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Pagan: 'Canton my hometown' as controversy swirls

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While the controversy swirls around the lawsuit filed to show she doesn't really live in the district she represents, state Rep. Kristy Pagan said she's simply focusing on doing her job and earning one more two-year term that will allow her to keep doing it.

Pagan's residency is the subject of a lawsuit by Canton resident Kent Herbert, who last week filed a lawsuit against the Wayne County Election Commission, the body that approved Pagan's presence on the ballot. Pagan is being challenged by Canton Republican

Darian Moore in the Nov. 6 general election.

The suit claims Pagan, a Canton Democrat seeking her third — and final — term in representing the 21st District (Belleville, the majority of Canton and part of Van Buren Township) in the state House, does not live in the district she represents.

Pagan again Thursday denied the claim, calling it nothing more than a "political attack" leading up to the election.

"Canton is my hometown," said Pagan, who grew up in Canton and graduated from Plymouth-Canton schools.

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CANINE COMFORT

Therapy dogs help students cope with trauma, stress

Sue Mason

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Monroe, Rosalee and Adalind aren't your usual furry friends. Sure, they love belly rubs, snuggling and playing fetch, but this canine trio also is into providing comfort and care as therapy dogs.

Members of Go Team Michigan Therapy Dogs, the three canines are visiting locations in Wayne, Oakland and Livingston counties, including Cambridge High School in Garden City, where they mingle among students in their classrooms and even take to the basketball court at lunchtime.

"I thought having a therapy dog would be such a wonderful thing to do, since I'm retired," said Bonnie Barbick of Pinckney, who handles the dogs with her husband Paul. "I wanted a dog that I could count on and train, especially since we have an autistic grandchild. I have always been drawn to care giving."

Cambridge Director Debbie Eves found out about the therapy dogs through her granddaughter, who attends Stockbridge High School. The dogs visit the high school three days a week. The idea of therapy dogs fits in well with Cambridge High School's focus on being a trauma-informed school in which the staff has prepared to recognize and respond to students who have been impacted by traumatic stress.

Eves contacted Barbick about bringing the dogs to Cambridge and "this wonderful lady said yes."

"In delving more into trauma-informed schools, I found that yoga, chill rooms and therapy dogs were resources that can be used with students when they have high anxiety, PTSD and/or living with trauma everyday," Eves said. "It's hard for students to concentrate on academics when they face these issues daily.

"The goal is to not only provide tools to cope with extreme situations, but to create an underlying culture of respect and support," Eves added.

Barbick's three dogs are Adalind, who she got through SwissRidge Kennels in Schomberg, Ontario, Canada; Monroe, a bernesdoodle, a cross between a Bernese mountain dog and poodle (his trading card lists him as liking swimming, hiking, traveling, playing fetch, snuggling and working with kids and adults); and Rosalee, a mini English golden doodle, who like Monroe enjoys



Paul and Bonnie Barbick of Pinckney visit Cambridge High School with their therapy dogs Monroe, Rosalee and Adalind each Tuesday. SUE MASON

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director, Cambridge High School

swimming, hiking, traveling and working with kids and adults, as well as belly rubs.

Adalind, the youngest of Barbick's therapy dogs, is a SwissRidge Doodle. She likes hugging, snuggling, playing chase, chasing birds, trail walks and

loving on people.

"I didn't know if Monroe could do this work as he was a wild child pup, but with lots of training, he has become very wonderful. The young and

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Recreational marijuana? Voters will decide Nov. 6

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Michigan voters will decide next month whether to join nine other states and the District of Columbia in legalizing marijuana for recreational use.

Proposal 1, the result of a petition drive that gathered more than 360,000 signatures, would allow residents age 21 and older to keep up to 10 ounces of marijuana and cultivate up to 12 plants at a time, plus would establish a framework for regulating a marijuana industry that would include growers, transporters, safety compliance testers and retail outlets. The plan will appear on the Tuesday, Nov. 6, general election ballot.

Supporters say Proposal 1 would free law enforcement resources to focus on more serious crimes, help level a justice system that disproportionately affects people of color when it comes to marijuana offenses and bring in much-needed tax revenue that would fund schools and transportation infrastructure, as well as the new regulatory system.

"The point is to design a system that encourages people to come into the legal, regulated marketplace and design the economics so that there's less incentive to participate in the black market," said Matthew Abel, a lawyer and longtime advocate of legalization. Abel, executive director of the Michigan chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, helped draft the document that will become law should the measure pass.

