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## Dare to enter new horror-themed arcade

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Tattoo artist Tony Loden opened what he's calling Michigan's first "horror arcade," designed to give those who love to be scared a place to relax and, perhaps, gasp.

Dubbed Arcade 707 in homage to the address of Loden's favorite horror star, Michael Myers, the arcade at 37514 Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia occupies a former hair salon studio adjacent to Loden's Gypsy Soul tattoo shop.

"Horror everything has always been huge for me," he said. "I wanted to do

something different. I didn't want to come in here and slap a bunch of Nintendo stuff up on the wall. As much as I love Nintendo, it's just been done hundreds of times.

"I wanted something that was going to catch people's attention."

Loden, a Franklin High School alum-

nus, said he originally opened his tattoo shop in Taylor only to close it and relocate when some issues with the property's location came up.

When the opportunity to lease the space next door to his Livonia shop

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## Destinations worth the drive

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Michiganders are balancing the need for relaxing getaways with gas prices hovering around \$5 a gallon. We need our summer fix because we know they never last quite long enough in the Mitten state.

If you haven't made your vacation plans yet, it's time. Take a day trip to Meijer Gardens, the state Capitol or Greenfield Village. Or take a few days and head to iconic Mackinac Island. And if the Upper Peninsula is in your sights, check out Marquette. It's worth the drive.

Wherever you go and whatever you do, enjoy your Michigan summer.

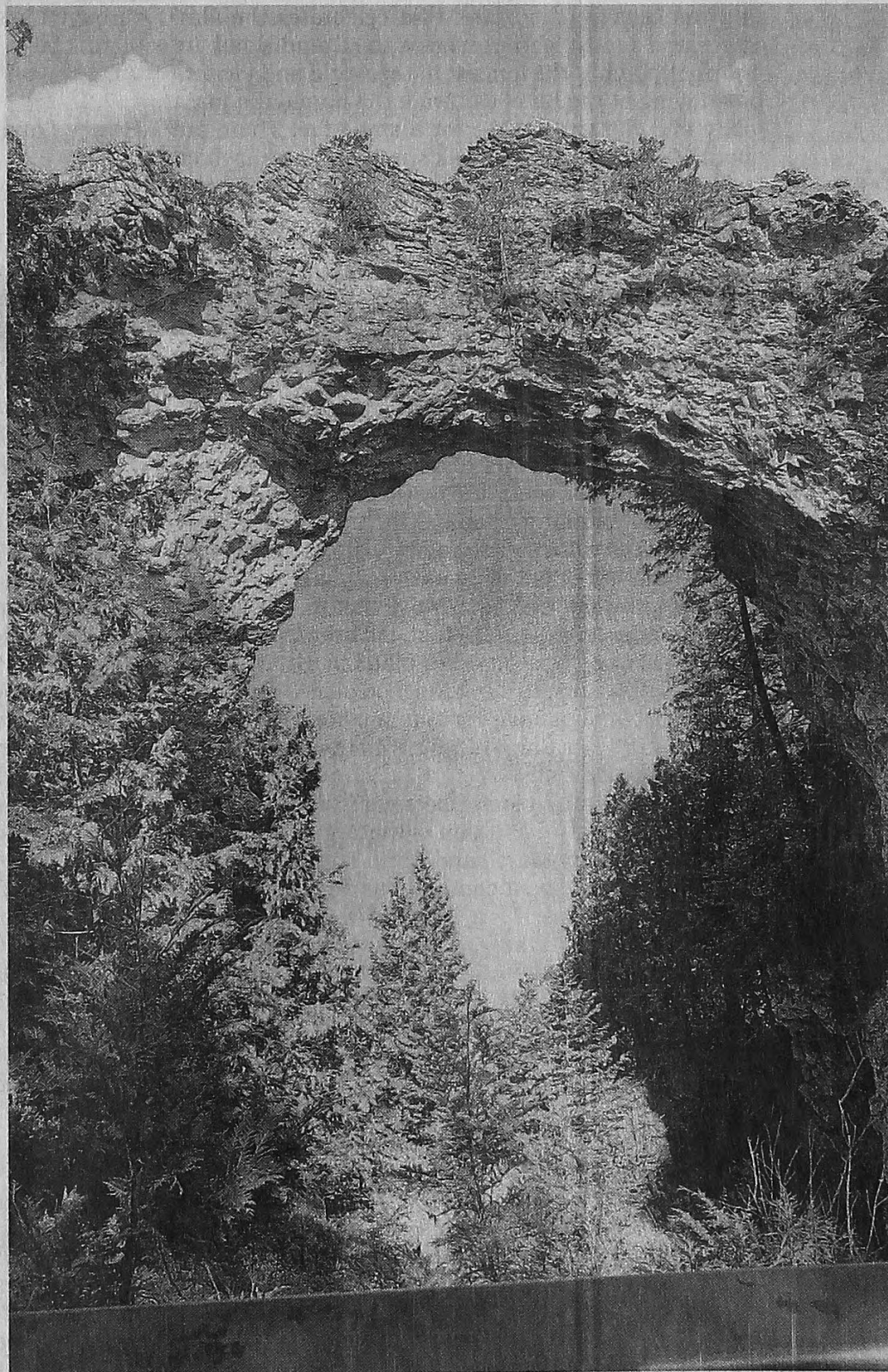
Mackinac Island

Nestled between Michigan's Upper and Lower peninsulas in Lake Huron sits one of the most popular tourist destinations in the state. What started as a strategic military post for the British in the late 1700s is now a place where bicycles, horses and fudge shops abound and cars are a big no-no (unless they are construction or emergency vehicles).

**Things you might know:** Fudge, fudge, fudge. The island is famous for it — and goes through more than 10 tons of sugar during peak summer season to sustain its seven fudge shops. Bicycles are the main mode of personal transportation and a person in moderate shape can easily bike the perimeter of the island in a few hours, taking in the shoreline sights and trails into Michigan's first state park. The island was the nation's second national park from 1875 to 1895, but it became a state park after the military closed Fort Mackinac.

**Things that might surprise you:** If you're a Christopher Reeve or Jane Seymour fan, you might recall the 1980

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The trails of Mackinac Island. COURTESY OF ANNE BROWN

## Madonna University terminates inquiry into coaches

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A Title IX investigation into conduct by volleyball and softball coaching staff at Madonna University will go without a conclusion.

The university "terminated" the inquiry by a third party because the two men at the center of it — Jerry Abraham and Brian McClain — are no longer employed there.

Abraham, the former head volleyball and softball coach, and McClain, a former assistant volleyball coach, were placed on administrative leave in October 2021 after a student athlete alleged "inappropriate conduct" by the two.

Abraham is known at the college as a wildly successful coach and recruiter.

Title IX protects students from sex-based discrimination. Most Title IX inquiries take a few months, a university attorney said, but can take longer based on the nature of allegations.

Madonna's investigation went on for roughly 10 months and, according to the university, was never completed.

"Our primary priority is the well-being and experience of our student-athletes, and, therefore, we take any and all complaints seriously," a university spokesperson said. "We remain diligent in keeping our athletes safe and treating them with dignity, respect

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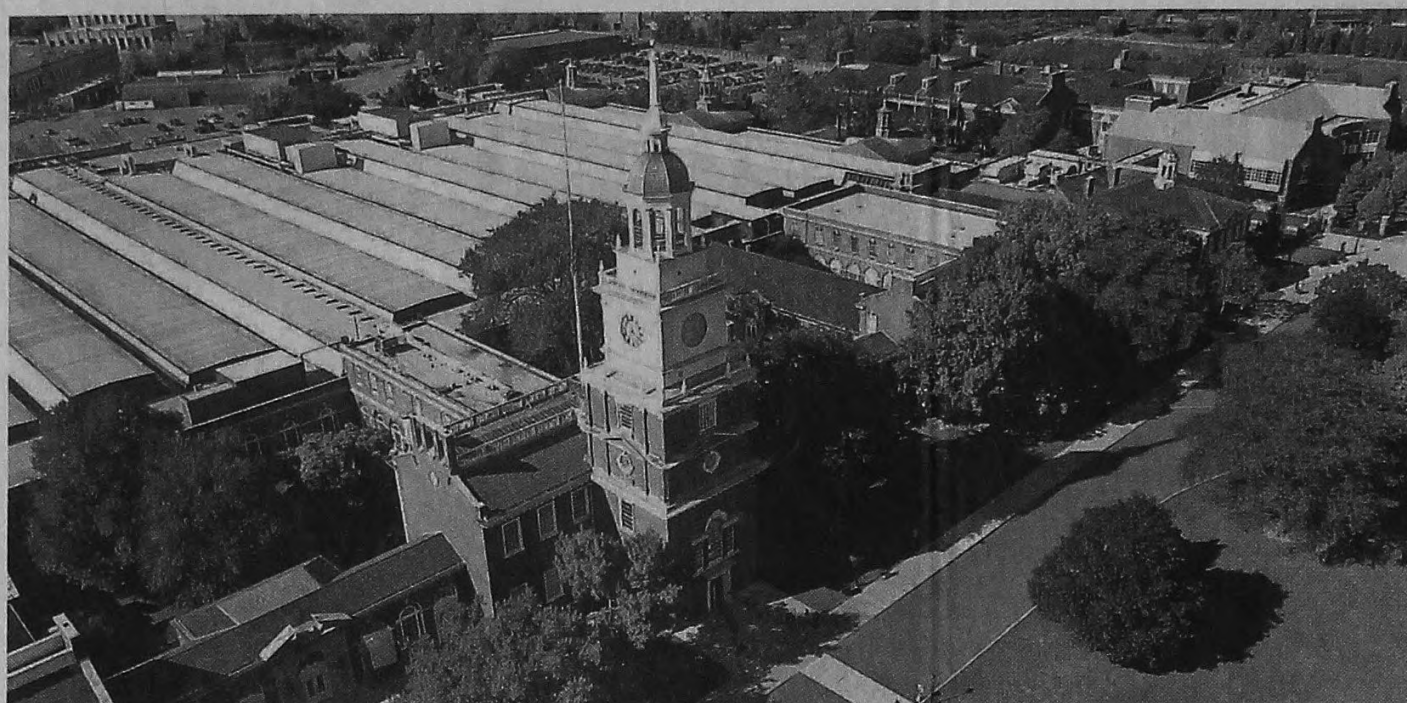
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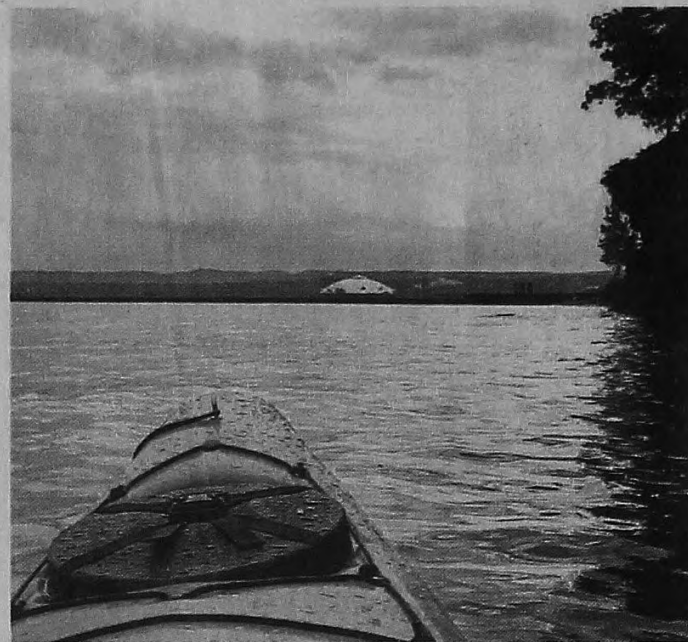
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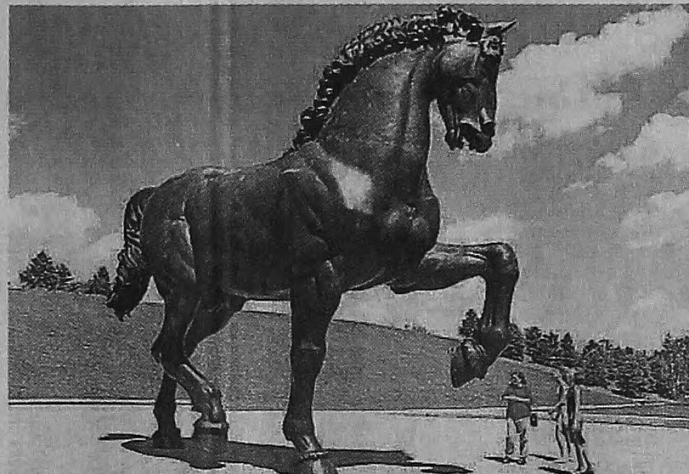
A vast array of ever-changing exhibits and activities abound at the Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation in Dearborn, one of two Michigan spots people Instagram often. COURTESY OF THE HENRY FORD MUSEUM



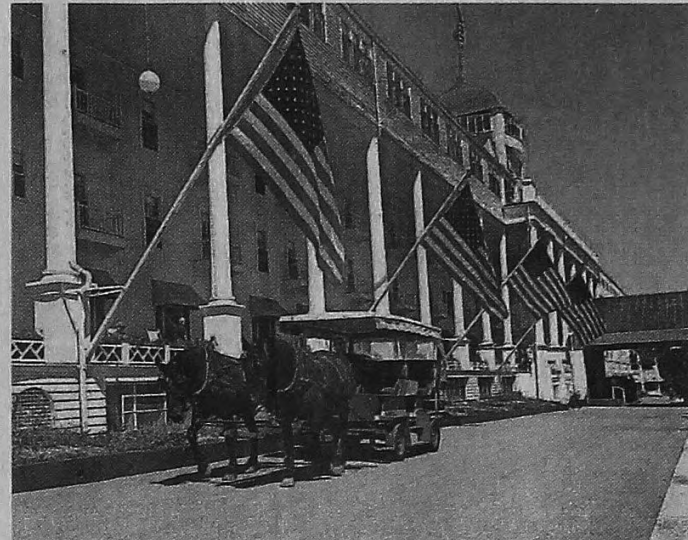
Lake Superior around Marquette is a great spot for kayaking, especially with a guide. In the foreground, you can see the Superior Dome. COURTESY OF ELIZABETH COUCH



Michigan State Capitol Special Events Coordinator Jerry Benson points out details in the Capitol rotunda during a tour with fourth-grade students. MATTHEW DAE SMITH/LANSING STATE JOURNAL



The American Horse at Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park in Grand Rapids Township. COURTESY OF FREDERIK MEIJER GARDENS & SCULPTURE PARK



The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. MARY SCHROEDER/DETROIT FREE PRESS

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movie "Somewhere in Time," which was filmed on the island. More than 40 years later, there is still a destination weekend on the island that celebrates the film. The island's most iconic image is the Grand Hotel. Its 660-foot porch is the longest in the world and visitors not staying at the hotel can walk the porch, the main lobby and the grounds — for a small fee. There are about 500 horses during peak summer season, which is about the same number as the island's full-time residents.

