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Two new hotels open in western Wayne

Canton's Ford Road corridor sees growth

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Two new hotels with a combined 177 guest rooms have opened for business on Canton's east side, as western Wayne County witnesses an uptick in lodging options.

In what marks a \$25 million

investment, Fairfield Inn & Suites and TownPlace Suites celebrated their official opening Friday, just west of the Ford Road and Interstate 275 interchange, with a casino-themed party that reflected owner A&M Hospitality's confidence in betting on Canton.

"We're super excited," Mike Abdulnoor, one of the owners, said. "We look forward to being a staple in the Canton community."

Under the umbrella of Marriott properties, Fairfield and TownPlace became the latest hotels in western Wayne County.

In Livonia, a new Holiday Inn Express has opened at Schoolcraft and Inkster and a new Hampton Inn is under construction on Schoolcraft, east of Middlebelt. Moreover, the Holiday Inn at Six Mile and

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TownPlace Suites, with 87 rooms, is geared toward guests with longer stays. **DARRELL CLEM**

Michigan Tech students visit to showcase science

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A science fair on steroids. That's how Chuck Hayes, associate dean of sciences at Schoolcraft College, described the Mind Trekkers event put on at the Livonia campus last weekend.

The event, brought to town by Michigan Technological University in Houghton, brought extreme science to the college for area middle school students to learn about science, technology, engineering and mathematics. It's an event that's meant to bring students closer to science and pique their interest.

"Part of the phenomenon is, yeah, you can sit in a science class and a chemistry class and learn the basic structures. But how do we see it and apply it in our daily lives?" he said. "The hope is to get a middle school student, which this is geared toward, to get them so excited about STEM that they start to wonder, 'How can I study STEM in college?'"

Students from are school districts, including Northville, Livonia, Garden City, Clarenceville, Plymouth-Canton and West Bloomfield, were among the hundreds of students learning about science Friday.

Booths were set up in the college's gymnasium to showcase various experiments that involved bubbles, liquid nitrogen and, of course, fire.

One of the more popular exhibits allowed students to run on a liquid. Students could remove their shoes and socks and prance atop a substance called Oobleck, a non-Newtonian fluid that displays properties of both solids and liquids.

At rest, the substance appears to be a liquid, though as



Gevon Hannawa, a student at Orchard Lake Middle School, is enclosed in a soap bubble created by Michigan Tech student Joellen Saugrich. **BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM**

Education experts talk funding, performance

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With studies showing inequity in Michigan's school funding and state testing showing declines in reading, writing and science, about 100 people turned out Monday in Canton for a town hall-style meeting on public education.

The forum, hosted by state Rep. Kristy Pagan, D-Canton, featured a quartet of panelists and covered issues ranging from student achievement and public school funding to charter schools and a shortage of teachers.

"Michigan is experiencing a systematic decline across the K-12 system," Pagan said. "I find these reports extremely disturbing. ... I am confident we can find solutions and find common ground to move our students forward."

The forum featured four

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Former state Sen. Gilda Jacobs (left), president/CEO of the Michigan League for Public Policy, and Plymouth-Canton Superintendent Monica Merritt discuss the state of education. **BRAD KADRICH**



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students ran across it, it would solidify. It provided quite the scene for many students, who opted to make the run several times over.

One such student was eighth-grader Brad Withem, who attends Discovery Middle School in Canton. He ran across the substance several times.

"It just feels normal," he said. "It just feels like you're walking on concrete. It barely moves if you go quick enough."

He joined several of his classmates, one of whom praised the amount of things to do at the event, specifically using a very cold substance.

"I like liquid nitrogen stuff," said Ty Wagner, who also attends Discovery Middle School.

The Mind Trekkers event is one that's gone across the state and country providing such exhibits to students, said MTU freshman Eric Steve, who came down from the Upper Penin-



Michigan Tech students create an explosion using liquid nitrogen in a pop bottle dropped into a trash can full of water. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

sula school to volunteer at the event.

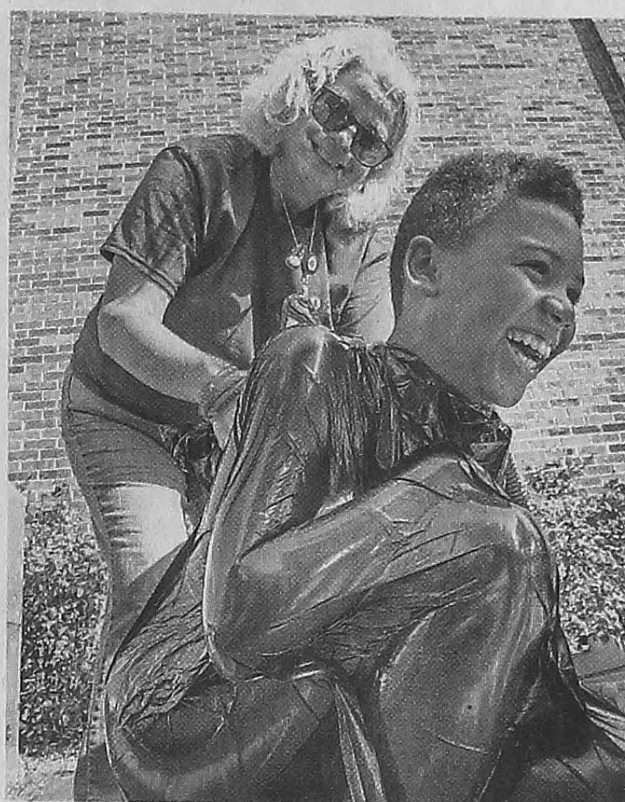
Steve, an Ispeming native, said the eight-hour drive was worth it to see so many students

inspired.

"Whatever it takes to get these young minds interested in science," he said. "It's a nice experience to see all these peo-

ple just enjoying this."

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Jeanne Ruff, a Schoolcraft employee volunteering to help out, uses a vacuum cleaner hose to exhaust the air from the bag that encloses Jacob Kiwanuka. This simulates what a human body experiences in space or other low air pressure situation. He described the experience as "feeling like 500 pounds." BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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I-275 has been knocked down and is being rebuilt.

In Plymouth Township, the Inn at St. John's is planning to convert a monastery retreat center into a 120-room hotel, doubling the number of guest rooms on the St. John's site on Five Mile, east of Sheldon, among other changes on the property.

Abdulnoor said the area is desirable for new hotels because of its proximity to Detroit Metropolitan Airport, area interstates and large companies, such as

Yazaki North America, Inc. He also said the area is close to both Detroit and Ann Arbor.

Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams said the new Fairfield and TownPlace hotels, both with four floors, also can help accommodate a huge influx of visitors to events such as the Canton Cup soccer tournament. It brings in players and supporters from across the Midwest during the Memorial Day weekend.

"They will no longer have to leave Canton for a place to stay," Williams said.

The new hotels also are located just east of Michigan's only IKEA,

which draws customers from near and far.

The two hotels have been built next to two existing A&M Hospitality lodgings, Comfort Suites and Baymont Inn & Suites, off Ford Road between Haggerty and I-275, creating what regional manager Nada Sitto called a 360-room "hotel campus."

She said the new hotels are complemented by the 66-room Comfort Suites, built a decade ago, and the 117-room Baymont, nearly 30 years old.

Said Abdulnoor: "There's a price point for everybody here."

Sitto said the new Fairfield is geared to-

ward customers who are staying briefly in Canton, while TownPlace is being marketed to extended-stay guests such as business executives or families who are moving to Canton but taking their time to find the right home. TownPlace has kitchenettes and allows pets.

Sitto smiled as Canton officials, local business people and hotel representatives mingled Friday during the grand opening celebration.

"We're really proud of this," she said.

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panelists, including three local experts, discussing education issues:

» Former state Sen. Gilda Jacobs, president/CEO of the Michigan League for Public Policy.

» Monica Merritt, superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

» Adrienne Quinn, the student support coordinator at Field Elementary School in the Plymouth-Canton district.

» Heather Colombo, president of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association.

Among the issues they discussed:

» School funding — Pagan pointed out that an independent study commissioned by the state Legislature found Michigan's school finance system "inequitable when it comes to allocating resources across districts" and suggesting the state comes up about \$1,200 per student short, on average.

Jacobs, who was a special education teacher in a previous career, noted that a similar study by the School Finance Research Collaborative, made similar findings.

"It's a matter of economics," Jacobs said. "If Michigan is going to be the rebound state, it starts with kids and education. If we are not giving kids what they need... We have a funding formula that isn't always enough."

Merritt noted that "money isn't everything," but said her district, which at a \$7,500 per-pupil foundation allowance is in the lower brackets of school funding, could do a lot with that extra money.

"Money isn't the only thing needed to give kids what they need, but it's

important," Merritt said. "We have a moral obligation to give kids what they need to succeed. Imagine, with 17,000 students, what another \$1,200 (per student) would do."

» Protecting the school aid fund — Pagan pointed out the state has, in the past, dipped into the school aid fund to patch other budget holes, including not sending all of the sales tax money that's supposed to be earmarked for public education to that fund. The question: Should the school aid fund be protected from such practices?

"We need to stop dipping into the school aid fund," Colombo said. "If it's called the 'school aid fund' that's what it should be used for."

» Student performance — Results of

statewide testing on the MSTEP and MME exams show some progress being made in math scores, but state students are losing ground in reading and writing. How do districts improve on those results?

"Part of this work is on us at the local level," Merritt said. "We need to assess our students to see where they are. There can be testing overload, but we need to be mindful of where our students are and use best practices in place to get them where they need to be."

Jacobs brought up the controversial legislation passed in the state that says third-grade students not grade-level proficient will be held back. She decried the lack of funding that goes with that mandate and also said she doesn't believe automatic retention is a good

idea.

"There are some good ideas to make (reading success) happen," Jacobs said. "But adequate resources have not been put in that plan. If we don't put the proper resources behind it, we're really setting our kids up to fail."

» Charter schools — Pagan pointed out the differences between public and charter schools (charter boards are appointed, not elected; many are run by for-profit management companies; charters aren't required to disclose how their budgets are spent). She said the state removed its cap on the number of charters in 2011, while 21 states still have a cap and 31 require annual reports. The question: Do you feel the effects of charters?

"We have definitely

felt it," said Merritt, who pointed out that some 2,000 students from within the P-CCS boundaries are attending charter or private schools. "It really comes down to funding. We're all getting the same funding, but our costs are different. Now, we're trying to get students from other districts, so it's a circle. Kids lose in that case."

Quinn said she'd like to see more transparency required of charter schools.

"As a taxpayer, I'd appreciate transparency," Quinn said. "I'd like knowing the for-profit entities are not abusing the system. Studies have shown it is and kids lose in that situation."

Jacobs said she believes Michigan's education system has been "weakened through the charter school system." "Accountability standards are not the same,"

she said. "If someone's feet aren't being held to the fire... we have to have the same standard for any entity taking public dollars."

Pagan said education is "not a priority" in talks in Lansing these days, with legislators focused more on issues like auto insurance reform.

"Education isn't talked about much," she said. "That's why, whenever I get the chance to go to the podium, I'm talking about our kids."

Merritt said that's one reason she likes participating in forums like Monday's in Canton.

"The opportunity to have a voice in education is valuable," Merritt said. "When you think of all the decisions being made in Lansing, it's nice to have a voice."

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State Rep. Kristy Pagan hosted a town hall-style forum on education Monday in Canton. BRAD KADRICH

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Plymouth Goodfellows plan for 'No Child Without a Christmas'

The Plymouth Goodfellows are planning their 79th year providing a happy Christmas to the children of Plymouth.

"Our volunteers have been working on updating the website, writing the newsletter, contacting businesses and coordinating with other service groups to make sure we are ready to help as many families as we can this winter, Goodfellows president Kristen Farmer said. "The Senior Citizens Club of Plymouth has already contacted us and they are ready to collect for our annual 'Pennies from Heaven' event, which will be held Oct. 28 outside the Plymouth Farmer's Market."

The senior group isn't the only group helping the Goodfellows. The Key Club from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park sent several volunteers to the paper sale last winter. "Key Club members volunteered numerous hours raising money for the Goodfellows. This is a great way for students to fulfill club required service hours and help their community at the same time," Farmer said. Check plymouthgood-

fellows.org to sign up to a volunteer spot for paper sale day Saturday, Dec. 2.

The Plymouth Goodfellows have recently been chosen as a co-recipient to receive profit from a charity basketball game called the Crossover. "The Crossover chose to work with the Goodfellows because of the unwavering support they have provided to our community for over 75 years," Crossover organizer Marc Szalka said. "At times they can go unnoticed, but the joy and happiness they bring to children during the holiday season cannot be missed. As in P-CCS, the Goodfellows are accepting of all people and are willing to support any family in need. The West and Liberty families wanted to be part of the solution to make Plymouth-Canton a great place for all."

The Plymouth Goodfellows meet at 7 p.m. Oct. 17 and Nov. 20 at the Plymouth District Library.

5 things that make Ford Road cool

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Everybody complains about traffic on Ford Road in Canton.

But there's an upside to it.

"The traffic is a sign of our success," said Amy Hamilton, coordinator of the Canton Downtown Development Authority.

Traffic is a necessary evil, with more than 300 businesses lining the Ford Road corridor. Hamilton compares it to a big outdoor mall.

"If you can't find it on Ford Road," she said, "it doesn't exist."

Here are five reasons to brave the traffic:

IKEA

The big blue and yellow building at Ford and Haggerty is Michigan's only location for the Swedish retail giant.

Whether you need a kitchen makeover, patio furniture, baby toys or just want to devour IKEA's famous Swedish meatballs, it's a place where you can lose yourself in shopping and spend an entire day.

IKEA is a good neighbor, too. Its vast rooftop solar panels make it Earth-friendly. And its employees help the community. Most recently,



Canton is home to Michigan's only IKEA.
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they gave a complete makeover to the kitchen of a Canton teen center, The B.L.O.C.K. — at no cost to the center.

World of Beer

Canton is home to World of Beer. It's a place where patrons can try more than 500 beers from around the world and savor dozens of craft drafts.

Its owners chose the Ford Road location, west of Lilley, because they knew it had enough traffic to bring in customers and make World of Beer a success.

Oh, and it has a good Bloody Mary bar, complete with shrimp, sausage and other drink toppers, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. each weekend.

Magformers

Canton is home to the only North American store dedicated solely to selling Magformers, magnetic building pieces that let children and the

volcanic rock that is brought in a tray to your table. It ensures that every bite is just as hot as the last.

Among countless other eateries are Szechuan Restaurant, a longtime favorite of Chinese food lovers; Ichiban, a hibachi-style Japanese steakhouse and sushi bar; and Mexican Fiesta. If you're a fan of big chain restaurants, Ford Road has everything from Panera Bread to TGI Fridays.

Retail stores

Love to shop? Ford Road has it.

Need shoes? Try DSW, billed as a designer shoe warehouse. Need clothing? Choose from large retail stores such as Kohl's and JCPenney.

Got a newborn at home? Try buybuy Baby. Are you a teen or young adult looking for a good deal on gently used clothing? Plato's Closet might be for you.

Some shoppers can spend a day going to all the retail stores along Ford Road.

Yeah, there's traffic. But what's a little traffic for a shopping spree?