"Just like with alcohol, the prohibition of marijuana has actually increased crime," said Robin Schneider of the Coalition to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol, speaking earlier this month in Canton Township. "It's completely failed to decrease consumption. ... It's not working to protect the youth of our communities."

Opponents warn of unintended consequences: increased use by children and teenagers, higher rates of impaired driving and more traffic crashes and illegal activity by sellers who want to skirt the rules and growers who could hide in plain sight and export their marijuana to other states. Michigan, they say, should learn from states where it's already legal.

"These laws have not been on the

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P-CEP CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA PERFORM FIRST CONCERT

Some 300 student-musicians descended Oct. 15 on Salem's Gloria Logan Auditorium as the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's award-winning choir and orchestra programs kicked off their concert season with a combined performance. A total of eight choirs and two string orchestras performed. The P-CEP music programs are some of the most successful in the state. The orchestra, directed by Cathy DePentu, has members selected for MSBOA all-state honors each year and dozens of students compete in the yearly MSBOA solo & ensemble competition. The choir program, directed by Jennifer **Neumann and Jonathan** Lunneberg, includes eight school choirs and a number of club choirs, which perform in competitions and festivals around the region.



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Check out these Halloween events

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It's almost here. One of the best holidays of the year, the day when dressing up and going around the neighborhood isn't frowned upon.

It's time to put those finishing touches on that costume and get the candy ready for the little ghouls and goblins for next Wednesday. Of course, there's plenty of opportunities to get some mileage out of that costume before All Hallow's Eve next week.

Here are four Halloween events taking place in the Hometown Life area this weekend.

Pumpkin patch, Halloween parade in Birmingham

Shain Park in downtown Birmingham will be the place to be Sunday afternoon.

The annual pumpkin patch will take place 1-4 p.m. at the park, complete with children's activities and live entertainment and plenty of fall snacks



Motor City Ghost Hunter Heather Anderson sets up her gear for the evening. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

such as apple cider.

Then, stay at the park for the annual parade, kicking off at 4 p.m. at Bates and Martin.

For more information, including a schedule of events, go to Birmingham Shopping District's website.

Ghost hunting in Wayne,

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CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS

The Canton Public Library is at 1200 S. Canton Center Road. For more information, call 734-397-0999 or go to www.cantonpl.org.

Teen Boredom Busters

When: For five or 50 minutes, any time

Details: Students who need a brain break after school can learn something new, meet a friend, relieve stress and have fun in our Teen Space with passive or planned activities.

Computer Skills Help for Beginners

When: 9-11 a.m. each Saturday Details: Experts are on hand to answer questions or connect you to additional resources.

Board Gaming League of Canton

When: Noon first Saturday of each month

Details: Drop by to play some of the hottest games, sharpen your mental skills and meet new folks.

ELL Conversation Groups

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

Details: Practice speaking English in an informal setting with Community Literacy Council volunteers.

