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Westland woman dies in large fire

12 units damaged at Willow Creek Apartments

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An elderly Westland woman died in a large fire at an apartment complex Sunday afternoon.

The fire at the Willow Creek Apartments, west off Newburgh north of Marquette, was reported at 12:30 p.m. The initial reports were of heavy fire with people trapped in the apartments.

"The fire originated in a first-floor unit — the victim's apartment. She was elderly,

used a wheelchair and was blind," Westland Fire Chief Michael Stradtner said. "She was found in bed. There was heavy fire damage in her apartment."

A resident of an apartment across the hall from the victim reported the fire. "It was called in as a confirmed fire," Stradtner said, an indication it had been burning for awhile. Except for the victim, all the other residents were able to get out of the building.

There are 24 apartments in the two-story, U-shaped build-

ing. The fire involved apartments in the long side of the U-shape. The units at either end weren't involved in the fire but may have had a bit of water damage.

"They (firefighters) did a good job stopping the fire. They didn't let it go through the roof," Stradtner said. "We thought we had 24 units involved but it was 12 apartments."

The property management company was on scene under their contingency plan to find housing for residents of the 12 damaged units. The American



COURTESY WESTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

See FIRE, Page A2 An elderly Westland woman died in this fatal fire.

'Bicyclists don't have fender benders, they have funerals'

Some no longer feel safe on roads; lawmakers consider legislation

Jay Grossman
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Avid cyclist Paul Eddleston knows all about near misses between bikes and cars on busy roads.

The Birmingham resident was nearly sideswiped by a large SUV making a left turn on a street in Berkley last month. His helmet camera recorded the entire incident.

"As someone once told me, bicyclists don't have fender benders," he said. "They have funerals."

Long-distance cyclist Mike Surnow tries to avoid riding on roads altogether.

"My views have changed since my brother died," he said. "Speaking for myself, I no longer feel safe riding on the roads. I ride my mountain bike exclusively on trails free of cars."

Whether it's a growing number of cyclists or a growing number of cellphones, bicyclist fatalities in Michigan have spiked through the roof in recent years. The Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning reported 38 bicyclist fatalities across the state in 2016. That's up 81 percent from 2014, when 21 deaths were reported.

In 2017, there were 14 bicyclist fatalities reported in Michigan through the third week of August.

Bicyclist fatalities nationwide increased about 12 percent between 2014 and 2015, per the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's most recent statistics.

"I've been an amateur racing cyclist since I was 13 years



DAN DEAN

See BICYCLISTS, Page A3 By law, vehicles must share the road with bicyclists in Michigan.

Wayne-Westland school board selects Shelley Holt as new superintendent

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A Fontana, Calif., educator has been selected as the new Wayne-Westland Community Schools district superintendent.

The district has offered the position to Shelley Holt, currently executive director of student services for the Fontana Unified School District. With contract negotiations underway, it's not clear yet when Holt will start work. Outgoing Superintendent Michele Harmala's last day was Aug. 31; she's taking a position with Madonna University.



Holt

"She brought a lot of energy. She has a wealth of knowledge on issues, on diversity and relationship building," Wayne-Westland school board President Shawna Walker said. "The new superintendent understands that we have a strategic plan in place and is willing to work with that. She is very compatible with what we are trying to do."

In her current position two years, Holt has a doctor of education in urban education and leadership from the University of Southern California; a master of arts in urban education and leadership from the California State University-Sacramento; and a bachelor of arts in psychology from the University of California-Berkeley.

The board had selected six candidates to interview for superintendent and narrowed that field to two applicants —

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Fall colors look to peak earlier, longer statewide

Elissa Robinson
 Detroit Free Press

Put away the bathing suits and sparkling lemonade.

Millions of Michiganders are eager for the cool breezes of fall, long sleeves and that pumpkin spice latte. But more than anything, it's the changing of the leaves that really makes Michigan's fall feel special.

And while it feels a little early to be talking about fall colors, heavier precipitation during the summer months points to an earlier-than-usual peak season.

"Other than the Pacific Northwest, we are expecting warmer-than-average fall temperatures during the September through November time period.



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 Heavier precipitation during the summer months points to an earlier-than-usual peak season.

These warmer temperatures are expected to prolong the color season," said data scientist Wes Melton, creator of an interactive map, SmokyMountains.com.

Here is a look at the biggest weeks to capture the best of Michigan's

fall colors:

» By early September, parts of the Upper Peninsula will be seeing near peak conditions. Meanwhile, the northern Lower Peninsula will see some partial color.

» If you're planning a trip to the U.P., the week of Sept. 17 may be the best time. Fall foliage will be at its peak from Copper Harbor and Marquette to Munising and Sault Ste. Marie.

» The northern tip of Michigan and the lower southwest portion of the U.P. will see peak colors during the week of Sept. 24. Meanwhile, most of the Lower Peninsula will be brightening up, with near peak colors showing.

» If the scenery of the M-22 highway is in your fall plans, the week starting Oct. 1 could be the perfect time to go. During this week, the Lower Peninsula, all the way up to about Frankfort, will be lit up with the most beautiful colors the Mitten State has to offer. North of Frankfort, we'll be past the fall's peak colors.

» By Oct. 8, the entire state will be past its peak foliage.

HOLT

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Holt and John Albrecht, currently the district's assistant superintendent for education services.

"We had two very good candidates. It was a very difficult decision for the board," Walker said. "(Albrecht) has amazing leadership skills. We will have the best of both worlds. We will be able to do great things following our strategic plan to move the district forward."

Holt has a transition plan, Walker said, planning to relocate soon with her family following at a later time. The board didn't appoint an interim superintendent, but approved a resolution authorizing Jim Larson-Shidler, deputy superintendent for administration and business services, to be a signatory for the district.

With Albrecht, Larson-Shidler and Kelly Bohl, assistant superintendent for human resources and support services, Walker said the district has a strong administrative team.

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FIRE

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Red Cross also responded to the scene to provide assistance.

Firefighters from Garden City, Wayne, Inkster and Dearborn Heights responded to the fire under mutual aid. Stradtner said a police officer and one fire-

fighter were treated at the scene for smoke inhalation.

Firefighters were clearing the scene at about 5 p.m. Members of the fire marshal division remained to complete the investigation into the cause of the fire.

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BICYCLISTS

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old. I actually came to this country to race bikes in 1989," said Eddleston, a native of Manchester, England. "I've always trained on roads with tons of cars and everything, but in the last few years it's gotten crazier and crazier."

Roads vs. trails

Surnow believes distracted drivers shoulder much of the blame for the spike in bicyclist accidents.

"The issue today is with cellphones," Surnow said. "Drivers are far more distracted and a lot of them feel cyclists have no right to be on the road, even though Michigan law makes it clear that cyclists have an absolute right to public roads."

Surnow, who was biking in Colorado during the phone interview, will cycle anywhere from 25 miles to 100 miles a day. He's participated in 16 different Make-A-Wish charity rides, a three-day event in which cyclists ride an estimated 100 miles a day from the Michigan International Speedway to Traverse City.

He helped organize a bike festival in Birmingham for several years with his brother, Jeffrey Surnow, who was killed on his bike by a motorist in 2015. Surnow also lost a friend recently who was training for a ride when his bike was struck by a young driver.

"Every time I hear a car coming, I'm uncomfortable," he said. "So why should I ride in the street when I'm in this constant state of being uncomfortable? I can ride in the woods, where I'm safe."

Surnow, who also volunteers on Birmingham's



Cyclists ride in the Assenmacher 100 in August near Swartz Creek.

DAN DEAN



Paul Eddleston, with wife Lori Pile in Mackinaw City, survived a near-sideswipe by a large SUV making a left turn in Berkeley last month.

PAUL EDDLESTON



Michael Surnow, with daughter Hannah, said, "Drivers are far more distracted, and a lot of them feel cyclists have no right to be on the road."

FAMILY PHOTO

multi-modal transportation board, said all bike lanes should include a physical barrier from vehicles, such as "turtle bumps," or raised pavement markers that alert drivers whenever they start drifting into the bike lane.

Other communities, like Milford have created "sharrows," which desig-

nate on the roadway that it's intended to be shared between autos and bikes.

'Take the lane'

Michigan lawmakers are considering legislation that would provide a little breathing room between cars and bikes. Senate Bill 0123 would require drivers to maintain a safe distance of at

least five feet whenever they're passing a bicyclist. The bill is now before the judiciary committee for review.

While Michigan law states cyclists should ride as close to the curb as practicable, they include a number of exceptions:

- » When overtaking and passing another bicycle or any other vehicle proceeding in the same direction
- » When preparing to turn left

» When conditions make the right-hand edge of the roadway unsafe or reasonably unusable by bicycles, including surface hazards, an uneven roadway surface, drain openings, debris, parked or moving vehicles or bicycles, pedestrians, animals or other obstacles

» When operating a bicycle in a lane in which the traffic is turning right, but the individual intends to go straight through the intersection

» When operating a bicycle upon a one-way highway or street that has two or more marked traffic lanes, in which case the individual may ride as near the left-hand curb or edge of that roadway as practicable

Eddleston said cyclists need to feel comfortable riding in the middle of a traffic lane rather than off to the side.

"The whole idea is to take the lane and control the lane," he said. "Unless you ride big and make your presence known, drivers don't know you're there or they try to squeeze by

you. But if you take up lane, they must decide whether to go around you or move into another lane. You're forcing them to deal with you on equal terms."

Rules for all

It's not always the car's fault. Farmington Hills police reported two major bicycle accidents over a seven-day period in July, one of which killed the bicyclist. In both cases, police say the cyclists caused the crashes.

"Cyclists are duty-bound to follow the traffic rules," Surnow said. "You can't run red lights and ignore stop signs just because you're riding a bike."

While Michigan law requires cyclists to follow traffic rules, it does not require them to wear a helmet — or prevent them from talking on cellphones while riding.

"I'll see families riding in the street and mom and dad aren't wearing helmets and neither are their kids," Surnow said.

Eddleston said more awareness and education is needed to make cyclists feel safe while riding on roads.

"I've lost some close friends to bicycling accidents," he said. "Motorists need to be aware that bicyclists have a right to travel lanes."

At the end of the day, Surnow said he'd like to see more people riding on the trails and less on the roads. He recently cycled the White Pine Trail in Michigan, a 92-mile route that extends from Grand Rapids to Cadillac.

"It was sheer bliss," he said. "No cars, no horns ... just beautiful woods and serenity."

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (FISCAL YEAR 2016)

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Livonia has prepared a preliminary draft of the Consolidated Plan Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the 2016-2017 fiscal year (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017) as part of the requirements for receiving funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The CAPER consists of an explanation of resources made available to the City during the performance period, how those resources were utilized, other actions taken and an assessment of annual performance as compared to goals and strategies outline in the 2016-2021 Consolidated Plan.

A public hearing will be held on Thursday, September 18, 2017 at 6 P.M. in the Community Development Office at 10800 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48150. Written comments will also be accepted for a period of fifteen (15) days, but not after September 22, 2017. Written comments regarding the CAPER may be directed to Tracey Emmanuel, Community Development Supervisor, Livonia Housing Commission, 10800 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48150.

Draft copies of the CAPER are available for review by interested citizens between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Community Development Office of the Livonia Housing Commission, 10800 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48150.

The Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on or about September 27, 2016.

James M. Inglis, Housing Director
Dennis K. Wright, Mayor

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Rotarians getting chickens ready for annual barbecue

Brad Kadrich
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You'll know the chicken is hitting the racks when you hear the music blaring from 88.1 The Park.

That's the chosen radio station for the folks who will be cooking some 10,500 chicken dinners Sunday, when the Plymouth Rotary Club hosts its 62nd Rotary Chicken Barbecue in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

The process of putting together the barbecue culminates with the sale — and the eating thereof — of the chicken dinners.