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Motorist plows into construction zone, flees

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Police were investigating after a motorist allegedly ignored detour signs and drove into a construction zone, nearly missing a worker Saturday on southbound Canton Center at Geddes.

Witnesses told police the

45-year-old driver got out of his car, moved a construction barrel and tried to drive through a closed-off section of Canton Center that is undergoing a major reconstruction.

Workers waved at the man to stop, which he did, the police report said. But as a foreman approached,

witnesses said, the driver got back in his car and sped off at a high rate of speed.

A worker got the man's license plate number as he fled the scene. When a police officer went to his house, the man denied moving the construction barrel or driving into the construction zone.

Moreover, he told police he was trying to reach a gas station because he was running out of gas.

It wasn't immediately known what charges he might face.

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Pizzeria owner says he was threatened at gunpoint

A pizzeria owner told police that a customer pulled a handgun and threatened him during an incident at Cottage Inn Pizza on Michigan Avenue, west of Morton Taylor.

The 61-year-old owner said the customer became argumentative after he was told that an expired coupon couldn't be honored. The owner then told the man he would accept the lower dollar amount, but warned the customer not to come back, a police report said.

The owner said the man then pulled a pistol out of his pants and warned that "you don't know who you're messing with," according to the report.

The incident unfolded about 6:20 p.m. Sept. 18. No shots were fired and no one was injured.

Injured child

Police found a mother clutching her bleeding child after responding to a call for help at a home in the 3100 block of Sheldon, a report said.

Police went to the home about 3:35 p.m. Sunday amid reports that the mother was trashing the house. They found her seated, with blood on her shoulder and chest and the 4-year-old child in her arms. Witnesses told police the child had injured her forehead on a broken window.

Police, believing the child could be in danger because of the mother's behavior, tried to take the child as the mother began resisting them and kicking. She also spit on one officer and made death threats, the report said.

At one point, a pit bull came into the room and tried to intervene, the

report said.

The mother's fiancé told police that her actions have been erratic since she began therapy for cancer.

Canton paramedics came to the scene and took the child to a hospital.

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

School stranger

Police went to Isbister Elementary School amid reports that a stranger was talking to children, a report said.

Police received the call about 12:45 p.m. Sept. 4 and went to the school at 9300 N. Canton Center. Authorities had been told there was a suspicious man at the school.

The man told police he had been walking and decided to hang out afterward at the school. Under questioning from police, he conceded his actions might be viewed as suspicious by parents.

He told police he would consider not returning to the school.

Pot arrest

Police took a 39-year-old Monroe man into custody after finding marijuana and a pipe in his vehicle, a report said.

Police were patrolling the parking lot of Our Lady of Good Counsel church on North Territorial about 11 a.m. Sept. 7 when they saw a yellow Ford Mustang with its trunk and front windows open, with the scent of marijuana coming from the car and a metal pipe in a front-seat cup holder, the report said.

Police also learned the man had multiple warrants for his arrest for driving with a suspended license in Detroit and Romulus.

—By Darrell Clem

Third dog left in car, vet says it 'can be deadly'

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At least three dogs have been left in hot cars as a heat wave lingered early this week — a decision animal advocates say can prove deadly.

In all three cases, dogs were left to suffer in sweltering heat while their owners shopped inside air-conditioned retail stores, police reports show. Witnesses reported the incidents and no serious injuries have yet been reported.

"It can be deadly," said Dr. Heather Jones of Animal Friends Veterinary Hospital in Canton. "It's very dangerous and we should treat our pets with the same thought that we do to keep our children safe."

The latest incident happened about 6:30 p.m. Saturday, when a 30-year-old Ypsilanti man left his German shepherd inside his locked Honda Civic with the windows rolled up in 87-degree heat, a police report said. Officers found the dog panting heavily.

The man had been in the Walmart store on Michigan Avenue at least 20 minutes and

told police he forgot to leave the windows cracked, the report said. He was cited for animal cruelty, punishable by a \$500 fine, said Police Officer Patty Esselink, Canton's community relations officer.

Tanya Hilgendorf, CEO of the Humane Society of Huron Valley, said temperatures can spike rapidly and place pets at risk of death or severe injury when they are left in vehicles.

"If it's 80 degrees outside, it can become 100 degrees within 10 minutes in a car," she said.

Earlier Saturday, police went to the IKEA store on Ford Road after a 38-year-old Milford man left his dog inside his GMC Sierra in 95-degree heat, with the windows partially rolled down, a report said. A witness reported the incident about 3:20 p.m.

Police found the dog drooling and barking. The report didn't indicate what kind of dog it was.

Police ran the man's license plate, learned his identity and had an IKEA employee page him. He had been in the store about a half-hour, a report said.

Police said the man shrugged off a warning about the heat, saying the

dog goes everywhere with him. He, too, was cited for animal cruelty.

On Sept. 17, a couple admitted they left their pet dog in a hot Jeep for an hour while they shopped inside the Lowe's home improvement store on Ford Road in Canton, a police report said.

A witness phoned police after she saw the dog in the Jeep, with the windows partially rolled down, as temperatures topped 80 degrees.

Police arrived and found a black dog with a thick coat of hair, panting heavily with no water, the report said. Police tracked down the couple, who insisted they take good care of their dog, the report said. They were cited for animal cruelty.

Jones said dogs can't sweat and have fur coats that make them more sensitive to the heat. She said breeds with "pushed-in faces" such as pugs or bulldogs are even more at risk.

"Having car windows cracked gives you a false sense of security," she said. "It can heat up very rapidly. It's important for dogs to have fresh water, shade and ventilation. It's best not to leave them in the car at all."

Jones said dogs typi-

cally have body temperatures of 100 to 102.9 degrees. She said they can suffer heat stroke if that rises to 104-106 degrees, causing potential damage to organs such as the liver and kidneys and potential intestinal bleeding. She said signs of heat stroke can include excessive panting, bright pink mucus membranes or complete collapse.

Hilgendorf said it's difficult at times to leave dogs behind when owners go on an outing.

"Dogs love the car ride. We hate to leave them behind," she said. "But it's so hot out that animals cannot be left in the car."

Hilgendorf said heat is especially difficult for elderly or overweight dogs and puppies.

Animal advocates say it's best for safety reasons never to leave pets alone in a vehicle, regardless of weather conditions.

Esselink said some businesses will allow pet owners to bring their dogs in with them. However, officials say the best decision is to leave them at home in safe conditions.

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RedZone Robotics begins assessment of Canton's sewer system

Earlier this month, RedZone Robotics began performing video inspections of Canton's sanitary sewers in order to complete a condition assessment of the infrastructure. All in-

formation collected will be used by Canton for future planning of capital improvement projects.

RedZone crews will be working seven days a week until Thanksgiving. In order to access Can-

ton's sewer system, employees will be opening manholes in residents' yards. Please note all trucks will be marked with the company's logo. RedZone was contracted by Canton using money

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For questions or more information on the SAW grant, call Canton Public Works at 734-397-1011.

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Madonna University to host first homecoming weekend

As Madonna University and its College of Education celebrate 80 years of academic excellence, the faculty, staff and students are hosting the school's first-ever homecoming weekend, Sept. 29 through Oct. 1, and the public is invited to join in the fun.

Homecoming weekend starts Friday with men's soccer and women's volleyball games against Cornerstone University. Also Friday will be an interfaith prayer service, plus the Kary Family Collection Polish Art Exhibit and opening reception, in partnership with the Art Department. Following the volleyball game, there will be a bonfire with s'mores and

cider, out by St. Francis Pond.

Saturday begins with a blessing of the new residence hall that will provide more living and learning options for Madonna students. A highlight of the weekend is the homecoming open house, set for 1:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday. This free event offers fun ways to explore Madonna's academic programs, including Rockin' Rock Painting, whiz bang science experiments, sign language survival signs tutorial, business games and giveaways, crime prevention tips, brain awareness fun, food trucks, musical performers, nursing simulation lab demonstrations, math club games, fun

with food, story time with life-size storybook characters, forensic science exploration, video magic in the TV studio and much more. Cruiser the Crusader mascot will be on hand to ensure that fun is had by all.

The women's soccer team takes on Cornerstone University at 1 p.m. at the Madonna Athletic Complex, followed by a reception for athletics alumni.

The student-produced, full-length, feature film "Married on a Monday" will be shown Saturday afternoon as well.

Saturday evening, nearly 60 alumni from the Classes of 1967 and 1992 will celebrate

their respective 50- and 25-year reunions at a dinner in the Franciscan Center. Also that evening, in a tent near St. Francis Pond, alumni and friends of the university will enjoy a beer garden with music provided by Cancel Monday, a local band. Craft beers, various wines and snacks will be available for purchase.

Homecoming weekend will wrap up at 1 p.m. Sunday with Mass in the Felician Sisters Chapel.

For a complete list of homecoming activities and to let Madonna organizers know you'll be coming, go to www.madonna.edu/homecoming.

Canton library hosts organ donation program

In the United States, 95 percent of adults support organ donation, but only 54 percent are signed up as organ, tissue and eye donors, according to U.S. Government Information on Organ Donation and Transplantation. This October at the Canton Public Library, you can turn your support into action by learning more or signing up for the Michigan Organ Donor Registry as part of the Libraries for Life program. Libraries for Life comes 2-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, to the Canton Public Library.

"This program is successful because libraries are a trusted source for information and they make it very easy to join the Michigan Organ Donor Registry," said Kate Saylor, Taubman Health Sciences Library informationist. The Taubman Health Sciences Library and Gift of Life Michigan form the partnership that is Michigan Libraries for Life. This is the fifth year that the Canton Public Library is participating in Libraries for Life.

Michigan Libraries for Life is in its eighth year of the program and, since that time, about 3,500 people have joined the Michigan Organ Donor Registry. By talking with family and friends about the idea of organ, tissue and eye donation and by making your wishes known to your family, the Michigan Organ Donor Registry could see a higher number.

"By hosting this campaign, we hope to educate, inspire and empower patrons to join Michigan's organ and donor registry and help save the lives of one or several of the 3,000 Michigan residents currently waiting for an organ transplant," said Colleen O'Brien-Brumley, CPL librarian.

Interested individuals are invited to visit the Canton Public Library to ask library staff questions, learn more about organ, tissue, and eye donation and join the Michigan Organ Donor Registry. The Michigan Organ Donor Registry can also be found online at www.giftoflifemichigan.org/become-donor.

For more information on the Canton Public Library, go to cantonpl.org or call the library at 734-397-0999.

CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS

ELL Conversation Groups

When: 9:30-11 a.m. each Thursday and Friday

Details: Practice speaking English in an informal setting with Community Literacy Council volunteers. See the English Language Learner Program FAQ at www.cantonpl.org for more information.

Digital Drop-In Help

When: 10-11 a.m. each Friday

Details: Stop in to get one-on-one help with your e-readers from the friendly experts at the Information desk. Just bring your device and your desire to learn. Kindle users must bring Amazon log-in information as well.

Computer Skills Lab for Beginners

When: 9-11 a.m. second Saturday of each month

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

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

Family Storytime

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

Preschool Storytime

Details: Preschool storytimes feature longer books, flannel board and rhymes designed for children ages 3½-5. These activities help develop pre-reading and school-readiness skills. Children must be able to sit independently and be attentive for 30 minutes. Parents may attend, if needed, to help transition their child to this pro-

gram, and all parents must remain in the children's department. Storytimes start Sept. 11. Registration is required and you can pick a Monday or a Friday session. Go to www.cantonpl.org for registration and schedule.

Baby Storytime

Details: Baby Storytime is designed for babies 18 months and younger with an adult and features simple stories, songs and rhymes carefully chosen to build awareness of language and vocabulary, foster a love of books and provide a fun, interactive experience for babies and parents/caregivers. Baby Storytime sessions start Sept. 12. Registration is required. Visit www.cantonpl.org for registration and schedule.

Teen Boredom Busters

When: 3:30-5 p.m. Sept. 29
Details: Bored after school? Need a study break? No worries, we've got fun activities in our Teen Space that are just right for your busy schedule. Stop by for five or 50 minutes, whatever works for you. Learn something new, meet a new friend or just relieve some stress. We've got board games and coloring sheets always

available, or drop in for one of the following activities:

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Hero Hangout: Comics Reading Group

When: 7-8 p.m. third Wednesday of each month

Details: Do you love reading comics or learning about super heroes? Join us for Hero Hangout, a comic book club is for ages 7-12, and you choose what to read. Every week we will be sharing, reading and making comics. Participants are encouraged to bring a comic to share with a group, but are not required.

Library Board Meeting

When: 7:30-9 p.m. third Thursday of each month

Details: CPL is governed by a six-member Library Board of Trustees of community members elected quadrennially on a non-partisan ballot. The public is invited to attend.

Slime Lab

When: 7-8 p.m. Sept. 28

Details: Join us to try out different slime stations and take your favorites home. Slime Lab is intended for ages 9-17 and registration is required.

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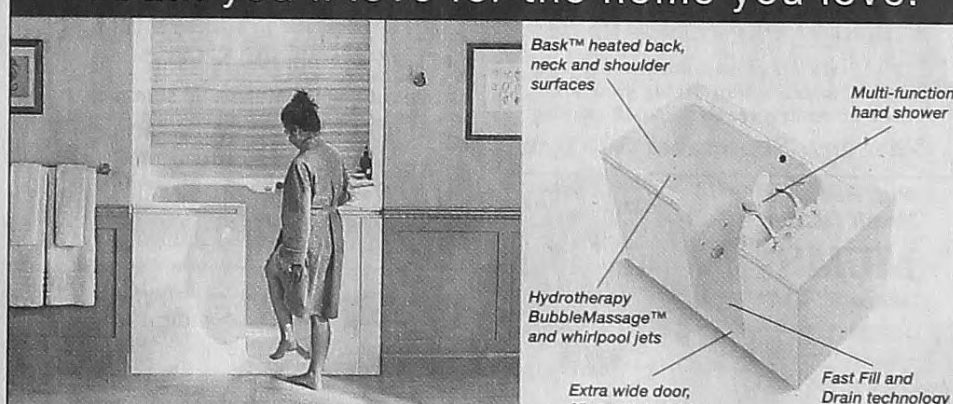


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Volunteer tutor training sessions

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

Tutors receive comprehensive training before volunteering in a setting of their choice for up to two hours each week. The next training class, which includes 12 hours of instruction spread out over two days, will be held the following dates: 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21.

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

Patriot Golf Day

The inaugural Patriot Golf Day will be held Saturday, Sept. 30, at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet

Center, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, to benefit Folds of Honor.

Tickets are \$125 and include 18 holes of golf with a cart, open driving range, lunch at the turn, event dinner with open bar and awards. Contests include hole-in-one, longest drive, closest to the pin, gift raffle, 50/50 raffle, mulligan and skins.

Registration is at 7:30 a.m. Shotgun start is at 8:30 a.m. Lunch at the turn is 10:30 a.m. and dinner and awards are at 2:30 p.m.

For more information, email foldsmichigan@gmail.com.

Suicide prevention program

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

Fall color walks

Join the Friends of Miller Woods for their annual fall color walks 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15 and 22. Each tour lasts one hour, is free, and will

leave the entrance every 30 minutes. No dogs or strollers are allowed and you must be able to walk on uneven paths. For more information, go to millerwoods.com or call Cheryl Bord at 734-459-7666. Meet at entrance of woods on Powell Road, just east of Ridge Road.

