter? Do you need help filing for unemployment, creating an email address or searching job boards and websites? We can help! Drop in.

### Explore Your Genealogy

Tuesday, Oct. 17 and 24, 7-8:30 p.m.

This four-part series will take users on journey, exploring genealogy from the basics of how to search to finding organizations and groups to help you grow your study. You will leave this program ready to search out family connections. Computers will be provided for the last three sessions, but feel free to

bring your own device. Registration is required.

### Chess Club

Thursday, Oct. 19 and 26, 6-8:30 p.m.

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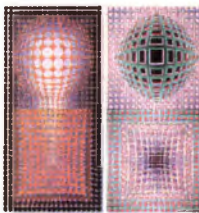
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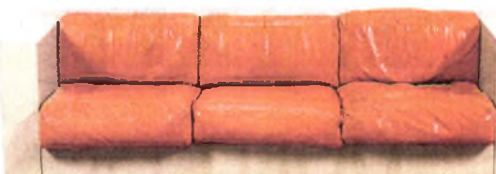
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**Western Wayne Genealogical Society**

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 Currew 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](http://www.wwcgs.org).

**Livonia library to offer financial seminar**

A free seminar featuring attorney and tax expert Ken Bloom on "Financial and Estate Planning for Baby Boomers and Their Parents" will be offered at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road.

Bloom, a partner in Bloom, Bloom & Associates and Bloom Asset Management in Farmington Hills, will provide

tips and strategies to help baby boomers and their aging parents have the proper investment portfolio and estate plan for their retirement.

For more information, go to [www.livonia.lib.mi.us](http://www.livonia.lib.mi.us) or [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com).

**Colbeck to hold office hour**

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, will hold an office hour from 11 a.m. to noon Friday, Oct. 20, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Colbeck will be on hand to answer questions and respond to concerns any residents of his district may have. No appointment is necessary.

Colbeck represents the 7th Senate District, which encompasses the cities of Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and Wayne, as well as the townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth. For more information or to contact Colbeck, go to [www.SenatorPatrickColbeck.com](http://www.SenatorPatrickColbeck.com) or call 517-373-5713.

**LWV voting assistance**

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County is offering assistance to voters who will be voting Nov. 7. There are elections in almost all Michigan cities that day. The League is offering an online voter guide to voters with city elections. Got to [vote411.org](http://vote411.org) to read and compare candidate responses to relevant issues. Voters can also find their polling place, check voting hours, learn about ballot measures and read tips about voting in Michigan.

**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 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](mailto: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.

**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 Sur-

gery, will take place in the hospital's South Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia, and will include health screen-

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

**Science Equipment Bid (Grades 7-12) 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](http://www.livoniapublicschools.org) under the section titled DISTRICT, Purchasing Bids, 2017-2018 school year, open bids, bond bids OR Buy4Michigan Website, [www.buy4michigan.com](http://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 Science Equipment Bid (Grades 7-12) will be received until 1:00p.m. on the 25th 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. All questions submitted by 10/17/17, 3:00 p.m.**

The Bid Opening will take place at 1:00 p.m. on the 25th 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.

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.**

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  
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**"Science Equipment Bid (Grades 7-12)"**

One (1) copy of the bid package should be retained for your files.

Any questions regarding bid specifications should be referred to Ben Hillard, [bhillard@livoniapublicschools.org](mailto:bhillard@livoniapublicschools.org), 734.744.2500, ext. 42144, between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. EST.

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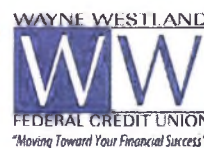


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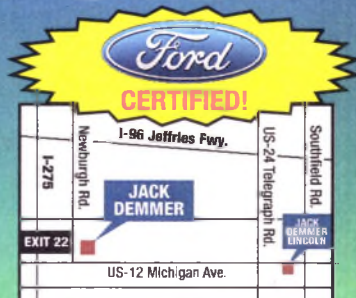
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As a toddler, Ochoco remembered singing songs from the band Kiss to his family, friends — even pediatrician.

He particularly liked the style of the band's guitarist, "The Starchild," because of the star painted on his face.

Ochoco's awe of that star could be seen as a precursor to a long path to stardom. Yet with more than 35 years in music, dance and theater, he stays humble. He doesn't work for himself; he works to bring a diverse community together.

"The arts is what keeps us human, what keeps us grounded as people," he says. For him, the unifying factor is that the arts are a universal language that can captivate anyone in the world.

Ochoco strives to maintain that unity in the island community through productions, where he serves as a producer, director or actor. He invites Guam residents to participate in productions he localizes, including "Miss Saigon," "Beauty and the Beast" and "Rent."

"On Guam we have different types of people: locals, military and fellow brothers and sisters in Micronesia. When we get together, it's magic," Ochoco says.

There is always a cause attached to the productions. Ochoco has worked with local health agencies and nonprofits to bring awareness to sensitive topics.

Guam's take on "Rent," which Ochoco directed, was instrumental in opening a dialogue about HIV in a predominantly Catholic community, where the virus was once a taboo topic. The play brought in HIV workshops and testing.



Ernest Ochoco is a mainstay of Guam's theatrical community; his productions embrace causes such as HIV awareness or human trafficking. RICK CRUZ/USA TODAY NETWORK

"Education is a huge part of prevention," he says. "If you don't know what's out there, how can you protect yourself?"

Through productions, Ochoco has touched on topics such as the LGBT community, human trafficking and suicide. He says we shouldn't be afraid to bring these topics to light because fear blocks understanding. The arts have a way of piercing that fear and connecting with the audience at a deeper level, he added.

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Q&A WITH  
ERNEST OCHOCO

**What does it mean to you to be an American?**

I don't identify the word American just as a people who live in the United States. I identify the word American with an ideology. The ideology is somewhat similar to what I thought of when I was a child. The word American encompasses the truth that everyone is created equal and that we are all the same kind of people, no matter race, creed, sexuality or whatever country you happen to be living in. It means that everyone is worthy to be here.

**What gives you hope or what concerns you?**

There's a lot of things that are really negative that are happening in the world. Nowhere in the world is there perfection. My philosophy is to look to the light, because when you look for it, you'll find it. I can sift through all of the negativity and look for the beauty in people's lives. These things that I see, all of the goodness that I see in humanity, that's what really gives me hope. It's when we can treat each other with respect, goodness and love.

**What moment touched or motivated you to launch your efforts?**

The arts is always a place where you feel like you either love it one day and hate it the next day or the next hour, even. My voice teachers always told me this is a commonality in all the arts. You will always love your art one day and you'll feel so triumphant and you think you got it all figured out. But the truth is, the next day, you can also hate it and just hate yourself. So many times I've tried to quit singing, theater and dance. Yet so many times I found my way back.

**What do you hope to accomplish with your efforts?**

I hope to accomplish community, unity, friendship and ultimately a way for each person to be able to connect with each other with the language that is art. I think that the arts are a unifying force. It's an amazing thing to continue to allow people to meet each other and learn from each other.

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ings, 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](http://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.

## Scrapbooking event

SS. Simon & Jude Church, 32500 Palmer Road, Westland, will host a scrapbooking event from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21. Cost is \$3 for full day or \$20 for half-day. Vendors available. Light breakfast, lunch and dinner with the program. Snacks and beverages included. For more information, call Sandy at 734-721-4867.

## 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](mailto:Barry76Lt@wowway.com) for a registration form.

## Livonia Turkey Trot

Register now for the Livonia Parks and Recreation Department's annual Turkey Trot 5K fun walk/run at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at Bicentennial Park (Seven Mile and Wayne roads). Registration takes place at the Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hub-

bard. The \$15 per person fee includes a Turkey Trot T-shirt, if registered by Oct. 23.

Proceeds and canned food donations will benefit the Livonia Goodfellows. Last year, the Turkey Trot had over 450 participants and resulted in hundreds of cans of food and raised over \$4,000 to assist the Livonia Goodfellows in providing holiday meals for local families. After the walk/run, visit the food truck rally to satisfy your post Turkey Trot appetite.

For more information, call 734-466-2900 or go to [www.livoniaparks.org](http://www.livoniaparks.org).

## Joyner to speak at Rotary meeting

The Livonia Rotary Club will host a special presentation Monday, Oct. 30, given by Bill Joyner, in honor of his mother Geraldine Joyner and Rotary International's World Polio Day. Mrs. Joyner was a role model of endurance and fortitude, becoming a PTA president, a school board member for Livonia Public Schools, a board member for Wayne County Regional Educational Service Area and a member of the League of Women Voters. Joyner will discuss his mother's medical treatment, including early treatments

prior to the polio vaccine.

The Livonia Rotary Club meets at noon each Monday at Laurel Manor. The cost for Joyner's presentation is \$15, payable at the door.

## Trunk or Treat events

» Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft Road, in Livonia will host its 10th annual Trunk or Treat event 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23. It will offer safe trick-or-treating, snacks and a bounce house for costumed kids (and their parents). For more information, go to [mthope.com](http://mthope.com).

» The community is invited to attend Trunk or Treat at St. Michael Lutheran Church and School, 3003 Hannan Road, in Wayne at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27. Kid friendly costumes are welcome.

» Bell Creek Community Church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia, will be hosting a Trunk or Treat and chili cook-off 4-5:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29. Join them for fun, food, games and, of course, trick or treating.

## The Glow Show

The seventh- and eighth-grade classes at St. Michael Lutheran School, 3003 Hannan Road, in Wayne are sponsoring a vendor show, The Glow Show, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28. Money raised will be used for its Swaddling Clothes outreach, a

nonprofit organization that collects diapers, wipes, formula, bottles, etc. for any families who are struggling to provide for their babies.

## Livonia women's club

Livonia Neighbors and Friends, a women's club, is open to women who live/work in Livonia and its surrounding communities. General meetings are held at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month, September through May. Special activity groups meet year-round.

For more information, go to <http://livonianeighborsandfriends.tripod.com>.

## Lagers for Lunches event

The Livonia Jaycees will be hosting its fourth annual Lagers for Lunches Event at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, at the One Under Banquet Hall. Join the Jaycees, community leaders and friends for an evening of craft beer tasting, strolling appetizers and fun raffles. Proceeds will go toward the Livonia Education Foundation, in an effort to off-set lunch debt balances within Livonia Public Schools.

Tickets are \$45 per individual or \$80 per couple and include entrance to the event, 15 drink tickets and strolling appetizers. Designated driver tickets are also available for \$25. Attendees must be 21

years of age or older.

For more information and to purchase tickets, go to [www.lagersforlunches.eventbrite.com](http://www.lagersforlunches.eventbrite.com). To learn more about the Livonia Jaycees, go to [www.livoniajaycees.org](http://www.livoniajaycees.org) or email Livonia [jaycees@gmail.com](mailto:jaycees@gmail.com).

## Tail Waggers 1990 benefit

Tail Waggers 1990, a local nonprofit animal rescue organization, is inviting the community to its 28th annual Tail Waggers Bowl on Saturday, Nov. 4, at Woodland Lanes in Livonia. Squads are being held at 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. and costs \$25 per adult and \$15 per child.

The entry fee includes three games of bowling, lunch or dinner with dessert, commemorative gift and entry into mystery game to win donated prizes from local businesses. Grand prizes are awarded to those that raise the most money in each squad. Strolling raffle with a chance to win prizes from the Detroit Tigers, Detroit Red Wings, Michigan State, dining establishments and hotels will add to the excitement, along with 50/50 drawings at all three squads.