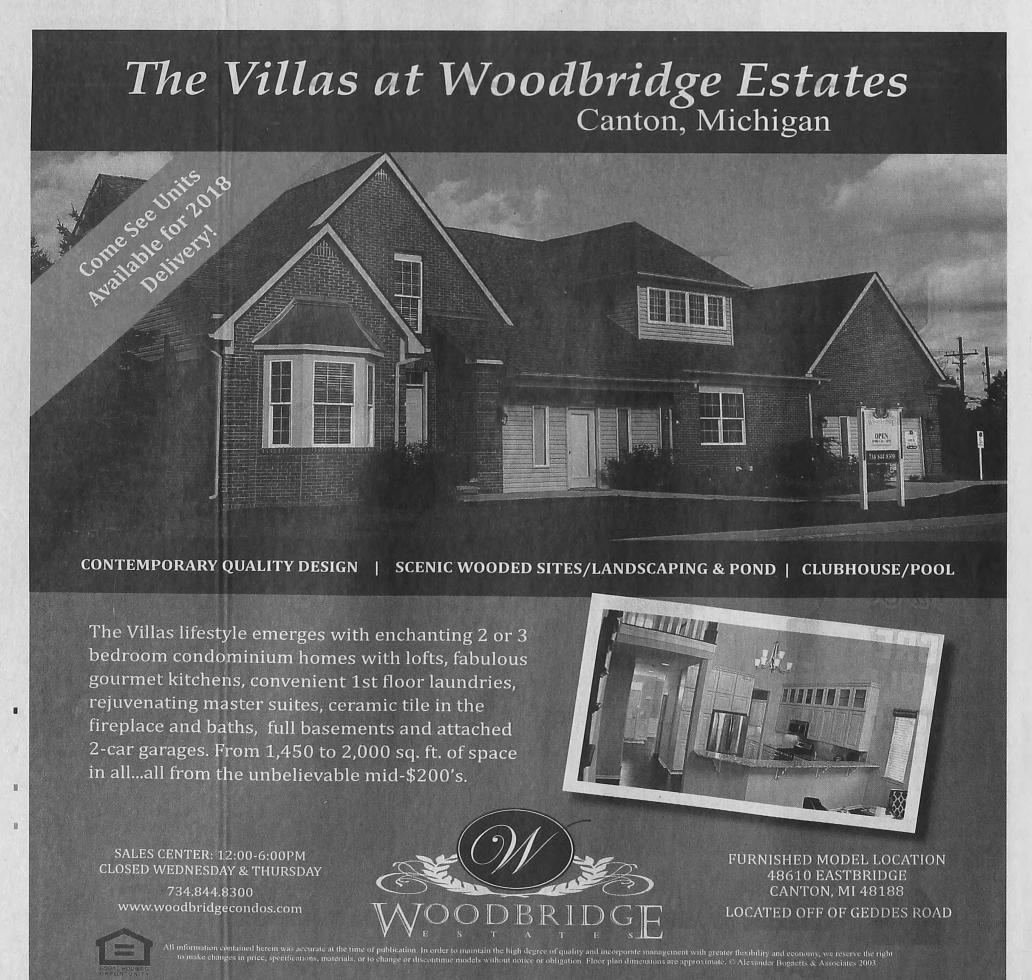
Digital Download Drop-In Help

When: 10-11 a.m. each Friday
Details: Get one-on-one help from
our information desk. Bring your device and, if you are a Kindle user, your
Amazon log-in information.

ELL Reading Group

When: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Friday

Details: Beginning or Intermediate English Language Learners are invited to read together and discuss short articles, etc., in English with a tutor.



Pagan

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"My parents live in Plymouth, my inlaws live in Canton. I love serving the people of Canton and I hope to earn that privilege one more time."

Herbert isn't making it easy with his lawsuit. He challenges Pagan's residency based on several factors.

Voter registration

Canton Township Clerk Michael Siegrist confirmed this week that both Pagan and her husband, Karl Lopata, are registered to vote in Canton. Pagan has been registered since 2012 and Lopata registered in July 2018.

Herbert cited a Google search he did on Lopata's voting record, which says he's registered to vote in Ann Arbor.

The Ann Arbor house

Much of Herbert's suit is based on the fact Pagan and Lopata, a nurse practitioner who works at U-M Hospital, bought a house in the city of Ann Arbor in 2016. Both Pagan and Lopata are signatories to the mortgage and, Herbert said, to the accompanying principal residence exemption filed in the city.

That, Herbert said, makes them residents of Ann Arbor, not Canton. Herbert alleges Pagan claimed a principal residence exemption on the house, an exemption allowed by state law for a primary residence occupied by the owner.

Pagan's attorney, Peter Ruddell of Honigman, Miller Schwartz & Cohn, dismissed the purchase of the house as nothing unusual and denied Pagan signed the PRE. Hometown Life submitted a Freedom of Information Act request seeking a copy of the PRE, but Ann Arbor officials have yet to respond.

Late Friday afternoon, Ruddell provided a copy of the PRE, which shows only Lopata's signature.

"(Pagan) is not a party to that affidavit ... She's a co-owner of the property," Ruddell said. "She is not claiming it as her principal residence and is not claiming it for a homestead exemption."

Pagan said her husband filed the PRE on the Ann Arbor house, which she has said he uses as a rental property.

Herbert counters that, if that were true, there should be a record of it being



State Rep. Kristy Pagan, D-Canton, said, "Canton is my hometown" in response to a lawsuit questioning her residency. FILE PHOTO

registered as such with city, which he claims is required by local ordinance.

The ordinance, however, does not distinguish between short- and long-term rentals. A search on Airbnb.com did not find any homes available on Detroit Street in Ann Arbor.

And Lisha Tolbert, building and rental services manager for the city of Ann Arbor, confirmed "there is no ordinance" that requires a short-term rental property be registered with the city.

Primary residence

Fred Woodhams, spokesman for the Michigan Secretary of State Bureau of Elections, said state law does, indeed, require legislators to maintain their residence in their district.

State law (MCL, Act 116 of 1954, Section 168.11) defines residence as "that place at which a person habitually sleeps, keeps his or her personal effects and has a regular place of lodging."

If a person has more than one residence, the act says, that place at which the person resides the greater part of the time shall be his or her official residence for the purposes of the act.