Good Counsel to host Fatima conference

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

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

Registration, hotel information and all information on the conference can be accessed at <https://www.olgcp parish.net/fatima>. One-day registration cost is \$30; two-day registration cost is \$40; Youth conference is free of charge. Assistance with the registration fee is available.

Wonderful World of Synchro

The Michigan Synchro-Masters will present the Wonderful World of

Synchro, a synchronized swimming show, prior to their USA Masters National Competition at 5 p.m. Sunday Oct. 17, at the Schoolcraft College physical education building pool. Admission is \$5 at the door; children are free. Call 734-522-7749 for more information.

Church hosts concert series

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

Admission is free; a free-will offering will be received to benefit the PFUMC Chancel Choir and hurricane relief. First United Methodist Church is located at 45201 N. Territorial Road in Plymouth.

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

Baseline Folk Society

The Baseline Folk Society opens its 13th season at The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, at 774 N. Sheldon Road.

Tickets are \$5 at the door, including performers. Sign-up for open mic starts at 6:15 p.m. and ends at 6:40 p.m. Performances are the third Saturday of each month, September through May.

Music at the Elks

Blues @ The Elks happens 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society (www.detroitbluesociety.org). There is a \$5 donation at the door and bring your dancing shoes.

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

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

A Night to R.E.M.ember

Sweet Dreamzzz, a local nonprofit, is hosting A Night to R.E.M.ember on Friday, Oct. 20, and it needs help to make it an unforgettable evening.

"Dream for Success" is the theme of the night, promoting how a consistent, good night's sleep is key to good health, overall well-being and aca-

ademic success for young students. Sweet Dreamzzz works to teach children and their families about the proper steps to take at bedtime, the amount of time required for a good night's rest and provides these children in need with bedtime essentials like sleeping bags, blankets, toothbrushes, toothpaste and nightshirts, to give them their best chance at success.

A Night to R.E.M.ember is the organization's largest annual fundraiser. This year's event will take place at the Detroit Historical Museum and will feature both a live and silent auction, a delicious strolling dinner provided by Forte Belanger, open bar, emcee Iron Mike Racey and auctioneer Steve Gross.

Sponsorship opportunities are available ranging from \$100 to \$15,000.

Donors are also needed for both the live and silent auctions. Items of interest include but are not limited to: restaurant gift certificates, overnight hotel stays, local activities, rounds of golf, signed memorabilia, technology, jewelry, artwork, and new household items.

Contact Sweet Dreamzzz executive director Nancy Maxwell at 248-478-3242 or nancymaxwell@sweetdreamzzz.org for more information.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Livonia is a city of garages

Wow! What the heck is going on in our city? A new resident applied for a variance to build an addition to an existing attached garage that would total 1,270 square feet on a lot, .40 acre.

According to the ordinance Livonia would allow up to 660 square feet originally, then up to 1,000 square feet if no other accessory structure, but should not ever be more than the ground square footage of the home. The residence in question is 1,073. I have been in the real estate business for over 45 years and have worked in every metro area and have never seen any residence with the proposed attached garage like this. Even the head of our building department stated at the hearing that he has never seen an attached garage this big in Livonia. The surprise! The Zoning Board Members unanimously approved this.

If this type of garage addition goes on, Livonia will be referred to as the "city of garages" with an attached home. Apparently the Zoning Board members think 4-, 5-, and 6-car attached garages will be good for Livonia. My opinion is this type of look is outrageous aesthetically and from my experience this just supports the concept of having garage businesses in our neighborhoods.

The City of Livonia hired the most talented and professional city planners in the country to develop the most progressive and excellent residential building standards. Every specific guideline, every word, and every sentence within our ordinances had to be approved by the council. It is hard to believe that regardless of all the brilliant work and money spent, this is being thrown out the window by the zoning board.

Chris McDonald
Livonia

State cuts a concern

I'm concerned with the drastic cuts in revenue sharing and resources by the State of Michigan to our local communities like Wayne

and Westland. To provide some context, our state government in Lansing has cut over \$6 billion in revenue from local governments over the past decade according to figures from the Michigan Municipal League. Here in Westland, we have lost over \$35 million in shared revenue during the past decade.

These steep and continued cuts in revenue sharing affect us all. They are concerning given the implications they have on vital city services provided to taxpayers. Cuts in revenue sharing mean that cities are forced to make reductions in public safety, road and infrastructure repairs, parks and recreation, bulk trash pickup, ordinance enforcement and more.

The effects of reduced revenue sharing from the state have forced the City of Wayne to reduce the number of police patrols they have on the streets. They have also forced reductions in the number of officers Westland has employed on its police force. It has changed or eliminated services in Westland like bulk trash and leaf pickup.

You've heard quite a bit from the Westland mayoral candidates about their desires to increase and improve city services: adding more police officers to the force, bringing back bulk trash and leaf pickup, and more. These are certainly goals we all share as residents and elected leaders over the long-term. While political decisions made at the local level play a small role in some of these decisions made, the numbers provided above from Michigan Municipal League show us the real culprit: Lansing!

We are fortunate to have a leader like state Rep. Bob Kosowski advocating for us. However, elected leadership as a whole in the state capital continues to abscond from their duty to ensure that communities have the adequate financial resources necessary to best serve their residents and taxpayers.

If we want more police officers and firefighters on our streets

and improved city services across the board, then the conversation for reaching those goals must shift to Lansing. As voters, we must hold our elected leaders to account and ensure they are working to increase resources into our communities. In 2018 our next Governor and State Legislature must push back on these cuts and address the issue of state revenue sharing to municipalities to save our cities!

Mike McDermott
Westland

Support for Stevens

Do you want to do something about President Trump?

If you're like me, every day brings a new round of embarrassment from Washington, D.C. Our president and his entourage are a disgrace. But complaining won't do anything about it.

If you want to make real change, you need to vote. The House of Representatives controls our nation's budget and the power to impeach. Right now, they're marching lockstep with Trump. Our current congressman, Dave Trott, is a Trump lackey. He's also retiring. Now, in South Lyon and Lyon Township, we have a candidate who will make our concerns heard: Haley Stevens.

I recently spoke with Ms. Stevens; I was impressed. She is articulate, energetic, and committed to introducing and supporting legislation that will empower people in this district and around the country. Trott made his millions foreclosing on people during the housing crisis - Stevens will build us up instead of tearing us down. She was born and raised in the district. She knows the area, she knows the people, and she will work for us.

David Consiglio Jr.
South Lyon

NFL disrespects country

Sept. 24 was Gold Star Mother's Day. Do you know what that is? It is a day to honor and respect mothers and families with sons and daughters that have given the ultimate sacrifice of their life to protect and save

the freedoms we have in this country.

On this day there will be those athletes, coaches and owners who will say to those families that the freedoms their children fought for are not to be honored. They will say that the freedom and opportunity they have in sports to make millions of dollars gives them the right to ignore the lives that cannot no longer play sports or go to a game because they died for your ability to do so.

They claim they are protesting against social injustice. They have a job that used to be respected, make millions of dollars doing it and among the few to have this opportunity. Yes there is a way if they truly believe in social injustice. But the flag and the national anthem do not represent social injustice. It represents freedom and opportunity. It does not repre-

sent the current person in the White House, Congress or the Senate. If they disagree with them, vote them out.

Last but not least, they are also the 'hero' that our young people look up to. What will happen when none of them volunteer for the military to protect us? What happens in other countries? Boys and girls are forced into the military at 18. Is this what you want for your sons and daughters, grandsons and granddaughters? Think about your actions; they go way beyond a single game or season.

I can no longer support a team, player, coach or owner that disrespects the county and its symbol that I love. For all those that feel the same, I suggest you show your freedom and stay home and do not watch. Show your freedom to affect their pocketbook.

Arlene Callaghan
director of Women
Supporting Women Veterans
South Lyon

Anthem, pledge protests are wrong

I'm sorry, but the National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance have nothing to do with "Black Lives Matter", or police brutality. They stand for all our predecessors that have fought and died for our freedoms.

Their protests should be taken to the streets or the politicians; they are not a representative of your team or your school.

If you're a NFL player or a student that doesn't want to honor the people that fought for these freedoms, move to another country!

Tom Kelly
Plymouth

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Day

Ronald G. of Lake Wales, FL, passed away Friday, September 8, 2017 at the Winter Haven Hospital. He was born October 20, 1932 in Freeport, IL to the late Elvin W. and Doris M. Day. He was an electrical engineer and a member of the Lamb of God Lutheran Church. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Lola Dianne Day. Survivors include his wife of 35 years, Joyce Day; daughters, Carolyn Day, Linda Day Bidwell her husband Eugene; sons, Brian Day his wife Christine, Jeffrey Cromwell his wife Deborah, Jonathan Cromwell his wife, Donna, Jeremy Cromwell his wife, Angela; twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Memorial service will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday, September 22, 2017 at the Lamb of God Lutheran Church in Haines City with Rev. Paul B. "Joe" Conner, II officiating. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.marionnelsonfuneralhome.com.

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Deacon Donald E., September 21, 2017 age 62 of Canton. Beloved husband of Mary. Loving father of Michelle, Christopher and Megan (Brian) McDonald. Dear brother of Robert (Kathy), Mary (David) Fulton and Ruth Blook. Visitation Friday 2-9 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. In state Saturday 10 AM until the Saturday 11 AM Funeral Mass at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church, 555 S. Lilley Rd., Canton. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Bridging International Communities (Bridge-communities.org) To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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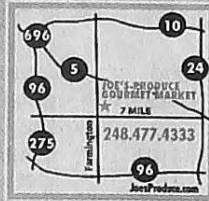
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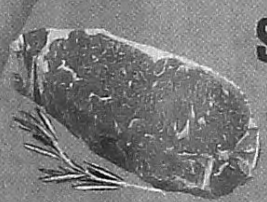
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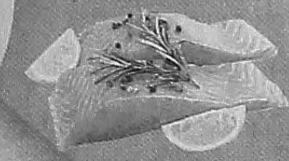
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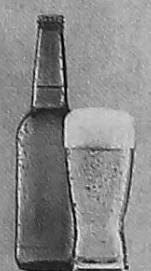
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PREP FOOTBALL

Boys Bowl: CC pulls out late 27-23 win over Rice

Shamrocks QB Genrich engineers game-winning TD drive

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Aaron Rodgers and Tom Brady aren't the only quarterbacks who can engineer a fourth-quarter drive during a Sunday afternoon.

Detroit Catholic Central junior Marco Genrich wrote his own script with some late-

game heroics as he marched the host Shamrocks 89 yards in just eight plays during the final 3:53 to beat rival Birmingham Brother Rice, 27-23, in the 73rd Boys Bowl at Fr. Richard Elmer Stadium.

Genrich, who was an efficient 9-of-12 passing for 221 yards, connected with tight end Mike Harding on the game-winning TD on a 13-yard pass with only 47 seconds to go after Rice had taken a 23-21 advantage on a 24-yard Christian Hajjar field goal with 8:43 remaining to make it 23-21.

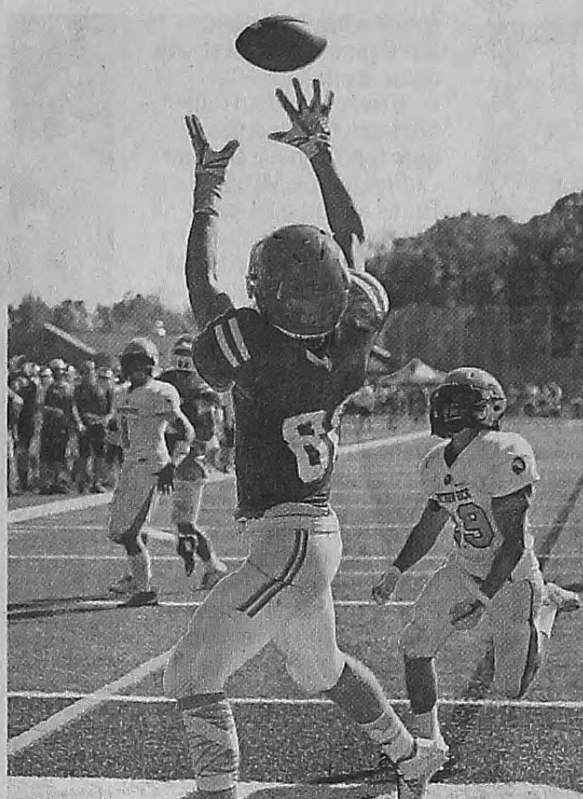
"I just trusted my O-Line,

trusted the receivers to make plays, the running backs did a hell of a job," Genrich said. "It was just surreal, great drive."

Backed up on his own 11, Genrich hurled a perfect 53-yard strike on first down to Parker Bohland to put the Shamrocks within striking distance.

The Shamrocks, who had two timeouts left, then milked the clock down to the final minute with five straight running plays, including four straight runs by Genrich of 9,

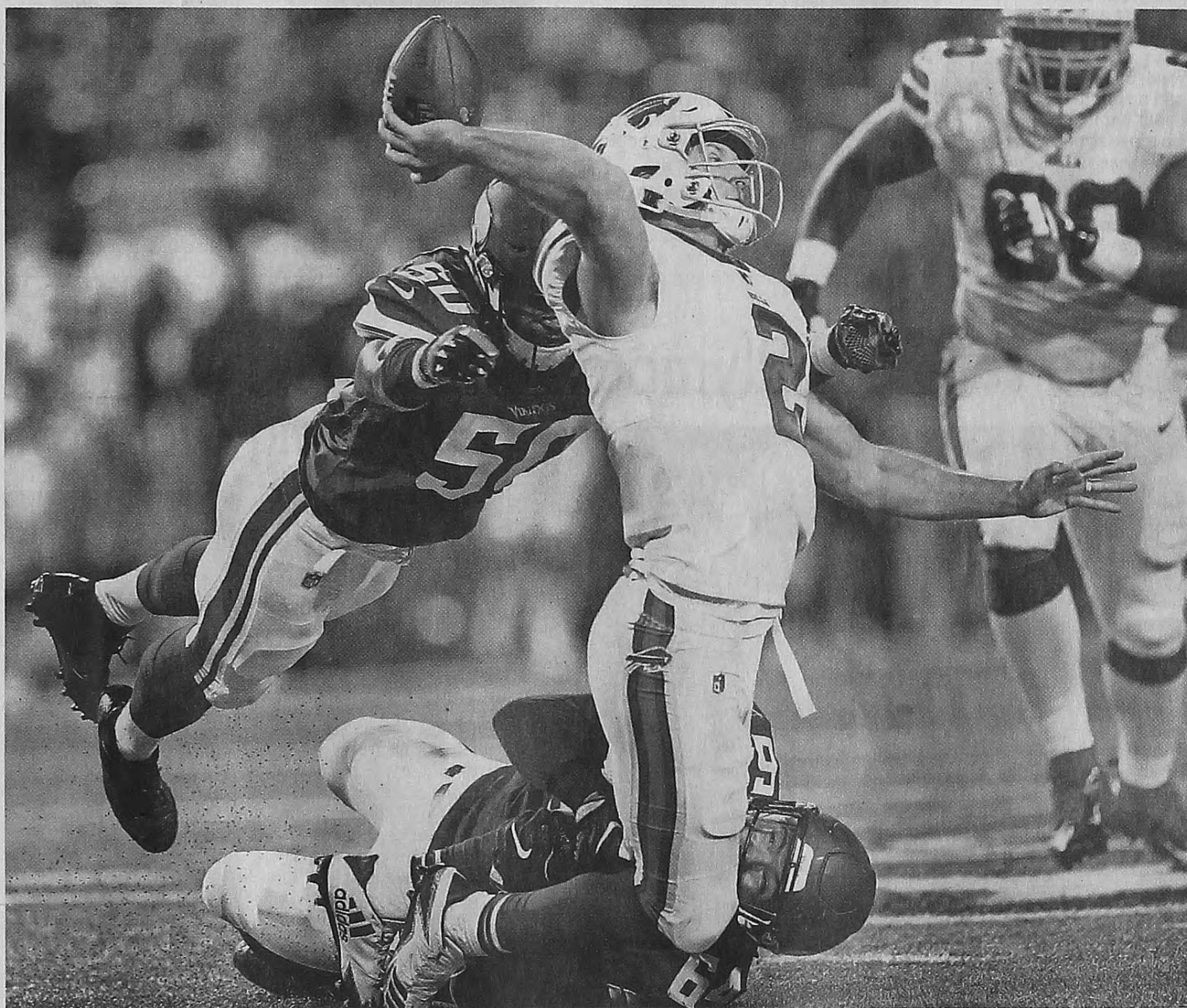
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CC's Mike Harding hauls in the winning touchdown pass over Brother Rice defender Johnatan Douglas. DAN DEAN

NFL FOOTBALL

Free agent LB Wilson makes Vikings' roster



Minnesota Vikings linebacker Eric Wilson (left) dives in an attempt to sack Buffalo quarterback Nathan Peterman during a preseason game.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Thurston grad makes impact on special teams

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Eric Wilson wasn't invited to the NFL Combine.