For more information on Tail Waggers 1990 or to register for the event, go to [www.tailwaggers1990.org](http://www.tailwaggers1990.org). If you have questions, contact Laura Zain at 734-855-4077 or [tailwaggers.1990@yahoo.com](mailto:tailwaggers.1990@yahoo.com).

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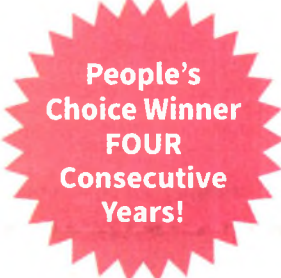
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## Barlage



**Denise Michelle**, age 57, passed away on Tuesday, October 10, 2017. Beloved daughter of the late William Barlage and Marilyn (nee Murphy). Loving sister to William Barlage Jr., Colleen (Tim) Johnston, Kelly (John) Hulbert, Kerry (Steve) Selinsky and Kevin (Amy DePlanche) Barlage. Dearest aunt of Katie and Bridget Johnston, Madison and Jake Selinsky, Clay Hulbert, Olivia and Jack Barlage. Family will receive friends Saturday from 4-9pm and Sunday from 1-9pm at Neely-Turowski FH, 30200 5 Mile Rd, (between Merriman & Middlebelt) Livonia MI 48154. Funeral Mass is on Monday, October 16, in state at 9am and funeral mass at 9:30am at St. Aidan's Catholic Church 17505 Farmington Road, Livonia MI 48154. Donations are appreciated and will support the Palliative Care Gift Fund at the University of Michigan. Please call 734-764-6777 or visit the website, <http://victors.us/denisebarlage> to make your gift. To sign the online guestbook, please go to [TurowskiFuneralHome.com](http://TurowskiFuneralHome.com)



## Cady



**Ellen Lee (Smith), Age 95**, Born in Burnbank, Scotland on November 2, 1921 and died in Plymouth Michigan on October 4, 2017. Lee is survived by her dearly loved husband and dearest friend, Mark James Cady Sr. They remained devoted after 63 years marriage and in the spirit of "No politics with porridge," they always shared their deepest thoughts about family, faith and everyday subjects. She is survived by her seven loving children and their spouses. Mark James Jr. (Minnijo) Cady, Elisa Marie Cady, Michelle Anne (Foster, dec) Freydl, Elaine Therese (William) Pearson, Jeanne Madeleine Cady, Paula Elizabeth Cady, and Maura Lee (Scott) Cady-Rye. She was a loving Grandmother to Neal (Becky) Pearson, Nathan Pearson (dec), Craig (Kelsey) Pearson, Justin Pearson, Britta Pearson, Mark James Cady III, Meryn Underhill-Cady and Ian Underhill-Cady. She was a loving Great Grandmother to Genevieve, Ruby and William Pearson, and to Zoey and Piper Lee Pearson. Lee was a quietly proud veteran of WWII, having served in the British Royal Air Force, Women's Auxiliary Air Force from 1941 to 1946. She found an outlet for her faith life as a Catholic woman in positions which were open to women at that time, first as a pastoral volunteer at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor for 25 years, also as a Eucharistic minister and lector at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth, and as a TV Lector at "Mass for the Shut-Ins" for 20 years. Visitation Sunday, October 15, 2017 4-8 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth, Funeral Monday, October 16, 2017. Lies in-state from 9:30 AM until the 10 AM Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 North Territorial Road, Plymouth. At Lee's suggestion, she asks for prayer to be offered on her behalf. No flowers please. Offerings may be made to the charity of one's choice, or to Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. To share a memory, please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)



## Warren



**Walter Ray** Age 86 longtime Farmington resident died on September 25, 2017. He was a mechanic by trade and held a variety of jobs in that industry throughout his life, he worked until he was 80 years old. Many might remember him locally from his Shell service station he owned and operated in downtown Farmington at Alta Loma and Farmington Roads in the 1970's. This location was later converted into a store Warren's Country Corner, that he and his wife Sara owned together. Ray lived out the last year and a half of his life at Cedar Cove Assisted Living in Cedarville Michigan, together with Sara, where he received an abundance of love and care. He is survived by his wife Sara E. Warren, her children Rex Conroy (Marie) Bruce Conroy, Tom Conroy (Denise), Beth Tashjian (Anthony) 12 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, niece and nephews. The family plans to have a celebration of life at a future date.



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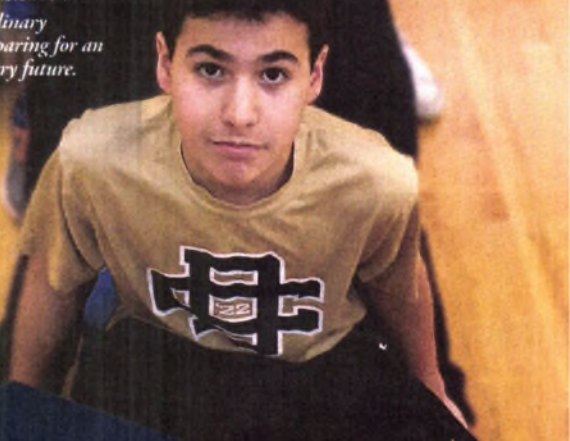
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Funding for education is a top priority for many in our state, including myself. Each state budget cycle, school districts anxiously await the proposed foundation allowance figures for each school district. And each election cycle, voters are treated to millage proposals that would increase funding for education by increasing our property taxes. Over the past seven years, the state of Michigan has increased K-12 funding by \$1.9 billion. That represents a 2.5-percent annual increase against a 1.1-percent rate of inflation over that same period.

Despite these increases, the calls for more money for education escalate year after year. These cries must be

balanced with the calls from others who are struggling to cope with the continual escalation of their taxes. What if there was a way to put more money toward education without raising taxes? There is a way.

The secret? It turns out that it is not much of a secret after all. All it takes is refocusing education upon the best interests of students. It starts with setting up student-specific savings accounts. A student-specific savings account creates opportunities for supplemental contributions that will be made on behalf of a specific student, whereas our current school funding approach doesn't allow for this and relies exclusively on generic student headcounts and collective school-district-specific allocations.

There are many ways that new tax-deferred savings accounts could be used to augment education funding. One example would be to look at what is occurring at some private schools. Students at private schools, much like students at public universities and community colleges, have unique, student-specific accounts. These accounts open the door to work-study programs. Employers will supplement the education funding for a student participating in this program with as much as \$7,000 per year in exchange for five days per month of work in a professional environment. Students in high school get valuable work experience, while employers are able to groom new, qualified talent to fill job openings in Michigan's growing economy. This is a win-win-win scenario where students, schools and employers all bene-

fit. Wouldn't it be nice to open the door to these opportunities at public schools?

How did the public education bureaucracy respond to an opportunity for supplemental funding for public schools? During the Senate Education Committee, a representative from the American Federation of Teachers Michigan testified in opposition to legislation (Senate Bills 544-549) that would allow for new student-specific savings accounts via the Enhanced Michigan Education Savings Program.

Why did they oppose the legislation? You may find their reasons quite surprising. One of their objections was that the supplemental funds would be controlled by parents rather than what they termed "public direction." They also objected to cost transparency or, as they referred to it, "putting a price tag on individual services." Guess what else they objected to? Additional funding. Technically, they did not object to all additional funding — they only objected to additional funding from private sources as opposed to tax increases. These objections make it clear that there are many in the public education bureaucracy who are more concerned with control than finding ways to find more money for education.

There is a proven way to put more money toward education without increasing the tax burden of our citizens. Shouldn't we pursue such opportunities before pushing for millage increases and other tax increases?

Sen. Patrick Colbeck represents the state Senate 7th District.

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# Livonia launching new holiday parade

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The streets of Livonia will be lined with parade-goers for the first time in years this December.

That's because the city has decided to create a new parade to kick off the holiday season, one that will bring the community together to light Livonia's tree at the end of the parade.

The parade, titled "Merry and Bright: Livonia's Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting," is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. Sunday Dec. 3, at Frost Middle School, 14041 Stark. It will travel north on Stark before turning onto Lyndon, passing Eddie Edgar Arena and Ford Field. It will then turn left on to Farmington and finish at the civic center campus near city hall. The parade is expected to last an hour.

"I thought the tree lighting was a great event," said Ted Davis, the city's superintendent of parks and recreation. "One of the things we talked about as a department was: how can we make the tree lighting better? And, obviously, the parade came forward."

The parade is expected to feature many local groups, schools and people, including the Stevenson High School marching band, the city's antique fire truck, the Redford Unicycle Club and Department of Public Works trucks decked out in the holiday spirit, to name a few.

Some floats are expected to make an appearance as well. Groups such as First Robotics are expected to have a float constructed for the parade this year.

"We're going to have a few floats, for sure," said Dave Varga, director of



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administrative services.

December's event is the first parade held by the city in many years. The last one city officials can find record of was a holiday parade that took place in 2003, along Plymouth Road, that ended near Wonderland Mall.

The idea for the parade really started to mature and become a reality earlier this spring, when city leaders sat down and decided it could be done.

"We started to sit down and go, 'Can we do this? Should we?'" Davis said.

The parade is being sponsored by the Livonia Community Foundation, whom Davis said was excited at the opportunity to help bring the parade back to town.

"They came through and thought this was a great idea and wanted to sponsor the parade," he said.

### Meshing of parade and tree lighting

In previous years, the city would hold its tree-lighting event on a weekday evening. Starting in city hall, attendees would sing carols in the atrium

before heading outside for the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus on the steps of the building, delivered by a Livonia Fire Department engine. That tradition of arriving with the help of the city's first responders will continue this year, though the activities inside city hall won't be returning.

Santa and Mrs. Claus are expected to appear at the end of the parade on a Livonia fire truck.

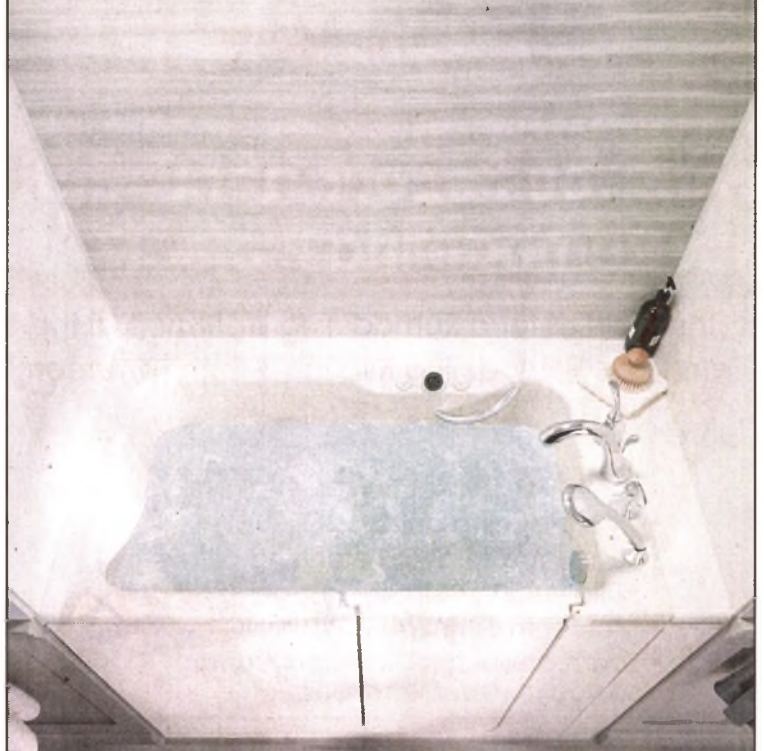
After the tree lighting, which will still be done by the winners of the "December is Special to Me" contest held each year, Santa Claus will reside on his throne in the Robert and Janet Bennett Library's Michigan Room. There, he will hear from youngsters, a tradition that's continuing with the new parade and tree lighting.