It's a process that's a long time coming. Organizers begin meeting in April and meet every other week through the event.

"It's a systematic process, that's for sure," said this year's chairman, Rich Eisiminger. "We figure 10,500 (chickens) is an optimum number that will keep the pit guys from falling out. It gets pretty brutal for them at times."

Consider: » Rotarians and their volunteers cook some 10,500 chickens.

» Some 12,000 pounds of charcoal is used.

» Volunteers shuck some 11,000 ears of corn.

There's a reason they do it, though.

"Last year, we were able to put \$132,000 toward charitable causes in Plymouth and worldwide, including \$60,000 that went into scholarships," Rotarian and Plymouth attorney Cam Miller said. "None of it happens without (community) support."

According to Eisiminger, the barbecue pro-



FILE PHOTO
The Rotary chicken barbecue — that's Brad Westfall (left) and Jim Davison working a recent event — is a Fall Festival favorite. This year's dinner is 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (or until sold out) Sunday, Sept. 10.

vides "about 50 percent" of the Plymouth Rotary Club's funding every year (the annual golf outing is the club's other big fundraiser).

He said organizers are "praying for sunshine" (an early look at a weather app shows a forecast of sunny and 70 degrees) for the well-attended event.

Speaking of the annual Plymouth Fall Festival, it opens Friday, Sept. 8, and runs through Sunday, Sept. 10. Some of the highlights this year:

» The Plymouth-Canton Little League sponsors bingo 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8. Three special grand slam bingos will be held at 6:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m. and 8:45 p.m.

» The antique and classic car show (pre-registration cruise Friday, Sept. 8) takes place Saturday and Sunday.

» The Kiwanis Club pancake breakfast is 7 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 9, in The Gathering in Kellogg Park. Tickets are \$6 in advance, \$7 at

the door, and can be ordered in advance by calling Mark Riegal at 734-718-6176 or email markriegal@gmail.com

» The Plymouth Civitans host the annual taste fest 6-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, at Station 885 (885 Starkweather) in Old Village. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-10 (children younger than 5 eat free). Advanced tickets are available at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce office, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail, or at Station 885.

» Rotary Club of Plymouth AM hosts its annual spaghetti dinner 4-8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, in the lot behind E.G. Nick's, off of Harvey, in downtown Plymouth. Tickets are \$9 pre-sale, \$10 the day of the dinner.

There's a carnival, a pet show and more at the Plymouth Fall Festival. Find details at www.plymouthfallfestival.com.

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'Fogging' in Livonia aims to eradicate mosquitoes known to carry Zika virus

David Veselenak
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A treatment to eliminate mosquitoes known to carry the Zika virus will take place today in part of Livonia. Brian Wilson, Livonia's assistant superintendent for public works, said crews will be out near Newburgh and Schoolcraft today to apply treatment to the area. Those treatments include placing larvicide in standing pools of water, as well as "fogging," a treatment designed to kill adult mosquitoes.

"There'll be pickup truck-mounted foggers that will be going through that area," Wilson said. "(And) men and women with backpacks that can fog off the backpacks."

The fog, Wilson said, is more of a mist and contains a chemical designed to kill mosquitoes. Crews will be working south of Schoolcraft, just east of Newburgh, north of Amrhein and just east of Waco Court. That area contains no residential homes.

The treatment comes a week after city, county and state officials announced the Asian tiger mosquito, a breed known to carry the Zika virus, was discovered in Livonia. It's believed a company out of Toledo may have brought the bug to Michigan after stopping at a business in the Newburgh/Schoolcraft area. The discovery marks the first time the Asian tiger mosquito has been found in Michigan.

Wilson said the fogging treatment, which he



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An Asian tiger mosquito is shown.

said is being paid for by the Wayne County Health Department, will only take place today. County officials are expected to place traps in the area to continue monitoring for the mosquito for any that survived the fogging and larvicide treatment.

"After this treatment is done, there are traps strategically placed," he said. "There will be continuing monitoring of those traps."

Wilson said Wayne County has put some traps south of the treatment area near the residential homes off of Amrhein, but he said those are being done as a precautionary measure to determine if mosquitoes have gotten that far south.

"Some residents are agreeable to having traps in their backyards to the south," he said. "This is

just a prudent measure to monitor."

The larvicide treatment will be the same type of treatment the city of Livonia has used for more than a decade since the West Nile virus came to the area.

It's expected crews will be out this morning and continue treatment into the evening.

Wilson said residents who live in the area bordering the treatment zone south of Amrhein do not need to do anything special with this treatment application, but encouraged them and other residents across Livonia to continue policing their property for standing water where mosquitoes could breed.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on **Monday, September 25, 2017 at 7:00 pm.** regarding an ordinance to amend §154.005 (Definitions) and §154.165 (Medical Marijuana Growing Center).

CITY OF GARDEN CITY
ORDINANCE # A17-xxx

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND §154.005 (DEFINITIONS) AND §154.165 (MEDICAL MARIJUANA GROWING CENTER)

WHEREAS, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, P.A. 110 of 2006, as amended, authorizes a City Council to adopt and amend zoning ordinances that regulate the public health, safety and general welfare of persons and property; and

WHEREAS, the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act, P.A. 281 of 2016, authorizes five different types of marijuana facilities, and allows a community to adopt an ordinance to authorize one or more of the five types of marijuana facilities within its boundaries and limit the number of each type of marijuana facility; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of Garden City held a public hearing on August 10, 2017 to consider amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of Garden City, to amend §154.005 (Definitions) and §154.165 (Medical Marijuana Growing Center); and

WHEREAS, there were no comments at the August 10, 2017 public hearing at the Planning Commission meeting, and the Planning Commission transmitted its recommendation of approval to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined at its meeting of _____ that enacting said Zoning Ordinance text amendment is in the best interests of the public health, safety and welfare of the City residents;

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

That the definition of "Medical Marijuana Growing Centers" in §154.005, Definitions, of the Code of the City of Garden City be amended to read as follows:

MEDICAL MARIJUANA FACILITY. Any site, facility, location, use, cooperative or business, including vending machines at or from which marijuana, as that term is defined in the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act, Public Act 281 of 2016 (M.C.L.A. 333.27101 et seq.) is distributed, compensated, exchanged, processed, delivered, given away, or cultivated, including by any primary caregiver who has been issued and possesses a registry identification card also as provided in Initiated Law 1 of 2008 (M.C.L.A. 333.26423 et seq.) for a qualifying patient who has been issued and possesses a registry identification card as provided in Initiated Law 1 of 2008, or any of the following facilities:

(1) **MEDICAL MARIJUANA GROW OPERATION.** A commercial facility licensed under Public Act 281 of 2016 that cultivates, dries, trims, or cures marijuana for sale to a processor or provisioning center. A medical marijuana grow operation shall be further classified as a Class A, Class B, or Class C grow facility. Class A grow operations are defined as facilities that grow up to 500 marijuana plants, Class B grow operations are defined as facilities that grow up to 1,000 marijuana plants, and Class C grow operations are defined as facilities that grow up to 1,500 marijuana plants.

(2) **MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROCESSING FACILITY.** A commercial facility licensed under Public Act 281 of 2016 that purchases marijuana from a licensed grow operation and extracts resin from the marijuana or creates a marijuana-infused product for sale and transfer in packaged form to a provisioning center.

(3) **MEDICAL MARIJUANA SAFETY COMPLIANCE FACILITY.** A commercial facility licensed under Public Act 281 of 2016 that receives marijuana from a licensed grow operation, licensed processing facility, or licensed caregiver, tests it for contaminants and for tetrahydrocannabinol and other cannabinoids, returns the test results, and may return the marijuana to the marijuana facility.

(4) **MEDICAL MARIJUANA SECURE TRANSPORTER.** A commercial facility licensed under Public Act 281 of 2016 that stores marijuana and transports marijuana between marijuana facilities for a fee.

(5) **MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROVISIONING CENTER.** A commercial facility licensed under Public Act 281 of 2016 that purchases marijuana from a licensed grower or processor and sells, supplies, or provides marijuana to registered qualifying patients, directly, or through the patients' registered primary caregivers. The term "provisioning center" shall include any commercial property where marijuana is sold at retail to registered qualifying patients or registered primary caregivers. A noncommercial location used by a primary caregiver to assist a qualifying patient connected to the caregiver through the department's marijuana registration process in accordance with the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act is not a provisioning center for purposes of this Ordinance.

And further that § 154.165, Medical Marijuana Growing Center, of the Code of the City of Garden City be amended to read as follows:

§154.165 MEDICAL MARIJUANA FACILITY.

(A) **Types of Facilities Prohibited.** The following types of medical marijuana facilities are prohibited in all zoning districts within the City of Garden City:

- (1) Medical marijuana grow operations, for Class B and Class C growers.
- (2) Medical marijuana processing facilities.
- (3) Medical marijuana safety compliance facilities.
- (4) Medical marijuana secure transporters.
- (5) Medical marijuana provisioning centers.

(B) **Types of Facilities Permitted with Special Land Use Approval.** Medical marijuana grow operations, for Class A growers only, may be permitted as a special land use in the M-1 zoning district, subject to the following conditions:

(1) **Distance from Schools and Child Care Facilities.**

It shall be unlawful to establish a Class A medical marijuana grow operation within a 300 foot radius of a residentially zoned district, or within a 500 foot radius of any child care center, licensed day care facility, preschool program center, primary, intermediate or secondary school, or like facility, established pursuant to and in accordance with the Revised School Code, P.A. 451 of 1976, being M.C.L.A. §§ 380.1 through 380.1853, as amended, and/or the State School Aid Act of 1979, P.A. 94 of 1979, being M.C.L.A. §§ 388.1601 through 388.1772, as amended, or any public park.

(2) **Distance from Other Medical Marijuana Facilities.** It shall be unlawful to establish a Class A medical marijuana grow operation within 1,000 feet of another medical marijuana facility or another parcel containing a medical marijuana facility.

(3) **Maximum Number of Class A Medical Marijuana Grow Operations.** Not more than two (2) Class A medical marijuana grow operations are permitted in the City of Garden City, regardless of the minimum separation requirements of Section 154.165(B)(1) and (2).

(4) **Wastewater.** All Class A medical marijuana grow operations must be designed and operated so as to minimize the amount of pesticides, fertilizers, nutrients, marijuana, and any other potential contaminants discharged into the public wastewater and/or stormwater systems.

(5) **Odor.** All Class A medical marijuana grow operations must be designed to minimize odors emanating from the marijuana plants.

(6) **Separation of Activities.** All drying, soil mixing, testing, processing, and other non-growing activities must take place in a separate room from any growing activities.

(7) **Security.**

The building(s) housing the medical marijuana facility shall all be equipped with security cameras approved by the city Police Chief, maintained in operational order, and installed in such a way as to monitor the entire perimeter of the building(s) and capable of recording and storing a minimum of 120 continuous hours of the perimeter monitoring. The security cameras shall be in operation 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and shall be set to maintain the record of the prior 120 hours of continuous operation.

(8) **Alarm System.** An alarm system is required that is operated and monitored by a recognized security company.

(9) **Registration.** All owners, possessors, occupants, partnerships, corporations, and/or employees shall be subject to business license requirements of the City.

(10) **Access record.** Except as prohibited by federal law, a written record of all individuals entering the medical marijuana facility shall be maintained at the facility, which written record shall be available to the city police department as needed for investigative purposes, but only to the extent allowed by federal law.

(11) **Inspections.** A medical marijuana facility shall be subject to inspection to ensure compliance with the city code and state law.