The linebacker didn't even get chosen to play in any college all-star games, despite an impressive football resumé coming out of the University of Cincinnati.

But that couldn't stop the Redford Thurston High grad

from crashing the party and making the Minnesota Vikings' 53-man roster as an undrafted free agent.

"I think it all comes from having a good film and production in college, for sure," said

Wilson, who led the Bearcats in tackles both his junior and

senior seasons. "And just making sure I was doing the right things in the game as a whole, just not defense, but special teams, too, because I played special teams a lot in college, as well at the same time I was starting on defense. I think playing well on defense and getting after it on special teams is important."

The 6-foot-1, 230-pound Wilson, who is wearing jersey

No. 50, made two solo tackles in a 26-9 loss to Pittsburgh as the Vikings got off to a 2-1 start.

He is currently making his mark as a member of the Vikings' kicking and punting units.

"I think those first two games were awesome because the preseason - it's the NFL, but it's different when you get to the regular season," Wilson said. "So it was

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Wilson

PRO SOCCER

Pro at 18, Gatt rides the Rapids now in Colorado

Catholic Central graduate returns to MLS after playing professionally in Norway

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Turning professional at the young age of 18 right out of Detroit Catholic Central High School, Joshua Gatt got quite the indoctrination into the world of professional soccer.

He's played in the group stages of the Europa League and in the UEFA Champions League qualifying, while suiting up against the likes of noted professional clubs such as Stuttgart FC, Basel FC and FC Steaua Bucharest.

Now at age 26 and three knee surgeries later, Gatt is trying to resurrect and re-establish himself as an outside midfielder for Major League Soccer's Colorado Rapids.

Gatt originally signed in the off-season with Minnesota United FC, but was traded March 31 barely before he could put his boots on.

"If you'd describe it in a word, I'd say it's been a whirlwind," Gatt said. "Just because moving from Norway to Minnesota, Minnesota to Colorado ... it was a very busy

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Plymouth native and Detroit Catholic Central High grad Joshua Gatt is now with the MLS Colorado Rapids. COLORADO RAPIDS

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PREP FOOTBALL

Lakeland's Myers a bear in win over East

Sophomore fullback Myers keys 51-21 Eagles victory

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White Lake Lakeland's Dakota Myers might not know who Bronco Nagurski was, but the sophomore did a pretty good imitation of the legendary Chicago Bears player.

The rugged 6-foot-1, 210-pound fullback is proving to be a throwback Friday as he rushed for a team-best 124 yards on just 14 yards with a touchdown as the Eagles pulled away in the second half to spoil South Lyon East's homecoming, 51-21.

With senior Dylan Kutzleb, the lead running back, going down in the first quarter after taking a shot on the knee, Myers stepped up.

But he deflected the all the praise in the Lakes Valley Conference win.

"The running back down blocked and then I just followed him right up the hole; it's a fullback dive, pretty much," said Myers, who had a 21-yard TD run early in the third quarter to put the Eagles up, 17-7. "I'm just a power back. The offensive line is amazing. They blocked downfield. They don't stop. They carry us down the field, pretty much."

Robbie Tracy also had a big night, going for an additional 107 yards on 18 carries, adding a 71-yard kickoff return and TD runs of 3 and 17 yards to

spark a big Lakeland third quarter as East was outscored, 34-7.

Brady Woodruff also hurled a 65-yard third-quarter TD pass to Sean Cullen, while Mitchell Boles added a 24-yard TD run. Joe Rzeppa also scored from 7 yards out and Jon Fernandez capped off the night with a 6-yard TD run in the final quarter.

The Eagles, who improved to 4-1 overall, rushed for 318 total yards. They were 2-of-3 passing for 83 yards.

"Our kids made a lot of good adjustments," Lakeland coach Joe Woodruff said. "Somebody always says your plays always look the same and it's boring. But again, I look at 51 points and I'll say, 'It wasn't boring for me.' There's a lot of nuances and we know who we are. We run our offense the way we run it and tonight, when you put 51 points on the board, it is what it is. I don't get wrapped into how you score the points. We call a lot of pass plays that get checked off at the line of scrimmage, so we don't care how we get in the end zone. But it was nice to get everybody a touch tonight."

Myers ran for the tough inside yards after Kutzleb couldn't go.

"We've been waiting for Dakota to have a game," Woodruff said. "And he had a couple of good runs last game. Couldn't be more proud of Dakota. He was the one in first game against (Walled Lake) Central where he fumbled his first handoff, gave it to



Lakeland's Dakota Myers (right) stiff-arms East tacklers Jake Waranauckas (bottom) and Terry Day. JERRY REA

them and they scored. In the second game against (Waterford) Mott, he fumbled his second handoff. We coached Dakota last year and we know what he's capable of doing. We have a lot of running backs that are capable of doing special things. Robbie Tracy had a great night again in Dylan's absence. When Dakota gets going, it definitely adds a lot to our offense."

Here are four other game takeaways

BALL CONTROL

The Eagles ran 33 first-half plays to East's 17. One drive, starting at its own 7, went 18 plays, resulting in a 37-yard Leo Skupin field goal to get Lakeland on the board.

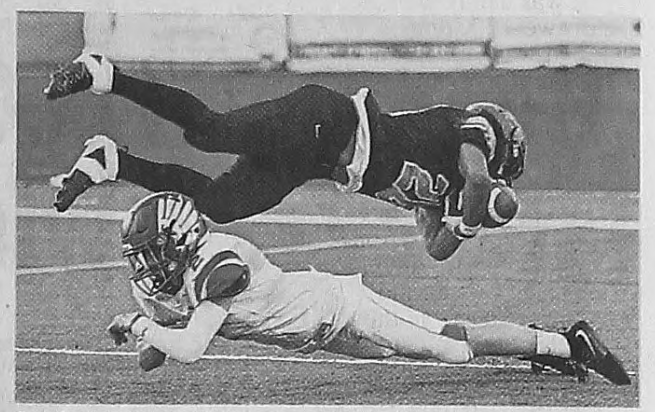
Lakeland got stopped in the red zone on fourth-and-two on a big stop by

East's Robby Taylor, but Lakeland got its first TD with 41 seconds left in the half on a 7-yard run by Rzeppa after he completed an 18-yard pass to Brendan McGrath for a key first down. It was only Lakeland's second pass of the half.

"Up front, their offensive and defensive lines ... they're pretty damn good," East coach Joe Pesci said. "They controlled the line of scrimmage and it's tough to make tackles when you're finally meeting guys 6, 7, 8 yards back by the linebackers. That was certainly one of the biggest differences in the game. Up front, they controlled the line of scrimmage."

ONSIDE AVALANCHE

The Cougars, down 10-7, tried an onside kick



South Lyon East's Donovan Wright (top) goes airborne to make the catch over Lakeland defender Leo Skupin. JERRY REA

to start the third quarter. But Lakeland's Connor Wheeler recovered it at the 50 and it led to a four-TD spree during an 8:40 span to put the Eagles up, 38-7.

"We figured we'd come out and try that," Pesci said. "We had a little window there. We just kind of misplaced the kick by about 3 yards to the right. We thought we could get it and change the momentum a little bit."

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

Kutzleb, who rushed for 254 yards in a 34-14 win two weeks ago against South Lyon, was held out the rest of the night after carrying the ball three times in the opening quarter.

The Eagles have a big Lakes Valley Conference match-up coming up beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday at Walled Lake Western.

"He took a shot in knee; we were very cautious with him," Woodruff said. "We didn't think we were going to

risk putting him back in there."

EAST NUMBERS

South Lyon East junior quarterback Chris Kaminski was 10-of-24 passing for 187 yards and one interception (by Lakeland's Luke Perry).

East scored on its opening possession, going 65 yards in just four plays as Kaminski connected on passes of 47 yards (to Alex Donaldson) and Donovan Wright (a 26-yard TD).

Kaminski added a 21-yard scoring pass to Sean Clary on the final play of the third quarter to stop the bleeding. Wright added a 5-yard TD run late in the game.

The Cougars had 92 rushing yards on 21 attempts.

"Our lack of depth certainly factored into tonight, especially towards the end of the first half," said Pesci, whose team slipped to 2-3 overall. "The third quarter was kind of a nightmare for us."

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PREP FOOTBALL

Miller sparks late rally for Plymouth

Wildcats score two late TDs to edge Northville and spoil homecoming, 35-34

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With Carson Miller doing the heavy lifting Friday, the Plymouth Wildcats just needed a little extra oomph from other players to push over the finish line a 35-34 victory against Northville.

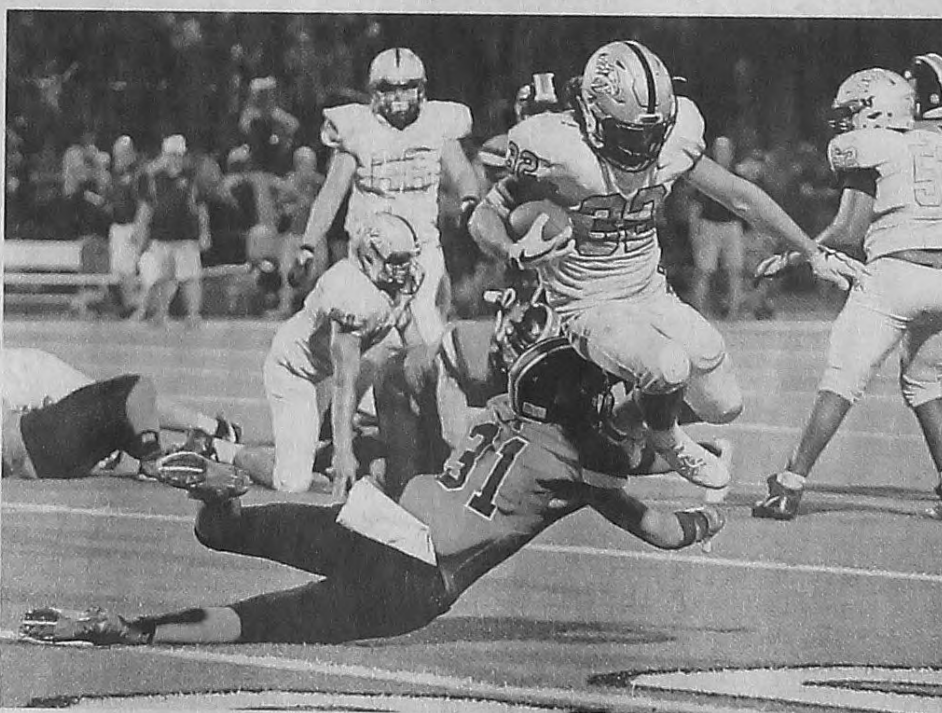
Miller was a beast all night for the host Wildcats, as he rushed 41 times for 291 yards and scored two touchdowns.

"Our O-line blocked their tails off for him, too," Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk said about Miller. "But Carson, he's a great back for what we do because he's very patient. He doesn't go down on one hit. That's what we preach, can't go down with one hit."

Yet Plymouth couldn't have prevailed without A.J. Neal's leaping recovery of an onside kick, which set the table for the Wildcats' game-tying march — a 45-yard drive in nine plays, capped off by senior quarterback Zach Beadle's 5-yard toss to sophomore receiver Mike Mathias with 1:14 remaining.

Mathias (98 all-purpose yards, two TDs) then booted the extra point to give Plymouth (2-3) the victory.

"We figured, with the way we're pooch kicking, it's only about a 10-yard difference," Sawchuk said. "So if we didn't get it, we just had to stop them. So we just figured we'd roll the dice, we had the momentum going, we had them on their heels." Northville head coach



Northville's Brendan Rudolph (bottom) dives in an attempt to tackle Plymouth's elusive Carson Miller. MICHAEL VASILNEK

Matt Ladach's team, trying to earn a victory on homecoming night, had one final chance.

The Mustangs wanted to at least work the ball into the Plymouth half to give record-holding senior kicker Jake Moody a crack at a dramatic winning field goal. Moody went 4-for-4, including a 55-yarder. But Plymouth senior Calvin Vos recovered a fumble to pretty much conclude the proceedings.

"Absolutely, we had the wind at our back," Ladach said. "That's why chose to kick the way we did to start the half. We wanted the wind in the fourth quarter and we had it. We just didn't get in his range."

Ladach said the way his team battled back in the second half, only to give the game back, is going to sting for a while. "Words can't describe the pain that we feel in this case," he said. "(We) had a two-score lead late in the game. Just hard."

The Wildcats — who outgained Northville, 521-231 — led much of the game, taking a 21-16 lead into the fourth quarter. But Northville went on a 18-0 run and look poised to prevail.

Undaunted, Plymouth rallied with the help of a successful onside kick (recovered by Neal) and Beadle's touchdown pass to Mathias — who scored on a 60-yard run early in the first quarter, which at that time made it a 7-7 game.

It took an extra point by Mathias to break the 34-34 tie and Plymouth's defense then made sure Northville could not move into Moody's impressive field-goal range.

Here are several takeaways from the contest:

NEVER TOO LATE

Even though Northville enjoyed a seemingly comfortable 34-21 lead midway through the fourth quarter, the Wildcats kept battling behind

the hard running of Miller. He scored on a 28-yard scamper with 4:06 to play to make it a six-point differential.

Plymouth then tried an onside kick that Neal recovered near midfield and the Wildcats went on their game-winning drive.

