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Awards spread early Christmas cheer

Carson receives honor during annual event at St. Nicholas Institute

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

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

The awards gala, at the ballroom at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic

Church, was full of cheer and stories of Christmases past and attended by 27 institute graduates, many decked out in red and sporting flowing Santa beards. The graduates — 25 Santas and two Mrs. Clauses — were all introduced.

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

Carson and his wife Candy were given an SNI lifetime achievement

award for their work on the Carson Scholars Fund, which has distributed more than \$6 million in college scholarship money to high-achieving students and established more than 170 Ben Carson Reading Rooms in schools in 22 states.

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

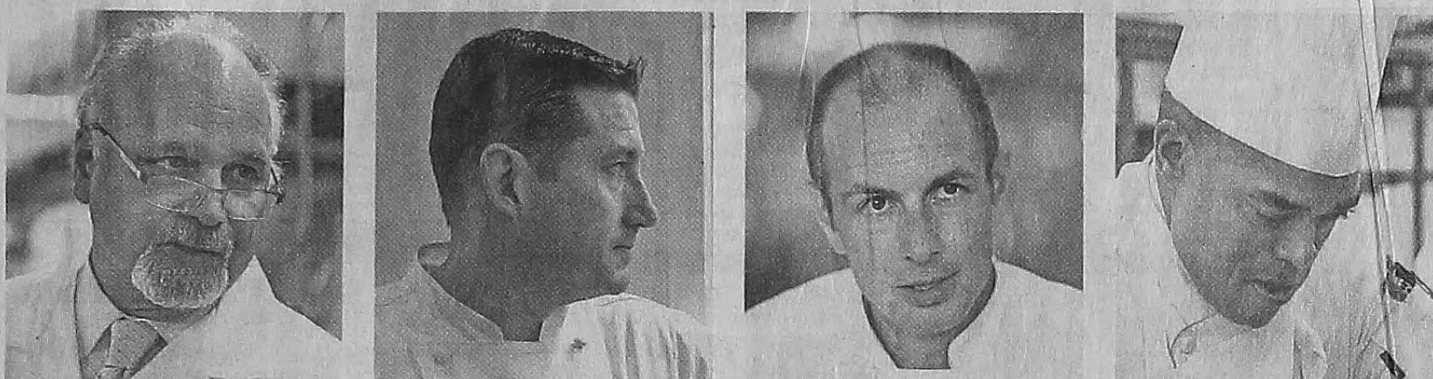
Candy Carson said she was scheduled Thursday to open another Carson Reading Room. That's a task she enjoys, she said, because it gives her a chance to speak to children. Programs such as theirs are building blocks for

the future, she said.

"It has been such a privilege to be involved in the lives of so many young people and to continue to do those things to heal the breach in our country," Ben Carson said.

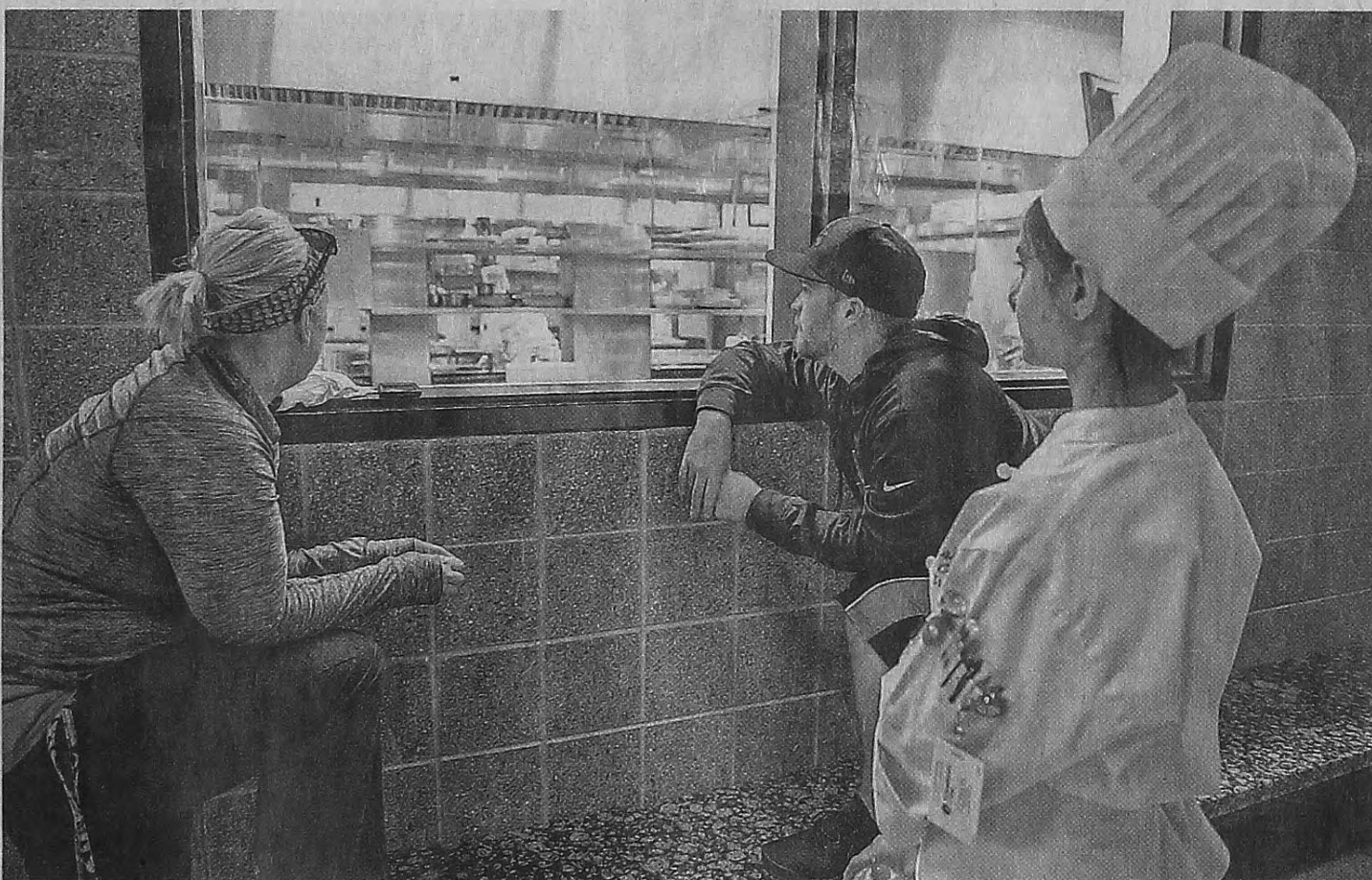
Also honored, with the SNI's Spirit of Christmases Past, Present and Future award, was Richard P. Kughn, a businessman who owned Lionel Corp., the toy train manufacturer, for about 10 years. In a video shown before Kughn was introduced, he was credited with turning around, in the 1980s, the company behind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

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

Chefs cook up a shot at certification



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

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

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

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

chef from the American Culinary Federation.

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

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

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Canton resident is new CEO of state Kidney Foundation

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan has announced that Canton Township resident Linda Smith-Wheelock, who previously served as NKFM's chief operating officer and executive vice president, is now the foundation's fifth president and chief executive officer. Smith-Wheelock stepped into the role after Dan Carney became president and CEO emeritus in July 2017.

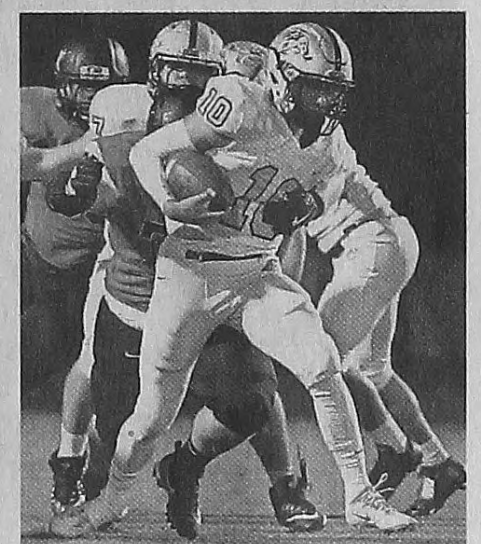


Smith-Wheelock

Smith-Wheelock has been with the NKFM for 24 years, seven years as program director and 17 years as COO/VP. She has master's degrees in both social work and business administration, as well as 20 years of experience in developing and implementing health programs. Smith-Wheelock has presented statewide and nationally on the NKFM's notable evidence-based programs and their outcomes. She led

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A ton of love



Zach Beadle, who plays quarterback for Plymouth High School and had his leg broken against Livonia Churchill, was touched by the outpouring of love that followed his devastating injury. For more on the injury, turn to page B1. MICHAEL VASILNEK



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efforts, in partnership with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, to produce a statewide strategic plan on chronic kidney disease prevention. The cornerstone of the NKFM prevention programs is the Diabetes Prevention Program, a yearlong evidence-based, life-changing program that helps people with prediabetes reduce their chances of developing diabetes. She has been at the forefront of expanding this program across the state of Michigan.

NKFM's mission is to prevent kidney disease and improve the quality of life for those living with it. For more information about the NFKM's programs and services, go to nkfm.org or call 800-482-1455.

Art tour of Detroit scheduled for Oct. 14

Detroit AM Rotary has scheduled Detroit Contemporary Art Tour, a chauffeured tour of the fabulous art in city, for 1-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14. Ride on a motor coach from Livonia into the city of Detroit to tour locations of art on the streets, in galleries, indoors and outdoors. At each stop you will meet the artists and they will tell you what inspires them, why they work in Detroit, how their art allows them to express themselves, why art is important to them and more.

The tour will start at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College on

Haggerty Road. There will be wine, beer, water and goodies on the bus. Chef Crystal, 2017 Winner of Food Network TV's "Chopped" TV show, will provide d'oeuvres, savory goodies, salads or desserts throughout the afternoon.

The tour will be make three to five stops. Dress for the weather and for some walking. There will be both indoor and outdoor stops and there will be places to sit along the way. At the end of the day, there will be an opportunity to purchase art; some of the proceeds will benefit Detroit AM Rotary and its projects, including work with The

Children's Center, Green Living Science and Threads for Success which your ticket will help to pay for.

Tickets, \$100 per person, are only available online at <https://goo.gl/XTPx5k>. There is limited walking at each venue, depending on the venue. The venues are the African Bead Museum, Wasserman Gallery and the Belt. The tour ends at the Chaps Lofts. Each has bathroom facilities. The bus holds 54 and should leave by 1:30 p.m. at the latest. Expected return time is 6 p.m.

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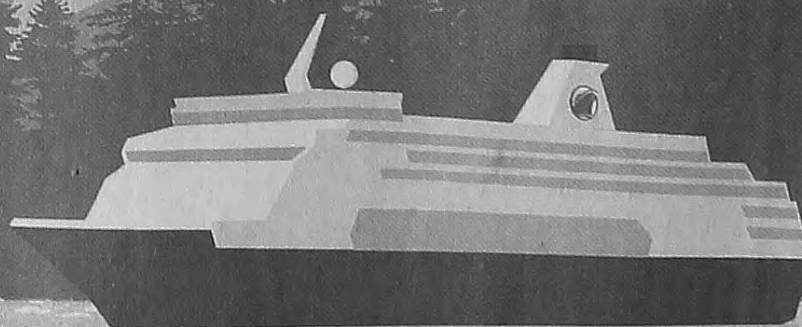
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staples for decades. Kughn, known as "Mr. Lionel," said he would have a toy train set running in his home on Christmas this year and he praised the SNI and the other award winners.