(12) **Primary Caregivers and Qualifying Patients.** Licensed medical marijuana primary caregivers or qualifying patients, as defined and authorized by the State of Michigan under Initiated Law 1 of 2008, shall not be required to receive Special Use Approval to conduct legal activities in any zoning district, but shall comply with all applicable City ordinances, including those governing odor, and all applicable State laws. Marijuana grown by a registered primary caregiver or qualifying patient be kept in an enclosed, locked facility (as defined under Initiated Law 1 of 2008) that permits access only by a registered primary caregiver or qualifying patient.

SEVERABILITY:

This Ordinance and the various parts, sentences, paragraphs, sections, and clauses it contains are hereby declared to be severable. Should any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by any court for any reason such judgment shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance in whole or in part thereof, other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

Furthermore, should the application of any provision of this Ordinance to a particular property, building, or structure be adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction shall not affect the application of said provision to any other property, building, or structure in the City, unless otherwise stated in the judgment.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law.

Allyson Bettis
Clerk Treasurer

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A different way to care

Boy Scout creates outdoor classroom behind Hoover Elementary School

David Veselenak
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It's been a long six months for Hans Anderson. He's spent it planning, meeting and preparing for the biggest project he's worked on.

And now, it's almost finished. The incoming junior at Stevenson High School admits it's strange to see it all come to fruition behind Livonia's Hoover Elementary School, 15900 Levan.

"It feels weird," he said. "I haven't been working on it for very long, but it feels like I have."

Anderson, a Boy Scout with Troop 755 out of Northville, is putting the finishing touches on an Eagle Scout project that will create an outdoor eco-classroom for the school to use in the coming year. The setting, being done behind the school, includes a stone amphitheater, individual rings for classroom gardens, and a larger garden and pumpkin patch ran by the Hoover Eco-Action Team.

"Each classroom will get its own four-foot garden ring," Anderson said. "And they'll be able to plant indigenous plants and species in it, or do whatever they want with it."

The project, once finished, will have seen more than 800 hours of labor and \$18,000 put into it.

Anderson said the idea came from talking to his former gym teacher at Hoover, who continued to ask him about doing a project at the school just north of Five

"Our school and PTA support his efforts and can't wait to see the results and learn in the new outdoor classroom."

JULIE LINN, Hoover principal

Mile. After speaking with school officials, he got the go-ahead at the end of the winter and has pushed forward with the project.

Julie Linn, Hoover's principal, wrote in a letter of recommendation that the outdoor classroom will go a long way in helping the school earn Green status from the The National Wildlife Federation.

"We feel so fortunate to be the recipient of this Eagle Project," she wrote. "Our school and PTA support his efforts and can't wait to see the results and learn in the new outdoor classroom."

Boy Scouts who are looking to earn the top rank of Eagle must, in addition to other requirements, lead a service project in the community. That project goes through a rigorous vetting process. Only about 5 percent of Scouts become Eagle Scouts, according to the National Eagle Scout Association. Anderson said he still has a few more requirements to complete before he earns the rank.

After the sod takes hold, Anderson said the school should be able to



Hans Anderson's vision of an Eagle Scout project takes shape behind Hoover Elementary in Livonia.

begin using the classroom within a month. Students will then be able to plant the seeds and winterize them before the first frost comes.

Anderson's mother, Cathi Anderson, said the support from the Livonia community has been overwhelming. Much of the project's funding has come from donations, as well as assistance to secure other materials for the work as well.

"The community movement behind this

project has made us cry over and over again," she said. "They've just been so graceful and supportive and loving to my son."

Those interested in learning more about the project can do so by visiting its Facebook page, "Hoover's Outdoor Eco Action Classroom - Hans Anderson's Eagle Project."

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Hans Anderson steadies the tree as Mike Duffy shovels soil around the root ball. At left, Tom Anderson.



It's hot and dusty, but Cathi Anderson, David Billington and Mike Duffy keep shoveling.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Time to stop gerrymandering

Citizens: Be aware the Supreme Court will be hearing cases about how voting districts are created by the political party which has the power at a specific time. This practice is called gerrymandering. Thus many voters lose their right to vote.

In Michigan and throughout the U.S., members of an organization called VNP (Voters Not Politicians) are circulating petitions to get on ballots in the 2018 election cycle to have a bipartisan panel draw the voting districts. Research VNP in Michigan. Sign the petition and join the this fine group if you have the time. Make a donation, too!

The November 2016 nation election was a travesty of justice. Let's exist to resist and restore what is left of our democracy.

Hannah Provence
Donigan
Commerce

Can't hide hate

"I wish to begin this summer well," wrote Thoreau, "to do something in it worthy of it and of me; to transcend my daily routine; to have immortality now in the quality of my daily life."

You can't hide hate. You can't put in a crate and take it out later and expect it to be something different.

You can't hide hate.

You can't bury it down and hope it will grow up love.

You can't hide hate. People often wear it on their face.

You can't hide hate. The heart will tell the dark tale that within it dwells.

You can't hide hate. Make a sweet speech and sing a song of destruction.

You can't hide hate. Some wave the flag and some smile upon it.

You can't hide hate. Some weave it in a contract or write it on a wall.

You can't hide hate. It will lead to your fall.

For union, for all.

Alfred Brock
Wayne

Presidential support surprises

The violent events that took place in Charlottesville should come as no surprise. President Donald Trump's political rhetoric has unleashed the dregs of society, who, until recently were content to stay in their rat holes and preach to like minded idiots.

Now, embolden by their President, they proudly march and goose-step in broad daylight, waving Nazi and Confederate flags and shouting hatred.

Sunday, Trump refuses to call out the hate groups by name. Monday he reads from a script that condemns Nazis and the KKK. Tuesday, with no script, he shows his true self by taking the

heat off the Alt-right and coining a new phrase that puts the blame on the Alt-left. (Alt-left?)

If anyone who voted for Trump and is still a fan, they are one of the following: a Nazi lover, KKK fan, Racist, Gay basher, a greedy rich person or a shill for the rich, a vile corporate leader, a Pimp for Wall street or just an out and out hater.

So, to Trump and his minions, the majority of our people will not stand by and watch anyone being loaded into box cars or someone lynched while a crowd clad in hoods and white dresses cheer.

Please, Alt-right, do the country a favor and crawl back in the rat holes where you belong. And I am deeply sorry if I insulted any members of the rodent family by comparing them to these people.

James Huddleston
Canton

Gone to the dogs

It's a rare person who can claim to be a bigger animal lover than I am, and this includes wild animals and domestic pets. Animals can cause problems though.

I don't mean to 'bark up the wrong tree' but as far as domestic pets go, cats are usually out of your sight whereas dogs can be trouble-makers. My complaint is less against the brainless brutes and more with the two-legged morons who

are incompetent dog-owners.

A dog's brain is limited compared to the human variety (even those of moronic level) and they can't really be blamed for following their instincts, but their owners should be faulted in how they govern them. A big 'pet peeve' of mine is how some people will let their brutes stay outside to endlessly bark at trivial issues or nothing, creating a constant annoyance of noise. Often their innocuous targets of noise-making are the postal carriers, pedestrians, school children or other dogs.

I'm sure a barking dog is enjoying himself, and the owners may think that everything he does is cute, much the same way that new parents admire a baby's every drool, and it may come as quite a surprise, but not every human ear within listening range is thrilled by your four-legged noise-makers! Suburban cities like Livonia have really 'gone to the dogs' and deteriorated over the years with streets now filled ad nauseam with noisy junk-yard dogs, cultivating a real ghetto-like vibe.

Some of these dogs are horse-size monsters, and I've even seen some homes which own two or three of them! You must wonder what people were thinking! Surely you wouldn't want babies, cats or smaller dogs around such beasts. I

suppose some people use an animal for security purposes but an alarm system would be quieter.

When you let a dog stay outside to continuously bark at your neighbors or others, you are showing a real contempt and disrespect of your fellow man. A dog doesn't have a soul, but your fellow man does, and he deserves more regard than an animal. For example, when someone comes to your front-door, be it the post-man, Fuller Brush-man, 'Jesus freak' or politician, you shouldn't force that person to conduct a conversation through a noise barrage of your barking dog, nor do you let unleashed dogs chase bicycles, and you don't clog up main thorough-fare sidewalks with dog-walking.

Leo Weber
Livonia

Speak out against Trump

Well now, that didn't take long did it? On about Trump's 200th day in office, and his 60th vacation day, whilst during his 41st day of golf, we had Nazis and Klansmen terrorize a Charlottesville synagogue and murder an American citizen on our own streets with the support of the police and the blessings of the president.

The divisiveness, corruption and incompetence of this presidency is simply staggering, a true constitutional crisis

and yet this newspaper stays silent. Why? I've delivered the O&E as a kid and have read it for decades and can remember when your voice was a weekly occurrence. What's the point of this paper when you turn a blind eye to the chaos that threatens our American way of life? Just because Trump is your and Livonia's guy doesn't mean you get a free pass on this. At this point you're not much better than the free shoppers weekly and serve no real community service at all. Grow a spine, find your voice or close up shop. Your silence is deafening.

Mitch Dubanik
Livonia

No more taxes

As a longtime resident and a condo owner, I am not in favor of the pending millage that city council is trying to enact. Condos by law must maintain their own roads with no help from the city. We have completely rebuilt our road system without city involvement.

I thought we had already passed a millage for roads a year or so ago. Anyway, I will not vote for the councils proposal and hopefully no other condo owner will either. A tax to maintain subdivision roads would be unfair to any condo owner.

Dick Isham
Farmington Hills

WAYNE COUNTY EVENTS

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Help a neighbor

On Saturday, Sept. 9, the FRIENDS program will once again come together to help a resident spruce up their home.

The program was started in 1998 to help a Wayne resident whose home needed some tender loving care. Homes are usually chosen based on the homeowners' inability to handle the work themselves, due to either financial or health reasons. The FRIENDS committee coordinates with willing volunteers to complete the task. This program is completely funded through donations and volunteers.

For more information, to donate or to volunteer, call the Wayne's Community Development department at 734-722-2000, ext. 1032.

Mom 2 Mom Sale

A Mom 2 Mom Sale is set for Sept. 9 at SS. Simon & Jude, 32500 Palmer Road, Westland.

There will be an early bird sale 9-10 a.m. for \$2 admission. From 10 a.m. to noon admission is \$1. There are eight-foot tables for \$15 per table; there are additional charges for card tables and racks.

For more information, call Sandy at 734-721-4867 or Carolyn at 734-728-1559.

Church celebrating 60 years

Timothy Lutheran Church is celebrating 60 years of service at its 10 a.m. worship service, which will be followed by an open house and luncheon, on Sunday, Sept. 10. The church is at 8820 Wayne Road at Joy Road. For more information, call 734-427-2290 or email timothy@livoonia@yahoo.com.

'Understanding Islam'

The Citizens for Peace invite the public to a lecture on "Understanding Islam" at its meeting set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile



Choir performs at farmers market

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park choir members Marvin Lopez (back), Saanya Advani (front, left), Marquette Winston and David Garvey performed at the Plymouth Farmers Market last weekend, part of a tour choir members have been making at farmers markets to raise awareness of the choir program and to collect donations and sponsorships for its upcoming trip to Austria and Germany. Choir members will also perform at the Fall Festival, and at the farmers market Sept. 16 and Oct. 14. Anyone interested in sponsoring or donating to the Germany/Austria trip can email choir booster Michael Klozik at framgk@gmail.com.

Road. Dr. Saeed Khan will share his extensive knowledge of Islam: a 14-centuries-old religion and civilization for 1.7 billion people.

Dr. Khan teaches courses on Islamic and Middle East History,

Politics and Culture at Wayne State University. He is a founding member and a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for Social Policy & Understanding: a Michigan-based Think Tank promoting the study and

analysis of US social and domestic policy.

He is a regular contributor to C-Span, NPR, Voice of America and the National Press Club, and is also a consultant on Islamic and Middle East affairs for the BBC and CBC.