Hot cocoa and cookies will also be available to munch on after the tree lighting.

"It's an opportunity for a great family event," Varga said.

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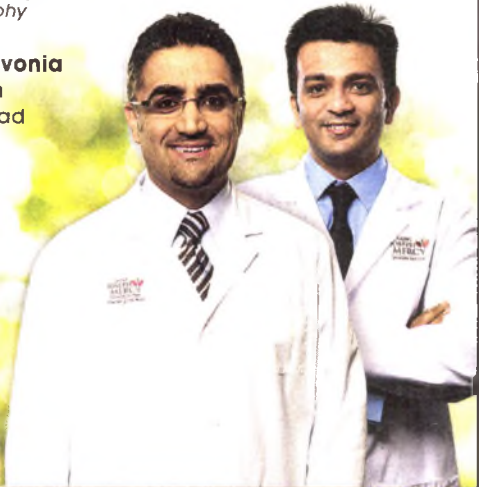
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Valassis, a Livonia-based company, hosted a charity golf outing Sept. 28 with proceeds earmarked for the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. Valassis joined forces with NCMEC and the U.S. Postal Service 32 years ago to launch its Have You Seen Me? photo program, a key contributor to the leads NCMEC receives. Valassis is NCMEC's longest standing photo partner, featuring photos of missing children across its portfolio of products in print and online. About 250 golfed, raising \$65,000 for NCMEC. Joining the cause that day were Valassis employees (from left) Erika Vader, Kara Nichols, Amanda VanHooser and Laura Quine.

## Kiwanis welcomes Walker-Winter K-Kids

Fourth-grade students at Walker-Winter Elementary School have the opportunity to participate in service learning through the Canton Kiwanis K-Kids.

Students who were interested in joining the club had to write an essay on how they want to help their community. Fourteen students were chosen. They will have regular meetings with Janine Owen and Arien Weber, Kiwanis Kids advisers from Walker-Winter. They will also get support from Plymouth Kiwanis sponsor Charlene Briggs.

The students will plan activities, including food drives, Pennies for Patients, make blankets for children's hospitals, school beautification projects, support the little lending library at Walker and volunteer as Salvation Army bell ring-



K-Kids president Paige Brydie, vice president Jordan Theisen and treasurer Grace Smith read their campaign speeches to the audience. WAYNE-WESTLAND SCHOOLS

ers. The K-Kids mission statement reads: "K-Kids is an international student-led organization providing members with opportunities to perform service, build character and develop leadership."

The K-Kids are Malise

Brown, Paige Brydie, Ann Dowling, Mariah Hartzog, Suvi Huffman, Maddison Johnson, Lucas Jones, KeShawn McGraw, Kane Merer, Aidan Priester, Kamari Robinson, Grace Smith, Jordan Theisen and DeAnthony Vollman.

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# Don't bail out ex-husband and sign amended tax return



**Rick Bloom**  
MONEY MATTERS

**Q:** About three years ago, I wrote you about my tax situation. My new husband was self-employed and didn't want to report any of his income. He basically was claiming that his business made no money. You told me I should not sign the tax return and to file as a married person filing separately, which I did. About a year ago, for lots of reasons, we got divorced. The IRS has recently caught up with

my ex and he now owes a substantial amount in taxes and penalties. His attorney has reached out to me and wants me to file an amended return with my ex. He claims that it won't cost me any money and that it will save my ex some money, which he would share with me. I have nothing against my ex and, if I can help him, why not? My question to you is, what do you think I should do?

**A:** I think it is great that you want to help out your ex-husband, but you have to be very careful how you proceed. First, let's not forget that your ex-husband's attorney represents him and only

him. His job is to look out for your ex-husband, not you. At a minimum, you need to sit down with a tax professional who works for you and only you, to determine if what the attorney is telling you is accurate. I would not take his word for it or trust anyone else who is representing your ex-husband. Again, I would only trust the people you hire who work for you.

It is important to understand the risk you are taking if you file an amended return. Because you will be signing the return along with your ex-husband, you're also assuming potential future liabilities. If the IRS decided to audit that

return and discovered additional taxes are owed, you could be held liable. Remember, the IRS can audit the return at a minimum for three years after you file. You can be on the hook for additional taxes for at least another three years.

All said and done, despite you wanting to help your ex-husband, I probably would lean toward not filing an amended return. It doesn't seem 's worth the risk you would be assuming and it's not like your ex has clean hands. He intentionally chose not to report his taxes and, as a result, he does have to suffer the consequences. I know this sound harsh,

but as adults we are responsible for our actions and there's no reason for you to unnecessarily assume additional risk and potential liability. My advice: walk away.

It is extremely difficult to tell a spouse you will not sign a joint tax return when you know it is intentionally inaccurate, but that is what you must do. If you sign a return that is inaccurate and the IRS assesses taxes, interest and penalties, you can be held personally responsible. It doesn't matter that your spouse caused the problem; the fact that you signed the return makes you liable. That may not be fair, but who said tax

law had to be fair?

We have what are known as innocent spouse laws which do provide some protection for spouses who unwittingly sign inaccurate returns. However, the law doesn't cover everyone and it is somewhat difficult to comply with. The better course of action is to not sign an inaccurate return until you know the mistake is corrected.

Good luck!

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BOYS SOCCER DISTRICT PREVIEW

## KLAA set for tourney

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There is plenty of muscle in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, with six boys soccer teams residing in the top 20 state rankings as districts prepare to launch Monday.

Unfortunately, three of those teams will battle it out in the Salem-hosted district.

The No. 14 Rocks square off against No. 12 Plymouth at 7 p.m. Monday at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity soccer stadium. Whoever makes it out of that battle probably will reach the final Oct. 21 against the likely winner of the other side of the bracket, Canton. The Chiefs are ranked No. 11 by the Michigan High School Coaches Soccer Association.

So two of the three Park teams are guaranteed a postseason run of less than a week.

"It's a tough road; we could go out the first game," Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich said. "But I like our chances."

A similar scenario will play out in the Livonia Stevenson-hosted district. The Spartans (No. 16) likely will defeat opening opponent Southfield Arts & Technology on Monday.

Their reward will be to face the winner of Monday's game between No. 9 Northville and No. 15 Novi in the Oct. 18 semifinal. On the other side of the bracket is No. 5-ranked Novi Detroit Catholic Central, a favorite to reach the district final.

That means only two of the big six will reach the regional.

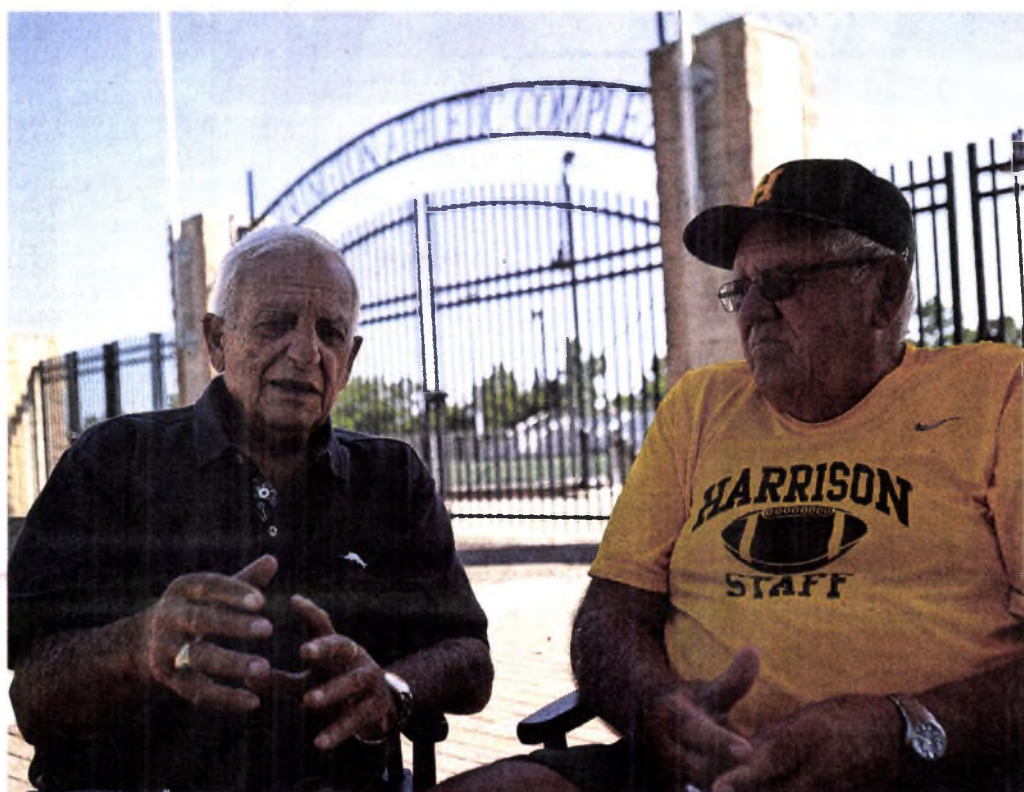
And it really is a bit of a crap-shoot as to which of those teams will scale the district hurdle. But several coaches said they wouldn't have it any other



Plymouth's Bennett Brooks (middle) maneuvers in front of Livonia Stevenson's Tanner Brose (right) during a recent KLAA contest. MICHAEL VASILNEK

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PREP FOOTBALL



Coaching legends Al Fracassa (left) and John Herrington huddled recently at Farmington Harrison High School outside the Herrington Athletic Complex to talk football. DAN DEAN

## Harrison's Herrington on cusp of state victory record

Longtime coach needs one win to pass record held by former Brother Rice coach Fracassa

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As time expired in an emotional 17-14 victory Oct. 6 over state-ranked Oak Park, John Herrington couldn't contain his excitement.

"Whoooo-hooo! Fantastic!," Farmington Harrison's longtime head coach exclaimed while walking toward midfield and jubilantly thrusting his hands into the air.

Herrington had just captured his 430th victory, tying former Brother Rice head coach Al Fracassa as the state's winningest high school football coach.

After accepting congratulations from his players and the opposing coaches from Oak Park, Herrington was greeted by his team, which had unfurled a banner heralding his magnificent milestone. The only head coach Harrison has ever had was all smiles while taking photos to celebrate the occasion.

Entering the 2017 season, Herrington needed five

wins to catch Fracassa and six wins to set the state record.

Herrington was heavily favored Friday to defeat Berkley. A win would give Herrington his 431st triumph, making him the king of Michigan prep football.

It is an achievement worthy of monumental recognition. Herrington is honored and humbled to surpass Fracassa.

Recently, the coaching legends sat down and talked about their colossal careers.

### Happy for Herrington

Fracassa, who held the standard since 2008, knew the day would come when his record would be broken and is happy for Herrington.

"It was nice, you know, for a while, but records are made to be broken," Fracassa said when the two recently gathered outside the Herrington Athletic Complex at Harrison High School. "When you have a gentleman like John Herrington breaking your record, you don't mind it. I'm happy that it happened and it's

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JUNIOR GOLF

## College golf could be in cards the for Jakacki

Tim Smith  
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The path to success as a college golfer usually is paved with endless time at the driving range, as well as participating in summer tournaments such as the recent Top 50 Junior Tour held at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth.

For Connor Jakacki, a senior golfer at Livonia Stevenson High School, that's the blueprint he's following as he looks ahead to his final season with the Spartans (next spring) and potential college career.