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

Also recognized by the SNI were:

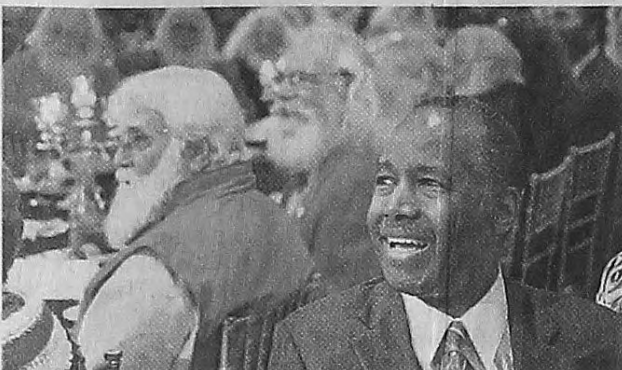
» Steve Futrell, founder and chief executive officer of Livonia's Technology Solutions, for his role in coordinating and funding a cash giveaway last Christmas. The money was handed out to shoppers by Livonia police officers as not only a holiday financial boost, but a goodwill gesture designed to build trust with the community.

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

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



Santa Dave Thomas of Colorado tells Sister Mary Michael, Sister Irenaeus and Sister Mary Dominic that they are all on his prayer list. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Dr. Ben Carson reacts to a joke by the Rev. Joseph Marquis. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

doing is so beautiful in making the invisible visible."

» Chief Curtis Caid

and the employees of the Livonia Police Department, for their role in Futrell's cash giveaway

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

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

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



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

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

The SNI was founded by Sacred Heart's pastor, the Rev. Joseph Marquis,

who has decades of experience as a professional Santa.

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

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

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



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

for 30 years and retired just three years ago. He was back at the college this week as an evaluator. Gawronski said evaluators are looking for fundamental cooking skills, obviously, but also for the harder-to-spot intangibles of how the chefs interpret ingredients and build flavors in the meals they're preparing.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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and pastry and other cuisines.

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

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

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

tial candidates have to cook for the letter-writers.

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

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

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

Kevin Gawronski taught in the Schoolcraft culinary arts program

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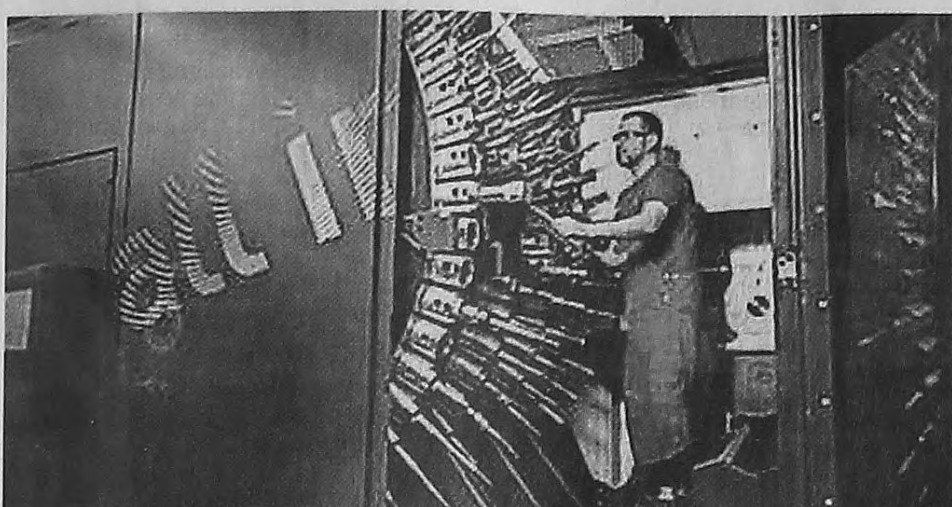
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"ACtech knows metal and how to shape it to production standard, and we know Metal 3D Printing. Bringing those two competencies together is vital to the delivery of high added-value metal 3D-printed parts for specialized applications," said Wilfried Vancraen, founder and CEO of Materialise.

Furthermore, the acquisition of ACtech will enable Materialise to develop and improve its

software suite for Metal 3D Printing through close collaboration with ACtech, taking advantage of learning from an active metal manufacturing environment.

"Through the acquisition, we are further enhancing the manufacturing and software backbone position that will support the entire industry," Vancraen said. "For over 27 years, we have always been there as a leading, comprehensive provider of solutions in industrial polymers printing. That position has enabled us to both develop and serve a growing demand for certified manufacturing with dedicated software and solutions. By joining forces with ACtech, we will accelerate that same strategy for metal manufacturing."

ACtech customers will gain immediate access to metal 3D-printed parts for pre-production design iterations. Materialise will leverage its Metal 3D Printing expertise to further grow ACtech's strong position

in those markets where complexity and speed are the driving factors.

Materialise acquired ACtech based on a total enterprise value of \$52.9 million for a total cash payment of \$42.7 million to the sellers. In 2016, ACtech realized German GAAP revenue of \$40.3 million with \$9.6 million in EBITDA and \$2.7 million in net profit. Materialise financed \$32.9 million of the acquisition price through long-term bank financing that carries average interest rates of approximately 1.1 percent and used available cash for the remainder. The transaction is expected to be accretive to EPS immediately upon closing.

Materialise will update the company's financial guidance for its fiscal year ending Dec. 31, when it announces its financial results for the third quarter of 2017.

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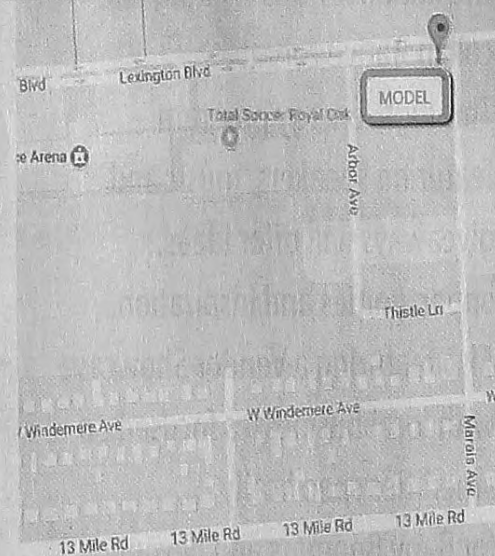
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Digital Drop-In Help

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Computer Skills Lab for Beginners

When: 9-11 a.m. second Saturday of each month
Details: If you are looking to build a foundation of strong computer skills, including Internet use and setting up an email account, stop in to CPL's Internet Lab. We will have guided activities for practice with mouse skills, copying/

pasting and more, with trusted experts on hand to answer any questions you may have or connect you to additional resources.

Family Storytime

Details: Family Storytime provides an opportunity for caregivers to actively engage with their children under age 5. Together with a youth librarian, you can build early literacy skills in a welcoming environment through meaningful stories, songs, and play. Encourage a love of language and reading while practicing listening and cooperative tasks. Every Family Storytime is followed by a half-hour of ABC Activity Time. Go to www.cantonpl.org for a full September program schedule.

Preschool Storytime

Details: Preschool storytimes feature long-

er books, flannel board and rhymes designed for children ages 3½-55. These activities help develop pre-reading and school-readiness skills. Children must be able to sit independently and be attentive for 30 minutes. Parents may attend, if needed, to help transition their child to this program, and all parents must remain in the children's department. Registration is required and you can pick a Monday or a Friday session. Go to www.cantonpl.org for registration and schedule.

Baby Storytime

Details: Baby Storytime is designed for babies 18 months and younger with an adult and features simple stories, songs and rhymes carefully chosen to build awareness of language and vocabulary, foster a love of books and provide

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Plymouth Uptown Players fall season opens

The Plymouth Uptown Players Youth Theater Program will open its fall 2017 season with 35 local youth actors participating in the 12-week program. A third performance was also added this December to accommodate past sell-out audiences at Tipping Point Theatre in Northville.

Plymouth Uptown Players is a cooperative program between Tipping Point Theatre in Northville and the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Rehearsals are held each Sunday evening at the PCAC in Plymouth, with dress rehearsals and performances on the professional stage at TPT. TPT provides directors for the PUPS school-year theater program, the PCAC's summer theater camps and week-long



A cast photo from "Porridge," PUPS spring 2017 musical at Tipping Point Theatre in Northville. SUBMITTED

middle school drama workshops.

This December, 35 local actors, ages 7-13, will perform the classic play "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens, adapted by Sonja Marquis. Performances will be 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8; 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 9;

and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10. PUPS family tickets will be available Nov. 5, with public ticket sales through the PCAC after Nov. 28. All seats are \$6.

"Our cooperative program with Tipping Point Theater has been amazing," said Lisa Howard,

PCAC executive director. "Artistic director James Kuhl and I share a common philosophy about the program: that it be an actor-centered program that develops young people into confident students while providing a team/cast environment of peers with common interests. Tipping Point is top-notch, with actors and staff that support our youth endeavors alongside their adult program. Our current director, Sonja Marquis, has been associated with both TPT as an actress and PCAC as a theater director, for over four years."

The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon Road in Plymouth. A full schedule of classes, exhibits, school break workshops and art lectures can be found at www.plymoutharts.com.

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Q: I went to one of those seminars where they buy you lunch and then give you their sales pitch. I really wasn't interested in what they were selling, but I figured I'd go along for the free lunch. The presentation dealt with investing in real estate. It was your typical real estate pitch. They did mention one thing that intrigued me. They mentioned some of the tax benefits of owning real estate and that, when the new tax law came into place, they would be grandfathered in. I'm not buying any real estate from them, but I am curious if there are any moves that you would recommend based upon the anticipated changes to our tax law.

A: I absolutely would not make any move based upon any proposed changes to our tax law. I think to make a move based upon proposed legislation is a mistake and can backfire on you. Instead of saving you money, it may cost you money.

I have no clue if we will have a new tax law or not. Just because the politicians in Washington talk about tax reform doesn't mean that they are going to deliver. We all know the way Washington works or, should I say, doesn't work. That's why it is dangerous to act upon something that may never become law.

Even if I thought that



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

I would avoid those seminars where they are giving you free meals. A free meal is nice, but it comes at a cost. ... It's not worth it.

there would be tax reform, I still wouldn't do anything until the law is passed. We have no idea what the law is actually going to say until it is passed. We all know the last-minute deals that are worked out in Washington and these deals can make significant changes to the legislation. When it comes to tax law, the only thing you should pay attention to is what the law actually is, not what the politicians say they want.

