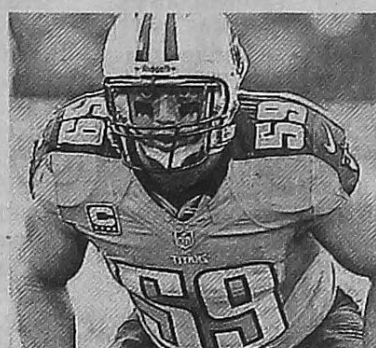


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Fatima Abushawashi gets a view of the eclipse.

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Metro Detroiters captivated by celestial event

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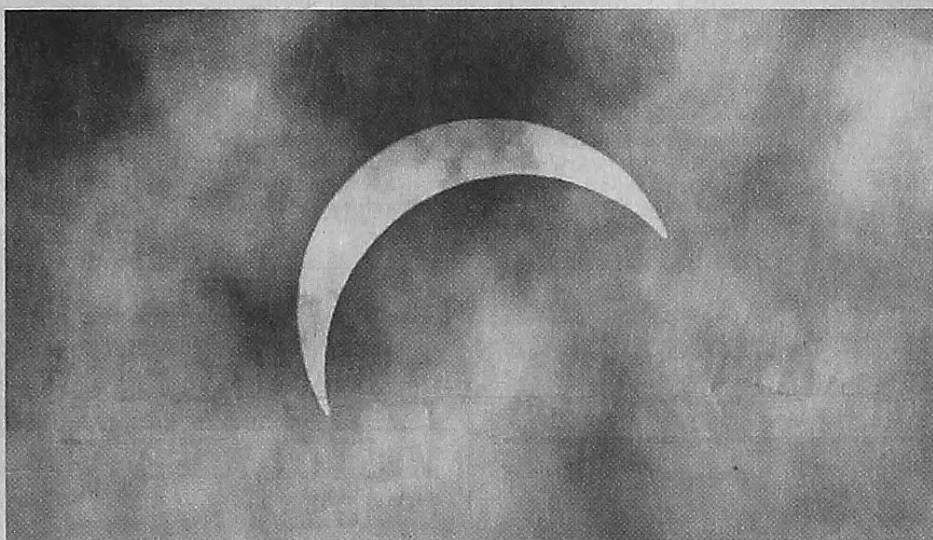
Count Star Rocks as one of the lucky sky watchers during Monday's solar eclipse.

Rocks, who came dressed for the occasion wearing sun and moon earrings, went to the Robert and Janet Bennett Library in Livonia early to try to snag a pair of solar eclipse glasses. She lucked out and got one of the last pairs.

"I figured there would be a line," the Livonia resident said. "I thought they weren't going to start passing them out until noon."

The festivities surrounding the solar eclipse spurred one of the biggest events at the library, said Karen Smith, a children's librarian. Crowds of people waited outside the library, hoping to snag one of the 600 pairs. The line, she said, was out the door and reached all the way to Livonia City Hall before the library opened at 9 a.m.

Millions of one-day astronomers



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At 2:24 p.m., the eclipse has reached close to its maximum, with about 78-percent coverage of the sun.

gathered Monday in hundreds of cities, towns and parks along a 70-mile-wide "path of totality" as the much-ballyhooed Great American Eclipse began its astronomical march across the nation.

With all the talk about the eclipse, Kevin Pollins said he wasn't too surprised at how many people turned out

at the Lyon Township Library to watch the eclipse. A Northfield Township resident, Pollins came with wife Anna and sons Gunnar, 6, and Drake, 9, who attend Salem Elementary School.

The family had made pin-hole viewing devices with boxes and aluminum

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New task force targets road woes

Township forms group to examine priorities for limited funding

Darrell Clem
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Amid complaints about crumbling roads, a Canton task force is taking shape as local leaders move to develop a list of needed repairs and potential options to pay for it.

"They're creating a road map for the roads," Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams said.

The task force is being formed with hopes of reaching a consensus on pressing road needs. It is being led by Jim Kosteva, a former state representative and Canton planner who is director of community relations for the University of Michigan.

The effort comes after Canton residents have long complained about the deteriorating condition of major roads and neighborhood streets. Mostly recently, residents differed on an approved plan by the Canton Township board to spend \$1.2 million to fix a gravel section of Ridge Road, south of Warren, with the county paying \$1.5 million of the cost. Some pointed to other areas in need.

As that debate unfolded, a township board majority asked that a task force be formed to try to prioritize a list of road needs and ways to address it. Williams said a move has begun to assemble a task force representing a cross-section of the community, including all geographical areas.

"It is being assembled as we speak," he said.

Township Trustee Sommer Foster, the township board's representative on the task force, said the goal is to work together to try to find a way to fix Canton's deteriorating roads. She said the Ridge Road project showed "there isn't a consensus" for what should be done or where money should be spent, but the task force hopes to address those issues.

"I think putting the task force together leads us in that direction to come up with some kind of consensus

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Canton theater group to produce comedy

Better Than Ever Productions is proud to announce its next production, "Women Are From Venus, Men Are From Uranus," a comedy by Judith Sapperstein and Gary Murway, to be performed at the Canton Village Theatre in Canton.

Jeanne Pruett, president of the group, who is also assistant directing, said, "The Canton Village Theatre is like home for the members of our group. We've been working hard for three years to be able to perform there again. The staff at the theater has been wonderful to work with and we are grateful for all their help and support.

We feel certain that audiences are going to love this production."

The play takes place in the laboratory at the Genome Observation Department (a.k.a. G.O.D.), where two lab technicians who are in charge of creating the creatures for Earth, make a mistake and their current formula splits in two and the first man and first woman are created.

Along with them, we watch "the specimens" in their petri dish as we observe the hilarious encounters between Man and Woman as they first meet, get to know and eventually fall in love and start the process of populating

the earth.

The cast includes Hassae Maria (Birmingham), Neel Vaidya (Belleville), Brian Trippel (Romulus) and Pat McKane (Canton).

Performances will be at 7 p.m. Sept. 7-9 and 2 p.m. Sept. 10 at Canton Village Theatre, 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

Tickets are available at cantonvillagetheatre.org or by calling 734-394-5400.

For more information, contact Pruett at 734-306-7883 or email betterthaneverprod@gmail.com.



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— and then the township board can act accordingly,” Foster said.

To kick off the effort, Williams said a special township board session is set for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29, involving the state of Michigan, Wayne County, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments and Canton

officials.

“It’s a powerhouse of talent,” Williams said, one that will give an overview of road and funding issues. “It will be a 50,000-foot view of all things roads.”

One local official, Trustee Steven Sneideman, said during talks about the Ridge Road project that he believes higher taxes are likely needed to tackle road woes.

“There is no way to fix

all our road problems without all of us, each of us, paying more than we do today,” he said, adding later, “To be honest, folks, I think we need our taxes to go up.”

Whether that will be the consensus of the roads task force is yet to be seen.

Canton’s task force is expected to attend the Aug. 29 session and begin meeting in earnest in coming weeks to begin its job. Williams said it’s likely the panel will explore issues such as Ford Road — long criticized



A Canton task force will identify road needs and seek solutions to pay for repairs.

for traffic problems — major thoroughfares in Canton and neighborhood streets.

Williams said he is hopeful the task force can issue its findings by next spring.

For more information or to indicate an interest in the task force, contact Williams at patrick.williams@canton-mi.org or Foster at sommer.foster@canton-mi.org.

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P-CEP marching band unveils new show for 2017 season

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park marching band, defending state champion, opened its season Aug. 18 with a community performance at the P-CEP varsity football field. The student-musicians have been putting in eight-

hour days all summer to perfect their new show. The effort has yielded positive results. This year’s performance is titled “arOund.” Its musical score includes “You Spin me Round” by Burns, Coy, Lever and Percy, “Stormworks” by



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Steven Melillo, “Symphony No. 1” by Gustav Mahler, “Concerto for Violin and Orchestra” by Philip Glass and “2nd Military Suite” by Holst. Like many past performances, the show is shaping up to be a complex visual masterpiece that is sure to inspire.

“The show is influenced by theater-in-the-round,” said G. Jonathan Thomann, director of bands at P-CEP. “Our take on this concept is to explore musical and visual textures in musical rounds and movement that goes round. Simple nuances include the color guard wearing large hoop earrings. There will be multiple round stages used throughout the show. The marching band will also be altering the uniform

to match the concept, in addition to many other small little surprises.”

P-CEP has won the Flight 1 state championship the past three years. Over the past 35 years, the marching band has won the state championship an unbelievable 26 times. It has also won the Bands of America Grand National Championship three times. To consistently perform at that level is a testament to the dedication of the performers, staff and volunteers. From the looks of the new show, they don’t plan to slow down now. The marching band’s first competitive test will come Sept. 23, when it competes in Toledo at the Bands of American regional competition.



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Section 1 Modify Section 78-21

Section 78-21. - Definitions.

Floor area ratio (FAR) means the ratio of the floor area of a building to its lot area. For example: when a floor area ratio of 0.4 is specified, the floor area of the building constructed on a lot of 6,000 square feet in area is limited to a maximum of 2,400 square feet (or 6,000 x 0.4 or 2,400). The purpose of this ratio is to control the bulk of buildings based on the size of the lot. FAR for residential buildings is calculated using “residential floor area,” as defined in this ordinance.

Floor area, residential, means the sum of the horizontal areas of each story of the building measured from the exterior faces of the exterior walls or from the centerline of walls separating two dwellings. The floor area measurement shall include any habitable space, bathrooms, toilet rooms, closets, halls, storage or utility spaces and similar areas, and attached garage.

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THE ULTIMATE SHOUT-OUT

Roof, emotions certain to be raised as Shaw Stadium unveiled

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Imagine being a National Football League player, suddenly cut from the roster on the eve of a season.

Now imagine that player — in this case Livonia Clarenceville football legend Tim Shaw — finding the time to help out a high school team during practices.

Clarenceville football coach Ryan Irish still can't quite believe that actually happened but, then again, Shaw is one of a kind.

"He said, 'Hey coach, what can I do for you?'" Irish said. "I said, 'I need this, this, this and this.' Tim was the best coach I ever had for about five days.

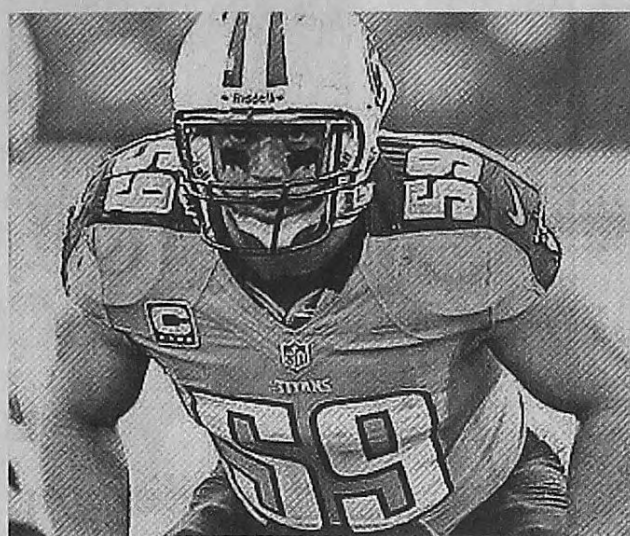
"Before he got picked up (by another NFL team), he was here every day, early, setting up. Here's a guy that's playing in the NFL and then showing up for high school football practice because he wants to give back.

"He wasn't feeling sorry about himself. ... I didn't really know Tim all that much until he came out for those five days and the interaction we had, the talks we had, his experience and the things he said to our kids. I'm, like, 'God, this kid's not a real person.'"

Palpable love

And now, Clarenceville gets a chance to give back to Shaw. Fans will undoubtedly come out in droves Saturday night as the Trojans' football home is renamed David B. McDowell Field at Shaw Stadium.

The ceremony will take place at halftime of Clarenceville's season opener against Lutheran North, which starts at 7



TENNESSEE TITANS
After starring at Livonia Clarenceville and Penn State, Tim Shaw enjoyed NFL success with the Tennessee Titans.



