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## LIVONIA COUNCIL CANDIDATES GATHER FOR FORUM

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# Advocate groups rally in Lansing

Locals gather to raise awareness for after-school programs

Educators, parents and students from across Michigan gathered at the state Capitol in Lansing recently to raise awareness of the need for more critical after-school and summer programs that serve hundreds of thousands of Michigan school children.

That included nearly 50 people from the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district.

The rally was part of a Day of Action, that included meetings with legislators; advocacy training; updates from across the after-school field; and information sessions regarding the need

for state investment in after-school programs.

Sponsoring the visits are lawmakers, Rep. Laura Cox, R-Livonia, and Rep. Robert L. Kosowski, D-Westland.

"It is a true honor to be a sponsor for this event," Kosowski said. "After-school and summer programs are vitally important for Michigan's children. In many families, both parents have careers. Programs like these give parents the peace of mind knowing that their children are safe and in an enriching



Nearly 50 people from Wayne-Westland Schools joined a recent rally in Lansing to support after-school programs.

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# 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.

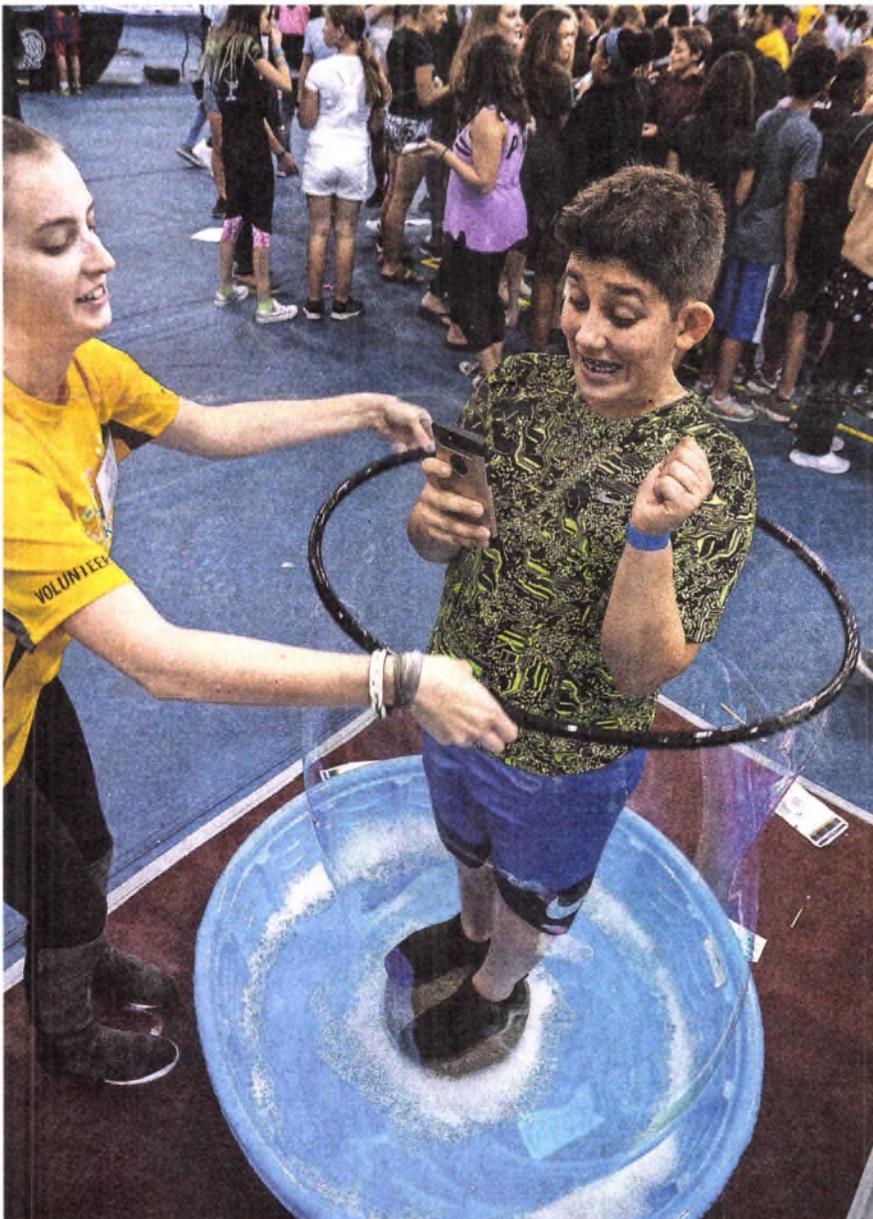
"Part of the phenomenon is, yeah, you can sit in a science class and a chemistry class and learn the basic structures. But how do we see it and apply it in our daily lives?" he said. "The hope is to get a middle school student, which this is geared toward, to get them so excited about STEM that they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

Students from area 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

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# LPS plans to sell school sites to home builder

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A projected 143 housing units are coming to Livonia and Westland with the Livonia Public Schools district's sale of three school sites — two unused and one that is soon to be vacant — to a Novi home builder.

The sites, one in Livonia and two in Westland, total about 36 acres and the purchase prices total \$2.7 million. The LPS Board of Education, with a series of unanimous votes, approved the purchase agreements with Infinity Homes Inc. last week.

Infinity owner and chief executive officer Rino Soave said the developments will be joint ventures with his brother Rico and their father, Leo. Leo Soave has been an area builder for decades.

Rino Soave said the prospect of building in Livonia and Westland is exciting.

"Both communities are established communities. It's not like you're going further west," he said. "Land's a scarcity, especially in good locations like we're looking at."

The properties in the purchase agreements are:

- » The site of the former Clay Elementary, on Mallory south of Six Mile and east of Newburgh.

- » Perrinville, the former site of a one-room schoolhouse in Westland, bordered by Farmington Road, Ann Arbor Trail, Joy Road and Hines Drive.

- » Some 34 townhouse-style condominiums are tentatively

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Madonna education students will dress in storybook characters for one of more than 20 activity stations during the homecoming open house.

## 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](http://www.madonna.edu/homecoming).

### RALLY

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learning environment."