Learn more at [mackinacisland.org](http://mackinacisland.org).

### Frederik Meijer Gardens

We all know the Meijer grocery chain, but if you don't live in West Michigan, you might not know about the gardens and sculpture park that also bear the family name. Located in Grand Rapids, Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park features a permanent collection of outdoor sculptures, 30 acres of manicured gardens and indoor gardens — including a six-story tropical conservatory — that allow visitors to view and enjoy a variety of flora in its native climate.

**Things you might know:** Most visitors have heard of the American Horse, a 24-foot-tall bronze sculpture by Nina Akamu, modeled after plans by Leonardo da Vinci that never resulted in a finished piece. The venue also has become popular for summer concerts, drawing big names like Sheryl Crow, ZZ Top, Norah Jones and the Goo Goo Dolls.

**Things that might surprise you:** The gardens host an annual butterfly exhibition — the largest of its kind in the U.S. — every March and April. The gardens also boast the nation's most comprehensive house of carnivorous plants as well as a "corpse flower," which only blooms every 7-9 years. Curious about the Meijers? See if you can find the sculpture of Frederik and Lena Meijer sitting on bench on the sprawling grounds.

Learn more at [meijergardens.org](http://meijergardens.org).

### State Capitol

Michigan's Capitol was built in the late 1870s and its image is synonymous with downtown Lansing, the state's capital city. A majority of Michiganders have visited the Capitol, either on a school field trip as a youngster or for an event or rally on its lawn. The long-awaited and much-anticipated Heritage Hall underground visitor center was slated to open in July. It's the perfect excuse to return to the Capitol.

**Things you might know:** Guided tours of the historical building are available between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. You can also take a self-guided tour. And if the Legislature is in session, you might be able to visit the gallery and see democracy at work. The glass floor of the rotunda is a must see. Lie down and gaze into the starry paintings that adorn the inner Capitol dome.

**Things you might not know:** While the Capitol gets

top billing, there are other key places to visit nearby. Exit the Capitol and head west on the Frank J. Kelley Walkway to the Hall of Justice, home to Michigan's Supreme Court. Along the way you'll see the Veterans' Memorial Park and Vietnam Monument. Head south and east from the Hall of Justice to check out the Michigan History Museum. Its five floors will take you through the state's rich history. If you can get through all that history in a day, take yourself to the iconic Peanut Shop on Washington Square before you leave.

### Henry Ford/Greenfield Village

History comes alive at the sprawling Dearborn complex where you'll find the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. Inside the expansive museum is a treasure trove of artifacts large and small from across multiple decades. The village is a charming collection of historic buildings, depicting 300 years of American life in a beautifully landscaped setting through which you can leisurely stroll and enjoy a meal with A Taste of History.

**Things you might know:** Transportation and innovation are big themes here. The museum has a large collection of automobiles and other historic vehicles, including the Model T that sparked America's love for cars, the limousine in which President John F. Kennedy was assassinated, and the bus in which Rosa Parks took a seat for civil rights. At Greenfield Village you can ride in a horse-drawn carriage or on an 1800s train and visit Menlo Park, which pays tribute to the inventions of Thomas Edison.

**Things that might surprise you:** A vast array of ever-changing exhibits and activities abound at the museum and village, with appeal for all ages and interests. In the village, artisans give demonstrations of glass blowing, pottery, weaving and more and visitors can try their hands at various skills, too. You can also play games popular in the 1900s, or watch America's national pastime, a "base ball" game with players suited up 1867-style. In the museum, check out what's showing on the giant screen for an immersive 2D and 3D film experience, or revel in the newest traveling walk-through exhibit. Featured this year is "Heroes & Villains: The Art of the Disney Costume."

For more information, visit [thehenryford.org](http://thehenryford.org).


### Marquette

If it were any closer, Marquette might be overrun with visitors. Instead, nestled in the northern Upper Peninsula along Lake Superior, it's an ideal getaway — large enough to have a nightlife, small enough to have the charm of an escape, close enough to wilderness to actually escape. Its downtown is full of character, shops and restaurants, some overlooking the Lower Harbor and its Ore Dock. A couple miles down the road, along Lake Superior, you'll run into McCarty's Cove Beach, Northern Michigan University and Presque Isle State Park, which includes a shaded two-mile loop with stunning Lake Superior views, including from Presque Isle's "Blackrocks," where you're welcome to jump 30 or so feet into the lake.

**Things you might know:** There might be no better view in Michigan than from atop Sugarloaf Mountain a few miles outside Marquette. It's a relatively easy hike up paths and stairs to a deck that overlooks Lake Superior, Marquette and miles around it. The stone monument at the top was made by a local Boy Scout troop as a memorial to one of its members who died in World War I. It is said that his mother could see the monument from her home in Marquette.

**Things that might surprise you:** Northern Michigan University's Superior Dome, which opened in 1991, is known for being the largest wooden dome in the world. It's 143 feet tall and covers 5.1 acres and is home to NMU's football team and other athletic teams. Marquette is also where the 1959 movie "Anatomy of a Murder" was filmed, a courtroom crime drama starring Jimmy Stewart. The courthouse used in the film is still in use today.

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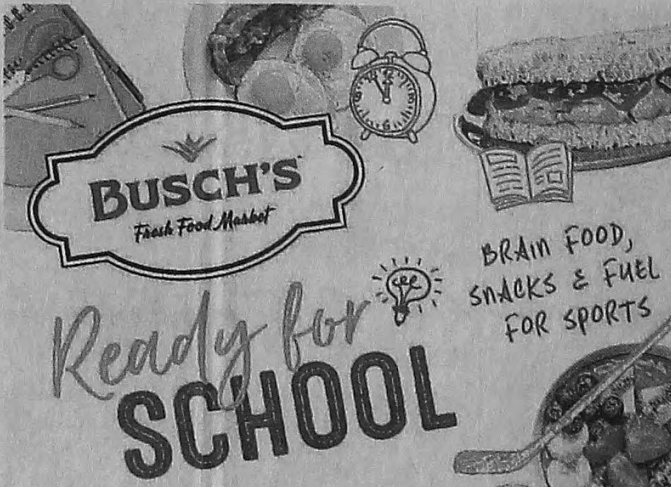
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An animatronic Michael Myers greets guests when they walk into Arcade 707 in Livonia, which opened in July. PHOTOS BY DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Owner Tony Loden plays a Terminator arcade game. Filled with artifacts from horror franchises, the arcade also has several retro games and other attractions.

## Arcade

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came along, he jumped on it.

Loden spent several weeks getting the motif just right — horror movie posters on the walls, models of Hollywood's spookiest ghouls and red paint splatters on the ceiling to mimic blood.

The games aren't all horror-themed, but will still make those who grew up in the '80s and '90s squeal: Mortal Kombat, Golden Tee, Rampage and plenty more line the walls, as well as some couches for comfortable gaming on PS4 and Xbox One.

The typical clientele since Arcade 707 opened in July has been older teenagers and young adults.

So far, the formula is working with repeat customers stopping in, Loden said. "I just wanted stuff that I remembered," he said. "We have a guy who is a

return customer two or three times now ... he comes in, hops on and plays NBA Jam and takes off.

"He said he was super excited in here."

Loden has placed Easter eggs — hidden references that pay tribute to the genre — all over the space, giving eagle-eyed observers something new to look for every they come in.

One such reference? The slight tilt to the "Open" sign in the window, which references a sign in the movie "House of 1,000 Corpses."

So far, the response Loden's gotten has been positive, especially with the little marketing he's done. In addition to individuals stopping by during open hours, the space can also be rented for parties and private events.

The arcade is open 3 to 10 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 3 p.m. to midnight Friday, 2 p.m. to midnight Saturday and noon to 9 p.m. Sunday.

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and fairness, by engaging in careful hiring practices and providing ongoing training of our coaches and staff."

Madonna hired Scott Barbe to lead its

volleyball program in June and brought on Ron Pezzoni to lead its softball program in March.

The university also has a new athletic director, men's basketball head coach Noel Emenhiser, after Scott Kennell left the school in July.

An attorney for the university and university administrators have repeat-

edly declined to share details about the investigation, including the nature of the complaint that prompted it.

Madonna is a private university and, unlike a public college, is not subject to the Freedom of Information Act, which requires publicly funded agencies to disclose public records like contracts, spending or emails.

The college has also claimed the abrupt retirement of its former president, Michael Grandillo, is unrelated to the inquiry into Abraham and McClain.

Grandillo announced his resignation in February and stepped down the following day, citing "relatively minor" health concerns.

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# APPLE OF THEIR EYE

Erwin Orchards owners share memories as they prepare to say goodbye

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Bill Erwin began farming when he was about 12 years old, making 50 cents an hour digging up weeds at the orchards owned by his grandfather.

Three days later, James Nelson Erwin fired his grandson.

"He said I wasn't worth what I was getting paid," Bill Erwin, now 77, recalled with a wry smile. "He thought I wasn't working hard enough. I told my dad, 'I don't have to work. He fired me.' But my dad sent me back to work. Grandpa didn't fire me after that. Before he died, he changed his mind about keeping me around."

Bill Erwin continued farming for the next 65 years, maintaining with great success the Erwin Orchards legacy begun by his grandfather in 1920, and which Bill has owned with his wife, Linda, for the past 50 years.

"This is a special kind of life," Bill Erwin said. "It's a whole different world, and most people have no idea what goes on. But it's all I know. It's been a great life."

Last month, the couple retired, selling their 180-acre farm, a portion of which will be kept as orchards and run by Blake Farms, but keeping a bushel of memories.

"We're retired, and every day is a Saturday," Linda Erwin said on a recent sunny afternoon at the couple's home on Silver Lake Road, across from the orchard. "We can get up and do whatever we want and don't have to worry about the responsibilities of this place."

But longtime friends and customers know "this place" won't be the same without them.

## Erwins as a farming family

Bill Erwin is a fourth-generation farmer; his great-grandfather, William Erwin, grew apples in the area. But it was James Nelson Erwin who obtained 160 acres of land at 10 Mile and Novi roads in a tax sale in 1920 and subsequently asked his sons JW (Bill's father) and Edward to join him, adding smaller pieces of land around the area.

The family purchased 350 acres of land in Lyon Township in 1950 and at one point the Erwin family had 650 acres total. However, some parcels were sold off as family members got out of the business until about 180 acres remained at the orchard's current site.

Bill Erwin has fond childhood memories of sledding on those roads and playing hide and seek in a red barn that was 109 feet at the peak and could be seen from the expressway.

That barn was taken down as a preventive measure after an arsonist burned another structure on the property.

Also gone is the house where Bill Erwin grew up and at which he and Linda had their wedding reception.

The pair were both South Lyon High School graduates and met when she was 16, working at Grimes Market where Bill delivered apples. The two married Nov. 18, 1967.

"We've been through the good and bad and managed to endure," Linda Erwin said. "Bill says when you work with your spouse, you double the number of years, because working together is hard."

## Farming life is a labor of love

Linda Erwin said it helped that they worked different parts of the farm and didn't have time to clash. She was in retail and started off serving cider and doughnuts that they purchased before putting in their own cider mill. She later initiated a school tour program, which at its height saw 18,000 children in a season.

Meanwhile, Bill Erwin was focused on caring for the trees and growing the apples, a year-long, ever-changing endeavor.

In winter, it was pruning trees every day and cleaning up the wood. When the leaves began to show up on the trees in spring, it was ensuring the trees were free of fungi and insects every day. When the apples were ready in late summer and early fall, it was picking from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., sorting the apples by good, bad and size.

## Variety is the spice

The apple varieties, the size of the trees, the way they are harvested, the technology and treatments have all changed through the years.

Bill Erwin said in the early days of the orchard his grandfather grew Wagner, Winesap, Steel Red, Portland and Snow apples.

McIntosh was a mainstay, but when the Erwins began planting their own trees, they added Red Delicious and Golden Delicious. Every year, they planted a few more trees.

"My uncle used to say, 'If you aren't planting trees, you're dying,'" Bill Erwin recalled. "We replaced varieties when they weren't as popular. ... A tree will last as long as you want it to, but that's only as long as people are interested in that variety."