I do believe it is more likely than not that we will have tax changes in the near future. I also anticipate that whenever we have major changes in the tax law, there will be all sorts of flimflam artists telling you what

you should do to take advantage of the new law. My advice: proceed with caution. In addition, let's always remember that the goal is not to pay lower taxes, but to have more money in your pocket. If your goal was to just lower your taxes, all you would need to do is ask your employer for a pay cut - that would lower your taxes. Obviously, no one wants a pay cut. What should also be obvious is that the goal is not just to lower your taxes, but to net more money in your pocket.

One last word of advice: I would avoid those seminars where they are giving you free meals. A free meal is nice, but it comes at a cost. The presenters of these seminars are slick and many times employ very high-pressure sales techniques that people fall for. Why even put yourself in that position, just for a free meal? It's not worth it. When you deal with someone in the financial industry you want to make sure they have your best interest at heart. When someone employs aggressive sales techniques, they are only concerned about what is good for them not what is good for you.

Good luck!

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



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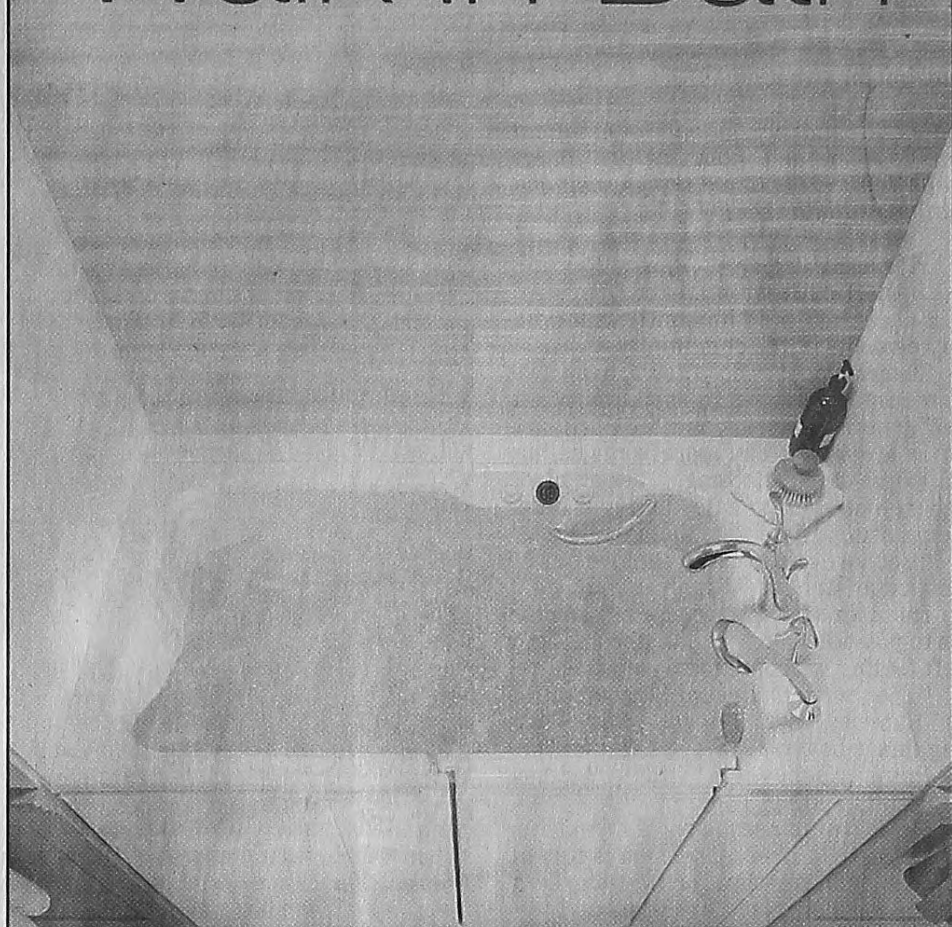
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Ramon Ramirez builds 'bridges of understanding,' improves laborers' lives

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

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

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

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

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

Ramirez believes in building "bridges of understanding."

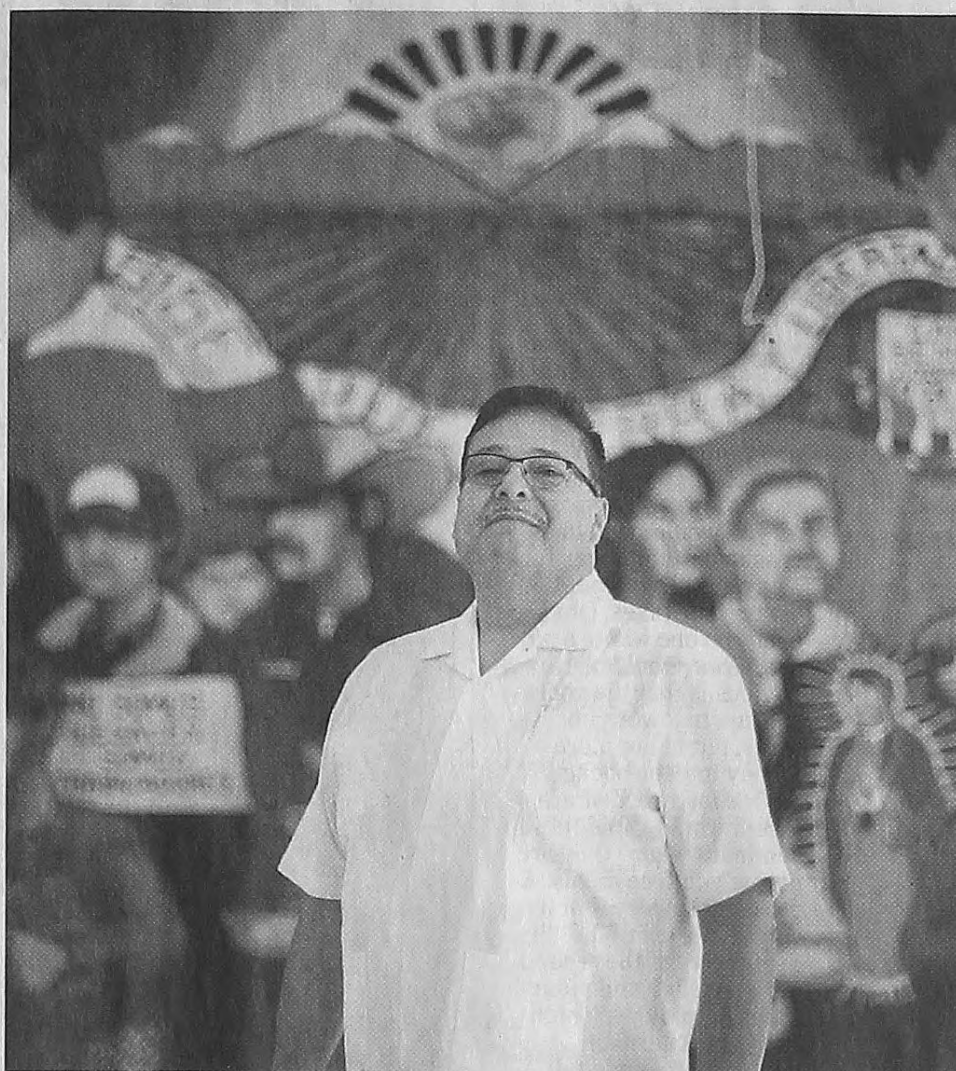
He also organizes tours of farm labor camps, where his real passion is rooted. He has been fighting for farmworkers' rights for more than three decades.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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Ramon Ramirez

Location: Woodburn, Ore.

Age: 63

Profession: President of PCUN, the Oregon farmworkers' union known by its Spanish acronym.

Mission: To advocate for farmworker and immigration rights.

Q&A WITH RAMON RAMIREZ

What does it mean to you to be an American?

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

What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

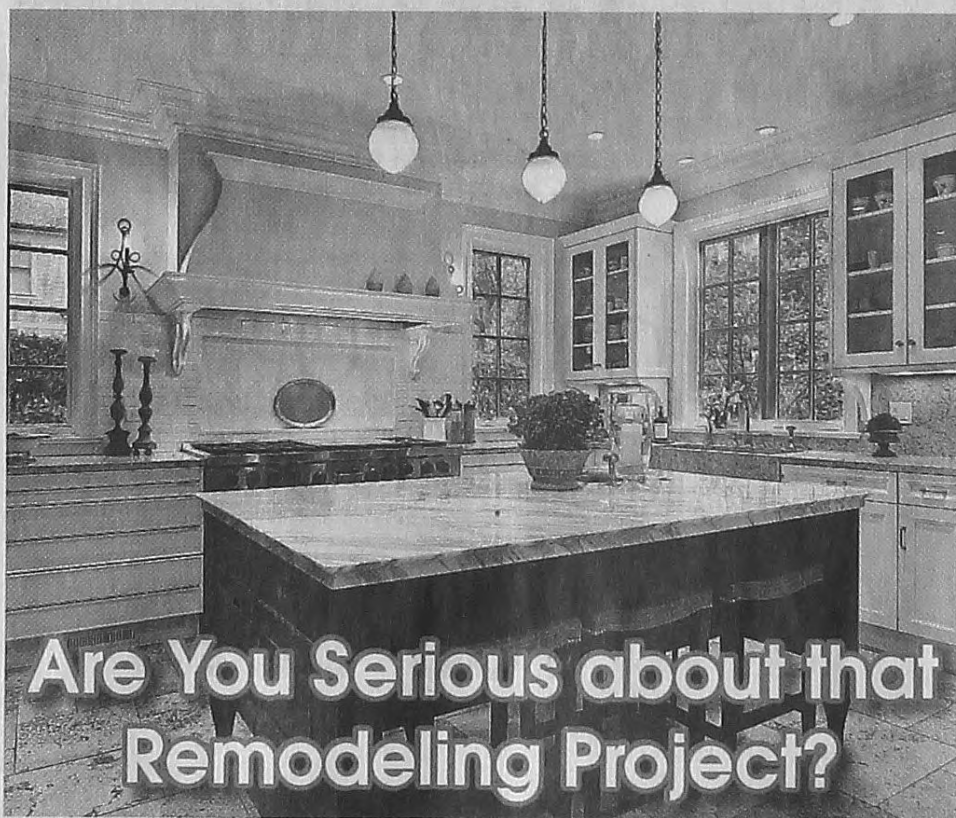
When I was in high school, I heard Cesar Chavez speak (in 1970). He advocated for kids to go to school, to get an education, to become doctors, lawyers, nurses and educators, and to come back to the community and serve your community. He had this whole concept of community service, and it really resonated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

What gives you hope or what concerns you?