Pagan and Ruddell said that place, for Pagan, is the Canton apartment.

"People have multiple residences all the time," Ruddell said. "(Pagan's) primary residence is and has been the apartment in Canton."

In a release made available this week, Herbert made it clear he believes Pagan's claims of Canton residency are dubious.

"It's clear that we are being lied to and the only reason (Pagan) maintains an address in Canton is to hide where she really lives with her husband," Herbert said in the release. "I believe not only should she not be allowed to be re-elected, but should be removed from office and that she and her husband be investigated for possible fraud and periury."

Woodhams wouldn't comment on Herbert's lawsuit specifically, saying the matter is "not one for the elections bureau," but would likely be settled in court.

The case currently sits before Wayne County Circuit Judge Robert Columbo. Ruddell said he has filed a motion on Pagan's behalf to become a third party to the suit, but Columbo had not yet ruled on it as of Oct. 17.

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Halloween

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Westland

If communicating with historical people is your style, the Motor City Ghost Hunters will help you learn how.

The group, which does investigations across the state, will hold a public ghost tour at the Westland Historical Village, 857 Wayne Road, Friday night to a sold-out crowd. If you don't have tickets for that event, they'll be at the Wayne Historical Museum, 1 Towne Square, Saturday night.

While the Westland event is sold out, tickets for the Wayne event were still available as of earlier this week and are \$25. They can be purchased on Eventbrite. For more information, go to motorcityghosthunters.com.

Trick-or-treat parade in Canton

If your children are ready to collect some candy early, be sure to pick up tickets to Canton's trick-or-treat parade this Friday night.

The annual parade takes place 5-8 p.m. at The Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway. Children are encouraged to dress in their Halloween costume and traverse the path collecting treats, ending at a haunted house.

Those looking to attend will need a ticket, sold only in advance. Tickets sale end at 10 p.m. tonight and are available at the front desk at The Summit. For more information, go to Canton Township website.

Boo Bash in Milford

If your child hasn't had enough trick-or-treating at special events by Saturday night, then head to downtown Milford for one more chance to collect those tasty goodies.

The annual Boo Bash takes place 5-6 p.m. throughout the village's downtown area. Trick-or-treaters can hit the street with many of the hometown merchants.

For more information, contact Wendi Skolnik at 248-684-1975.

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Increased SS benefit isn't all good news



It was just announced by the Social Security Administration that Social Security benefits will increase by 2.8 percent in 2019, the largest cost-of-living adjustment since 2012. What that means is that the average Social Security recipient, who currently receives \$1,422 a month, will see a \$39 a month increase to \$1,461.

In calculating the increase, the government uses the consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers (CPI-W). The government uses for its calculation numbers from the third quarter of 2017 to the third quarter of 2018. During the third quarter of 2018, gas prices significantly increased, thus resulting in a higher cost-of-living adjustment than we've seen in previous years. In 2018, the cost-of-living adjustment was 2 percent; in 2017 it was 0.3 percent and in 2016 there was no cost-of-living adjustment.

Another piece of good news for Social Security re-

cipients was from the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services, which announced that Medicare Part B premiums for most people are only increasing to \$135.50 a month, up from \$134. However, it is important to remember that Medicare B premiums are no longer the same for everyone. The Medicare B premiums are affected by your income. For example, if your income is between \$85,000 and \$107,000 and you're single, or \$170,000 and \$214,000 if you're married, your monthly premiums will increase from \$187.50 a month to \$189.60 a month. If you're single and your income was between \$107,000 and \$133,500, or for married couples \$214,000 to \$267,000, your new Medicare premium will jump to \$270.90 a month. For those who are single and earn between \$133,501 and \$160,000 a year or \$267,001 and \$320,000 for married couples, your premiums will increase to \$352.20 a month. Single people who earn between \$160,001 and \$499,999 or \$320,001 to \$749,999 for married couples, your new premium is \$433.40 a month. For those single individuals who earn more than a half-million dollars a year or \$750,000 for married couples, your new premium will \$460.50 a month.

For those who are in one of the higher income areas,

it's important to realize that your Medicare B premiums are based upon your 2017 income. However, there are ways that you can contest or reduce your income surcharge. If you had a life-changing event such as retirement, death of a spouse or divorce, it is possible that you can contest the surcharge.