CLUTCH TIME

Miller ran seven times for 38 yards during the winning march, but Beadle (7-of-15 passing, 92 yards) needed to roll out of the pocket and find Mathias near the goal line for the 5-yard touchdown.

"We've been through a lot this year and we're starting to see some really good flashes of football," Sawchuk said.

Another Beadle TD toss was a 25-yarder to Kyle Aniol, to make it 21-13 with 6:57 left in the third.

GUT PUNCH

Ladach said the Mus-

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PREP FOOTBALL

Canton gallops to 56-12 win over Novi

Troup, Walker carry big load in KLAA Black Division triumph

Tom Morelli
Correspondent

If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

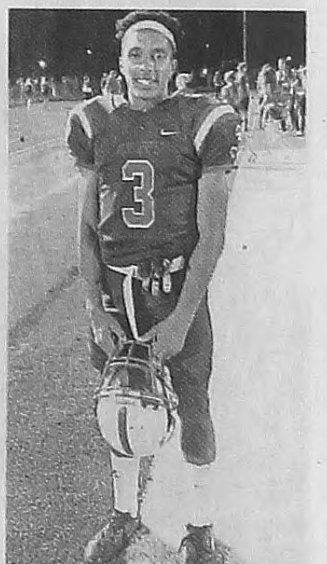
That's been the mentality of Canton football for several years now under coach Tim Baechler, as his team's power running game once again proved to be its biggest asset Friday in a 56-12 division win over homecoming opponent Novi.

While the faces underneath the helmets may change, the scheme has remained relatively intact, which is a rarity given the copycat mentality of coaches to latch onto the latest and greatest formations and gimmicks.

Of course, with more than 200 wins in Baechler's 20 seasons as coach, it's clear that you can't argue with success.

The offensive beneficiaries for Canton (4-0 overall, 3-1 KLAA Black) were the dynamic duo of running backs Colin Troup (14 carries for 169 yards) and Steven Walker (12 carries for 166 yards), who scored a combined five of the Chiefs' eight touchdowns.

"Novi's a very good team with a lot of talent, but what I really think what helped us pull off the win was coach Baechler, who's been working us hard all week," Troup said. "The whole team has been getting over this hot, sweaty week and it just felt really good to come out



Canton's Colin Troup was the game's leading ball carrier in the 56-12 win over Novi. TOM MORELLI

and impress the crowd during our homecoming game."

It was off to the races from the get-go for Troup, who broke loose up the middle on the first play of the game for a 50-yard touchdown.

Not to be outdone, Walker's moment came in the final minute of the first quarter on a 30-yard sprint to give Canton a 21-12 lead.

Troup reached the end zone once more on the Chiefs' opening drive in the ensuing quarter with a 3-yard scamper, followed by Walker's 57-yard score up the gut to make it 35-12 at the half.

The synergy behind Canton's running game was apparent in the third, with Troup taking the ball up the right side for a 54-yard run that would be capped three plays later by Walker from 4 yards out.

"Troup is a sleek runner and a racehorse kind

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7, 1 and 1 yards to move the chains.

"It was a play we put in this week," Genrich said. "It was just an outside run. It worked well all game and we just went back to it. We were playing for the touchdown, but we wanted to get into field-goal range. But we were playing for the touchdown all day."

Genrich then found Harding all alone in the right corner of the end zone, just in front of the delirious CC student section, for the go-ahead score.

"It was a play-action pass," Genrich said. "We knew they were going to bite down hard. I just lofted it up and (Harding) made a hell of a play."

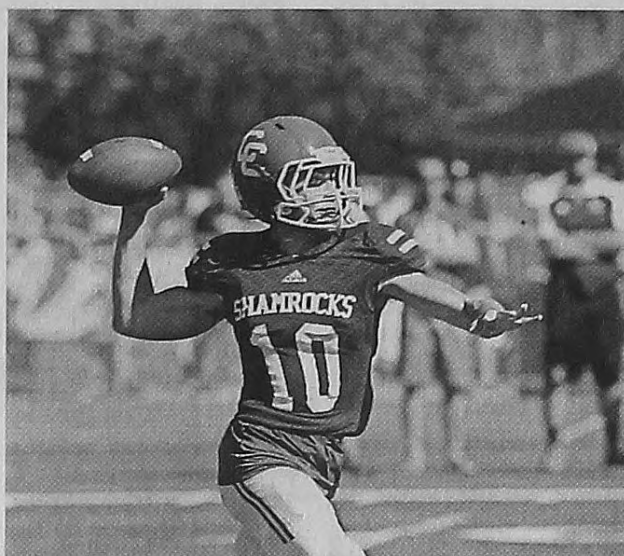
CC (3-2, 1-0) was impressive early, jumping out to a 21-7 lead after getting first-quarter TD runs of 38 and 4 yards from 6-foot, 210-pound senior Cameron Ryan, who led all rushers with 147 yards on 28 carries.

Genrich also connected with Liam Cunningham on fourth-and-five for a 38-yard TD toss with 10:53 left in the half.

"Marco had a great game today, he really did," first-year CC coach Dan Anderson said. "I made a statement to the coaches before the game and I said, 'I just hope Marco comes into his own today.' And I felt like he really did. He's a junior, but he's young. It's his fifth game starting. And with the competition we play, you got to be on the ball at all times. And I thought he was on the ball and did a great job for us."

Rice (2-3, 0-2), however, refused to fold, getting a pair of first-half scores thanks to Mariano Valenti, who went 13-of-19 passing for 223 yards. Matt Torey caught a 38-yard TD pass in the first quarter and Colin Gardner snagged a 15-yard TD pass in the second.

The Warriors then pulled to within one, 21-20, on an 18-yard TD keeper by Valenti with



Catholic Central quarterback Marco Genrich was 9-of-12 passing for 220 yards and two TDs in the 27-23 win over Brother Rice. DAN DEAN

9:18 left in the third, but the extra point was blocked.

Rice eventually took the lead, 23-21, when Valenti teamed with Gardner on an 83-yard pass to set up Hajjar's field goal.

And with only 6:40 left, Rice pounced on a CC fumble at midfield, but couldn't get a first down and was forced to punt, setting up the game-winning drive.

"We knew we had another timeout in our pocket," Anderson said. "I had coaches in the booth and on the field watching the clock, so they'd tell me if we needed it. I just got to go with what they're telling me. And (Genrich) did a great job on that last drive. Those two throws that he made ... couldn't ask for anything better."

The Central Division win also kept CC in the playoff hunt as the Boys Bowl series between the two schools now stands at an even 18-18-1.

"It's just a big win and a big confidence-builder for our team," Genrich said. "We can see what we can do now. It's just a great win for the team. Great win for the school."

Here are four other takeaways:

KEY RICE INJURY

Valenti, the starting Rice quarterback, left the game with 9:23 left. He was chased out of the pocket and went down

after throwing an incomplete pass while being tackled on the sideline at the CC 8-yard line.

Greg Piscopink came on for the next two plays, which led to the go-ahead field goal by Hajjar.

David Mobius finished the game and was intercepted by CC's Ryan Birney with 37 seconds left.

"I know what happened without seeing it," first-year Rice coach Adam Korzeniewski said. "I just knew (Valenti) took a hit from behind. I didn't see it with my own eyes, but I knew the guy was chasing him."

Valenti was wheeled off on a cart after the game.

"I feel so bad for him getting hurt like that," Anderson said. "He's a great quarterback and they have great receivers. They spread us out and they were picking us apart at times."

DARKO'S BACK

Standout Catholic Central linebacker Isaac Darkangelo missed the first four games of the season due to thumb surgery, but returned for the Boys Bowl.

Anderson said the 6-foot-1, 230-pound senior's return was a sight for sore eyes.

"It means the world," Anderson said. "He is such a presence on our defense. He's the leader out there. He does everything we need him to do."

He makes the call, he makes the tackles, he makes the plays. He does a great job."

GOING TOE-TO-TOE

CC had the edge in total offense, 397-323, but committed a pair of turnovers.

Rice also had one fumble lost and threw the late interception during the final minute.

"Rice is one of those teams that's you're arch-nemesis and yet we have all the respect for them in the world," Anderson said.

"They're a good, quality program and we love the rivalry and the competition. Very rarely do you see blowouts in a Rice-CC game. It's going to be a battle."

Meanwhile, Korzeniewski was proud of the way his team hung tough on an extremely hot afternoon when temperatures exceeded the 90s.

"I couldn't be prouder of the guys and I wouldn't expect anything less of Brother Rice," he said. "This team has the heart the size of a Lion and we'll be better for it."

KEY CONVERSIONS

It seemed when the Shamrocks needed a key first down, they got it.

"I think it just came down to executing," Korzeniewski said. "We knew what our game plan was going in it. We just didn't hit the plays right off the bat. But we knew they were coming. We just needed to execute them."

CC had the edge in the rushing yards, 177-106, while the passing stats were virtually even, 223 yards for the Warriors and 220 for the Shamrocks.

"I think their passing game definitely got to us more than probably we had hoped," Korzeniewski said. "I think it's just guys being able to recognize they body position with the wide receiver and trusting in their technique a little bit better."

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PREP BASEBALL

Farquhar retakes Lakeland varsity reins

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Brad Farquhar has come full-circle with the White Lake Lakeland baseball program.

The 42-year-old Farquhar, who served the past two years as the high school's athletic department liaison, will return to the dugout after being the Eagles varsity baseball coach from 2001-04.

He replaces Todd Miller, who stepped down after 13 seasons in June to become the school's full-time athletic director.

"I really couldn't be more excited for a few reasons," Farquhar said. "No. 1, it's a great group of kids and families that are coming through the program right now that are very supportive."

No. 2, it really gets back to me combining

my two passions, which are coaching kids and baseball."

In Miller's final two seasons, the Eagles captured back-to-back Kensington Lakes Activities Association North Division titles, going 19-9 and 20-11-1, respectively. His 2009 squad wound up 25-5 and gained a share of the KLAA North crown.

Miller also guided the Eagles to three district championships, in 2014 (losing to Clarkston in the regional final), 2008 and 2006.

Farquhar, a 1992 Lakeland grad who played baseball and football for the Eagles, has also returned to his teaching duties in health and physical education.

"We know what we're going to get - a very good baseball mind who has high expectations of kids," Miller said. "He's got a ton of experience

zies (six carries for 85 yards) accounted for two scores, a 3-yard run in the first and a 24-yarder in the fourth.

Senior quarterback Connor Engel had just four rushes, but his best came with 4:47 left in the third, as he faked a handoff to Frazier before forging ahead on a 2-yard run to make it 49-12 and initiate a running clock.

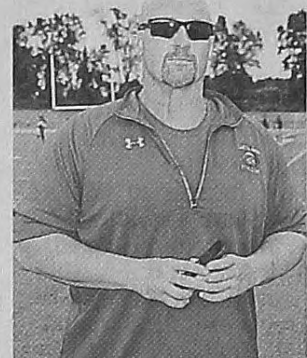
SCORING PARTY (PART 2)

The kicking game for Canton also saw plenty of action, making eight extra points. Senior kicker/tight end Chase Meredith accounted for seven of them, while senior offensive lineman Evan Kernosek successfully added a point after following Frazier's second score with 4:04 remaining.

PASS OR FAIL

Novi was able to generate some success throughout the air, finishing with 88 yards on 7-of-21 attempts by senior quarterback Sean Gilliam.

On the second possession of the game, Gilliam connected with senior wide receiver Travon Maddox Jr. (five catches for 73 yards) off the post route for a 24-



Brad Farquhar is returning for his second stint as Lakeland baseball coach.

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coaching - high school, youth. And he's in the building so, obviously, he has relationships with a lot of kids."

In three of Farquhar's four seasons as head baseball coach, the Eagles reached the district final.

Farquhar, currently the quarterbacks coach for the Lakeland varsity football, was a catcher at the University of Detroit Mercy, where he graduated in 1997.

He has also been involved in the Lakeland Broncos youth football organization and coached summer baseball for the West Oakland Wings.

During his first stint, Lakeland was part of the Kensington Valley Conference before moving to the KLAA. The Eagles are now part of the new nine-school Lakes Valley Conference.

And this spring, Farquhar will be able to coach his son Trent, who was a starting infielder last season as a sophomore.

"I love baseball," Farquhar said. "I feel like it's the greatest sport ever invented, because of all the life lessons it teaches and some of the experiences you can get throughout the course of the season."

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tangs need to find a way to finish games and said the late collapse would leave a sour taste for some time.

"I think the lesson is when we have teams down, we have to finish," Ladach said. "We experienced the same thing at Franklin a couple weeks ago. And we didn't finish."

Also lamenting the inability to seal the deal was Nicholas Prystash, who opened the scoring Friday with a 30-yard TD reception from starting quarterback Jonathan Michalak.

"I think we just have to be more disciplined and learn how to finish the game," Prystash said. "We put up 34 points and we got to expect to win that game putting up 34 points."

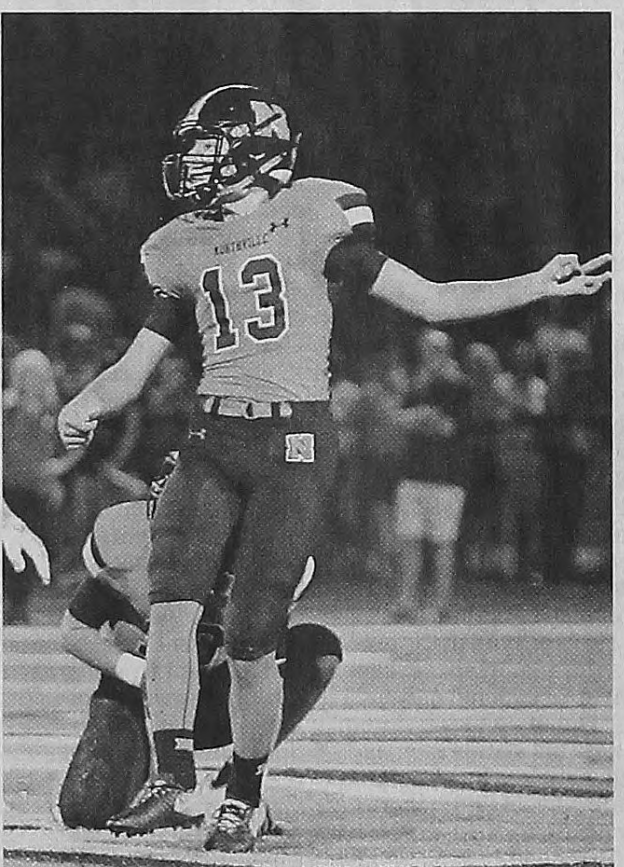
"I think down the road, we need to be more disciplined and do our jobs near the end of the game to secure the win for us."

BOUNCE BACK

Northville did show the ability to bounce back, especially in the second half, when quarterback Christian Williams threw 36- and 32-yard TD strikes to Ben Schmidt (three receptions, 79 yards).

SOUNDS FAMILIAR

There was a different sound to the football after Moody puts his foot into it. Moody, who recently set a Northville record with a 57-yard field goal, connected on



Watching his 55-yard field goal sail through the uprights Friday night is Northville's Jake Moody. MICHAEL VASILNEK

all four tries, including a 55-yarder.