The groups' Day of Action came at a critical time as Congress is considering eliminating the 21st Century Learning Centers initiative serving 2 million children nationwide and 37,600 in Michigan under the

Trump administration's budget plan for 2018.

Besides rallying for continued federal support for out-of-school-time, statewide advocates have been calling for significant state investment in after-school and summer programs to serve a wider number of Michigan schoolchildren and help to close the gap on the tremendous unmet needs of working families. The Day of Action will serve to promote the continued success of after-school programs in Michigan.

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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 Peninsula school to volunteer at the event.

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

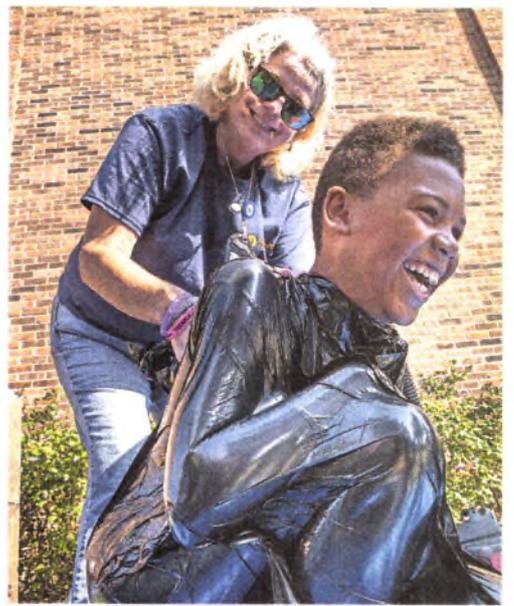
"Whatever it takes to get these young minds interested in science," he said. "It's a nice experience to see all these people just enjoying this."

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Joseph Hakim, a student at Holmes Middle School, smashes a lime that froze in a bath of minus-321°F liquid nitrogen. Ivan Lin records the moment. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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



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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# Key dates in the history of LPS sites to be sold

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Officials in the Livonia Public Schools district are planning to sell three properties — once the sites of four schools, only two of which are still there and only one of which is still in use — to Novi-based Infinity Homes Inc. for a total of \$2.7 million.

Here are some key dates, most provided by the district, on the history of the four schools: the schoolhouse at the Perrinville property, the Western Wayne Skills Center, Nankin Mills Elementary and Henry Clay Elementary.



The former Henry Clay Elementary on Mallory was occupied for years by the Livonia Little Tots daycare and preschool program, which has moved to the former Cass Elementary. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

» Clay, on Mallory south of Six Mile, opened in 1969 and was closed as an elementary in 1982.

The private Livonia Little Tots daycare and preschool program had been a tenant for years,

but moved this month to the former Cass Elementary, which closed as an elementary in June after 50 years.

» Perrinville, on Ann Arbor Trail and Farmington Road between Joy Road and Hines Drive in Westland, was the site of a one-room schoolhouse built in the 1930s by Henry Ford for the children of workers at Ford's nearby Nankin Mills mini-factory.

With an addition, the schoolhouse was used in recent years as an LPS early childhood center and closed in 2008. The addition was demolished and the original schoolhouse was moved in Oc-

tober of last year to Livonia's Greenmead Historical Park.

The Perrinville property is not to be confused with the closed Perrinville Early Childhood Center, on Lyndon east of Middlebelt, which is still owned by the district.

» Nankin Mills Elementary, on Ann Arbor Trail and Hubbard in Westland, opened in 1958 and closed in 2007. The building was torn down in 2015.

» The Western Wayne Skills Center, on Ann Arbor Trail just east of the Nankin Mills property, opened in 1964 as Henry Ford Junior High, which closed in 1980. It is

now the home of the WWSC, which has educational programs for developmentally disabled young people.

The WWSC, which has approximately 170 students, will be moving early next year to the former Garfield Elementary in Livonia, which closed in June and has been renamed Garfield Community School. The current WWSC building will be razed and the property turned over to Infinity as part of the sale.

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planned for the five acres there; the purchase price is \$325,000.

» The site of the former Nankin Mills Elementary, over seven acres, at Ann Arbor Trail and Hubbard in Westland, and an adjacent parcel, more than 13 acres, that is now the Western Wayne Skills

Center. The purchase price for both parcels, just under 21 acres, is \$1.15 million.

The Nankin Mills site is empty. The skills center, which serves disabled young adults from several area school districts, will move its program to the former Garfield Elementary in Livonia, which has been renamed Garfield Community School, when building upgrades there are complete; district

officials anticipate the move will take place in January. The current WWSC building will then be razed before the sale is closed.

Plans filed with the school district show 78 single-family houses at the Nankin Mills/WWSC site.

"It's going to be single-family homes — very similar to what we're doing in Washington Park," Soave said. Washington Park is an under-construction subdivision of 45 single-family homes at Ann Arbor Road and Hix in Livonia on the site of what was an LPS elementary.

The Nankin Mills/WWSC site will be developed in two phases, the first at the smaller property, where the school building has already been torn down, and the second at the larger parcel after the WWSC is razed.

Single-family homes are also planned for the

Clay site, Soave said, though he left open the possibility of building condominiums. "It's more than likely going to be a single-family development. That's what we're looking at now," he said.

Condominiums are planned for the Perrinville site, a narrow strip of land surrounded by four traffic arteries, with houses to the east and Hines Park to the west. "It's a really challenging site," Soave said, adding that developing it is "going to take some work."

Developers will likely have to seek zoning changes at one or more of the properties. The Clay site is zoned for public use; the Perrinville and Nankin Mills/WWSC sites are both in a single-family residential district.

Soave said site plans for the housing developments should be completed in early 2018.

Preliminary construc-

tion, on the empty parcels, could start as early as next summer and Infinity could begin taking reservations on specific units in about a year, Soave said. The first houses could be completed by the spring of 2019.

Single-family home prices at the two current Infinity projects in Livonia — Washington Park and Arbor Trail Estates, which is on Ann Arbor Trail west of Wayne Road — range from just over \$206,000 to just under \$292,000. Infinity has no Livonia condominium projects.