"Understanding Islam" will help unpack the beliefs, history and complexities of this global phenomenon. All are welcome.

For more information, call 734-425-0079 or visit www.citizens4peace.com.

Stinson Aircraft program

The Wayne Historical Society will present a program about the Stinson Aircraft Company that had factories in Detroit, Northville and Wayne. Aircraft historian Carl Shemwell and members of the Stinson Family will share their histo-

ry of Eddie Stinson, his life and accomplishments on Wednesday, Sept. 13, at the Wayne Public Library.

The program starts at 6:30 p.m. but come early to view an artifact table and enjoy refreshments; doors open at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome, there is no charge to attend. Books from the Wayne Historical Museum store will be for sale.

CITY OF LIVONIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held in the Auditorium at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. on the NECESSITY FOR A PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LED STREET LIGHTING PROJECT IN THE MYSTIC CREEK SITE CONDOMINIUMS, IN THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 9, located east of Wayne Road and south of Curtis Road, in the City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan, pursuant to Chapter 08 of Title 3 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, entitled "Special Assessment Procedure Ordinance".**

You are further notified that the City Engineer has filed with the City Clerk plans and specifications for the proposed improvement, together with a statement showing a description of the proposed district, the estimated cost of the improvement, ownership of parcels within such district, the assessed valuation of such parcels, his recommendation as to assessment for such improvement and other information required by Section 3.08.060 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, which statement is available for your examination in the office of the City Clerk.

SUSAN M. NASH,
CITY CLERK

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CITY OF LIVONIA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR WASHINGTON PARK SITE CONDOMINIUMS STREET LIGHTING PROJECT

TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the proposed **ASSESSMENT ROLL** for the **WASHINGTON PARK SITE CONDOMINIUMS STREET LIGHTING PROJECT**, located south of Ann Arbor Road and west of Hix Road, in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 31, has been duly filed in the Office of the City Clerk and is now open for public examination and inspection.

The City Council has adopted a resolution setting the evening of **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017, AT 7:00 P.M.** in the auditorium at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan as the time and place for reviewing the said Roll and hearing all objections or suggestions relative thereto.

At this meeting any persons deeming themselves aggrieved by the Special Assessment Roll, may file their objections thereto in writing with the City Clerk prior to the close of such hearing, which written objections shall specify in what respect they deem themselves aggrieved.

The amount of the assessment of any individual property owner may be determined prior to the hearing by inquiry at the Office of the City Clerk, where such Roll may be personally examined.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at this hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal if an appeal should be desired. A property owner or party of interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment or may file his or her appearance by letter delivered to the City Clerk by the time and date of the hearing and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. The property owner or any person having an interest in the property subject to the proposed special assessments may file written appeal of the special assessment with the State Tax Tribunal within thirty-five days after confirmation of the special assessment roll if that special assessment was protested at this hearing.

SUSAN M. NASH, CITY CLERK

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Kardel



Catherine E. age 89, of Plymouth, passed away August 4, 2017. Born in Detroit to her late parents Francis and Agnes (nee Gallagher) Dolan. Catherine was the beloved wife of the late William Kardel for 37 years. Survived by her children Daniel (Laura) Kardel, Mary Kardel, Kenneth (Linda) Kardel, and Thomas Kardel (David Weidman), and grandchildren Matthew (Rachel), Kevin (Anjali), Steven, Scott, Christine, Kenneth Jr., and Erin. Funeral Mass was held Tuesday, August 8. To view full obituary and leave a condolence, please visit schrader-howell.com

Freeman

Bernard 84, of Glen Arbor, died Aug. 26, 2017. Barney was born on Dec. 10, 1932 in Highland Park, the son of George and Margaret (Downie) Freeman. On June 27, 1959 in Detroit, he married Evelyn Miller, who survives. As a young man, Barney served in the U.S. Army. He worked for Ford Motor Co. and was a member of the UAW. He was preceded in death by a son, John Downie Freeman, on May 24, 1993, and a brother, David Freeman. Private family interment will be held at Oakland Hills Memorial Garden, Novi. Please share memories and condolences at www.martinson.info. Arrangements are with the Martinson Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Leelanau.





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JUNIOR HOCKEY

Leaving home: Mack can't pass up OHL

South Lyon resident heading to play for Erie

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Joseph Mack decided the time was sooner rather than later to get a jump-start on his hockey career.

Instead of staying locally and finishing his senior year of high school at South Lyon East, the New Hudson resident will find himself in Erie, Pa., the next three years trying to showcase his skills to National Hockey League scouts.

The 6-foot-3, 190-pound

center, who helped Compuware to a USA Hockey Tier-I 16U national championship last April, signed a three-year contract with the Erie Otters, the defending Robertson Cup champions of the Ontario Hockey League.

Mack, who was an eighth-round pick by the Otters in the 2016 OHL Priority Draft, will be living with a billet family in Erie and finishing his high school requirements through online courses with some of his teammates.

"I felt like this was the best

junior option," Mack said. "A lot of guys go from the OHL to the NHL out of this league. The OHL pretty much guarantees you pretty much the college scholarship. If you go the other route, you're not guaranteed to get a full ride because you might get hurt and they might cancel it."

Mom Jen Mack has mixed emotions about the move.

"I will say that I'm extremely proud and excited for him but, at the same time, I'm heartbroken to say good-bye to my son a year or two earlier," she said.

The Otters, who produced

Edmonton Oilers star Connor McDavid, the NHL's Hart Trophy MVP winner, will be in a rebuilding mode under new coach Chris Hartsburg.

Mack is described as having excellent size, long and rangy, with the ability to work best below the dots while controlling the puck. He also can dominate the physical battles.

Mack's favorite NHL player is Chicago's Jonathan Toews, while his favorite teams growing up were the Blackhawks and hometown Red Wings.

During Compuware's 5-0



Joseph Mack is making the jump for his senior year of high school to the Ontario Hockey League.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Alsobrooks sparks Churchill's big win



Churchill's Darrell Mason Jr. (left) gets taken down by Northville lineman Patrick Long.

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Chargers bolt out to 28-0 halftime lead and never look back

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There's another Alsobrooks starting at quarterback for Livonia Churchill and he's already starting to carve an identity of his own.

Drew Alsobrooks, a 6-foot-1, 191-pound junior in only his third career start, ran for three touchdowns and was an efficient 10-of-15 passing for 180 yards as the Chargers opened KLA Gold Division play with a convincing 34-14

win Aug. 31 over host Northville at Tom Holzer Field.

Alsobrooks, who rushed nine times for 103 yards, is following in the footsteps of his older brother Brian, a standout of his own both as QB and kicker for the Chargers.



Churchill's Drew Alsobrooks (left) ran for three TDs during Churchill's win over Northville.

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Last season, Alsobrooks backed up starter Evan Cummins (Ferris State), while also kicking and punting as a sopho-

more. He had one start late in the year against Wayne Me-

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#HTLSports GAME OF THE WEEK 3

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

New coaches look ahead

Canton powers past Plymouth in first meeting of campus rivals

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There are three new varsity volleyball coaches at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park this year and two of them went head-to-head Aug. 31.

Canton's Cricket Hughley got the last word against Plymouth's Sheila Weber, as the Chiefs earned a 25-21, 25-13, 25-10 victory over the host Wildcats.

Although wins and losses are nice, both coaches talked about the importance of team chemistry and work ethic in just how successful their programs can be.

Hughley (nee Colby), who graduated from Garden City in 2006 and played volleyball there for longtime coach John Pace, smiled when asked what she learned in those years.

"A lot of sportsmanship, obviously," she said. "Just being a good teammate ... and definitely working hard."

After high school, Hughley played at Concordia University and got her feet wet in the coaching arena at Willow Run Middle School and at Canton last year, coaching the freshman team.

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Canton's new volleyball coach is Cricket Hughley, all smiles near the end of the win at Plymouth.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Stevenson stays undefeated with big victory over Novi

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Home or away, it doesn't seem to matter so far for the Livonia Stevenson football team.

The Spartans squeaked out a season-opening 14-13 win over district rival Franklin. In what turned into a high-scoring affair Aug. 31, Stevenson took to the road and toppled Novi, 44-21.

While Stevenson kept its record perfect at 2-0, Novi fell for the second straight week and is 0-2. The Wildcats opened with a 42-21 Week 1 loss at Birmingham Groves.

Here are a half-dozen takeaways from the game:

THROUGH THE AIR

Senior quarterback Parker Graham had another big game for the Spartans. After throwing for a pair of touchdowns in the opener, Graham threw for two more against the Wildcats. He also ran for three touchdowns: 5 yards at the end of the first half, 57 yards in the wild third quarter and 40 yards in the fourth. His stats for the night were impressive: 9-of-17 passing for 221 yards and 14 rushes for 125 yards. In addition, senior George Ferguson



Stevenson running back Tyler Whiteside looks for running room against Novi defenders Landon Green (left) and Jordan Castleberry.



Novi senior defensive lineman Chad Howell wraps up Stevenson quarterback Parker Graham (left) for a first-half sack.

caught a touchdown pass and Joe Kubeshesky caught another touchdown pass. Stevenson's other three points came on a 30-yard field goal by Griffin Matick.

BEND, NOT BREAK

Stevenson allowed 21 points, but it did have a few standout defensive players and finished with four turnovers—all interceptions. Ferguson had two and Roman Klenk and Nate Garcia had the others. Devin Dunn paced the Spartans with 6.5 tackles, including 3 yards in losses. He also was credited with

three pass breakups.

NOVI HIGHLIGHTS

Novi actually had more first downs than Stevenson, 17-15. Wildcats touchdowns were scored by senior tailback Kyle Klosterman, on runs of 23 and 31 yards, and Traveon Maddox, on a 14-yard pass from senior southpaw Sean Giliham. Klosterman led Novi with 14 carries for 96 total yards.

NEW YEAR, NEW DIVISION

Novi and Livonia Stevenson are members of the newly realigned Kensington Lakes Activities

Association and they put on quite a show for the fans in their inaugural Black Division battle. The teams combined for 27 first-half points and kept the offense going in the second half with 38 more points. If anything, it kept the fans warmly entertained on what turned into a chilly late August night. The teams previously played in the KLAA Central Division.

COLORS GALORE

It was certainly a colorful setting at Wildcat Stadium. Stevenson was decked out in its visiting pale blue and

white uniforms. The Wildcats sported their customary green and white uniforms. And the refs chipped in yellow. The teams combined for 22 penalties—14 to Stevenson for 120 yards and eight to Novi for 71 yards.

NO ADVANTAGE

It's safe to say these two teams have an even history against one another.

The series was deadlocked at 5-5 heading into the game, so it was visiting Stevenson that took the lead with its sixth victory. Novi won last year's match-up, 38-17, but Stevenson had taken the two previous games, both by three points (28-25 in 2015 and 31-28 in 2014). Stevenson has now won three of the last four meetings against Novi.

FOOTBALL

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morial, when Cummins was hurt.

"They're cut from the same cloth," said Churchill coach Bill DeFillippo, who watched Alsobrooks expertly run the read option, scoring on TD runs of 2, 49 and 8 yards. "He's probably a little more energetic. Brian was a little more cerebral at this point, I think. But I think when you're the younger brother, that comes out sometimes. He is used to playing with the older kids, competing and doing that. So he's great to have around."

Here are five other takeaways from the game:

BIG BROTHER, LITTLE BROTHER

Brian Alsobrooks started his college football career at Eastern Michigan, but transferred this year to NCAA Division II power California (Pa.) University to concentrate on being a QB as opposed to being a kicker.

"Brian was a really great player," Drew said. "He works with me all the time. All winter, all off-season he was on me. He watches my games every week, fixes me and tells me what I did wrong. He's a great brother."