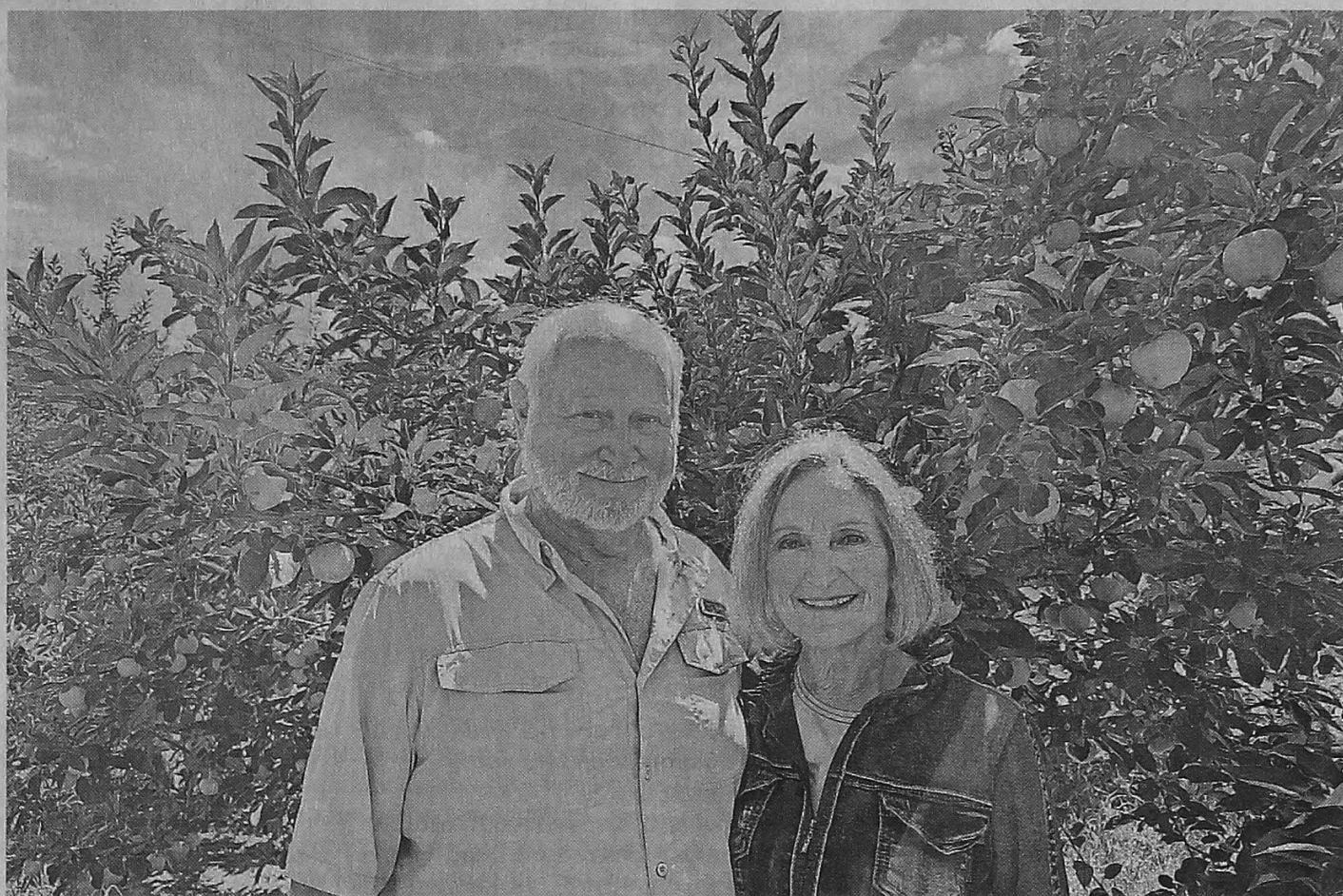
The old barn at Erwin Orchards in Lyon Township stood 109 feet high at its peak and could be seen from the expressway for years. It was razed due to fear of fire that could result in the loss of crops.

COURTESY OF BILL AND LINDA ERWIN



Ericka Kruegel lifts up her daughter Madelyn, 4, so she can pick some ginger gold apples at Erwin Orchards in Lyon Township on Sept. 1, 2021.

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Erwin Orchards owners Bill and Linda Erwin with the last crop of apples grown under their care. The couple, who have owned the orchard for more than 50 years, has now retired.

SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Honeycrisp is one of the favorites now. McIntosh has always been favored for pies, but Northern Spy - Linda Erwin's favorite for pie-making - also gained popularity.

"We made hundreds every year," she said. "Nobody knew what Northern Spy was, but we coined 'Spies for pies' and it became one of the most popular apples."

The Erwins eventually began planting smaller "dwarf" trees to replace the 20- to 30-foot tall apple trees, enabling "U-pick," which started on land they farmed in New Hudson.

"Carrying a 24-foot ladder around all day was no fun," Bill Erwin said.

Smaller trees and u-pick meant less time spent on picking, pruning and spraying.

## Changes through the seasons

When they began farming, the yield was 30-40 bushels of apples from a single tree, with 135 trees to an acre. At one point, he adds, there were 55,000 apple trees in Erwin Orchards. Now there are about 40,000.

For the past 25-30 years, Bill Erwin has used integrated pest management, which is defined by the USDA as "a sustainable approach to managing pests by combining biological, cultural, physical, and chemical tools in a way that minimizes economic, health, and environmental risks."

One of these tools is to emit scents that confuse insects, preventing them from mating.

Mother Nature can't always be fooled, though - weather is the ultimate boss and in no year was that more evident than in 2012. That April, the entire apple crop was lost in 22-degree weather following an early budding from unseasonably warm March temperatures (80 degrees).

The Erwins had foreboding about the coming loss that March while on vacation with friends in China, when they learned that temperatures in Michigan were 80 degrees.

"We knew we were in trouble," Bill Erwin said.

Finding labor was always a challenge. At one point, the orchard had more than 100 employees, many of them seasonal laborers from Mexico.

U-pick was a game changer for the Erwins in the early '80s. Although it cost more for start-up in buying the smaller trees, the costs were recouped quickly.

## Thanks for the memories

For the past decade or more, the Erwins have welcomed about 250,000 visitors per year at the orchard and cider mill, and they never fail to be amazed by the generosity and love they've been shown.

Their orchard has been the location of wedding proposals and ceremonies, as well as annual family fall pilgrimages spanning multiple generations.

Visitors have made the trek from as far as Australia just to get Erwin fruit, and cider and doughnuts.

Linda Erwin admits that when they opened the cider mill in 1997, they didn't know what they were doing. It seems they figured it out rather quickly: Erwin Orchards won best cider in the state for four consecutive years, 1999-2002, thanks to their master cider maker, William Emery, who worked for the Erwins for 45 years.

"He just knew the taste people would like, and he started playing with the variety," Linda Erwin said. "People love the different ciders and he would freeze them in October or September and then produce and choose."

And they loved the doughnuts, made with a strictly secret recipe.

"We would have to kill you if we told you," Linda Erwin joked when asked for the secret. "The recipe is going to stay with us, not because we wouldn't share it, but because not everyone wants to make pumpkin. We do wish the Blakes the best."

Still, she gives some clues for home bakers - the flour comes from Barrett's Doughnut mixes, but some special ingredients are added in.

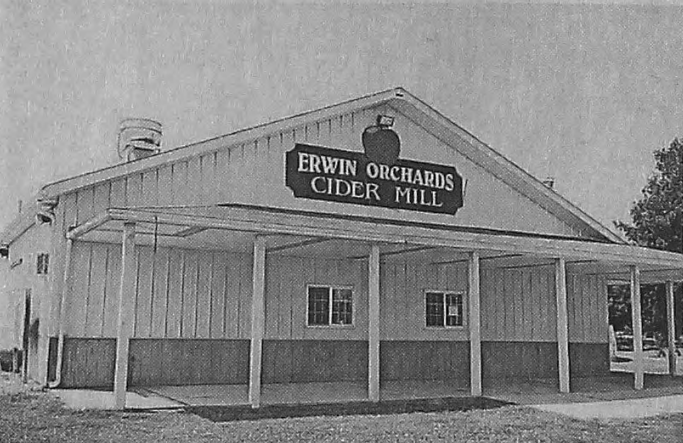
What does their next season of life hold?

Linda Erwin is looking forward to more travels with their daughter, and she and Bill expect more visits to California to see her. She also plans to write a children's book about the orchard, in which she will feature their dog Harley, a Coton de Tulear.

As for Bill Erwin, he maintains once a farmer, always a farmer. He wants to travel to other orchards and spend time among the trees, perhaps pausing among the work to take a moment for gratitude.

"Sometimes in spring or summer, I would take a blanket out there in the orchard and lay down and look up and say, 'The Lord has done a nice job,'" he said.

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Erwin Orchards along Silver Lake Road in South Lyon.

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Edward Erwin at Erwin Orchards in Lyon Township. Edward founded the business in the 1940s with his father and brother. He died in 2019. SUBMITTED



Visitors to Erwin Orchards can travel by tractor to get to and from apple trees.

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# Milford Memories leaders 'upping our game' for 2022

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Make the most of summer before it ends with the return of Milford Memories. The annual festival featuring art, music, food and all-around fun is set for Aug. 12-14 in downtown Milford.

Jen Hill, communications and special events manager for the Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce, expects the event to be even bigger and better than last year, when Milford Memories returned after a 1-year hiatus due to the pandemic.

"People are even more excited to be back outside and back in their routine," she said. "We always expect that any given moment, there are 10,000 people in the streets."

Milford Memories is welcoming more than 300 art vendors, and Hill is also excited about the musical acts lined up, including several cover bands.

Additionally, a large tent area for children's games and activities returns this year and food options are being extended, with most restaurants on Main Street offering tents outside their establishments, including Smoke Street and River's Edge.

There will be 16 food vendors in the park, offering BBQ, poke bowls, and even crab cakes and lobster bisque.

"We're upping our game," Hill said.

There is still time to sign up for the blind canoe race, and tournaments for cornhole, volleyball and three-on-three basketball, in addition to a 1 Mile Fun Run and 5K. A 5K Adventure Run has also been added, which will feature six stations along the course where participants complete additional fitness challenges like jumping rope, push-ups, etc.

"Just come down and walk around and don't have a hard plan, because you might get involved with a band in the park, or see some friends at the Smoke Street tent," she said.

For more details, visit [milford-memories.com](http://milford-memories.com).

Contact reporter Susan Bromley at [sbromley@hometownlife.com](mailto:sbromley@hometownlife.com) or 517-281-2412. Follow her on Twitter @SusanBromley10.

## Schedule of events

### Friday, Aug. 12

8-9 a.m.: Work out with Carls Family YMCA  
9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.: Shuttle Bus service  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Kids' Activities Tent by Play and Grow  
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.: Art in the Village  
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Rock Wall  
11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.: Live Musical Entertainment - Veterans Memorial Stage  
Noon to 5 p.m.: Local Heroes perform at Central Park Beer Tent; families welcome  
6 p.m. to midnight: Parallel Fifth performs at beer tent; 21 and over; \$5 admission

### Saturday, Aug. 13

7:30-11 a.m.: Pancake Breakfast  
8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.: 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament  
8:30 a.m.: Powerhouse Gym Milford Bootcamp  
9 a.m.: Youth Volleyball Tournament  
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11 a.m. to 7 p.m.: Live Musical Entertainment - Veterans Memorial Stage  
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Moxie Blitz performs at Central Park Beer Tent; family-friendly  
12 p.m.: Cornhole Tournament  
6 p.m. - midnight: Power Play Detroit performs at beer tent; 21 and over; \$5 cover

### Sunday, Aug. 14

6:45 a.m. - 8 a.m. Run registration in Central Park  
7:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Pancake Breakfast  
8 a.m. 1 Mile Fun Run / 5K Run / 5K Adventure Run  
9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Shuttle Bus Service  
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10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Rock Wall  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Kids' Activities Tent by Play and Grow  
11 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Icemen perform at Central Park Beer Tent; families welcome  
12:30 p.m. Blind Canoe Race (registration begins at 11:30 a.m.)

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# No rest for the best at the market



**Walt Gajewski**  
Guest columnist

The best farmers market in all of metro Detroit is right here in downtown Farmington. For the sixth straight year, the Farmington Farmers Market has drawn the ace of diamonds in the annual WDIV Vote 4 THE BEST competition. When I got the word, I stared at my phone and exhaled deeply.

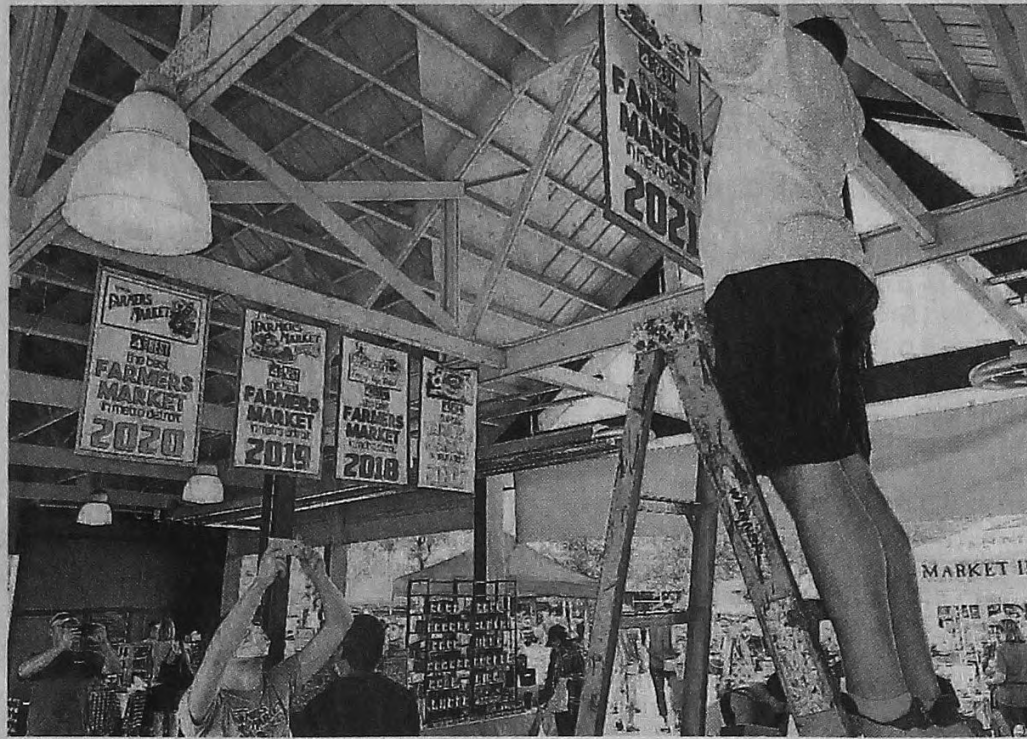
When we first won in 2017, I was driving up Mancelona Road, a two-lane asphalt back-road ribbon, on my way Up North, starting a vacation. It was a perfect time and place to let out a rebel yell. First place! Now, six first-places later and six years older, I realize there's no soft mattress that comes with being the best. Honestly, it's hard to rest.