The district had put out requests for proposals for the sites in April and Infinity was the low bidder for all three, said Phillip Francis, the district's operations director. District officials sought advice from a real estate consultant and legal counsel in developing the RFPs, Francis said.

LPS board members indicated they were comfortable with Infinity and its plans for transforming school properties into residential neighborhoods.

"We have absolutely no reasonable indication that it would be used for anything other than that," said Colleen Burton, board president.

Board Secretary Dan Centers said board members had given a lot of thought to which unused district properties might be sold and which should be kept for possible future use.

The idea of selling unused district properties as a way to generate revenue came out of public forums the district held in early 2015.

Francis said the target for closing the deals is on or before June 15 of next year.

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### ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2017-27 September 19, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. MEMBERS PRESENT: Rowe, Miller, Rhaesa, Porter, Sanders, Webster. MEMBER ABSENT: Gabriel. Presentation by Wayne Main Street. APPROVED: excuse Gabriel; agenda; minutes of Regular City Council meeting of Sept. 5; use of City property by Main Street; re-appoint Garcia to LOCC; waive attorney-client privilege for wards; purchase of police & fire radios; lease of a portion of the Police Station to Wayne County; consent calendar. Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

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The property to which the proposed Brownfield Plan and Development and Reimbursement Agreement applies is the former Farmer Jack Supermarket property located on the south side of Seven Mile Road between Middlebelt Road and Melvin Avenue (29601, 29659 and 29701 Seven Mile Road) in the Northeast ¼ of Section 11, Livonia, Michigan, as requested by Jared Belka of Warner, Norcross & Judd LLP, on behalf of Livonia Market II LLC. Maps, plats and copies of the proposed Brownfield Plan are on file at the office of the City Clerk for inspections during regular business hours. Any owner, resident, taxpayer or other interested party may appear at said Hearing and give testimony.

At the public hearing, all interested persons desiring to address the City Council shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the Brownfield Plan and Development and Reimbursement Agreement of the Livonia Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. All aspects of the Brownfield Plan and Development and Reimbursement Agreement will be open for discussion at the public hearing.

FURTHER INFORMATION may be obtained from the City Clerk.

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SUSAN M. NASH,  
CITY CLERK

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# Wish You Where Here



Westland residents John, Hannah and Marina Wagatha posed with a copy of the Wayne-Westland Observer in front of Sugar Loaf in Brazil.

## Teens charged in Wayne armed robbery

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Two boys face criminal charges after police say they committed an armed robbery Sunday evening in Wayne.

Police responded to a call at about 7 p.m. Sunday in the 4000 block of Howe. Police met with the victim, a 15-year-old Dearborn Heights resident, who said he was robbed of his cellphone at gunpoint by three individuals, two of whom had firearms.

After providing a description of the three individuals, police were able to

locate the boys.

A 14-year-old boy and a 16-year-old boy, both from Romulus, were located by police nearby, arrested and later charged with armed robbery and dangerous weapon-carrying with an unlawful intent. The two were charged in juvenile court and their names were not released.

A third suspect who was originally arrested was later released and not charged in relation to the case.

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### LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

#### PlayStation controllers stolen

Livonia police were dispatched Sept. 20 to Target, 29451 Plymouth, after an employee said a shoplifting suspect stole some PlayStation 4 controllers.

When police arrived, they spoke to a store employee, who said they saw the suspect in the electronics department. He selected a controller and was able to remove the security device from it. He then concealed it in his pocket. He tried to leave without paying for it, but was stopped. He refused to go with the employee and fled the store. The employee told police they would provide the security footage and other documents to police at a later date.

#### Retail fraud suspect stopped

Police were called Sept. 20 to Walmart, 29555 Plymouth, on the report of a retail fraud suspect in custody.

An employee told police they saw the suspect in the women's department when she was seen selecting a shirt and rolling it up while looking at the security cameras. She went to make a purchase, but did not pay for the shirt. She tried to leave without paying, but was stopped by an employee. It was later determined she had taken several other items without paying for them as well. Police arrived and issued her a retail fraud citation before releasing her at the scene.

— Compiled from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department.



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#### Meet the author event at Madonna

Amer Zahr, author, comedian, film maker and educator, will describe the Palestinian story of independence as he talks about his book "Being Palestinian Makes me Smile," at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, in the Madonna University Library. This event is free and open to the public. Copies of Zahr's book will be available for purchase and for him to sign. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Emma Decenso at 734-432-5679 or [edecenso@madonna.edu](mailto:edecenso@madonna.edu).

#### Free dental care event

Livonia Family Dental Center will have its fourth annual Dentistry From the Heart free dental care event for adults 18 and over that do not have access to dental care or dental insurance. The event will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Livonia Family Dental Center, 15939 Middlebelt Road.

Patients will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis. They may choose to have a filling, extraction or cleaning. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m.

The first 50 patients are guaranteed to be seen. Patients are encouraged to arrive early, dress appropriately as they may be waiting outdoors, and bring chairs, blankets, water and snacks. For more information, call 734-427-2222 or go to [www.drglivonia-dental.com](http://www.drglivonia-dental.com)

#### Shred day in Livonia

Catholic Vantage Financial will host a complimentary Shred Day event for the community from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30. The public is invited to bring personal papers and documents for shredding at the credit union's branch at 36111 Five Mile Road in Livonia.

To aid individuals and families impacted by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, Catholic Vantage Financial will be accepting monetary donations to be distributed by Catholic Charities and the Red Cross. Donations can also be made at the credit union's branch offices in Livonia and Plymouth.

For more information, go to [www.mycvf.org](http://www.mycvf.org).

#### Chocolate Affair

Hosted by The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Elizabeth Fagan Division is the 13th annual A Chocolate Affair.



Organist Christian Kreipke will present a concert Oct. 15 at St. Paul's Presbyterian in Livonia.

Enjoy an afternoon of tasting delightful chocolate specialties from area restaurants, bakeries, caterers and chocolate makers. A dazzling array of raffle items and door prizes will also be offered.

All funds raised will benefit First Step's program for counseling and emergency housing for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and their families.