IMPRESSIVE METRICS

Churchill finished with 420 yards total offense, 240 on the ground, as senior Tyrese Williams added 57 yards 11 carries. The Chargers showed balance by adding 180 in the air.

"(Alsobrooks) always has trust in his receivers to catch it," said Churchill running back Michael Parrish, who finished with 45 yards on eight carries.

TIGHT DEFENSE

Parrish, a 5-10, 196-pound middle linebacker, also starred on the defensive side with a fumble recovery after a sack



Northville's Ben Schmidt (left) hauls in a 34-yard fourth quarter TD pass vs. Churchill.

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by teammate Alregio Sanders in the second quarter. Joel Forgacs also had a fumble recovery to set up Churchill's final TD.

"I have to give a shout-out to the defensive ends because, without them, we couldn't get those tackles," the senior said. "They closed, let the quarterback and receiver come to us. They did their job and we count on them."

FAST START

Churchill, which bolted out to a 28-0 halftime lead, also got 1-yard TD

run from Parrish and a 6-yard TD run from Avery Grenier.

The Churchill defense also did its part in the first half by blanking the Mustangs.

"We made a lot of good stops and we played disciplined," Churchill senior strong safety Jaren Carble said. "That's what we try to do every day in practice. We're a hard-working group and we're going to try out best to get our 'W.'"

DeFillippo's halftime speech was direct and to the point.

"He just said stay disciplined, but our main key was to come out the second half with it being 0-0 and having no mindset what the score is," Carble said.

TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE

Northville (1-1, 0-1) was unable to recover from a 28-0 halftime deficit.

"We were not good at all," Northville coach Matt Ladach said. "We did not compete. We came out flat and credit to Churchill, to their staff and to their players. They were fired up and

they punched us right in the mouth."

After going down 28-0 at the half, Northville got a 10-yard TD run from Abe Khoury and a 34-yard scoring pass from Jon Michalak to Ben Schmidt in the final quarter.

The Mustangs finished with 240 yards total offense.

"Our energy was better," Ladach said. "Our effort was better and our execution was better. Churchill did some good things defensively in the first half, taking away our option. With what

they were running, that outside backer out wide, and we started running our counter play and had some good success on that drive in the second half."

But the Mustangs were unable to contain Alsobrooks, especially in the first half.

"We watched him on film last week against Monroe and he runs their offense really well," Ladach said. "He had a great night tonight."

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PREP FOOTBALL

Franklin mantra: Be toughest team on the field

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Full-throttle football is Livonia Franklin's calling card, especially in recent playoff seasons.

And veteran Patriots head coach Chris Kelbert expects nothing to change this time around.

"We always want to be prepared for every game we play in," Kelbert said prior to that game. "And we're always going to try to be the most physical team on the field."

"That's something we've been preaching all summer long. We're tough, we're physical. That's who we are and that's what we want to be."

The Patriots won't change their approach, even with a new division to call home. With the downsizing of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association from 24 to 14 teams, Franklin is moving from the KLAA South Division to the Gold Division.

"Football is football and we're still playing the same teams we've always played," Kelbert said. "We don't have Canton this year and that's a

game that we always look forward to. They're one of the best programs in the state and we like playing them. We're going to miss that rivalry with those guys.

"But for the most, part it's still the same. We played Northville back when it was the Western Lakes; they used to be in our division, so very familiar with those guys. Grand Blanc's the only one that we don't know much about. The South is pretty much intact."

After a tough 14-13 loss to Livonia Stevenson in the opener, the Patriots bounced back on Aug. 31 with a 35-6 rout of Wayne Memorial.

Back to battle

Here's how tough the Patriots are: Brad Gibson, a defensive back and slot receiver who missed the entire 2016 regular season due to a torn ACL, rehabbed tirelessly to be back at full strength for his senior season.

"He's a great football player," Kelbert said. "He started as a sophomore in our semifinal run, played the whole 13 games at corner. And we



Livonia Franklin seniors Jacob Mass (left) and Keion Harris are pumped up to lead the Patriots back to the playoffs.

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missed him last year, for sure."

After the postseason run in 2015, the Patriots went 6-3 during the regular season last year to qualify for a playoff spot. They then went 1-1 in the postseason, with Gibson able to get back on the field for those contests.

There are other stellar, versatile seniors who are determined to not only lead

Franklin back to the playoffs, but to some victories once they get there.

Two of the key catalysts figure to be a pair of seniors who already are getting looks from colleges — senior line-backer/tight end Jacob Mass and senior defensive back Keion Harris.

"Jacob Mass has been a three-year starter for us and, ever since he was a sophomore, he's always been one of our emotional leaders," Kelbert said. "A hard-working kid and a kid that people just follow based on his hard work."

"And same with Keion. Keion's a real quiet, kind of laid-back guy, but he's been in a real key contributor to our program. Both are really good football players for us and they're going to be important parts to our success on both sides of the ball."

Whoever the coach opts to play quarterback (he plans to start the year giving playing time both to senior Keegan Flaherty and sophomore Jacob Kelbert), he knows he'll have a physical force in the backfield.

Senior running back Isaac

Moore (6-0, 210) will keep defenses honest.

"We also have, Isaac Moore, who's our running back," Kelbert said. "And he's a bull. He's slimmed down, gotten faster and is still very, very physical."

Time to rock

That hard-hitting approach is shared by many others throughout the roster, particularly Mass and Harris.

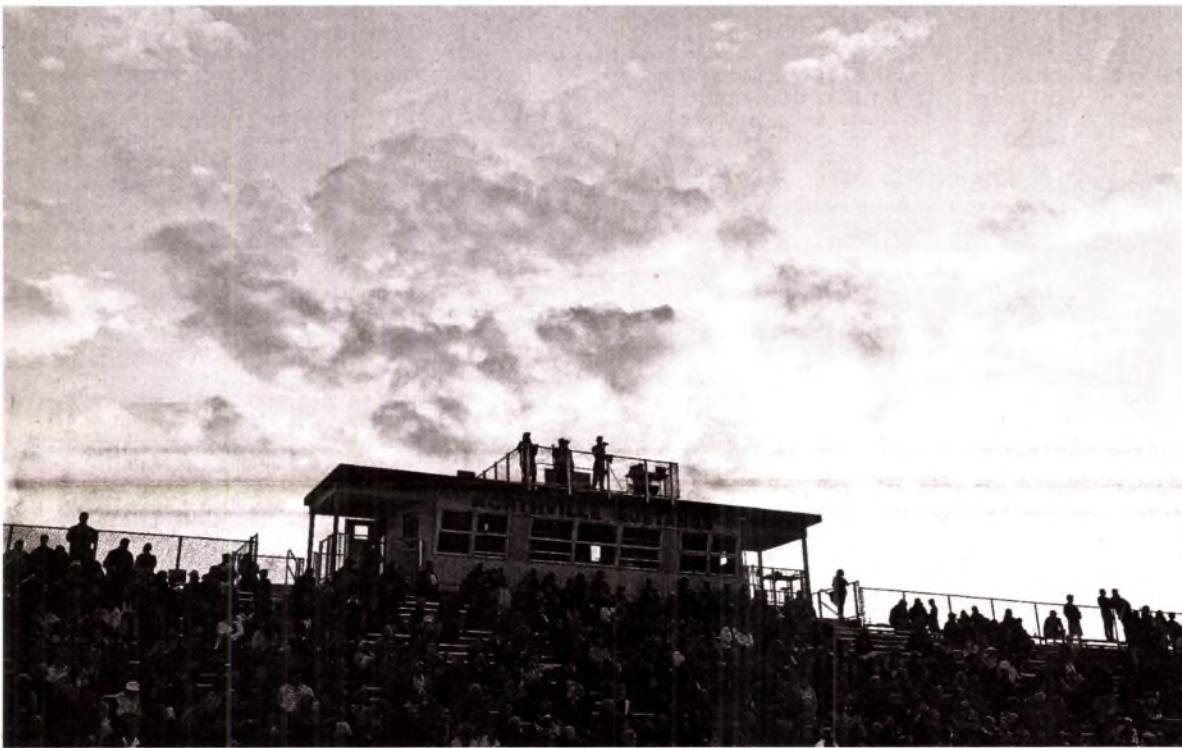
"It feels great, we're looking (to) another playoff season," Mass said. "We're really close-knit, the class of 2018 has been really close-knit all coming up through high school and now we have the class of 2019 with us now. We're just one big family."

Concurring was Harris, noting that the Patriots have a simple but successful recipe that will lead to plenty of victories.

"We just need to be physically tough and mentally tough," Harris said. "That's the biggest thing I think to overcome your opponents."

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PREP FOOTBALL WEEK 2 SCORES, HIGHLIGHTS



Northville's Tom Holzer Ford Field near sunset.

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Thursday, Aug. 31**Birmingham Seaholm 49, Berkley 6**

Seaholm registered its first victory of the season at Berkley's Hurley Field. The Maples had three touchdowns from junior running back Chase Mentag and two from senior back Max Schumaker. Seniors Nick Lang and Ben Barton accounted for the other two Maples touchdowns. Seaholm quarterback Joel Mitchell completed seven passes for 57 yards. The Maples totaled 366 total yards, while Berkley had 200 yards total.

Birmingham Groves 14, Rochester Hills Stoney Creek 3

Groves grabbed its second straight victory at home in its OAA White Division opener. Senior running back Chaise Ford continued his fine play with 120 yards rushing on 18 carries with a touchdown. The other Falcons score was by Khalil Dorsey. Defensively, Charlie Riddle had four tackles and a pair of sacks, Darnont McCurdy finished with seven tackles and one pass breakup, while Dawsey had four tackles and one interception.

Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood 37, Detroit University Prep 0

Despite a 69-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Terrence Ealy to wide-out Kyle Nolan, the visiting Trojans (0-2) were stymied by Dearborn Heights Crestwood. Nolan also had a big night on defense with four tackles,

while Jordan Wutka sparked with seven tackles, four assists, three tackles for loss, a tipped pass and blocked extra point. Also with four tackles each were Will Brown and Demond Scrutchions.

Detroit Country Day 41, Ferndale 37, Farmington 7

Ferndale's Zosier Little rushed for 103 yards, leading Ferndale. Roger Motley scored Farmington's lone touchdown on a 1-yard pass.

Garden City 28, Dearborn Heights Robichaud 14

The Cougars parlayed a strong all-around game into a victory. Quarterback Chase McGraw completed 6-of-9 passes for 194 yards and three TDs. Eian Castonguay scored three TDs (one rushing, two receiving) and notched 243 combined yards. On defense, Hunter McDaniel and Jay Castonguay had two sacks each.

Grand Blanc 26, Westland John Glenn 21

Salem rolled behind an impressive performance from senior running back Andrew Davis and a strong defense led by Parker Selby and Sean McCormack. Offensively, the Rocks pounded the Highlanders on the ground for 403 yards. Davis lead the way with 310 total yards (279 rushing, 31 receiving) and four TDs. QB Ryan Young was 5/11 passing for 109 yards and rushed for 61 yards on 13 carries with a touchdown. Cody Tapp added 60 yards on three carries. Travell Hale added 59 yards receiving. Defensively, JaQuan Baker and Davis both had a fumble

recovery. Alex Dubinski, Ali Kobeissi and Tapp each had six tackles.

Livonia Franklin 35, Wayne Memorial 6

QB Jake Kelbert ran for 164 yards, scoring from 13 yards out and passing to Matt Elrod for another TD. Julius Simmons scored on runs of 5 and 8 yards and Isaac Moore contributed a 6-yard TD run as Franklin racked up 348 rushing yards to move to 1-1 on the season.