Plymouth might have thought that sound was similar to when alum Kyle Brindza kicked for the Wildcats. Brindza followed high school with success at Notre Dame before kicking in the NFL.

"That kid's very good and he's very accurate," Sawchuk said referring to Moody. "But I still say Brindza had a different noise on the ball, especially when his kickoffs went through the uprights."

HOMECOMING HEAT

Northville's homecom-

ing game took place on a hot and steamy evening at Tom Holzer Field. Temperatures were around 90 degrees on the field at kickoff time, perhaps even hotter when factoring in the heat rising from the turf.

At halftime, the 2017-18 king and queen were introduced to the enthusiastic crowd.

HELLO, ALUMS

After the first quarter, the Northville High School graduating class of 1952 was recognized.

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CANTON

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of kid who we're trying to make a plow-horse and he has some explosive speed," Baechler said. "Steve Walker's just dazzling and so hard to tackle. He breaks tackles and is so quick and has great vision. He makes people miss and runs through things ... he's very special."

By the time the final whistle blew, there was an overwhelming disparity in total rushing yards, with Canton holding a 472-58 advantage over Novi (1-4, 1-3).

"You see spread, spread, spread, spread and then you go to this type of offense and it throws a monkey wrench in everything," Novi coach Jeff Burnside said. "You can't play your base defense, because you have to change alignments and add more guys to the box and closer to the box. You change personnel because you may not want four secondary players in there and it makes you do things that you don't want to do."

Here are four other takeaways from the game:

SCORING PARTY (PART 1)

The Chiefs had cart blanche when it came to scoring TDs, with four different players reaching the end zone.

Aside from Troup and Walker, junior running back Jawaun Fra-

yard touchdown at 7:40 of the first quarter.

The extra point proved to be a no-go, with Troup blocking the kick to keep Canton ahead by a 7-6 margin.

Junior running back Kyle Klosterman (12 carries for 55 yards) added a 10-yard score for the Wildcats five minutes later, but the team was unsuccessful in its attempt to go for two, which would have tied the game.

"The plays needed to happen in the first half and the boys knew that we were going to gamble and we were going to take chances," Burnside said. "That's why we onside kicked and went for it a couple times on fourth down. We missed a couple balls and we missed a couple blocks. When you play a team like Canton, the room for error is so small and you can't make any errors."

TWO SCOOPS OF PIG-SKIN

One of the bright spots for the Wildcats came on the defensive side, with senior defensive lineman Chad Howell both forcing and recovering two fumbles in addition to his three solo and three assisted tackles.

The first one came on Canton's second offensive drive, when Howell pried the ball out of Engel's hands in what would lead to Novi's initial score.

With 1:17 left until intermission, Howell killed off a red zone scoring opportunity for the Chiefs by executing a force and scoop in the backfield at the Novi 20.

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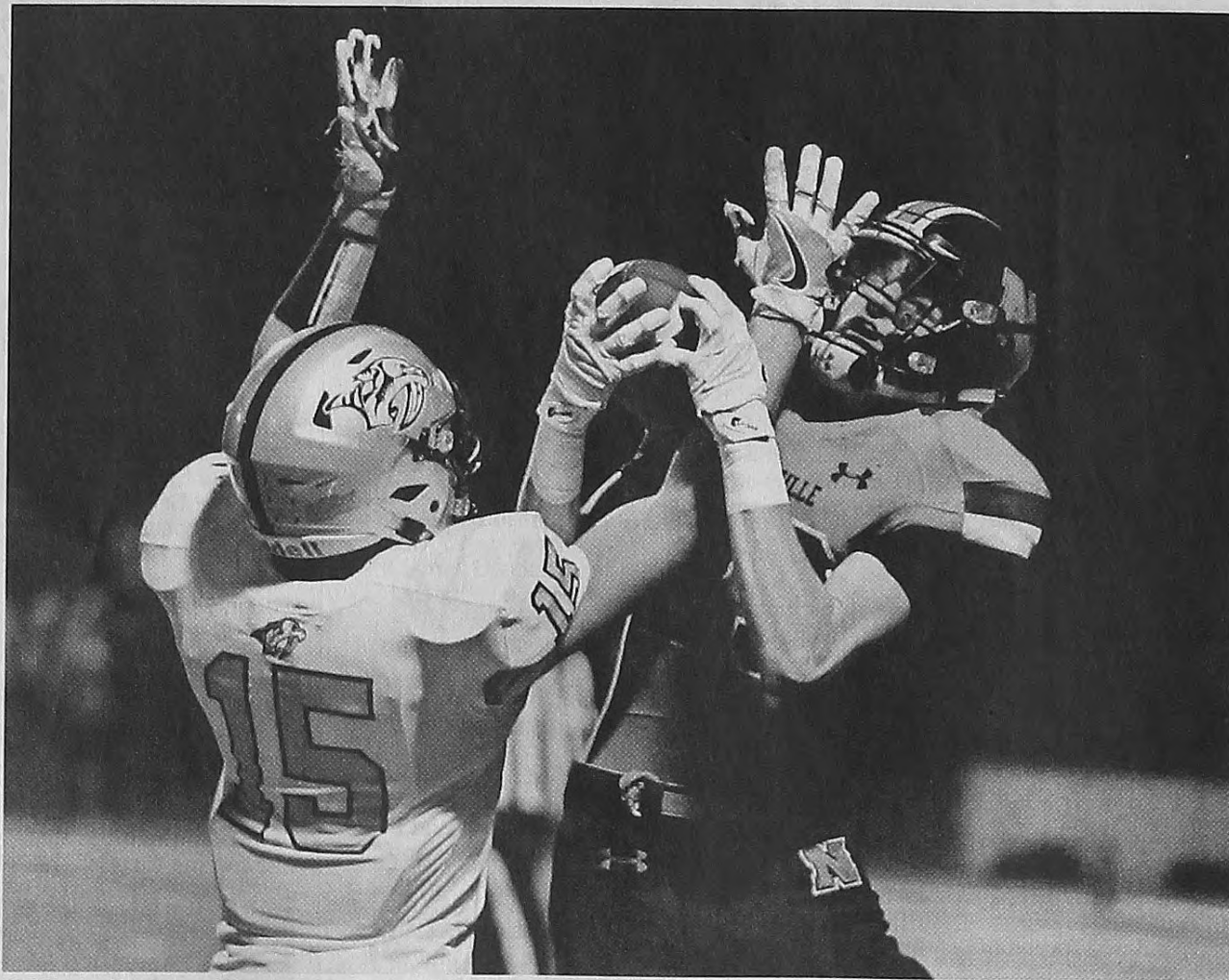
Auburn Hills Oakland Christian 40, Lutheran Westland 0

Rochester 28, Birmingham Seaholm 27
Bloomfield Hills 48, Troy Athens 0

Brighton 30, Livonia Stevenson 10:

Through four weeks, Brighton was 2-2, beating Hartland and Novi teams they were supposed to beat and losing two three-point heartbreakers to a great Belleville team and a good Salem squad. By beating a 4-0 Livonia Stevenson team, Brighton made a statement. The Bulldogs will not only remain a factor in the KLA Black championship chase, but could do some damage come playoff time. Friday's results reduced the contenders for the KLA Black championship to three teams. Brighton stayed in the race, improving to 3-1 in the division, while Stevenson fell to 2-1 in the division. Salem was upset by Hartland, dropping to 2-2 in the Black. Of course, if nobody can slow down the Canton express, it's really only a one-team race. Canton is 4-0 in the division, winning each game by at least 30 points. The Chiefs haven't faced their top two challengers yet, but will in the next three weeks. Canton travels to Stevenson next Friday and hosts Brighton in the division finale on Oct. 13.

Canton 56, Novi 12
Redford Union 39, Dearborn Heights Annapolis 0: After dropping its first three games of the season, Redford Union discovered a successful victory formula - don't allow the opponent to score. The Panthers gained their second consecutive shutout. Redford improved to 2-3 overall and 2-1 in the WWAC Red Division. In addition to shutting out the Cougars, RU's defense contributed a score on Kenny Perry's 50-yard



Making a nifty 36-yard TD catch for Northville is Ben Schmidt (right). Trying to break up the play is Plymouth's Calvin Vos. MICHAEL VASILNEK

interception return in the first quarter. Jajuan Stokes had opened the scoring with his first varsity TD, on a 1-run trap run, as the Panthers took a 12-0 lead into the second quarter. RU then broke the game open as Carl Ware scored on a 4-yard run, Thorton Cain ran in an 18-yard TD and Tavian Groves-Knox added another 18-yard rushing touchdown. Chandler Shettleroe added a pair of extra points to give the Panthers a 32-0 halftime lead. Isaac Grant's 32-yard TD run and another Shettleroe PAT closed the scoring in the third quarter. Overall, RU gained 261 yards on the ground. Defensively, Keion Brown, Cameron Wells and Christian Hadley combined for five tackles for loss to help keep the Cougars in check.

Redford Thurston 53, Dearborn Heights Robichaud 12
Farmington 6, Pontiac 46
Birmingham Groves 32, Farmington Hills

Harrison 31 (3 OT)
Hartland 14, Salem 17
Livonia Franklin 21, Howell 0:

The visiting Patriots used a crushing ground attack and stifling defense to blank host Howell in a KLA Black crossover game. Franklin improved to 3-2 while the Highlanders dropped to 0-5. Franklin sophomore quarterback Jacob Kellert was a dual threat with a 7-for-9 passing day for 95 yards, plus 110 rushing yards on 12 carries, including two touchdown runs. Julius Simmons ran 11 times for 85 yards and one score, and added a pair of receptions for another 49 yards. Isaac Moore chipped in 72 yards on just seven carries, as the Patriots churned out 253 yards on the ground. Brad Gibson contributed three extra-point kicks. Franklin posted 363 yards of total offense while holding Howell to 177. Jacob Mass and Connor Linton led the defense with eight and seven tackles, respectively.

Ferndale 36, North

Farmington 0
Plymouth 35, Northville 34
Romulus 35, Livonia Clarenceville 0

South Lyon 42, Milford 7: Will Kelley's efficient running led the Lions to their first victory of the season. South Lyon is now 1-4 overall, 1-3 in the Lakes Valley Conference, while Milford fell to 0-5. Kelley ran for three touchdowns on just nine carries in the contest, gaining 82 yards overall. The senior scored from 25 yards out in the first quarter, then added TD runs of 5 and 31 yards in the third and fourth quarters, respectively. He also scored on a 22-yard fumble recovery in the second quarter and added a 2-point conversion run, giving him 26 points on the night. South Lyon outgained the Mavericks 261-151 overall, with 223 yards on the ground. Jack Schafer ran eight times for 46 yards, including a 24-yard TD run in the second quarter, to help the Lions grab a 28-7 halftime lead. Ian Goins gained 66 yards on

just six carries, with a 22-yard scoring run. Michael Dancer paced South Lyons receivers with four catches for 38 yards and added seven tackles on defense. Ryan Gill contributed six tackles and a fumble recovery. The Mavericks took a brief lead in the second quarter, when Nick Oslin threw a 28-yard touchdown pass to Carson Jensen. On the night, Oslin was 6-for-11 passing for 106 yards. Brenden Dingman led Milford's rushing attack with 74 yards on 11 carries, while Tyler Knapp paced the defense with six tackles.

White Lake Lakeland 51, South Lyon East 21
Livonia Churchill 32, Westland John Glenn 5

Saturday, Sept. 23

Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood 57, Allen Park Cabrini 7: The Cranes scored three touchdowns in the first quarter, then outdid themselves with four more in the second. Quarterback Trevor McConnell passed for a pair of first-quarter touch-

downs, hitting Aaron Wiggins from 36 yards and Torrell Williams from 40, with a Wiggins 5-yard scoring run sandwiched in between. McConnell remained hot in the second quarter, with a 31-yard TD toss to Andrew Mertz and a 47-yard scoring pass to Kobi Russell, which made the score 35-0. Murari Nelluri added a 64-yard touchdown dash, before Tariq Muhamed closed the scoring with a pair of TD scampers - a 32-yard run late in the second quarter and a 27-yard scamper in the third. Cabrini finally broke the shutout with a 5-yard TD pass from Bzura Matt to Stanley Jackson in the final quarter. McConnell was an efficient 7-of-11 passing for 191 yards. Williams caught three McConnell completions, for 69 yards, while Russell grabbed two, for 55 yards. Muhamed gained 74 yards on just three rushing attempts while Murari carried three times for 73 yards. Pierson Cooke was a perfect 8-for-8 on extra-point kicks. Cranbrook's defensive leaders including Christopher Smith, with 7.5 tackles, including two tackles for loss. Conner Toomey made seven tackles, with one tackle for loss.

Detroit Loyola 24, Detroit Country Day 14:

The Yellowjackets' defense produced several big plays, but it wasn't enough to upend Loyola. Kolin Demens, who had three sacks, produced the biggest defensive play with a 90-yard interception return for a touchdown. Alex McKeen picked off two Loyola passes, returning them for 31 and 42 yards, respectively, and added DCD's only offensive touchdown on a 26-yard pass from quarterback Ahlon Mitchell. Overall, Connor Coffman led Country Day's defenders with 12 tackles, while Christian Love added nine. Mitchell completed 15 of 33 pass for 147 yards.

Sunday, Sept. 24

Detroit Catholic Central 27, Birmingham Brother Rice 23

GATT

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beginning to the year. And it was a bit difficult because, again, I wasn't seeing as many minutes as I had hoped for when I showed up."

The 5-foot-10, 165-pound Gatt has appeared in 15 games this season with the Rapids, with one goal and two assists. After not playing for 42 days, he has appeared in the Rapids' last six games, getting three starts. He scored his first MLS goal in a 4-1 loss to Real Salt Lake (Aug. 26) and played 89 minutes last week in a 1-0 victory over Houston.

Gatt remains upbeat about his situation, despite the Rapids sitting last place in the Western Conference at 7-16-5.

"It's been good being back in the States playing," said Gatt, who counts U.S. National Team goalkeeper Tim Howard as one of his Rapids teammates. "I've been really adapting well to Colorado. I enjoy the guys, I enjoy the States and I enjoy the team. I really think I'm starting to get into a rhythm here in Colorado and really enjoying it."

Gatt made his MLS debut April 15 against

Real Salt Lake. His last competitive soccer game prior to that came Nov. 6, 2016, when he started and played 85 minutes for Molde FK in the Tippeligaen, Norway's top division.

Gatt played from 2011-16 for Molde, where he earned a reputation as an effective offensive weapon, scoring 15 goals and adding 15 assists in 75 games, while winning league championships in 2011 and '12.

Gatt began his pro career in Austria, spending his first six months there before becoming one of Molde's first signings under former Manchester United star Ole Gunnar Solskjær.

"I actually didn't start playing until four months in, but I did start playing and got into a good rhythm of playing well," he said. "I was scoring a couple of goals, I was doing well. (Solskjær) came to one of my games in Austria and watched me. And after the game he said, 'Yes, absolutely, let's do it.' I ended up taking a move in that December (transfer) window after my first six months in Austria over to Norway."

Going to Europe was an eye-opener for Gatt, who not only excelled as a soccer player at Catholic Central, but also for his Michigan Hawks club team (under the guidance of coaches Lars Richters and Dave Hicklin).