One last thing about Medicare for 2019 is that deductibles for Part A, which covers hospital services, will increase to \$1,364 from \$1,340. In addition, deductibles for Medicare Part B, which covers outpatient services and physicians, will increase to \$185 from \$183

The reality is Social Security benefits do not keep up with the cost of living. That is why I always tell retirees they must keep a portion of their portfolio invested for long-term growth in order to keep up. When someone retires, they need to make sure their portfolio can provide them a rising income the rest of their lives.

Good luck

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to questions, email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

Find what restaurants were cited by health dept.

A dirty can opener. A dead mouse. No hot water in a cook's sink. Mold on the inside of an ice machine. Cole slaw kept in a 52-degree cooler.

It's the kind of careless actions in restaurants and other food-service places that can lead to food-borne illnesses. The Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that, each year, 48 million people get sick, 128,000 are hospitalized and 3,000 die from such illnesses.

Wayne County is working to lessen those chances with 18 environmental food service inspectors who, each year, pay unannounced visits to 3,500 restaurants, schools, festivals, houses of worship, street fairs, clubs, bars and food trucks. This excludes Detroit, which has its own inspection unit.

In an ongoing series, Hometown Life is reporting on food safety violations by restaurants that handle the food you eat.

The latest installment focuses on findings in September by Wayne County food inspectors, who pay unannounced visits to restaurants, schools, festivals, street fairs, houses of worship and other places that serve food to the public. Their goal is to get problems corrected in an effort to avoid food-borne illnesses.

Hometown Life is taking a look at "priority" items — some of the most serious.

In September, 44 restaurants in Livonia had priority violations; Northville had nine; Canton had 33; Plymouth had seven; and Westland had 16.

 $Generally, priority\ items-improper\ cooking\ times,$

prepared food with no expiration date, perishable food left outside a refrigerator — are violations that could lead to food-borne illnesses.

Some violations appear more often than others on inspection reports. One common culprit — one that could lead to food-borne illnesses — involves certain perishable food stored at temperatures higher than 41 degrees, which is a violation. Hot foods, meanwhile, should be cooked to 135 degrees or warmer.

Lesser violations might include no soap in an employee restroom or flies near a floor drain. A core violation could include a microwave needing cleaning on the inside or a back screen door that isn't tight-fitting.

Find out which local restaurants and what the violations are at hometownlife.com.

Dogs

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old adore him," Barbick said. "Rosalee is my old soul. She is a very calm goldendoodle. Adalind is a love bucket. She just wants to hug and lick and snuggle. All these dogs want to do is please and love and make everyone very happy."

In addition to Cam-

bridge and Stockbridge high schools, the dogs also visit Quality Care of Howell once a week, Kennedy Learning Center in Southfield once a month and the Downriver Veterans Court every few months.

Barbick does obedience training at Sit Means Sit In Rochester Hills. It promotes the Go Team, which got its start with the Waldo Canyon Fires in Colorado in sum-

mer 2012. Go Team founder Nancy Trepagnier is the master trainer and travels the country doing weekend training for Go Team candidates, Barbick said.

"We train on buses, escalators, elevators, stairs. We go to a fire house and train around the sirens and lights on the trucks," Barbick said. "The dogs greet the fully suited firefighters. We also visit large crowded areas like Bass Pro Shops and work the crowd. We visit assisted living and memory care facilities and train at airports and with the TSA.

"There also is classroom work as well, so it's a very full weekend of training." she added. "If you graduate, you are a certified Go Team Therapy, Crisis and Airport member."

The Go Team is recognized by the American Kennel Club as a certified therapy group. Dogs must have earned the AKC's Canine Good Citizen title before even trying for Go Team. Once they complete Go Team training, dogs earn the AKC's Ca-

nine Good Citizen Advanced and Urban titles.

Monroe and Roasalee also have three additional AKC titles — Therapy Dog, Therapy Dog Advanced and Therapy Dog Excellent. The latter is a new title. Barbick's dogs earned it after making 200 visits.

"A therapy dog should be non-reactive to other dogs and be very friendly and loving to all they meet," Barbick said. "We are trained to give comfort and affection to anyone that wants to have us visit.

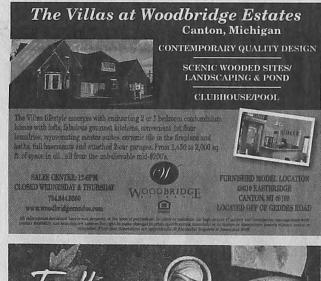
"I am not a trainer, but we constantly go to training classes to keep us on top of our game," she added

The Go Team goes well beyond Michigan. According to Barbick, "we have almost 1,000 teams nationwide. We also have a team in Germany and South Korea." With the holidays coming, she is hoping to have the therapy dogs "work the airports during the holiday season as stress buster dogs."