"I do believe my success this past summer will be a springboard to a potential college career," the 17-year-old Jakacki, said Oct. 5 from Sheboygan, Wis., where he was visiting Lakeland University. "I have been in contact with college coaches for a while now and my success has helped me get in better connection with more coaches throughout the country."

"My dream is to play Division I golf at whichever school gives me the best opportunity, but I also know that it is not an easy thing. I know I need to keep working hard on and off the course to fulfill my dreams."

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Connor Jakacki of Livonia is all smiles after earning medalist honors at the Top 50 Junior Tour event last month at Fox Hills in Plymouth.

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## PREP FOOTBALL

# Former players have high praise for Herrington

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It's been a season-long series of homecomings at Farmington Hills Harrison.

School administrators and Boosters Club members huddled together heading into the 2017 campaign to reach out to former Hawks football players. The idea was to recognize each decade of alumni at halftime of the school's four home games.

It started out with the '70s players during the first home game Sept. 8 against Stoney Creek. It continued with '80s players Sept. 22 against Birmingham Groves and players from the '90s Oct. 6 against Oak Park.

Players from 2000 and beyond will be honored at the school's actual homecoming Friday, Oct. 13, against Berkley.

The game will be significant for many reasons.

A win gives veteran head coach John Herrington his 431st career victory to make him the state's winningest coach. A win will be the team's sixth for the automatic state qualifying berth. Finally, a win will clinch at least a tie for the Oakland Activities Association White Division title.

So it promises to be another emotional evening and the former Hawks have a lot to look forward to Friday at Buller Field inside the Herrington Athletic Complex.

## 'Herrington is a genius'

All season they have come to Harrison to share school memories and gridiron stories. And, of course, they return to honor Herrington, the only football head coach in the school's 48-year history.

"Coach Herrington is a genius," said Richard Kouzoujian, a 1981 Harrison grad who played three years of varsity football as an offensive lineman. "In the sense that he knew how to take young men — and all of these coaches, really — and say, 'OK guys,



Former Farmington Harrison football player and current strength coach Billy Slobin is first of the 1980s alumni to be announced at halftime of a recent game. DAN DEAN

here's the system. Here's how you build a winner.'

"And he was right. We're all 16, 17 years old and what the heck do we know? But the coach says let's do it this way and it happens. Genius. After that happened a number of times, we knew he had the plan. Let's follow the leader.

"He absolutely had everyone's respect," he added. "It's been a number of decades, but it still brings back the memory of how to be a winner. We are very grateful that we had coach Herrington."

Don Gully was a nose guard during the 1979 and '80 seasons. His senior year, he helped lead the Hawks into the playoffs for just the second time. Harrison lost in the Class B state semifinal that year to Okemos.

Harrison captured its first state title the follow-



Harrison head coach John Herrington greets a former Hawks player during a recent alumni gathering. DAN DEAN

ing year and repeated as state champ in 1982. The Hawks would go on to establish a tradition of excellence that landed 11 more state titles.

Gully, a Missouri resident who came in specifically for the Sept. 8 game, likes to think he was part of the class that

kicked off that sterling tradition.

"Our team is the one which really got the ball rolling and started the steady tradition of winning," Gully said proudly. "I was a grubber (an offensive lineman) and, when I look back on my time here, it was very well-organized and we were a family. The whole program was very well-planned, all the way down."

## Center of attention

John Bonasso was a center on the 1985 and '86 teams, making it to the Class B state semifinals as a senior while serving as a team captain.

"It was great playing for all the coaches who worked here," Bonasso said. "We learned about pain. We learned about working hard. We learned about sacrifice.

We learned about standing up every time you fell down. That's the best way I can describe my time here.

"Coach Herrington had a passion for everything about this place. I remember his (late) wife Fran was always around. I don't know who had more spirit for Harrison — coach or Fran. She was huge for this school and this program.

"For us, we always knew he could bleed green and yellow," Bonasso added. "It was easy to follow that group of coaches. They are all great men who led by great examples."

Roy Granger was Harrison's star tailback from 1989-91. Granger is among the school's all-time rushing leaders (eighth with 2,482 total yards) and is tied with Jason Lichtman for the

third longest kickoff return (95 yards) in school history.

Granger, a '92 grad who lives in Redford, attended the recent victory over Oak Park that allowed Herrington to tie the state record. Granger still adheres to the values he learned from playing high school football.

"Coach Herrington taught us about strength and conditioning and taught us to be strong-minded and care for each other," said Granger, Harrison's 1991 MVP along with Mike Pesci. "He had a family-oriented team and that meant a lot to all of us."

## A love for Harrison

Granger said Herrington's passion not only includes football, but a deep love for the entire Harrison community.

"His passion wasn't just for our football team, it was for everybody," Granger said. "It was for the students and for the faculty. He cared for everyone around the school. Being our history teacher, you could always come to him and talk about anything. Him and (former assistant) coach (Bob) Sutter, they both played a really big part in everybody's life at the school."

John Spisz, who also graduated in 1992, played two years of varsity football and was a solid two-way lineman. Spisz helped the Hawks win 23 games during his playing days, including a perfect 13-0 season as a senior en route to the Class BB state title.

"It's the tradition of winning here at Harrison and (Herrington) makes sure he pushes it into you the minute you walk into the door," Spisz said. "It just continues and we continue to use it until now. It's an awesome tradition that's planted into your head every day.

"We do it now with our own kids and continue to push it through all the other programs we deal with," he added. "It was just a great experience. We were state champs three of the four years I was here, so that is something I will never forget."

## HERRINGTON

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John's turn.

"Maybe someday, someone will beat him, maybe. I'm just happy that we're both in it together, winning 400-some games," he added. "That's a lot of football. I look back and have some fond memories and it's just been great."

Amazingly, Fracassa and Herrington combined have coached more than a century.

In their 102 years, they have amassed 860 victories and won 22 state championships in 29 finals appearances. They are both enshrined in the Michigan High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame and have earned national and state coach of the year honors.

A Detroit Northeastern High School and Michigan State University graduate, Fracassa was a head coach for 54 years. He spent the first nine years at Royal Oak Shrine before moving to Brother Rice, where he amassed nine MHSAA state championships and a mythical state title in 1974.

Fracassa finished his career with four nationally-ranked teams, including the 2013 squad that went undefeated in winning the Division 2 state crown. He retired following that memorable season.

"When you love something, you enjoy life a lot better," said Fracassa, who is recovering nicely from a recent health setback. "John and I, we wouldn't be in it this long if we didn't love what we did."

## A labor of love

Herrington, who graduated from Waterford Township High School and attended both Central and Eastern Michigan universities, started the Harrison football program in 1970. In his 48 years as head coach, the Hawks have captured a record 13 state championships — five straight from 1997 through 2001.

"It's been great here. I never wanted to go anywhere else," said Herrington, who spent the first seven years of his coaching career as an assistant for then North Farmington head coach Ron Holland. "Like (Fracassa) said, when you enjoy your job that much, you just want to come every day. I've enjoyed every minute of it and I will hate to see (Harrison) close (next year)."

They met as opponents eight times — four times in the regular season and four in the playoffs. Rice owns a 6-2 series record.

Harrison won the first meeting in 1991 (32-0 in the season opener) and the second-to-last meeting in 2010 (30-7 in a Division 2 pre-district game).



Al Fracassa (left) and John Herrington met at Harrison High School to talk about football and their storied careers as Michigan's winningest coaches. DAN DEAN

Rice defeated Harrison twice in the 2002 season: 34-20 in the season opener and 28-7 in a Division 2 district title game.

Herrington jokes he could have broken the

record sooner if Fracassa's Warriors wouldn't have given him six losses.

"We had some great games and sometimes they blew us out, but it

was always a great competition," he said. "We beat them the first time we played them and I was hoping we wouldn't have to play them again."

Ironically, they were

on the same sidelines as coaches in the first high school all-star game in 1981.

It was an experience — a winning one, as their East stars won on a classic Fracassa hook-and-ladder trick play in East Lansing — Herrington fondly remembers.

"What a thing that was," Herrington said. "First of all, we had to worry about the kids wanting to go out for pizza after curfew. He had to worry about one of his coaches. ... It was so hard coaching in the first all-star game. They had us there way too long and we didn't have anything for the kids to do."

But they learned their trade masterfully over the years and the respect they still share for one another is obvious.

Herrington marvels at the success Fracassa had and how he developed so many talented players over his 54 years of coaching.

"When I think of Al, I don't think of how many wins he had, I think about how his players reacted to his coaching and how they still react to him all the time," he said. "And I hope I'm remembered the same way once my career is done. The wins are nice, no question about it, but it's what your players think about you that's important."

His players will soon be calling him the state's winningest head coach.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

# Ladywood blazes to win over PCA in three hard-fought sets

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Coming off a state championship in Class D, Plymouth Christian Academy volleyball coach D.J. Kellogg and athletic director Matt Windle made sure to fill the 2017 schedule with many tough challenges.

This weekend, the Eagles competed in the Beast of the East against top Class A teams. And Monday, PCA squared off against a ranked team in Class B, Livonia Ladywood.

The host Blazers (17-3) swept PCA 3-0, although all three sets went down to the wire (25-23, 25-22, 25-23).

"All our non-conference stuff, we want to make sure we're pushing ourselves, we got to see," Kellogg said. "Games like this highlight where we need work and that's why we do it. We know what to do from here."

What do the Eagles (26-5-2) need to work on? Mainly having more variety on offense to keep defenses guessing more than the Blazers needed to.

"You got to have an offense against a good team," said Kellogg, whose Eagles suffered their first dual loss



Bumping the ball during Monday's contest is Livonia Ladywood's Madison Benoit. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

against Ladywood (previous losses were in tournaments). "They were defending it, but we weren't creating options. We were sending everything to outside hitters, so it's too easy to block when you can predict where the ball is going.

"We just weren't mixing it up and running our plays."

Ladywood coach Kathryn Chinavare said her team was pumped up to face the defending Class D champs.

"They're a great team and we came in knowing that," Chinavare said. "So we were really excited. This was our game to come out and show, like,

we really have improved since last year.

"Their kids put up a really hard fight. It was exciting that we got to be a part of this game today."

Closing out the third set and the match was a sizzling ace by senior Danielle Lamoureux.

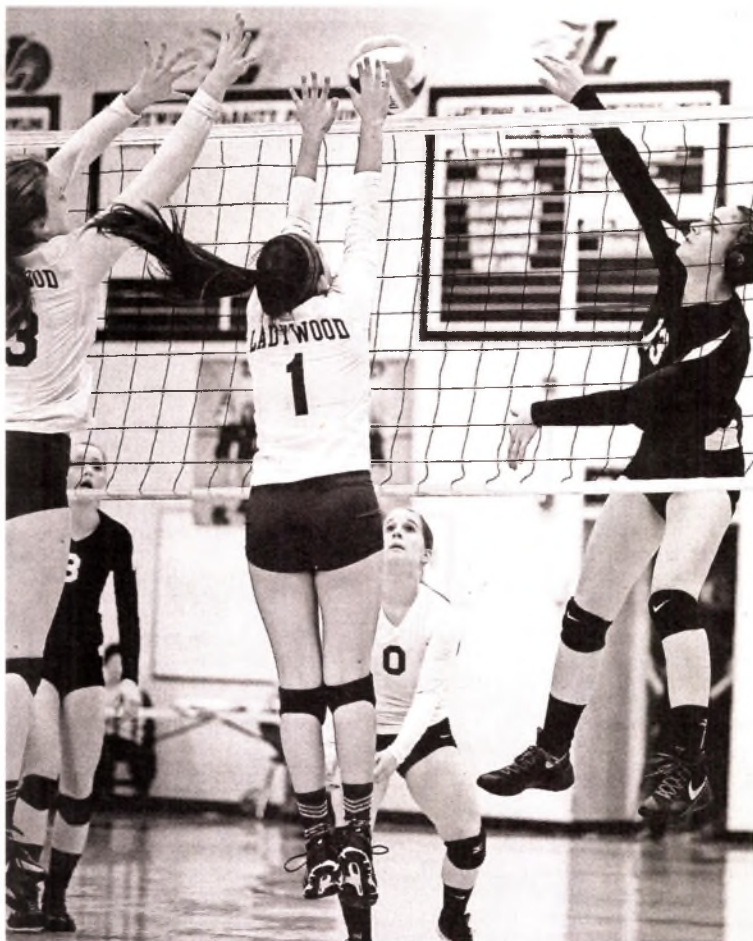
"We're playing as a unit, communicating and having a lot of energy, playing like we're having fun," Lamoureux said.

