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## Malarkey's Irish Tavern loses lease

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A longtime Westland restaurant and watering hole is going to have to look for another location now that its building has been sold.

"We will try to do something else around here," said Domenic Policicchio, owner of Malarkey's Irish Tavern on Warren, just west of Westland Shopping Center.

Malarkey's has been at that location since 1995 and Policicchio took over the business five years ago. The restaurant

is the only tenant remaining in a commercial strip that once included a long-closed David's Bridal.

The property has been purchased by Garden City Hospital, which is scheduled to have a ceremonial groundbreaking on the site Monday. A hospital spokesperson didn't want to comment on the plans for the building until the official announcement.

"I don't know when we will close — by spring, for sure. I'm looking for other places. We have 6,000 square feet



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Malarkey's Irish Tavern will be losing its lease as the building has been sold. LEANNE ROGERS



Swimmers practice a fan, opening to a circle. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## SWIMMERS DEFY AGE, STEREOTYPES

'Like running a marathon holding your breath'

Tim Smith  
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Synchronized swimming is no joke, according to members of the Schoolcraft College-based Michigan Synchro Masters.

And don't be swayed by the "Saturday Night Live" mid-1980s comedy skit about synchronized swimming featuring Martin Short and Harry Shearer, which still gets plenty of hits on YouTube.

All you have to do to gain new-found appreciation for the sport is watch a group of middle-aged women practice intricate moves under and above the water, in perfect unison — well, most of the time.

Still think it's not serious stuff after that? Didn't think so.

"You have to be a pretty good swimmer and you have to be really very dedicated, because it's a difficult sport," Michigan Synchro Masters coach Joyce Lindeman said.



Lindeman

"Much of it is done underwater and they need to have good breath control, which we practice.

"Each person needs to learn how to do some of the beginning elements first, which might be a ballet leg and then move on to double ballet legs, and then into far more difficult routines."

### No easy task

Laura Perlowski, 57, of Livonia said synchronized swimming is "fun choreography" with friends on one level.

But on another "it is like running a marathon while holding your breath and making it look easy," Perlowski said.

"You run out of air," she said.

"You're using muscles you've never used before and you're trying to do half of it upside down while you're turning at the same time. It's very hard."

Carrie Tleczek of Garden City shook her head when asked about any misconceptions about synchro.

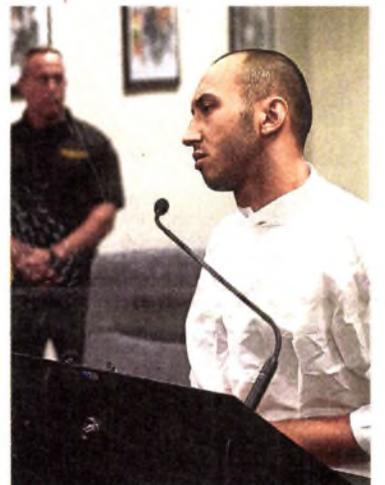
"I think they think it's not athletic," Tleczek said. "On the surface, it looks like we're having a fabulous time. But if you go underneath and watch what's going on, I think it will impress people.

"Because we don't stand on the bottom. When we lift people, no one's on the bottom heave-hoing people. ... You have to put art and creativity into it, you have to have expression and make contact with the judges and the audience to make it fun, so that they participate with you."

But Perlowski, Tleczek and their teammates, who are ages 54-74 and

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## Suspect to undergo competency exam



Jovica Nikoloski is arraigned on the charge of first-degree murder in the stabbing death of his roommate Spase Grazhdani. FILE PHOTO

David Veselenak  
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A Westland judge has ordered a competency and criminal responsibility exam for a man accused of killing his roommate earlier this fall.

Jovica Nikoloski, 22, of Westland was scheduled for a probable cause conference Thursday in Westland's 18th District Court. His attorney, Mike Smith, appeared before Judge Sandra Cicirelli and requested the competency exam, which was granted.

Nikoloski will return to court Dec. 14 for that adjourned probable cause conference originally scheduled for Thursday. A preliminary examination, if he is found competent, would take place Dec. 21.

He is charged with first-degree murder in the Sept. 9 death of his roommate, 25-year-old Spase Grazhdani. Police say Nikoloski killed Grazhdani in their residence in the Skygate Apartments in the 6500 block of Yale that morning after an argument that result-

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here," Policicchio said. "I don't know where we will be in six months or if I'll be out of business. They (the hospital) are going to remodel the building." Since he took over the eatery in September 2012, Policicchio said business has been up. A long-time Dearborn resident, he said he owned Bona's Pizza in Detroit for 31 years, along with restaurants in Dearborn and Dearborn Heights in more than 50 years in the restaurant business. Other than Malarkey's, the property immediately north along Nankin Boulevard is now vacant and being offered for sale by the city of Westland for commercial development. Through the Tax Increment Financing Authority, the

property was purchased and a dilapidated long-closed Service Merchandise store was demolished. The city split off the vacant property after a new Fire Station No. 1 was constructed on part of the property fronting on Central City Parkway at Nankin Boulevard. Westland's Shop and Dine District is seeing other activity, with Anna's House replacing Max & Erma's on Newburgh at Warren Road. Aubree's Pizzeria is expected to take over the former Ruby Tuesday, just west of the intersection. "There is a national chain Asian buffet restaurant chain that will be going into the old Fire Mountain," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "The Shop and Dine District is just about full." Also in the Shop and Dine District, Ashley Homestore will be com-

ing to Westland, filling the former Bed, Bath & Beyond on Central City Parkway at Wayne Road. The Bed, Bath & Beyond store had relocated to Warren Road across from Westland City Hall. The new Crunch Fitness is also located in that strip center with the relocated Bed, Bath & Beyond. Community Choice Credit Union is constructing on a new branch on Wayne Road, opposite Westland Shopping Center, on part of the former Quo Vadis site. A bit further away on Ford Road, diners in the mood for chicken have the recent addition of Gus's Famous Fried Chicken, the KFC is undergoing a remodel and a new Popeye's Chicken is being constructed.

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ed in a knife being introduced to the conflict. Police say Nikoloski stabbed him with it, struggled more between the two and stabbed him a few more times. Police say he then showered and left the apartment for a few hours, returning around noon and calling police. He was arrested and charged several days later. Nikoloski remains locked up in the Wayne County Jail, remanded without bond. If convicted, he faces up to life in prison.

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#### Attempted burglary reported

Westland police were called Monday to a residence in the 35000 block of Westland Estates Drive on the report of a potential burglary that had taken place.

Dispatch told police a window had been broken out. When officers arrived, they spoke to the resident, who said he was sleeping when someone attempted to break into his apartment. Police saw the north window broken. The resident said he locked himself out earlier and was able to get through the window and believed someone may have seen him do that and attempt the same thing. Police checked the area for evidence, but did not find anything.

#### Business windows damaged

Police were called Oct. 15 to Cintas Cleanroom Services, 39120 Webb, on the report of some damage done to the business' windows.

It appeared the damaged windows were shot with a BB gun, though no BBs were located by police. An employee said he was at the business until noon the previous day and came back the next morning to find the damage. He said he did not know who would have done the damage.

#### Laptop stolen

A resident who lives in the 1200 block of Rahn came into the police station Oct. 11 to report his laptop stolen from his vehicle.

He said someone took the computer from his vehicle Sept. 7. There was no other information on the computer and no suspect information was available.

#### Generator taken from residence

A man whose mother lived in the 7000 block of Garden came into the police station Oct. 11 to report the theft of a generator at her home.

He said his mother lived at the home until she died last month and her son is the next of kin. He said the missing generator was last seen by him Oct. 8 and found it was missing the next day. No suspect information was available.

—By David Veselenak

### LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

#### Man wanted for stealing phone

Livonia police are asking for the public's help in identifying a man accused of stealing a cellphone Sept. 26 at Meijer, 13000 Middlebelt.

Police say the shopper had left her cart near the self-checkout, which had her phone in it. She turned her back and came back to find the phone missing. She spoke to an employee, who said they had security footage of the incident and would review it. Police checked the footage and saw the suspect grabbing the phone after looking at some nearby candy. The man was then seen walking out of the store with that phone and another. The suspect is described as a male in his mid-40s or 50s, brown hair and balding with a beard and mustache. He was wearing a long-sleeve shirt and jeans. Anyone with info on the man is encouraged to call Livonia police at 734-466-2320.



Livonia police are asking for help identifying this man. Police say he stole a cellphone from a customer at Meijer in Livonia. LIVONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

#### Retail fraud suspect arrested

Police were called Oct. 13 to Dollar General, 29119 Eight Mile, on the report of a retail fraud suspect that had fled the store with merchandise.

An employee told police the suspect was seen entering the store and selecting items such as makeup

and clothing. He then concealed them before walking out without paying. Police arrived in the area and located the suspect riding a bicycle on Middlebelt, near Clarenceville High School. He was stopped, told police he had stolen items and said, "I'm going to jail." The items were recovered and police found two counterfeit \$50 bills in his wallet. He was arrested and taken to the police station for processing.

#### Shoplifting suspect leaves purse

Police were dispatched Oct. 13 to Von Maur, 37500 Six Mile, on the report of a retail fraud that had just taken place.

An employee told police the suspect came in and selected various items of clothing. She took them to a fitting room and came out with less clothing visible than what she entered with. After an employee checked the room, they found no items left there, making them believe she had taken them. She tried to leave without paying, but was stopped by an employee. They struggled and the suspect fled, leaving her purse nearby. While police were at the store, someone called to inquire about a missing purse. The employee told them to contact the police department about getting it back. The purse contained some of the missing clothing.

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## Police seek man in cigarette theft case

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Perhaps this guy needs some Nicorette gum.

Westland police are asking for the public's help in identifying a man believed to have stolen about \$1,000 worth of cigarettes from a local store.

Police say the man entered the Family Dollar, 5745 S. Merriman, back on Sept. 20. He then gained access to an employees-only area of the store and broke into a

locked container where cigarettes were stored. Police say he took about 15 cartons of cigarettes from the store without paying.

Video showed the suspect walking out of the store smiling while carrying a blue plastic bin.

Anyone with information regarding the man's identity is encouraged to call Westland police at 734-722-9600.

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Westland police are searching for this man, whom they believe stole about \$1,000 worth of cigarettes from a local store. WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

## WAYNE POLICE BRIEFS

### Cash, pot stolen in home break-in

Wayne police were called Oct. 15 to a home in the 31700 block of Annapolis on the report of a home that had been broken into over the weekend.

The victim said she left the home for the weekend and returned home to find the rear bedroom window and side door open. She immediately called police and they arrived, clearing the house before she entered. The house had been ransacked and the drawers were open. It appeared the suspect or suspects were looking for something specific.

The resident said she had cash and marijuana inside the house, both of which were missing when she looked. Also missing were some television sets. Police spoke to some neighbors, who said they did not see anything.

— By David Veselenak

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# Franklin Players promise 'Haunting' production

Just in time for Halloween, Livonia Franklin High School Players present "A-Haunting We Will Go," a mystery-comedy written by famed playwright Tim Kelly.

Imagine an abandoned hotel, in the middle of nowhere, that is just a day away from the wrecking ball. Young and glamorous TV producer Norma Corwin promised herself, when she was young, that she would spend a night alone at the Inn of the Three Sisters, despite the horrid rumors of the sisters' demise, years prior. Bumps, strange noises, and, yes, ghosts – and several other unintended fellow guests – put Norma on edge during an unforgettable evening at the storied inn.

Performances are set for 7 p.m. Oct. 26-28 at Franklin High School's Performing Arts Center, 31000 Joy Road. Tickets are \$10 and are sold online at [franklin.livonia-publicschools.org](http://franklin.livonia-publicschools.org) or at the Franklin High School main office during the school day. Call 734-744-2655, ext. 47902, for more information.

The cast and crew includes the following FHS students:

- » Sutton, played by Luke Jachman
- » Ginny Albright, played by Riley Courter
- » Norma Corwin, played by Alyssa Facione
- » Moe Phillips, played by Adam Klaus
- » Engineer, played by Bailey Hansen
- » Clanton, played by Juliana Johnson
- » Bates, played by Thomas Caprara
- » Carolyn Penmark, played by Carolyn

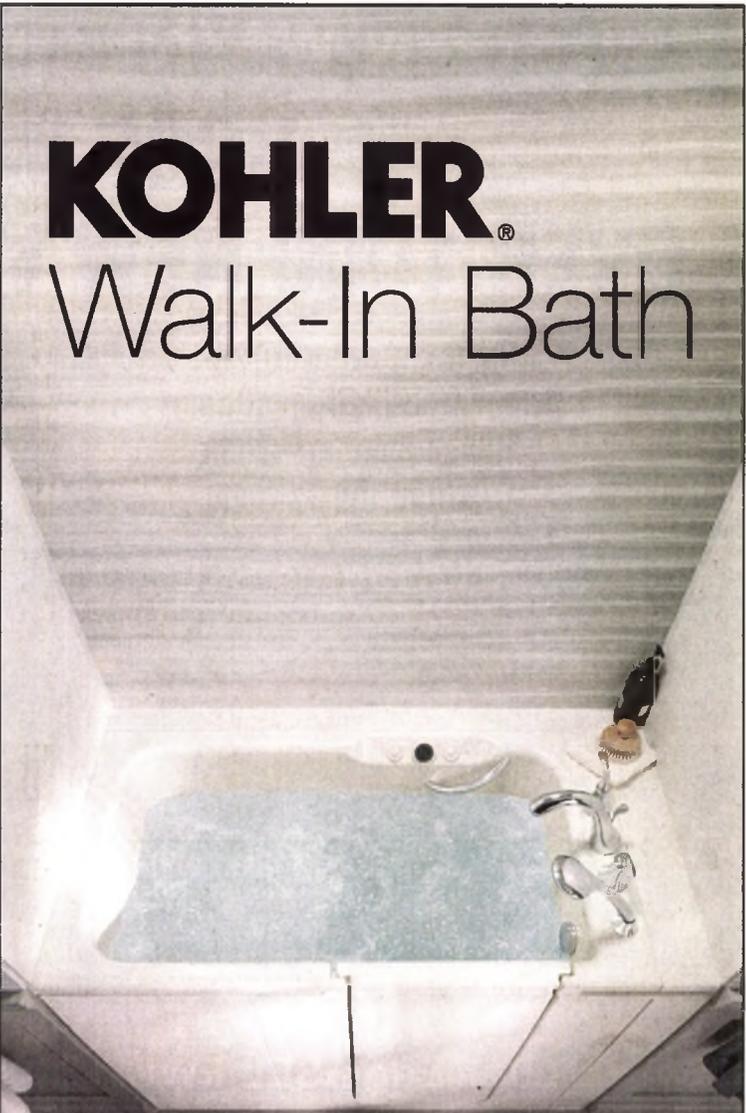


Officer Clanton, played by Juliana Johnson, reunites with old school friend Norma Corwin, played by Alyssa Facione, at the Inn of the Three Sisters. LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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- Zach Beckett
    - » Madam Lugosi, played by Caleb Bonno
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    - » Doreen, played by Kayla Harris
- The play is directed and produced by Colleen Meyer, with assistance from Dan Fowler, Alyssa LaGuire and Kristine Brothers. Stage manager is Sage Ryland; student director is Riley Courter and backstage operations and assistant stage manager is Demi Huertas-Romero.