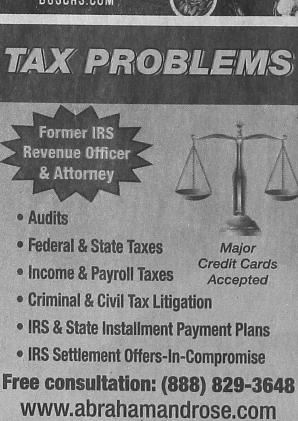
Barbick's dogs aren't the only canines that visit the school. Supervisors Noral Ford and Mary Ann Brewer bring their dogs Marco and Sophie to school and have them visit classrooms to interact with students. Some students also get the opportunity to walk Marco in the halls as a reward for good behavior.

"Students smile when they see the dogs; they bend down and pet them and you can see their stress lifting, even if it's momentary," Eves said. "Positive experiences like that help them cope."

For more information about the Go Team Therapy Dogs, go to GoTeam-Dogs.org or info@Go-TeamDogs.org. Cambridge High School is a school of choice high school, offering students an opportunity to recover credits and graduate. For more information, call 734-762-8430.







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What you should know about Proposal 1

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Proposal 1, a 100-word yes-or-no question voters across the state will answer Nov. 6, has behind it a legal document - the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act — that defines the dos and don'ts of recreational marijuana and outlines a system for regulating its cultivation, production, sale and taxation.

The proposed act will become law should Proposal 1 be approved next month. Here are some of its key points:

■ Individuals age 21 and over would be able to possess up to 2.5 ounces of marijuana (including no more than 15 grams of concentrate) on their persons and up to 10 ounces in their homes and would be able to have up to 12 plants at home for personal use. Amounts greater than 2.5 ounces would have to be kept in a locked container or a locked area with restricted access.

Operating a vehicle while under the influence of marijuana would not be legalized, nor would smoking it within any vehicle on public roads, waterways or airspace.

marijuana users regarding workplace drug-testing or for users whose prospective employers test them as a part of a hiring process. Employers would not be required to make accommodations for marijuana users.

Marijuana consumption in public and smoking marijuana where forbidden by the person who owns, occupies or manages the property would not be authorized, except that municipalities could designate areas for consumption from which people under age 21 would be barred

■ The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs would set rules to administer the act and oversee regulation of the marijuana industry. It would have up to 12 months to organize the licensing system before accepting applications.

Licenses would be required for retailers, marijuana safety compliance facilities, transporters, processors, growers and micro-businesses; a microbusiness license would enable the holder to cultivate up to 150 plants, process and package marijuana and sell or transfer marijuana to people over age 21 or to a safety compliance facility, but not to any other marijuana establishments.

I Growers licenses would come in ■ There would be no protections for three types: Class A (100 or fewer

plants), Class B (no more than 500 plants) and Class C (no more than 2,000

Processors could not make, and retailers could not sell, marijuana-infused candy that could be confused with ordinary candy or that is in shapes or packaging that would be attractive to children. Retailers would have to sell marijuana in child-resistant packaging.

Communities could adopt legislation to prohibit marijuana establishments or to limit the number of such establishments and could also adopt ordinances for their zoning and for the regulation of hours of operation.

Citizens, using a petition drive, would be able put on the ballot an ordinance proposal to provide for the number of marijuana establishments in that community or to ban them completely. A ballot initiative would allow voters the chance to override their community's elected officials if the officials banned marijuana establishments.

A community's ban would not apply to people who grow and possess marijuana for personal use.

Retail marijuana sales would be subject to a 10-percent excise tax, as well as Michigan's 6-percent sales tax. That would put Michigan's marijuana taxes among the lowest compared to states where recreational marijuana is now legal.

The state's marijuana revenue (the excise taxes and licensing fees) would be used to implement and enforce the act and excess would be allocated as follows: 35 percent to the school aid fund, 35 percent to the transportation fund, 15 percent to municipalities in which marijuana retail stores or micro-businesses are located and 15 percent to counties in which marijuana retail stores or microbusinesses are located. The money sent to counties and communities would be allocated in proportion to the number of retail stores and micro-businesses within the community or county.

In addition, \$20 million would be set aside annually, for at least two years, to fund clinical trials, approved by the Food and Drug Administration, into the effectiveness of marijuana in treating the medical conditions of military veterans and preventing veteran suicides.

Sources: The Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act, Ballotpedia, the Burlington (Vt.) Free

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Marijuana

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books very long," Mike Fisher, a Livonia assistant city attorney, said at a recent anti-pot forum in that city. "It's too soon to take this step. That's another genie you'll never be able to put back in the bottle.