FILE PHOTO
Tim Shaw continues to give back to his alma mater, Clarenceville High School, whether giving a motivational speech (above), donating equipment or giving free football camps to youngsters every summer.

p.m. Shaw, a hard-hitting linebacker who went on to stardom at Penn State before playing six years in the NFL, will be back on his old field for the highly anticipated event.

Shaw — struck down in 2014 by amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (a.k.a. Lou Gehrig's disease) — continues to have a love affair with his alma mater and the feeling is mutual. He was a key player on Clarenceville's 2001 team, which reached the state championship game at Ford Field.

"That's why Saturday is such a special day," Irish said. "Tim has always been about Clar-

GRAD TIM SMITH

"Clarenceville will shine like a beacon with the name of an NFL player on its stadium." See column, B1.

enceville and the people there. It's never been about Tim."

True to form, Shaw requested that the game be rescheduled from Friday to Saturday night, to accommodate brothers Peter and Andrew Shaw.

"Again, Tim being Tim, it was because that's when his brothers could get in to be there," Irish said. "Lutheran North is being very gracious on being able to move that game to Saturday for us and it's going to be a great event.

"My thing, with ALS, it's a disease no one can control. And Tim is still Tim. He's not the guy we remember, but his mind is still there. He's funny as anybody. We're really truly doing it for Tim and, hopefully, it's going to be a great night for everybody."

Raw emotion

For sure, the evening will be packed with the kind of emotion displayed by Kristine Baer before a practice last week.

Baer, busy carrying

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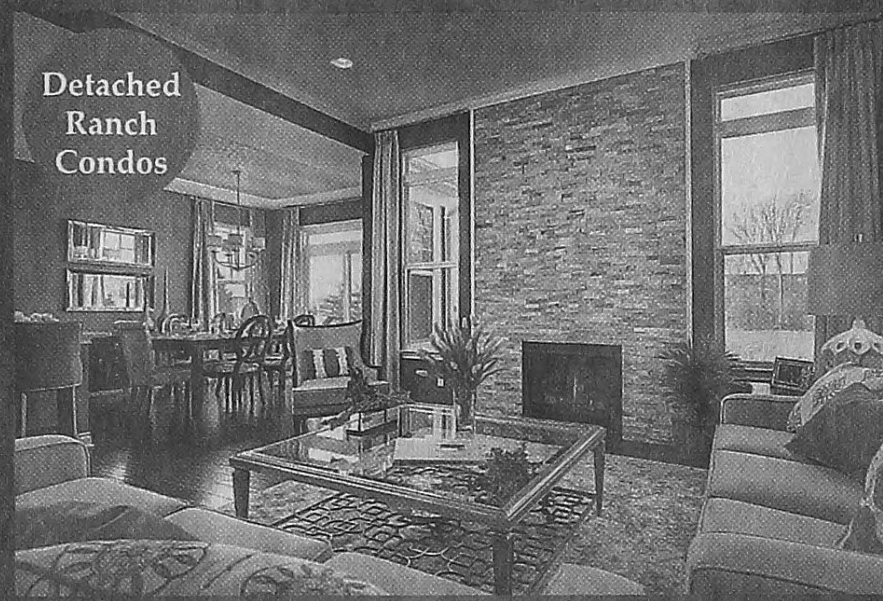
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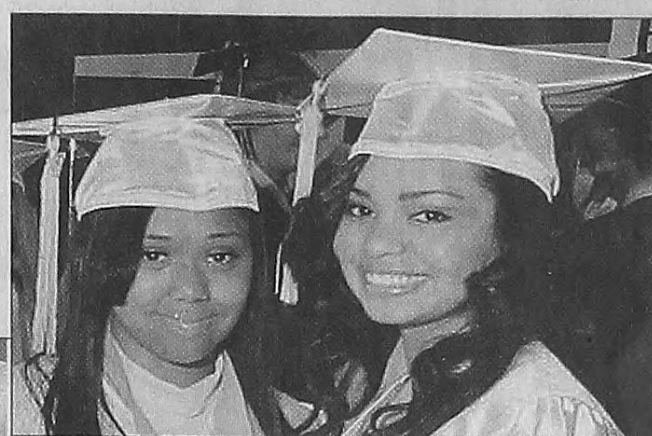


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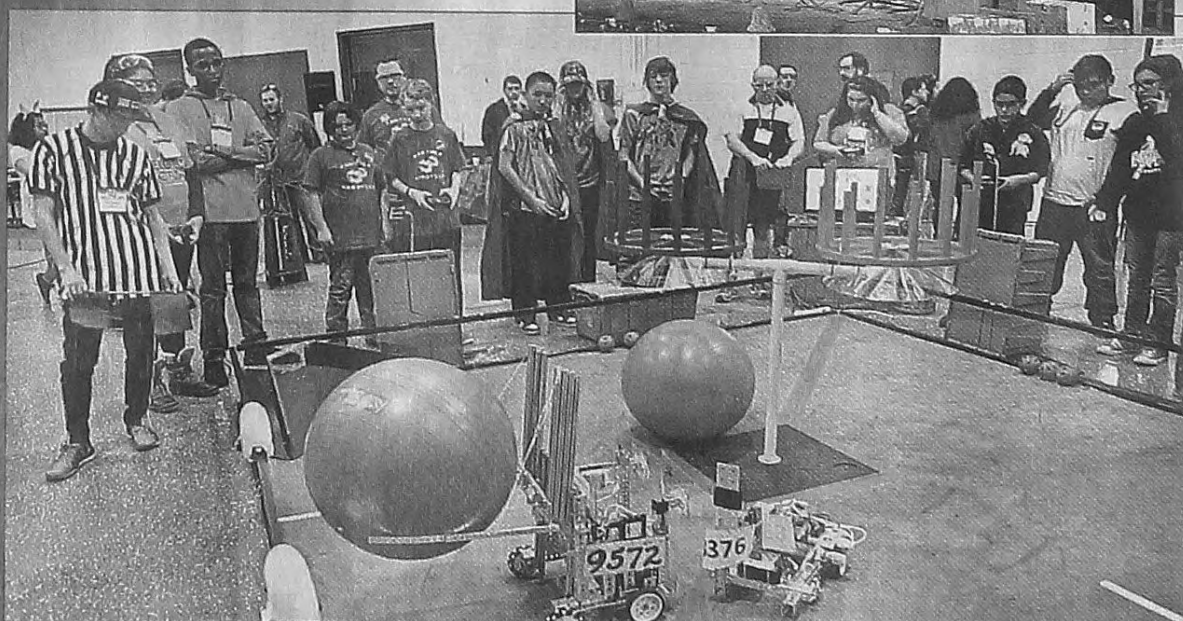
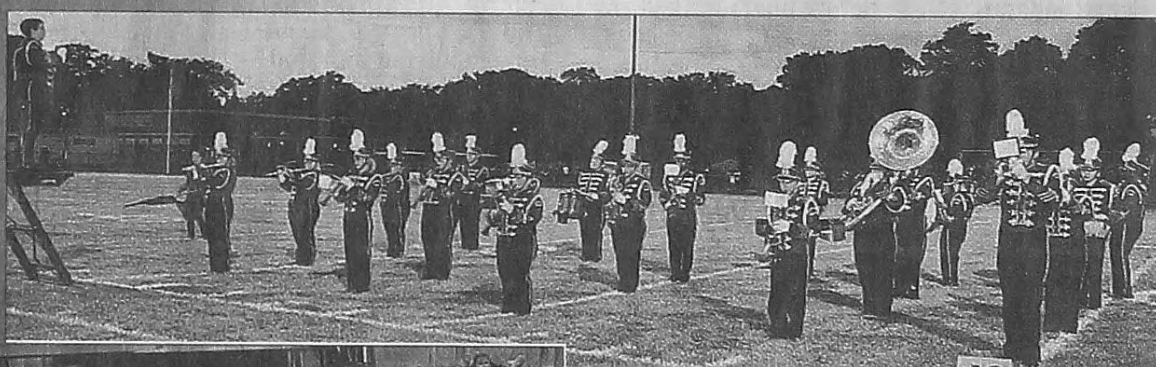
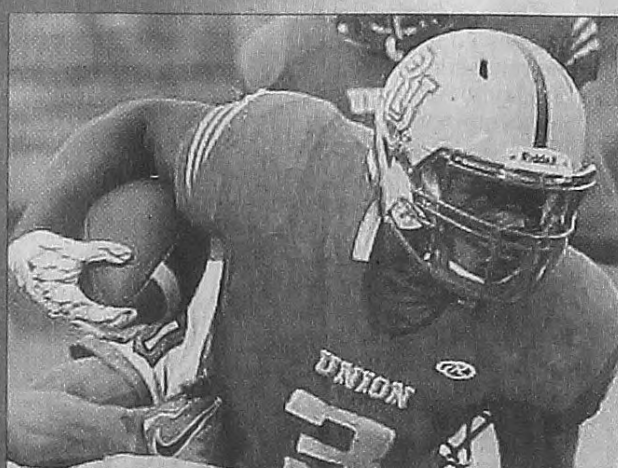
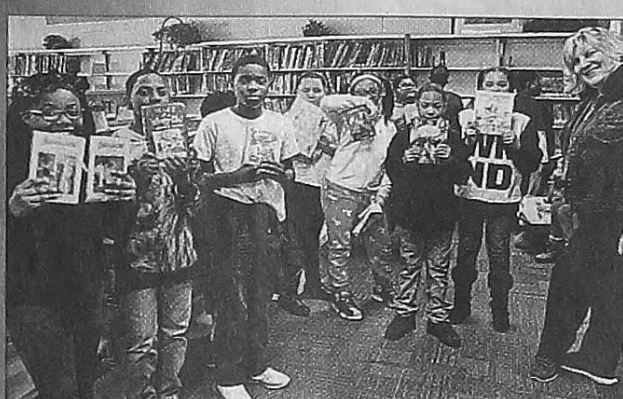
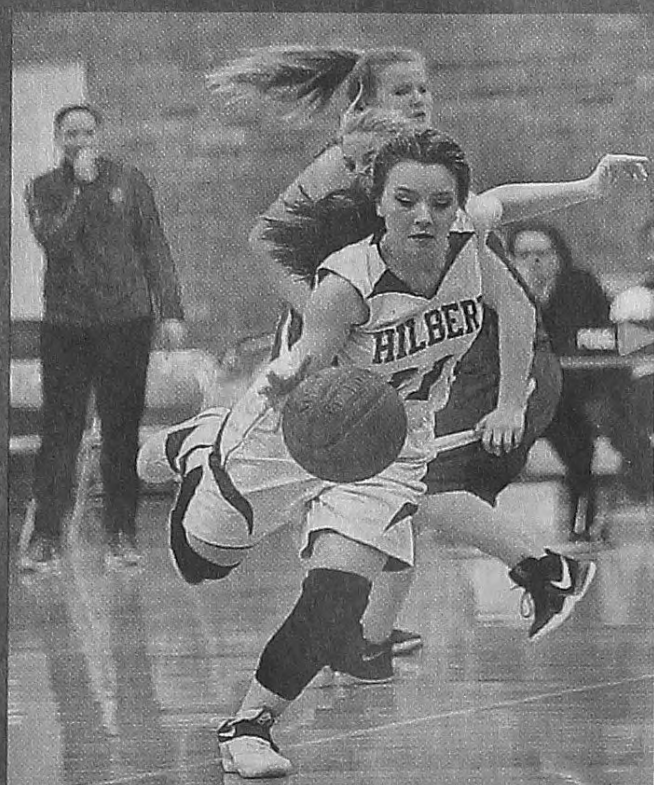
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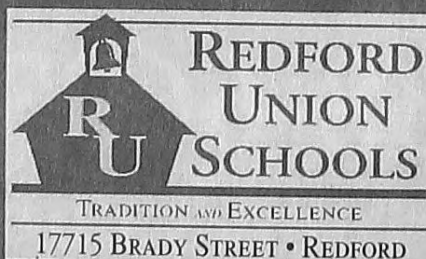
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foil, although some had shared a pair of the eclipse glasses with them for a better viewing. Gunnar and Drake agreed they were excited to see it dark during the daytime, which didn't really happen. They were skeptical of their father's story about the eclipse.