The market operates once a week, six months a year. But, like a water wheel, its churn is constant, powered by a steady stream of inquiries to vend or entertain. Non-profits, civic organizations, community groups, institutions, all seek passage on this steamboat of a market.

Sometimes I'm in the wheelhouse, sometimes I'm in the engine room, but I'm always on board at the market, navigating a weekly map of farmers, artisans, entertainers, sponsors and volunteers, with aspiring hopefuls in tow. Marketing and promotion, special events, fund raising, accounting and databases require plenty of ballast and many levers to work in order to make it through a long season.

We have steamed ahead of many great markets that serve their respective communities proudly. I am grateful for the many faces that together bring abundance to Saturday life in a Michigan small town. So thank you, volunteers, the Friends of the Market who spend days and nights helping to keep the market afloat.

Thank you, sponsors! We would be dead in the water if not for the businesses and institutions that are truly the hull of the market. To our patrons who come every week, we ring our market bell for you!



Volunteers set up award banners at the Farmington Farmers Market. COURTESY OF THE FARMINGTON FARMERS MARKET

Thank you, farmers and artisans who offer their Michigan-grown and Michigan-made treasures from a sea of tents and sawhorse tables. And thank you, City of Farmington, from public safety to public works. City officials all bear a hand in mooring the success of what may be the best farmers market in the whole state. Now that merits a rebel yell to come to market!

### Your market this week and more

How fitting is it to celebrate National Farmers Market week as the top rated market? Headlining this Saturday's market marquee is the 15th Annual Farmers Market Elks Community Corn Roast. Fresh-picked Michigan sweet corn donated by the Fusilier, Goetz and Gass farms will be shucked, coal roasted, seasoned and served by the Farmington Elks for \$2 an ear with all proceeds going to charity.

Our Power of Produce program returns with its mission to teach kids where healthy food comes from. This week it's all about corn.

There will be challenges, a family-friendly recipe and \$3 vouchers to shop the market for all kids who join in the

fun, which starts at 9 a.m. right by the Elks' corn roast.

We welcome the return of the Fox and the Fiddle playing the park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with country and pop rock classics.

At 10:30, the Oakland County Parks Red Oaks Nature Center opens their tent with "Discoveries of Nature."

And at 10:45, the Mid American Studio of Farmington Hills brings its Little Princess Ballet to Riley Park for a special performance.

Just around the corner, on Aug. 20, we bring Calder Dairy Day to downtown Farmington with live farm animals and an ice cream social "fun-raiser" for the market, featuring Calder Dairy ice cream atop a Petey's Donut. I know - why didn't we think of that before?

August is peak for produce, and the abundance at the market is a sight to see, so come see for yourself! Until next time and as always, here's saying: "See you at the market."

Walt Gajewski is the Farmington Farmers Market manager. The market runs 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays in downtown Farmington. Visit [farmingtonfarmersmarket.com](http://farmingtonfarmersmarket.com) for more.

# I-696 crash in Farmington Hills kills one

Susan Vela [Hometownlife.com](http://Hometownlife.com)  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

State troopers are investigating a fatal crash that happened Monday afternoon near Interstate 696 and Drake Road.

Troopers said on Twitter they received reports of an injury crash on the highway at 3 p.m. Aug. 8.

First responders transported an injured person to Beaumont Hospital Farmington Hills, where the person died.

# Chemical spill sets off alarms for Huron River

Keith Matheny [Detroit Free Press](http://Detroit Free Press)  
USA TODAY NETWORK

State officials are urging the public to avoid all contact with Huron River water in a stretch of the river in Oakland and Livingston counties, after learning of a company's release of potentially harmful hexavalent chromium into the Wixom sewer treatment system that outflows into the river.

The Michigan departments of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy and Health and Human Services recommended that until further notice, people and pets avoid contact with Huron River water in an area from North Wixom Road in Oakland County to Kensington Road in Livingston County. In Oakland County this includes Norton Creek downstream of the Wixom Wastewater Treatment Plant and Hubbell Pond, also known as Mill Pond. The potentially affected area also includes Kent Lake in Oakland and Livingston counties.

A "do not eat the fish" advisory was already in place for this area because of contamination with PFOS.

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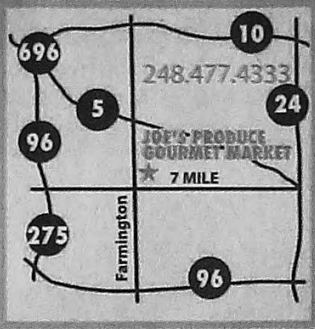
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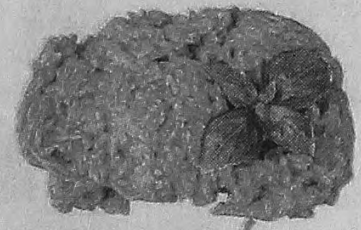
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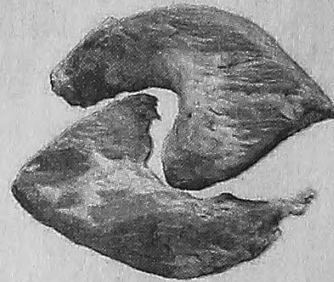
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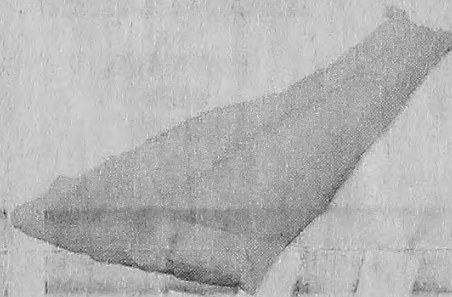
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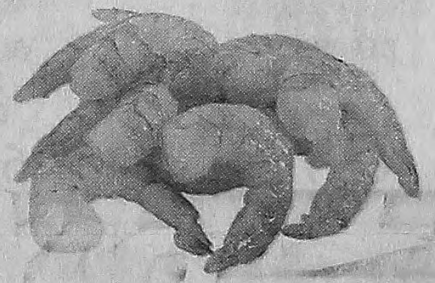
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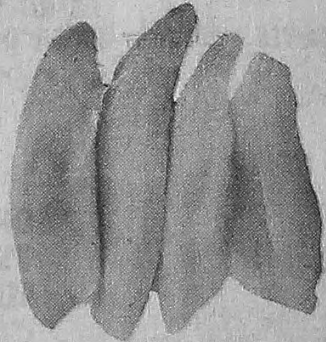
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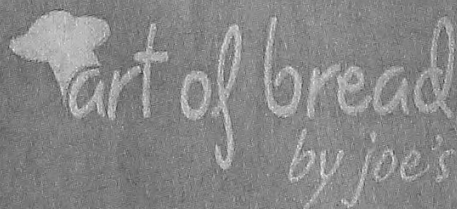
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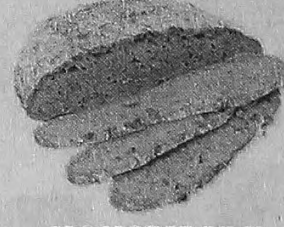
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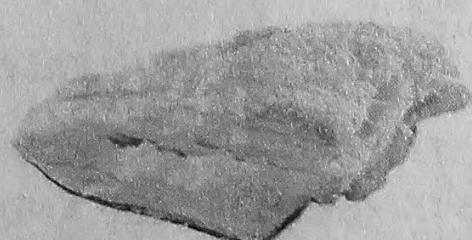
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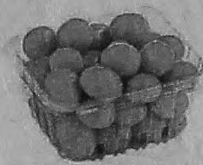
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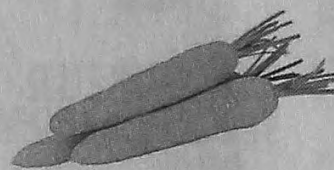
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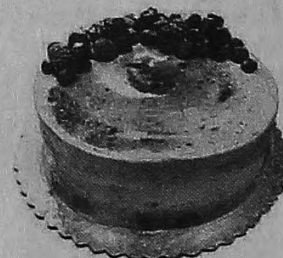


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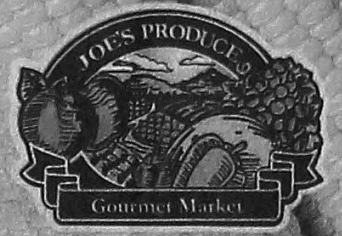


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# SPORTS



Hartland's Benathan Deman brings down Novi quarterback Luke Aurilia last season. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Five predictions about KLAA football season

**Brandon Folsom** Hometownlife.com  
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With high school football teams returning to practice this week, here are five bold predictions about the upcoming Kensington Lakes Activities Association season:

**Novi will take a step toward winning the KLAA championship**

You must've been blind if you didn't see success coming for the Wildcats in 2021 after the school announced it had hired Jim Sparks as its new coach.

Under Sparks' leadership for 19 years, Clawson punched well above its weight and was a consistent playoff qualifier as one of the smallest schools in the Macomb Area Conference. And don't let his wins in the Bronze, the worst division of the MAC, fool you. The Trojans always scheduled hard non-league games. Anyone crazy enough to schedule Marine City on an annual basis definitely wants to improve as a program.

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Plymouth football coach Greg Souldourian on the sidelines during in 2019. COURTESY OF MICHAEL VASILNEK

### MHSAA FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

All games kick off at 7 p.m. unless individually noted otherwise.

**Week 1 Thursday, Aug. 25**

- Catholic League**  
Clinton Twp. Chippewa Valley at Detroit Catholic Central  
Brother Rice at Macomb Dakota (Wayne State University), 4 p.m.  
Cranbrook at Livonia Clarenceville
- Independent**  
Cranbrook at Livonia Clarenceville  
Detroit Country Day at Detroit Loyola (Warren Fitzgerald)
- Kensington Lakes Activities Association**  
Northville at Wayne Memorial  
Salem at Dearborn  
Howell at Livonia Stevenson  
Hartland at Westland John Glenn
- Lakes Valley Conference**  
Walled Lake Western at South Lyon (LVC)  
South Lyon East at Walled Lake Northern (LVC)  
Milford at New Boston Huron  
White Lake Lakeland at Waterford Kettering (LVC)
- Oakland Activities Association**  
Bloomfield Hills at Birmingham Seaholm  
Birmingham Groves at North Farmington  
Ypsilanti Lincoln at Farmington
- Western Wayne Athletic Conference**  
North Branch at Redford Thurston  
Linden at Garden City

**Friday, Aug. 26**

- Kensington Lakes Activities Association**  
Novi at Belleville (Wayne State University)  
Canton at Livonia Franklin  
Plymouth at Livonia Churchill (University of Michigan), 12 p.m.
- Michigan Independent Athletic Conference**  
New Haven at Lutheran Westland
- Western Wayne Athletic Conference**  
Redford Union at Pewamo-Westphalia

**Week 2 Thursday, Sept. 1**

- Catholic League**  
Detroit Catholic Central at Davison  
Dearborn Divine Child at Cranbrook, 5 p.m.
- Independent**  
Parma Western at Detroit Country Day  
Livonia Clarenceville at Dundee
- Kensington Lakes Activities Association**  
Hartland at Novi (KLAA-West)  
Northville at Plymouth (KLAA-West)  
Howell at Canton (KLAA-West)  
Salem at Brighton (KLAA-West)  
Westland John Glenn at Livonia Churchill (KLAA-East)  
Livonia Franklin at Wayne Memorial (KLAA-East)  
Dearborn Fordson at Livonia Stevenson (KLAA-East)
- Lakes Valley Conference**  
Milford at South Lyon (LVC)  
Waterford Kettering at South Lyon East (LVC)

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## MHSAA FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

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Walled Lake Central at White Lake Lakeland (LVC)  
**Michigan Independent Athletic Conference**  
 University Liggett at Lutheran Westland  
**Oakland Activities Association**  
 Bloomfield Hills at Rochester Hills Stonely Creek  
 Detroit U-D Jesuit at Birmingham Seaholm  
 Farmington at Royal Oak  
**Western Wayne Athletic Conference**  
 Melvindale at Redford Thurston (WWAC)  
 Garden City at Romulus (WWAC)

### Friday, Sept. 2

**Catholic League**  
 Brother Rice at East Kentwood, 6 p.m.  
**Oakland Activities Association**  
 Birmingham Groves at Oxford  
 Caledonia at North Farmington  
**Western Wayne Athletic Conference**  
 Redford Union at Dearborn Heights  
 Crestwood (WWAC)