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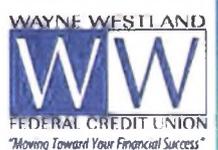
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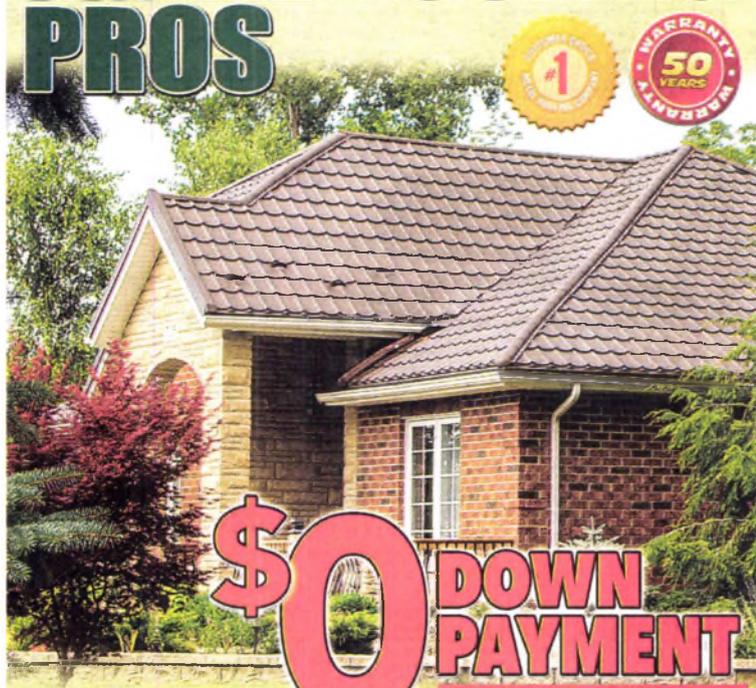
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**Ex-Lions player Hanson to speak at COMPASS lunch**

Retired Detroit Lions kicker Jason Hanson will speak at the COMPASS Christian Business Alliance Western Wayne meeting in November, the second gathering of the group that offers networking opportunities.



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The luncheon is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, at Dave & Buster's, 19375 Victor Parkway, in Livonia.

The public is welcome. The cost is \$20 and payable at the door.

Hanson retired in 2012 from the Detroit Lions after completing one of the most stellar careers in the NFL, spanning 21 seasons as one of the league's most productive kickers.

His work off the field is just as impressive. Hanson helped establish Providence Youth Out-

reached its first meeting, with Chuck Gaidica speaking to a full house.

The western Wayne COMPASS group was launched by Ken McMullen, business development specialist with Thrivent Financial for the Great Lakes region. Other COMPASS chapters are in Port Huron and Macomb. The goal is to "equip, encourage and connect people who are called to the marketplace," McMullen said.

COMPASS of Western Wayne meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Thursday of each month for lunch at Dave & Buster's in Livonia. A different speaker is featured each month. To register, go to michigancompass.org and click on Western Wayne. Tickets are purchased at the door.

reach, which helps at-risk youth in Pontiac make healthy life decisions and he speaks regularly about his life as a Christian. Hanson is married to Kathleen and they have three children: Ryan, Jessica and Luke.

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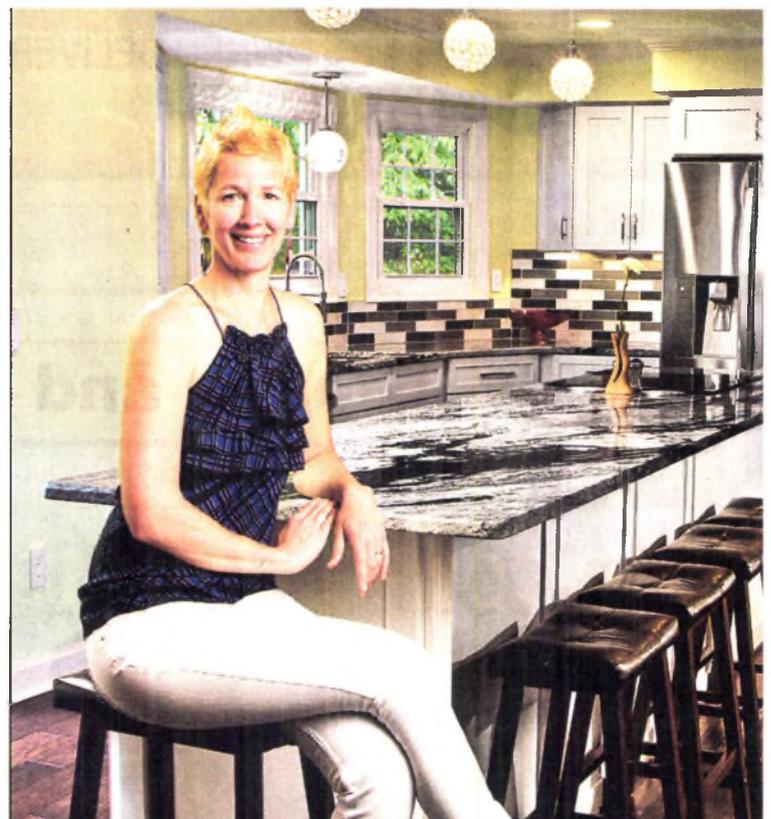
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# Reeves to serve as president of police and fire commission

The Westland Police and Fire Civil Service Commission voted to elect Dewey Reeves as the commission's president Oct. 11.

Reeves was appointed to the commission by Mayor William R. Wild in July 2017 for a six-year term. Reeves has lived in Westland with his wife Gail for 24 years. He served as a Washtenaw County Sheriff and retired after a 32-year tenure. Reeves also served on the Westland City Council from 2007-16.

"A respected and highly-skilled professional, Dewey has com-

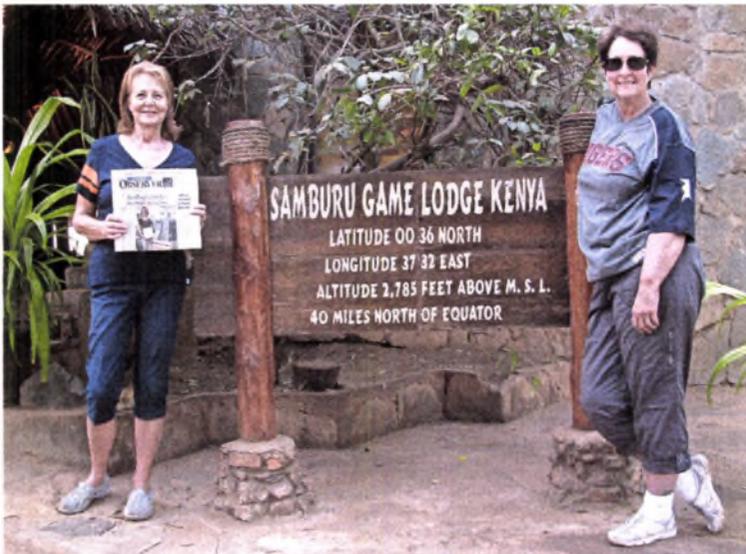
mitted the majority of his life to public service," Wild said. "His election as president of the commission is well-deserved, as he has shown exemplary leadership throughout his life."

"I am humbled and appreciated to be elected to the position of president of the Police and Fire Civil Service Commission," Reeves said. "My objective is to continue to select the best-qualified candidates for both the police and fire departments and to provide the citizens of Westland with the best public service men and woman possible."

The Police and Fire Civil Service Commission is a three-member commission with one appointment by the mayor, one appointed by the fire and police employees and one appointed by the commission. P.A. 78 of 1935 established this three-member commission to oversee the testing and hiring of police officers and firefighters for the city of Westland.

For more information, contact Aubrey Berman, administrative secretary, at 734-467-3200.

## Wish you were here



In September, Ginnie Bondy and Jan Schatz of Livonia spent two weeks on a photo safari in Kenya. They stayed at several lodges, one of which was Samburu Game Lodge. While there, they were lucky enough to see and photograph the big five — elephant, leopard, lion, cape buffalo and rhinoceros — in addition to most of the other animals in the other national parks they visited. They also had the rare chance to witness three lions hunt and see one take down a wildebeest. Of course, they brought their Observer along for the ride.

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# SWIMMERS

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live all across metro Detroit, can't get enough of the sport and, in fact, will be competing Oct. 19-22 at the U.S. Championships in Clermont, Fla.

"We usually have about 350 competitors (from around the United States) at this meet," Lindeman said. "We have people swimming in age groups (in increments of 10 years, up to 90- to 100-year-old division), in solo, duet, trio and team events. ... There's also a technical routine with elements, like figure skating."

### Athletic and artistic

Lindeman said synchronized swimming also has something in common with gymnastics.

"We have gotten more and more toward that (gymnastics), a lot of lifts in the water, a lot of throws," said Lindeman, who helped launch synchronized swimming at Redford Thurston during the 1960s. "And our national teams will do five or six lifts and throws."

"These ladies usually maybe do one or two lifts in the whole routine. You can't touch the bottom. That's a penalty point."

There are 15 Michigan Synchro Masters team members and three coaches, with the performers divided into either grand masters or masters.

"The grand masters have achieved a higher score somewhere in their earlier life," Lindeman said. "(The divisions) allow them not to have to compete against people who maybe never did any synchronized swimming."

Tleczek is one of the grand masters, joined by Bridget Deska and Scotti Nichols (Livonia), Peggy Brady (Beverly Hills), Rhonda Shnerpunas (Plymouth Township) and Robin Wagner (Novi).

On masters are Perlowski, Mary Frances Saenz (Livonia), Marie Lamberg (Livonia), Gail Scherer (Plymouth), Sandy Allen (Westland), Beth Borland (Bloomfield Hills), Doreen Durandetto and Barb Hayes (Northville).

"These ladies are professionals in some way or another," Lindeman said. "We've got lawyers and engineers, executive directors, office managers, paralegals, educators."



Michigan Synchro Masters team members Scotti Nichols and Bridget Deska live in Livonia. Peggy Brady is from Beverly Hills and Rhonda Shnerpunas lives in Plymouth. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Maureen Kelly of Beverly Hills views video of a practice routine. She also is the team cook. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

### Food for thought

They drove earlier this week to Clermont (20 miles west of Orlando) and will rent two houses.

Preparing meals will be team cook and grand masters alternate Maureen Kelly of Beverly Hills, who also happens to be an assistant coach, along with Livonia's Pat Poirier.

"I plan our meals and plan everything for us on our trip," Kelly said. "I can't say we don't go to restaurants, but we very seldom do. It's a lot cheaper for our team to eat as a team and it's also a lot healthier to bring our own

food and we can control our calories."

During a recent practice at Schoolcraft, Kelly filmed the women using an iPad; the tool is used to help spot any flaws in their routines and correct them before the U.S. Championships.

"I'm watching arm and leg movements to make sure they're synchronized," Kelly said. "Mostly it's patterns. You can really tell when a swimmer's getting tired."

The former Maureen McMurray went to Royal Oak Kimball and swam with the Michigan Aquarius team, a longtime competitor of Michigan Synchro Masters (launched during the 1970s as a Garden City Parks and Recreation offering, with swims at Garden City East).

She joined Lindeman's group about 15 years ago.

"I love the sport and I love this team," Kelly said. "It's great; we have a lot of fun. We all get along really well, we all support each other in our other life activities."

"We watched our kids grow up together, get married. It's just been great."

Shnerpunas said the physical demands of synchronized swimming might be surprising to some, especially when she can refer to her water resistant TomTom watch.

"My daughter bought me this Tom-

Tom, it counts laps as I'm swimming," Shnerpunas said. "We (go) to the Livonia Rec Center for two hours on Sunday mornings. The movement I've had, I've acquired over 100 laps each and every time."

"There are routines that are normally four laps, but the amount of energy I'm expelling is equal to 32 laps of actual swimming. So synchronized swimming is much harder, much more difficult, than regular speed swimming."

Several team members can laugh about younger days when they worked as mermaids at Weeki Wachee Springs, a tourist attraction in Florida.

One of Weeki Wachee's 1970s-era performers is Dona Olson of Livonia.

The 1971 Redford Union grad is part of the group, but not competing this season. Years later, Olson and others don't wear fish tails or other bubbly costumes, but they love coming to the pool just the same.

"It's great exercise, it's great camaraderie," Olson said with a grin. "The girls are wonderful. It is hard, but it's great exercise."

### Staying power

Having already demonstrated admirable longevity, there's no telling how long Michigan Synchro Masters might continue.

After all, members already shown amazing longevity as a group. There are six "originals" going back to the Garden City days in the 1970s, including Shnerpunas.

"The core group was started by our original coach Shirley Burlingame, who saw many of the moms sitting in the bleachers during practices and said, 'You guys need to get in and participate,'" Shnerpunas said. "That's how the masters group was formed. It originally was our moms."

Nichols — whose name was Hoag during her school days — also has stuck with the program through the decades, as have Tleczek (Swartz), Lamberg (Neu) and Poirier.

"We just transitioned into it (over the years)," Nichols said. "So now it's more fun. It's more relaxed and we have a lot of friends we meet from around the country."

"You're swimming with music, so it's like dance in the water. You have counts, you got to do things on them, but it's fun."

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### Olympian to speak at Madonna

Olympic champion Jackie Joyner-Kersey will be the keynote speaker for the Madonna University Leadership Speaker Series breakfast, 7-9 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, in the University Center Dining Hall, 14221 Levan Road, Livonia.

Joyner-Kersey is a six-time Olympic medalist, including three gold, who dominated the heptathlon and long jump events throughout a career that spanned four Olympic Games. In addition to her accomplishments as an athlete, Joyner-Kersey has defined her post-athletic career as a philanthropist, an author, a dynamic public speaker and a tireless advocate for children's education, health issues, racial equality, social reform and women's rights.