Leading the Blazers with 11 kills was Madeline Hudson, with Mikayla Kuphal and Madison Benoit contributing eight each. Junior Monique Lamoureux (Danielle's younger sister) tallied 38 assists.

Plymouth Christian statistical leaders included hard-hitting sophomore outside hitter Gabriella Kellogg (13 kills, 14 digs), senior outside hitter/defensive specialist Grace Kellogg (15 digs, four kills) and senior setter Abigail Pray (17 assists).

Others helping the PCA cause were sophomore Caitlin Warnshuis (seven kills), sophomore Madison Raymond (15 digs) and junior Isabella Racho (10 assists).

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Livonia Ladywood's Madeline Hudson (left) and Monique Lamoureux try to block a spike try by PCA's Gabriella Kellogg during Monday's non-conference match. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

## JAKACKI

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Next on his agenda was a visit Oct. 10 to Saginaw Valley State University.

### He's No. 1

The 17-year-old Jakacki certainly is giving college recruiters something to scribble in their notebooks.

In mid-September at Fox Hills, he registered 68 in the 16 and Older Division and earned medalist honors. His strong, consistent showing included 35 on the front nine and 33 on the back.

"On that day that I won the tournament at Fox Hills, I just felt great about my whole game," Jakacki said. "I practiced the whole week leading up to the tournament and that work payed off on that Sunday.

"I shot my best round ever and I hope to only build off of that. Seeing my score in the 60s is always a great feeling and it is a real confidence-booster."

His potential career path is something that makes plenty of sense to Jennifer Jakacki, Connor's mom.

"He enjoys the tough competition during the summer months of playing in these tournaments (he's played in the American Junior Golf Association and Top 50 Junior Tour)," she said. "He feels the competition will only make him better."

"Several college coaches have reached out to him earlier during the golf season, asking him to compete in these tournaments so they could see his scores."

They shouldn't be disappointed. Jakacki's prep career includes averages of 36 and 72 for nine and 18 holes, respectively.



Connor Jakacki surveys the green before making a putt during a summer tournament. He is a senior at Livonia Stevenson and will play for Spartans next spring.

## Building momentum

The Fox Hills success followed two other first-place showings. The first was at Hudson Mills Metropark (a three-day, Top 50 event) and followed that up with a victory at Dunham Hills Golf Club.

"Those two wins right off the bat got me going in the right direction for the rest of the summer," Jakacki said. "I finished my season with a handicap of 1 and a 18-hole average of 75."

Having taken up the sport at age 8 with his grandparents (his grandfather worked at the Metroparks golf courses), Jakacki quickly gravitated to golf and hasn't lost any of the passion for it ever since.

His Stevenson career began in ninth grade and he was team MVP his sophomore and junior years.

And although finishing his prep career means a lot to Jakacki, he has his sights set on making the next level. That's why he was so busy all summer on the junior tourney circuit.

"These tournaments have been extremely important to me," Jakacki said. "I wanted to pack my summer schedule starting in June all the way through September, knowing and wanting to get better each and every tournament so I can achieve my goals and become a better player in a tournament-type atmosphere."

"These tournaments really helped me mentally, also. I figured out how to control myself and be mentally strong for a five-hour round of golf."

So far, it's looking like time well spent for Jakacki.

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## TOURNEY

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way, that playing in the KLAA is trial by fire that sharpens up teams that do survive to make a serious run at a state championship.

"The kids that play in this area and go to school in this area, both high school-wise and club-wise, it's a soccer hotbed," Salem's Kyle Karns said. "So we're fortunate here at (P-CEP) and in the surrounding schools to feed off some of those talented players."

"I think that makes up for most of it. But nothing prepares you for districts and the state tournament like playing in the KLAA. I think we'll be better in the long run by playing in some of those tougher matches."

Veteran Canton coach Mark Zemanski, who guided the Chiefs to the 2014 Division 1 state championship (and a trip to the 2015 finals), said there isn't a letdown when KLAA teams battle each other.

"I'm impressed by the level of play," Zemanski said. "You got Plymouth, you got us, Salem, (Livonia) Stevenson, Brighton, Novi. Did I miss somebody? Hartland's a good team and Churchill's been battling."

"There's a lot of good teams; there's not too many nights off. You really have to work."

### They start young

The players now helping their teams to have high hopes for post-season success — such as Plymouth's Bennett Brooks, Salem's Jason Warras, Canton's Jordan Forney and Stevenson's Lukas Richters, among others — are benefiting from many years of strong development playing for club organizations.

"The success of all these programs is directly linked to the players' commitment to play year-round on club teams with top-level coaches and with other top-level players," Spartans head coach Ken Shingledecker said. His roster features senior center backs Richters and Justin Schultz.

Shingledecker has first-hand knowledge of that developmental process as he is a coach with the elite Michigan



Salem senior Jason Warras is one of the top threats in the KLAA. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



Jordan Forney (right) is a catalyst for the always tough Canton Chiefs. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Wolves-Hawks organization now based at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Concurring was Neschich, whose team went to double overtime before falling to Northville in Wednesday's Kensington Conference championship game.

"Just got a lot of strong soccer schools and strong soccer communities," Neschich said. "The Celtic, the Reign, the Jags, the Rush. All the local clubs here are very strong and these kids have been playing soccer since they were 4 or 5 years old."

Karns stressed that

kids are growing up playing competitive soccer and, by the time they reach their KLAA destination, they are polished and poised.

"Canton, Livonia, Novi, Northville all have very strong club soccer programs," Karns said. "There is no question that helps each of our high school teams."

"At the Park, we have always been very fortunate to have high participation numbers. Each year, we routinely have a freshman program, which certainly helps the development of our program."

## DISTRICT SCHEDULE

Following is the district schedule for the six state-ranked KLAA teams:

### SALEM DISTRICT

**Monday, Oct. 16:** Livonia Churchill at Wayne Memorial (5 p.m.); Plymouth vs. Salem (7 p.m.); Canton at Livonia Franklin (7 p.m.); Westland John Glenn at Dearborn Heights Crestwood (7 p.m.).

**Wednesday, Oct. 18:** (at Salem) Winner of Plymouth-Salem vs. winner of Glenn-Crestwood (5 p.m.); winner of Churchill-Wayne vs. winner of Canton-Franklin (7 p.m.).

**Saturday, Oct. 21:** (at Salem) championship match at noon.

### STEVENSON DISTRICT

**Monday, Oct. 16:** Livonia Stevenson vs. Southfield Arts & Technology (7 p.m.); Novi vs. Northville (7 p.m. at Novi Meadows); Novi Detroit Catholic Central vs North Farmington (7 p.m.).

**Wednesday, Oct. 18:** (at Stevenson) Winner of Stevenson-Southfield A&T vs. winner of Novi-Northville (5 p.m.); winner of Catholic Central-North vs. Oak Park (7 p.m.).

**Friday, Oct. 20:** (at Stevenson) championship match at 5:30 p.m.

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

# Plymouth boys repeat as county champs

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The annual Wayne County Invitational at Willow Metropark in New Boston always is a milepost for top cross country teams looking for major success at regionals and states.

Such is the case again for the Plymouth boys cross country squad, after earning the championship Oct. 7 with 41 points. The Wildcats — who won the title for the second straight year — were paced by seven runners eclipsing the 17-minute mark, with second- and third-place finishers Ethan Byrnes (15:37) and sophomore Carter Solomon (15:39).

Coach Jon Mikosz's team outdistanced itself from some pretty formidable KLAAs rivals with a relentless lineup. In second place with 139 points was Northville (albeit the Mustangs' so-called 'B' team), with Salem third (142), Livonia Stevenson fourth (210), Canton seventh (223), Livonia Franklin ninth (274) and Livonia Churchill 10th (207). There were 30 teams competing on a warm, windy morning.

"This is a large stepping stone for us," said Byrnes, a senior. "This was a good experience for our varsity runners, especially the younger ones like Patrick Byrnes and Tyler Mussen.

"This gave us a taste of future meets to come like conferences and regionals, maybe even states. This will prepare us as a team for the mindset that we need for those larger meets."

Solomon chimed in that although winning the county meet "was a good



Proudly displaying their Wayne County Invitational boys cross country championship trophy are the Plymouth Wildcats.  
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indication for our capabilities as a team," the Wildcats aren't about to get overconfident entering the postseason.

"Remaining humble and composed as a team is key, given there are teams still better than us," Solomon said. "Hopefully, we win the region this year. That would be a good meet to win going into states."

Following Ethan Byrnes and Solomon across the finish line for Plymouth were Brandon Boyd (11th, 16:27), Patrick Byrnes (12th, 16:27), Tyler Mussen (13th, 16:29), Jarrett Warner (19th, 16:44) and Adam Stepek (25th, 16:56).

Salem was led by Ryan Exell (seventh, 16:20.2), Luke Haran (28th, 17:01.7) and Nolan Teodori (29th, 17:02.8) while top performers for Canton included Shane Andrews (14th, 16:30.5) and Garrett Nagelhout (26th, 16:59.6).

"(Exell) ran a solid race," Salem head coach Steve Aspinall said. "He has done a great job improving this season after missing a good chunk of last year due to injury.

"We are looking forward to competing in the

regional, one of the top in the state of Michigan (again at Willow Metropark) in a couple of weeks. Plymouth, Ann Arbor Huron, Stevenson, Novi, Northville, Canton and Catholic Central also have very solid teams and we'll be battling with them to try to be top three and qualify for the state championships."

**Making strides**

Veteran Canton head coach Bill Boyd said the Chiefs could be a surprise team at regionals, with a strong lineup that is peaking at the right time.

Andrews ran the fourth fastest time in school history, while freshman Nagelhout broke 17 minutes for the first time. Chipping in a career-best 17:26 was David Kight.

"We now have three runners who have broken 17 minutes (this year)," Boyd said. "If everyone is healthy, we can be the Cinderella team and grab the third qualifier at regionals."

Boyd added that the team is getting solid contributions from Nos. 4 and 5 runners Daniel Jimenez (17:37) and Bra-

den Heimbaugh (17:55). Franklin head coach Pat Koelzer said his team competed well despite recent injuries and illness hitting the roster.

"We still need to fill in a gap or two between runners in order to be more competitive," Koelzer said. "Regionals are also at Willow, so this should set them up to race well there again in three weeks."

Grant Rudd finished 30th with a time of 17:03 for the Patriots, followed by Logan Evanchuk (39th, 17:11), Jackson Nordbeck (64th, 17:46), Andrew Ulaszek (69th, 17:54), Mike Mackiewicz (72nd, 17:55) and Russell Rusnell (76th, 17:58).