### Week 3

#### Friday, Sept. 9

**Catholic League**  
 Detroit Catholic Central vs. DeWitt  
 Brother Rice at Brownstown Woodhaven  
 Cranbrook at Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes  
**Independent**  
 Warren Michigan Collegiate at Detroit Country Day  
 Kalamazoo Loy Norrix at Livonia Clarenceville  
**Kensington Lakes Activities Association**  
 Salem at Novi (KLAA-West)  
 Howell at Northville (KLAA-West)  
 Canton at Plymouth (KLAA-West)  
 Livonia Churchill at Belleville (KLAA-East)  
 Dearborn at Livonia Franklin (KLAA-East)

Livonia Stevenson at Westland John Glenn (KLAA-East)  
 Wayne Memorial at Dearborn Fordson (KLAA-East)  
**Lakes Valley Conference**  
 South Lyon at Walled Lake Central (LVC)  
 Waterford Mott at South Lyon East (LVC)  
 Walled Lake Northern at Milford (LVC)  
 Walled Lake Western at White Lake Lakeland (LVC)

**Michigan Independent Athletic Conference**  
 Lutheran Westland at Rochester Hills  
 Lutheran Northwest (MIAC)

**Oakland Activities Association**  
 Rochester at Bloomfield Hills (OAA-White)  
 Birmingham Groves at Oak Park (OAA-White), 6 p.m.  
 Auburn Hills Avondale at Birmingham Seaholm  
 Farmington at Troy Athens (OAA-Blue)  
 Troy at North Farmington (OAA-Blue)  
**Western Wayne Athletic Conference**  
 Dearborn Heights Crestwood at Redford Thurston (WWAC)  
 Dearborn Heights Annapolis at Redford Union (WWAC)  
 Melvindale at Garden City (WWAC)

### Week 4

#### Friday, Sept. 16

**Catholic League**  
 Detroit Catholic Central at Detroit U-D Jesuit  
 Brother Rice at Warren De La Salle (CHSL-Central) (Wayne State)  
**Independent**  
 South Lyon at Detroit Country Day  
 Livonia Clarenceville at Macomb Lutheran North  
**Kensington Lakes Activities Association**

Novi at Brighton (KLAA-West)  
 Northville at Canton (KLAA-West)  
 Plymouth at Howell (KLAA-West)  
 Hartland at Salem (KLAA-West)  
 Livonia Churchill at Livonia Franklin (KLAA-East)  
 Livonia Stevenson at Dearborn (KLAA-East)  
 Wayne Memorial at Belleville (KLAA-East)  
 Westland John Glenn at Dearborn Fordson (KLAA-East)

**Lakes Valley Conference**  
 South Lyon at Detroit Country Day  
 South Lyon East at Walled Lake Western (LVC)  
 Milford at Walled Lake Central (LVC)  
 White Lake Lakeland at Waterford Mott (LVC)  
**Michigan Independent Athletic Conference**  
 Whitmore Lake at Lutheran Westland  
**Oakland Activities Association**  
 Bloomfield Hills at Birmingham Groves (OAA-White)  
 Troy Athens at Birmingham Seaholm (OAA-Blue)  
 North Farmington at Farmington (OAA-Blue)  
**Western Wayne Athletic Conference**

Redford Thurston at Dearborn Heights Annapolis (WWAC)  
 Romulus at Redford Union (WWAC)  
 Garden City at Dearborn Heights Crestwood (WWAC)

### Saturday, Sept. 17

**Catholic League**  
 Cranbrook at Madison Heights Bishop Foley (CHSL-Intersection 1), 4 p.m.

### Week 5

#### Friday, Sept. 23

**Catholic League**  
 Detroit Catholic Central at Brother Rice (CHSL-Central) (Lawrence Tech)  
**Independent**  
 Detroit Country Day (Open Date)  
 Livonia Clarenceville at Dearborn Divine Child

**Kensington Lakes Activities Association**  
 Canton at Novi (KLAA-West)  
 Brighton at Northville (KLAA-West)  
 Plymouth at Hartland (KLAA-West)  
 Howell at Salem (KLAA-West)  
 Dearborn at Livonia Churchill (KLAA-East)  
 Livonia Franklin at Westland John Glenn (KLAA-East)  
 Wayne Memorial at Livonia Stevenson (KLAA-East)

**Lakes Valley Conference**  
 White Lake Lakeland at South Lyon (LVC)  
 Milford at Walled Lake Western (LVC)  
**Oakland Activities Association**  
 Oak Park at Bloomfield Hills (OAA-White)  
 Southfield A&T at Birmingham Groves (OAA-White)  
 Birmingham Seaholm at North Farmington (OAA-Blue)  
 Farmington at Troy (OAA-Blue)  
**Western Wayne Athletic Conference**  
 Redford Thurston at Garden City (WWAC)  
 Redford Union at Dearborn Heights Robichaud (WWAC)

### Saturday, Sept. 24

**Catholic League**  
 Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard at Cranbrook (CHSL-Intersectional 1), 1 p.m.  
**Lakes Valley Conference**  
 South Lyon East at Paw Paw, 2:30 p.m.  
**Michigan Independent Athletic Conference**  
 Lutheran Westland at Sterling Heights Parkway Christian (MIAC), 1 p.m.

### Week 6

#### Friday, Sept 30

**Catholic League**  
 Orchard Lake St. Mary's at Brother Rice (CHSL-Central) (Lawrence Tech)  
**Independent**  
 Livonia Clarenceville at Taylor  
**Kensington Lakes Activities Association**  
 Novi at Plymouth (KLAA-West)  
 Northville at Salem (KLAA-West)  
 Canton at Brighton (KLAA-West)  
 Dearborn Fordson at Livonia Churchill (KLAA-East)  
 Livonia Stevenson at Livonia Franklin (KLAA-East)  
 Dearborn at Wayne Memorial (KLAA-East)  
 Belleville at Westland John Glenn (KLAA-East)  
**Lakes Valley Conference**  
 South Lyon at Waterford Kettering (LVC)  
 South Lyon East at Walled Lake Central (LVC)  
 Waterford Mott at Milford (LVC)  
 Walled Lake Northern at White Lake Lakeland (LVC)  
**Michigan Independent Athletic Conference**

Lutheran Westland at Dearborn Heights Star International  
**Oakland Activities Association**  
 Southfield A&T at Bloomfield Hills (OAA-White)  
 Harper Woods at Birmingham Groves (OAA-White)  
 Troy at Birmingham Seaholm (OAA-Blue)  
 Pontiac at Farmington  
 North Farmington at Troy Athens (OAA-Blue)  
**Western Wayne Athletic Conference**  
 Dearborn Heights Robichaud at Redford Thurston (WWAC)  
 Garden City at Redford Union (WWAC)

### Saturday, Oct. 1

**Catholic League**  
 Macomb Lutheran North at Cranbrook (CHSL-Intersectional 1), 3 p.m.  
**Independent**  
 Flint Powers Catholic at Detroit Country Day, 1 p.m.

### Sunday, Oct. 2

**Catholic League**  
 Warren De La Salle at Detroit Catholic Central (CHSL-Central) (Boys Bowl), 1 p.m.

### Week 7

#### Friday, Oct. 7

**Catholic League**  
 Detroit Catholic Central at Orchard Lake St. Mary's (CHSL-Central)  
 Brother Rice (Open Date)  
 Cranbrook at Walled Lake Central  
**Independent**  
 Detroit Country Day at Detroit U-D Jesuit  
 Kettering at Livonia Clarenceville  
**Kensington Lakes Activities Association**  
 Howell at Novi (KLAA-West)  
 Northville at Hartland (KLAA-West)  
 Salem at Canton (KLAA-West)  
 Plymouth at Brighton (KLAA-West)  
 Livonia Churchill at Wayne Memorial (KLAA-East)  
 Dearborn Fordson at Livonia Franklin (KLAA-East)  
 Belleville at Livonia Stevenson (KLAA-East)  
 Westland John Glenn at Dearborn (KLAA-East)

**Lakes Valley Conference**  
 South Lyon at Walled Lake Northern (LVC)  
 South Lyon East at White Lake Lakeland (LVC)  
 Waterford Kettering at Milford (LVC)  
**Michigan Independent Athletic Conference**  
 Dearborn Advanced Tech at Lutheran Westland  
**Oakland Activities Association**  
 Bloomfield Hills at Harper Woods (OAA-White)  
 Birmingham Groves at Rochester (OAA-White)  
 Birmingham Seaholm at Berkley  
 Farmington at Ferndale  
 North Farmington at Auburn Hills Avondale  
**Western Wayne Athletic Conference**  
 Romulus at Redford Thurston (WWAC)  
 Redford Union at Melvindale (WWAC)  
 Dearborn Heights Annapolis at Garden City (WWAC)

### Week 8

#### Friday, Oct. 14

**Catholic League**  
 Brother Rice at Detroit Country Day  
 Cranbrook at Riverview Gabriel Richard (CHSL-Intersectional 1)  
**Independent**  
 Brother Rice at Detroit Country Day  
 Tecumseh at Livonia Clarenceville  
**Kensington Lakes Activities Association**

Novi at Northville (KLAA-West)  
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 Lake Orion at North Farmington  
**Western Wayne Athletic Conference**  
 Redford Thurston at Redford Union (WWAC)  
 Garden City at Dearborn Heights Robichaud (WWAC)

### Saturday, Oct. 15

**Catholic League**  
 Detroit Catholic Central at Cincinnati La Salle (Ohio), 4 p.m.

### Week 9

#### Friday, Oct. 21

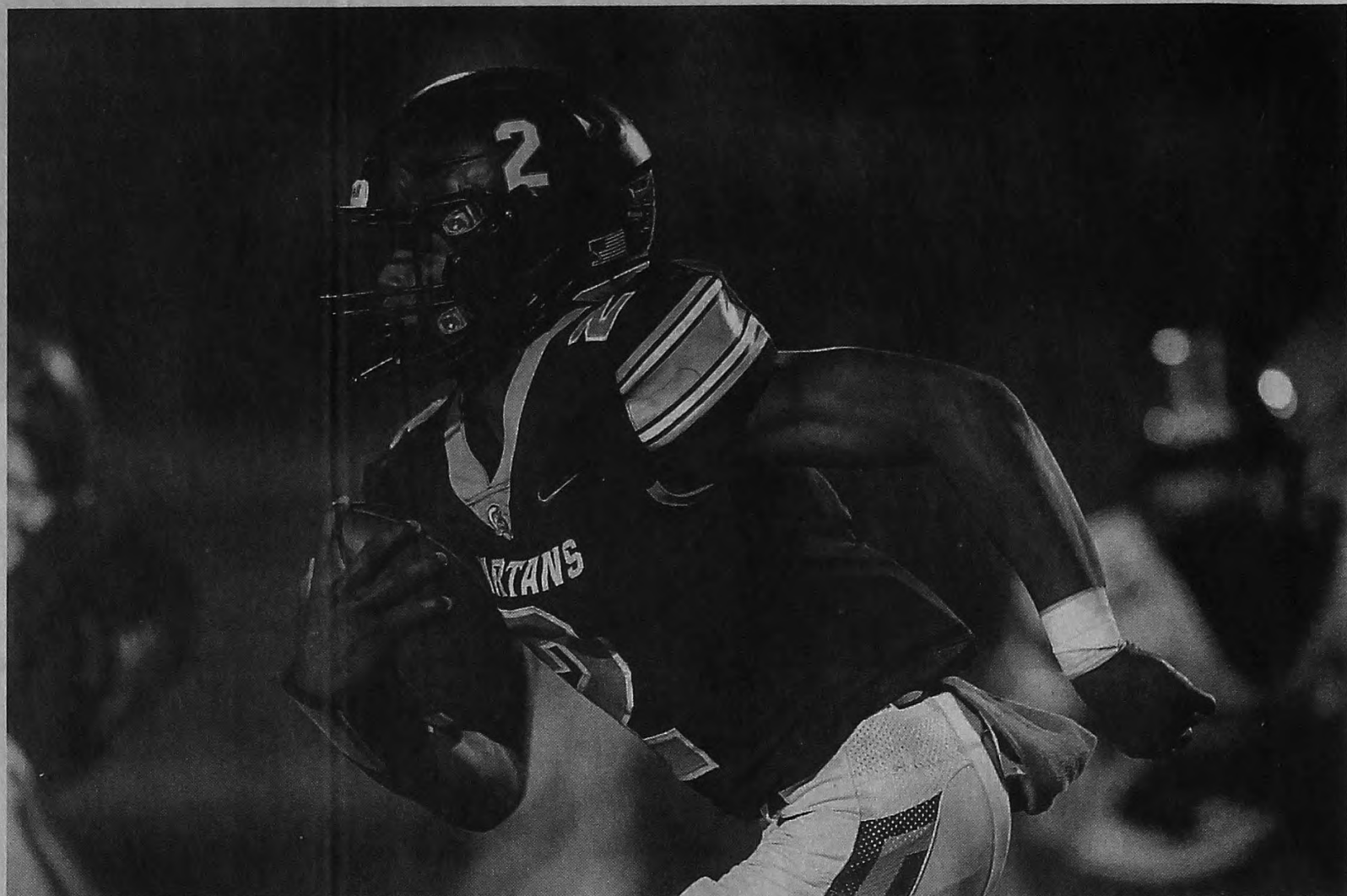
**Catholic League**  
 Detroit Catholic Central in Prep Bowl/CHSL crossover matchup  
 Brother Rice in Prep Bowl/vs. Detroit Cass Tech  
 Cranbrook in Prep Bowl/CHSL crossover matchup  
**Independent**  
 Livonia Clarenceville at Flat Rock  
**Kensington Lakes Activities Association**  
 TBD East opponent at Novi (KLAA crossover)  
 TBD East opponent at Northville (KLAA crossover)  
 TBD East opponent at Canton (KLAA crossover)  
 TBD East opponent at Plymouth (KLAA crossover)  
 TBD East opponent at Salem (KLAA crossover)  
 Livonia Churchill at TBD West opponent (KLAA crossover)  
 Livonia Franklin at TBD West opponent (KLAA crossover)  
 Livonia Stevenson at TBD West opponent (KLAA crossover)  
 Wayne Memorial at TBD West opponent (KLAA crossover)  
 Westland John Glenn at TBD West opponent (KLAA crossover)  
**Lakes Valley Conference**  
 South Lyon at South Lyon East (LVC)  
 White Lake Lakeland at Milford (LVC)  
**Michigan Independent Athletic Conference**  
 Lutheran Westland at Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard, 4 p.m.  
**Oakland Activities Association**  
 Bloomfield Hills at North Farmington  
 Birmingham Seaholm at Birmingham Groves  
 Utica at Farmington  
**Western Wayne Athletic Conference**  
 Swartz Creek at Redford Thurston  
 Redford Union vs. TBD CHSL opponent  
 Garden City at Pontiac

### Saturday, Oct. 22

**Independent**  
 Detroit Country Day at Traverse City St. Francis, 1 p.m.

### Week 10 Round 1 Playoffs Friday, Oct. 28

TBD



Stevenson's Ar'Jon Thompson rushes against Franklin last season. DAVE DONOHER/SPECIAL TO HOMEOWNLIFE.COM



# KLAA

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And that type of mentality is what Sparks brought to the Wildcats in his first season. They ripped off four wins in an incredibly tough West division and also beat Wayne Memorial in the season opener to finish 5-5 overall, the best record Novi had posted since 2016.