Clarkston Everest Collegiate 36, Lutheran Westland 0

Belleville 55, Redford Union 6
The Panthers (0-2) got a 94-yard first quarter TD kick-off return by Thornton Cain for their lone score, while Kenny Perry had a team-best seven tackles, including one for loss in a loss against the Tigers (2-0). Belleville's Khalid Crawford ran for 104 yards on TD runs of 2 and 14 yards, while QB Christian Dhue-Reid threw a 92-yard TD pass to Jalen Williams and ran for another score.

"Belleville was very big and strong up front and presented some issues to our inexperienced line," RU coach Miles Tomasaitis said. "We had plays that were there for the taking, but we cannot seem to get that one block the springs our backs."

Walled Lake Western 44, Milford 8

Livonia Churchill 34, Northville 14
Livonia Stevenson 44, Novi 21
Royal Oak 38, North Farmington 6
Waterford Kettering 35,

South Lyon 17

Ryan Nolan was 11-of-17 passing for 243 yards and three TDs of 19, 39 52 yards as Waterford Kettering (2-0, 2-0) stopped the host Lions (0-2, 0-2) in an LVC clash. South Lyon QB Connor Fracassi was 16-of-29 passing for 183 yards. He connected with Ian Goins and Will Kelley on TD passes of 20 and 11 yards in the final period. Goins had five catches for 91 yards. Brendan Lach also booted a 37-yard field goal and two PATs. Jack Schafer, David Rende and Michael Dancer each were in on six tackles. The Lions committed three turnovers.

Walled Lake Central 14, South Lyon East 10

Farmington Hills Harrison 30, Troy 3
Roderick Heard scored on two 3-yard runs and QB Noah Hendricks completed TD passes to Moet Andrews and Ovie Oghoufo to lead Harrison to its first victory of the season.

White Lake Lakeland 29, Waterford Mott 27

Senior Dylan Kutzleb scored on TD runs of 21 and 45 yards and also caught an 81-yard scoring pass as host White Lake Lakeland (1-1, 1-1) upended Waterford Mott (1-1, 1-1) in a Lakes Valley Conference game. Junior Robbie Tracy also ran 55 yards for a score as the Eagles overcame a 14-0 deficit. Sophomore Leo Skupin also added a key late interception. David McCullum threw two TD passes and ran for another for Mott.

PREP ATHLETICS

Northville ace kicker Moody Athlete of the Week

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The votes have been tabulated for the first Athlete of the Week.

And it's Northville kicker-punter Jake Moody, who put on a show to remember Aug. 24 during a 44-14 season-opening football win over Dearborn.

The 6-foot, 177-pound senior, considered one nation's top kickers, started the game with a school-record 57-yard field goal, tied for third longest in MHSAA history while breaking his own mark of 52 set during his junior year.

"There was a little bit of breeze," said Moody, who cleared the crossbar with plenty of room to spare. "I didn't have enough time to actually understand what situation I was put in, so I just went in there and kicked the ball before I actually knew how far it was."

Moody also went 5-for-5 on extra points and all eight of his kickoffs went for touchbacks.

He is now taking aim at Warren Woods Tower's Doug Kochanski, who booted a state record 59-yarder in 1994. Former Michigan State kicker John Langeloh (Utica) is second with a 58-yarder in 1985.

Moody believes he's within range of Kochanski's mark. His best in practice is a 67-yarder.

"Maybe with a little bit of a breeze behind me and giving me a little more confidence, I feel like I can break the state record," he said.

Moody, however, proved he was human by missing wide left on a 47-yarder late in the game.

"I had a lot more time to think and I was still thinking about the 57, probably," he said.

But Moody made up for that missed field goal try when he knocked a beautiful, 44-yard NFL hang-time punt that looked like a Phil Mickelson lob wedge.

"That's the first time I've ever had a punt like that get downed at the 1, so that was pretty cool having my first punt of the year," he said.

Moody's opening night performance certainly should turn some heads at the next level. He's had a couple of preliminary college offers so far.

"I've had a few of the same schools that have contacted me saying nice job," he said. "And I've had a few other coaches following me. They haven't said anything yet, but hopefully they will."

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Moody

CLUB SWIMMING

Northville Swim Club sets seven records during league five-peat

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What a way to celebrate our 50th anniversary. The Northville Swim Club scored a record 444.5 points en route to its fifth consecutive Summer Independent Swim Club championship last month at Livonia's Burton Hollow Swim Club.

The Penguins, who earned their 13th overall title since 1973, took home 26 first-place finishes while setting seven league records in the process.

Colony Swim Club was a distant second in the team standings with 238.5, followed by Fairway Farms (236), Newburgh Swim Club (207) and Burton Hollow (193).

Northville has more than 200 swimmers ages 7-18. New swimmers and competitive high school swimmers participate in meets from the end of June through the end of July.

During the past five years, the Penguins have won 32 straight dual meets.

"It is exciting to see us build a long-standing tradition of winning as a club," Northville coach David Rembiesa said. "We are trying to shoot for longevity and highlight all the talented swimmers in the Northville and Novi area. Many of our swimmers swim year-round for area USS club teams or their middle school and high school teams. But they all got their start at Northville Swim Club and they love coming back every summer to defend their title."

The Penguins continue to



The Northville Swim Club's Josh Seidleman brings home a first-place finish during the Summer Independent Swim League meet last month at Burton Hollow.

build their legacy as evidenced by setting five individual and two SISL relay records.

Among individual girls record-setters were Laura Westphal, open, 100-meter individual medley (1:09.18); Lauren Heaven, 13-15, 50 butterfly (30.68); Emma Phillips, 13-15, 50 breaststroke (36.54); Emily Roden, 11-12, 50 backstroke (33.57); and Maggie Patterson, 11-12, 50 freestyle (29.53).

The Penguins' open mixed 200 medley relay team of Arthur Greenlee, Travis Nitkiewicz, Jason Nitkiewicz and Westphal also set a league record in 1:55.71.

Another league record fell in the 11-12 mixed 200 medley relay as Emily Roden, Layney Barritt, Maggie Patterson and Nolan Ebel were clocked in 2:17.96.

"I am so proud of our older kids," Rembiesa said. "I remember back in 2011, we didn't even have a 16- to-18-year-old

on the team. But that's what I mean about staying with the program. Some of these families have stayed 10-plus years and that is how you can win so many championships."

The Penguins currently list 30 swimmers on their roster that either swim for Northville or Novi Detroit Catholic Central high schools.

Every summer, each of the clubs compete in eight head-to-head dual meets, both home and away. The season ends with an all-day league championship the last Saturday of July.

With a rich swimming tradition, several noted world-class athletes got their start at a young age while competing for an SISL club, including Olympic gold medalists Allison Schmitt (Colony) and Sheila Taormina (Burton Hollow).

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Union '01 Black wins national title



The National Union '01 Black U-16 girls soccer team recently captured the U.S. Youth National Championship in Texas. The 18-member squad went undefeated (with one tie) in five games to win the crown. In the title game, Union '01 Black defeated Legends FC '01 Academy, 5-0. Team members included Emily Brown (Franklin), Lauren Fleming (Northville), Emma Boutorwick (Sterling Heights), Marcella Clark (Macomb), Katherine Felton (Saginaw), Justina Gaynor (Macomb), Skyla Gebauer (Troy), Isabella Hunter (Anchor Bay), Arianna Jalics (Utica), Allison Leonard (Troy), Kaitlyn Maciejewski (Macomb), Emma McCaughtry (Rochester), Madison Medalle (Macomb), Eva Papista (Grosse Pointe), Morgan Restaino (Lake Fenton), Brooke Russell (Troy), Paige Webber (Grand Blanc) and Alana Wood (New Baltimore).

PREP ROUNDUP

Coaches and team representatives are invited to send game information and story tips to LIV-sports@hometownlife.com. Game information will be accepted up to 24 hours after the game ends.

Boys soccer

CANTON 8, WAYNE 0:

Kyle Kulas scored three goals Aug. 31, while Jordan Forney contributed two goals and an assist for the Chiefs (3-2-2, 2-0-0). Also scoring were Tyler Turko, Alex Hyde and Diego Galvin. Brett McGue chipped in three assists.

NORTHVILLE 7, JOHN

GLENN 0: Senior Andrew Mitchell notched a hat trick, while senior Felipe McCarthy chipped two goals and one assist as the Mustangs (4-0-1, 1-0) rolled to a KLLAA

crossover win Aug. 31 at Westland John Glenn (1-2, 0-2). Also getting into the scoring ledger for Northville were Owen Marshall (one goal, one assist), Omar Labiki (two assists) and Shane McHugh (one goal).

Girls golf

P-CCS CLASSIC: Brighton and Saline shared first-place honors Aug. 31 at the P-CCS Classic at Fox Hills, with 319 strokes. Northville (336) and Plymouth (337) finished third and fourth, respectively. Plymouth was sparked by Erin Johnson, with an 18-hole score of 76. Shae Zydeck tallied 82.

BRIGHTON 153, SALEM 189:

The Rocks fell short despite 46 by Ryleigh Reed. Chipping in 47 was Nicole Hahn, while both Megan Kozlowski and Julianne Small registered 48.

MACK

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run to the national title in Pittsburgh, Mack scored two goals and had one assist. He scored a power-play goal in a 5-0 semifinal win over Detroit Honeybaked as Compuware went on to capture the championship with a 2-1 victory over Shattuck (Minn.) St. Mary's. "I'm a skilled big guy that

likes to score goals," Mack said. "I've played right wing, left wing and center, but mostly center."

The Otters' official training camp began Aug. 29 with fitness testing. Mack attended three mini-camps in Erie before signing.

"It's my fourth time here," Mack said. "It should be an easy adjustment, but the game should be a little harder, a little faster than normal."

The 17-year-old Mack, who



Mack

in the same High Performance Hockey League.

Meanwhile, his biggest advocate and supporter is his father Michael, a tool and die

maker who is a Canadian citizen. "His dad is the one who is behind his determination and motivation to where he's gotten himself today as a hockey player," Jen Mack said. "My husband devoted so much of his time. He hasn't been able to go to a lot of the hockey tournaments out of town due to his hard work and trying to get them where they're at. I really believe he's the main guy behind all the determina-

tion and motivation that has gotten my sons to where they're at right now."

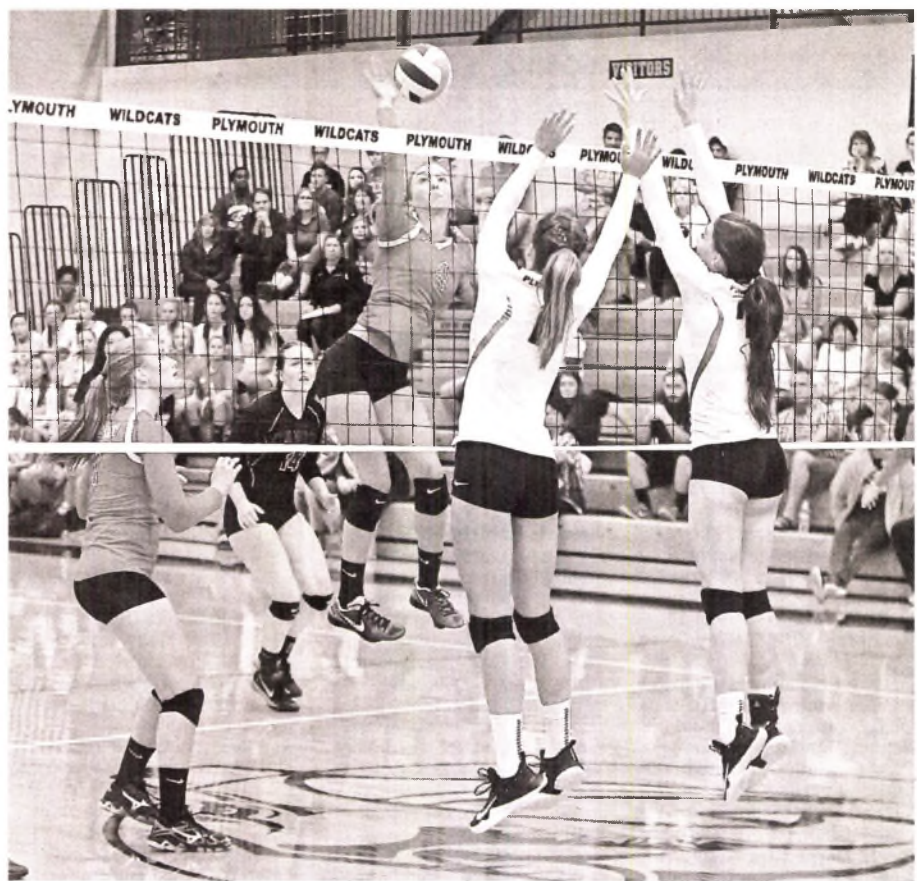
Mack is looking forward to the challenge of taking the next step in his hockey career without any hesitation. "I've always played hockey, nothing else, since I was 4," he said. "I'm going to miss my friends, but this is a good opportunity for me."