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

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

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



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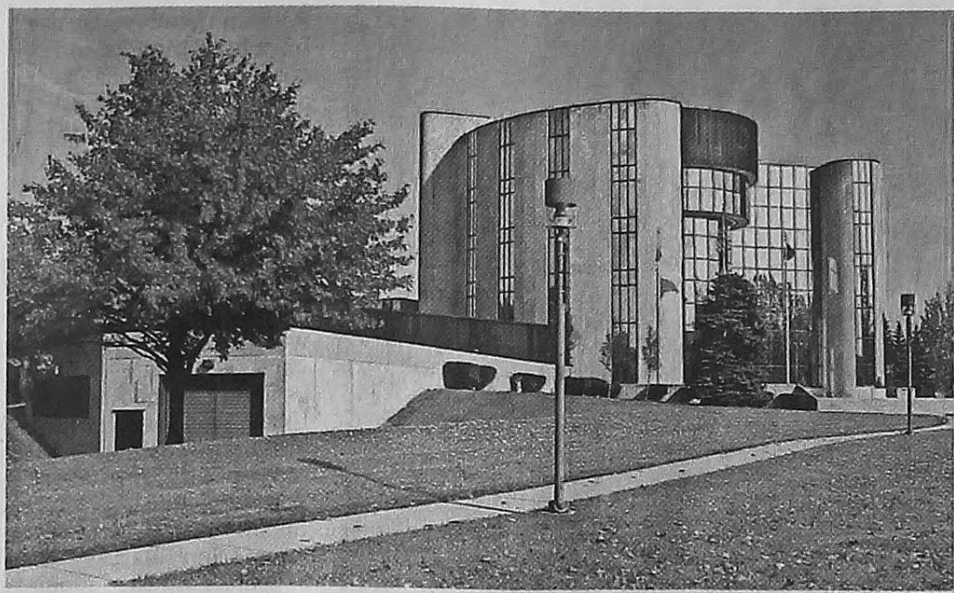


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Livonia City Hall in Wayne County, the largest of the country's seven Livonias. GENE SCOTT

Michigan not the only state with a Livonia

The U.S. has seven Livonias?

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

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

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

Michigan's Livonia began within Wayne County in 1835, when Livonia Township was set



Gene Scott
GUEST COLUMNIST

off from Nankin Township by the territorial Legislature and vote of its residents. Before then, the area was still mostly populated by Native Americans of the Potawatomi tribe. There were no roads, only trails through the woods and along the rivers.

This began to change after the Indian Treaty of 1807, which opened up areas beyond Detroit for development. Some of the first settlers in what later became Livonia Township included the Aldrich, Hunt, Osband, Ryder and Simmons families. More settlers came after the opening of the Erie Canal in 1825, including the Blues, Briggs, McKinneys and Shaws.

Several of these early

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

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

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

The post office at Elm, shared by Livonia and Redford townships, operated 1858-1906. The one

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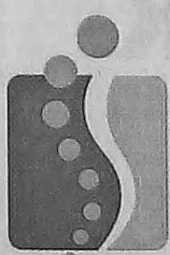
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LIVONIA

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at Stark (first called Livonia Station) operated 1877-1906.

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

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

All of Livonia Township, including the remaining villages, was incorporated as a city in 1950. With 97,000 residents, Livonia today is one of Michigan's largest cities, ranking ninth behind Detroit (713,000), Grand Rapids (188,000), Warren (134,000), Sterling Heights (129,000), Lansing (114,000), Ann Arbor (113,000), Flint (102,000) and Dearborn (98,000).

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

The first Livonia established in America is the one in Louisiana, dating to possibly before 1700, when it was under French rule. How it got the name Livonia is un-



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



City hall in Livonia, La. GENE SCOTT

certain, but there were other places in Europe named Livonia at that time.

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

Next oldest is the Livonia that's just off I-390, near Rochester, N.Y. It dates to 1789 and

today has a population of about 1,400. Some of its first residents came from the Livonia in Lithuania, bringing the town's name with them.

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

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

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

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

The seventh Livonia in the U.S. is in Missouri, a community of 120 in

Putnam County, near the Iowa border and south-east of Des Moines. It appears to have first been settled about 1857.

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

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

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

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

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Music at the Elks

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Tuesday, Oct. 10, enjoy a New Orleans mood with Monsieur Guillaume & His Zydeco Hepcats, with Guillaume on accordion and vocals, Erich Goebel on guitar and vocals, Joe LaBeau on sax, Perez Morris on frottoir (rub board) and congas, Mike Ziegler on drums and Frankie Lee on bass.

Jazz @ The Elks happens 7-9:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.

Tuesday, Oct. 31, brings the Elks debut of the Shahida Nurullah Quartet, with Nurullah on vocals, Rich Michaels on drums, Ray Tini on bass and Chuck Shermetaro on keyboards. In addition to her performing, Nurullah is a University of Windsor special instructor in jazz and pop voice.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 is at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For more information, call 734-453-1780, go to www.plyaa325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com.

Star Wars day at Plymouth library

Now in its fourth year, the library's Star Wars Reads Day has become a fall tradition in Plymouth. A wide variety of new and fun Star Wars activities are planned for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14.

The library will join other libraries, schools and bookstores around the world in this global event. Attendees will find Star Wars characters, collectibles, posters, decorations and more throughout the library. All are encouraged to dress as a favorite character and enjoy the free activities, thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Plymouth District



The Plymouth library will host Star Wars Reads Day on Saturday, Oct. 14.

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For more information, contact the library at 734-453-0750, ext 4, or go to plymouthlibrary.org.

Volunteer tutor training sessions

The Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council is a volunteer, nonprofit organization aiming to improve conversation literacy skills for adults who speak English as a Second Language. CLC provides free one-on-one tutors and conversation group tutors in the Plymouth-Canton community. Volunteer literacy tutors do not need any prior experience.

Tutors receive comprehensive training before volunteering in a setting of their choice for up to two hours each week. The next training class, which includes 12 hours of instruction spread out over two days, will be held the following dates: 6-9 p.m. Thursday,

Oct. 19, and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21.

Community Literacy Council charges \$40 for each tutor to cover the cost of training, materials and food. Advance reservations are required and can be made at www.plymouthcantonliteracy.org or by calling the literacy council at 734-589-0011.

Suicide prevention program

"Every Suicide is Tragic: What Can I Do?" is an informational event to take place 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, at St. Thomas a'Becket, 555 S Lilley Road, Canton. This event will provide essential information compressed into fast-paced sessions for both teens and adults, addressing questions such as: What does the church teach about suicide? What can I do to prevent it? How can I help others who may be contemplating suicide?

Church hosts concert series

The NOTEworthy Concert series at Plymouth First United Methodist Church opens with the Detroit Lutheran Singers at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22. The program theme is "Divide and Conquer: Music of Unity," featuring anthems by many different composers, including Gabrielli, Rutter and Trenney, in settings ranging from double choir to brass and/or organ accompaniment to a capella.

Admission is free; a free-will offering will be received to benefit the PFUMC Chancel Choir

and hurricane relief. First United Methodist Church is located at 45201 N. Territorial Road in Plymouth.

For more information, call 734-453-5280 or go to pfumc.org.

Fall color walks

Join the Friends of Miller Woods for their annual fall color walks 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15 and 22. Each tour lasts one hour, is free, and will leave the entrance every 30 minutes. No dogs or strollers are allowed and you must be able to walk on uneven paths. For more information, go to millerwoods.com or call Cheryl Bord at 734-459-7666. Meet at entrance of woods on Powell Road, just east of Ridge Road.

B.L.O.C.K. to host 'The Relentless Tour'

Area teens are invited to attend "The Relentless Tour," featuring anti-bullying expert Anthony Ianni, 6:30-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

Presented by The B.L.O.C.K. Youth & Teen Center and the Canton Youth Advisory Council, this free event will feature motivational speaker Ianni, a member of Michigan State University's 2010 and 2012 Big Ten basketball teams. Ianni is currently traveling across the state spreading a message of tolerance, as he continues to fight bullying in schools statewide.

Through "The Relentless Tour," Ianni, the Michigan Department of Civil Rights and the Autism Alliance of Michigan seek to raise awareness of autism and the problem of bullying. Ianni's message encourages students to make their schools a place where people from all walks of life are respected.

For more information, go to www.cantonfun.org or call The B.L.O.C.K. Youth & Teen Center at

734-398-5570.

Halloween Forest Fun Hike

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

Pre-registration is required by calling the park office at 734-261-1990. You will only be pre-registered when payment is made. The program fee is \$6 per child and \$2 per adult. Add \$1 per person for non-Wayne County residents. No charge for children 3 and under. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Canton fire open house

The Canton Fire Department will be hosting its annual fire station open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, at Fire Station No. 1, 1100 S. Canton Center Road.

The event will include vehicle displays, station tours and the opportunity for kids to spray water from a fire hose and try on fire gear. Hot dogs, beverages and giveaways will be provided. The department's fire safety house will also be open for kids to go through.

The open house is being held in conjunction with National Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 8-14)

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



Ritterling

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



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A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 on the following proposed 2018 budget:

General Fund	\$3,949,780
TOTAL	\$3,949,780

The proposed 2018 budget documents are available for public examination at the Plymouth District Library on the upper level at the Reference Desk during regular Library hours.

Carol Souchock, Director
Plymouth District Library

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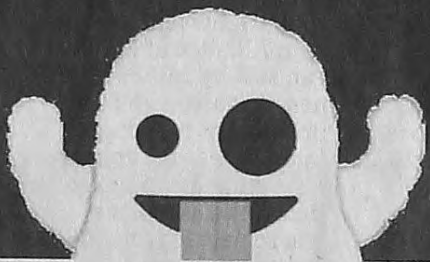
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to promote fire safety in the community. For more information, contact the Canton Fire Department office at 734-394-5455.

Hats for the Homeless

Plymouth Community United Way is gearing up for the annual Hats for the Homeless drive, scheduled to run through Dec. 29 in an effort keep our homeless community warm during the winter months. New and hand-made items can be dropped at the PCUW office from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Friday.

Should your company or group like to participate by hosting a drive on-site or like to sponsor items like coats or blankets, contact Randi at 734-453-6879, ext. 5. For more information, go to www.plymouthunitedway.org.

Good Counsel to host Fatima conference

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, will host a two-day conference, titled "100 Years of Fatima — The Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary — A Celebration of Hope," Oct. 13-14.

The event will be held in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of the last of six apparitions of Mary to three young shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal in 1917.

Registration, hotel information and all information on the conference can be accessed at <https://www.olgcparrish.net/fatima>. One-day registration cost is \$30; two-day registration cost is

\$40; Youth conference is free of charge. Assistance with the registration fee is available.

DIA: Away coming to PARC

The Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex will host the DIA Away experience from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 14-15. This is a free, mobile interactive classroom and a creative exploration space for people of all ages, especially school-age children.

Participants will discover some of the ways artists think and then have the opportunity to try out creative thinking skills at digital and hands-on stations. PARC is located at 650 Church Street in downtown Plymouth. For more information call, 734-927-4090.

Canton library music fest

The Canton Public Library will host the third annual Family Music Fest beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 14. The festival is open to all ages and free.

The music kicks off at 10 a.m., with four acts throughout the day, including Beverly Meyer: The Music Lady, To Sangana, The Old Adage and The Moxie Strings.

The Canton Public Library Family Music Fest is being cosponsored by Vibe Credit Union. For more information on the Family Music Fest or the Canton Public Library, go to www.cantonpl.org or call 734-397-0999.

88.1 The Park euchre tourney

Radio station WSDP-FM, 88.1 The Park, will host its sixth annual euchre tournament at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, at the Plymouth Elks Club. Players can enjoy an evening of euchre and support the student radio program that has been

impacting students and serving the community for over 45 years.