Individual tickets for the breakfast are \$50 and may be purchased by calling 734-432-5589.

### Inspire Theatre to present 'Fright'

"It Happened One Fright," kicks off the 13th season of Inspire Theatre, Westland's only live theater. "Fright" is an original musical adaption including music borrowed from the '60s to the '80s incorporating several musical genres, from Michael Jackson to gypsy music.

Inspire Theatre is housed in the Westland Center for the Arts, 33455 Warren Road. "It Happened One Fright" runs for Oct. 27-29 and Nov. 3-5, at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$16 and are available at <http://inspiretheatre.ticketleap.com>. For more information, call 734-751-7057.

### St. Mary Mercy to host cardiovascular event

St. Mary Mercy Livonia is hosting a free cardiovascular presentation 6-7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23, in the South Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Dr. Delair Gardi and Dr. Tanmay Swadia will educate participants about peripheral arterial disease, its symptoms and effects. Attendees will learn how to reduce the risk of developing PAD, as well as the latest treatment options.

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

### Michigan Treasure Hunters Club

Andrew Carroll, a nationally recognized author and playwright, will be the speaker at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, at the meeting of the Michigan Treasure Hunters Club at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Carroll will talk about the "war letters" project that he began and the publication of his best selling book of the same title. He will exhibit some of the original war letters from service people that cover American history, from the Revolutionary War to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Anyone wishing to donate original correspondence or copies of this type of letter are encouraged to attend this free event. Come early, as a capacity crowd is expected.

### St. Mary Mercy to offer joint replacement events

The Center for Joint Replacement at St. Mary Mercy Livonia will offer free educational semi-

nars 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, and Thursday, Nov. 30. Attendees will hear from an orthopedic surgeon and expert staff as they discuss joint pain, joint replacement procedures and available implant options. Individuals can also learn about pre-surgical classes, choosing a personal "coach" to provide assistance throughout the process, and what to expect post-surgery and discharge from the hospital.

All joint replacement seminars are held in Classroom 10 at St. Mary Mercy Livonia, 36154 Five Mile Road. To register, call 734-655-2345.

### PBS show hosts to visit library

The Bennett Civic Center Library in Livonia will host a program of "Under the Radar Michigan," with hosts Tom Daldin and Jim Edelman, at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26. They will discuss how "Under the Radar" came to be, as well as their years of adventuring throughout the state taking their PBS viewers to fascinating places.

A question and answer session will occur after the presentation and "UTR Michigan" books will be available for purchase in the Michigan Room.

### Livonia Elk's Pumpkin Patch

Livonia Elk's No. 2246 will host its annual Pumpkin Patch event 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at 31117 Plymouth Road. This is a special day for all special-needs kids in the area. We will have houses for trick-or-treating, food, refreshments and music for dancing. RSVP (we need a count) at 734-425-2246.

### St. Mary Mercy to offer health education program

St. Mary Mercy Livonia and the Livonia Parks and Recreation Department have partnered to provide health education and activities all year-long. Barbra Alvir, D.O., a family medicine physician at St. Mary Mercy, will host a free educational program 10-10:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 26.

Alvir will educate participants on how cholesterol can be a precursor to heart disease and stroke. Learn what you can do to reduce

your risk and manage your cholesterol levels to remain healthy.

The program will be held at the Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. Space is limited and registration is preferred. Go to [stmarymercy.org/healthy-livonia](http://stmarymercy.org/healthy-livonia) for more information.

### National Stuttering Association gathering

The National Stuttering Association will host its annual fall regional gathering Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 28-29, at the Embassy Suites hotel in Livonia. It will bring together 150 people who stutter to learn from experts, explore attitudes about stuttering, be entertained and gain acceptance from people who share similar life experiences.

Several workshops, sessions and community-building activities are scheduled over two days, intended for individuals ranging from children to teens, tweens and adults, as well as parents and siblings of PWS and speech-language professionals.

Find full information on the conference at <http://www.westutter.org/events/event/livonia-mi-family-fun-day/>.

### Lutherfest 500 event

This year marks the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Lutheran Reformation, a world-changing event whose repercussions still resonate five centuries later. Metro Detroit churches of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod invite the community to Lutherfest 500, set for noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at Huron Valley Lutheran High School, 33740 Cowan Road, Westland.

Food, drink, polka band, bounce house, children's games, an interactive Reformation Walk and more will be featured. For more information, email [revguy@purdue@yahoo.com](mailto:revguy@purdue@yahoo.com) or check out the metro Detroit WELS Congregation's page on Facebook.

### Joyner to speak at Rotary meeting

The Livonia Rotary Club will host a special presentation Monday, Oct. 30, given by Bill

Joyner, in honor of his mother Geraldine Joyner and Rotary International's World Polio Day. Mrs. Joyner was a role model of endurance and fortitude, becoming a PTA president, a school board member for Livonia Public Schools, a board member for Wayne County Regional Educational Service Area and a member of the League of Women Voters. Joyner will discuss his mother's medical treatment, including early treatments prior to the polio vaccine.

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

### Trunk or Treat events

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

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia, will host a Trunk or Treat event 6-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28. This free annual event will feature dinner and crafts before the children line up for a costume parade out to the back parking lot. For more information, call 734-422-6038.

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

### The Glow Show

The seventh- and eighth-grade classes at St. Michael Lutheran School, 3003 Hannan Road, in Wayne are sponsoring a vendor show, The Glow Show, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28. Money raised will be used for its Swaddling Clothes outreach, a nonprofit organization that collects diapers, wipes, formula, bottles, etc. for any families who are struggling to provide

for their babies.

### Jubo Method at Wayne library

The Friends of the Wayne Public Library will present a seminar on the Jubo Method, a new music program designed for any person who wants to play, read and compose music on day one, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, at the library, 3737 S. Wayne Road.

This entry-level instrument approach utilizes a simple instrument, innovative methodology and easy-to-read notation system. Within minutes the mastery of the scale and sight-reading initiates the player toward forming a rock solid mastery of the basics in music and the performance of worthwhile music repertory.

Instruments will be provided for the event and will be available for purchase. To register for this free program, visit the Adult Reference Desk or call the library at 734-721-7832.

### Lagers for Lunches event

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

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

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

### Livonia Turkey Trot

Register now for the Livonia Parks and Recreation Department's annual Turkey Trot 5K fun walk/run at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at Bicentennial Park (Seven Mile and Wayne roads). Registration takes place at the Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. The \$15 per person fee includes a Turkey Trot T-shirt, if registered by Oct. 23.

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

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

### Our Saviour Lutheran health clinic

Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 33333 Warren Road, Westland, will host a health and wellness Fair from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4. The Wayne-Westland Fire Authority will be on hand, with a fire engine for children to explore and fire safety information for children and parents. A registered nurse will provide free blood pressure and blood sugar tests, with information on nutrition and health. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans representatives will provide information about how to improve your physical, financial, and spiritual health.

Beginning at 1 p.m., the American Red Cross will offer a CPR training class, which will provide a two-year CPR certification. There is a \$100 charge for the CPR class.

All other activities are free. For more information, contact the Rev. Guy Purdue at 734-834-0139 or email [revguy.purdue@yahoo.com](mailto:revguy.purdue@yahoo.com).

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### Jennings



Charlene Marie passed away unexpectedly on October 13, 2017 at the age of 75. Beloved wife of Duane for 55 years. Loving mother of Tracey (Mark) Hartsough, Jennine (Todd) Senkbeil, David Jennings, and Darrin (Laura) Jennings. Cherished grandmother of Jenny (Zachary), Josef, Rachel, Lauren, Tyler, Kaila, Alyssa, Zac, and Christa. Proud great-grandmother of Anika and Audrey. Dear sister of Rick (Susan) Noethen, Bernie (Jerry) Roers, and the late Marilyn Lane. Charlene worked as a Realtor for over 30 years. She was deeply devoted to her family and proud of her Irish heritage. Charlene was also known for her handmade greeting cards- received and held dear by many of her loved ones. A Funeral Mass was held October 17 at St. Colette Catholic Church. Memorials can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. [www.harrywillfuneralhome.com](http://www.harrywillfuneralhome.com)

### Penet

Edward L. Born April 10, 1921 at Detroit, Michigan. Died October 3, 2017 at Phoenix, Arizona. Son of Emile L. Penet (Belgium) and Petronella Houben (Holland). Two sisters: Mary Emil Penet, IHM, and Pauline Penet Teske (both deceased). Married Jacqueline Ann Naour of Detroit in 1943 (deceased 1999). Retired as National Director of the GM Dealer Organization (1979) to Sun City West in 1980. Married Dorothy Nelson on August 12, 2000. He had two children: Edward G. Penet and Ann E. Penet Meisenzahl (deceased). He is survived by wife, Dorothy, son, Edward and his wife, Bonnie, six grandchildren, five great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. He was a member of the Sun City Posse, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Our Lady of Lourdes Men's Club, the Ministry of Caring, Eucharistic Minister and the Pebble Brook Golf Club. A private memorial will be held in Sun City West. In lieu of flowers, gifts can be made in his memory to any local St. Vincent de Paul Society or Capucin Services Center.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Garden City Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on **Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.**, in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on proposed amendments to Section 154.165 (Medical Marijuana Facility) of the Garden City Zoning Ordinance. Major changes proposed include revising regulations for Class A Grow Operations and adding provisions for Processing Facilities, Safety Compliance Facilities, and Secure Transporters in accordance with State Law.

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

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## Student honored



Emily Mitchell, a student at Holmes Middle School in Livonia, is one of 300 high-achieving middle school students who were honored Oct. 14 at the 19th annual HATS Off Recognition Ceremony. The students who were recognized have received extremely high scores on a college entrance exam, either the SAT or the ACT, while in sixth, seventh or eighth grade. The students and their parents were guests at a reception hosted by the Gifted and Talented Education office at Michigan State University. For more information, go to [www.ctd.northwestern.edu](http://www.ctd.northwestern.edu).

### Writers Club

Monday, Oct. 23, 7-8 p.m.

Join Cheryl Vatcher-Martin as she leads the Westland Library's Writers Club. Just bring anything that you're working or come to receive Cheryl's set of monthly prompts. Refreshments provided. No sign-up required.

### What's An App?

Tuesday, Oct. 24, 11 a.m. to noon

This class is a basic introduction to smart phones and tablets. Learn all about apps, what they're used for, and where to get them. We will also discuss the differences between common devices, like iPads, Kindle Fire and Android tablets. Registration encouraged.

## WESTLAND LIBRARY EVENTS

### Email Basics

Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2-3 p.m.

A basic introduction to sending and receiving email on a computer. Registration encouraged.

### Nankin Mills Historical Presentation

Wednesday, Oct. 25, 6-7:30 p.m.

Please join us as we welcome Carol Clements, Manager of the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center for the presentation "Four Eras of History at Nankin Mills."

### NaNoWriMo Kick-Off at Biggby Coffee

Wednesday, Oct. 25, 7-8 p.m.

Want to write a novel? National Novel Writing

Month (NaNoWriMo) challenges participants to write a 50,000-word novel by Nov. 30. Sign up for NaNoWriMo during the kickoff at Biggby's Coffee, 36640 Ford Road. Enjoy some coffee and learn more about NaNoWriMo! Write-ins will be at the library each Sunday in November.

### Sci-Fi Book Club

Wednesday, Oct. 25, 7-8:30 p.m.

Join us for a discussion of "Lovecraft Country" by Matt Ruff. Copies of the book are available at the Reference Desk.

### Friday Night Movie

Friday, Oct. 27, 6:30-9 p.m.

Join us for a Friday Night Movie. Doors open 6:30 p.m. and the movie starts at 7 p.m. Snacks/refreshments are provided — donations accepted and appreciated.

### Sack Lunch Film and Discussion Series

Monday, Oct. 30, noon to 2 p.m.

Bring a lunch and watch films that are centered on a theme. For September through November, we will feature delicious films based on food, chefs and cooking.

Stay after the film has ended to chat about it. Light refreshments and beverages will be provided.

### Noontime Book Club

Tuesday, Oct. 31, noon to 1:30 p.m.

Please join us this month as we discuss "The Zookeeper's Wife: A War Story" by Diane Ackerman. Copies of the book will be available at the Reference Desk.

### Computer Basics

Tuesday, Oct. 31, 7-8 p.m.

This class is for people with no computer experience. Learn computer terminology, how to properly turn a computer on and off, using the mouse, and more. Registration encouraged.

### Job Seeker Lab

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

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

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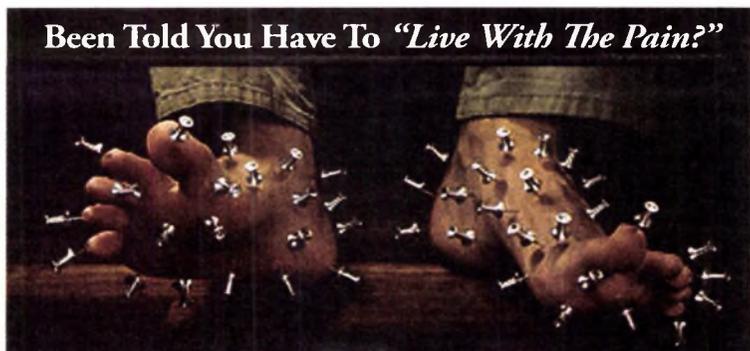
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OBITUARY

## Soccer community mourns O'Shea

Livonia native touched many lives during his career

**Brad Emons**  
hometownlife.com

The soccer community lost one of its favorite sons as hundreds of mourners recently paid their respects to Dan O'Shea.

The Livonia native, who excelled as a soccer player at Franklin High School, Schoolcraft College and Oakland University, died Oct. 10 at age 52 from an apparent heart attack, which caused him to crash his car in Com-

merce Township, according to a report from the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

O'Shea, who lived in West Bloomfield, is survived by his high school sweetheart and wife of 24 years Lisa, along with daughter Jess and son Nick. He is also survived by his parents, Nick and Virginia O'Shea, brothers Jim, Brian and Nick Jr. and sister Judy (Maher). He is also predeceased by his sister, Eileen O'Shea.

More than 500 gathered Monday at

both Lynch & Sons Funeral Home in Milford and later at Edgewood County County Club in Commerce to remember and give tributes to the 1983 Franklin graduate, who wrestled and played soccer for the Patriots.

O'Shea grew up in a household with many Irish traditions, including dancing and Gaelic football, while spending summers at Feis (Irish dance competitions), along with trips to Ireland.