Sparks should push the Wildcats closer toward competing for a league title now that he's had a real off-season to help his players improve, one that wasn't marred by COVID-19 or social distancing.

Plus, he returns arguably one of the best dual-threat quarterbacks in the league, senior Luke Aurilia, who's back for one final season.

### Plymouth should add the finishing touches to its game-day mentality

The Wildcats weren't going to make the playoffs entering Week 9 a year ago, but coach Greg Souldourian wanted them to end the season on a two-game winning streak and have something it could build off entering the off-season.

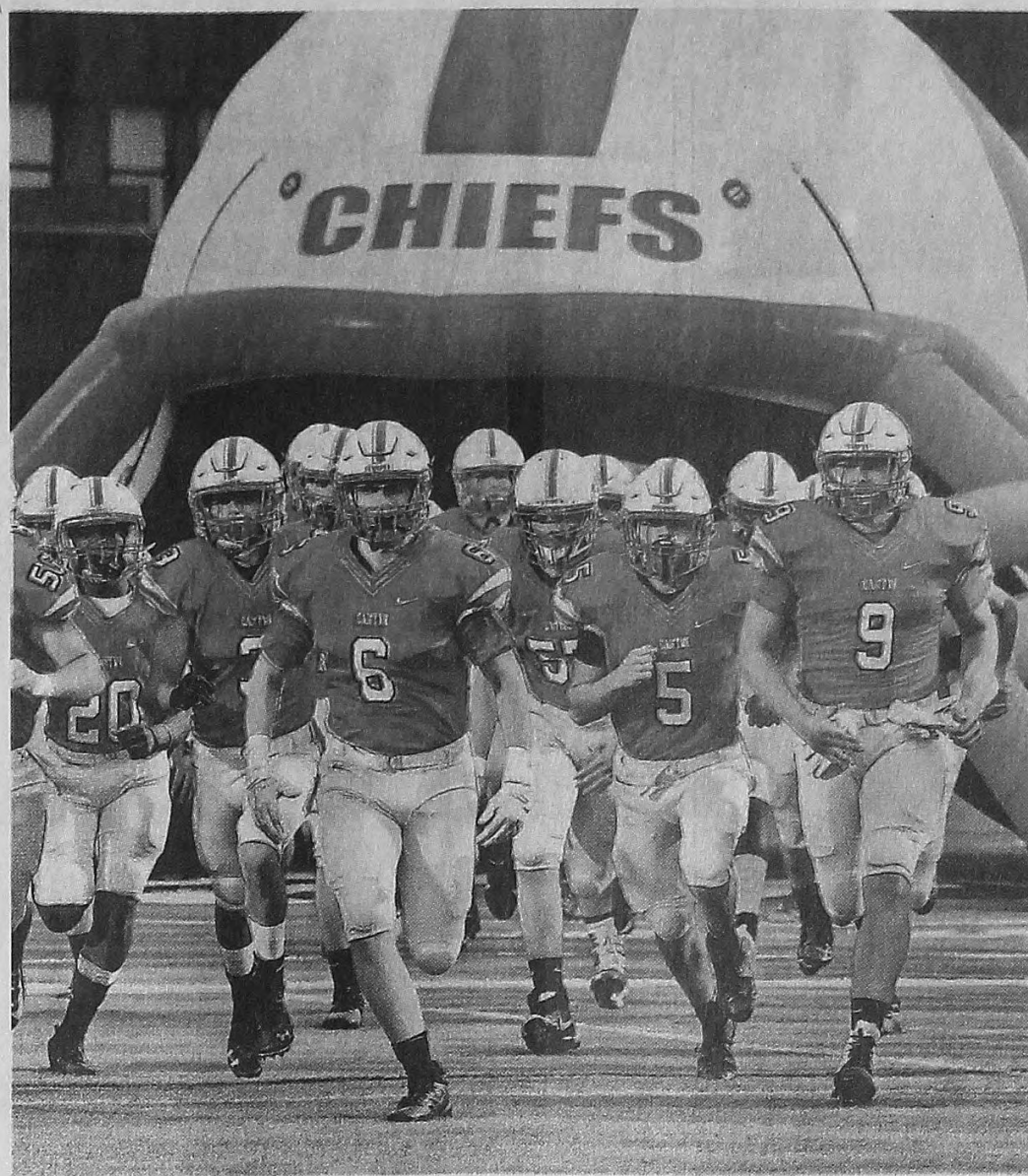
Instead, they came up short against Westland John Glen in the season finale, 20-13. The culprit? A lack of finishing.

Whether it was finishing tackles, finishing routes or finishing blocks, the Wildcats just didn't do any of it, especially late in the game when doing those things mattered the most. And, obviously, that upset Souldourian.

The mantra for the team this summer has been to actually finish the things they start. And Souldourian has found creative ways for them to do so, including drawing some inspiration from the video game "Fortnite."

Take the game of tag they played a few weeks ago. Every player put flags on their hips. The last player standing with the most flags in their hands went down as the winner. And the catch? Every few minutes, Souldourian would shrink the playing surface a la "Fortnite" so that individual battles were emphasized even more.

Souldourian said the competition never waned, even when it got down to the final two contestants. Now that's how you inspire your players to finish strong.



The Canton football team runs out before its game against Brighton last season. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

### The Livonia City Championship is wide open

Attrition might not force Livonia Churchill or Livonia Franklin to take a step back after both had successful seasons a year ago. But the players both teams lost to graduation will definitely even out the playing field when it comes to the Livonia City Championship, especially with how many studs Livonia Stevenson returns.

Churchill and Franklin, respectively, are both starting new quarterbacks with Taj Williams headed to Adrian College and Zach Olesuk preparing to play on both the football and baseball teams at Alma College. And Stevenson brings back ArJon Thompson, arguably one of the most athletic players in Michigan. The junior can play wildcat quarter-

back, receiver and defensive back, plus he can return kicks or run the ball if needed.

How quickly Churchill and Franklin can retool their rosters in preparation for its rivalry matchups will likely determine the City champion. But perhaps Stevenson already has a leg up in the competition?

### Westland John Glenn's rebuild won't take as long as you might think

You don't need to watch a single practice to know Jason Mensing was the perfect hire for the Rockets. Just take a look at his Twitter account. The former Ottawa Lake Whiteford coach has spent the entire summer promoting John Glenn's off-season efforts.

Almost all of his posts about the program have championed the buy-in the players have already given him. Plus, he's kept them accountable by touting publicly the players who've shown up to each off-season activity. Doing so clearly shows which players elected to stay at home and skip practices and which showed up and did the work. You wouldn't want to be the one guy in your class not present in one of Mensing's photos, would you?

The Rockets won't be an overnight success, but this isn't looking like a 5- or 10-year rebuild either. Mensing is doing it the right way, building his program brick by brick, and a winning product on the field is something the John Glenn community has deserved for years. Expect the next few seasons to be fun on Marquette Avenue.

### Who will win the KLAA?

Obviously, you all are here — reading this story — because you want to know who Hometown Life expects to win the KLAA. So let's break this down by division.

In the East, Dearborn Fordson and Belleville have been two of the best powerhouses in the state, and that shouldn't change this season, especially in the divisional race. Only the Tractors must replace seven of the top-125 2022 recruits in Michigan, according to 247Sports' rankings, which included receiver Antonio Gates Jr. and four Division I offensive linemen. While Belleville graduated 14 players ranked by 247Sports a year ago, the Tigers should have an edge, talent-wise, over Fordson. Assuming one of the Livonia schools or Dearborn doesn't upset Belleville, the defending state champions in Division I should win the East.

In the West, it should be a toss-up between Hartland, Howell, Novi and Canton (and maybe even Northville) to see who makes it to the KLAA championship. These squads will likely take turns beating each other up and trading wins and losses and it could very well be a coin flip to see who captures the West title. For the sake of selling newspapers locally, we predict Canton to face Belleville in the title game, with the Tigers likely winning it all in Week 9.

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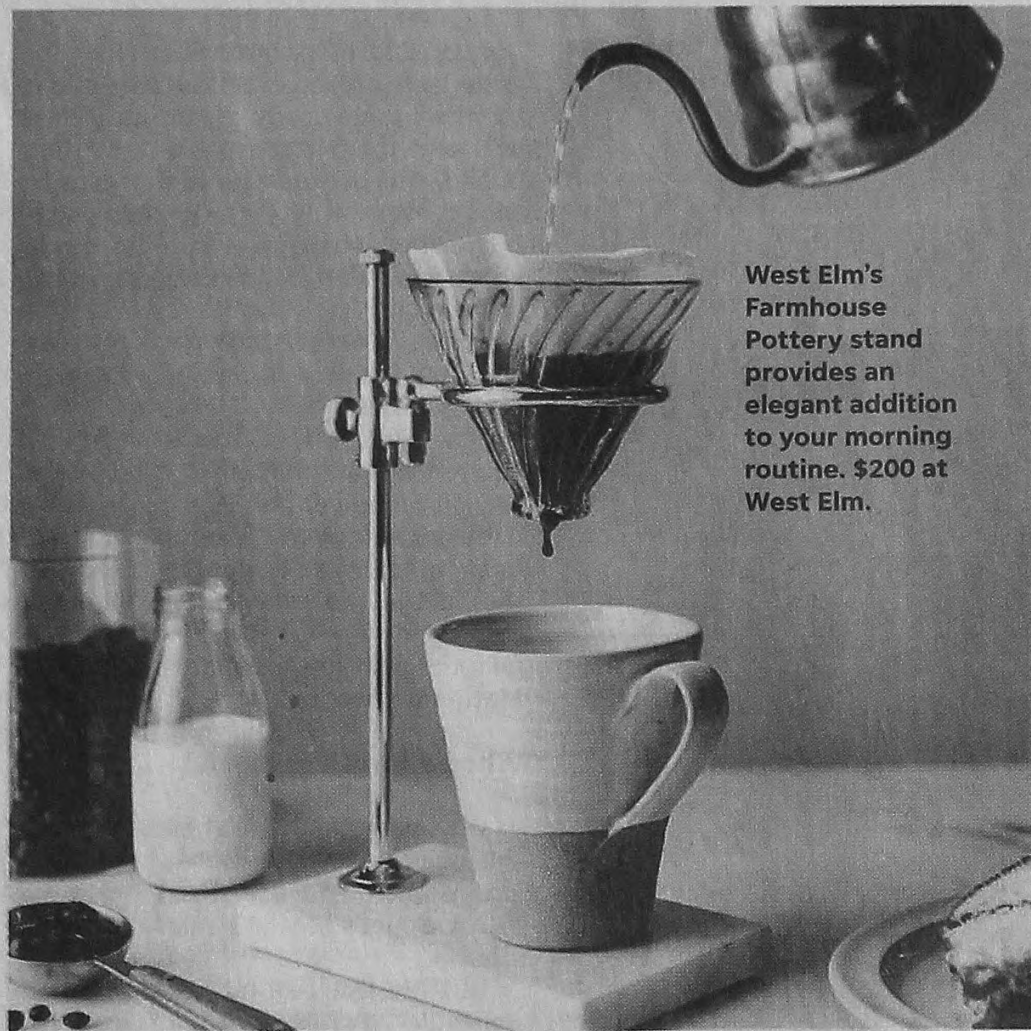
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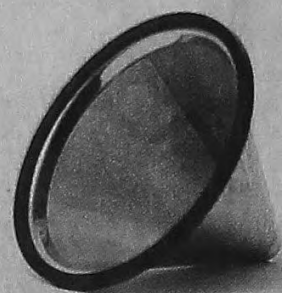