The top 35 finishers earned all-county honors, with medals awarded to first team (those finishing first through seventh), second team (8-14), third team (15-21) and honorable mention (22-35).

Earning county medals were: Plymouth (E. Byrnes, Solomon, Boyd, P. Byrnes, Mussen, Warner, Stepek), Northville (Nicholas Couyoumjian, eighth, 16:23.1; Nathan Hayes, 20th, 16:45.1; Alex Jund, 31st, 17:04.4; Adrien Jund, 33rd, 17:06.2), Salem (Exell, Haran, Teodori), Stevenson (Owen Rowader, 16th, 16:35.2; Thomas Saad, 32nd, 17:05.9), Canton (Andrews, Nagelhout), Franklin (Rudd), Churchill (Brendan McCoy, 27th, 17:01.4; Eric Pensari, 35th, 17:08.2), Plymouth Christian Academy (Luke Pohl, sixth, 16:19.0) and Wayne Memorial (John Gatton, 21st, 16:45.9).

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**Girls golf**

**DIVISION 3 REGIONAL**

**AT GROSSE ILE:** Cranbrook Kingswood and Detroit Country Day were the top two teams at this regional Wednesday at West Shore Golf and Country Club. The Cranes finished with 349, while Country Day was six shots behind at 355. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep was the third and final qualifying team for the state meet, scheduled for Oct. 20-21 at Forest Akers West on Michigan State University's campus. Cranbrook Kingswood was led by senior Carmen Chan's second-place score of 82. Senior teammate Kate Cao and DCD senior Lucy Liu tied for third with 84. Juniors Katheryn Cohen (CK) and Kristina Roberts (DCD) tied for fifth overall at 87. Cranbrook's other scorer was senior Kailey Roberts with 96. Country Day's two other scorers were sophomores Alaina McKeen (88 for ninth place) and Kate Mullany (96). The regional medalist was Pontiac Notre Dame Prep's Danielle Staskowski, who carded 75.

**Girls swimming**

**OAKLAND COUNTY**

**MEET:** Farmington Mercy easily swam to its 14th consecutive Oakland County title Oct. 7 at Lake Orion High School. The Marlins were led by double individual event winner Katie Minnich, who took the 200 IM (2:05.02) and the 100 back (55.04). Minnich led off the winning 200-yard medley relay, which also

included Tierney Janovsky, Kylie Gotie and Annette Dombkowski. Their time was 1:48.72. The combined Harrison/Farmington squad won the 200 freestyle relay in a time of 1:37.88 behind the efforts of Ashley Turak, Lia Munson, Hailey Stewart and Emma Inch. Mercy's Ciara McCliment (diving), Harrison/Farmington's Turak (100 free) and Juliana Petrak (100 breast) all earned second-place individual honors. North Farmington was second in the 200 medley relay (1:49.06) and Mercy was second in the 200 free relay (1:39.02). In other team results, Harrison/Farmington was second with 172 points, followed by Bloomfield Hills Marian (fifth), Birmingham Seaholm (eighth), North Farmington (10th), Cranbrook Kingswood (15th), Birmingham Groves (16th), Bloomfield Hills (18th) and Detroit Country Day (28th).

**Boys cross country**

**OAKLAND COUNTY**

**MEET:** White Lake Lakeland won the title Oct. 7 at Kensington Metropark with 78 points. The other top five team finishers included Novi (151), Milford (166), Oxford (170) and Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice (173). The Warriors were led by senior Michael Tremonti, who placed sixth overall in 16:17. Junior Alec Miracle (16:41) was 10th and senior Grant Davey placed 11th (16:43). Rice's other two scorers were Kevan O'Brien (47th) and Jacob Hannawa (97th). Farmington senior Nick Trevisan was fourth overall in a time of 16:06, while Seaholm junior George Nummer was eighth in 16:34. Seaholm junior Jakob Sayers was

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

# Salem sticks together as unit, tops Wayne County field

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Salem's varsity girls cross country team entered the Wayne County Invitational determined to be the best. And so did Livonia Franklin junior Erin Seibert.

Both left Willow Metropark in New Boston with the desired hardware Oct. 7. The Rocks captured their fourth consecutive county title, defeating runner-up Plymouth by a wide margin (41-113 points).

And Seibert, who was the second-place finisher in the 2016 county meet, was this year's Wayne County champion with her time of 19:15.9, the best among the 167 runners who competed.

"(Seibert) had a goal of winning the race after coming in second place last year," Franklin head coach Dave Bjorklund said. "She faced some stiff competition among the top eight runners, with the second- and third-place runners really

trying to get her, even in the last 400 meters or so. "I could not be more proud of how strong she was in her third mile. One of Erin's biggest strengths is how mentally tough she is and that was really on display today. I could not be more proud of her."

Knocking on the doorstep behind Seibert were Alisa Erickson (Grosse Ile) and Devon Krasner (Grosse Pointe South), who finished with respective times of 19:17.8 and 19:19.0.

Right behind that trio were Salem's top finishers, junior Hallie Younglas (fourth, 19:26.2) and freshman Reagan Justice (fifth, 19:31.7). They had plenty of teammates not too far behind them, as seven Rocks finished in the top 16.

"On a humid day, these girls competed with passion and determination," Salem head coach Dave Gerlach said. "They remained focused and wanted to win and win big. The girls put on a



Salem's varsity girls cross country team celebrates the team's championship at the Wayne County Invitational. SALEM ATHLETICS

show today by putting seven girls in the top 16 places.

"That is seven girls in front of every other team's No. 2 runner except for one."

**All for one**

Gerlach's impressive crew also included juniors Bridget Nelson (10th, 19:48.8) and Gabrielle Mancini (11th, 20:03.8), senior Shea Wilson (14th, 20:11.9), freshman Olivia Millen (15th, 20:12.9) and senior Han-

nah Jeffress (16th, 20:19.3).

"The varsity ran as a unit and came through the mile mark very aggressive to put themselves in the position to succeed," Gerlach said. "Younglas and Justice were in second place at different times of this race trying to put pressure on the front runner (Seibert).

"I was extremely proud of this team today for competing hard and running smart. We knew

going in that we were the team to beat and did not want to have a letdown."

Plymouth had two finishers in the top 10: senior Arwa Hararwala (sixth, PR of 19:33.7) and freshman Londyn Swenson (eighth, PR of 19:35.7).

"We came into the invitational with our sights set on second place, knowing that it would be a tight race," Wildcats head coach Alice Ahearn said. "The girls knew what they had to do and they did it. I'm very excited about the effort they put forth and where that puts us at this point of the season.

"We have to keep this momentum going right through regionals."

Trailing Hararwala and Swenson for Plymouth was freshman Lola Merrill, a county medal winner with her 31st-place time of 20:59 (also a personal best).

**County's best**

The top 35 finishers earned all-county honors,

with medals awarded to first team (those finishing first through seventh), second team (8-14), third team (15-21) and honorable mention (22-35).

Earning county medals were: Salem (Younglas, Justice, Nelson, Mancini, Wilson, Millen, Jeffress), Plymouth (Hararwala, Swenson, Merrill), Livonia Stevenson (Emily Lauzon, 13th, 20:08.0; Cassie McDougall, 19th, 20:20.7; Gracie Droz, 30th, 20:57.9), Franklin (Seibert; Allyson Stabler, 21st, 20:31.5; Emily Esker, 27th, 20:50.2), Livonia Churchill (Gabrielle Swider, 12th, 20:06.3; Abbie Haupt, 17th, 20:19.6; Sierra Greener, 28th, 20:53.3), Canton (Anna Nagelhout, ninth, 19:40.7; Carmen Bruchnak, 18th, 20:19.9), Garden City (Erin Marshall, 32nd, 20:58.9; Madison Carver, 35th, 21:04.3) and Wayne Memorial (Jessica Leigh, 22nd, 20:32.7).

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**OAA**

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14th (16:55). In other area team results, Seaholm was seventh (245), Farmington 17th (455), Bloomfield Hills 18th (495), North Farmington 27th (712), Birmingham Groves 30th (844) and Detroit Country Day 31st (952).

**Girls cross country**

**OAKLAND COUNTY MEET:** Birmingham Seaholm's six-year reign as champion has ended. The annual meet, held Oct. 7 at Kensington Metro-

park, included 29 scoring teams, led by first-place Troy with 71 points. Milford was second (132), followed by Clarkston (141), Seaholm (202) and Waterford Mott (212). The individual winner was Waterford Mott junior Rylee Robinson, with 18:28.8. Seaholm senior Emily Rooney was sixth overall in 19:16.6 and Farmington junior Abby Inch placed eighth in 19:27.3. Farmington junior Anya Turner was 25th (20:19.7), North Farmington junior Whitney Reid was 25th (20:19.7) and Bloomfield Hills sophomore Shelby Jenkins was 27th (20:21.5).

Seaholm's Katie Beckerman (31st) and Audrey DaDamio (35th) also placed among the top 50. In other team scores, Bloomfield Hills was 11th (325), Farmington 19th (483), Bloomfield Hills Marian 23rd (626), Birmingham Groves 25th (667), Bloomfield Hills 26th (684), Farmington Harrison 27th (685) and Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart 29th (938).

**CITY CHAMPIONSHIP:**

Farmington High School captured the recent Farmington Public Schools city championship meet Oct. 9 at Oakland Community College. The

Falcons finished with 25 points, followed by Harrison (51) and North Farmington (56). North Farmington's top 20 scorers were Whitney Reid (third in 20:20), Kavina Sheth (eighth in 11:47), Youmna Khan (15th in 25:07), Maya Rai (18th in 26:31) and Victoria Greenbaum (20th in 26:49).

**Boys tennis**

**OAA RED DIVISION MEET:** Bloomfield Hills, the state's top-ranked team, captured the OAA Red Division tournament Oct. 5. Troy was second, followed by Birmingham Seaholm and Birmingham Groves.

**WALLED LAKE WESTERN 6, NORTH FARMINGTON 3:** On Oct. 10, North Farmington lost to Walled Lake Western. North earned all its points in doubles action. North Farmington's No. 2 doubles team of senior co-captain Keith Jackson and junior Ryosuke Nishida won a tough three-set tie breaker over Western's Salin Ghinare and Emelio Barcia-Meza.

**Boys soccer**

**NORTH FARMINGTON 2, DEARBORN 0:** North Farmington celebrated senior night Oct. 10. Matthew Swarthroat opened the scoring shortly into

the game as he finished a pass from Matthew George. Swarthroat struck again early in the second half off an assist by Andrew George. Sam Thornton made a number of key saves to preserve the shutout. North takes a 9-4-4 record into the Division 1 district (the Raiders open with a game at 7 p.m. Monday against host Novi Detroit Catholic Central).

**ROCHESTER 5, NORTH FARMINGTON 0:**

On Oct. 9 in this OAA crossover match, the visiting Raiders fell. Rochester held a 3-0 halftime lead and added two more in the final 40 minutes.

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**ETHAN BYRNES**

**CROSS COUNTRY SENIOR PLYMOUTH WILDCATS**

Like a runner making up ground down the stretch, Plymouth boys cross country standout Ethan Byrnes came from behind to win Hometown Life Prep Athlete of the Week honors for Week 7.

Byrnes trailed early on to Novi Detroit Catholic Central senior running back Cameron Ryan, but made his winning push beginning Tuesday.

He finished strong with 9,301 votes (42.37 percent), with Ryan in second place (5,296 votes, 24.12 percent). In third place was Livonia Franklin junior girls cross country runner Erin Seibert (4,154 votes, 18.92 percent).