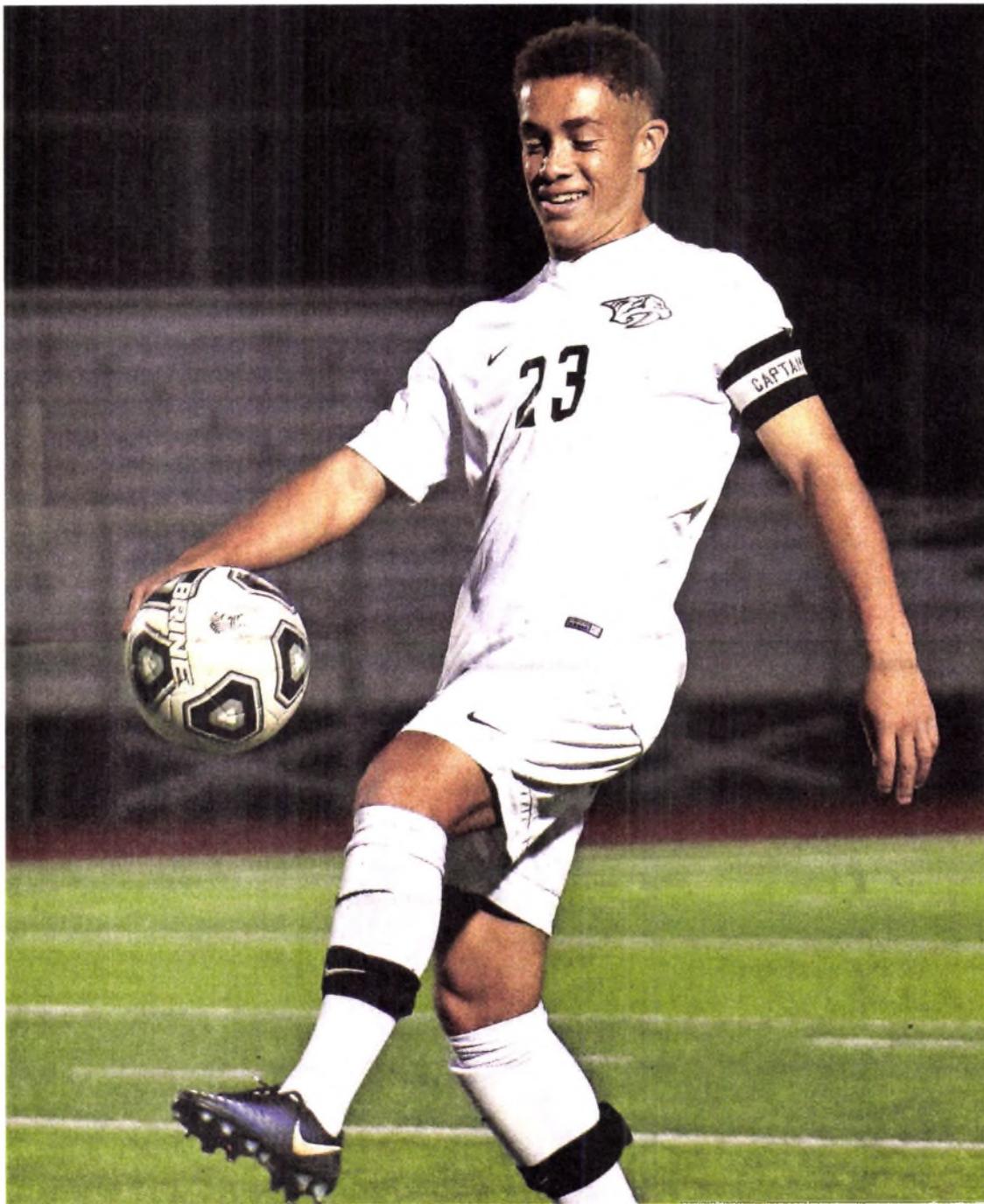
But he eventually traded his dance shoes for soccer cleats at an early age and, thanks to his father and Livonia



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Dan O'Shea was soccer player, advocate.

BOYS SOCCER



Although Plymouth's Bennett Brooks is a tireless worker on the soccer pitch, he also knows how to have fun. MICHAEL VASILNEK

## DRIVING FORCE

Brooks works tirelessly to deliver for Plymouth in high-stakes situations

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Watching Plymouth senior holding midfielder Bennett Brooks play is a bit like keeping tabs on a superhero.

There he goes, full-tilt into a mass of humanity to kick, thump or head away a soccer ball from his end of the pitch.

Oh wait, there he is again, racing back toward his goalkeeper, making sure he is the player who gets there before an opponent can do damage against the Wildcats.

Those are snippets of why the 18-year-old Brooks, ranked No. 4 by the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association, is held in such high regard by his soccer peers.

Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich certainly appreciates the way co-captain Brooks brings it for the state-ranked squad.

"Well-deserved No. 4, he's a fantastic player," Neschich said. "Very skilled, very athletic, very strong on the ball. He's playing the six, the hold-

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USPBL BASEBALL

## League is a home run for players, fans

Circuit has sent 18 players from Jimmy John's Field to next level

**Marty Budner**  
hometownlife.com

Andy Appleby called it a "banner" year.

The United Shore Professional Baseball League recently completed its second season of independent league action at Jimmy John's Field in Utica. Appleby, the USPBL's founder, chairman and commissioner, couldn't have been more pleased with the league's progress both on and off the field.

The Bloomfield Township resident said the USPBL's main mission of developing players for the next level was unequivocally a success. In addition, he indicated fans and corporate sponsors were treated to quality action in a first-class minor league ballpark that attracted more fans than it did in its inaugural campaign in 2016.

"The first two years have gone much better than I anticipated," said Appleby, a former senior vice president of the Detroit Pistons. "I mean, the ballpark itself is intimately better than I even had dreamed over several years back.

"And the nice thing about it is, there is hardly a day that goes by that we don't make it better. We started out with a wonderful template and a beautiful ballpark, but we're making positive changes all the time.

"Now, with two full seasons, we have not just satisfied customers and not just satisfied families, but we have tremendously satisfied partners as well, both from a suite, premium seat and sponsor perspective and also with our group picnic area," he added. "We just had a banner year. And the best part is, we think there is more growth to come — and that's just on the business side."

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Commissioner Andy Appleby proudly proclaims the success of his independent baseball league, which just concluded its second season at Jimmy John's Field in Utica. MARTY BUDNER

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## COLLEGE HOCKEY PREVIEW

# Schoolcraft drops the puck for third season

Ocelots plan to build off successful 2016-17 with offense, hard hitting

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Slamming opponents into the boards and keeping the heat turned up high on the opposing goaltender are all Schoolcraft College men's hockey coach Rob Lindsay asks of his team during 2017-18.

"You got to get 10 shots and 10 hits a period," Lindsay said. "If you do that, you're probably going to win the hockey game."

The Ocelots didn't quite follow that blueprint last weekend, falling 9-5 and 9-3 to Ontario's Sault College in back-to-back contests at Redford Arena.

But that double setback won't deter a group of players looking to make a mark in the American College Hockey Association. Plenty of players from Livonia, Farmington Hills, Novi, Westland and Garden City are on the roster as Schoolcraft opens its third season overall and second in the ACHA.

"Putting this game aside," Lindsay said Oct. 15, following the second loss to Sault, "I think you see an ACHA competitor in the playoffs. I think we're going to get there."

"Last year we couldn't, we were a first-year (ACHA) team. If you're a first-year team, you don't get in the rankings. This year, we'll be in the rankings."

Schoolcraft was an independent team in 2015-16, joining the league last winter. The team went 19-7-0.

Lindsay and assistant coaches Brendan Ryan, Craig Ward and Andrew Lindsay have sights on the program eventually joining the NCAA ranks as an official college program. Right now, it remains a club team.

"We're getting better every year," Lindsay said. "We've really stepped it up, we have some quality players. Our defense is very strong."

"We didn't show it today, but we have a very good defense and our offense, (it's) got a lot of speed."

The Ocelots opened the season the first weekend of October with home wins against club teams from Notre Dame and Michigan, 6-4 and 5-2, respectively.

## Local talent abounds

Schoolcraft's on-ice leadership team includes captain Andrew Nowak (defenseman from Livonia Stevenson) and assistant captains Vinnie Glenn (Stevenson), Jacob Stanley (Dearborn Divine Child) and newcomer Jonah Laines (Fenton). High-scoring Glenn and Stanley are forwards, while Laines is



Stickhandling against Sault College is Schoolcraft College forward Vinnie Glenn. RENA LAVERTY

a defenseman.

Lindsay added that first-year forward Nolan Cioch, from Livonia Churchill, "will be quite a player for us. On defense, I think Jonah Laines is going to be awesome."

Other wingers with local ties include Griffin Ahmet (Churchill), Alex Walkuski (Churchill), Austin Cole (Farmington Hills), Owen Hund (Garden City), Zac Nelson (Westland) and Matt Halash (Novi Detroit Catholic Central).

Joining Nowak among area players on the blue line are Logan Wilt (Westland), Zach Finzel (Stevenson), Kyle Lynch (Stevenson), Derek Klisz (Churchill), Scott Pohl (Stevenson) and Alex Pohl (Stevenson).

Dividing goalkeeping duties will be Bobby Diegal (Stevenson), Connor O'Reilly and Matt Monendo.

**UPCOMING HOME GAMES** (all at Redford Arena, Beech Daly, south of I-96): Alpena Community College (8:50 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10; 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11); Saginaw Valley State University (TBA Friday, Nov. 17); Ferris State University (9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1; 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2); Miami University (8:50 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8; 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9); Western Michigan University (6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16).

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Schoolcraft College defenseman and captain Andrew Nowak looks to pass the puck during the Oct. 15 game at Redford Arena. RENA LAVERTY

## USPBL

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### Birmingham team wins title

On the field, Oakland County's representative — the Birmingham-Bloomfield Beavers — captured the championship with a victory over the first-year Westside Woolly Mammoths. Beavers manager Chris Newell, a Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes graduate, led his team to the regular-season and postseason championships.

In the USPBL's debut season, the Beavers led virtually from start to finish, only to fall in the title game to the Utica Unicorns. This year, the Beavers got off to a slow start, but rallied in the second half and entered the single-game elimination playoffs as the top-seeded team for the second straight season.

The Beavers had three of their players move on to Major League Baseball-affiliated clubs this season. Counting the league's three other teams, the USPBL has sent 18 players to the next level over the league's first two years.

Appleby is overwhelmed by that number.

"On the baseball side, we continue to produce really viable talent that might someday make the major leagues," Appleby said. "I said from the beginning, when we first started, that I'd be happy with one or two players called up. But to have 18 players from what essentially has only been a 15-month period, that's really good."

"That's way beyond what I had thought. I was hoping for one or two players, but now we have 18 and we think we'll have at least four to five more before the start of next year from this year's group," he added. "So with any luck, we'll be in that 25 range or so after two years, which would be really quite good."

### Mission is his passion

Appleby's mission of giving youngsters a chance to realize their dreams of playing Major League Baseball is what fuels his passion as a league owner.



The Birmingham-Bloomfield Beavers, coached by Chris Newell, were recently crowned the 2017 USPBL champion. USPBL

"Everything in life is a numbers game," Appleby said. "And if we can continue to produce 10-15 major league caliber-type players every year, then I think it will be just a matter of time before we have that first major leaguer cross the white line."

"One other thing I like is that, of those 18 players, virtually none of those players would be playing today without the advent of our league and that's really powerful. It's a neat thing and it's a great business model if you can make it work, because most independent leagues really tend to sign sort of the washed up major leaguer-type players — and that's mostly to sell tickets."

"But we, on the other hand, are focusing on the 22-year-old kid coming out of college that is an excellent player but, for whatever reason, just barely didn't get drafted. If we are able to make those kids better, which we have and have shown a proclivity to do so, then they turn into entirely different prospects, No. 1, but, No. 2, they are still quite young."

"They're still young enough for major league teams to take a chance on them," he added. "It's a niche that's not easy to pull off, but we've been able to do it. If you can make it work like we have, it can be better for you."

### Positive fan experience

The USPBL sold out 92 of 150 games over its first two seasons. This year, the

league, which made a number of changes to the ballpark while expanding from three to four teams, enjoyed 50 sellouts by providing an even better on-field product and a fun, family-focused environment.

It proved to be a positive fan experience in what Appleby described as a "first-class" atmosphere.

"I think, universally, everyone thought the product improved this year by as much as 25 percent, I would say, if you had to put a scale on it," Appleby said. "We had a better crop of players coming in this year and our feeling is that every single year from now on, we are just going to get a little bit bigger, faster, stronger prospect, because we are going to be attracting more and more of the very top Division I athlete that didn't get drafted for whatever reason or did get drafted and wants to come and play for us for almost a prep year, if you will, before they get assigned to another MLB team."

"I think the word of mouth really helped us out. We had thousands of testimonials last year," he added. "Anybody who comes to our ballpark doesn't just say how nice it is, but they are almost like evangelists for the ballpark. It is that cool."

A few of Appleby's favorite moments this summer were the all-star game, including the home run derby, and the league playoffs. The postseason is a bit emotional in the sense that nu-

merous two-year players are experiencing their final games.

"The playoffs are really an amazing thing," Appleby said. "All sports playoffs are good, but this is especially good. We have a world-class league championship trophy and we try to make it as big-time as we possibly can."

"The level of baseball, especially in the playoffs, is kind of off the hook, because it's a one-and-done deal," he added. "It's bittersweet and it's emotional, because several of the kids who play know it will be their last game. It could be their last pitch or their last at-bat with us."

### Expansion in the works

The second season may be history, but Appleby's work is not done. He already is working hard to improve the product for its third season next summer.

Appleby said the new year could include even more expansion, as he plans to build another ballpark somewhere in the Midwest. He said there are 35 different cities interested in becoming part of the USPBL experience.

"Expansion is definitely out there. If we build a new ballpark, it will probably be ready for (2019)," said Appleby, owner of Rochester-based General Sports and Entertainment. "It will be somewhere in the Midwest. I don't have the answer as to what city it would be, because we've probably had 35 cities approach us, but we don't have a deal per se yet."

"We have a lot of work to do for us to get it right next year. I'm lucky, because they've made most every mistake twice in sports and I have a pretty good feel for what's needed and I have a lot of educational shortcuts just based on trial and error in this business for 31 years now."