It takes place 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, at Italian American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

#### Body Mind Spirit Festival

Enjoy a day of exploration and fun at the Body Mind Spirit Festival set for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road.

More than 40 vendors will be showcasing their products that help body, mind, and spirit: aura photography, massage, spiritual coaching, wellness, natural healing, holistic health, metaphysics, natural health products, Reiki, Reflexology, readers, and more.

Presentations will be given on how to move through change, connect with energy, heal with sound, and access pets' radiant health; in addition, there will be information on the energy of prayer, float therapy, Reiki, essential oils, chiropractic medicine and understanding product labels.

Refreshments will be available; there will also be an activity center for kids.

Admission is \$5; children under 12 free with an adult.

#### Who Should You Trust?

The State Bar of Michigan will be offering a free program titled "Who Should You Trust? Avoiding Estate Planning Mistakes" at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, at the HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne.

This informal seminar, hosted by the Wayne Senior Services, will offer important information for seniors by Michigan licensed lawyers. It will be approximately an hour. There will be a question and answer period. Attendees will also receive a free specially designed folder containing essential estate planning information, forms and other materials for effective estate planning.

No registration is required, but preferred. To register or for more information, call Nancy at Wayne Senior Services at 734-721-7460, ext. 7.

#### Free senior luncheon

The Salem National Lutheran Church, 32430 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, will host a free senior luncheon at 11 a.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month. Call 734-422-5550 for more information.

#### Dinner, silent auction

A spaghetti dinner and silent auction will be held 5-8 p.m. Oct. 6 at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road. The auction ends at 8:15 p.m. Pre-sale tickets only. Ticket sales end Sept. 22.

Funds go to the general budget at St. Matthews to be used as necessary by the finance committee. Spaghetti, salad, dessert and beverages. Adults \$10, children 6 and under \$5

Contact Peg Besecker for tickets at 734-718-5040.

#### Weekend Apart

Clarenceville United Methodist Church is hosting a Weekend Apart on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 29-30, with Rev. Dr. Bobby Cabot, a retired United Methodist pastor who now travels internationally with her 4½-day Healing School and for weekend healing conferences.

The cost will be a freewill offering. A light lunch will be provided for a donation on Sept. 30. For more information, contact Clarenceville UMC office by Sept. 22 at 248-474-3444 or [clarencevillechurch@gmail.com](mailto:clarencevillechurch@gmail.com). The church is at 20300 Middle Belt Road, Livonia.

#### Mom 2 Mom Sale

A Mom 2 Mom Sale is set for 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at

Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

Cost is \$2 for early bird admission, \$1 after 9 a.m. and free at noon. Strollers are welcome.

For more information, email [newburgmom2mom@gmail.com](mailto:newburgmom2mom@gmail.com) or go to [www.facebook.com/NewburgMom2Mom](http://www.facebook.com/NewburgMom2Mom).

#### Church rummage sale

Newburg United Methodist Church's upcoming rummage sale is set for 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, 9 a.m. to noon Friday, Oct. 6, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 7. The church is located at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia.

Cost is \$2 admission per adult Thursday only; admission is free Friday and Saturday. Saturday will be a half-price sale. For more information, call the church office at 734-422-0149.

#### Friends of the Livonia Library book sale

The Friends of the Livonia Library will be holding their 90th book sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 6-7, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8.

There will be a huge number of books such as history, mystery, religious, children's fiction, gardening, fiction and non-fiction available, as well as a collector's corner. On Sunday, a bag of books can be purchased for \$5. All proceeds go back into the libraries. The sale will be at the Robert and Janet Bennett's Library, 32777 Five Mile Road. For more information, call the library at 734-466-2495.

#### Livonia native to give benefit concert

Organist Christian Kreipke, a Livonia native, returns to his home church, St. Paul's Presbyterian, to present a concert at 3 p.m. Oct. 15, titled "America, the Beautiful."

Though Kreipke now performs mainly as a classical organist, he got his start on the organ as a high school student playing at the Redford Theater. He later studied organ with Ray Ferguson at Wayne State University, and was given the opportunity to study in Cuba where he performed for an audience that included Fidel Castro.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church is at 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. A free will offering will be taken. Audience members are invited to an afterglow following the performance. For more information, contact the church office at 734-422-1470.

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# Council candidates share ideas at League of Women Voters forum

David Veselenak  
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How to attract younger people to Livonia is a question posed to everyone seeking a seat on the city council. Those running this year had their chance last week to answer that question during the first candidate forum for this year's local election.

Seven candidates took the stage Sept. 21 to answer questions posed by the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County in Livonia City Hall. Those seven candidates included: James Hooper, Gerald Perez, Suzan Hyssen, Laura Toy, Steve King, as well as incumbents Jim Jolly and Cathy White. Councilman Brian Meakin, who is also running for re-election, did not attend the forum.

The eight candidates are running for one of four seats on the city council. Meakin and White are running for re-election, while Jolly, who was appointed to the council in 2016, looks to remain on the legislative body. Councilwoman Maureen Miller Brosnan is term-limited out and cannot run to retain her seat.

The seven were asked several questions during the event, including on what the city can do to attract those younger people looking to start families.