The tournament costs \$25 at the door. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 10 percent of the field. Players will enjoy pizza, snacks and a cash bar. You can sign up by emailing wsdpuchre@gmail.com or by calling 248-973-7382.

WSDP is owned and operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district and staffed by students at Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools.

Canton Trick or Treat Parade

All are invited to Canton Leisure Services annual Trick or Treat Parade 5-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, to be held inside the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. Children of all ages are encouraged to attend this family-friendly event in costume and follow the not-so-scary trail from room to room, each filled with special surprises and little goodies. For those who dare, a spooky Haunted House will be available in the Summit's Gymnasium, that is scarier than ever. Please note that this interactive experience may be too intense for small children.

Tickets will only be sold in advance of the event until Oct. 26 for \$5 per child for Summit mk Members and \$6 per child for Canton residents. From Oct. 16-26, non-resident tickets will be available for \$10 per child. Proof of residency will be required to purchase tickets and there is a 10-ticket limit per person.

Parents are responsible for the direct supervision of their children during this event. For more information, call 734-394-5460 or go to www.cantonfun.org.

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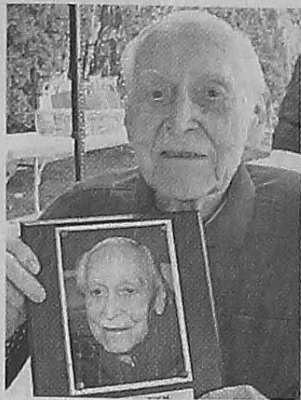
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Pawlak honored as Veteran of the Month for October

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

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

A close friend of his wanted to join the navy



Mason Pawlak of Livonia was honored as the October 2017 Veteran of the Month by the Sons of the American Legion. SUBMITTED

and Pawlak went with him down to the armory. While there, he noticed a list of all the different positions in the navy and saw "photographer." He signed up with the reserves, hoping to get

assigned as a photographer. He was assigned to the U.S. Naval Armory in Detroit as a seaman. He did not have to go to boot camp, because he attended the CMTC.

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

In 1940, his reserve unit was called to active duty and he and the USS Dubuque set sail from its home port in Detroit to Boston. Pawlak and his unit were assigned as temporary replacements on ships that were short-

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

Merchant supply ships in the Atlantic were being sunk by the Germans and U-boats were blamed, but intelligence suggested the Germans were using South American freighters that they equipped with hidden guns to gain access to the convoys and then sink them. Pawlak was assigned as an aerial photographer, taking pictures of the suspected freighters to determine if they were German or not. He applied and was

accepted to the Naval Photography School in Pensacola, Fla., for four months of training.

Pawlak's next stop was the U.S. Naval Base in Hawaii, where he teamed with a pilot to fly reconnaissance missions in the Pacific, searching for enemy ships. On one mission, Pawlak was standing in the open cockpit (to steady the camera) and a Japanese fighter came after them. Pawlak didn't see him, but the pilot did and made a fast right-handed wing over to avoid being shot down. Pawlak lost his balance and was thrown from the cockpit, but caught his foot on the gun turret, which saved him from falling out — but he lost his camera.

In 1944, the U.S. Navy assigned Pawlak to the U.S. Army as a photo war

correspondent and eventually assigned him to Yank Magazine as a combat correspondent.

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

Pawlak was interviewed by members of the S.A.L. Veteran of the Month committee and a DVD was made and shown at the October membership meeting.

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USA HOCKEY NTDP

Who to watch, when to go this season

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

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

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

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

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

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

Worth checking out

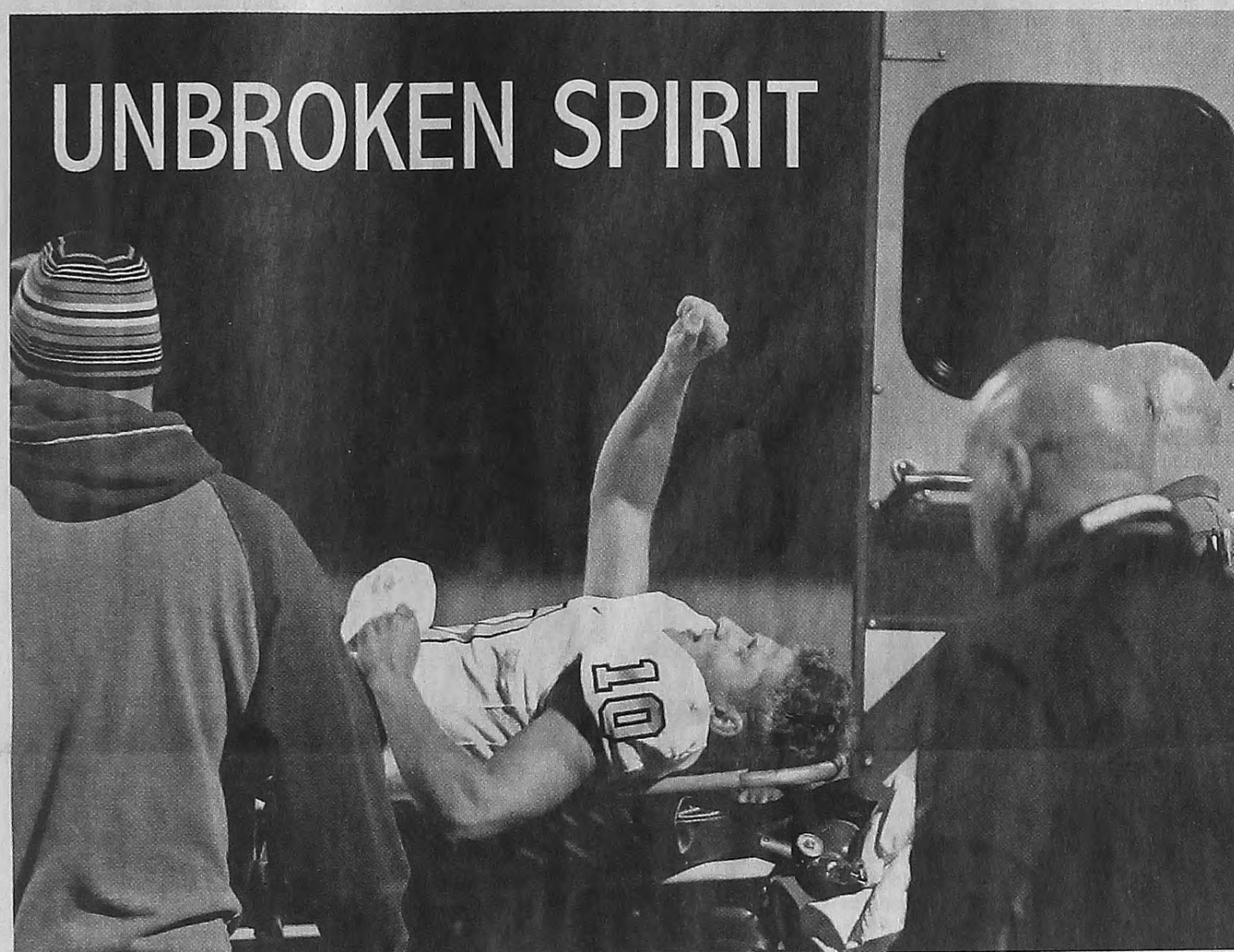
Here's a list of the top-10 USA Hockey NTDP players to watch — with comments from U-18 coach Seth Appert and U-17 coach John Wroblewski — and games to see at the Beck Road venue during the 2017-18 campaign:

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

PREP FOOTBALL



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

MICHAEL VASILNEK

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

and Teresa Courney, they were all there for me.

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

Saying thanks

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

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

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

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

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BOYS SOCCER

Raiders stop Ravens in key OAA White Division clash

Marty Budner
hometownlife.com

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

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

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

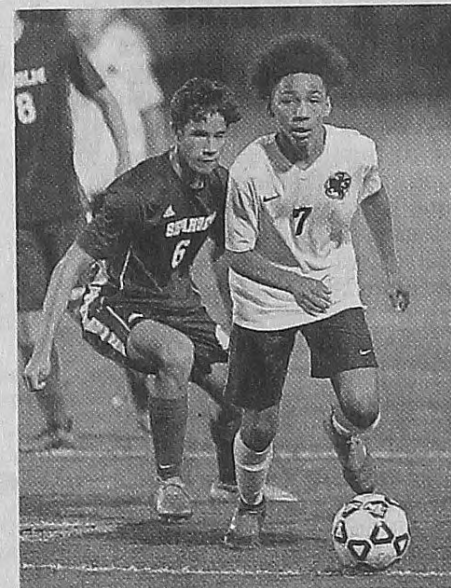
The Raiders entered the game needing a victory and hoping Groves, undefeated in the division, would stumble to last-place Oxford. Shortly after storming past the Ravens, 5-1, the Raiders learned Oxford had scored a late goal to upset Groves, 2-1.

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


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

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

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



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BEADLE

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

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

Painful memory

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

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

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

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

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

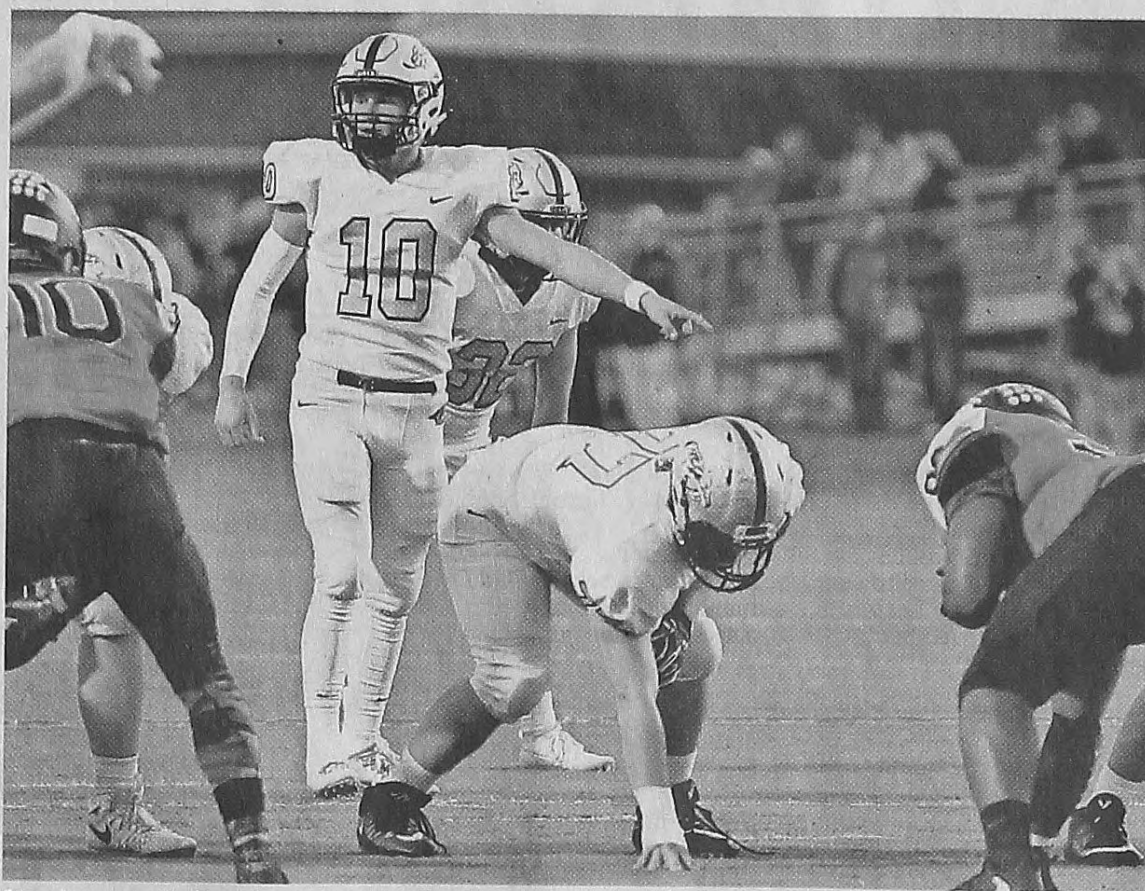
"I started screaming and, within a few seconds, coach Murray was over the top of me, helping me control my breathing before I was in shock or passed out," Beadle said.