"It's a never-ending battle with work. There is so much work to do all the time and it's all magnified when you own the league and four teams," Appleby said. "But it's all good, really good. I could not have asked for a better season in year two. And we're particularly set up real well for the future."

BOYS SOCCER

# Strong first half propels Canton past Churchill

Chiefs, sparked by Turko's two-goal night, prevail 4-1 over Chargers

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When Livonia Churchill boys soccer coach Matthew Grodzicki and his team prepped for Wednesday's district game against Canton, there was a prevailing feeling of confidence.

But then the Chargers quickly found out what they were up against at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity soccer stadium, giving up two fast goals to Canton junior forward Tyler Turko.

Despite a mini-surge early in the second half, Churchill could not bounce back, falling 4-1.

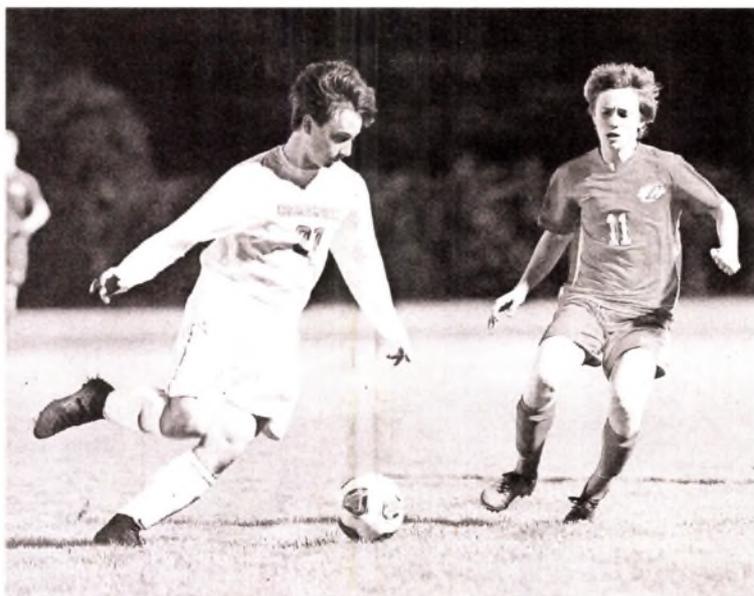
Two state-ranked teams (Canton and Plymouth) were scheduled to meet Saturday in the district final; the Wildcats edged Dearborn Heights Crestwood 2-1 earlier Wednesday on goals by Ryan Wu and Tommy Sullivan.

"We played good all season," said Churchill senior forward and captain Justin Jenkins, the lone goal scorer for the Chargers. "Last time we played Canton, it was 1-1, so the whole team felt we could come out and beat them this time. It just didn't go our way."

Grodzicki said the Chargers were ready and "we had a good game plan. And Canton just jumped on us early and it's tough to overcome."

Canton needed just 2:15 to get on the scoreboard, with Turko getting on the end of a perfect crossing feed from senior forward Jordan Forney and heading it past Churchill senior goalkeeper Adam Sinclair.

"They're moving well off the ball," Canton head coach Mark Zemanski said about Forney and Turko. "When they do that, we're a dangerous team."



Livonia Churchill's Michael Hudock (left) and Canton's Tyler Turko converge on the ball. At right is Churchill's Chris Huff. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

The Chargers had an early bid to strike back, when a corner kick by junior midfielder Chris Chahin was tipped over the crossbar by Canton sophomore goalie Sean O'Meara.

Canton then made it 2-0 with 28:37 left in the first half. Turko's free kick from about 35 yards floated over Sinclair and into the net.

"I was trying to hit back post to Jordan Forney and it just happened to go over the goalie," Turko said, describing his second goal of the night.

The half wasn't even at the midway point when the Chiefs struck again to go up 3-0.

Forney scored on a low shot with 21:23 remaining, slipping the ball past Sinclair — who moments earlier had sprawled to rob freshman midfielder Nick Yono of a goal.

Threading a long pass from the middle of the pitch into the 18-yard box was Canton senior midfielder Avery Olson. Forney did the rest.

"We had some really nice help; our midfield's all good," Zemanski said. "They can handle the ball and join the attack. Avery Olson, Nick Yono and (senior) Brett McGue all did a nice job."

**Tough blow**

Meanwhile, with about 11 minutes left in the opening half, Sinclair was knocked out of the game.

Sinclair came out and jumped in an attempt to snag the ball, only to collide with a Canton player. He had to leave the game and was replaced by junior Nick Reina.

"When our keeper got hit in the head, it really changed things for us," Grodzicki said. "Nick Reina did really good, it's good to get him some quality time. I'm looking forward to watching Nick next year."

Churchill got back to within 3-1 with 38:12 left in the second half. Chahin's corner kick was redirected inside the left post by Jenkins.

"We were a little shaky in the first half, but in the second half, we came out a little stronger," Jenkins said. "I just knew from the start that we needed a goal to bring the momentum back to our side. I saw the ball in the air, I tried and it happened to go in."

Jenkins nearly sliced the deficit to 3-2 about seven minutes later, when he raced into the box and sent a shot that O'Meara got his hands on.

"When the ball got played to me near the box, I thought I was going to put it in," Jenkins said. "But the goalie made a good save to keep it 3-1."

Canton tacked on an insurance goal with 16:40 remaining, when junior midfielder Bennett Austin ripped a shot from outside the right side of the box that found the mark.

Zemanski said he talked to his team at halftime about not getting complacent with the three-goal cushion. "We came out flat, we had a 3-0 lead," he said

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## Opening night



Jake Pivonka (right) of the U.S. National Team Development Program U-18 team scores a shorthanded goal against Miami University goalie Chase Munroe during the second period of the Oct. 13 home opener. Miami won 7-5 at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

**Bowling fundraiser**

A fundraiser at Vision Lanes, 38250 Ford Road, Westland, has been organized for Nov. 4, to help offset costs of medical care for Detroit police officer Johnson, a 14-year veteran who April 30 was shot and critically injured responding to a domestic violence call.

The event will take place 2-4 p.m. (check-in is at 1 p.m.). The cost to bowl is \$25 per person. All proceeds will benefit Johnson, who remains critically injured and requires long-term medical care.

There also will be a 50/50 raffle, themed raffle baskets and an optional "Strike it up" poker bowling activity. To learn more and sign up, go to

<https://tinyurl.com/yczmwxyq>

**Hole-in-one club**

» Canton's Jim Nilan, 63, shot a hole-in-one Oct. 9 at the Fox Hills Golden Fox course in Plymouth. Nilan used an 8-iron and Titleist Pro VI ball to ace the 130-yard No. 14 hole. He finished the day with a score of 94.

» Westland's Bill Johnson, 67, shot a hole-in-one Oct. 2 at the Fox Hills Golden Fox course in Plymouth. Johnson used a 9-iron and Titleist Pro V ball to ace the 139-yard No. 3 hole.

» Northville's Gary Callender, 67, shot a hole-in-one Sept. 15 at the Fox Hills Golden Fox course in Plymouth. Callender used a gap wedge and Titleist ball to ace the 125-yard No. 3 hole.

## BROOKS

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ing mid spot for us. More of a defensive player. He's like our team leader and quarterback out there.

"I think one of his best attributes is being able to read the play and, when he decides to make a break on the ball, almost like a defensive back, (he) intercept passes. He's just fantastic at that."

**It starts with 'D'**

Brooks chalks it all up to hard work and being part of a great team.

"That's what our team's about, working hard," Brooks said during a recent practice. "From that, that's how we play strong defense. We don't give up many goals in games. That's how we create chances.

"We start with tough defense and, from there, that's where our offense gets generated."

Brooks added that he "wouldn't have gotten the ranking I got without the players around me."

His coach's reference to Brooks playing like a football defensive back was pretty much spot on as far as the player was concerned.

"I'm the last one of the midfielders sitting back and I sit right behind our defensive line," Brooks said. "So I kind of just direct people in front of me, both the other midfielders in front of me and the forwards as well, to make sure they're in the right position.

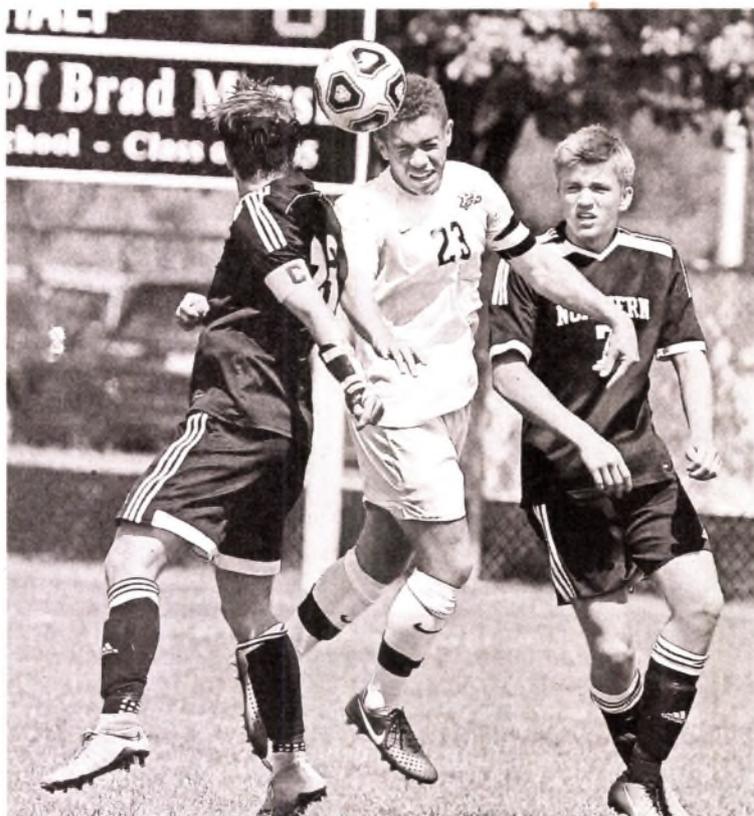
"The ball is usually in front of me, so I'm always directing where they're supposed to be."

The amazing consistency displayed by Brooks is partly because of his long-time dedication to soccer, which he began playing as a youngster.

"From a very young age, 5 years old or something like that, I started playing rec," Brooks said. "And then U-12, I started with the Plymouth Reign (club program). Up until last year, I was with Reign.

"Last year, most of the players I played with graduated. So this year, I played with Michigan Jags."

And Neschich doesn't discount the



Battling two Walled Lake Northern players for the ball earlier this season is Plymouth's Bennett Brooks. MICHAEL VASILNEK

importance of experience, especially from a player who is a keen student of the sport.

"I think it's a combination of all those things," Neschich said. "And also field awareness and visually seeing what's going on and being able to anticipate.

"He's a fantastic leader on and off the field. We call on him pregames, halftimes for input, His soccer IQ is very high."

**All for one**

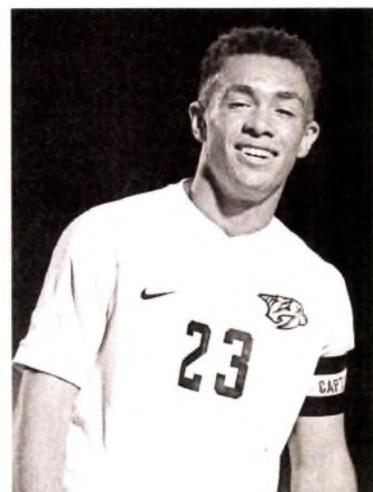
And part of being a team leader is rallying the troops when adversity

strikes.

For the Wildcats, that took place when senior forward Alex Schafer badly injured an ankle Sept. 19 against Wayne Memorial. The team has dedicated the entire postseason to Schafer, with the social media campaign #Six-ForSchafer.

"We have a saying now, 'Six for Schafer,'" Brooks said. "It started because we won that game 6-0. And also, if we win six games consecutively (in the tourney), we'll be in the state finals."

Schafer might be in the back of Brooks's mind when he is competing



Brooks

**THE BROOKS FILE**

**Who:** Bennett Brooks, 18, senior co-captain and holding midfielder for Plymouth's varsity boys soccer team.

**What:** He is ranked No. 4 among individual players by the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association.

**Why:** Those who watch Brooks play describe him as a football quarterback, defensive back and basketball point guard rolled into one.

**Next up:** Brooks, whose parents are Julie and Curtis Brooks of Plymouth, is looking to play college soccer, although his immediate goal is to help the Wildcats go as far as possible in the 2017 MHSAA state tourney.

**Miscellaneous:** He carries a 3.6 grade-point average and is a member of the sports debate team and Council of Athletic Teams and Sports at Plymouth.

with smarts, skill and speed for the Wildcats. Top of mind is leading a team that seemingly has found its collective mojo toward an unforgettable finish.

And make no mistake. With Brooks at the steering wheel, the Plymouth Wildcats are on a mission.

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## PREP FOOTBALL

# Cioroch and Falcons learning together

Youthful players gaining valuable experience along with first-year coach

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It's been a season-long learning experience for Farmington football.

Under first-year head coach Kory Cioroch, the young Falcons have struggled through some tough times en route to a 2-6 record after eight games. Farmington's two wins were against district rival North Farmington and Pontiac.

"You know, head coaching isn't easy," said Cioroch, an assistant to former head coach John Bechtel the previous five seasons. "I got a lot out of it this year. I learned more this year about myself and coaching in general than I learned in all of my other experiences."

"I'll be better because of it and I'm sure my team will be better because of it, as well," he added. "But we're starting to gel and starting to become who we want to be as a program. And over the off-season, we'll be looking to continue to mold some of that together and be better next year."

While the results may not be to his liking, Cioroch certainly likes the fact his young squad is gaining valuable experience.

Farmington's roster includes just 12 seniors out of nearly 40 players. The underclassmen-dominated squad figures to return next year with a veteran's mentality.

"A lot of these kids were JV players last year — some of them were freshmen," Cioroch said. "We gained a lot of experience early on. A lot of those kids were playing their first varsity games and it was showing."

"You have to find the silver lining sometimes when you're struggling," he added. "But knowing we have a lot of these kids coming back and knowing they are one year older and one year stronger and have this experience under their belts, is something we've been looking forward to."

## Brown and Blue Jug retained

The Falcons felt a bit of redemption for all their hard work in the 47-3 vic-



Farmington junior Kendall Williams has 1,003 yards rushing this season, with seven touchdowns. TOM BEAUDOIN

tory over district rival North Farmington to retain the coveted Brown and Blue Jug.

"Every year, that game is a big one for us. We put special emphasis on it, because it's a city rivalry, we play for a trophy and, over the years, we've had a lot of battles with them in general," Cioroch said. "Obviously, it feels awesome to come out victorious. Our kids played really well and they were very happy with the win."