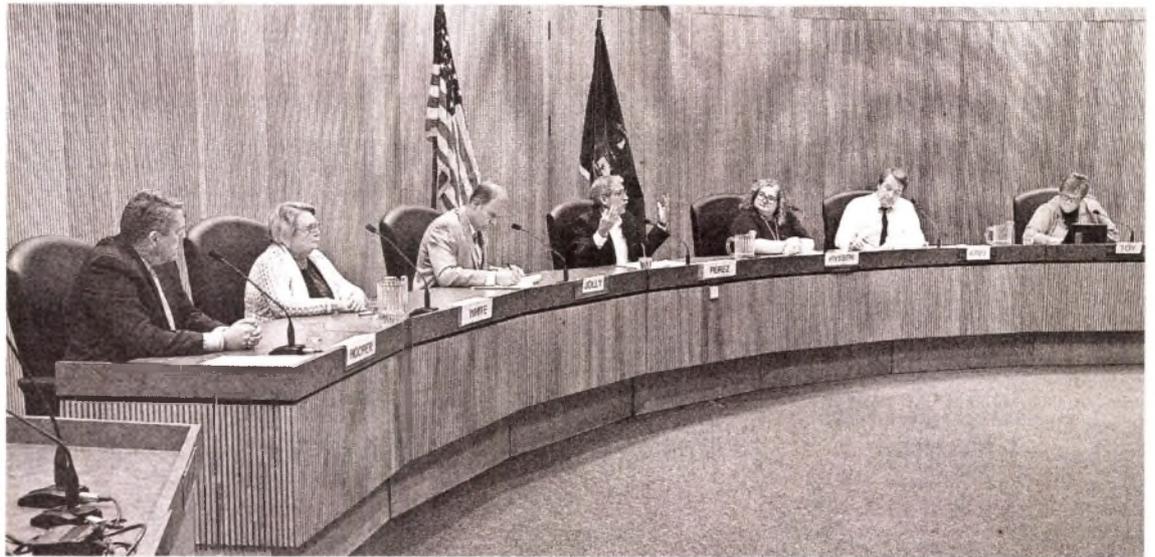
Hooper said he'd like to see more family-friendly events in order to attract those younger people to the city. He cited the recent Good Old-Fashioned Corn Roast that took place earlier this month as a perfect example of events the city needs to attract those families.

"Events like that are something that I think make families feel welcome in the community," he said. "I would like to see more events like that through either churches or community organizations, partnering with the parks and rec (department) and the city to present events such as that."

White said she'd like to see the civic center campus at Five Mile and Farmington utilized a little more as a "gathering spot" for the city, something she thinks would bring younger people in. But she also said Livonia needed to stay committed to the government services it currently provides to keep families coming.

"I think the key issue for folks making a decision for a community to move into comes down to the basics: good schools, strong public safety, a well-run community and one that has a history of managing its finances," she said. "I think if we get the basics right, we'll continue to attract families to our community."

Jolly touted a program he helped launch with the city, a neighborhood seed grant program that awarded \$10,000 to various efforts across Livonia. Those efforts, as well as others targeted at families, he said, are keeping Livonia residents in the city for such events, instead of heading to Plymouth or Northville.



The League of Women Voters candidate forum included James Hooper, Cathy White, Jim Jolly, Gerald Perez, Suzan Hyssen, Steve King and Laura Toy. Brian Meakin did not participate. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

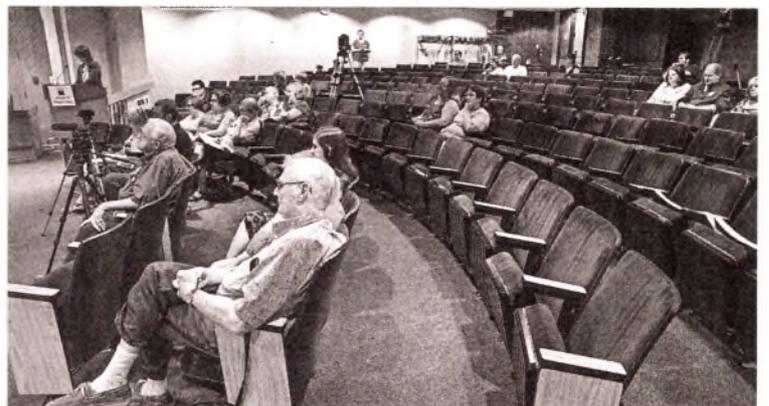


"It funded 20 neighborhood projects and some of those included an outdoor amphitheater at Hoover Elementary School, others included neighborhood picnics," he said. "We started Music in the Park recently with the cooperation with Ted Davis of parks and rec, the first time that we've had a Music in the Park program with parks and rec in the city in 20 years."

Perez pointed at several aspects that should attract those younger families, including solid rankings of SEV, low employment rates, education and safety. Those figures and lists that routinely put Livonia as a top location for families should be used to attract those looking to raise their children in the city, Perez said.

"It was ranked by the FBI as the second-safest city in Michigan with a population over 75,000," he said. "Livonia is ranked in the top 10 for raising a young family."

Hyssen said she's like to see a possible partnership struck to increase the city's ride-ability through bicycle sharing programs, similar to what down-



A small crowd turned out for the forum. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

town Detroit currently has. That type of program has the means to attract a younger crowd looking to travel an alternative method around town.

"We can improve the city through bike lanes," she said. "With public and private partnerships, that's how they do it downtown. That's how we could do it here. We can increase that, and it also creates a healthier community."

King said he'd like to see more joint efforts between the city and the school districts, as well as a main town area that can serve as a potential "downtown" area of Livonia, a topic that has been talked about for years among some in the city.

"The city and school district are independent entities, but they must do a better job of working together," he said. "And we do need to have a central gathering place. I'd like to do it at Five Mile and Farmington."

Toy said one area not touched on nearly as often as it should be was the city's health care options and fitness opportunities.

In addition to touting the rec center, she said the affordable city services

and housing stock the city currently offers were all aspects the city has to offer.

"The Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center has been such a jewel to this community and named for a former mayor that did great things in our community," she said. "Our tax base is one of the second-lowest in Wayne County, and our public service ranks second to none."

The candidates will return to answering questions this week during a forum being put on by the Livonia Chamber of Commerce. That forum will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, in Livonia City Hall and is open to the public.

The eight candidates have also been invited to participate in a series of introductory videos that can be seen in early October at hometownlife.com.

Polls will be open across Livonia from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 7.

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### Leach



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 Bloink. 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](http://Bridge-communities.org)) To share a memory, please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

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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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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."

#### ON-SIDE 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 mid-field 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."