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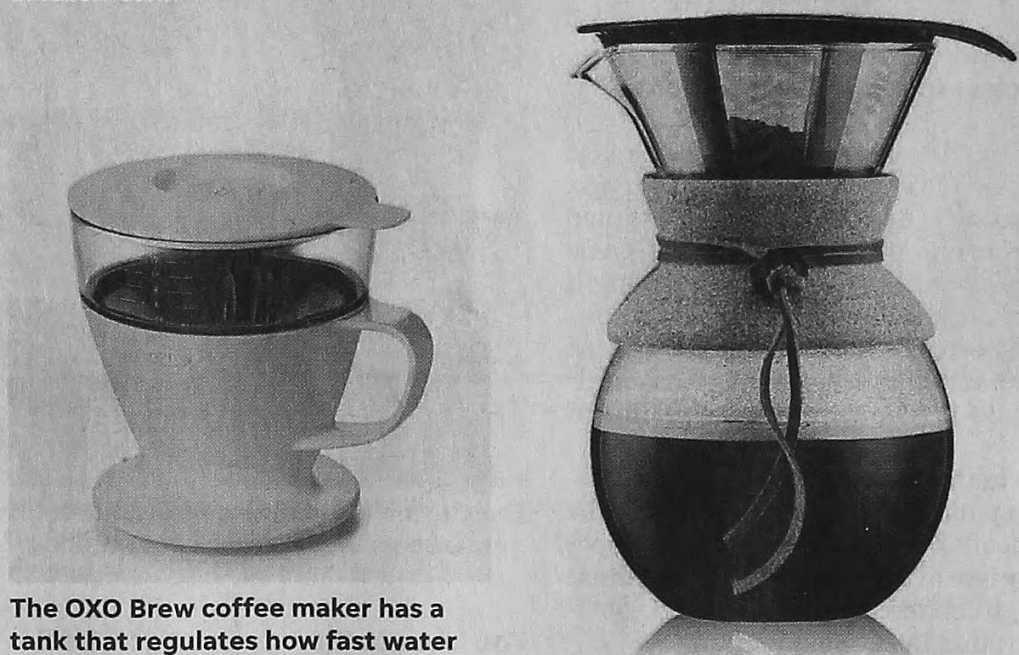
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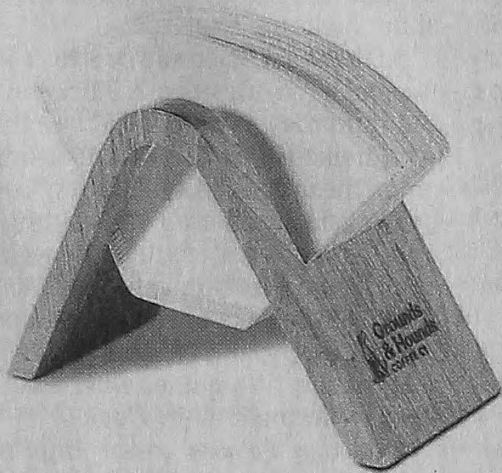
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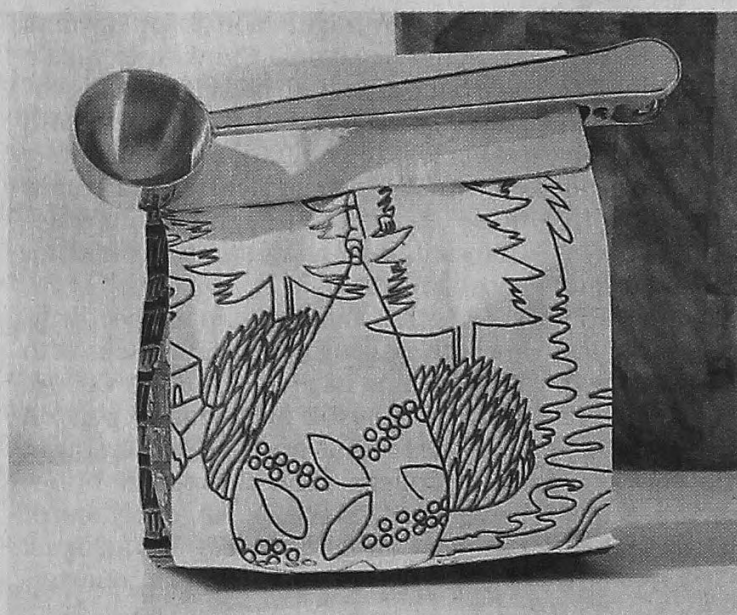
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|--------|----------|---------|--------|---------|
| Alvey  | Bridge   | Falls   | Magic  | Scuba   |
| Annexe | Camping  | Fees    | Mako   | diver   |
| ANSA   | Canoe    | Fish    | Maori  | Size    |
| Bank   | Chub     | Fork    | Mask   | Skill   |
| Bass   | Dams     | Haddock | Nets   | Snack   |
| Bays   | Deep sea | Hard    | Night  | Sole    |
| Beach  | Dory     | Haul    | On ice | Spear   |
| Beer   | Drags    | Item    | Opah   | Tides   |
| Boat   | Dried    | Kelp    | Pike   | Ventral |
| Bone   | Eels     | Lake    | Pipl   | Vessel  |
| Bronze | Empty    | Land    | Proof  |         |
|        | whaler   | Eskey   | Lead   | Reef    |

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It was this big

**Gone fishing**

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 T E K D E E P S E A W P H E U  
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**ACROSS**

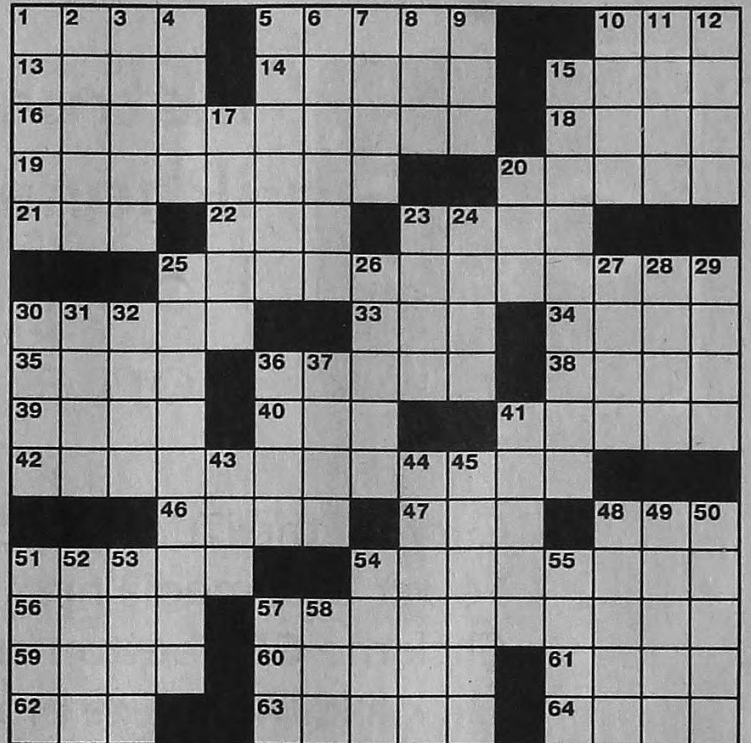
- 1 Rap star
- 5 Wind down
- 10 "Dark" drink
- 13 What might occur to you
- 14 Former Nigerian capital
- 15 "Perhaps"
- 16 Inflight phenomena
- 18 Appoint
- 19 Lots of
- 20 World book
- 21 Poet Lowell
- 22 NL Central team
- 23 Secure to a dock
- 25 Shoulder muscles + tendons
- 30 Elevated
- 33 Intense emotion
- 34 Hand (out)
- 35 "Et tu" time
- 36 Matched pair
- 38 Pennsylvania city
- 39 *Fancho* beast
- 40 Friction reducer
- 41 Readies, for short
- 42 LP protectors
- 46 Scoundrels
- 47 Ultimately realize
- 48 Mexican Mrs.
- 51 Project details
- 54 Staircase adjunct
- 56 Folk story
- 57 Highly charged topics
- 59 Intentions

**DOWN**

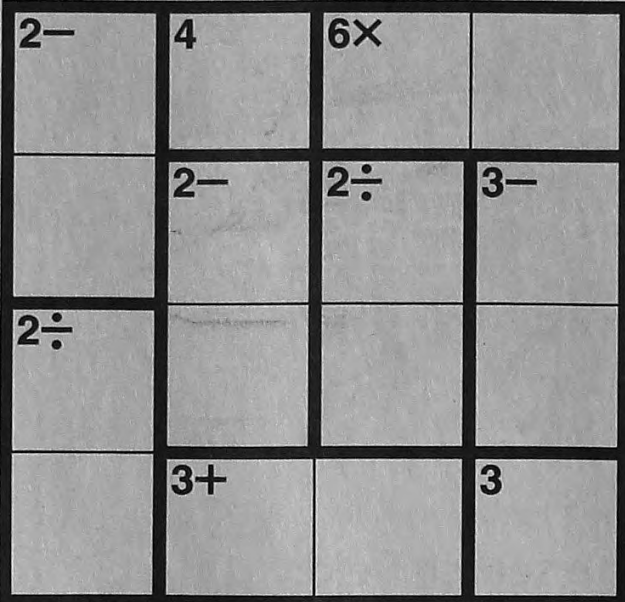
- 1 Artemis alias
- 2 Extreme aversion
- 3 Rife with bacteria
- 4 Look amazed
- 5 Female friend of Emerson
- 6 Scott of *Quantum Leap*
- 7 Real long time
- 8 Player in a playpen
- 9 Shape of a curtain hook
- 10 Rights activist Clooney
- 11 Priest of Tibet
- 12 Buds on spuds
- 15 Unwelcome guests
- 17 Sci-fi author *Scott Card*
- 20 NYC congresswoman
- 23 "I'll have another"
- 24 Mined matter
- 25 Exploitable assets
- 26 Top of a job description
- 27 Prefix like pre-
- 28 Get happy, or get angry
- 29 Gets it
- 30 Poet Dove

**31 Pop favorite**

- 32 Tesla, for one
- 36 A majority of
- 37 Isn't oneself
- 41 Minor, in law
- 43 23 Down, south of the border
- 44 Facilitate
- 45 Trial sites
- 48 Stash away
- 49 Zellweger of film
- 50 Fire marshal's suspicion
- 51 Continue to be
- 52 Grabbed the tab
- 53 Sherwood Forest trees
- 54 A/C measures
- 55 Break off
- 57 In the know
- 58 El Dorado treasure

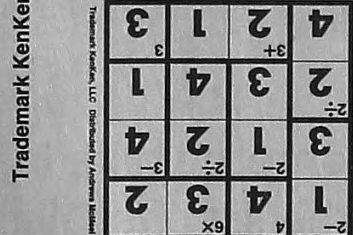


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1. Each row and column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating.
2. The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners.
3. Freebies: fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.