"Legalization is about one thing and one thing only: legalization is about profits," said Luke Niforatos, senior policy adviser at Smart Approaches to Marijuana. Niforatos, a former Colorado resident, spoke at the same panel discussion at which Schneider appeared. He characterized legal marijuana as a disaster for Colorado. "Let's not normalize this. There are better ways we can go," he said.

Along with competing claims about

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the proposal, the two sides offer competing analyses to bolster their arguments or refute the other side's claims.

Detractors, for example, cite a report by the Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (an arm of the Office of National Drug Control Policy) that Colorado traffic deaths involving drivers who tested positive for marijuana jumped from 55 in 2013 to 138 in 2017. Recreational marijuana became legal in Colorado on Jan. 1, 2014.

Supporters point to a study by the National Bureau of Economic Research that found recreational marijuana had little or no effect on traffic fatalities in Colorado and Washington state, where pot also became legal in 2014, relative to states where recreational pot was not legal. (The same study noted that science and policy "are playing catch up" in measuring the risks of driving while

> Additional event parking is available at Schoolcraft

> > College.

New state revenue is a big selling point for Proposal 1 fans. A recent study commissioned by the Coalition to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol estimated \$134.5 million in annual revenue, while the Michigan Senate Fiscal Agency pegged yearly marijuana revenue at \$262 million by 2023. Proponents, like Abel, also tout the savings they say would come with redirecting the criminal justice system away from prosecuting marijuana crimes.

Opponents, though, say the revenue would be minuscule compared to the state's total budget. Michigan's budget for the 2019 fiscal year is about \$56.8 billion; \$262 million is less than one-half of 1 percent of that.

Proposal 1's passage would have no direct affect on Michigan's medical marijuana law, except to eliminate the current 3-percent excise tax on medical marijuana.

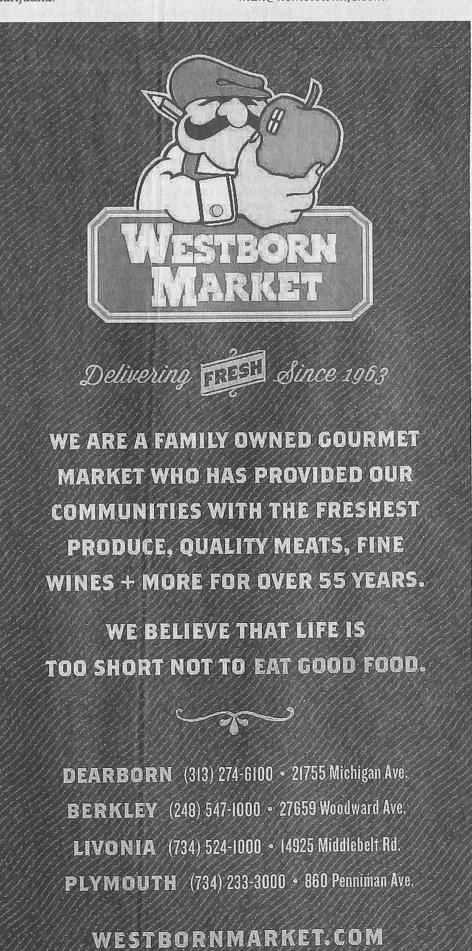
Most recent polling suggests voters will approve Proposal 1 next month. And the pro-Proposal 1 side has outraised and outspent the opposition, with the Coalition to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol reporting contributions totaling \$1.74 million as of July, according to Ballotpedia. Two opposition groups, Healthy and Productive Michigan and the Committee to Keep Pot Out of Neighborhoods and Schools, reported combined contributions totaling \$286,000.

But opponents remain motivated. "This thing is up for grabs," said Scott Greenlee of Healthy and Productive Michigan.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has an extensive section on the health effects of marijuana on its website at www.cdc.gov/marijuana/.

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AREA EVENTS

Send calendar items to LIV-OENewstip@hometownlife.com. Items must be received at least two weeks prior to the event.

'Hallelujah Girls'

Still Got It Players will perform "The Hallelujah Girls," scheduled for Thursday through Sunday, Oct. 25-28, in the Biltmore Studio at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton, with performances at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Tickets are \$15 to \$18 and can be purchased at www.cantonvillage theater.org, over the phone at 734-394-5300, ext. 3, or at the box office between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. each weekday. If any tickets are still available, they can also be purchased one hour prior to show time.