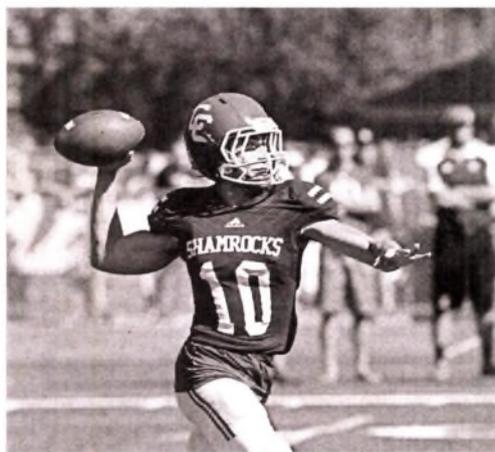
CC (3-2, 1-0) was impressive early, jumping out to a 21-7 lead after getting first-quarter TD runs of 38 and 4 yards from 6-foot, 210-pound senior Cameron Ryan, who led all rushers with 147 yards on 28 carries.

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



Miller

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



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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## PLYMOUTH

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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."

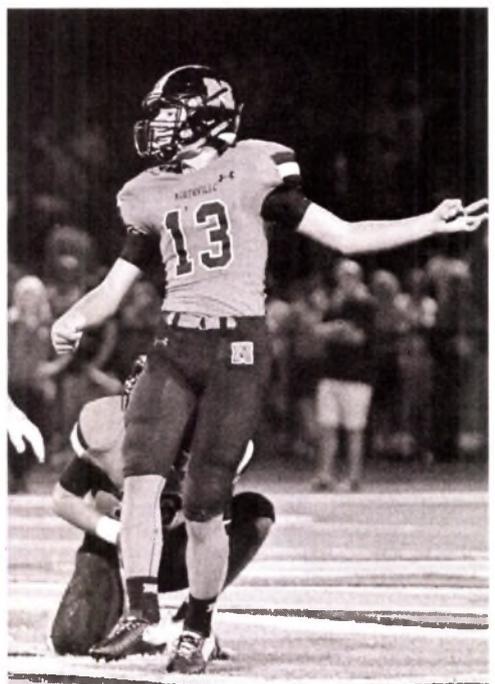
"I think down the road, we need to be more disciplined and do our jobs near the end of the game to secure the win for us."

### 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 VASILINEK

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 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-

zier (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.

"I think our offensive line and running backs are starting to get a little more physical at the point of attack and we're starting to move people," Baechler said. "It's still a work in progress and blocking is probably the hardest skill in football and I don't think people realize that, but we're starting to get better at that."

### 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 Traveon Maddox Jr. (five catches for 73 yards) off the post route for a 24-

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 inside 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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**Friday, Sept. 22**

**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 KLAAs Black championship chase, but could do some damage come playoff time. Friday's results reduced the contenders for the KLAAs 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, Kejon 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 KLAAs crossover game. Franklin improved to 3-2 while the Highlanders dropped to 0-5. Franklin sophomore quarterback Jacob Kelbert 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



Gatt

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 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 KLAAs 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 (Porrirt) 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.

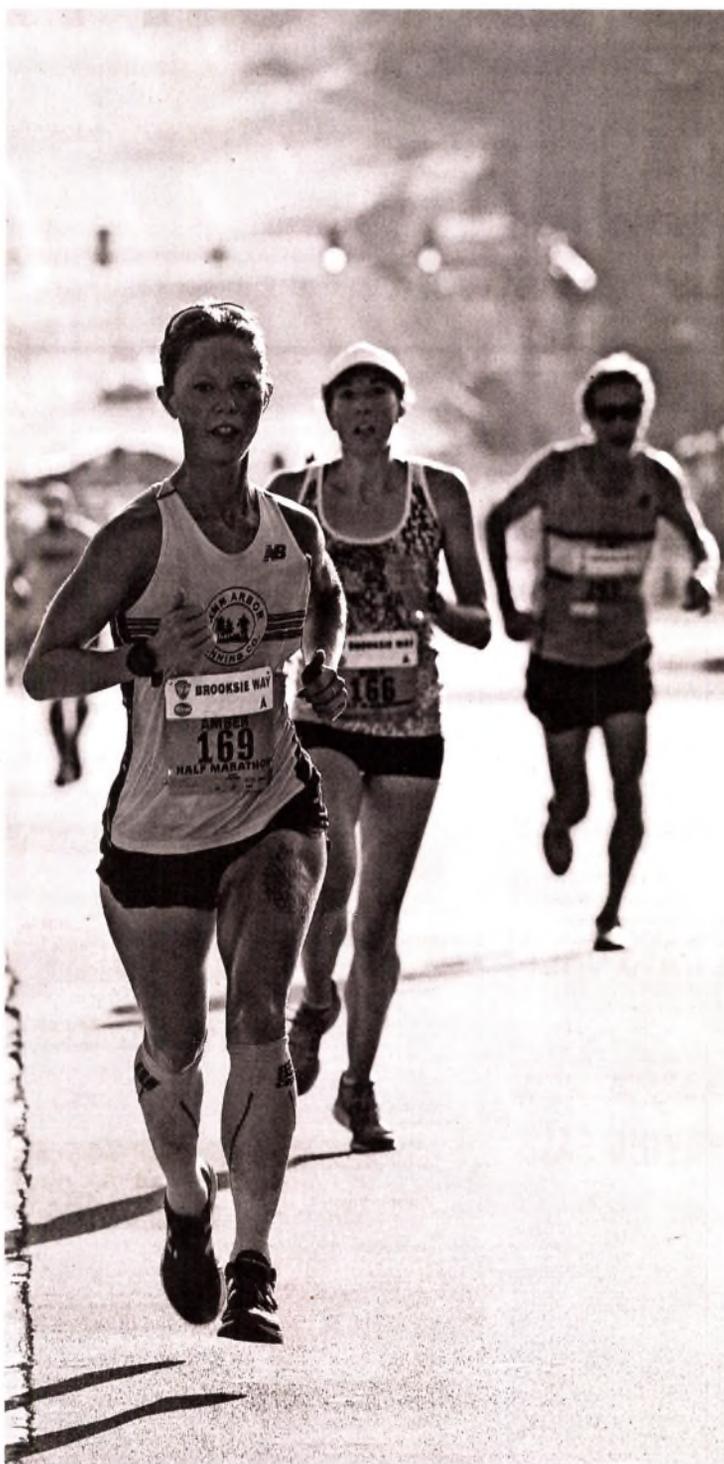
"Sometimes, change is good and I need to refresh myself, reinvigorate and get ready to roll," Durham said. "I'm pretty excited, because I don't know many kids at St. Mary's. We get to play (Birmingham Brother) Rice and CC, too, which is something that really appeals to me. The facilities are phenomenal."