"Getting the win over North Farmington in a rivalry is always a good one," he added. "We'll take any one we

can get and, regardless of record, we continue to get better every week."

Farmington excelled on both sides of the ball against North, gaining close to 500 yards on offense and producing a season-best defensive effort by holding the Raiders to just three points.

Farmington running backs Kendall Williams and Oscar Glenn both eclipsed the 100-yard mark to lead the offense. Williams finished with 274 yards on four carries with four touchdowns, while Glenn carried 10 times for 120 yards and one touchdown.

Williams, a captain, has 1,003 total

rushing yards on 128 carries on the season and has been one of Cioroch's most consistent players. He has seven rushing TDs and 73 receiving yards. Williams has even completed a pair of passes, one for a touchdown.

Glenn has 351 total yards on the season for an 8.4 yards-per-carry average, with four touchdowns.

"Kendall and Oscar have sort of been our one-two punch this year," said Cioroch, whose team averages 24 points per game. "Kendall has been absolutely fantastic. He gets better with each game. He's not only been an offensive stud for us, but he's also good on the other side of the ball at safety. He's not only a really good player, but a really good kid in general."

"Our offensive line has gotten a lot better and that was something that was sort of a point of contention for us early on, when we struggled to move the ball on the ground," he added. "For about five or six weeks now, we've just been running the ball and doing a real good job."

## Majority of players return

Defensively, Farmington allows an average of 27 points, which has been the primary source of its problems this season. Three times the Falcons have given up at least 40 points.

The defensive stalwarts have been senior lineman Ray Massa, another captain, and linebackers Calvin Whitlow, a senior, and Jordan Turner, a sophomore.

"We gave up only one hundred and something yards of offense (to North Farmington) and, early on in the year, we were playing well defensively and didn't do well offensively," Cioroch said. "But lately, we've been doing well offensively and not stopping anybody defensively."

Cioroch already is looking forward to next season with the majority of his players returning.

"These kids got some valuable playing experience this year and we've seen progress," Cioroch said. "We'll just build on that going into the off-season and get better for next year. We want to be a little more multi-dimensional next year and that's something we're going to work on."

## OAA ROUNDUP

Coaches and team representatives are invited to send game information and story tips to LIV-sports@hometownlife.com. Game information will be accepted up to 24 hours after the game ends.

### Girls golf

**DIVISION 1, REGIONAL 3:** Farmington Mercy not only had the top team, but also the top two individual medalists at this regional held Oct. 12 at Burning Tree Golf & Country Club in Macomb County. The Marlins won the six-team event with 337 points, followed by Livonia Franklin (340) and Grosse Pointe South (354). Individually, the Marlins were led by juniors Sophie VanderWeele and Mia Sooch who carded rounds of 76 and 78, respectively, to finish as the top two medalists. Mercy's other scorers were senior Maddy Gwinn (13th at 91) and sophomore Elyse Zurawski (15th at 92). Franklin's four scorers were junior Sofia Cueva (3rd at 81), sophomore Stephanie Cueva (sixth at 83) and sophomores Sophia Wygonik

and Summer Horan (tied for 9th at 88). Livonia Churchill placed fourth as a team with a 360 and did not qualify for state. However, Chargers Paige Peterson (81) and Ashley Harlock (89) qualified for the state meet as individuals. Livonia Stevenson senior Anna Vento also earned an individual qualifying spot with an round of 81. The state meet concluded Saturday at Grand Valley State University.

**DIVISION 1, REGIONAL 5:** Clarkston won this 10-team regional held Oct. 11 at Farmington Hills Golf Course with a team score of 332. Bloomfield Hills (second at 346) and Lake Orion (third at 350) were the other two state qualifying teams. The Black Hawks were led by senior Mikaela Schulz who earned low medalist honors with a round of 74. Bloomfield Hills' other scorers were Lizzie Pierce (sixth at 85), freshman Sanju Swamy (13th at 91) and senior Grace Wroldsen (21st at 96). North Farmington finished fifth overall and did not qualify for states, but Raider

senior Alana Jones was second low medalist with a round of 76 to qualify as an individual.

**DIVISION 2, REGIONAL 12:** Bloomfield Hills Marian and Birmingham Seaholm finished one-two at this regional held Oct. 13 at Huron Meadows MetroPark in Brighton. The Mustangs finished with a 338 team score and the Maples were just two strokes back in second at 340. Marian's top golfer was freshman Sharon Kennedy who placed second with a round of 78. The other Mustang scorers were senior Alexandra Robb (fifth at 84), sophomore Mario Hudson (sixth at 87) and junior Kate Zink (eighth at 89). The Maples were led by junior Hayley Roovers who won the tournament with a 76. Maple sophomore Sydney Pickell was third with an 82, followed by teammates Cate Joelson (9th at 90) and Morgan Schultix (12th at 92). Birmingham Groves was fourth overall and missed a state-qualifying berth by one spot. However, Falcon golfers Chloe Collon (ninth at 90) and

Anika Krishnan (14th at 93) earned individual state qualifying berths. The D-2 state meet finished Saturday at Bedford Valley in Battle Creek.

### Boys soccer

**CATHOLIC CENTRAL 3, NORTH FARMINGTON 0:** Catholic Central blanked North Farmington in this first round Division 1 district game played Monday at Catholic Central High School. The Shamrocks scored first on an 'own goal' by the Raiders which turned into the game winner. CC had 14 shots on goal to North Farmington's three. Kevin Blossfield and Andrew Nicholzen shared netminding duties for the Shamrocks.

### Volleyball

**ACADEMY OF THE SACRED HEART 3, ROEPER 0:** On Oct. 16, Academy of the Sacred Heart defeated host Birmingham Roeper in three games, 25-14, 25-9, 25-12. Last week, Roeper opened the season a three-game sweep over Inter-City Baptist High School.

## O'SHEA

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YMCA coach John Moore, was introduced to the sport of soccer.

O'Shea and his older brother Brian, a standout goalkeeper himself, played on numerous soccer teams together.

"Dan was the guy that everybody wanted to be like ... maybe not be, but be like," Brian O'Shea said. "Dan was a solid player. Didn't matter where you went or what position you asked him to play, Dan would go out and do his damndest to get the job done. It wasn't about Dan. Anything he did, whether it was on the field or off the field, it was about the team or whoever he was doing the task for."

During his days at Franklin, O'Shea was known as "Dapper Dan," often giving fashion advice to his brothers for dates and job interviews, O'Shea went on to play one season at Schoolcraft College before moving on to OU, where he played three seasons and formed a lifelong bond with coach Gary Parsons.

"Danny was a blue-collar, solid starting player for us, never a star kind of guy, just got the job done," Parsons said. "Everybody on the team loved the guy. He was just a 100-percent team kind of guy and would do anything for the team. Just his whole personality was so spot on as a player. All the guys loved him; (he was) a team guy who never asked for anything and all the above. The quintessential team guy."



The late Dan O'Shea (left) is survived by his daughter Jess, wife Lisa and son Nick.

Dan's oldest brother Nick played professionally and was the OU women's head coach before moving on to his current position with the Houston Dynamo as the Dash Development Academy director.

Nick O'Shea Jr. remembers his brother, the soccer player, as tough to beat one-on-one.

"He was just very smart about how he went about it," he said. "He wasn't the biggest, strongest or the fastest, but he just figured out how to stop people. He was smart. He could think the game, make good decisions, tough. He was a midfielder, an attacking-type player when he was at Franklin, then he was able to play in the back for Oak-

land. He was pretty versatile, too."

Dan O'Shea was also a fixture and a galvanizing force for the Redford Raiders club team.

"He was kind of the glue that kept all these teams together," Jim Rhoad said. "He had that something about him, a personality that everybody wanted to be around. He wasn't a yelling leader, just a guy you wanted to follow. Always solid from all his days. All the way from Franklin, all the way to those Marauder days, you could always count on him."

O'Shea's impact, however, went well beyond soccer. The Oakland University grad with a B.A. in communications spent the past five years working as

director of marketing at Valicor.

He used his IT talents and his knowledge as a player and coach to impact the lives of others and was instrumental as an administrator bringing the soccer community into the world of technology and social media. He helped streamline the registration and online payment processes and club communications.

"As I listen to people talk about him over the last four or five days is the fact that he made everybody feel important," Nick O'Shea Jr. said. "I think the one thing he did was very humble, put others first and whatever your interest was, he took an interest in. And whatever you valued or cared about, that's what he cared about. I just think he was humble to the point where he made other people feel important and cared about."

The hundreds of mourners who gathered Monday afternoon inside Lynch & Sons, including members of the football team at West Bloomfield High School, where Dan's son Nick is a standout kicker, were all touched when a rendition of "Danny Boy" was played.

"He was a friend to anyone and everyone," said Bill Friend, one of O'Shea's closest friends growing up. "He was always helpful. He was the type of person that always had a smile on his face. He would help a stranger, a friend in need. And he didn't ask questions. It was always taken care of."

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**BOYS SOCCER**

# Plymouth draws first blood in tough district

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When two high school boys soccer teams as closely matched as Salem and Plymouth get after it, a bounce here or there probably would determine the final outcome.

Monday night at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity soccer stadium, the Division 1 district opener between the Rocks and Wildcats actually came down to a couple, as Plymouth came away with a 1-0 victory.

The first bounce led to the game's only goal,

scored with 22:30 to play by senior Brent Brownrigg when senior Ben Tetlow's sharp-angle shot from the right side of the box bounced off Salem junior goalie Buraq Oral right to Brownrigg. He made no mistake with his short-range put-back.

"I was watching Benny, I was really hoping he'd get the cross in," Brownrigg said. "At first I thought he was shooting, but after Buraq mishandled it, I just tried to put a foot on it and it popped in."

Salem coach Kyle Karns did not blame his goalkeeper one bit for the

deciding goal.

"(Tetlow) got in behind, ball went across, Buraq made an initial save," Karns said. "Couldn't control it. It's a tough spot to give up a rebound right there in front, but Buraq's been solid for us all year."

Then with 12:20 remaining in regulation, Plymouth senior goalie Chris Tsakoff slipped while punting the ball and officials gave Salem a direct kick outside the 18-yard line with a chance to tie the contest.

Salem's go-to scorer, senior Jason Warras, subsequently drilled a

low shot into the wall of Plymouth defenders and junior Justin Wojcik managed to clear the rebound out of trouble.

"Chris had half the net covered, all we had to do was cover the other half," Wojcik said. "It was just a good defensive play."

Plymouth then closed out the win with solid positional play, spearheaded by senior midfielder Bennett Brooks — seemingly everywhere when his team needed him.

"We lost last time to them in the last 10 seconds," Wojcik said. "But this time, we worked our butts off to go the full 80. It's an amazing victory."

Here are other takeaways from the game:

**AS ADVERTISED**

Two state-ranked teams left it out on the slippery pitch, as expected.

"You're not going to see many games in the playoff format that are blowouts and a Park game being one of those, it's always going to be tight and highly contested," Karns said. "I thought we played really well in the first half. We had some good chances, we had some good shots."

"Talked about some things at halftime and felt good and, in the second half, the game was back and forth. We just couldn't convert the chances we did get."

**NO EASY TASK**

Plymouth coach Jeff

Neschich said his team (13-4-3) will have to face more of the same in order to escape a tough district.

"It's a tough road to the district championship," Neschich said. "Crestwood's going to be a tough team, if they're likely to beat John Glenn, that's going to be a good challenge."

**ELSEWHERE**

Also Monday in other opening matches of the district, Canton routed Livonia Franklin (8-1), Livonia Churchill edged Wayne Memorial (3-2) and Dearborn Heights Crestwood posted a 4-0 victory over Westland John Glenn.

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## KLAA ROUNDUP

Coaches and team representatives are invited to send game information and story tips to LIV-sports@hometownlife.com. Game information will be accepted up to 24 hours after the game ends.

**Volleyball**

**NOVI 3, SALEM 0:** Senior setter Erin O'Leary finished with 49 assist-to-kills, six kills and six aces as the Wildcats (39-3, 13-0) wrapped up a KLAA Gold Division crown Oct. 17 over visiting Rocks, 25-12, 25-8, 25-12. Also contributing to the Novi win were Lauren Murphy (five kills) and Claire Pinkerton (10 digs). Novi will host the KLAA 'A' tournament Saturday, Oct. 21, at Novi Middle School.

**EAST KENTWOOD INVITATIONAL:** On Oct. 14, junior libero Hannah Grant had a team-best 67 total digs and six service aces as Northville (37-6-1) finished 5-0 on the day capped by a 25-13, 25-11, 25-14 win in the finals over Bay City John Glenn. The Mustangs, who got a team-high 26

total kills on four solo blocks from Clare McNamara, also defeated Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern (25-22, 25-16), Portage Northern (25-19, 25-21), Bloomfield Hills (21-25, 25-18, 15-9) and Traverse City West (25-14, 25-20). Setters Rachel Holmes and Gabi Fisetto chipped in with 69 and 31 assists, respectively. Holmes also had 25 digs. Other top performers included Brianna Maccoux (19 kills, 28 digs), Morgan Rodgers (15 kills), Courtney Gozdor (11 kills), Ally Zayan (12 digs) and Nyia Setla (11 digs).

**Field hockey**

**ANN ARBOR PIONEER 2, NOVI 0:** On Oct. 17, junior goalie Cece Steck made 17 saves in a losing cause as the Wildcats fell to No. 2-ranked Pioneer.

**Girls golf**

**DIVISION 1-REGIONAL 2:** Saline (324), Northville (339) and Plymouth (346) are headed to the MHSAA finals Oct. 20-21 after taking the first three qualifying berths

Oct. 13 at Lake Forest G.C. in Ann Arbor. Plymouth's Shae Zydeck and Saline's Catherine Loftus shared medalist honors with 76 each. Northville scorers included Mariella Simoncini, third (78), Nicole Whatley, fourth (79); Katelyn Tokarz, 15th (89); and Sufna Gill, 19th (93). Sedona Shipka took 28th with a 101. Other Plymouth scorers included Erin Johnson, sixth (81); Sara Vohra, 18th (91); Rachel Stibel, 22nd (98); and Maire Sullivan, 24th (99). Novi, which placed sixth with a 376 total, was led by individual qualifier Abby Livingston (85), while Leah Kiura was one shot off the cut with a 85. Other scores for the Wildcats included Kirsten Kroetsch (24th, 99) and Despina Alexander (36th, 108). Manasa Potluri led seventh place Canton (419) with a 90 (17th place), while ninth-place Salem (424) got a 29th from Megan Kozlowski (103). Additional individual qualifiers included Ann Arbor Pioneer's Katy-Mina Lee and

Amaya Melendez with 82 and 84, respectively.