"There's an old Chinese story that a dragon is swallowing the sun during an eclipse. They make a lot of noise and the sun always returns," Kevin Pollins said.

There were "aahs" and some groans as the eclipse came in and out of view due clouds. With 80-percent coverage locally, there was no darkness or stars, although the library parking lot lights came on during the eclipse. Three cranes seemed undisturbed by the eclipse as they strolled across the library lawn heading for a nearby lake.

At the Lyon Township Library, 160 people signed up for the eclipse program that provided safe viewing glasses and offered several crafts. Another 100 people were registered on the waiting list.

"It's a huge number for us. I think the media made it sound like it was a once-in-a-lifetime event. People were excited to see something out of the ordinary," Lyon Township Youth Services Librarian Jocelyn Levin said. "I really didn't expect anything like this when I started planning it. I was going to do a storytime, but you can't do that with 200 people."

At the Canton Public Library, Jaidyn Pickell and his grandmother, Shari Pickell, were among hundreds of people who watched the

eclipse. The library gave out 1,000 pairs of special glasses Monday and during earlier summer library programs, said Laurie Golden, community relations department head.

"It's awesome. It looks like half of the moon and half of the sun," Jaidyn said.

"It's beautiful," his grandmother said. "I really wanted Jaidyn to have this experience."

The total solar eclipse — the moon completely obscuring the sun — started along Oregon's west coast shortly after 10 a.m. PDT, darkening the skies of Salem for just a few minutes in the middle of a sunny day. The eclipse was expected to wrap up along coastal South Carolina before 3 p.m. EDT.

Livonia resident Ken Eskovitz remembers the last total solar eclipse he saw. He drove down to South Carolina to witness it back in 1979. Monday, he brought out some binoculars and a telescope with filters on it to view the rare event.

He said he didn't plan on coming out to the library parking lot originally, but said it was great to see so many people take in the sights — safely, of course.

"It's nice to see the kids getting involved," he said.

Amidst a traffic jam, hundreds made their way to the Canton library and lined up hours before the eclipse started, waiting to get a pair of glasses. Elliott Peshkess, 9, had gotten his glasses earlier.

"It is amazing," he said, looking skyward as he stood next to his father, Adi Peshkess. "This is my very first eclipse and I won't get to see this again for, like, 40 more years."

Friends Maddie Jones and Cindy Chen, both 18, celebrated the eclipse



Erin Varilone helps her daughter Iris, 3, with her safety glasses as the two take a look at the solar eclipse Monday at the Lyon Township Library.



Ian Flemming takes a close look at the eclipse. The viewer, built by Hometownlife.com photographer Bill Bresler, provides a good view of the solar event.

together before heading off to college in separate ways — Jones to the University of Michigan and Chen to Michigan State.

"It's a once-in-a-life-

time thing and we wanted to do this together before leaving for college," said Jones, a Salem High School graduate.

Chen said she has been hearing about the



Seven-year-old Ower Porter got the last pair of 1,000 eclipse glasses available through Livonia's libraries. Owen and sister Allie Porter, 4, are from Canton. They came to the library with their grandparents, Pala Liske and Tom Liske of Livonia.



Nancy Langeneckert uses a pinhole to project an image of the eclipse on the paper at her feet.

eclipse for a couple of years.

"Now it's here and we can finally check it out," she said.

Patrons also packed a library room where the eclipse was shown live on a big screen.

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SHAW

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red Trojans uniform shirts from her SUV into the Clarenceville locker room before practice began, choked back tears while talking about the man and the event.

"I'm going to cry now, because I was here when Tim was here," Baer said. "It just means that Clarenceville appreciates its people sometimes and Tim Shaw is an awesome person."

She helped Irish when he coached the Trojans from 2005-09 and — with Irish back in the fold this season — she was brought back as a "football coordinator" this year.

Her family will be among those cheering and probably crying during the ceremony. On hand will be Jamie (Baer) Liss and her husband Michael Liss. Both are Clarenceville alums and Michael played football with Shaw, Baer said.

"She's like me," Michael Baer said about Jamie. "She went to school with Tim and it's hard to see someone so vibrant then get knocked down. It's hard to see."

According to Baer, Clarenceville people generally are hard-working and unpretentious. Nobody epitomizes that better than Shaw.

To that end, he did not want the football field named in his honor. He made sure the Shaw family will be in the spotlight.

"His brother was here, Peter, he was a teacher," she said. "He was awe-



Kristine Baer, a volunteer for Clarenceville's varsity football team, hangs player jerseys in the locker room before a recent practice.

some. Andrew Shaw, his other brother, was here, he was a good football player. His mom and dad (Sharon and John) volunteered all the time. They were big in the concessions stands.

"I think Tim is ... humbled. I don't think he really wanted it, but he accepted it."

Inspirational

Others with Clarenceville connections are glad he did.

"It's big. He's the biggest athlete to come out of Clarenceville, so it's good that we're doing

something for him," said Danny Blacker, a 2011 grad who played varsity baseball. "It's unfortunate what happened to him, but it's good that he is persevering and staying strong for everybody and trying to do as much as he can and (having) a positive impact on as many as he can."

"I know he has the (annual Tim Shaw) summer camps and stuff and a lot of people go to those. A lot of kids don't know who he is, but when a guy goes to the NFL, it's something big that people want to follow,

ALUMS TOAST SHAW

Mike Forest (1999 grad): "I graduated with his brother, Steve. The whole family is an amazing unit. Tim was a year or two behind me. I remember a few of his TDs but his passion, humility and courage continue to inspire. Next time I'm in town I look forward to seeing a game there no matter what it's called."

John Burhop (1974): "If not for Tim and the overflowing crowds that came to watch him and the rest of the team, the stadium would not have been built. I saw almost every game he played both home and away (my daughter was a cheerleader). He was the heart and soul of that team, great kid."

Ron G. Hall (1972): "I gradu-

ated in '72 so it does not mean too much. However he did something no one else at C'ville has ever done. I say, let's do this!"

Chris Munro Mears (1968): "He sure deserves this. ... He made it the farthest in football than any other player and he is a good guy and well loved."

Cheryl Maki Vita (1969): "Many like myself have tons of memories tied to the stadium. But I never really focused on the name. When I think of the stadium I see the team playing, the fantastic marching band performing. And all the diehard fans

cheering no matter if we won or loss. ... I wish I could have seen Tim Shaw play. It must have been an exciting time at Clarenceville."

Ron Ylitalo (1967): "Tim Shaw did what no other member of the Trojans has ever done. He put Clarenceville on the map during his high school years and continued leaving a mark well into his football career at Penn State and into his pro career. ... He continues to make a difference even today despite his battle with ALS by being an advocate in finding a cure for that debilitating disease."

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Rebecca L. (Becki) of Saline, Michigan, a longtime resident of Livonia, passed away on August 17, 2017. She was born August 17, 1957 in Ypsilanti, Michigan; son of Glenn B. and Ida E. (nee Leppanen) Cramton. He graduated from Cody High School in Detroit and continued his education at Ferris State University. Ronald was united in marriage to Julie Ann Burhans on April 18, 1980; they spent 37 loving years dedicated to each other as husband and wife. Ron was a Vietnam War time veteran, a helicopter repairman, and a die-cutter at a paper factory for over 40 years. He was all of these things and more, but none of these things explain him. They're words people use to put people in categories, they are not the essence of his person. The best that can be shown of the essences of his life are but a few fragments that we have room for in this article. Ron never missed his son's plays, soccer games, or haunted houses. Not once, not ever. Ron had never once been sick for more than 30 years of his life. If he had the sniffles, he declared it his sinuses and kept moving. Ron, in his late sixties with a noticeable limp, saw a man as he was driving home from work who appeared to be lost and have dementia. He helped carry the man to his car and drove him around for hours until they found the correct house. He hurt himself carrying the man, but still did not miss a day of work. Ron worked at the same place with the same exact job for 43 years, without expecting one promotion, because he liked the people he worked with and the work made him happy. Ron convinced his union to threaten to go on strike if the healthcare company did not pay for the best possible surgeries for his son with a cleft palate. Ron wore funny shirts and told jokes to strangers every single day of his life. Ron was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. The doctors warned his family that he might forget them. In the more than three years he had the disease, his body forgot everything including how to swallow food. But he never forgot his family. Not once, not ever. When he was beyond speaking, beyond moving his eyes to look, when his son said, "I love you, Dad," he said, "I love you too, Scott." Ron Cramton was his son's hero and he and many others will miss him. His story is not of the crafty go-getter or the plucky upstart. He was not the underdog who rose up at the end. His life is the story of willpower. It's about being the comic relief. It's about what it takes to know how hard life can be and to help keep others going, even if that means just being a tool to help them get a little bit further and be a little happier. He is survived by his beloved wife, Julie A. Cramton, and his son, Scott. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Lloyd Cramton. A time of gathering will be held Sunday, August 27, 2017, from noon until 3:00 p.m., with a memorial service at 3:00 p.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. Pastor Christopher Fairbairn from St. Paul Lutheran Church will officiate the service. Ron will be laid to rest at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, share Ron's favorite joke. "What are four animals every woman loves? A mink in the closet A jaguar in the garage A tiger in bed And a jackass to pay for it all!"

Cramton



Ronald G. age 73, of Detroit, Michigan, a longtime resident of Livonia, passed away on August 8, 2017. He was born October 10, 1943, in Pontiac, Michigan; son of Glenn B. and Ida E. (nee Leppanen) Cramton. He graduated from Cody High School in Detroit and continued his education at Ferris State University. Ronald was united in marriage to Julie Ann Burhans on April 18, 1980; they spent 37 loving years dedicated to each other as husband and wife. Ron was a Vietnam War time veteran, a helicopter repairman, and a die-cutter at a paper factory for over 40 years. He was all of these things and more, but none of these things explain him. They're words people use to put people in categories, they are not the essence of his person. The best that can be shown of the essences of his life are but a few fragments that we have room for in this article. Ron never missed his son's plays, soccer games, or haunted houses. Not once, not ever. Ron had never once been sick for more than 30 years of his life. If he had the sniffles, he declared it his sinuses and kept moving. Ron, in his late sixties with a noticeable limp, saw a man as he was driving home from work who appeared to be lost and have dementia. He helped carry the man to his car and drove him around for hours until they found the correct house. He hurt himself carrying the man, but still did not miss a day of work. Ron worked at the same place with the same exact job for 43 years, without expecting one promotion, because he liked the people he worked with and the work made him happy. Ron convinced his union to threaten to go on strike if the healthcare company did not pay for the best possible surgeries for his son with a cleft palate. Ron wore funny shirts and told jokes to strangers every single day of his life. Ron was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. The doctors warned his family that he might forget them. In the more than three years he had the disease, his body forgot everything including how to swallow food. But he never forgot his family. Not once, not ever. When he was beyond speaking, beyond moving his eyes to look, when his son said, "I love you, Dad," he said, "I love you too, Scott." Ron Cramton was his son's hero and he and many others will miss him. His story is not of the crafty go-getter or the plucky upstart. He was not the underdog who rose up at the end. His life is the story of willpower. It's about being the comic relief. It's about what it takes to know how hard life can be and to help keep others going, even if that means just being a tool to help them get a little bit further and be a little happier. He is survived by his beloved wife, Julie A. Cramton, and his son, Scott. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Lloyd Cramton. A time of gathering will be held Sunday, August 27, 2017, from noon until 3:00 p.m., with a memorial service at 3:00 p.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. Pastor Christopher Fairbairn from St. Paul Lutheran Church will officiate the service. Ron will be laid to rest at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, share Ron's favorite joke. "What are four animals every woman loves? A mink in the closet A jaguar in the garage A tiger in bed And a jackass to pay for it all!"