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 Dermyre (front) of Canton was the first female to cross the finish line with a time of 1:26:03 during Sunday's Brookside 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 your 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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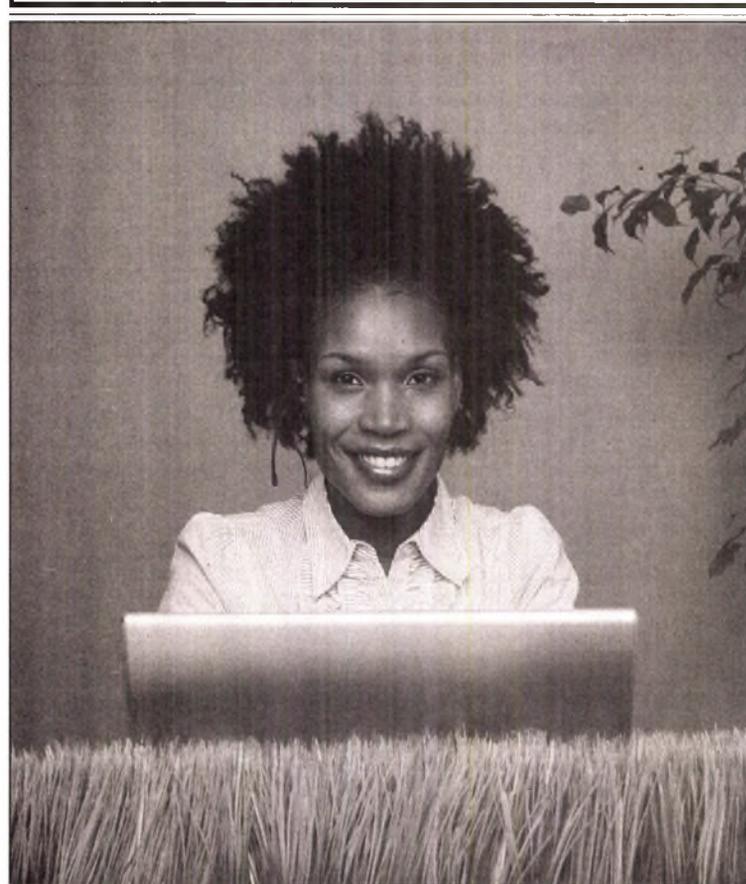
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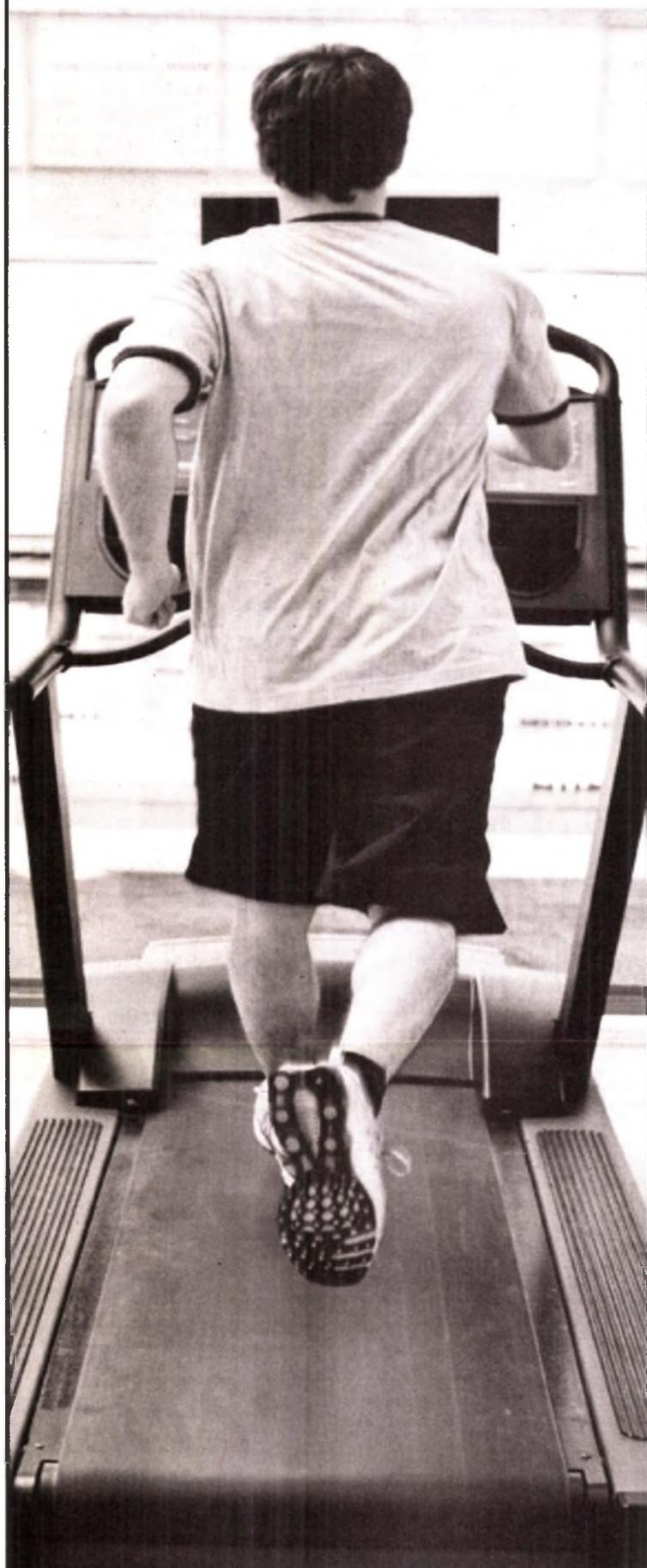
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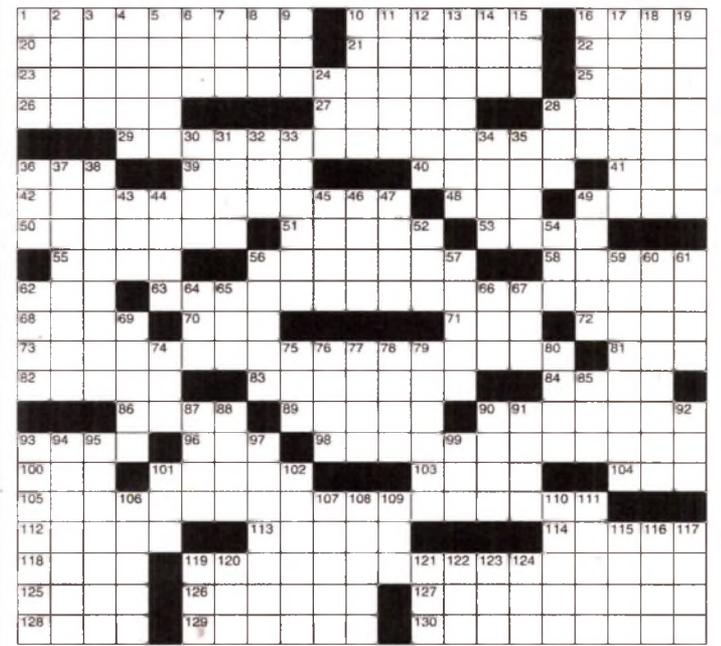
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Very affectionate couple
  - 10 Bee juice
  - 16 Birthplace of Galileo
  - 20 Poet Pope
  - 21 One-celled organism
  - 22 Singer/actor Ed
  - 23 What a hot spot provides
  - 25 Good buds
  - 26 Entangle
  - 27 Saving sites
  - 28 Bird 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
  - 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-Doo—"
  - 105 Across-the-board ban
  - 112 One over par
  - 113 Cowboy flick
  - 114 Sensed feelings, informally
  - 118 Thrifty rival
  - 119 Cry apropos to seyen 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 fms
  - 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
  - 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 deli classic
  - 44 "Oh — little faith!"
  - 45 Stand-up comic Daniel
  - 46 Church nook
  - 47 Forest den
  - 49 20-ounce 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 snocker
  - 75 Autumn mo.
  - 76 "Likely story!"
  - 77 Land in el
  - 78 Window part
  - 79 Aquaneut's habitat
  - 80 Decorative needle case
  - 85 — CIO
  - 87 Easy run
  - 88 Nomad's tent
  - 90 Shoelace snarl
  - 91 — Spumante
  - 92 The — degree
  - 93 Colelaw, 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 pinocle
  - 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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8	3	9	2	6	8	3	8	8
2	1	4	7	3	6	7	7	2
7	5	6	2	9	4	1	8	9
4	2	1	9	8	6	9	8	5
6	7	8	2	3	4	6	2	1
5	3	4	7	9	8	3	4	7
1	6	5	3	4	7	9	8	3
3	4	2	6	8	9	5	7	1
8	6	7	5	2	1	4	3	6