**DIVISION 1-REGIONAL 3:**

Farmington Hills Mercy and Livonia Franklin finished 1-2 Oct. 12 at the Division 1 regional hosted by Burning Tree Golf & Country Club in Macomb Twp. and qualified for the state finals slated for Oct. 20-21 at Grand Valley State University's The Meadows. The Marlins tallied 337 strokes while the Patriots were right behind with 340. Leading Mercy to victory were juniors Sophie VanderWeele (overall medalist with a 76) and Mia Sooch (second, 78). Other scorers for the Marlins included senior Maddy Gwinn (13th, 91), sophomore Elyse Zurawski (15th, 92) and junior Zoe Fish (23rd, 99). Franklin boasted four finishers in the 80s, led by junior Sofia Cueva (81) and sophomore Stephanie Cueva (83), who came in third and sixth, respectively. Other scorers for the Patriots included sophomores Sophia Wygonik and Summer Horen (tied for ninth, 88

each) and junior Olivia Napier (25th, 101). The three individual qualifiers were Livonia Stevenson senior Anna Vento and Livonia Churchill senior Paige Peterson (tied for third, 81 each) and Churchill sophomore Ashley Harlock (11th, 89). Churchill and Stevenson took spots four and five in the team standings with respective totals of 360 and 371.

**Cross country**

**LIVONIA CITY MEET:**

On Oct. 13 at Cass Benton Park in Northville, Stevenson and Franklin were the respective winners in the boys and girls races at the Livonia City Meet.

» In the boys race, Livonia Stevenson tallied 25 points to finish first, followed by Churchill (53) and Franklin (54). Individual city champion was Franklin's Grant Rudd with a time of 16:41. Others in the top 10 were Stevenson's Owen Rowader (16:49.56), Ben Griffith (17:07.75), Thomas Saad (17:15.91), Charles McDougall

(17:27.22), Colin Sheahan (17:28.54), Shane Beers (17:39.58); Churchill's Eric Pensari (17:16.27), William Hengy (17:26.72) and Brendan McCoy (17:28.01). Logan Evanchuk of the Patriots was 11th with a time of 17:41.15.

» In the girls race, Franklin won with 36 points, followed by Churchill (42) and Stevenson (44). Individual city champion was Franklin's Erin Seibert, with a time of 19:41.47. She enjoyed a comfortable lead over the second-place finisher, Churchill's Gabrielle Swider (20:03.59). Finishing in places 3-10 were Sierra Greener (Churchill, 20:09.00), Cassie McDougall (Stevenson, 20:10.63), Allyson Stabler (Franklin, 20:37.45), Emily Esker (Franklin, 20:41.11), Abbie Haupt (Churchill, 20:43.99), Kayla Senczyszyn (Stevenson, 21:03.81), Emily Lauzon (Stevenson, 21:07.29) and Ruby Walker (Franklin, 21:15.98).

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5K SET FOR NOV. 11

# Family steps it up to honor Rick Austin

Outpouring of love from Livonia Churchill community continues for late track coach

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Rick Austin wouldn't have made a big deal out of seeing his name up in big letters at Livonia Churchill's football field — where the track was dedicated in Austin's name Oct. 13.

His daughter, Kaylin Austin, noted that she didn't think her dad would have "liked all the attention like that."

But there's something else he would have been filled with pride about. On Saturday, Nov. 11, the inaugural Rick Austin Memorial 5K Run/Walk is scheduled to begin and end at the high school where he was such a fixture for decades.

The longtime Chargers track and field coach died unexpectedly in March at the age of 57, from complications following heart surgery.

"I think we kind of didn't know the impact he had on so many people until he passed, unfortunately," said Austin's son Travis, 27, actually a Livonia Stevenson alum (where he played football). "It's a heck of a legacy, but we owe it to him and his memory to keep this going, try to make this a success."

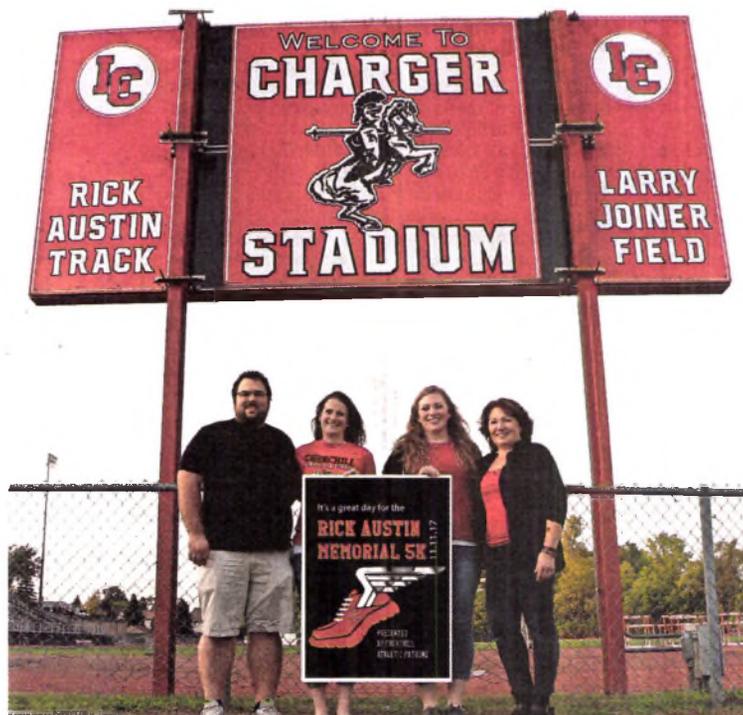
### He'd like that

Travis added that his dad would have been thrilled to find out about the 5K event.

"I think he'd be excited for the run. I don't think he'd like to have his name on it," he said. "He was more of a development kind of guy. He coached in every facet of his life or was the coach in every facet of his life. He just liked to work with young people and set them up for life."

The initial idea to put together a 5K in Austin's memory was hatched by Travis's wife Becca (another Stevenson alum).

According to Becca (Bartek) Austin, she came up with an idea to launch a fundraising race for Churchill Athletic Patrons (to help provide college scholarship money for alums) because she had "connected" with Austin about running, especially after graduating from Central Michigan University.



Honoring the memory of Rick Austin by organizing a 5K run/walk in his honor are (from left) son Travis, daughter-in-law Becca, daughter Kaylin and wife Annette. The debut race is Nov. 11. AUSTIN FAMILY PHOTO

"About six years ago, I became a runner," Becca said. "I've been with the family for 10-plus years now. And running was always the thing I connected with my father-in-law over... When he passed, that was something I greatly missed, was having that 'dad' runner."

Becca, with backing of the rest of the Austin family, then took the idea to Livonia Churchill athletic director Marc Hage. He immediately gave the thumbs-up sign.

"(Rick Austin) was also a Central alum. That's always been a strong connection we had, the Chippewa bond," Becca said. "He would always check up on me, 'Becca, are you doing your speed work? How are your long runs going?'"

"I'm an athletic trainer as well, so he would always talk to me (about proper training regimens). It was cool because I know he knew all that stuff, but he

would still ask me anyway. 'What do you think, am I doing this right?'"

### Greatly missed

Kaylin Austin, 22, now is interning in the counseling office at Churchill, where she is seeing evidence continue to pile up about just how much her father is missed.

"Mr. Hage made rubber bracelets with (her father's) name on them," Kaylin said. "I see kids all over the school wearing them, so that's been really cool, too. I was real excited."

"We were trying to figure out a way to give back to the school and when Becca came and gave us that idea, 'Why didn't we think of that, too?' That's perfect, so it's been really fun to put it together. I'm excited to get it going."

Austin's wife Annette said the ongoing love and support for her husband by the Churchill community is some-

### AUSTIN MEMORIAL 5K

**What:** The inaugural Rick Austin Memorial 5K Run/Walk, a fundraiser for Churchill Athletic Patrons (which helps provide scholarship help to college athletes).

**When:** Saturday, Nov. 11, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Packets will be available 4:30-7:30 p.m. Nov. 10 and also the morning of the race beginning at 8 a.m. in the Churchill Field-house.

**Where:** The race will start at Livonia Churchill High School (8900 Newburgh Road) and continue through neighborhood streets, up to Ann Arbor Trail, and conclude at the newly named Rick Austin Track.

**Tee-ser:** In order for participants to get a T-shirt in their size, they are urged to sign up before Oct. 25 at [a2racemanagement.com/registration/](http://a2racemanagement.com/registration/).

**Fees:** \$20 for ages 13-18 and \$25 for adults. **Info:** Contact Kaylin and Becca Austin at [chscapfunrun@gmail.com](mailto:chscapfunrun@gmail.com).

thing to behold.

"They've all given us so much support and just telling us how much they miss him in the building, the year's not the same," she said. "The kids, how upset all the kids were. With Kaylin being in the building, she can still see that."

"They put together a really nice dedication page in the yearbook this year, that had a letter I wrote to say to the kids how much we appreciate them."

As of last week, about 48 sponsors have stepped forward to take part. Their names will be on the back of Rick Austin Memorial 5K Run/Walk T-shirts.

"It's so funny, people say, 'I want to go, but I don't run,'" Kaylin said. "We need to put walk in big letters. You can walk, too."

Fittingly, the race will conclude at the newly named Rick Austin Track, which was officially named in ceremonies Oct. 13. The football field at Charger Stadium also was named that night in the honor of former Livonia Churchill athletic director Larry Joiner.

"What a great opportunity to give back to the school that Rick was so dedicated to," Becca said. "We made it a big family thing and the hope is that it will be an annual run."

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## PREP ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



ISAAC MOORE

FOOTBALL SENIOR LIVONIA FRANKLIN PATRIOTS

Isaac Moore's power performance against Grand Blanc on Oct. 13 featured more than 220 all-purpose yards and a touchdown as Livonia Franklin clinched a playoff spot with a 35-0 victory.

The senior running back and defensive end was rewarded for that showing by winning the Hometown Life Prep Athlete of the Week award for Week 8.

Moore tallied 9,119 votes, good for 27.19 percent of the 33,532 votes tallied during the poll. He pulled away from a competitive field, with four of the five other candidates receiving more than 5,000 votes each.

Farmington Mercy junior golfer Sophie VanderWeele (second, 7,212 votes, 21.51 percent) and Novi senior football player Sean Gilliam (third, 5,915 votes, 17.64 percent). In fourth place with 5,698 votes (16.99 percent) was Salem junior girls cross country runner Hallie Younglas. Birmingham Groves junior football player Damonte Mccurdy placed fifth (5,075 votes, 15.13 percent).

**WHAT HE DID:** With the Patriots needing a victory over the Bobcats to clinch a MHSAA playoff berth, Moore kept chewing up yardage and helping his team move the chains. He ran 24 times for 158 yards and also reeled in two passes for another 63 yards. With the game close early in the second half, Moore caught a pass over the middle and then forced a couple Grand Blanc players to miss with their tackles. The end result was a sensational, 52-yard TD which made it 14-0.

**WHAT HE SAID ABOUT BEING NAMED ATHLETE OF THE WEEK:** "At first I thought I had it and then people started catching up. And then, I guess I got all the real stars, the real people. It means a lot of people's really watching me play. "... We're going now, we got a lot of spirit going. We just got to keep it up. This (award) means a lot" because it stemmed from a playoff-clinching win.



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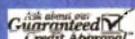
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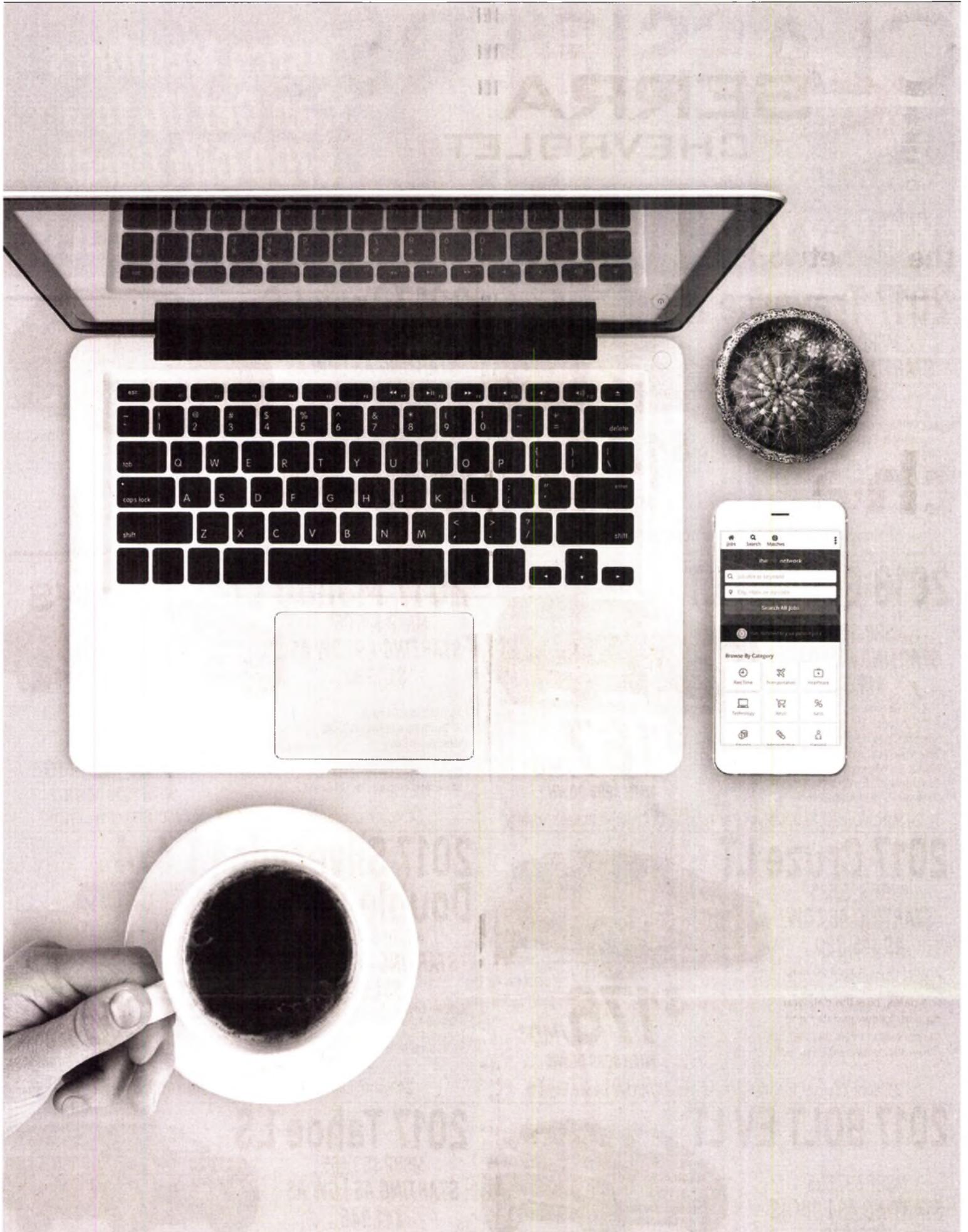


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## 8 steps to help you find a job in 30 days

BY PETER JONES  
 THEJOBNETWORK

**Y**ou need a new job and you need one fast. Maybe you've just been laid off, or quit or you're just starting out — or you're doing some secret job hunting from a position in which you're miserable. No matter your reasons, if you follow these steps, you'll have a great shot at scoring a new job in 30 days.