Dettmer

Devon age 54, passed away August 18, 2017. He is preceded in death by his mother, Barbara. Beloved son of Kenneth (Maryann). Cherished brother of Jeanne Klynsmas (Tom). Loving father of Damon. It was Devons wishes to be cremated and there will be no services at this time. Arrangements entrusted to Neely-Turowski Funeral Home. www.TurowskiFuneralHome.com

Ribar

Robert Burns born July 24, 1940, passed away quietly on July 21, 2017, 77 years old. Preceded in death by parents, Anna Belle Withey and Stephen Ribar and sister, Diane Thomas. He'll be missed by brothers, Orin (Patt), Stephen (Pat) and sister Angie (Larry). He loved his family. He was a long time resident of the Whitmore Lake area and greatly loved the Detroit Tigers!



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Camp A.B.L.E. receives \$500 donation from Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth

Camp A.B.L.E., a state-licensed summer camp operated by Canton Leisure Services that is specifically designed for children ages 8-14 with disabilities, recently received a \$500 donation from the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth.

This donation was utilized to offset Camp A.B.L.E. expenses for daily operations and training of staff, as well as for the purchase of recreation supplies. Donations such as the one from the Kiwanis Club allow camp staff to continue to provide an exemplary day at camp for our participants at a low cost.

"We are so appreciative of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth's donation which was put to good use this summer at Camp A.B.L.E.," said Jennifer Girard, recreation specialist. "Providing a traditional summer camp experience with adaptations that keep activities fun and inclusive allows us to ensure that children who have special needs thrive while creating special summertime memories."

Camp A.B.L.E., which stands for Achieve, Believe, Learn and Experience, is one of several activities and services offered by Canton Township's Therapeutic Recreation program. Therapeutic Recreation offers year-round program opportunities, socialization and support for individuals with disabilities of all ages residing in western Wayne County. Staff members work with participants on social and recreational skill development, leisure education, appropriate behavior and recreation participation in inclusive environments.

For more than 17 summers, this therapeutic recreation camp has been extremely successful and has set the precedent for Therapeutic Recreation camps to be modeled after through-



Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth member **Dr. Richard Schubatis** (from left), Camp A.B.L.E. coordinator **Adam Payter**, Kiwanis Club member **George Lytle** and Canton Therapeutic Recreation Administration **Cheryl Stec** pose for a photo after the donation presentation.

out western Wayne County. Participants take part in a variety of activities throughout the day, interacting with their peers, enhancing social skills, gross and fine motor skills and gaining independence. Camp A.B.L.E. runs Monday through Friday and consists of three field trips per

week, with two days of specially planned activities at the camp site and swimming at the Summit Aquatics Center.

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth was established in 1967 and has a diverse membership from many different business and professional backgrounds. Each

member has and continues to show their volunteer spirit of service with their time, knowledge and resources to make the Plymouth-Canton community and even better place to work and live. Service is at the heart of every Kiwanis International Club, no matter where in the world it's located. Kiwanis members stage nearly 150,000 service projects, devote more than 6 million hours of service and raise nearly \$100 million every year for communities, families and projects. For additional information about the Colonial Plymouth Kiwanis Club, go to colonialplymouth.org.

For more information about Camp A.B.L.E. and additional Canton Therapeutic Recreation programs, events and activities, go to www.cantonfun.org or call 734-394-5460.

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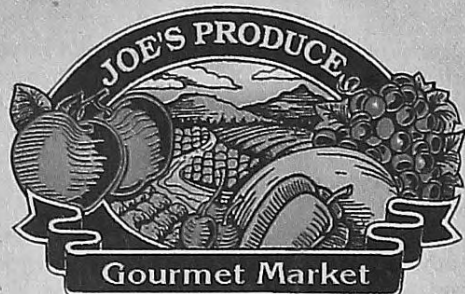
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All interested persons are invited to attend.

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Trojan Nation on rise again thanks to Shaw

There have been a lot of names to proudly wear the red and gray at Clarenceville High School.

A few come to mind for this 1974 Clarenceville graduate, who dabbled in baseball and football way back when — but could only dream to excel on the field the way guys named Luka, Laird and Saarela did. In more recent times, the names have included Gainer and Hall, among many others.

But truly, only one name really matters in Trojan Nation and rightfully so. It belongs to Tim Shaw.

This Saturday night also will belong to Shaw, a 2002 graduate and former National Football League player who is suffering from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. At halftime of Clarenceville's season opener against Lutheran North, the site of so many wonderful football games in the late 1990s and early 2000s will be christened David B. McDowell Field at Shaw Stadium.

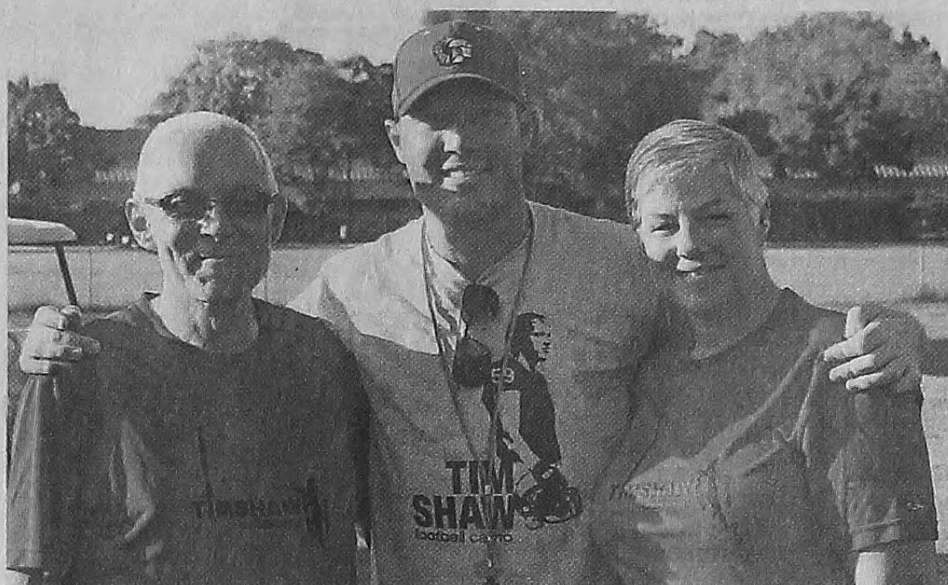
When the 33-year-old Shaw comes

Tim
SmithSTAFF
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Observer sports editor Tim Smith is a 1974 graduate of Livonia Clarenceville.

out onto the field for the ceremony, with parents Sharon and John Shaw and brothers Peter and Andrew, the noise will be so loud it will be heard several miles away in places like Northville and Plymouth.

Thanks to the humble athlete who made sure his first name was not part of the stadium moniker, Clarenceville will briefly get back on the sports map the way it was during Shaw's high school career — which culminated with



FILE PHOTO

Clarenceville and Tim Shaw have always had a special two-way relationship. Shaw is shown in this 2016 photo along with parents John and Sharon.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Local player models her game on big runway

Fisette signs three-year deal with top three agency Elite Model Management

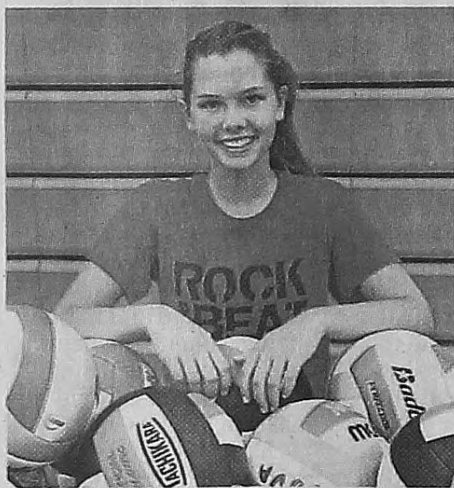
Brad Emons
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Whether she's strutting down the runway or setting for one of the top high school volleyball teams in the state, Gabriella Fisette's career has already taken off.

The 15-year-old junior from Northville High School, who sat out last year after transferring from South Lyon, is building her portfolio both as an athlete for the Mustangs and model for one of the three biggest agencies in the world, Elite Model Management.

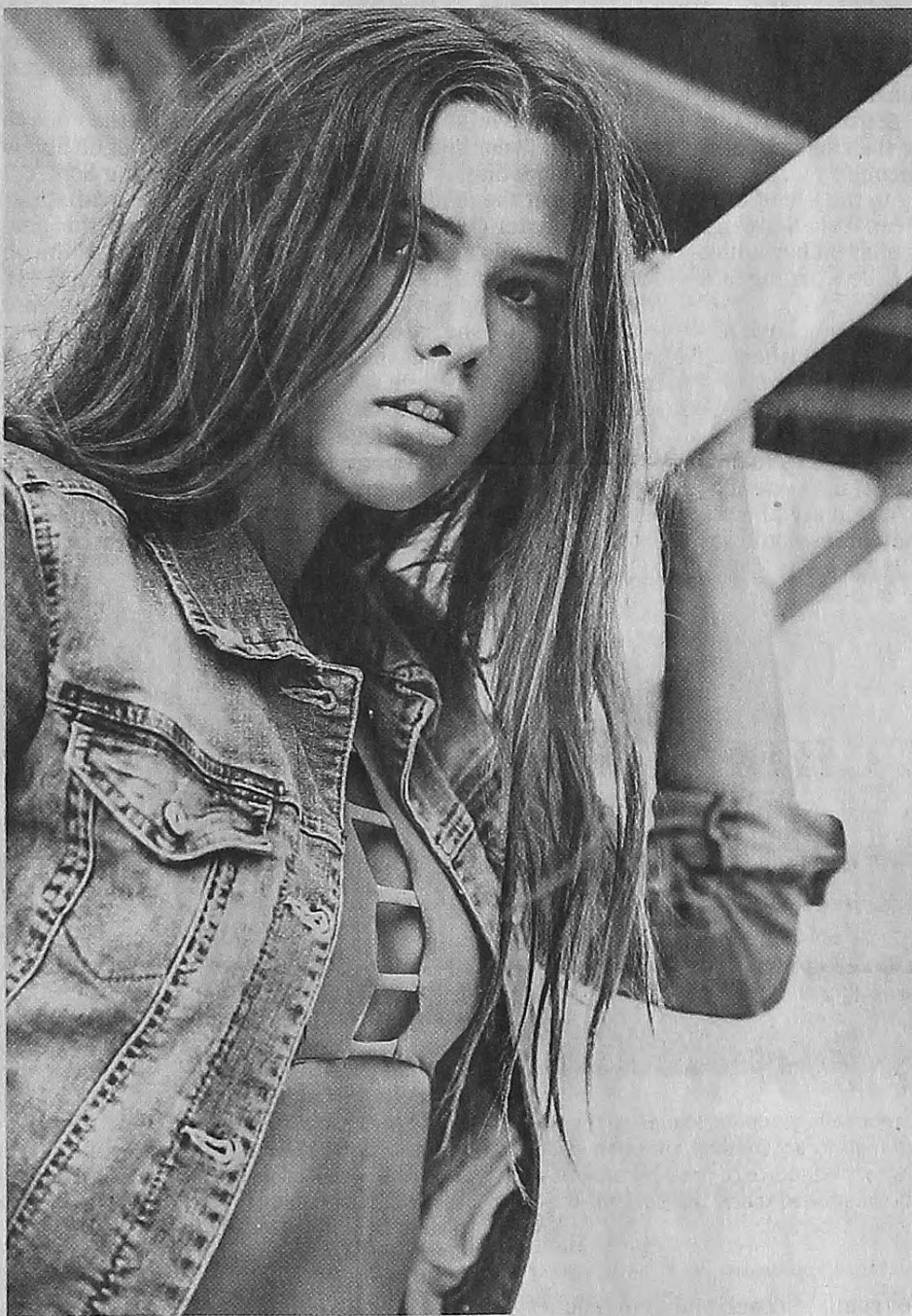
The 5-foot-9 Fisette recently did a photo shoot in Miami and also spent time in New York, where she recently signed a three-year contract with Elite, which discovered many notable models, including Cindy Crawford and

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BRAD EMONS

Northville's Gabriella Fisette, a junior setter, sat out last season after transferring from South Lyon.



