Dakota squad giving thanks in meaningful way

By George Pohly

BOYS PREP BASKETBALL

McDevitt won a Macomb Area Conference program, and Collins employed a full-scale youth movement a few years ago, the benefits of which Becker’s first team could feel. “What they taught me was they’re both great guards,” Becker said. “I don’t know if I could have taken over the reins of the program when Collins stepped down with plans to relocate out of state following the end of last season.”

New Becker is about to set out on his own, having taken the reins of the program when Collins stepped down with plans to relocate out of state following the end of last season. “I can’t wait to apply what I’ve stolen through the years,” Becker said. McDevitt won a Macomb County Coach of the Year award for breathing life into what had been a moribund Blue Water area school roster.

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BOYS PREP BASKETBALL

Prep girls basketball

By Jim Evans

BLACK FRIDAY DEALS

Nothing’s missing, but a thief has been on the loose in Armada for eight years. Cleverly disguised as a TV guard assistant boys basketball coach, Mike Becker clandestinely tucked away ideas and strategy while on the staffs of Russ Collins and Joe McLevitt.

Dakota coach Phil McCune and his players took a break from basketball Wednesday to serve Thanksgiving meals at the Salvation Army in Mount Clemens.

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By Dave Campbell

Nfl Keenum keeps on avoiding sacking for streaking Vikings

That percentage is pretty high, at least among those on the Dakota girls basketball team roster. Coach Phil McCune makes sure his players know they have something to be thankful for.

Every year since McCune began his coaching career at Trinity Catholic some 16 years ago, he has taken his players to Trinity Catholic some 16 years ago, he has taken his players to

Thanksgiving meal? Saying thanks for the turkey …burp …etc.?

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...and said it will be much different.

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**CcP FOOTBALL**

Essex-Garver's VanSumeren Palmer 6-5-6 All-star selection.

**2017 Division 6-5-6 Associated Press All-state teams**

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### PLAYOFFS

**Division 6-5-6 All-state football, selected by a Michigan sports writers' association.**

#### PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Ben VanSumeren, Essex-Garver, Sr.

#### FIRST TEAM ALL-STATE Quarterback

- Randy Smith, Ubly, Jr.
- Tylin Arnold, Sandusky, Jr.
- Jake Monette, Armada, Jr.
- Emilio Bennett, St. Clair, Sr.
- Will Scott, Marysville, Sr.

#### Running Backs

- Phillip Jones, Reeds City, Jr.
- Logan Skrobak, Whitehall, Jr.
- Ryan Lints, Traverse City West, Jr.
- Brian Stark, Montague, Jr.
- Jason Cromer, Western, Jr.

#### Wide Receivers

- Riley Calkins, Essex-Garver, Jr.
- Cade Hille, Port Huron Northern, Sr.
- Austin Fant, Kingston, Sr.

#### Defensive Linemen

- Ryan Soloski, Lumen Christi, Sr.
- Hunter Wanciu, Sanborn, Jr.
- Taylor Kelly, Marysville, Jr.
- Daniel Murphy, Colfax, Sr.

#### Defensive Backs

- Chad Putman, Coleman, Jr.
- Kyle Cercone, Grand Blanc, Jr.
- Kejuan Sanders, Detroit Community, Jr.
- Michael Johnson, Utica Eisenhower, Jr.

#### SPECIALIST

- Benjamin VanSumeren, Essex-Garver, Sr.

#### Kicker

- Brady Hatfield, Utica Eisenhower, Jr.

#### Honorable Mention Quarterbacks

- Justin Nicholas, Grayling; Jared Stoff, Michigan City; Chad Debien, Southfield; Jared Sjol, Richmond; Logan Williams, Jackson Lumen Christi; Matt Backlund, Armada; Job is a point guard and

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