### 1. Make a spreadsheet.

Excel is your friend in the organization game. And organization is the key to getting a job fast. Keep track of company name, position title, a link to the job posting itself, application materials, due dates, plus the date you applied, follow-up dates and notes. If you hate Excel, try JibberJobber or Fresh Transition instead. But do keep all your details organized and easily referenced — you'll be glad you did.

### 2. Do your homework.

Be informed — very informed — about the industry where you're applying. Research every company and every position. Research the people who might be interviewing you and supervising you. Research the top people and the company's mission. The more you know and the



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more prepared you are, the better you'll do. And the more you strategize and target your applications, the more efficient your search will be.

### 3. Dig deep.

What do you actually want in a job? What have you liked and disliked about your current and former positions? Why do you want a change? Think about your values and which kind of work environments suit you best. Try to aim for places that match up with

your innate talents and tastes first. You'll be a better fit right out of the gate.

### 4. Budget your time.

Once you have a game plan and an organizational system, you'll want to devote time every day to your job search for 30 days.

You couldn't possibly spend all day every day on it, but even just 30 minutes of concentrated work a day will move you that much closer to the finish line.

### 5. Get social.

Your promo toolbox consists of your social media platforms. Get them all up to fighting speed. Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn ... make sure these accounts are active and up to date. Make sure you're using them correctly and are working consistently toward building your personal online brand.

### 6. Network.

The one step you might like to avoid is probably the most

important. Sometimes all the difference is made in who you know and who knows you. Think of it as initiating mutually beneficial relationships. Keep in mind what you have to offer. It's not just a one-way street.

### 7. Follow up.

Your interviewer will likely tell you that they will be in touch with you soon. Tell them immediately how much you appreciate them taking the time to interview you and mention you are eagerly awaiting a response. Then follow up with the same. Send a handwritten thank-you note — you'd be surprised at how effective this can be. Then follow up with a phone call if you haven't heard back in two weeks. And don't forget to note when and how you've followed up on your spreadsheet.

### 8. Be patient.

Keep looking. Keep working at it. Don't get discouraged after a few rejections. If you're consistent and keep honing your tools, you'll get there.

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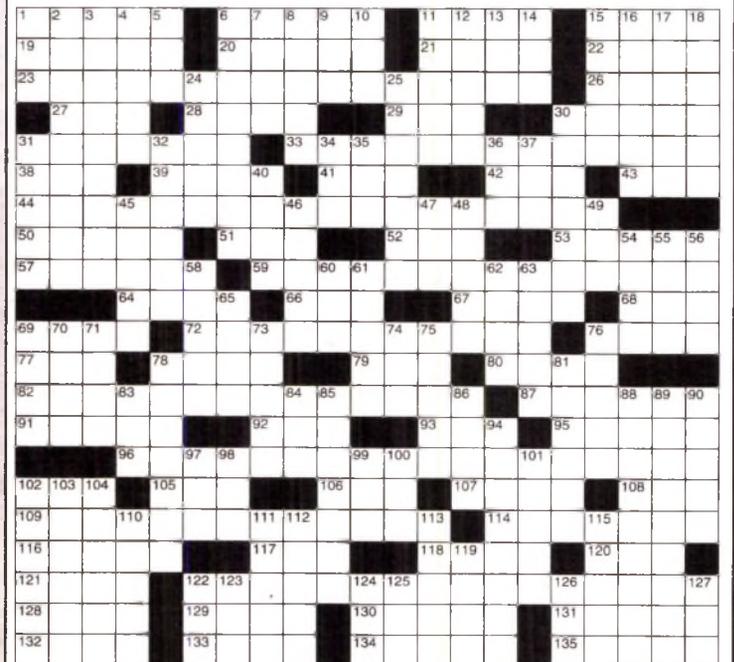
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- 1 Broilers, e.g.
  - 6 Incited, with "on"
  - 11 Emit violently
  - 15 Jules Verne captain
  - 19 Holy artifact
  - 20 Persona
  - 21 Witty Bombeck
  - 22 In between
  - 23 Wine-loving actress?
  - 26 Ruination
  - 27 Tot's "piggy"
  - 28 "The horror!"
  - 29 "— be a pleasure"
  - 30 Meter inserts
  - 31 Fixed charge
  - 33 Like pretty decent wine?
  - 38 "Son of," in Arabic
  - 39 Actress Garr
  - 41 Used to live
  - 42 Untold eras
  - 43 Pirate's place
  - 44 Olympic sport that wine drinkers compete in?
  - 50 Wears
  - 51 Knead
  - 52 Academic URL ender
  - 53 Lubed (up)
  - 57 Exam giver
  - 59 Comedian telling jokes about wine?
  - 64 Cedar, say
  - 66 Egg calls
  - 67 Franz's skit partner
  - 68 In the way of
  - 69 Spanish pot
  - 72 Vegetable piece dipped in wine?
  - 76 "Fix" at the vet's
  - 77 Brazilian hot spot, in brief
  - 78 Autumn pear
  - 79 — and aah
  - 80 Lamarr of "Algiers"
  - 82 Wine-sipping nightclub vocalist?
  - 87 Adventurous
  - 91 Response to "Am not!"
  - 92 Negative or positive thing
  - 93 Klutzy person
  - 95 Bush-league
  - 96 Wine aficionados' electoral race?
  - 102 Fancy resort
  - 105 Juan's "two"
  - 106 Wedding vow
  - 107 Plumlike fruit
  - 108 Feel sorry about
  - 109 Wine-fancying jazz trumpeter?
  - 114 Graphic material with no gray areas
  - 116 See
  - 60-Down
  - 117 Bridal bio word
  - 118 Work measures
  - 120 Fix illegally
  - 121 Muddy earth
  - 122 Planetary features formed from wine?
  - 128 News tidbit
  - 129 Opera tune
  - 130 Queasy
  - 131 "The Brandon — Story" (1998 film)
  - 132 Sutures
  - 133 Banana skin
  - 134 Horses' runs
  - 135 Build upon
  - 1 Round figure
  - 2 Back bones
  - 3 Top Untouchable
  - 4 West African country
  - 5 Zool., for one
  - 6 Two-options-only
  - 7 FBI figures
  - 8 West African country
  - 9 Big head
  - 10 The, to
  - 67-Across
  - 11 Make sure of
  - 12 Madrid art museum
  - 13 Grounded bird
  - 14 Ear clogger
  - 15 Big wheel
  - 16 PC-to-PC notes
  - 17 Mickey's girlfriend
  - 18 City in Texas
  - 24 Bellboy, often
  - 25 More flighty
  - 30 Huge guns
  - 31 Viewed thing
  - 32 One who's expiating
  - 34 MYOB part
  - 35 Road coater
  - 36 Toon unit
  - 37 — polloi
  - 40 Radio's Don
  - 45 Terra —
  - 46 Really hate
  - 47 Joseph of ice cream
  - 48 Raw fish dish
  - 49 PC image file
  - 54 Vault (over)
  - 55 Haines of old Hollywood
  - 56 Pivotal WWII event
  - 58 Military info-gathering
  - 60 With
  - 116-Across: "Mildred Pierce" actress
  - 61 Betray by finking
  - 62 Every single
  - 63 Tattooed
  - 65 "Anyone —?"
  - 69 Ocean threat
  - 70 Fibbing type
  - 71 Ear piece
  - 73 — out (depict something via charades)
  - 74 Drench, in dialect
  - 75 2003-07 Fox teen drama
  - 76 Arab country
  - 78 Pander
  - 81 Get a bit wet
  - 83 Sci-fi ability
  - 84 "— or — thought"
  - 85 Cuts into
  - 86 Arena yells
  - 88 Firmly fixed
  - 89 Not pressing
  - 90 Wave to, say
  - 94 Easy victims
  - 97 Chaney of silents
  - 98 Suffix with 9-Down
  - 99 Idaho county
  - 100 Typed guffaw
  - 101 A bit wet
  - 102 Hindu sages
  - 103 Fool's gold
  - 104 British prince
  - 110 Swarms
  - 111 Actress
  - 112 Like princes
  - 113 Famous
  - 115 Did it wrong
  - 119 Bring down, as a building
  - 122 Q-Tip's style
  - 123 Hot temper
  - 124 Woodsy, e.g.
  - 125 Egg — yung
  - 126 Hellenic vowel
  - 127 — Paulo



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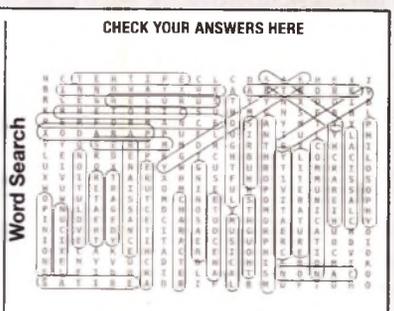
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# Car Report

## HYUNDAI TESTS 'SHOPPER ASSURANCE' PROGRAM TO BOOST CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE 4 WAYS, PLANNING NATIONWIDE ROLLOUT IN 2018



By Dale Buss

As U.S. auto sales level off and competition tightens for what is still a healthy pool of customers, brands are turning to traditional levers such as bigger financial incentives to make sure they're competitive.

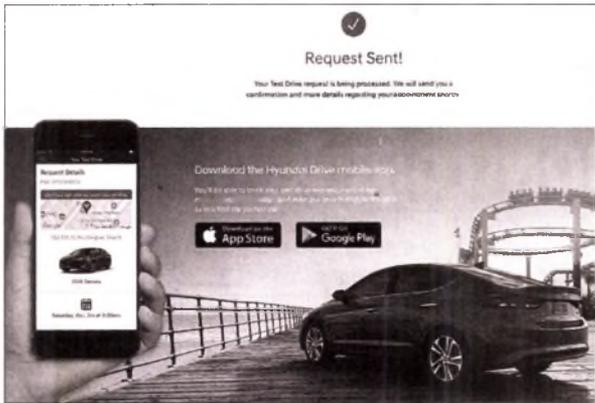
Hyundai dealers are bringing something new to the game: a program called Shopper Assurance that aims to make the buying experience better. It launches in Miami, Orlando, Dallas and Houston and will roll out to all U.S. Hyundai dealers in early 2018.

Of course, the car-buying experience is infamously frustrating to American consumers and especially to millennials, who want to handle as much of the process as possible online. But Hyundai's research found that if the brand could address four pain points, 84 percent of consumers would visit a dealership that offered solutions over one that did not.

"It is the future of car buying, and our commitment to creating a flexible, efficient and better way to purchase a car in partnership with our dealer body," said Dean Evans, CMO of Hyundai Motor America, in a press release.

Specifically, Shopper Assurance offers:

- **Transparent Pricing:** Participating dealers post the fair market pricing on their web sites (MSRP minus



incentives and any dealer-offered discounts) so customers know exactly what the market pricing is for the vehicle, reducing negotiating time and eliminating the frustration of widely advertised incentives not being available on dealer web sites.

- **Flexible Test Drive:** Customers can contact the dealer through a Hyundai platform that allows them to schedule by phone or by app in available markets, for delivery of the test-drive vehicle at a location of their choosing.

- **Streamlined Purchase:** Buyers can complete most paperwork online before visiting the dealership for a vehicle in the dealer's inventory, including applying for financing, obtaining credit approvals, calculating payment estimates and valuing trade-ins.

- **Three-Day Money-Back Guarantee:** Return the car for a full refund as long as it's got less than 300 miles.

Hyundai could use a lift. The brand's sales in the US were down by 15 percent

through September compared with a year earlier, while the overall light-vehicle market was down only less than 2 percent in the same period. Lately Hyundai has struggled mainly with the fact that it's relatively light on SUVs and crossovers compared with sedans, and American consumers have shifted significantly away from the latter.

Hyundai hopes to get about 700 of its 820 dealers to go with the voluntary Shopper Assurance program. Its Genesis luxury brand will get something similar in 2018.

"We did extensive research, some of that internally over the last two years, asking customers what they wanted," Evans told me. "We had good ideas, from being close to customers for years, about test drives. And what were other companies like Amazon and other remote business models like grocery stores doing to bring products to people? There were some studies out there and we said, look at the pain.

"It's a balancing act all the time with retailers and customers. Every store runs a little differently. We're trying to highlight overall improvement categories like time saved without being too prescriptive, and dial in a better experience over time."

"We can't dictate pricing to the dealer body, but we recognize in the marketplace that there is a transaction price that consumers all kind of figure out and go get in the research process through TrueCar and Edmunds and so on. When a customer comes to a Hyundai retailer, especially online, I want that number that they want to sell their car for to be about the same as everyone online says it should be. We want our price to validate that."

"Because of all those variables, and because the dealer network is at various stages of adoption, we're staying at the high level in this year. But some dealers, even tomorrow, could be down to the

penny with the price, a guaranteed trade-in and digital signage online. I want the customer to see only maybe a \$500 difference between my trade and what they see on Kelly Blue Book and CarMax. We're trying to show them transparency, not guaranteeing some online transactional-level sale price."

Do consumers remember Hyundai Assurance, which the brand launched in 2009 to guarantee it would pick up car payments if someone bought a Hyundai and later lost their job?

"What they think of Hyundai today," Evans said, "is that we're definitely a value brand and a rational brand and with these assurances, and they pop up every once in a while. That's why we attach this to 'Assurance': There's some value in that and we love the word. How do we make the customer more at the center of our world? We think this could be the Assurance that's most memorable over time."



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