LAWRENCE P. GIVENS

Northville volleyball player Gabriella Fisette is listed as a development division model after signing with Elite Model Management.

AAU TRACK

Pallett powers to a pair of junior national crowns

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Valadian Pallett attended the recent AAU Junior Olympics at Eastern Michigan University simply wanting to do her best. The young Farmington resident left as a double national champion.

Pallett, competing in the 14-year-old division, won the discus with a personal-record throw of 125 feet, 8 inches and took the shot put with a toss of 47 feet, 10.5 inches. There were more than 60 participants in each event.

The winning shot put effort was the second best in the nation in her age group, trailing only her personal-record toss of 50 feet, 3.5 inches posted at the USATF Region 5 meet in Ohio earlier this year.

Pallett, who has been throwing for eight years, has one previous AAU



TOBIAS PALLETT

Valadian Pallett recently won a pair of national Junior Olympic championships, including the discus, as she set a PR of 125-8.

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Digital sports plan has you covered

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We are looking to have some serious fun covering high school games starting Thursday evening, while meeting the demands of our changing readership. And we invite you to come along for the ride.

The evolution started slowly, but the migration of audiences and advertisers to digital platforms has been nothing short of breathtaking. Increasingly, customers access Observer & Eccentric content at www.hometownlife.com or on mobile and tablet devices, and social media platforms such as Facebook and Twitter.

Like any business that evolves to stay relevant, we are going to where our audience is. That evolution will be particularly evident with sports coverage that meets the expectations of digital consumers.

Beginning Thursday night with the opening of the 2017 football season, readers will experience exciting new digital features while still enjoying the insight and great writing of our experienced sports writers. Our coverage will include social media, video and live posts during games. Once you know the score, look for quick takeaways soon after the game. More in-depth pieces will follow. We will also post highlight videos and photo galleries.

Great stories

In addition to our refocused game coverage, we will still include rich sto-

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Novi vs. Groves leads Week 1 coverage

Aug. 24 is the kickoff date for the 2017 high school football season. Look for our coverage at www.hometownlife.com, with updates on Facebook @hometownlifesports and Twitter @htlsports

Our HTLSports Game of the Week coverage will feature live tweets and coverage from veteran sports editor @BradEmons1 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, when Birmingham Groves hosts Novi. Follow the coverage of this game and others throughout the season by using #HTLSports.

Look for other Week 1 live coverage of these games:

Thursday

Bloomfield Hills at Seaholm, 7 p.m., follow Marty Budner @BhmEccentric

Friday

Livonia Franklin at Stevenson: 7 p.m. follow sports editor @TimSmith_Sports

Saturday

Canton vs. Muskegon Mona Shores 1 p.m. "Battle at the Big House," follow @TimSmith_Sports

Staff predictions

Budner: Bloomfield Hills; Stevenson; Canton.

Emons: Bloomfield Hills; Franklin; Canton.

Smith: Seaholm; Stevenson; Canton.

FISETTE

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Gisele Bündchen, not to mention other well-known supermodel clients such as Tyra Banks, Heidi Klum, Naomi Campbell and Iman.

"I couldn't walk in heels," Fisette said. "I never wore make-up and I was always in leggings and sports shirts. So it was really different and it was interesting to get into, because I'd really never done anything like it. But I do like it. Sometimes it hurts my feet, but it's fun."

Fisette's mother Julie, who happens to be her head coach at Northville, is still trying to process it all after accompanying her daughter on her two summer photo shoots.

"It's been slightly overwhelming, I would say," Julie Fisette said. "It's kind of been this journey. I told her we needed to start a journal because we're meeting and we're going to places that we would never, like, figure that we'd ever been at ... different characters, different world. It's a lot of fun. It's brand new. We really don't know where it's headed. A year ago, we weren't doing any of it and then now we're to the point we're starting to learn the lingo and being able to get her involved. It was quite exciting when Elite Model picked her up before they even started talking to her. I had no idea who they were and had to talk to them to find out that they were one of the top three in the world."

Volleyball practice, meanwhile, has already started and the season opening tournament is just around the corner for the Mustangs, who are coming off a 40-6 season.

Although six senior starters were lost to graduation, the cupboard is far from bare as the Mustangs have restocked their lineup with six returning seniors who gained valuable playing time from a year ago.

Among the returnees are setter Rachel Holmes, right side hitters Christina Valentini and Courtney Gozdor, outside hitters Bri Maccoux and Morgan Rodgers and middle block Jessica Hogan.

Junior libero Hannah Grant, who is already committed to Michigan State, is also back, while sophomore middle blocker Clare McNamara and freshman outside hitter Jenna



LAWRENCE P. GIVENS

Northville volleyball player Gabi Fisette has modeled for shoots in Miami and New York, as well as locally.

Boksha will figure prominently as promising newcomers.

This season, Fisette's role will primarily be as a backup. She'll also team up in a 6-2 (two-setter) rotation on occasion with Holmes.

"Her goal this year is to learn as much as she can from Rachel," Julie Fisette said. "And Rachel has already taken on the responsibility being her big 'sis' and getting her ready, so next year she can step into that leading role."

Adjusting to the life of a model has been a challenge, but Fisette relies on her athletic instincts while learning on the fly.

"In volleyball, you have a base," she said. "And when you're in photo shoots, you always have a base. Then you go from base to another position. But you always have to go back to base. I wasn't understanding at first in my photo shoots, but my mom would say,

'Go back to base, go back to base.' So I said, 'OK' and I knew what to do.

"It's really hard, because you can't do specific poses. Everyone has good sides and bad sides, obviously. So you have to know where to move your head and what side is good for you and what positions are good you and what poses are good."

A trip to Twelve Oaks Mall earlier this year sent her on a path to modeling.

"I was at the mall one day with my sister (Mackenzie) and her friends and there is, like, one mother agent - what they call it - people who train you and stuff," she said. "They said, 'Oh, my God, you should model.' I said, 'All right, whatever.' I was at the mall. She looked into it and I just gave it to my mom, looked it up myself and I started taking classes because I didn't even know how to walk in heels."

"There's a bunch of agents. You walk one way and get pictures. You either get signed or you don't get signed. Some people get signed by agents there, then you get your big agent and ... get discovered."

GABRIELLA FISETTE

Fisette then decided to take a leap of faith, but first had to run it by her mother.

"One day, I was in the car with my mom and I said, 'I got to tell you something,'" she said. "And she was so scared. She thought I was going to drop a like bomb on her. I told her, 'I think I want to try it.' She said, 'OK, we're going to try it.'"

Fisette then traveled to New York and auditioned for the International Talent & Modeling Association. It was there she was first discovered.

"It's almost like a competition," she said. "There's a lot of runway. There's a bunch of agents. You walk one way and get pictures. You either get signed or you don't get signed. Some people get signed by agents there, then you get your big agent and it's either way to get discovered."

On the Elite Model website, Fisette is listed as a division development model. In Miami, she did seven photo shoots in five days. She could find herself one day hired for cover print, a magazine or a commercial job for companies like Kohl's, Bon-Ton, Tommy Hilfiger and Coach, Inc., to name a few.

"We did some New York style shoots, which are, like, dark and like very professional," she said. "Miami is more the beach wear, fun, silly stuff. I was in the beach for some and the studio for some."

Fisette, who turns 16 next month, also has done some small modeling assignments around Detroit.

But since the volleyball season has begun and with school starting Sept. 5, she will have limited availability.

"They'll say this person wants you, this is the pay, all the hours," she said. "If I have a volleyball tournament that day and I can't go, I just say no. Or if I want to go, they'll fly me down, then I'll just work and fly back. It's really nice because, obviously, I'm in school."

Elite Model Management is more than willing to work around her schooling, along

with her club and high school volleyball commitments.

"Her agent and her agency that she's with now, they're very adamant that she remains a 15-year-old girl, that she doesn't miss anything," Julie said. "Her agent told us if she becomes an adult and misses her childhood that she'll become an incomplete adult. So we want her to experience as much as she would typically experience, but just work this in as just another extracurricular. She told her, if you have to turn us down on a job or you have to do this because of something else that's going on in your life, that's the way it goes. We still want you and we'll still love you. Don't feel you're letting us down."

Gabi is the youngest of Nick and Julie Fisette's three daughters. Mackenzie plays lacrosse at Siena Heights and Bailey is studying physical therapy at Grand Valley State.

"I don't want to get too excited. I hope I can retire early," Julie said with a chuckle. "It's been fun, really exciting, to travel around with her. New York was wonderful because our whole entire family got to go."

Husband Nick has been on board as well.

"He's been always us. It's all girls, three girls and his wife," Julie said. "He doesn't say a whole lot, he doesn't talk a whole lot. We agree our job is just to keep her grounded."

Meanwhile, the word is starting to leak out about Fisette's burgeoning modeling career after some of her photos were posted this summer on Facebook and Instagram.

"My boyfriend's friends, they know, but not everyone knows yet," she said. "I'm just going to go with the flow, whatever works, works. I'm not going set in stone my whole life on this, because something could happen, you never know. So I'm just going to go with it day by day, just how it all plans out and stuff."

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a trip to the 2001 state championship game at Ford Field.

Is this happening?

Yet, those who called the tiny district home will leave the game pinching themselves, wondering if all the attention was real or not.

Clarenceville people (and I know this from personal experience) have always had something to prove. It's the red-haired stepchild of school districts, with a bit of Redford Township, a slice of Farmington Hills and a chunk of Livonia thrown together.

Former superintendent McDowell, whose name has been attached to the football field for a number of years, had plenty to do with the district somehow surviv-



TIM SMITH

Tim Smith, a 1974 Clarenceville graduate, stands on the field where he once played high school football. Like many alums, being a Trojan is an increasing source of pride because of what the great Tim Shaw accomplished there. The field will be renamed in Shaw's honor Saturday.

ing. Another name from the football history book, Ralph Weddle, was instrumental in keeping sports going strong during some lean years.

It's a shame that Weddle, a longtime football

coach and gym teacher at the high school, died in 2016 at age 87. Weddle would have loved to have seen what's about to happen at the unsung school on Middlebelt, between Seven and Eight Mile



In the decades before Tim Shaw played football at Clarenceville, one of the program's mainstays was longtime coach Ralph Weddle, shown in this picture from the 1974 Clarenceville yearbook.

roads.

Clarenceville now will always shine like a beacon with the name of an NFL player on its stadium.

What's in a name,

anyway? Shaw still wants to do whatever he can to lift up his former high school, to create a buzz for the current and future Trojans. He also doesn't want to hog the spotlight.

That's why it is to be named "Shaw" Stadium, not Tim Shaw Stadium. Trojans varsity football coach Ryan Irish isn't surprised.

"Tim wants it to be called Shaw Stadium because all of his brothers, Pete and Andrew, who made major strides and did so much for the community and the football program," Irish said. "It's never been about Tim."

There only are about 540 students currently attending Clarenceville High School. And Irish takes over the helm of a football team that went 3-6 in 2016.

A tune to remember

Somehow, none of that will matter Saturday night.

It will be Tim Shaw's night and also Clarenceville's night. The bleachers will be overflowing with people who want to show their love and admiration for a man who has never forgotten where he came from.

That seems to be a characteristic of many who remain Trojans at heart, even decades after graduating.

But because of the greatness of Shaw, both as an athlete and human being, folks from near and far again will sing the praises of unsung Clarenceville.

The melody promises to be one that won't soon fade away.

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rytelling that gives insight into the lives of players and coaches both on and off the field. Features like our story on Michigan's top kicker Jake Moody and the life-saving efforts of lacrosse player Ryan Figueroa.

These are the kind of stories that resonate with readers across Hometown Life Land whether a professed sports fanatic or casual observer.