As a senior at CC, the speedy Gatt was a mem-

ber of the Shamrocks' Division 1 state championship 1,600-meter relay track team that set a school record.

One of the nation's most coveted high school recruits, Gatt was originally headed to play at Indiana University, but took a U-turn and headed overseas, landing in Austria with SC Rheindorf Altach.

"I was committed to Indiana, but I decided, obviously, to take my chances at a pro contract instead," Gatt said. "The best way to describe that is humbling. I went from being the best player on my youth teams to one of the best players considered in the country in high school in the States, a big-time recruit, to almost a nobody over there. For that team (Rheindorf Altach) even, too, I didn't realize how far behind I was technically and tactically to the game until I got there. And because of that, I had to work extremely hard to catch up."

Living abroad at such an early age also made Gatt grow up faster than normal.

"I think the language was the toughest adjustment and then the cultural differences were also a big one, little nuances that you wouldn't think much of here, but over there could be symbols of like ignorance or disrespect," he said. "It's just those little things that you had to be aware

of that I had to be aware of when I first started."

Gatt, however, doesn't regret his decision to turn pro at such an early age.

"I think that was a huge boost to my career to have that happen younger at 18, because if that would have happened older, it would have been a lot more difficult," he said. "Having that at that age, it was great and a great experience for me. It really developed me into the type of player that's given me a lot of success in my professional career."

The Plymouth native made his senior international debut for the the U.S. Nov. 14, 2012, in a friendly against Russia. His second U.S. National Team appearance came against Canada in January 2013, also a friendly. But he found himself on the disabled list shortly after, trying to overcome three ACL surgeries on his left knee.

"Two were replacement and the second one was actually kind of a fix from the previous surgeries and mistakes," Gatt said.

Although he's not part of the national team pool of players anymore, Gatt believes he's been able to bounce back to full strength.

"My knee feels fantastic," he said. "It feels very healthy, it feels good. I'm not too worried about it now. (Sept. 13) is the two-year anniversary of my last surgery. I've

had no issues since. I'm really feeling happy about that and it feels as healthy and stable as my other knee."

Gatt's decision to return stateside wasn't difficult. He signed Feb. 15 with Minnesota.

"I think we came back because me and my wife (Melissa) kind of missed home, missed being in a place where you understood the system, you understood what was happening, all that stuff," Gatt said.

"We missed that over in Europe. We had to adapt to kind of how things were run there, how they did things over in Europe. It's good to be home and kind of in a place where we're settled and know what to expect. And everybody speaks the same language. It's been good coming home. It's been a good experience. It's been kind of a grounding experience... enjoyable."

Colorado plays a 4-4-1-1 formation.

"We have two guys kind of stay a little more high and a little more centrally," Gatt said. "And you have guys kind of on the outsides, me and another guy are kind of playing there, put in the defensive shift and the offensive shifts, a little bit mixture of both."

And as he did at the ripe age of 18, Gatt is adapting to a foreign style of play in his own country. On Aug. 15, Colorado also made a coaching change, parting ways

with Pablo Mastroeni. Steve Cooke was named interim head coach.

"As funny as it is, and even though I'm an American, I am still adjusting to how the MLS system works," he said. "It's a lot different than Europe, so it's a lot of change. And because of that, I'm kind of trying to adjust the best I can to it. It's strange, to say the least, but it's good."

Gatt is making his fourth professional soccer stop, but his personal preference is to return to the Rapids next season. After Saturday's game against New York FC, the Rapids have five games remaining in the regular season.

"It's up to Colorado if they want to keep me around," he said. "If they want to pick up my contract, they're obviously first in line to do so. I'd love if they did and I would love to stay another year and kind of solidify the comfort and getting into the rhythm that I have already. But again, if they don't, that's the life of a professional athlete. You've got to pick up and move on a moment's notice. If they don't, then I'll go somewhere else and, obviously, I'll be there continuing my career. But I would enjoy sticking around Colorado another year."

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BOYS LACROSSE

Northville's Durham takes post at St. Mary's

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Greg Durham, who started Northville High boys lacrosse as a club program in 2001, is changing addresses for the 2018 season.

The 47-year-old Durham has accepted a position at Orchard Lake St. Mary's after coaching the Mustangs 15 of the past 17 seasons, including the past 13, when it was part of the Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 1 tourney.

Durham finished 14-4 in his final season with the Mustangs, guiding them to the regional final before losing 13-10 to his alma mater Novi Detroit Catholic Central in a hotly contested match.

He replaces Mike Walker, who resigned to take a job in Chicago after finishing 31-29 in his three seasons at St. Mary's.

"I just needed a change, I think," Durham said. "I thought the (2017) season was going to be my last kind of thing. I talked with my wife and I was going to spend more time with the kids and stuff, but she said, 'You can't give up coaching.' I said, 'Well, let me think about it for the summer,' then I resigned."

Durham, who was named Michigan Men's Lacrosse Association Coach of the Year in 2015-16, posted an overall record of 135-102. He guided the Mustangs to a pair of Kensington Lakes Activities Association championships (2016 and 2010), along with four KLASA Kensington Division titles.

"I didn't get an offer until after I resigned," Durham said. "I had other offers, but that was the one that really fit me good. It was an opportu-



Outgoing Northville coach Greg Durham (left) received the 2015-16 Michigan High School Lacrosse Coaches Association's award.

nity to get back into the Catholic League. It's a good opportunity. I met with (St. Mary's athletic director) George (Porritt) and I really liked him. I thought it was a good fit and I think he felt the same. It's all good. It's a good move for me. But it was tough to leave Northville. I've been there a third of my life."

Durham, who played club lacrosse as a defender at Western Michigan University, started the Northville program in 2001 before going to Catholic Central, where he served as the Shamrocks' defensive coordinator for two seasons.

In 2004, he returned to Northville after getting a call from Assistant Principal Rob Watson and returned to coach the club team. In 2005, the MHSAA held its inaugural state tourney.

Meanwhile, the search is on for a new boys lacrosse coach at Northville.

Northville athletic director Bryan Masi said he'll begin interviews next week to find Durham's replacement.

"He did a heck of a job, he'll be missed," Masi said. "We hope to have a coach in place by the first week of October. That's my goal. We've got

a couple of good candidates."

Durham, who lives in Livonia, currently teaches seventh-grade social studies at Berkshire Middle School in Birmingham.

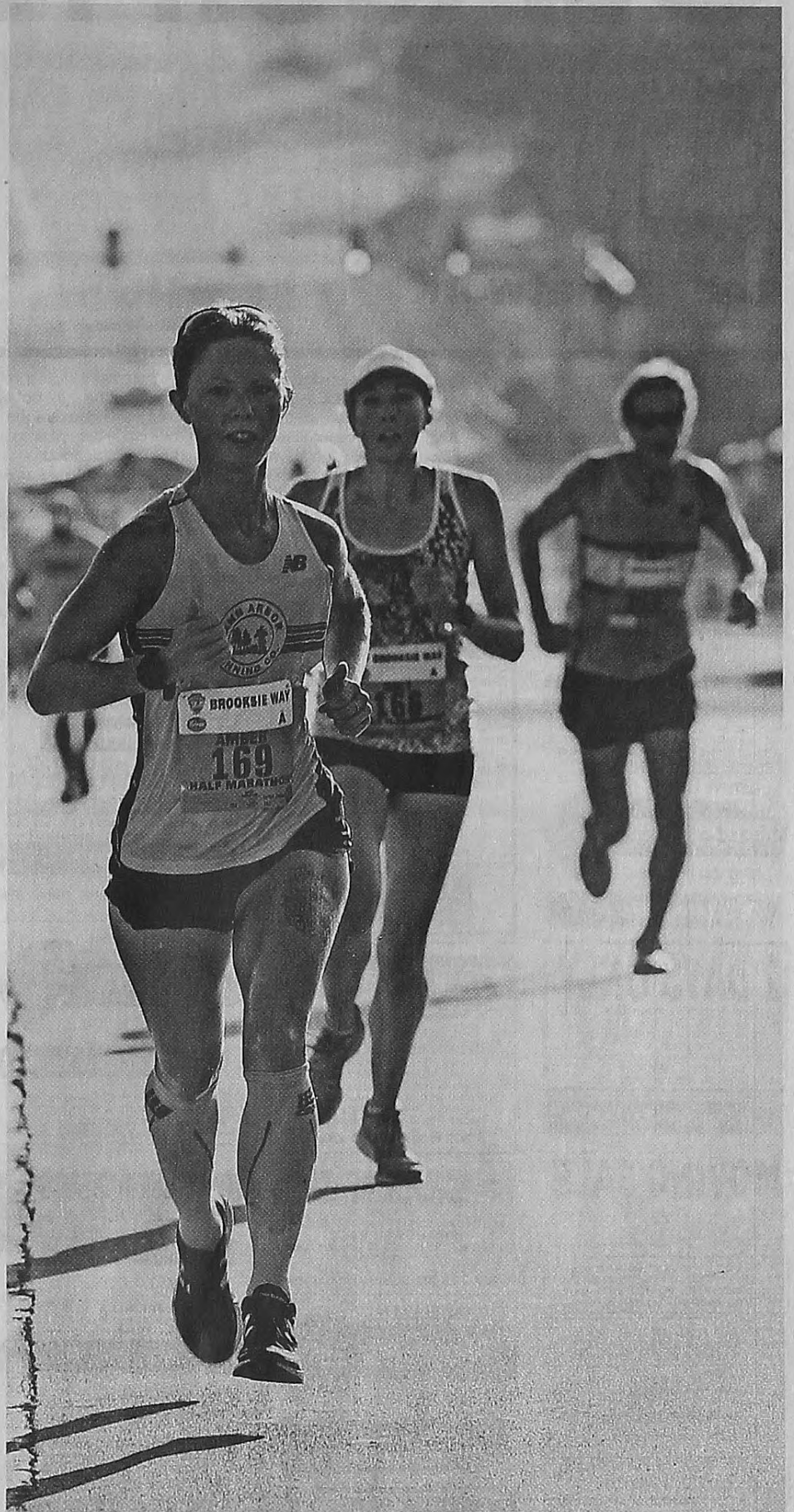
"Sometimes, change is good and I need to refresh myself, reinvigorate and get ready to roll," Durham said. "I'm pretty excited, because I don't know many kids at St. Mary's. We get to play (Birmingham Brother) Rice and CC, too, which is something that really appeals to me. The facilities are phenomenal."

Durham, meanwhile, leaves Northville with many fond memories.

"The thing I'm going to miss the most are the practices with the kids," he said. "And I've built some great relationships over the past 15 years. I've kept in touch with as many kids as I can. And I'll appreciate Bryan Masi having me as a coach the last 15 years. He's been great and one of the best A.D.'s I've ever worked with. It was so hard because I get along with him so well. He's awesome."

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Conquering the Hills



Amber Dermire (front) of Canton was the first female to cross the finish line with a time of 1:26:03 during Sunday's Brooksie Way Half Marathon in Rochester Hills. Behind her is Sarah Daly of Farmington, who finished third overall with a time of 1:29:56. Living up to the city's name, runners had to traverse many hills along the 13.1-mile course, including the dreaded Tienken Road hill. DAN DEAN

WILSON

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awesome getting in reps on special teams in those games, because that experience is very valuable. So I definitely learned a lot in just those two games."

Wilson said he worked out for five or six NFL teams and received multiple inquiries from several others before getting a tryout with Minnesota.

"Even though I got visits and workouts, I still wasn't drafted," Wilson said. "And just because that happens, it doesn't mean you're going to be drafted high or let alone at all."

Wilson, however, found the right fit and made his mark during the preseason as he finished with nine solo tackles and five assists, along with a fumble recovery.

"I liked it," Wilson said. "Every organization is different. But I really liked the organization from top to bottom. I felt like it was a great place to come in and just compete. Wherever you go, you're going to have to compete, but I thought this was a good organization and a great defense. And the special teams coach (Mike Priefer) I get along with very well, so all those things definitely played a role in my decision."

Mini-camp, OTAs and training camp proved to be tough in more ways than one, but Wilson was able to take on the challenge and beat the odds.

"There's so much on you mentally, let alone physically," he said. "A

big part of it is that you've just got to get your rest. You can get carried away with watching film until two o'clock in the morning, but if you don't get your rest, you're going to be well off the next day regardless because you're mind is not going to be rested. It's a lot of mental work just to prepare for that. You really can't prepare yourself 100 percent, but just watching film definitely helps. Just kind of practice in your mind. It's definitely different than college, I'd say, mentally."

But when it came to the final cuts, Wilson was unaware of his fate.

"That day, there's a lot of mixed emotions, because you really don't know what's going to happen," he said. "You kind of see guys leaving left and right, so at the end of the day, I didn't get a phone call. They say no news is good news, so I didn't get any news, so the next thing I saw was on social media that I made the 53."

Wilson first contacted family members and told them the good news. (The son of Shannon Sisson and Eric Dye, he is the oldest of three children, with two younger sisters.)

"People and fans and friends were looking on social media and they were congratulating me," Wilson said. "It was definitely awesome to see my dreams come true and making another step forward."

Wilson was a three-star recruit coming out of Thurston who helped to the Eagles to a 26-8 overall record during his three varsity seasons,

which included three straight Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division titles and one district title (2010 as a junior).

As a senior, he recorded 64 tackles and four sacks. He lettered four years in track, three in football and one year in basketball. He captained both the football and track teams.

Thurston football coach Bob Snell knew he had something special when he promoted Wilson to the varsity during his sophomore year.

"Yes, I knew he had a good shot," Snell said. "He was not only extremely talented and gifted with size, speed and athletic ability, but he was also very intelligent and had the intangibles of tremendous drive and work ethic. He did not simply accept that he was a great high school player, but pushed himself in practice and in the weight room to improve every day."

Wilson picked Northwestern over West Virginia, Central Michigan, Toledo and Army. He was red-shirted his true freshman season, earning Practice Player of the Week honors on defense and one on special teams.

But Wilson decided Northwestern wasn't quite the right fit and enrolled at Cincinnati, where he sat out the 2013 season due to NCAA transfer rules.

"(Northwestern) was a great academic school and everything, but just culture-wise for me, it made sense for me to move to Cincinnati," Wilson said. "I really liked it right after I made my decision to transfer,

just because I wasn't enjoying my time at Northwestern, so basically, I was getting recruited all over again – starting over – but I really enjoyed the culture at Cincinnati and the coaches gave me an opportunity."

Wilson started 24 of his 38 games at Cincinnati under coach Tommy Tuberville. As a senior, he posted a career-best 126 tackles and three sacks while earning team MVP and first team all-American Athletic Conference honors.

As a junior, he finished with 106 tackles, starting 12 of 13 games, en route to second team all-AAC. He was also named AAC Defensive Player of the Week with an 18-tackle performance against Miami (Ohio).

In his first season, he helped the Bearcats go 9-4 and win the AAC, advancing to the Military Bowl.

Wilson went on to earn a degree in sports management in December 2016 and also served as an intern in UC athletics facilities and operations.

"I had a great career with (Tuberville), learned a lot," Wilson said. "It clearly helped me to get to where I am right now. Definitely grateful for that."

Wilson was also grateful for his high school football experience, as well. That's where the NFL seed was planted.