"While I didn't have to deal with the complications of passing out, it was probably better that I just put up with the pain. He seemed like he knew exactly what he was doing."

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

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

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



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

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

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

Could have been worse

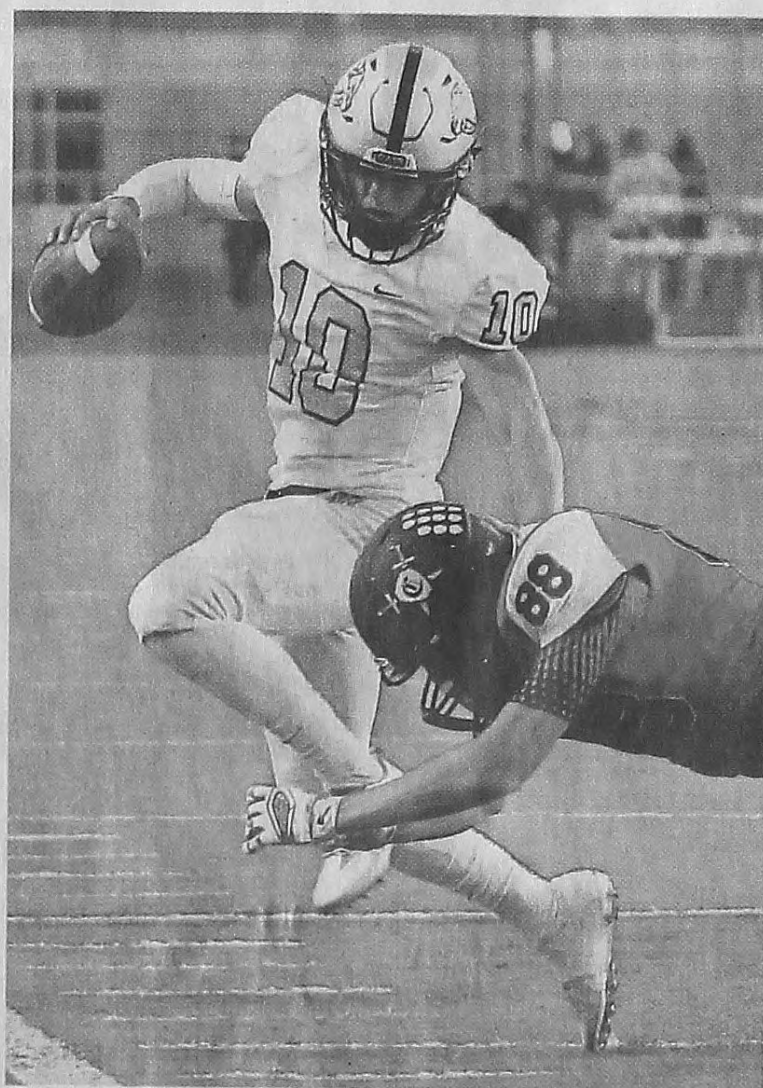
The injured player also came to realize that broken bones heal faster than torn knee ligaments. It means that, with determination, many physical therapy sessions and time itself, he'll be able to play baseball again.

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

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

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

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



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

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

"It doesn't surprise me that

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

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

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

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

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

Just amazing

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

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

His mom doubles down on that sentiment.

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

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

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

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

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

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HOCKEY

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Drew DeRidder, goalie, U-18:

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

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

Bode Wilde, defenseman, U-18:

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

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

Mattias Samuelsson, defenseman, U-18: Ticketed to play college hockey at Michigan, Samuelsson also is projected to be drafted in the first round at next year's NHL draft.

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



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

WHEN TO GO

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

competitiveness."

Jonathan Gruden, forward, U-18:

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

will play college hockey at Miami University.

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

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

Oliver Wahlstrom, forward, U-18: Yet another potential NHL first-rounder, Wahlstrom will look to continue making a big impression against college, international and USHL rivals. He is slated to go to Harvard University after leaving the NTDP.

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

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

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

Domenick Fensore, defense, U-17: Just 5-6 and 140 pounds, NTDP officials describe the New York state native as "small, but intriguing."

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

Jack Hughes, forward,

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

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

Ryder Rolston, forward,

U-17: The resident of Birmingham and a product of the Little Caesars youth hockey organization, Rolston intends to take another assertive step in his development. He already has verbally committed to play at Notre Dame.

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

Danny Weight, forward,

U-17: Son of a former NHL great, the 5-11, 187-pounder is yet another prospective NHL draft choice down the road. Weight is verbally committed to join Boston College following his time in the NTDP.

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

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PREP ATHLETICS

Churchill to dedicate track to Austin, field to Joiner

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

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

The Charger Stadium field will be named in honor of Joiner, while the track will be dedicated in the name of Austin.



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



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

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

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

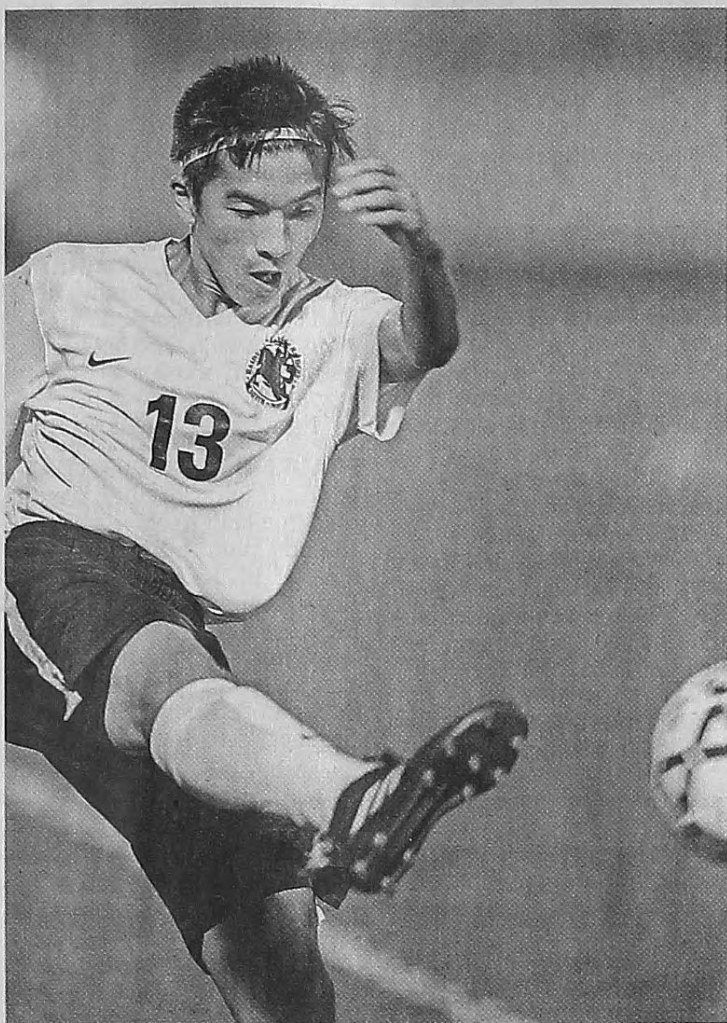
Austin unexpectedly died last March at age 57 from complications following heart surgery.

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

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

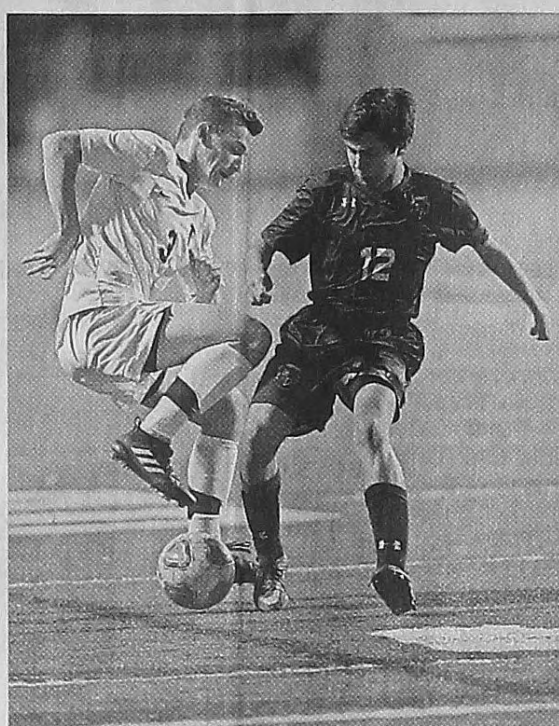
Austin Memorial 5K

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

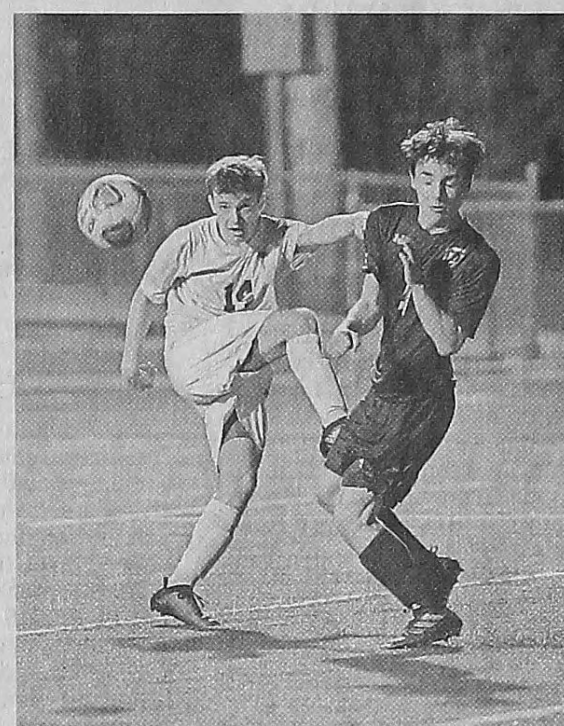


Senior Jarryn Shin is a defender on the North Farmington boys soccer squad that has posted nine shutouts. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

BOYS SOCCER



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



Groves misses chance to wrap up division crown

SOCCER

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

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

Defense is team strength

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

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

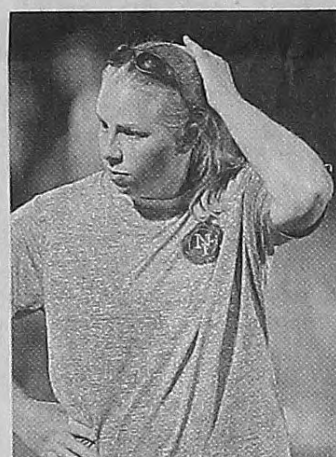
North Farmington's forte this year is its stingy 3-5-2 formation.