A weekly football Game of the Week will lead our coverage. Those who follow us using our free app will get push notifications of scores



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Members of the Northville football team take a quick break for water during a morning practice session.

and breaking developments. The app is listed in the App Store and Google Play as O&E Media/hometownlife.

We'll also deliver a newsletter to you in-box early Saturday morning

so you can find all of our high school coverage in one simple email.

Follow the local action live at hometownlife.com and through our social media feeds (Twitter: @HTLSports; and Face-

book: @hometownlifesports, @OEHometown where we will feature a live football scoreboard and insightful posts from our reporters and fans. Use the hashtag #HTLSports.

For games we cannot cover in person, we are still asking coaches or team representatives to provide us with key information via email at LIV-sports@hometownlife.com. We need scores, a key play or two and top performances by individual student athletes that will help us choose our athlete of the week nominees. We are bringing back this very popular poll and we're counting on you to weigh in.

Football page in print

Because of earlier print deadlines, there will be no game coverage in the Sunday editions; for teams that submit game information to us, the Thursday print editions will have a page devoted football scores, standings and plenty of photos.

Sports editors Marty Budner (@BhmEccentric), Brad Emons (@BradEmons1), and Tim Smith (@TimSmith_Sports) will still make a point to keep tabs on all our area teams in all sports. But we need your help. With some 30 schools and more than 250 teams in various sports, you are our eyes

and ears at main events. Let us know about the stories within the stories. We want to hear from you.

We are excited about our revamped approach to covering high school sports and hope you join us in building an online community to share and celebrate the stories of our athletes on and off the field. HometownLife.com will be full of fun and exciting sports content. Be sure to join us and share in the mission.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Chargers lining up for a big 2017 season

Team healthy again, ready to roll into KLAAs Gold era

Tim Smith
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Bill DeFillippo won't hesitate to put his offensive line up against any in the new-look Kensington Lakes Activities Association as the 2017 season kicks off Friday at Monroe.

The Chargers finished 5-4 in 2016, but the team also had to deal with numerous injuries to the O-line. With youngsters gaining valuable experience and everybody else seemingly healthy, DeFillippo is optimistic that good things are about to happen.

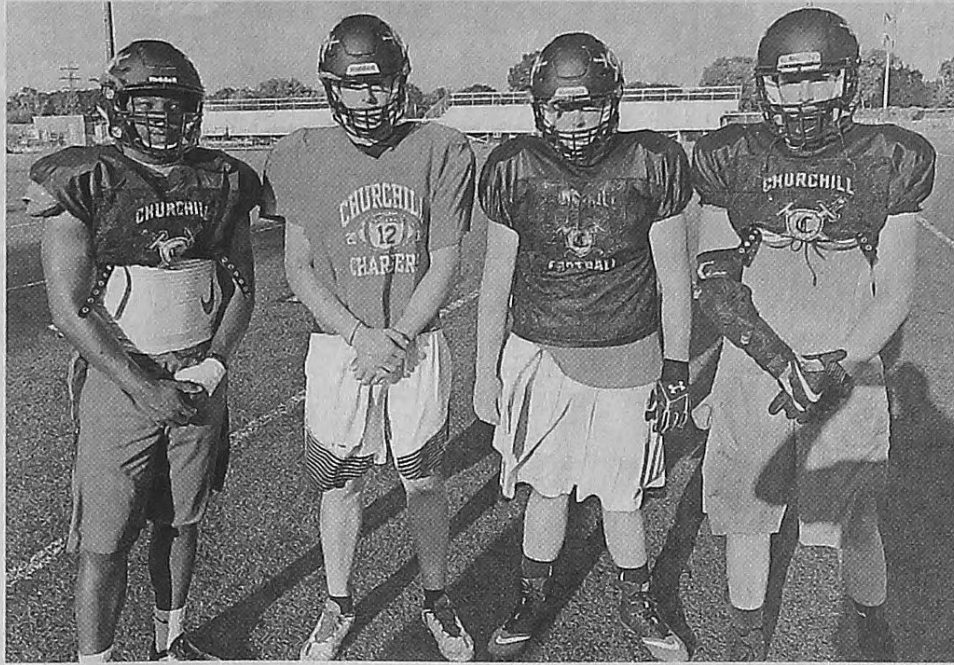
"We were very young up front," said DeFillippo, entering his fifth season at the Churchill helm. "We had a couple of those guys have season-ending injuries. And so we probably started 10 different kids the whole year."

One of the players who is back from injury is 6-1, 208-pound senior Steve Darichuk.

"Last year we had a lot of injuries, a lot of people weren't able to be playing together," said Darichuk, a left tackle who missed the last four games with a broken arm. "We have that this year, so hopefully the chemistry will help us."

Darichuk is one of the co-captains, but so are three other key members of the offense.

One of them happens to be 5-10, 220-pound center Colin McCusker, a player not bitten by the injury bug in 2016. Just like last year, McCusker will be snapping the foot-



Livonia Churchill captains (from left) Mike Parrish, Drew Alsobrooks, Colin McCusker and Steve Darichuk can't wait to open the 2017 high school football season.

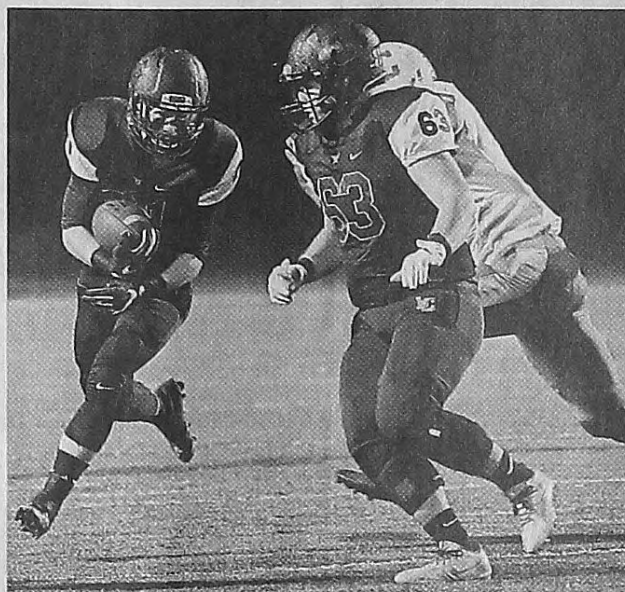
ball to quarterback and co-captain Drew Alsobrooks, a southpaw entering his junior season.

"We know each other well; we have good chemistry," McCusker said about teaming for the second straight year with Alsobrooks.

Darichuk, McCusker, right tackle Ethan Gyurnek (who started seven games last year as a sophomore), returning right guard Joe Neimeister and senior Hunter Templin will hopefully provide plenty of time for Alsobrooks to find a running seam or spot an open receiver.

"I should have lots of time this year to throw the ball," Alsobrooks said. "We should be able to run the ball on teams, pass the ball on teams."

A talented core of running backs will benefit from the cohesive front line. One of them is senior fullback Mike Parrish (also a co-cap-

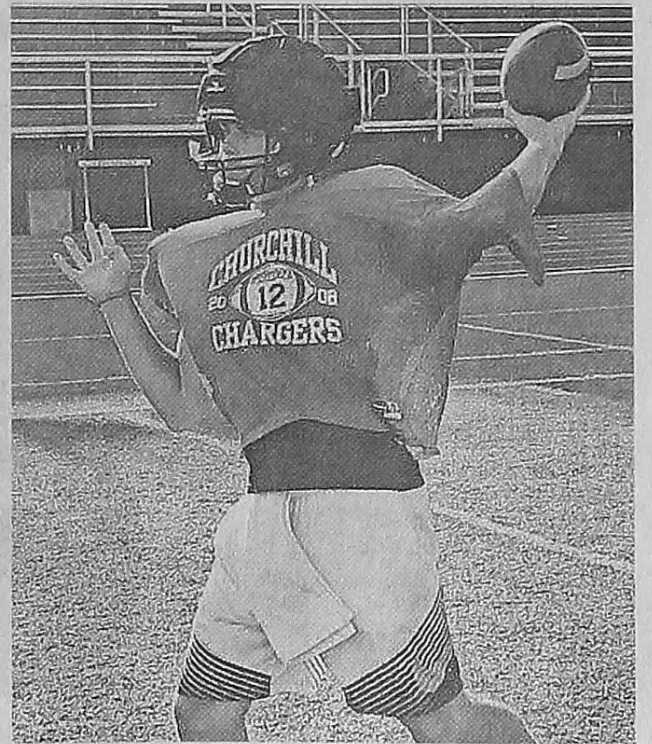


Churchill's Hunter Templin (right) clears a path for Jacob Chantres last season.

tain). Senior Tyrese Williams and junior Darrell Mason look to wreak havoc on opponent's defenses.

When Alsobrooks

throws the ball, it likely will go in the direction off starting wide-outs Martell Dooley and Avery Grenier, a senior and junior, respectively.



Playing catch during Sunday evening's practice is Livonia Churchill junior quarterback Drew Alsobrooks.

On defense, the Chargers will roll out a lineup featuring Parrish (linebacker), junior Andrew Greff (linebacker), spur players Mason and Williams and senior Jake Hastings (safety). Grenier and junior Josh Momeyer also will contribute in the defensive backfield.

New challenges

Meanwhile, DeFillippo said his team is ready to move from the KLAAs South to the KLAAs Black, necessitated by the downsizing of the conference from 24 to 14 teams.

"It will be an adjustment over the next couple years," DeFillippo said. "But the bottom line is, our schedule is still tough every week. We open up our first three weeks on the road, Monroe, Northville, (Livonia)

Stevenson.

"And then we got Franklin for our first home game. We got a lot of good teams, a lot of rivalries in the first half of the year. Every week, we got to be ready.

"Even with the change, it's the first year Canton's off our schedule, but we get Grand Blanc.... There's quality teams all over and you got to be ready to play every week."

The new challenges have Parrish excited to get started: "I'm looking for more wins, more competitive teams to beat. We're just trying to ball-out this year."

NOTE: Churchill athletic director Marc Hage announced Monday that the Chargers' season opener, originally slated for Thursday night in Monroe, has been moved to 7 p.m. Friday.

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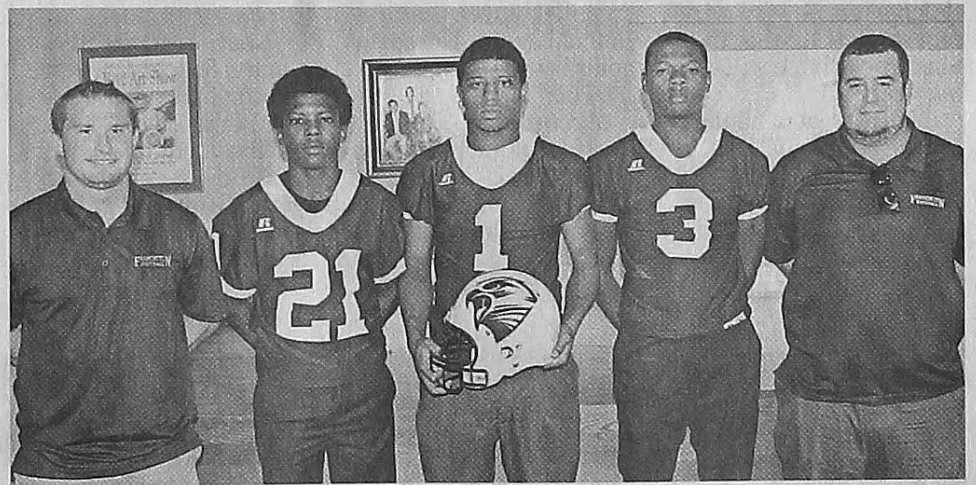
Back-to-back 'Cats!



PLYMOUTH ATHLETICS

Plymouth's varsity girls golf team is off to a flying start, winning two tournaments last week. On Aug. 15, the Wildcats shot a 319 score at Hudson Mills, led by senior Erin Johnson (74) and junior Shae Zydeck (79). Aug. 16 at Huron Meadows, Plymouth did it again with a 324 tally. Leading the way were Johnson (74) and Zydeck (75). Pictured (from left) are Plymouth coach Dan Young, Sara Vohra, Zydeck, Rachel Stibel, Johnson and Maire Sullivan.