"Coach Snell definitely helped me a lot," he said. "I started playing football only in the seventh grade. Even in high school, I was a raw athlete. I really didn't know football, but (Snell) helped me a lot, just to

develop me as a player offensively and defensively, because I had offers to go D-I on offense and defense. He helped me on both sides of the ball and just helped me grow as a person and a player."

Born in Cleveland and growing up in Redford, Wilson had no real allegiance to any one NFL team.

"I was more of a fan of players, guys who worked hard," Wilson said. "I was a big fan of Larry Fitzgerald and Ray Lewis. Those are guys on two different sides of the ball, but they both have that great work ethic and leadership. That's something I strive to have. I kind of looked up to those guys."

The Vikings will face Detroit on Sunday, Oct. 1 at home. Wilson's homecoming will be Thursday, Nov. 23, on Thanksgiving Day against the Lions.

"That will definitely be awesome, because a lot of people I grew up with are Lions fans, got family in Detroit and family in Cleveland, which is right there," Wilson said. "It will definitely be a great experience."

Wilson, meanwhile, is adjusting to his new environment in Minneapolis. In 2016, the Vikings moved into their new 66,000-seat U.S. Bank Stadium.

"I like it a lot," he said. "They're building new (practice) facilities now, so they should be ready by next year, come spring time. But the thing that makes the difference is the people here. The guys around you and even the staff members are just great.

You can learn a lot from these guys and they'll help you with anything you need. It's just a great overall organization."

Wilson is only the second Thurston grad to make an NFL roster. He joins linebacker Rob Spicer (Indiana University), who played 13 games in 1973 with the New York Jets (where he was a teammate of Joe Namath).

Another Thurston grad, linebacker Scott Genord (Indiana/Toledo), was in the Lions' preseason camp and finished his career in NFL Europe with the Hamburg (Germany) Sea Devils. Running back Desmond Martin (Wayne State) also had a tryout with the Lions.

"Thurston is definitely very proud of him, not just because he is in the NFL, but the character young man that he is," Snell said. "His accomplishments are very impressive. We have communicated and he has come back to the school to work out on several occasions."

Wilson's versatility, dating back to his high school days, has certainly paid dividends in his unconventional path to the NFL.

"I'm actually playing all three (linebacker) positions right now," he said. "Starting on all special teams right now, but at any point I need to be ready to go out and play defense. Being on my P's and Q's at any position is very important."

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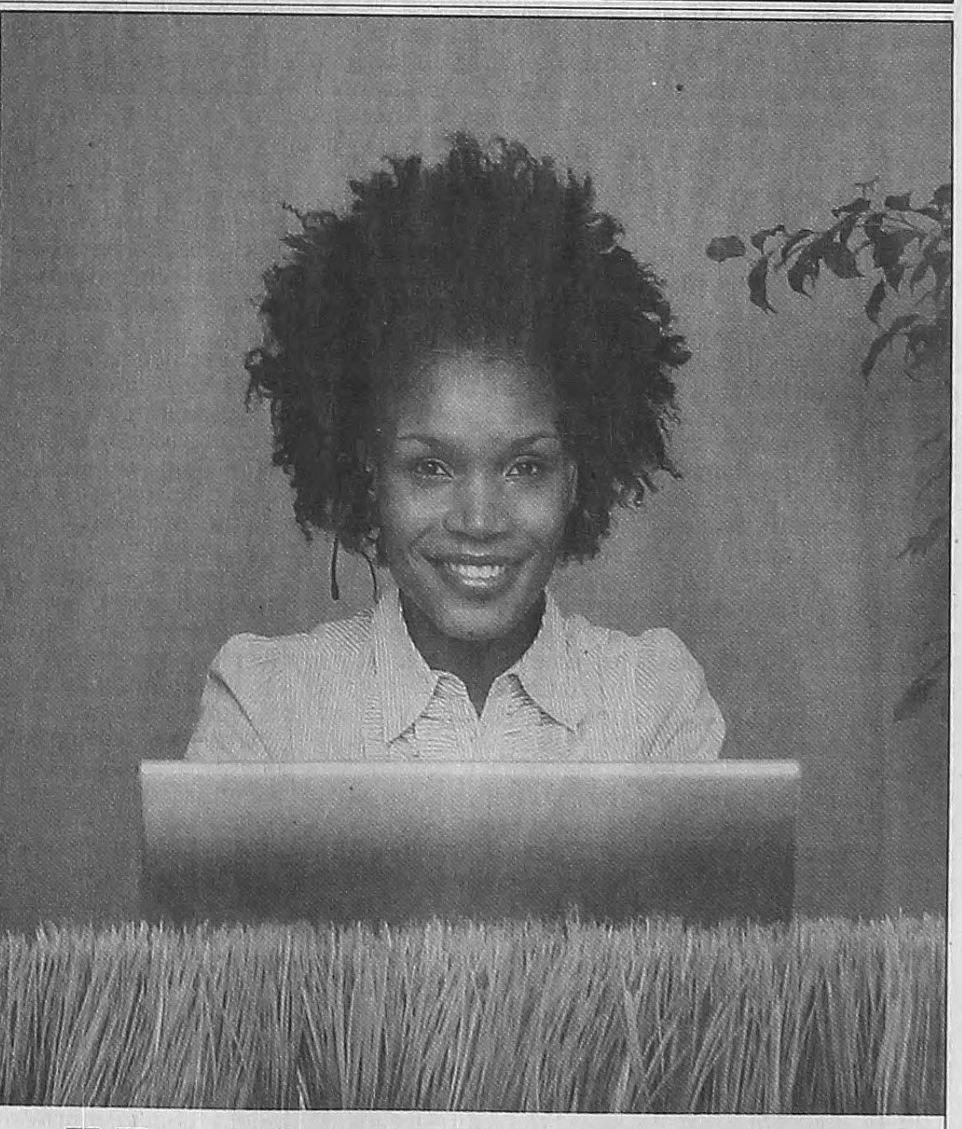
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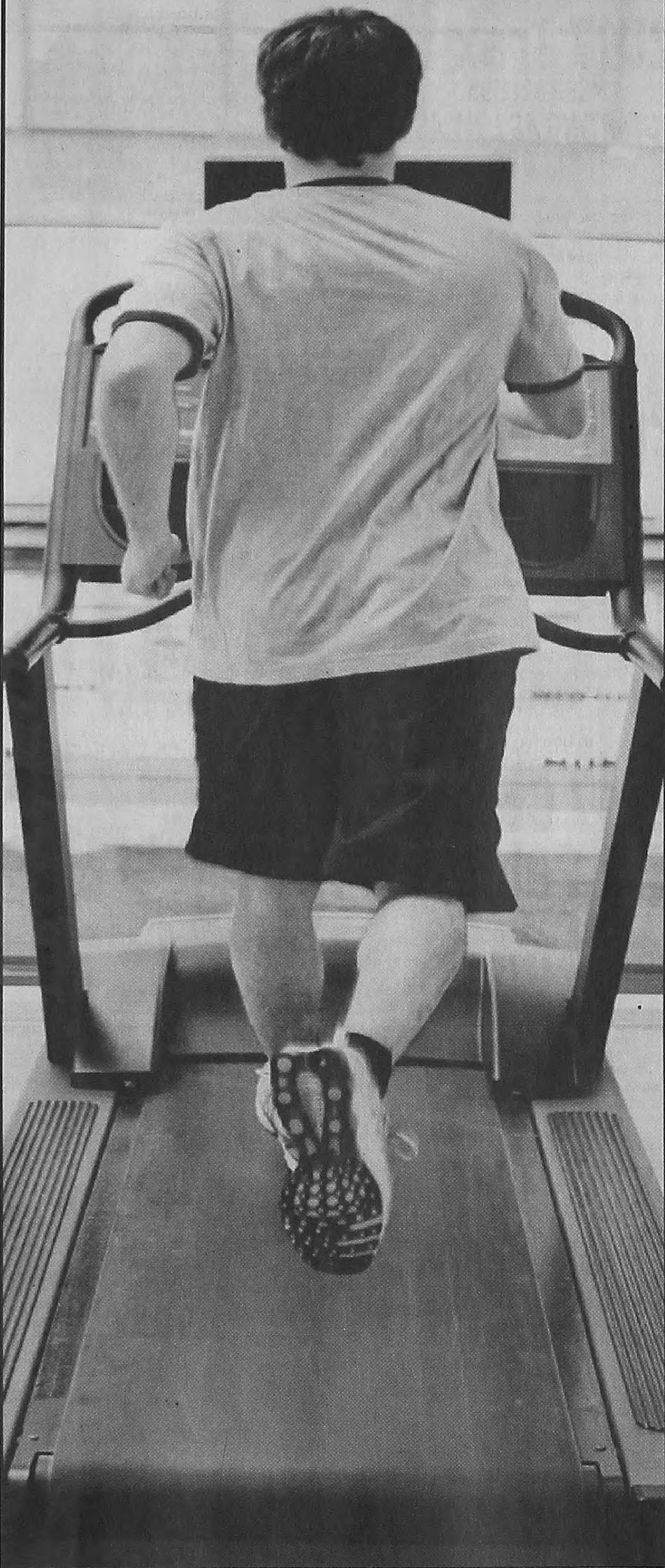
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Very affectionate couple
 - 10 Bee juice
 - 16 Birthplace of Galileo
 - 20 Poet Pope
 - 21 One-celled organism
 - 22 Singer/actor Ed
 - 23 What a hot spot provides
 - 25 Good buds
 - 26 Entangle
 - 27 Saving sites
 - 28 Bird on bills
 - 29 Hurricane's weaker relative
 - 36 Booster for a band
 - 39 Pioneer Boone, to friends
 - 40 Destines to oblivion
 - 41 Pecan, e.g.
 - 42 Big name in audio compression
 - 48 Actor Hulce
 - 49 Tabby-treating docs
 - 50 Having no peepers
 - 51 Like stock without face value
 - 53 Do data entry, e.g.
 - 55 Group with a secy-gen.
 - 56 Female sibs, informally
 - 58 "Thus ..."
 - 62 Abet, e.g.
 - 63 Leader of the mutiny on the Bounty
 - 68 Kitchen VIP
 - 70 See 30-Down
 - 71 Years and years on end
 - 72 Has no entity
 - 73 Langston Hughes' movement
 - 81 Off-road ride, briefly
 - 82 Occur as a result
 - 83 Set of documents about a case
 - 84 Reid of "Sharknado"
 - 86 — May (Jed Clampett's daughter)
 - 89 Country estate
 - 90 "Taxi" co-star Andy
 - 93 "Mama" of pop
 - 96 "Days of — Lives"
 - 98 Gotten totally quiet
 - 100 Cockpit abbr.
 - 101 Herb bit
 - 103 Truckloads
 - 104 "Zip-a-Dee-Dee—"
 - 105 Across-the-board ban
 - 112 One over par
 - 113 Cowboy flick
 - 114 Sensed feelings, informally
 - 118 Thrifty rival
 - 119 Cry apropos to seven long answers in this puzzle?
 - 125 Guy
 - 126 Fixed a bow on, e.g.
 - 127 With great enthusiasm
 - 128 Units of work
 - 129 Eyeliner mishaps
 - 130 Sees firsthand
 - 8 — Plaines, Illinois
 - 9 — Lanka
 - 10 Pertaining to birth
 - 11 Revise, as a manuscript
 - 12 Sealed, as a wine bottle
 - 13 Bill equal to two fins
 - 14 Mr. Lincoln, familiarly
 - 15 Squeal (on)
 - 16 Daddies
 - 17 Visualize
 - 18 Smash hit
 - 19 "Yes" votes
 - 24 Celtics' org.
 - 28 Ending for lion
 - 30 With 70-Across, "It's more than likely ..."
 - 31 El — (Spanish newspaper)
 - 32 Gerund ender
 - 33 Place with outpatients
 - 34 Plant anchor
 - 35 TV prize
 - 36 Suffix with lemon
 - 37 Longtime New York senator Daniel Patrick —
 - 38 People who say "Not guilty," say
 - 43 Three-filling dell classic
 - 44 "Oh — little faith!"
 - 45 Stand-up comic Daniel
 - 46 Church nook
 - 47 Forest den
 - 49 20-ouncer at Starbucks
 - 52 Fun, for short
 - 54 Faux —
 - 56 Riding horse
 - 57 Clip wool from
 - 59 Divested of weapons
 - 60 Seat of Orange County
 - 61 Where many ads are seen
 - 62 Aspirin target
 - 64 Fast getaway
 - 65 Muff it up
 - 66 Harry's chum at Hogwarts
 - 67 Abbr. ending a co. name
 - 69 Sooty vents
 - 74 Fish that can be a shocker
 - 75 Autumn mo.
 - 76 "Likely story!"
 - 77 Land in el
 - 78 Window part
 - 79 Aquanaut's habitat
 - 80 Decorative needle case
 - 85 — CIO
 - 87 Easy run
 - 88 Nomad's tent
 - 90 Shoelace snarl
 - 91 — Spumante
 - 92 The — degree
 - 93 Coleslaw, essentially
 - 94 Totally done
 - 95 Putting on, as a show
 - 97 Sharp retort
 - 99 Tony winner Wallach
 - 101 Pilot's setting
 - 102 "Ars — artis"
 - 106 Birds' pads
 - 107 None-of-the-above option
 - 108 Minds
 - 109 Angry feeling
 - 110 Not quite round
 - 111 Low cards in pinochle
 - 115 Dozing spots
 - 116 — Stanley Gardner
 - 117 Expresses
 - 119 Auditing org.
 - 120 Pro —
 - 121 Unopened
 - 122 Ovid's 511
 - 123 Mo. no. 10
 - 124 Five-spot

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7	9	8	3	6	1	2	4	5
3	6	1	2	9	4	8	7	5
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2	8	6	4	7	3	9	5	1
7	1	9	6	8	9	5	7	1
9	6	1	4	3	2	1	5	8

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- DISTRICTS
- EDUCATION
- ENRICHMENT
- GIFTED
- GRADES
- GROWTH
- IMMERSION
- INCLUSION
- INTEGRATED
- MANIPULATIVES
- PEERS
- PERFORMANCE
- PHONICS
- PLACEMENT
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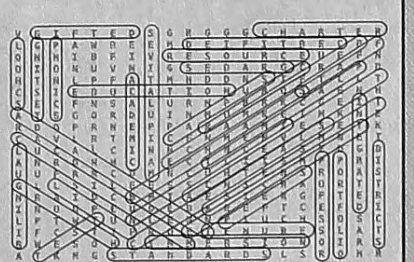
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ALEXANDER	AMOEBAS	AMES	
WIRELESS	INTERNET	PALS	
SNARE	BANKS	EAGLE	
TROPICAL	DEPRESSION		
AMP	DANL	DOOMS	NUT
DOLBY	DIGITAL	TOM	VETS
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NATO	SISSIES	ANDSO	
AID	FLETCHER	CHRISTIAN	
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ENSUE	DOSSIER	TARA	
ELLY	VILLA	KAUFMAN	
CASS	OUR	FALLEN	STILENT
ALT	SPRING	ALLOT	DAH
BLANKET	PROHIBITION		
BOGEY	OATER	BOAT	VIBES
AVIATION	STREET	END	FANERAS
GENTLE	RETIRE	EXCITEDLY	
ERGS	SMEARS	WITNESSES	

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