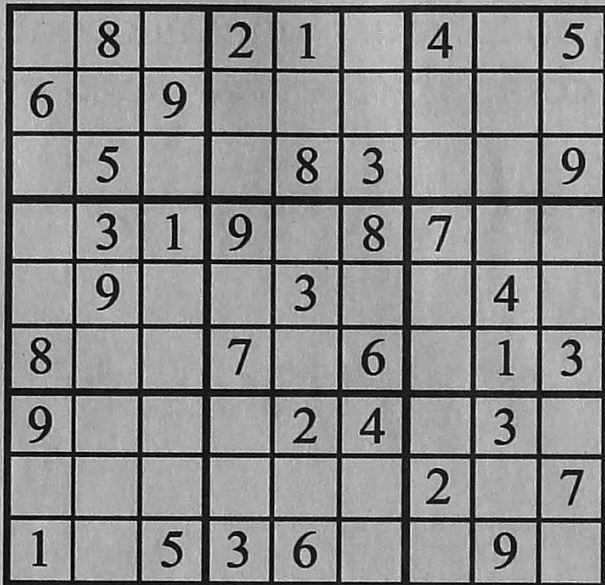
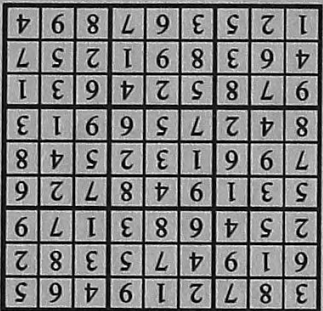
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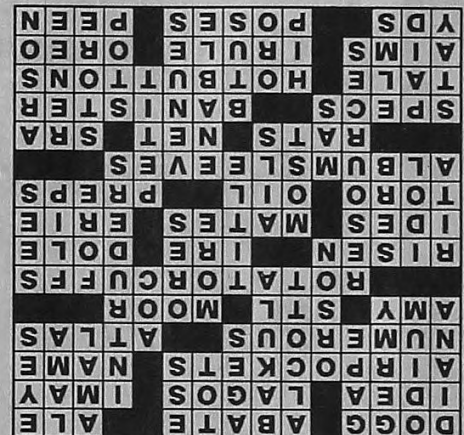
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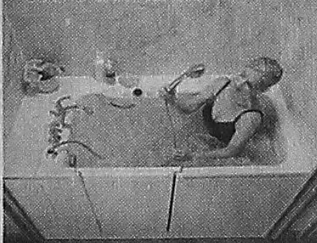
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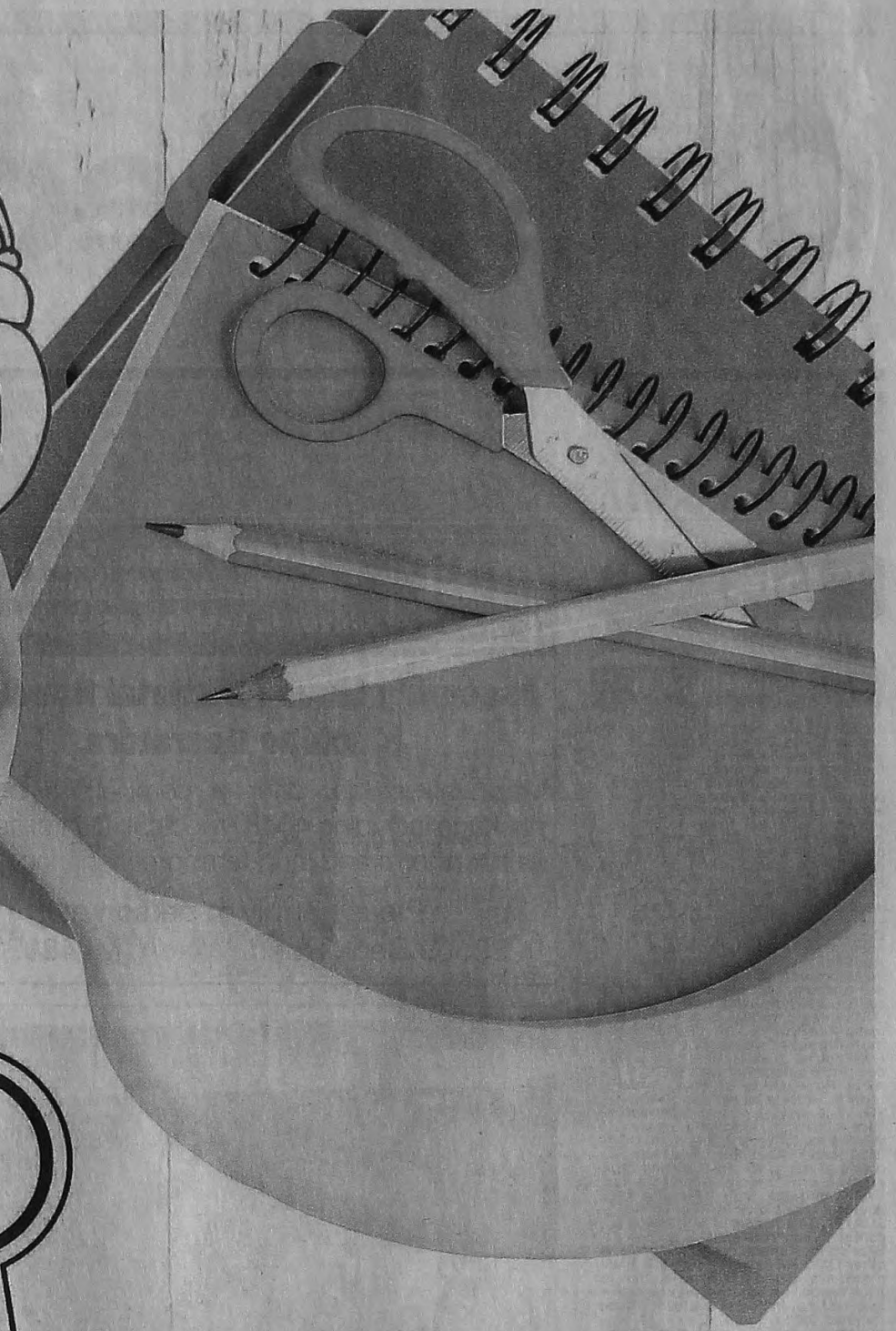
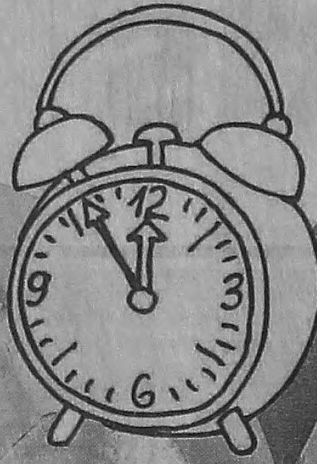
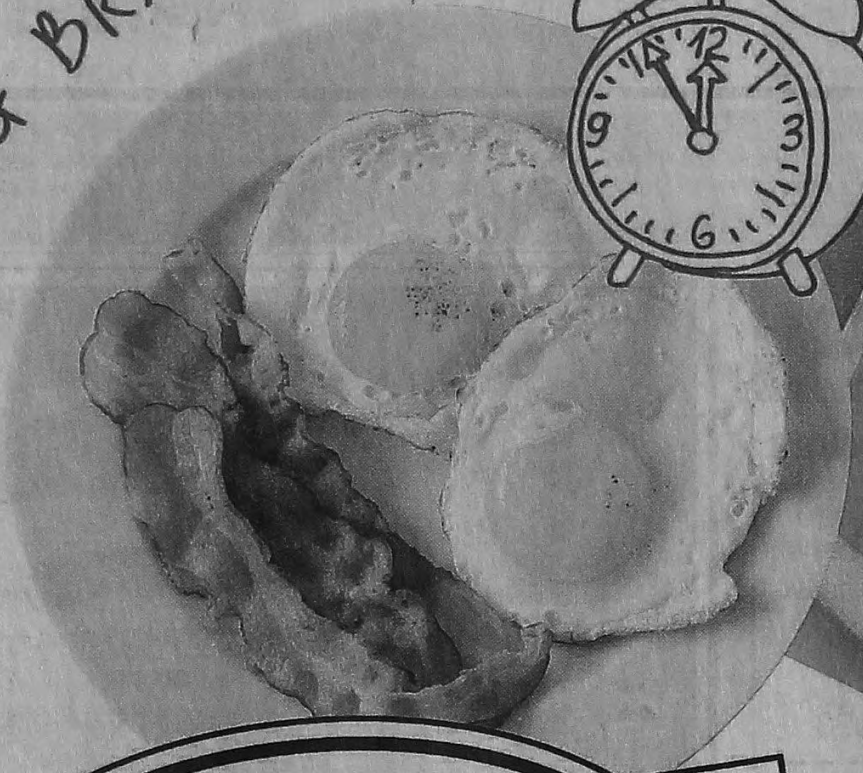
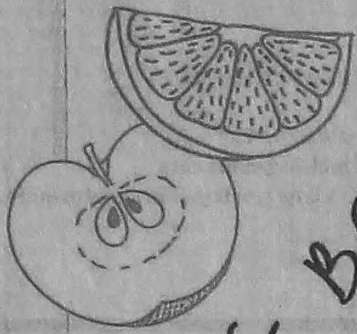
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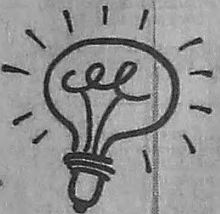
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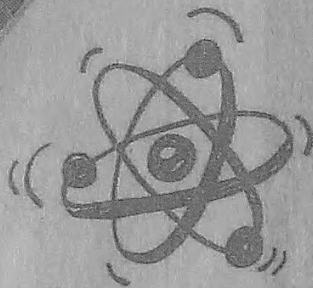
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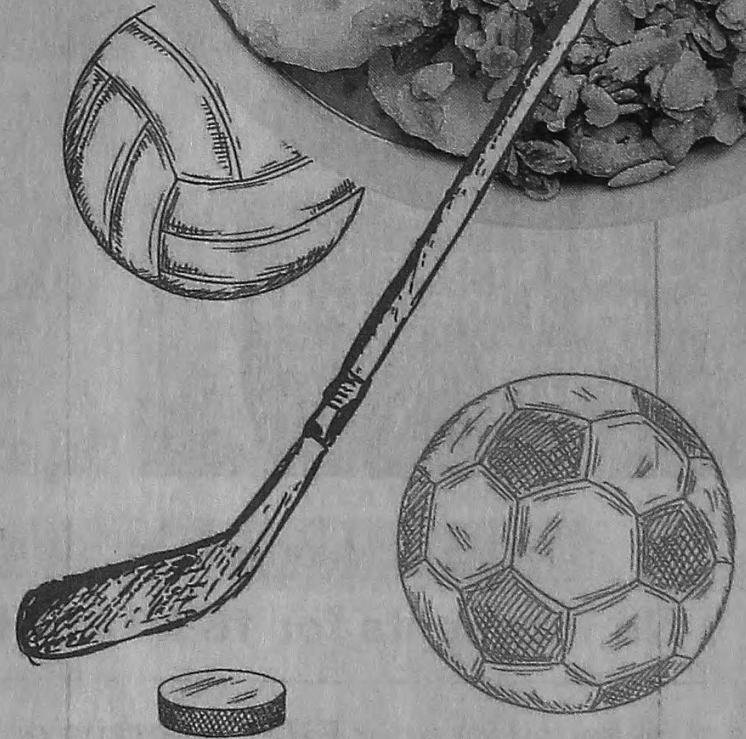
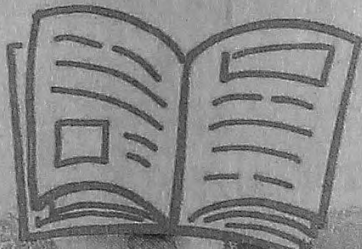
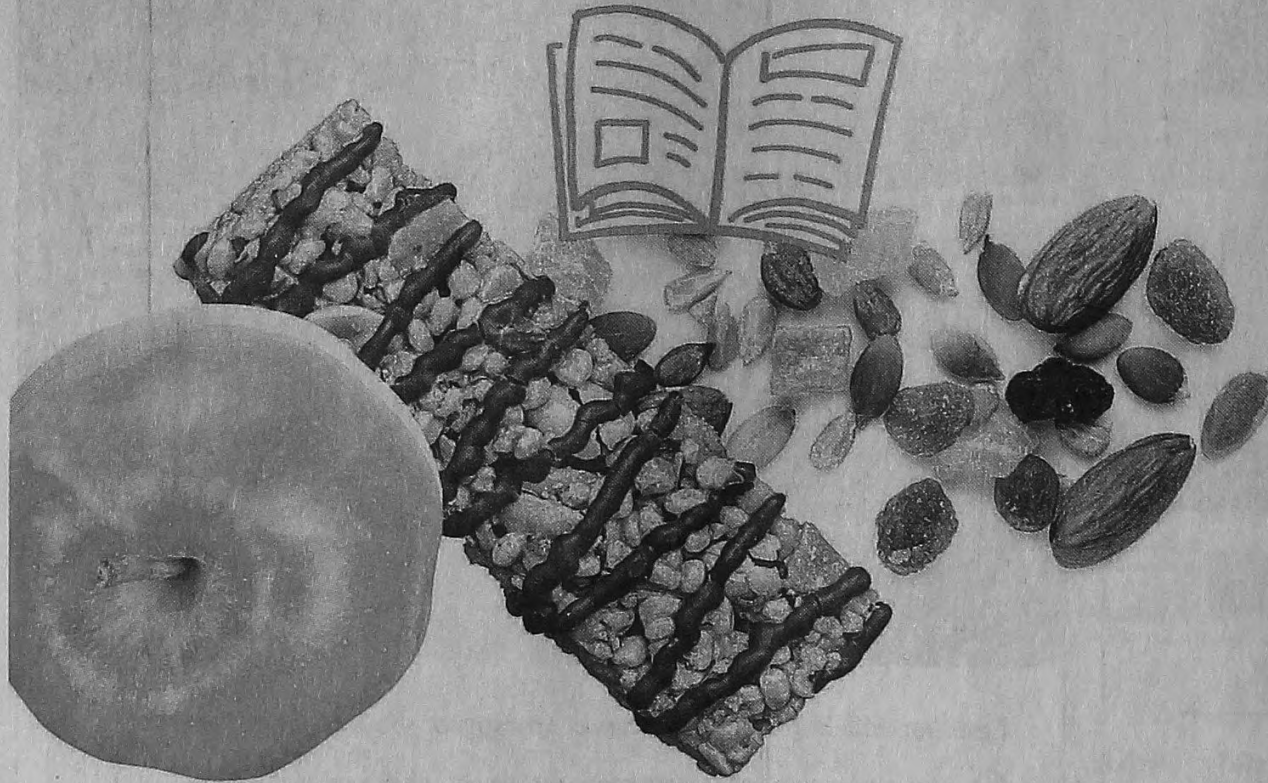
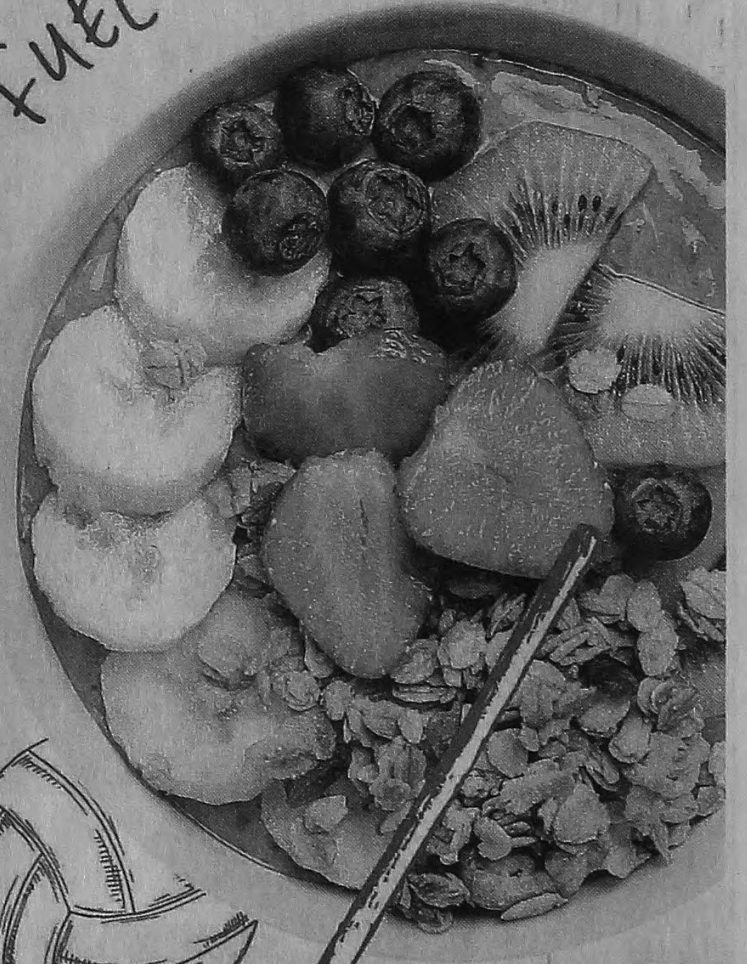
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