Falcons to debut with new grid coach



MARTY BUDNER

Farmington's football team was represented at the recent OAA Media Day by (from left) coach Dyan Dunn (offensive coordinator), Kendall Williams, Calvin Whitlow, Oscar Glenn and first-year head coach Kory Cioroch. The Falcons will play this season in the OAA Blue Division, where they are expected to challenge for the title after having moved down from the White Division. Farmington, an experienced squad with a number of returning starters, will open the 2017 season at 7 p.m. Thursday at Berkley's Hurley Field against the host Bears in OAA crossover action.

PALLETT

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Junior Olympics national championship to her credit. In 2015, she took first place in the discus as a 12-year-old.

"My goal is always to throw well and get a PR (personal record) and I was hoping to get a top three," said Pallett, who participated in her seventh AAU national meet. "I wasn't necessarily cheering for first. I just wanted to do the best I could."

"I was really excited about winning," she added. "I knew it was a possibility (to win both national titles), but it was whether or not I could do it on the day and how



Pallett



TOBIAS PALLETT

Valadian Pallett won her first national junior shot put championship this year at Eastern Michigan University.

other people did on the day."

A huge summer season

The East Middle School graduate and two-time Oakland County middle school shot put champion has enjoyed a successful season.

At the Michigan High School Indoor Championships this past winter, Pallett finished eighth in the shot put and was the only middle school representative in the competition and the only non-senior or junior to place.

At the USATF Michigan Open/Master's com-

petition, she won the open women's division in the shot put. At the USATF Junior Olympics held in Lawrence, Kan., Pallett was second in the shot put (46-9.5) and third in the discus (104-6) while competing in the 13-14 division.

Pallett also competes in the javelin, placing sixth overall at this year's AAU Junior Olympics. It marked the fourth straight year she's medaled in all three events at the nationals.

Tobias Pallett, Valadian's father, threw the shot and discus in high school at Muskegon Reeths-Puffer and added the javelin to his repertoire in college at Michigan Tech. He still competes in various masters and senior level track meets and was instrumental in getting his daughter started as a thrower.

"Val is a very hard worker. Not many kids,

especially kids her age, are willing to spend most of their summer evenings working on their craft," said Tobias, who has coached Valadian through the junior ranks. "She's also very coachable. Not every change in technique comes with an immediate improvement in distance. She's willing to trust that some changes will result in a short-term reduction, but will pay off in the long term."

"Most of all, though, is that she gets what track is all about," he added. "While there is competition for medals, the biggest 'competition' we all face is our previous best self. Track is all about constantly working to improve and set new PRs."

Ambitious high school goals

Pallett said she enjoys both events, but right now is happy with the

way she's throwing the shot put.

"My favorite switches all the time, but right now my favorite is the shot put. At the moment, I'm probably the best in shot put," she said. "Last year was my first year training in shot and I'm still trying to work that out. This year, my spin has gotten a lot better and I've improved a lot technically and that's really helped me."

Pallett will enter Farmington High School, where she will throw for highly respected track and field throw coach Kim Adams, who was recently inducted into the Spring Arbor University Hall of Fame. Pallett has some ambitious goals to reach as a freshman.

"I want to set the discus record for Farmington as a freshman," Pallett said. "And I also want to set the shot put record, eventually."

BOYS SOCCER

All kinds of goals at Balconi preseason tourney

Community donates state-of-the-art soccer goals to P-CEP; Catholic Central rolls to title

Tim Smith
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The annual Gary Balconi Soccer Tournament had a fresh look Saturday, specifically sparkling new goal cages stationed at each end of the varsity soccer pitch at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Expertly breaking in one of the white metal cages — donated to P-CEP by the Canton Soccer Club and its affiliated Canton Cup Tournament — was Novi Detroit Catholic Central's David Turner, who boomed a high, 35-yard shot that surprised the Walled Lake Northern goalie and shook the top left corner of the net late in the first half.

That put the Shamrocks up 1-0 in the championship game against the Knights; CC went on to win 3-0 and earn the Balconi trophy for the second time in three years.

"It's awesome to be able to use state-of-the-art technology; they look beautiful out here," said Shamrocks assistant boys soccer coach Mike Stratton, who formerly was a coach at Salem. "It's been a long time coming. Thanks to the Canton Soccer Club for doing that."

Drake Midgley doubled the CC lead to 2-0 in the second half and the Shamrocks cruised from there. The Shamrocks earlier defeated Saline and Salem, both by a 2-0 score.

With some of the state's best teams getting a final round of scrimmages in before the regular season begins this week, Stratton said the Balconi tourney is a perfect sendoff to what the Shamrocks hope will be a big year.

"It's a great challenge for the boys to have those top teams here," Stratton said. "I've been at CC for 14 years and we've been



MICHAEL VASILNEK

With one of the newly donated soccer goals as a backdrop, Novi Detroit Catholic Central and Walled Lake Northern players battle during Saturday's championship game.

part of it all 14 of those years. We look forward to it every year. It's great."

The team's goal is to "win the Balconi and win every game we play. But it starts with game one (Monday against Dearborn Divine Child)," he added.

The games throughout the tournament were hard-fought, with the championship contest the only one with a three-goal margin.

New and improved

Fans and players alike were treated to the first use of the professional-quality goals, which were unveiled before the first Balconi game. The set of goals is worth about \$10,000.

According to Canton Cup tournament director Darryl Noel, the donation showed the outstanding teamwork and collabora-

tion between the club and P-CEP varsity soccer programs at Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools.

"It's the presidents of the (school) booster clubs, the Canton Soccer Club and the Canton Cup coming together to do something good for the students at the Park," Noel said. "It benefits all six teams (including the varsity boys and varsity girls squads).

"It really works out for everybody. We make these donations, just like we did in the very beginning when the Canton Soccer Club helped build the varsity field."

Noel added that the Canton Soccer Club and Canton Cup "like to see good things over there. So this donation really fits into our community partnership that we basically brand our club

on."

Noel added that the club also included P-CEP in its goal rotation program, to upgrade equipment used at other Park soccer fields.

Tourney results

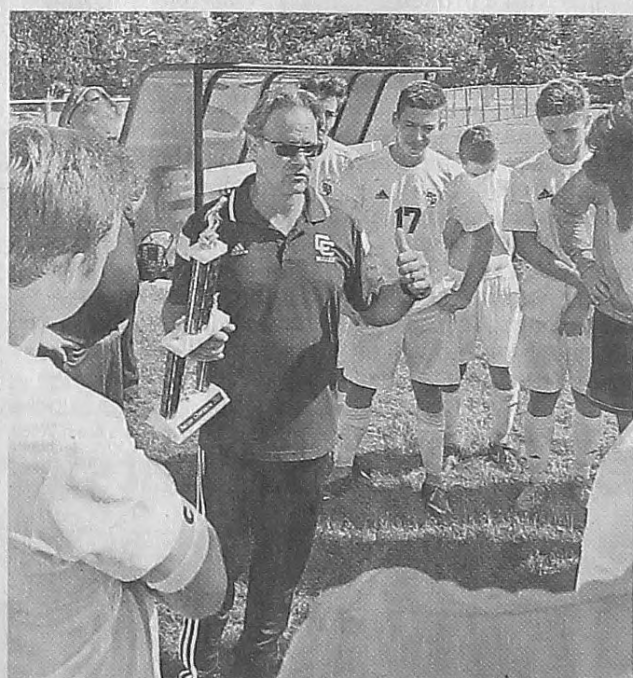
Round 1: W.L. Northern 2, Canton 0; Plymouth 2, Rochester Adams 1; Salem 2, Utica Eisenhower 1; Catholic Central 2, Saline 0.

Round 2: Plymouth 0, W.L. Northern 0 (WLN won on PKs, 5-4); CC 2, Salem 0; Canton 2, Rochester Adams 1; Saline 2, Utica Eisenhower 1.

Championship: Catholic Central 3, W.L. Northern 0.

Consolation: Saline 2, Canton 1; Rochester Adams 2, Salem 1; Plymouth 1, Utica Eisenhower 1.

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TIM SMITH

Novi Detroit Catholic Central boys soccer coach Gene Pulice congratulates his squad after winning Saturday's Gary Balconi Varsity Soccer Tournament at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. The Shamrocks blanked Walled Lake Northern in the championship game, 3-0.

YOUTH SPORTS



Novi Middle School grad Miles Brown ran a first-place time of 1:58.68 in the 800-meter run at the AAU Junior Olympics at Ypsilanti.

Area athletes sparkle in AAU Junior Olympics

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A total of 32 Olympians, including gold medalists Carl Lewis and Jackie Joyner-Kersey, are alums of the Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympics track and field

competition.

And Lewis was among those Olympians on hand as tomorrow's stars made their presence known July 29 through Aug. 5 at Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium in Ypsilanti.



KARI MEYERS

South Lyon's Miranda Meyers (left) recently placed third in the girls 15-16 3,000-meter run at the AAU Junior Olympics in Ypsilanti.

Wayne Memorial High's Anavia Battle, from Westland, was a double winner, sweeping the 100- and 200-meter dashes in 11.7 and 23.6, respectively, in the girls 17-18 division.

Also earning double winner status was Farmington's Valadian Pallett in the girls 14 six-

pound shot put (47 feet, 10.5 inches) and discus (125-8). Pallett also placed in the javelin (101-2).

Other top eight girls 17-18 finishers were Jessica Mercier (White Lake), pole vault (11-11.25); Kierra Crockett (Farmington Hills), high jump, tied for third (5-3);

and Arianna Allman (Farmington Hills), high jump (5-1).

In the girls 15-16, Lakeland High's Grace Stark (White Lake) was the 100 hurdles champion in 13.86, while South Lyon's Miranda Meyers finished third in the 3,000 (11:22.51). Meyers was also a member of the

WAZA Track Club's ninth-place 3,200 relay team (10:45.25).

Northville's Yasmine Mansi, also running for WAZA, stood out in the girls 14 division, taking third in the 1,500 and 3,000 with times of 4:57.62 and 10:43.70, respectively.

Novi's Brown first

Incoming Novi High freshman Miles Brown, representing the Str8 Smokin Track Club of Southfield, was the boys 14 800-meter champion with a time of 1:58.68.

Last spring, Brown set Novi Middle School records in both the 200 and 400 dashes.

Among the area placers in the boys 15-16 were Jackson Ramsay (Livonia), sixth, pole vault (11-5.25); Jonathan Boland (Westland), sixth, 2,000 steeplechase (6:47.31); and Luke Pohl (Canton), 3,000 (9:24.18).

Novi's Brendan Ireland also took ninth overall in the boys 15-16 decathlon (4,673 points), highlighted by second in the long jump (19-6.75), third in the 100 (11.81) and sixth in the 400 (54.66).

In the boys 17-18, Canton's Nathan Pohl placed fourth in the 2,000 steeplechase with a time of 6:11.41.