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### WORDS

- ACADEMIC
- ACHIEVEMENT
- ADVANCEMENT
- ASSESSMENT
- BENCHMARKS
- BILINGUAL
- CAMPUS
- CERTIFIED
- CHARTER
- CREDENTIALS
- DISTRICTS
- EDUCATION
- ENRICHMENT
- GIFTED
- GRADES
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- INTEGRATED
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- PEERS
- PERFORMANCE
- PHONICS
- PLACEMENT
- PORTFOLIO
- PROFESSOR
- PUPIL
- RESOURCE
- RUBRIC
- SCHOOL
- STAFF
- STANDARDS
- TENURE
- TEST
- TESTING

### CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

**Crossword Answers**

1. VERY AFFECTIONATE COUPLE: COOLES  
10. BEE JUICE: HONEY  
16. BIRTHPLACE OF GALILEO: PISTONIA  
20. POET POPE: MILTON  
21. ONE-CELLED ORGANISM: AMOEBA  
22. SINGER/ACTOR ED: EDDY  
23. HOT SPOT PROVIDES: SUN  
25. GOOD BUDS: BROTHERS  
26. ENTANGLE: TANGLE  
27. SAVING SITES: MONUMENTS  
28. BIRD ON BILLS: BUNNY  
29. HURRICANE'S WEAKER RELATIVE: TROPICAL  
36. BOOSTER FOR A BAND: MARCH  
39. PIONEER BOONE, TO FRIENDS: DANIEL  
40. DESTINES TO OBLIVION: ERASE  
41. PECAN, E.G.: NUT  
42. BIG NAME IN AUDIO COMPRESSION: MP3  
48. ACTOR HULCE: ANDY  
49. TABBY-TREATING DOCS: CATS  
50. HAVING NO PEEPERS: BLIND  
51. LIKE STOCK WITHOUT FACE VALUE: WALL  
53. DO DATA ENTRY, E.G.: KEY  
55. GROUP WITH A SECY.-GEN.: UNION  
56. FEMALE SIBS, INFORMALLY: SISTERS  
58. "THIS ...": THAT  
62. ABET, E.G.: HELP  
63. LEADER OF THE MUTINY ON THE BOUNTY: JACK  
68. KITCHEN VIP: HOST  
70. SEE 30-DOWN: SEE  
71. YEARS AND YEARS ON END: FOREVER  
72. HAS NO ENTITY: NOTHING  
73. LANGSTON HUGHES' MOVEMENT: RENAISSANCE  
81. OFF-ROAD RIDE, BRIEFLY: MOTOCROSS  
82. OCCUR AS A RESULT: END  
83. SET OF DOCUMENTS ABOUT A CASE: FILE  
84. REID OF "SHARKNADO": JIM  
86. — MAY (JED CLAMPETT'S DAUGHTER): JED  
89. COUNTRY: USA  
90. "TAXI" CO-STAR ANDY: ANDY  
93. "MAMA" OF POP: ELVIS  
96. "DAYS OF — LIVES": DAYS  
98. GOTTEN TOTALLY QUIET: MUTE  
100. COCKPIT ABBR.: COCK  
101. HERB BIT: BIT

**Word Search Answers**

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