**WHAT HE DID:** Byrnes had another standout performance for the No. 2-ranked Wildcats at Saturday's Wayne County Invitational. He finished second with a time of 15:37.4 to spark Plymouth to the boys cross country meet champion-

ship at Willow Metropark in New Boston. "With Saturday's race, the key was coming in mentally and physically prepared. I knew where I was against the competition, what I can do, and what I am capable of doing. Mentally and physically, I was prepared for the challenges that the race would throw at me."

**WHAT HE SAID ABOUT**

**BEING NAMED ATHLETE OF THE WEEK:** "Winning Athlete of the Week means a lot to me. It is an honor to even have been nominated for the poll, but to win? That is something different. This is something I will definitely remember for many years to come."

What he said about the upcoming state tournament: Byrnes said the team's championship at the Wayne County meet gives it plenty of confidence moving into the so-called second season.

"This gave us a taste of future meets to come like conferences and regionals. Maybe even states. This will prepare us as a team for the mindset that we need for those larger meets. But we can't go into them expecting to win. We need to go in with the idea that anything can happen. Again, counties kind of prepared us for that. Anything can happen."



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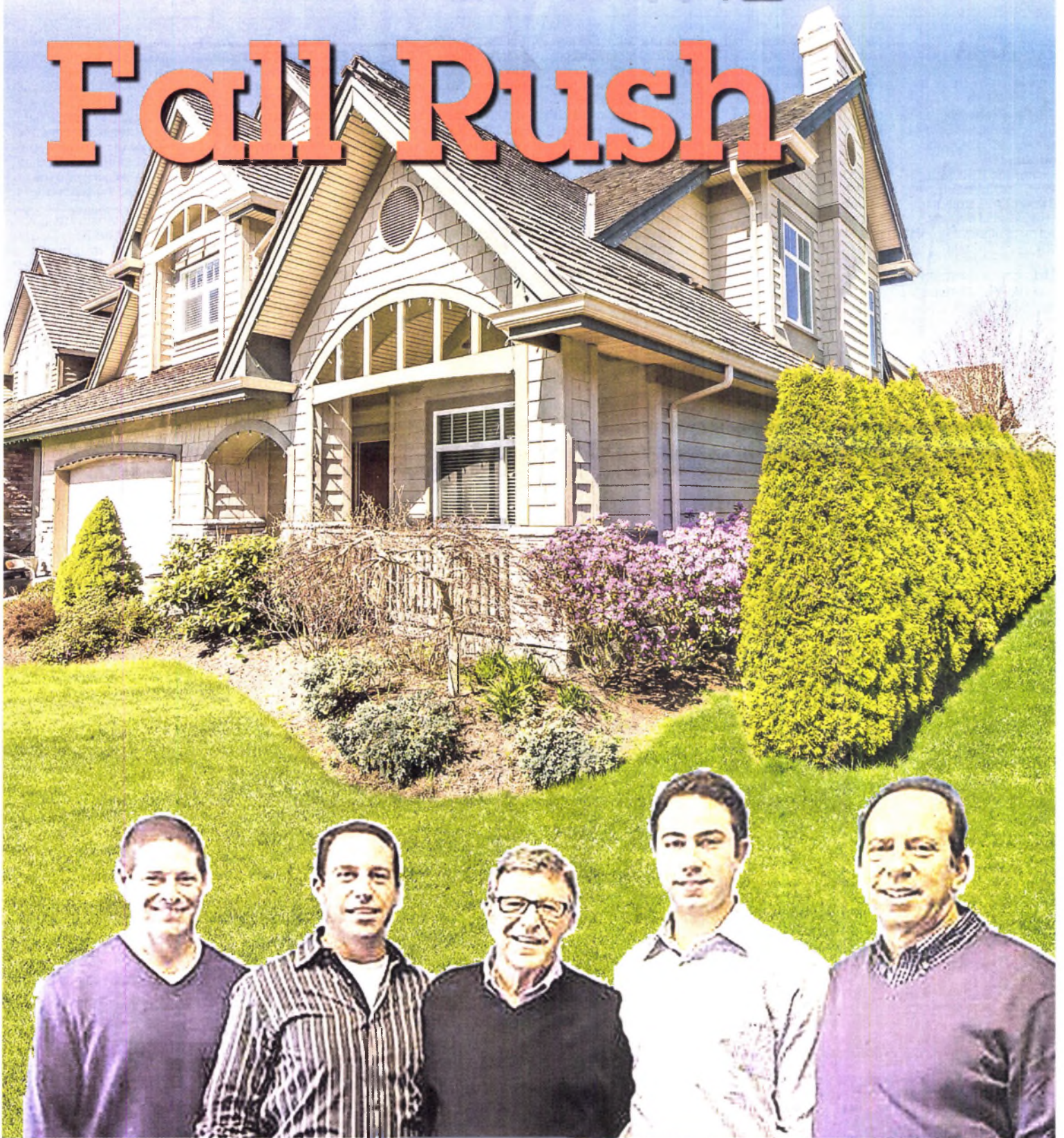
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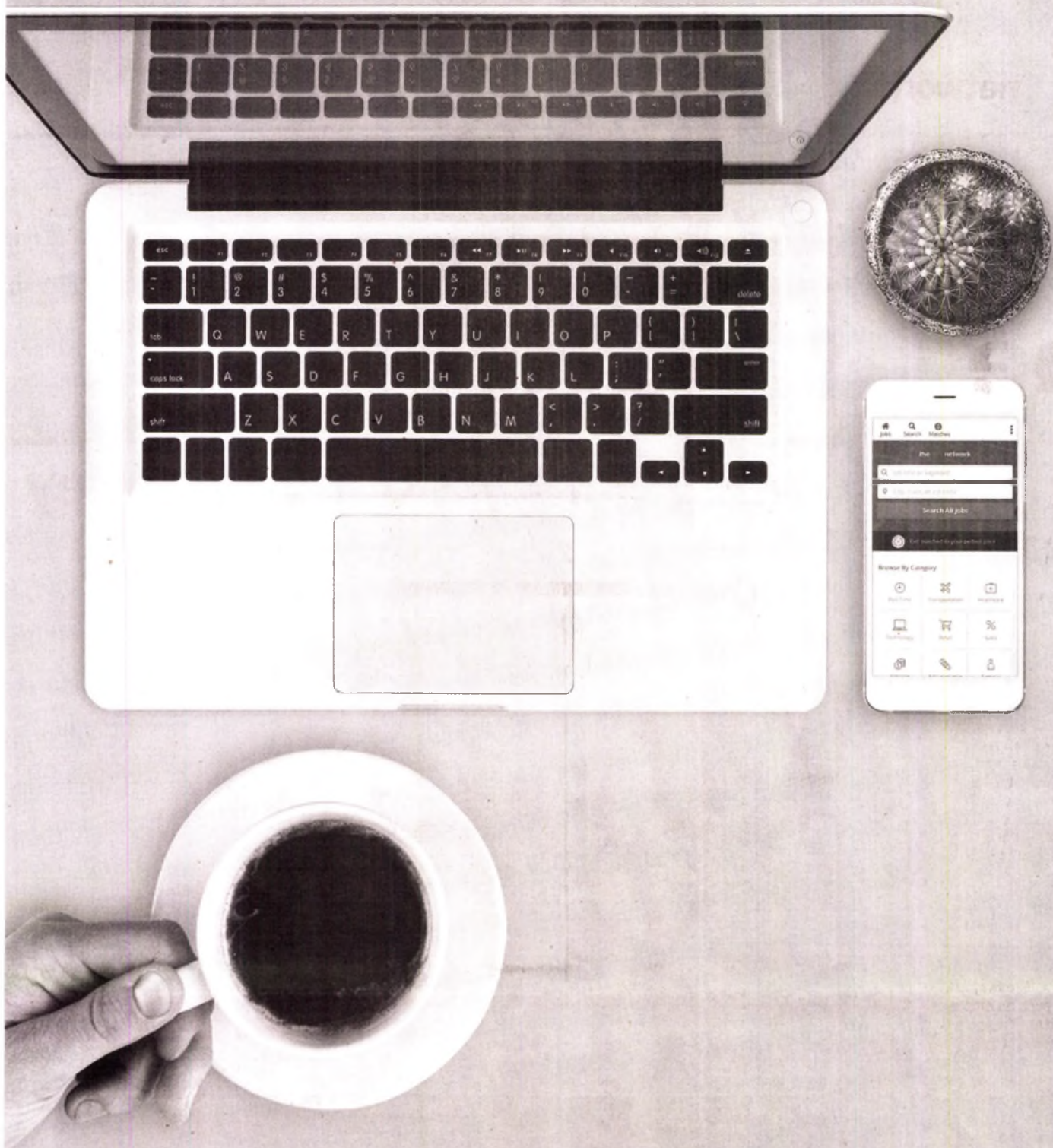
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## Why you're not getting paid more money

BY PETER JONES  
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**E**mployers love to be vague about the salary they're prepared to offer for any given position. You'll often see "commensurate with experience" or "dependent on experience," or other similar wordings. Basically, what you're offered will depend on where you came from and what you've worked on.

You may look at such a job posting and count up all your innumerable years of experience and think, I have a ton of experience. I'm going to make bank. But the calculations can be on the fickle side.

### Experience ≠ years worked

The major takeaway is this: the salary such an employer is prepared to offer you will depend upon a range of factors — including but not limited to your experience.

Even if the job description asks for a specific number of years of experience in a specific role, if you have more — or more targeted — experience, you might be eligible to make slightly more than an incoming hire or candidate with just the minimum.

Be careful to make sure what you're calling "experience" is the kind of experience the employer has in



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mind. You might have five years of experience managing a team of employees at a boutique company, but they might be looking for someone who oversaw multiple teams at multiple locations across a much larger company. In that case, your experience wouldn't make for a massive salary bump. Before you go into an interview boasting what you think is an impressive history (and it very well might be), make sure it will be

impressive to your interviewer. In this specific case, he or she has the only opinion that matters.

### Your former stats matter

An employer will also take into account your previous salary history, your level of education (and sometimes even the "level" of your institution). They'll also measure your geographical location and the cost of living there, so two

positions in suburban Ohio and New York City, respectively, would be compensated differently.

### You're working within a window

Usually, most employers have a salary range in mind. Where you fall on that predetermined range will be decided based on all the aforementioned factors. Therefore, "commensurate with experience" in this case doesn't

mean "the sky's the limit" if you happen to be super experienced.

It might, however, mean you'll make more than the slightly less experienced new hire with your same job description. Or less than the slightly more experienced one.

That said, whenever you see "commensurate with experience," be prepared to negotiate, at least a little. That salary is not set in stone. You might not have much leverage, but it's at least a crack in the window for you to give it a try.

Make sure to do your homework about the cost of living in your area, what other people at your level seem to be making, what the range of salaries at that company appears to be, etc. And remember to take extra care when detailing your work history in your application — both on your resume and in your cover letter.

Figure out your strengths as precisely as you can, knowing they'll be scrutinized when deciding where you'll fall on the salary spectrum once you're hired.