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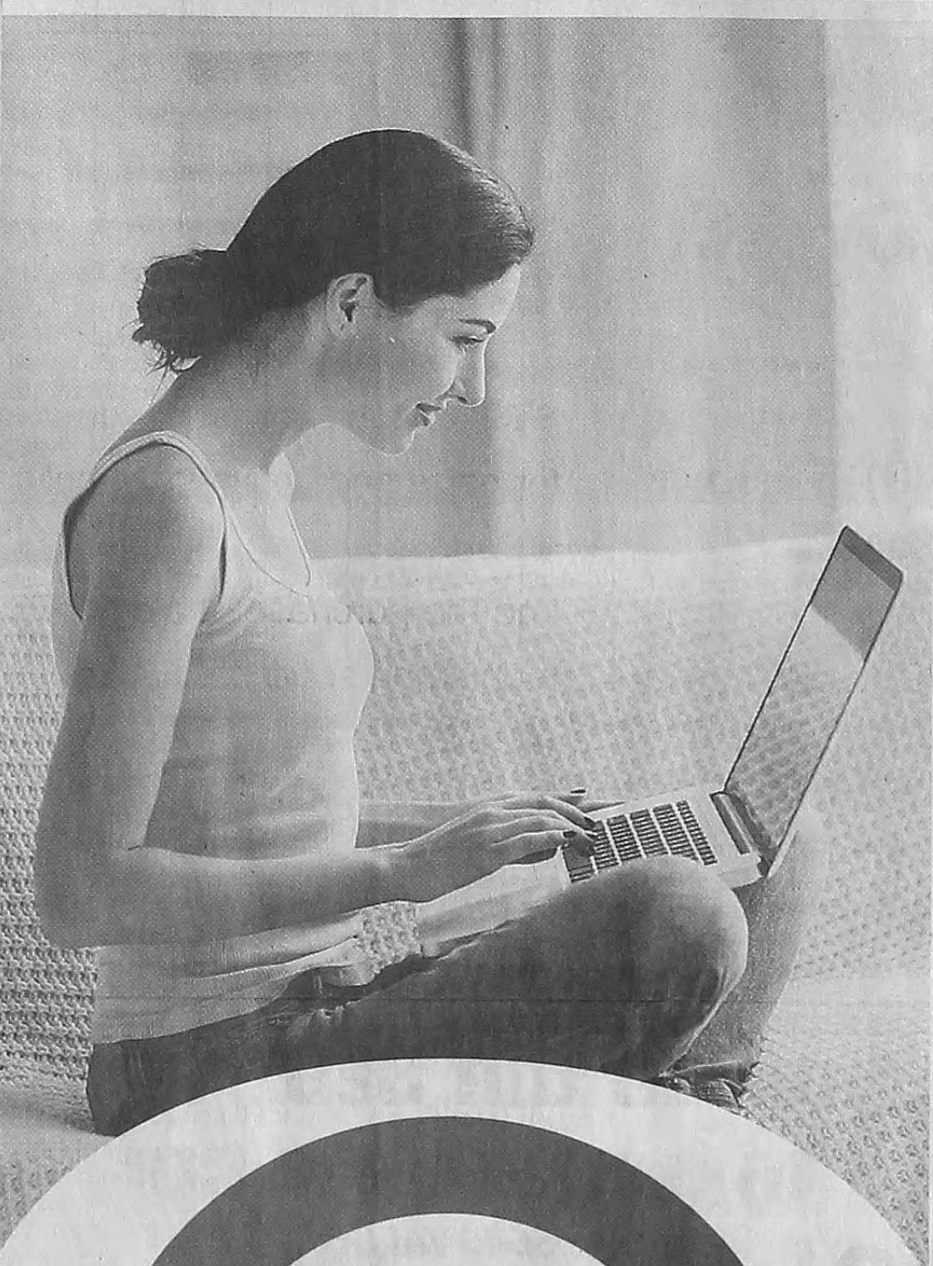
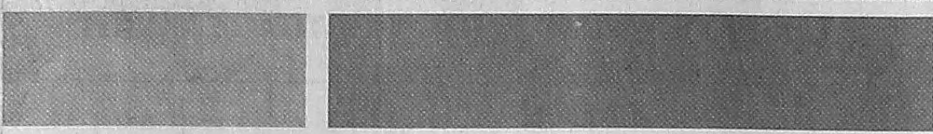
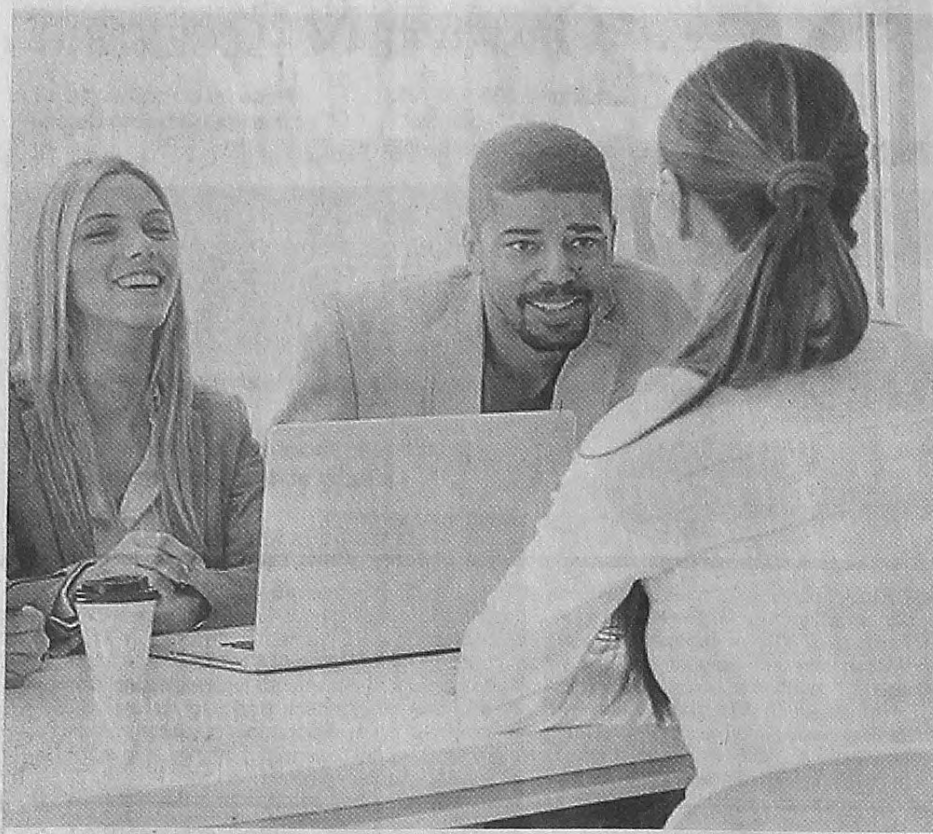
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- 1 Garam — (spice mix in Indian cuisine)
 - 7 Core PC component
 - 10 Praiseful poem title starter
 - 15 Cheering yells
 - 19 Off the mark
 - 20 Some little batteries
 - 21 "Time waits for —"
 - 22 Dismounted from a horse
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 26 Musical pitch
 - 27 Moisten again
 - 28 A — (like some logic)
 - 29 Like ore
 - 30 Set of rules
 - 31 Riddle, part 2
 - 35 San Luis —, California
 - 38 — Poke (candy brand)
 - 39 Singer Lovett
 - 40 With 50-Down, happened to meet
 - 41 Laundry-day spray
 - 46 Great sorrow
 - 48 Top-floor storeroom
 - 52 Riddle, part 3
 - 56 Reptile with a spiny back
 - 57 Like meat prepared per Muslim law
 - 58 With 97-Across, like late payments
 - 59 Felt sick
 - 61 Plum parts
 - 62 Engine conduits
 - 64 Suffix with acetyl
 - 65 Fa follower
 - 67 Parking area
 - 68 Riddle, part 4
 - 73 Grizzly baby
 - 76 Joanne of "All the King's Men"
 - 77 Male doll
 - 78 Rambled on and on
 - 82 Adam's second son
 - 84 Neuters
 - 86 Mars, to Greeks
 - 88 — time (ever)
 - 89 Invalidate
 - 91 Riddle, part 5
 - 94 Singer Adams
 - 95 "The Greatest" fighter
 - 96 Beaver, e.g.
 - 97 See
 - 58-Across
 - 98 Kind of tide
 - 100 Moo goo — pan
 - 102 Traps, as by a winter storm
 - 105 End of the riddle
 - 113 Diner grub
 - 114 In most cases: Abbr.
 - 115 Repair, as a shoe bottom
 - 116 Longtime Toyota
 - 120 Andean ancient
 - 121 Riddle's answer
 - 124 Den noise
 - 125 Kagan of the court
 - 126 Teacup part
 - 127 Frozen fries brand
 - 128 Long dagger
 - 129 Winona of "Mermaids"
 - 130 — Caps (candy brand)
 - 131 Cooking oil brand
 - 3 Ragout, e.g.
 - 4 James of "Gunsmoke"
 - 5 Portable computer
 - 6 Passing vote
 - 7 Island near Naples
 - 8 Politico Sarah
 - 9 Make — (employ)
 - 10 Nobelist Eugene
 - 11 ICU figure
 - 12 Atlanta university
 - 13 Not too wild to domesticate
 - 14 Counterpart of round-trip
 - 15 Increase by degrees
 - 16 Detached
 - 17 Dhobi wearer
 - 18 Mill metal
 - 24 — Locka, Florida
 - 25 Start of the old Ipana toothpaste jingle
 - 32 Station
 - 33 More humble
 - 34 Mill debris
 - 35 Lawn care brand
 - 36 Religion of Iran
 - 37 Counting everything
 - 42 Wraps, as a healing ankle
 - 43 "It's — of do or die"
 - 44 Some are civil: Abbr.
 - 45 Sever
 - 47 Olive of the comics
 - 49 Kite's trailer
 - 50 See 40-Across
 - 51 Play's actors
 - 53 Barber's sprinkle-on
 - 54 Greek epic
 - 55 Singer k.d.
 - 56 Start of a denial
 - 60 Footballer Boomer
 - 63 "ER" figure
 - 64 Berlin article
 - 66 Allow to attack
 - 69 Through the roof
 - 70 City east of Phoenix
 - 71 Without blinking —
 - 72 MacFarlane of "Ted"
 - 73 Bit of pasta, informally
 - 74 Lyft rival
 - 75 Flock of quail
 - 79 Forays
 - 80 Boredom
 - 81 Gold-medal swimmer
 - Amy Van —
 - 83 Usurer
 - 85 Beltmaking tool
 - 86 Rumpus
 - 87 Wand
 - 90 Genuflection
 - 92 Big families
 - 93 Power co.
 - 95 In a mockingly humorous way
 - 99 Court jester, e.g.
 - 101 In back
 - 103 Cardinal Borgia
 - 104 Draws forth
 - 105 Wade Boggs' base
 - 106 Vietnam's capital
 - 107 Acting award
 - 108 Steadied by attaching a rope to
 - 109 Snaky letters
 - 110 "Over There" songwriter
 - 111 Last Oldsmobile model
 - 112 Untilled field
 - 117 Letters before chis
 - 118 Start over on
 - 119 Hot — oven
 - 122 Reno-to-Spokane dir.
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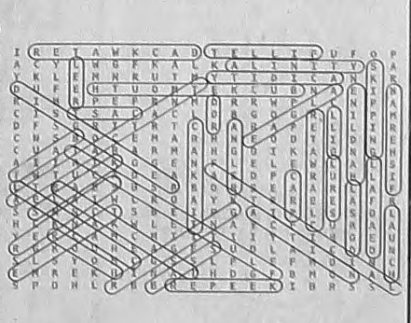
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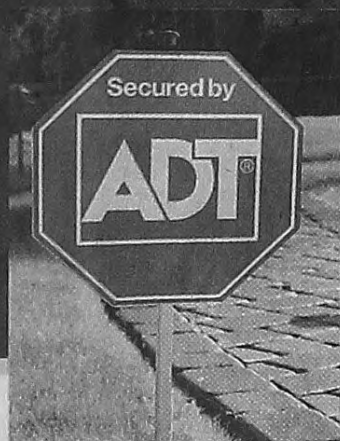
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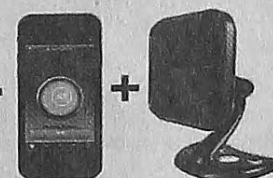


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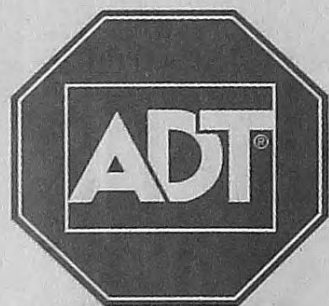


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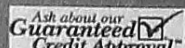
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