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Surveying the action is new Plymouth varsity volleyball coach Sheila Weber.

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Slamming the ball over Plymouth defenders is Canton's Kaylin Collins.

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VOLLEYBALL

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"I have eight seniors, which is awesome," Hughley said. "And I have a good class coming up for next year. They're all just great athletes, honestly. They work really hard for me and they're passionate about the sport, which I am

also. That's what I'm excited about being at Canton — having good athletes that are passionate like I am about volleyball."

Canton's strong nucleus is spearheaded by seniors Emily Meredith, Abby Zelenak, Kassie Tanana, Tia Cucuz, Sammy Pashigian, Olivia Smith, Hailey Domzalski and Morgan Holmlund.

Weber was Plymouth's ju-

nior varsity coach last year and she was moved up a notch after Dave Nichols left.

"This, for me, was kind of in my five-year plan, then I got moved up a bit because Dave Nichols left the program last year," Weber said. "So it became my three-year plan and I'm excited to be coaching this year at Plymouth as the varsity coach."

The lone senior for the Wildcats is setter Lauren Wheeler; juniors Kenna White, Kayla

Courtney and Grace Balch will be called upon to play key roles.

"Our team is very young and I expect that most teams are going to overlook us," Weber said. "And we got a lot of kids that are going to really get a chance to shine this year."

UNFORCED

Plymouth came unglued a bit in the final two games, with a lot of the team's woes due to unforced errors (52 for the

evening).

DIG IT

Both Kenna White and Gabby Diamante had seven digs for Plymouth, with Gabi Kuchka chipping in six.

ALSO NEW IN TOWN

Salem's volleyball team is now coached by Brian Theut, making it a year of change all across the Park.

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BOYS TENNIS

Novi's top two singles duo packs a real punch

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Alex Wen and Sid Amarnath, Novi's top two singles players, can come at you from different angles.

Wen, a senior, uncoils himself with what appears to be a violent and unorthodox top-spin forehand, while Amarnath, a junior, can dissect opponents with his precision-like and well-placed left-handed ground strokes.

The two veterans, who were instrumental in Novi's back-to-back MHSAA Division 1 state titles in 2014 and 2015 before placing fourth in 2016, are off to another strong start as Novi has captured three tournaments to go along with a 9-0 dual match win over Saline.

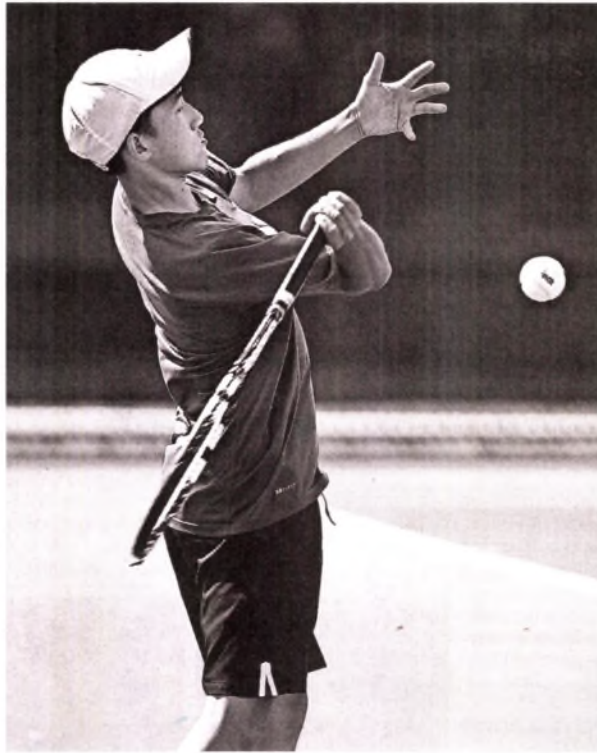
Wen was the No. 3 singles champ as a freshman (going 36-0) and the No. 2 singles champ as a sophomore (going 26-4) before reaching the state semifinals at No. 1 a year ago with a 26-4 record.

Wen, who suffered his first loss Aug. 31 to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook's Benji Jacobson in a three-set super-breaker, is 9-1 so far in 2017 at the No. 1 flight using what can be termed "an extreme Western grip" on his forehand.

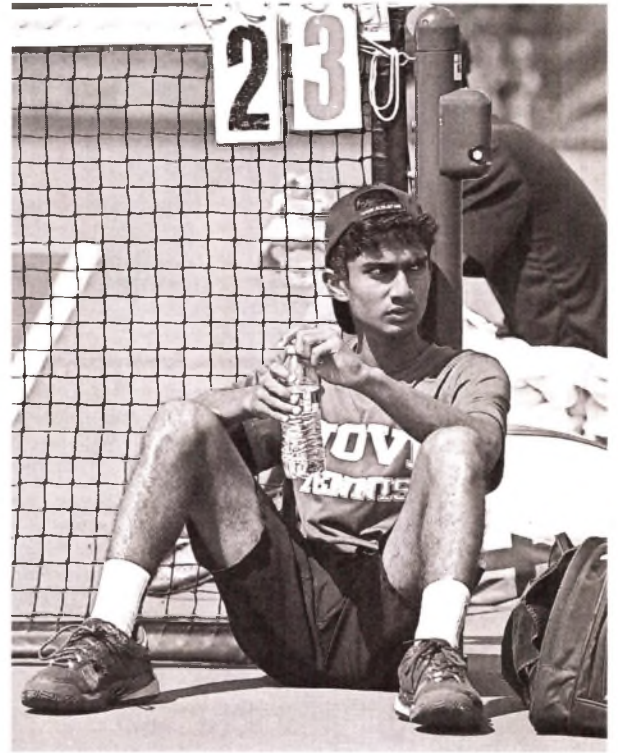
"Not many people use it," Wen said. "My brother (Raymond) taught me it when I was around, like, 8 and he didn't really know tennis that well. Somehow, I caught onto it and no coach corrected me. It was kind of a joke and I guess it just stuck with me."

Amarnath's game is no joke, either, as he returns at No. 2 singles for the five-time defending KLAA and regional champions. He has posted back-to-back 22-4 seasons, reaching the 2015 state finals at No. 3 as a freshman and the second round at No. 2 as a sophomore.

"My cross court ball, I can get them off the court, especially to their backhand, which is usually their weaker side," said Amarnath, who is



JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM
Novi's Alex Wen uses his forehand during an Aug. 30 match.



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Novi's Sid Amarnath looks intense during a brief break.

undefeated so far this season. "I feel like I have an advantage from the start."

Longtime assistant Dan Lowes, who took over this fall for longtime Novi coach Jim Hanson, is happy to return his top two singles players.

"Alex is a competitor, he battles, he never gives up," Lowes said. "He's going to fight to the very end. Sid's game has improved from where he was last year. He's hitting the ball a lot better. He's becoming a battler, too. I like what I've seen out of Sid this year."

Senior Tim Tanaka, who played doubles last year, moves into the No. 3 singles spot, while Florida transfer Mateo Ponton, a junior, takes over at No. 4.

Seniors Aditya Chitta and

Robert Chen, the Wildcats' No. 1 doubles team, reached the quarters in 2016 at No. 1 and the semifinals at No. 2 (2015) and No. 4 (2014) at the state finals.

"Chitta and Chen have played together for four years," Lowes said. "They know one another really well. I love their consistency. I'm looking for them to become a little more aggressive."

The rest of Novi's strong doubles lineup includes seniors Chris Kwederis and Venkatesh Nagalla at No. 2; senior Ryan Krawec and junior newcomer Dilan Patel at No. 3; seniors Robert Xu and Andrew Lu at No. 4; and seniors Nikhil Yadati and Sanjit Johri at No. 5.

"This year, I mean, the the goal is always to go for big

trophy," Wen said. "As long as we work hard, I see us doing that."

Wen, who carries a 3.92 grade-point average, is undecided where he'll go to college.

This summer, he spent time as part of youth research team at the University of Michigan investigating topics such as internal bowel disease.

"Mostly, like, go into the medical field," he said. "Probably go pre-med."

Amarnath, who carries a 3.8 GPA, also prefers the sciences. His favorite subject last year was biology.

"Even though I wasn't too great at it, I'm still interested in," Amarnath said.

Off the court, the junior stays active doing volunteer

work in the community.

"Last year, I did the Relay for Life where we raised money for cancer (research)," he said. "This year, I'm going to start tutoring kids in Detroit, so I think that will be a great experience."

Wen and Amarnath will try to motivate each other throughout the season as Novi guns for its third Division 1 state title in four years.

"When one gets down, the other gets back up," Amarnath said. "It's not just me. It's the whole team who is pushing each other."

"We have a lot of talented players with a lot of potential and I see ourselves doing well this year."

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GIRLS GOLF

South Lyon senior Harding off to strong start

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For senior season, South Lyon's Elizabeth Harding wants to take her golf game to the next level.

And even before she heads out to the links, Harding can be usually found at Cattails Golf Course on either the practice green or the driving range an hour before practice starts, working on her game.

"I've been trying really hard to shoot under par," she said. "And I haven't accomplished that yet this year, so hopefully I'll be able to do that. Mostly it is putting and short game."

Harding is already off to a fast start for the Lions, who return four of their top five players from last year's third-place MHSAA Division 2 state finals squad, including Sophie Yergin, Kendall Skore and Julia Vess.

She captured the inaugural Lakes Valley Conference pre-tourney Aug. 24 at Hartland Glen with 73, while also adding a runner-up finish Aug. 16 with even-par 72 at the Orange Theory Fitness tourney at Hudson Mills Metropark.

Harding also tied for fifth Aug. 18 at the Lapeer Lightning Summer Tune-up at Lapeer Country Club with 5-over 79, while also taking medalist honors with 36 for the Lions (2-0) in an LVC dual match against Lakeland.

Standing 5 feet, 10 inches, Harding drives the ball 240 yards on average off the tee, but her game is well-rounded.

"She's long, obviously, but I'm super impressed with her short game," first-year South Lyon assistant coach Christina Cibrario said. "That's what a lot of the kids struggle with the most and she's up-and-down 90 percent of the time."

Cibrario, who teaches math at South Lyon's Centennial



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South Lyon senior golfer Elizabeth Harding is already off to a strong start this season.

Middle School, played golf at Oakland University and has competed in Golf Association of Michigan events with all three Harding sisters, including Caroline, a red-shirt sophomore on Michigan State's women's team, and Priscilla, a true sophomore on the MSU roster. "She's a stud, she's a rock star," Cibrario said of Elizabeth. "She's very talented, can really play the game of golf. She's quiet and humble and she's fun to watch. Doesn't get too upset, stays maintained,

good composure."

Both of Harding's parents have extensive golf experience at a high level.