*Peter Jones is a career advice journalist for TheJobNetwork.com, where this article was originally published. He investigates and writes about current strategies, tips, and trending topics related to all stages of one's career.*

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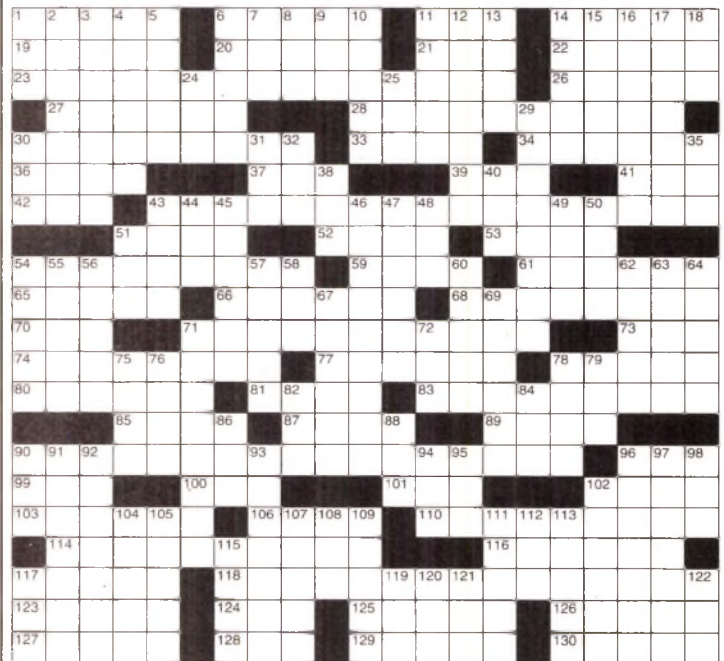
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Stole, e.g.
  - 6 Stoles, e.g.
  - 11 Many a yellow ride
  - 14 Kickoff
  - 19 Pertaining to pitch
  - 20 Hits upon the answer
  - 21 Uplifting verse
  - 22 Pointer
  - 23 "Cleopatra" star
  - 26 "E pluribus unum," e.g.
  - 27 Horse-race bet taker
  - 28 Defeater of Al Gore in 2000
  - 30 Orator called "The Great Pacificator"
  - 33 Knitting supply
  - 34 Crooner Johnny
  - 36 Camera part
  - 37 Stew holder
  - 39 H lookalike
  - 41 Genoa gold
  - 42 Abbr. that saves space
  - 43 "Dallas" actress
  - 51 Trisuit alternative
  - 52 Liking a lot
  - 53 Bert who had a lion's lines
  - 54 "East of Eden" actor
  - 59 Walked over
  - 61 Mexican dish
  - 65 Vocalist Menzel
  - 66 Close-fitting, bell-shaped hat
  - 68 Keeps repeating
  - 70 Wee, briefly
  - 71 "Concord Sonata" composer
  - 73 Bit of ink art
  - 74 Put on the air
  - 77 "3 Women" director
  - 78 Ginger, e.g.
  - 80 One wooing
  - 81 J.D. Salinger little heroine
  - 83 "Wag the Dog" actress
  - 85 Mater lead-in
  - 87 Advance
  - 89 Go out
  - 90 "Lucy Gray" poet
  - 96 Booster for a rock band
  - 99 Punk rock variant
  - 100 China's Chiang — -shok
  - 101 Patriots' Day mo.
  - 102 Ending for buck
  - 103 Dirty mark
  - 106 Keep going
  - 110 "The Great Lie" Oscar winner
  - 114 "A Book of Nonsense" author
  - 116 Of a big artery
  - 117 Arbor array
  - 118 Namesakes of the 10 people featured in this puzzle
  - 123 Some equines
  - 124 Me, to Luc
  - 125 Vowel run
  - 126 Hay-bundling machine
  - 127 Just manage
  - 128 FWIW part
  - 129 Stickpin site
  - 130 Yukon vehicles
  - 3 Like negatively charged atoms
  - 4 Shaving tools
  - 5 Like many piecrusts
  - 6 See 11-Down
  - 7 Act the fink
  - 8 Guitar wood
  - 9 Mine shaft
  - 10 Like a ham
  - 11 With 6-Down, circular diagram of the spectrum
  - 12 Decorator
  - 13 Arctic mass
  - 14 Latin dance
  - 15 Game fish
  - 16 Place to buy paintbrushes
  - 17 Tax shelter named for a U.S. senator
  - 18 Binary base
  - 24 Brand of 4-Down
  - 25 "For" vote
  - 29 Gives out
  - 30 Hurry, old-style
  - 31 Well-chosen
  - 32 "— hold"
  - 35 Note below la
  - 2 Stephen who replaced Letterman
  - 40 Up to, in brief
  - 43 MasterCard rival
  - 44 "— help a lot if ..."
  - 45 Prague natives
  - 46 Winning
  - 47 Stationary
  - 48 Cutesy- —
  - 49 Burn a bit
  - 50 Food writer
  - 51 Pal of Stimpny
  - 54 Drops callously
  - 55 "Later, Luci!"
  - 56 Prefix with second
  - 57 Off to — start
  - 58 Here-there connection
  - 60 Armless sofa
  - 62 Cobwebby storage site
  - 63 Extract by percolation
  - 64 Performer
  - 67 Uproar
  - 69 Bill equal to two fins
  - 71 Toyota or Kia
  - 72 "— bad boy!"
  - 75 Abbr. ending many a list
  - 76 E — (bacteria)
  - 78 — Tzu
  - 79 Pig, to some
  - 82 — -mo
  - 84 Interoffice phone no.
  - 86 Doc's org.
  - 88 Secret org
  - 90 Director
  - 91 Dunk
  - 92 Most noisy
  - 93 Refuses to
  - 94 Typing meas.
  - 95 "— man — mouse?"
  - 96 "A" or "an"
  - 97 Sponged
  - 98 "— favor"
  - 102 Star-related
  - 104 Uncool type
  - 105 Long-winded
  - 107 Auspices
  - 108 "My Gal —"
  - 109 Juror's event
  - 111 Artist Duty
  - 112 Over there, in poetry
  - 113 Most Iraqi
  - 115 Pop's Lovato
  - 117 Dog's ID site
  - 119 Briny body
  - 120 With it
  - 121 Singer
  - 122 Bandy
  - 122 Most coll. applicants



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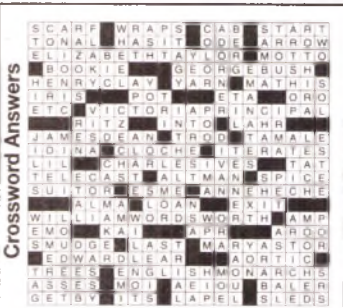
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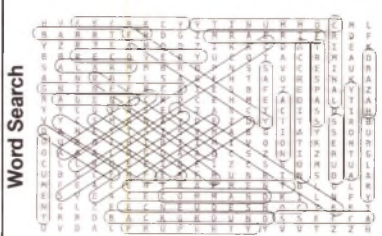
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- ADMISSIBLE
- AGENT
- ALARM
- AUTHORITY
- BACKGROUND
- BARRIER
- BURGLARY
- CAMERA
- COMMAND
- COMMUNITY
- CONFIDENTIAL
- CONSEQUENCE
- CRIMINAL
- DAMAGE
- DISASTER
- DOCUMENT
- DURESS
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# Car Report

## NISSAN REFASHIONS ROGUE INTO A KEY PLAYER IN BOOMING SMALL-SUV MARKET WITH 2017 UPGRADES – AND HYBRID



By Dale Buss

It may be unassuming and seem kind of utilitarian, but the 2017 Nissan Rogue is by far the most important vehicle in Nissan's entire lineup. Its sales in the U.S. are more than double those of any of the brand's other nameplates.

So it's a good thing that the latest version of Rogue has been catching the fancy of American car buyers as they increasingly turn to utility vehicles and away from the sedans where Nissan always has performed well. Add up all of Nissan's other SUV models and they sell at less than half the volume of Rogue.

Fortunately for Nissan, Rogue sales were up by 22 percent for the year to date through September – and by more than 47 percent last month alone.

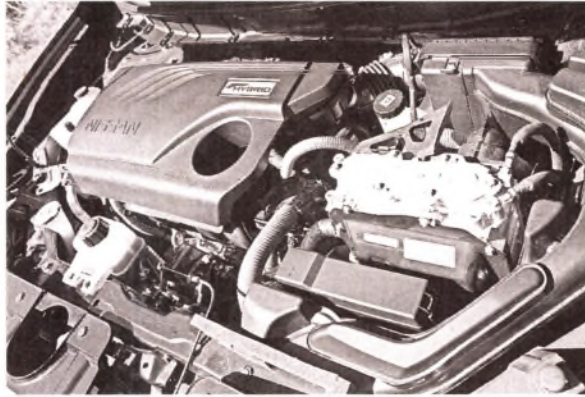
What are buyers seeing anew in a vehicle that has been around in one form or another for 10 years now?

Well, for the 2017 version, Nissan determined to put some added value into a model that was suddenly occupying a much more important position in its lineup as Americans not buy far more utility vehicles and trucks than sedans, a reverse of the situation just a few years ago.

It's understandable that consumers have been picking up on Rogue like something of a diamond in the rough. I found Rogue plenty handsome to park in the driveway, something I didn't recollect about earlier versions.

And Rogue – especially for the money – was nicely capable in every area of the driving experience, including responsive handling and a good feel for the road, plenty of space up front for a driver and main passenger, and roominess all around in the rear for many different combinations of cargo.

Rogue offers a surprising amount of cargo space, especially for a crossover



Nissan introduced a hybrid Rogue for 2017.

that's considered a compact. It's got 32 cubic feet with the second row up and 70 cubic feet with seats folded. The unique configurable cargo area gives Rogue a further advantage over rivals.

For one thing, I was amazed to see how many pumpkins, mums and corn stalks I could actually fit in the rear of Rogue with the rear seats down. I practically cleared out the local cider mill of its inventory and whisked it all away in the Rogue.

Seat comfort stands out in Rogue in its class, and heated front seats are standard on higher models. For rear passengers, there is the nice touch of air vents.

Also inside, Nissan used a nice combination of materials to give Rogue an upscale feel not reflected in its price. These include soft plastics that yield to the touch and leather surfaces that feel genuine.

For the new version, Nissan nicely tweaked Rogue's no-nonsense styling to give it a bit more sleekness, and added sound insulation. Nissan also has made

And, oh, yes, there's now a hybrid version of Rogue available. It promises a substantial gain of 7 mpg over the conventional version of Rogue, at 33mpg in the city and 35mpg on the highway versus 26mpg in the city and 33mpg on the highway.

Rogue is a five-passenger crossover SUV that's considered in the compact segment but feels bigger than that. It's available in three main trim levels with prices starting at a very accessible \$23,820.

Regular Rogues come standard with a 2.5-liter, four-cylinder engine that yields 170 horsepower and 175 pound-feet of torque, paired with a continuously variable transmission that sends power to the front wheels. All-wheel drive is available as an option.

The hybrid version is powered by a 2.0-liter four-cylinder along with an electric motor that gives the hybrid a combined 176 horsepower of output. It's offered in front- or all-wheel drive and not in the base trim level.



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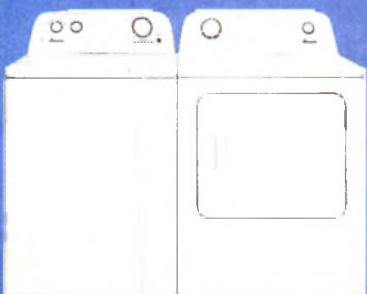
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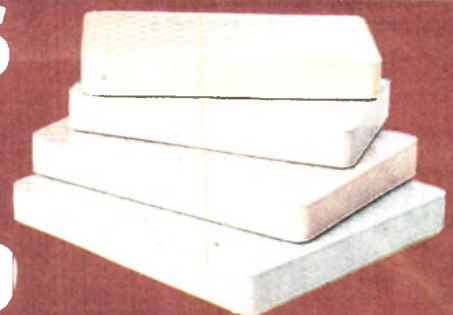
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