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

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

Finishing out the season

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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JONATHAN TURNER
Groves coach

An ominous beginning

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

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

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

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

Breaking the deadlock

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OAA ROUNDUP

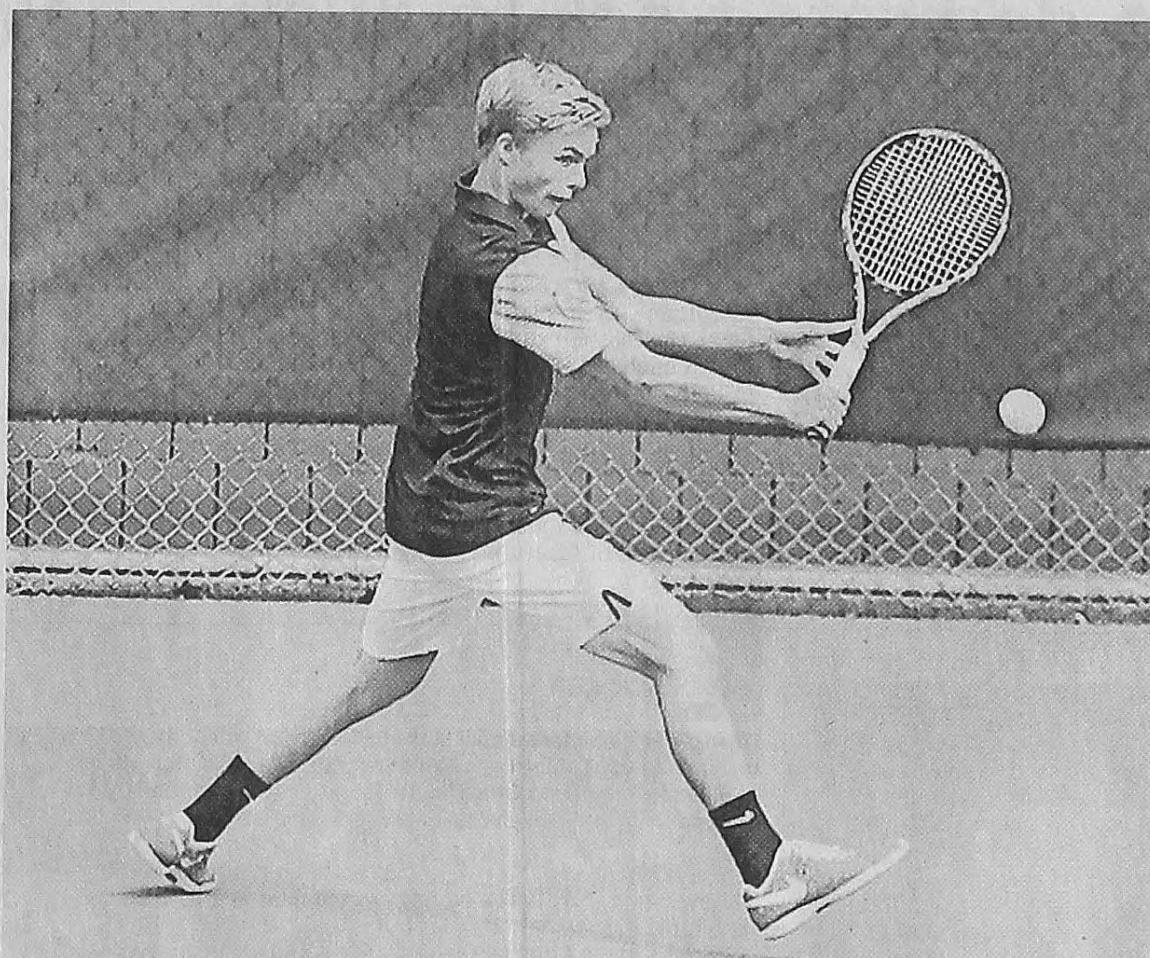
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BOYS TENNIS

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

HANSON INVITATIONAL: On Sept. 30, Brother Rice

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

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

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

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

KLA A ROUNDUP

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GIRLS SWIMMING

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

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

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

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

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

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

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

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

PLYMOUTH WINS DOUBLE

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

VOLLEYBALL

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

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

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

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

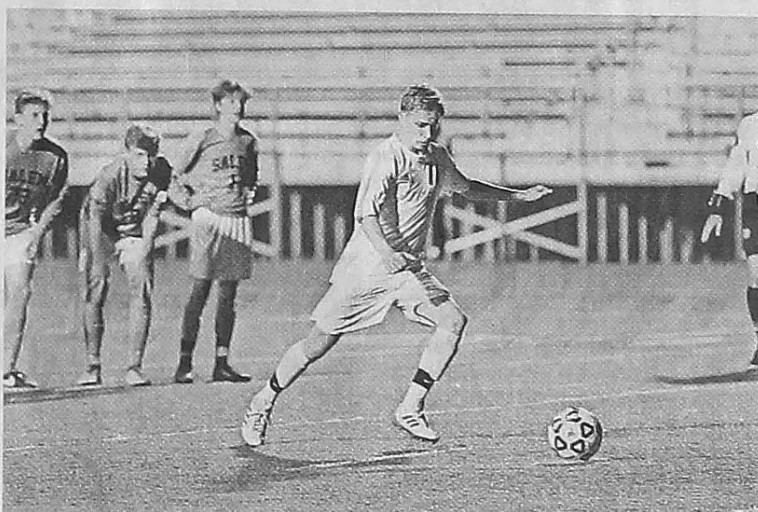
NORTHVILLE INVITATIONAL: On Sept. 30, Temperance Bedford gained revenge defeating the host Mustangs (29-6-2) in the championship, 25-21, 25-22. Northville finished 4-1-1 on the day defeating Walled Lake Western, Marysville, Dearborn Edsel Ford and Grosse Pointe Northville, while tying Romeo in pool play.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

BOYS SOCCER

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

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

BOYS SOCCER



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

Spartans starting to get healthy, tie Rocks

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

And the reinforcements couldn't have come soon enough for an injury-depleted Spartans roster, as Brose scored on two penalty kicks in a come-from-behind 2-2 tie. "This is probably the best game he's had since he's been back," Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker said about Brose, a senior forward. "He looks fully healthy. But we were without him all last week and we just hit a rough stretch with a bunch of guys injured."

"We got a couple back-to-night and it made a massive difference for us." Brose opened the scoring at 12:15 of the first half, when he ripped a low liner past Salem junior goalkeeper Oral Buraq on a penalty kick (awarded due to a hand ball in the box).

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

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

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

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

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

Another player just back from injury, senior forward Lucas Rea, teamed up with senior midfielder Zak Merchant for a dangerous attempt that caromed off the left post.

On the subsequent sequence, a Spartan was fouled inside the box and a PK was called.

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

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

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

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WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A destination

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

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

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



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

whoever might be in the back with him.

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

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

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

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

Everyone benefits

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Home cooking

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

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

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

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

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

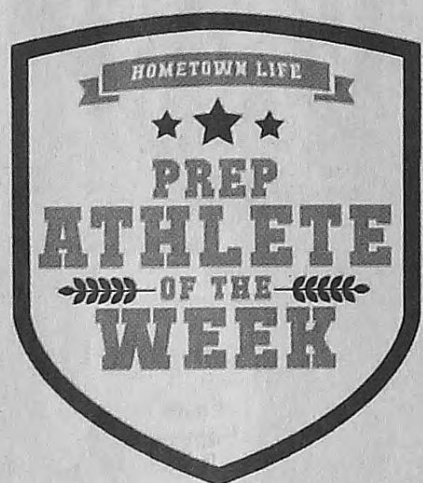
"Plus we have a good squad that we're trying to take to nationals."

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PREP ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



MIKAELA SCHULZ

GIRLS GOLF JUNIOR BLOOMFIELD HILLS BLACK HAWKS

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

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

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

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



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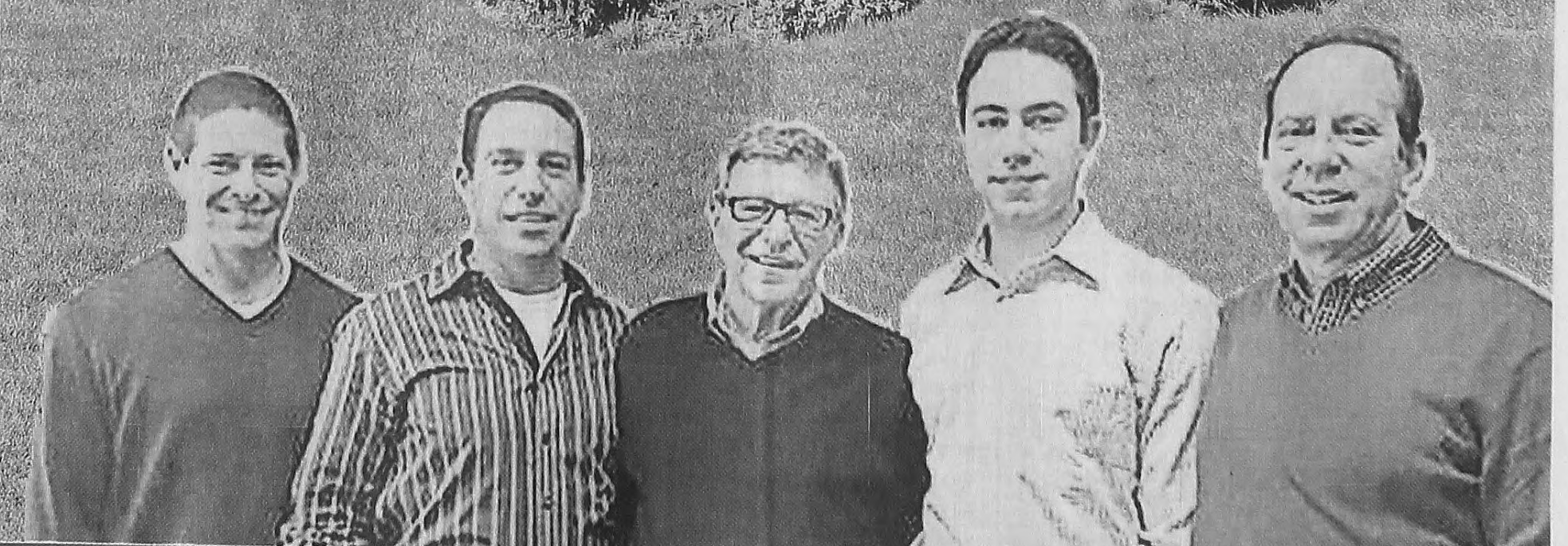
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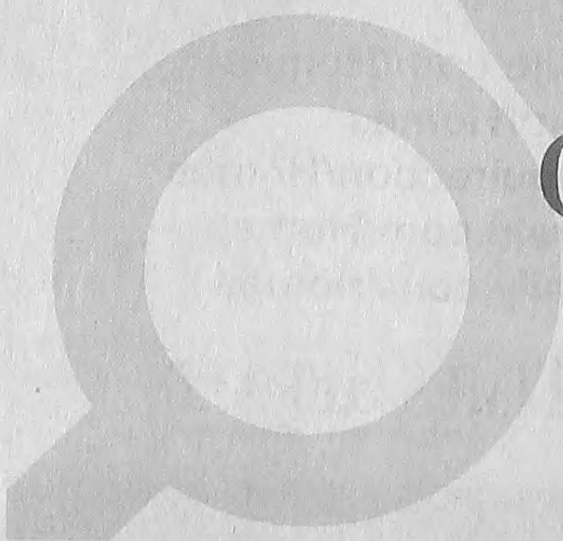


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What are the pros and cons of job hopping?