Her father Tom, who played at MSU from 1985-87, qualified for the U.S. Senior Open in June (where Priscilla carried his bag for the first round). The teaching pro is a two-time Michigan PGA Player of the Year (1997 and 2001).

Mother Joal was a two-time All-American at Auburn University and played on the LPGA Tour (1992-94).

"Because both of our parents know a lot about golf, then we got most of our instruction from them, of course," Harding said. "We help each other out a lot. I'll try and help my sisters out and they'll try to help me out just with swing tips and stuff like that."

Harding, who carries a 3.6 grade-point average, is more than likely bound for MSU, where she plans to study business and study Spanish.

In June, she went on a 10-day class-sponsored trip to

Peru, where she visited five different cities, including Cusco and Lima.

"It was really fun to see all the culture and to see the Peruvian people," Harding said. "We stayed with host families and our host mom was really nice to us. We tried speaking Spanish to her, which was a struggle, but we tried our best and we also got to see Machu Picchu and that was really fun. We also climbed a few mountains. We went to Lake Titicaca, which is really blue, then the Floating Islands."

During the winter, Harding will continue to play basketball. She began playing hoops in sixth grade on a club team and has progressed through middle school and high school.

"It keeps me in shape, for sure, because of course we do a lot of running and conditioning, which is really helpful for golf and endurance," she said.

Harding, who was regional runner-up last year, has helped the Lions to a back-to-back third-place finishes at the D2 state finals. As a freshman, along with her two older sisters, South Lyon finished runner-up.

This summer, she stayed sharp competing in American Junior Golf Association events while also playing in the Michigan Women's Amateur.

This year's Division 2 finals will be held Oct. 20-21 at Bedford Valley Golf Club in Battle Creek.

"One of my expectations is to probably place top five at states, but first get to states and win regionals ... that would be a lot of fun," said Harding, who was 11th at last year's D2 finals and 10th in 2015. "And, obviously, I'd like to get my scoring average down, which would be great."

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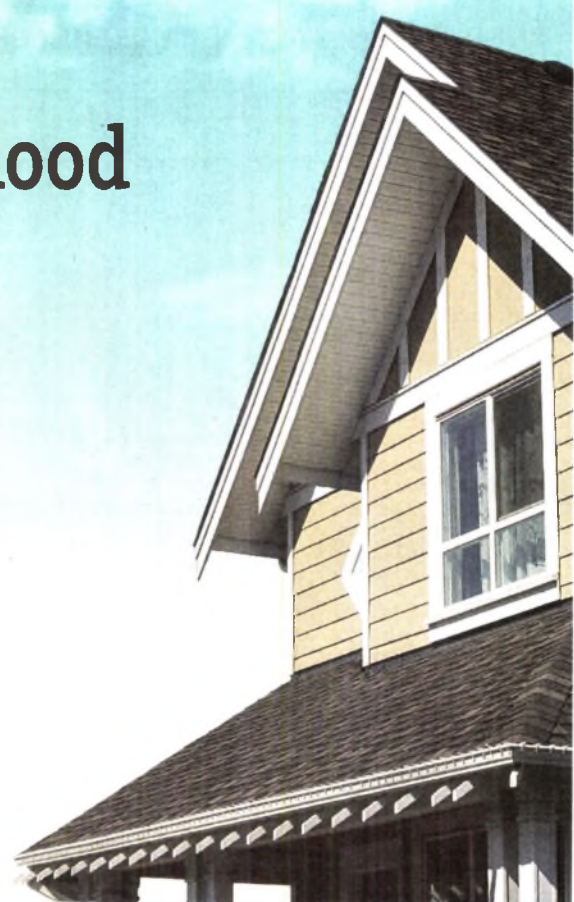
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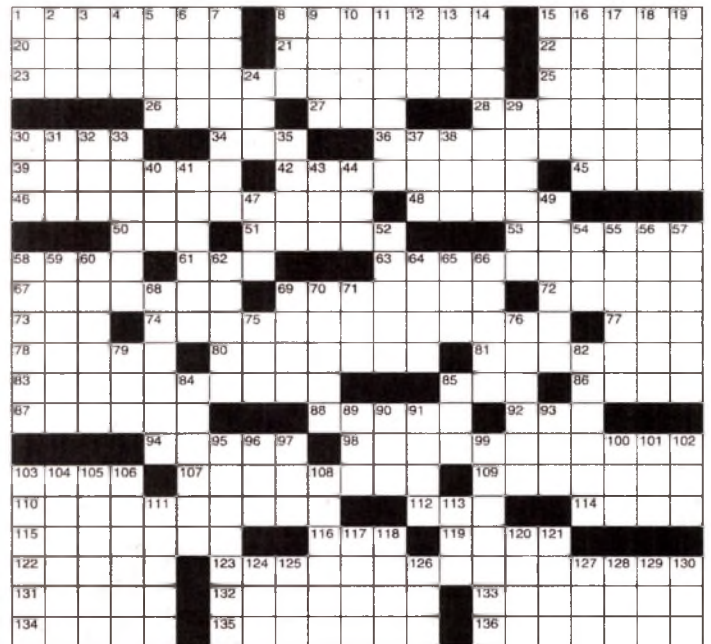
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 - 20 Endorse
 - 21 Many a quaint cabin
 - 22 "The Gypsy" singer Shore
 - 23 Tree anchors growing in a groundwork? [Asimov-Haley]
 - 25 Split in two
 - 26 Lyric poems
 - 27 — chi
 - 28 Dirtier, as a chimney
 - 30 Headland
 - 34 Awful review
 - 36 Actress De Mornay after marrying "Star Trek" ensign Harry? [du Maurier-Kipling]
 - 39 Egg-shaped instrument
 - 42 Defeat in cleverness
 - 45 Lays (down)
 - 46 Dear granny? [Morrison-Zola]
 - 48 Indulges fully
 - 50 Belle of a ball
 - 51 Butler's girl
 - 53 Knight's tunic
 - 58 Livy's "to be"
 - 61 Geller of the paranormal
 - 63 Small, thin part of a beach hill? [Herbert-Levin]
 - 67 Government financial assistance
 - 69 — News (Utah paper)
 - 72 Elliptical
 - 73 Laughter syllables
 - 74 Scott Joplin's "The Entertainer," for the film "The Sting"? [Doctorow-Rand]
 - 77 Long of film
 - 78 Boise locale
 - 80 Related compounds
 - 81 Wielded, as power
 - 83 Distress after a really deep sleep? [Cook-King]
 - 85 Eminent lead-in
 - 86 Gives help to
 - 87 Neighbor of Norway
 - 88 Biblical queendom
 - 92 Woolen cap
 - 94 Nash of the funny poems
 - 98 President Grant is gabby? [Joyce-Benckley]
 - 103 Blood type, informally
 - 107 Physician who may cry "Stat!"
 - 109 Hall of talk TV
 - 110 Have a phobia of queasiness? [Hubbard-Sartre]
 - 112 "I" finisher
 - 114 Dog ID sites
 - 115 Pistol, e.g.
 - 116 Sarge, e.g.
 - 119 Lacerations
 - 122 Tough guy's claim
 - 123 Abducted old Japanese chief? [Stevenson-Clavell]
 - 131 Give rise to
 - 132 Brainless
 - 133 Treat as a hero
 - 134 Finisher
 - 135 Moves very quietly
 - 136 Tallinn's land
 - 41 Space cloud
 - 43 One, to Juanita
 - 44 Road coater
 - 47 — do not!
 - 49 Dancer in Matthew
 - 52 "Be — and help me"
 - 54 ROY G. —
 - 55 1972 Jack Lemmon film
 - 56 Made fighter, as a knot
 - 57 Horrors
 - 58 Moral code
 - 59 Eye makeup
 - 60 Bagel variety
 - 62 Former TV host Phibin
 - 64 Some vases
 - 65 Mesh
 - 66 Thin air
 - 68 Start of a cry from Juliet
 - 69 Gucci alternative
 - 70 Awards for Tina Fey
 - 71 Recognize
 - 75 Philosopher
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 - 79 Harbored
 - 82 Kind of plane engine
 - 84 Engaged, as a car engine
 - 85 Ballet step
 - 89 Lean-to's kin
 - 90 Roy Wood's rock gp.
 - 91 51-year senator Robert
 - 93 Equine beast
 - 95 It includes a snare
 - 96 Mag team
 - 97 — Valley, San Francisco
 - 99 Lazed about as a knot
 - 100 Comic Gasteyer
 - 101 Faux hair
 - 102 Maritime "Mayday!"
 - 103 Business workplace
 - 104 — Marcus (retailer)
 - 105 Accessory for an iPod
 - 106 Oily matter
 - 108 Am unable to
 - 111 Reformer Ralph
 - 113 Native metal
 - 117 "The Elder" of Rome
 - 118 Andy Taylor's tyke
 - 120 Greek letters
 - 121 Quick drink
 - 124 Africa's Amin
 - 125 Quick swim
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KEG
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LIVELY
MEADOW
OKTOBERFEST
PRETZELS
PROST
STEIN
TAP
TENTS
TRADITION
TRAVEL
VENDORS
VISITORS
WAITRESS

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

Crossword Answers

1 High-fiber cereal ingredient: OAT
8 Thwacked: WHACKED
15 Something imperative: MUST
20 Endorse: PROMOTE
21 Many a quaint cabin: CABIN
22 "The Gypsy" singer Shore: SHORE
23 Tree anchors growing in a groundwork? [Asimov-Haley]: ROOTS
25 Split in two: DIVIDE
26 Lyric poems: VERSES
27 — chi: CHI
28 Dirtier, as a chimney: CHIMNEY
30 Headland: HEADLAND
34 Awful review: RAVING
36 Actress De Mornay after marrying "Star Trek" ensign Harry? [du Maurier-Kipling]: HARRY
39 Egg-shaped instrument: MARACAS
42 Defeat in cleverness: TRICK
45 Lays (down): LAYS
46 Dear granny? [Morrison-Zola]: ZOLA
48 Indulges fully: INDULGES
50 Belle of a ball: BELLE
51 Butler's girl: BUTLER
53 Knight's tunic: TUNIC
58 Livy's "to be": TO BE
61 Geller of the paranormal: GELLER
63 Small, thin part of a beach hill? [Herbert-Levin]: SAND
67 Government financial assistance: GRANT
69 — News (Utah paper): NEWS
72 Elliptical: ELLIPTICAL
73 Laughter syllables: SYLLABLES
74 Scott Joplin's "The Entertainer," for the film "The Sting"? [Doctorow-Rand]: RAND
77 Long of film: LONG
78 Boise locale: BOISE
80 Related compounds: COMPOUNDS
81 Wielded, as power: WIELD
83 Distress after a really deep sleep? [Cook-King]: SLEEP
85 Eminent lead-in: LEAD
86 Gives help to: HELPS
87 Neighbor of Norway: NORWAY
88 Biblical queendom: QUEENDOM
92 Woolen cap: WOOL
94 Nash of the funny poems: NASH
98 President Grant is gabby? [Joyce-Benckley]: GRANT
103 Blood type, informally: BLOOD
107 Physician who may cry "Stat!": STAT
109 Hall of talk TV: TALK
110 Have a phobia of queasiness? [Hubbard-Sartre]: SICKEN
112 "I" finisher: I
114 Dog ID sites: TAGS
115 Pistol, e.g.: PISTOL
116 Sarge, e.g.: SARGE
119 Lacerations: LACERATIONS
122 Tough guy's claim: CLAIM
123 Abducted old Japanese chief? [Stevenson-Clavell]: CHIEF
131 Give rise to: RISE
132 Brainless: BRAINLESS
133 Treat as a hero: HERO
134 Finisher: FINISHER
135 Moves very quietly: QUIETLY
136 Tallinn's land: LAND

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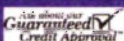
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