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

JOB HOPPING PROS

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

JOB HOPPING CONS
Relationships are in danger. Gaining experience

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

Employers might hesitate. If you have a track

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

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

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

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

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

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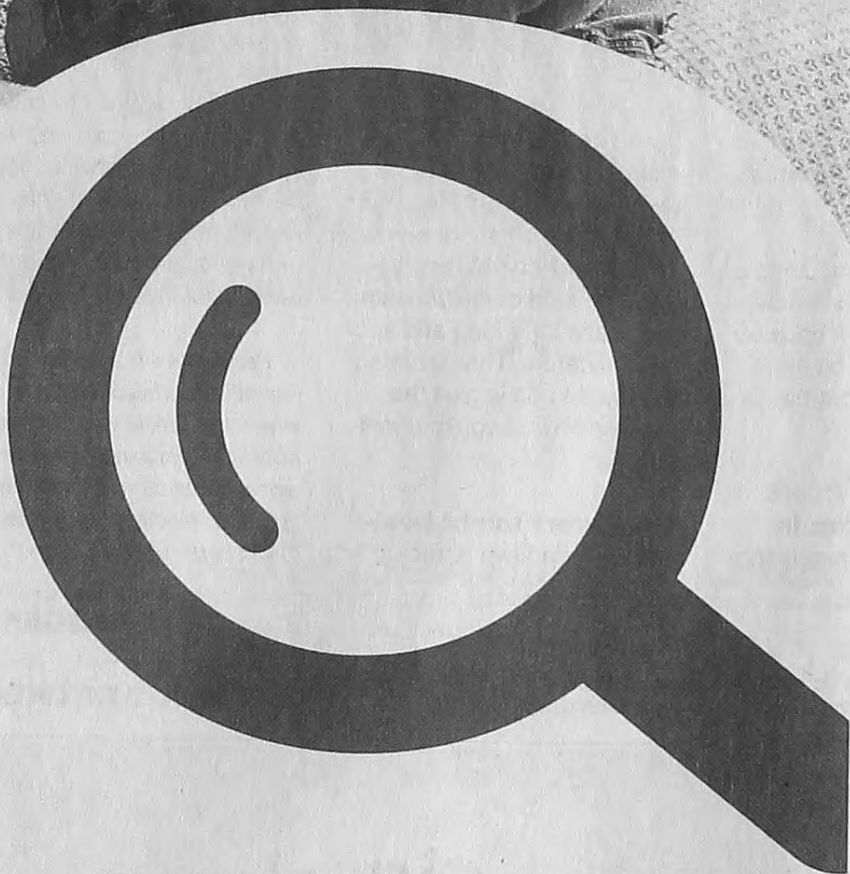
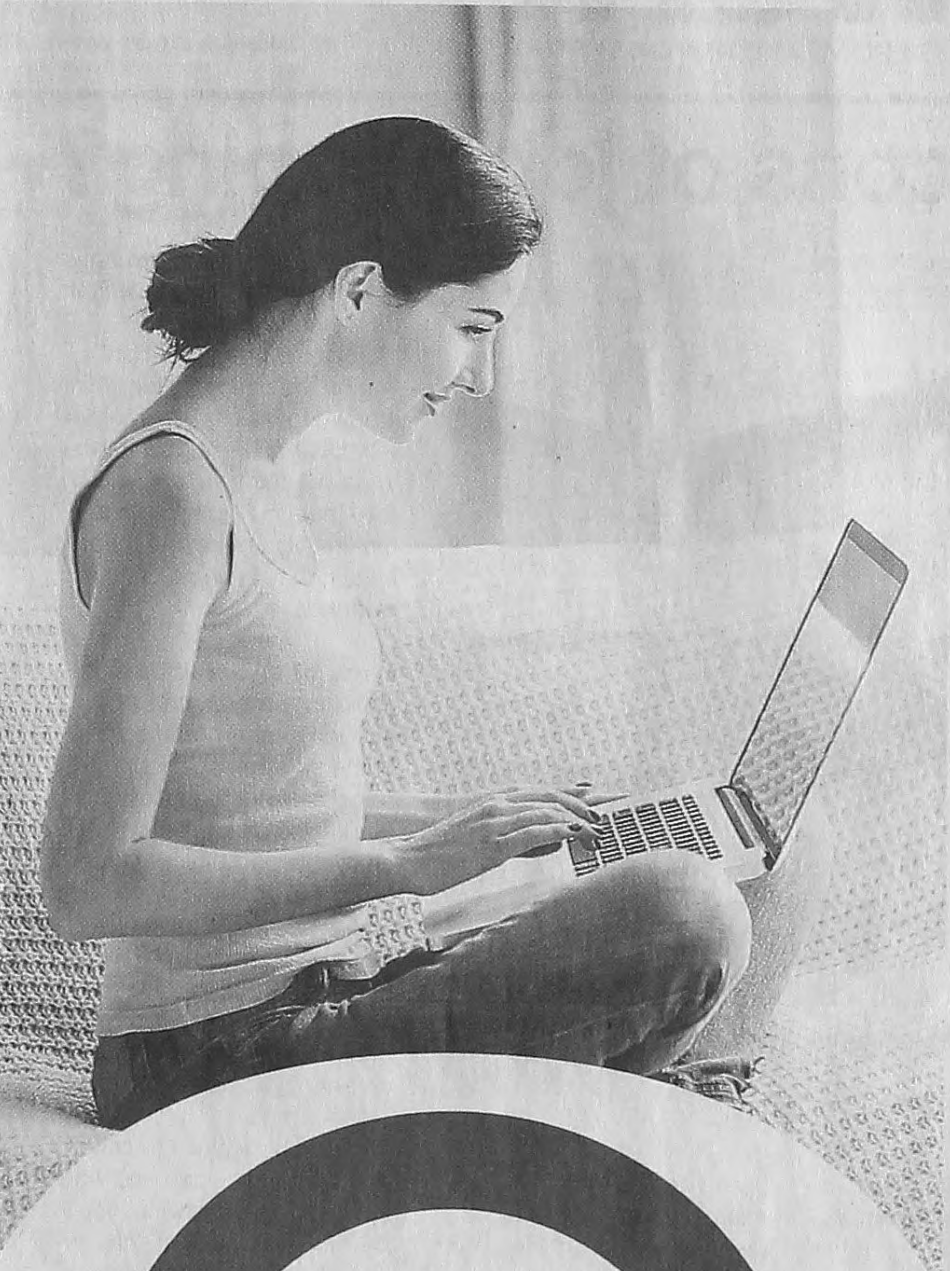
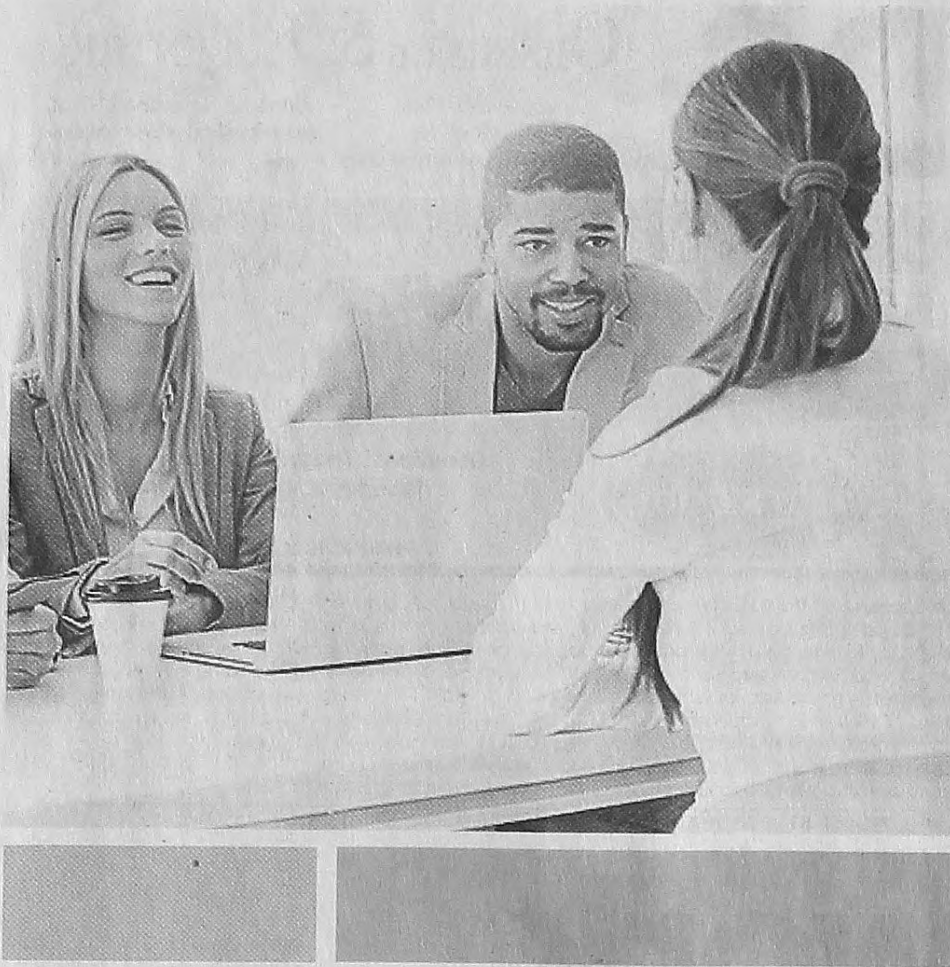
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 - Boyle
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 - Steven
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

Crossword Answers

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Car Report

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



By Dale Buss

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

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

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

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

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

And how can a Midwesterner not like a company that's now making many of its vehicles in Indiana?

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

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



Impreza offers a sedan version.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



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

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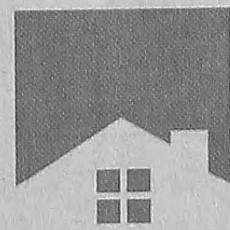




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