For more information, contact director Joe Arcel jarcel1670@wowway.com or 734-812-3325.

Canton's Trick or **Treat Parade**

The Canton Leisure Services will host annual Trick or Treat Parade 5-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, inside the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. Children of all ages are encouraged to attend this family-friendly event in costume and follow the not-so-scary trail from room to room, each filled with special surprises and little goodies. For those who dare, a spooky haunted house will be available in the Summit's Gymnasium. Note that this experience may be too intense for small children.

Tickets will only be sold in advance through Oct. 25 for \$6 per child for Summit on the Park members, \$7 per child for Canton residents and \$11 per child for non-residents. A limited number of fast pass tickets for designated time slots will be available for an additional \$1 fee at the Summit Front Desk, while supplies last. All ticket sales will end at 10 p.m. Oct. 25. Proof of residency will be required to purchase tickets and there is a 10-ticket limit per per-

For more information. call 734-394-5460 or go to www.cantonfun.org.

Halloween at Yankee Air Museum

The Yankee Air Museum, 47884 D Street, in Belleville will host its third annual Halloween Spooktacular from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27. Admission is free.

Air support is being provided by Dave's Helicopter Service, which will drop candy from the sky for kids to gather. Ground support is being provided with a World War II era U.S. Army half-track. Free rides will be given on the armored personnel carrier. The event will also include live animals, scientific experiments, trick or treating and more.

For more information, call 734-483-4030.

Canton Fine Arts Exhibition

Art in a variety of media will be on display during the 26th annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition, hosted by The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

A total of 150 works were submitted, resulting in the selection of 40 pieces as part of the exhibition, which will run through Oct. 27 in the Gallery@VT. This year's distinguished juror is Amy Foster, who is a 1994 graduate of the Center for Creative Studies College of Art and Design in De-

Featured artists include: Jean-Paul Aboudib, Jim Aho, J. Susan Aitken, Zainab Arshad, Kevin Brazell, Mary Jo Caruana, Travis D. Erby, Myles Gallagher, Dennis Gordon, Rachel Hinz, Janet Kondziela, Kay Masini, Kathleen McNamee, Alexandria Milot, John Mrozik, John Mullinax, Barbara Eko Murphy, Susan Perrish, Anne Rouan, Chuck Schroeder, Brenda Beene Shackleford, Melissa Sheffer, Will Stanford, Donna Thompson, James Tidwell, Marty Walker and Marilyn Wynne.

The Gallery@VT is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, also by appointment and during all public performances. The exhibition is free and open to the public. For more information, go to www. cantonvillagetheater.org or call 734-394-5300.

Miller Woods fall walk

Join the Friends of Miller Woods during its fall walk 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28. Tours leave every half-hour from the entrance to the woods on Powell Road, just west of Ridge Road, between North Territorial and Ann Arbor roads, in Plymouth Township. Tours are free and typically last 60 min-

No dogs or strollers allowed. Must be able to walk on uneven surfaces due to large tree roots. For more information, go to millerwoods.com or call 734-459-7666.

Music at the Elks

Jazz @ The Elks happens 7-9:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.

RB3 & SHE will perform Tuesday, Oct. 30. The band consists of Ron Brooks on bass, Ellen Rowe on keyboards, Ingrid Racine on trumpet, Janell Reichman on sax and Karen Tomalis on drums.

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

Q&A sessions for PARC

The Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex will be holding Q&A sessions 6-7 p.m. each Thursday through Nov. 1. These gatherings are meant to be sessions where you can bring your list of questions to be answered regarding the PARC pro-

Sessions will be held in the PARC Model Room, 650 Church Street, in Plymouth. For more information, call 734-927-4090.

Holiday artisan market

The Canton Farmers Market will host the inaugural holiday artisan market from 10 a.m. to 4

p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, in Banquet Center of the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. More than 25 vendors will be on-site offering a variety of handmade merchandise from local arti-

person and will be donated to a local charity. For more information, go to www.cantonfun.org call 734-394-5460.

International Festival

Experience music, dance, and drama from around the world from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, when Canton's International Festival returns to The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road. This annual cultural and educational festival celebrates the diversity of Canton and surrounding communities through song and dance. Cultural displays, vendor tables and an international sweets table offering treats from local stores and bakeries will be located in the lobby during the performance.

Tickets are \$2 per person at the door; cash only. Audience members can get their hand stamped and come and go as they please throughout the day. Seating for this main stage production is general admission. For more information, call 734-394-5300 or go to www. cantonvillagetheater.org.

Holiday craft event

The Canton Newcomers and Neighbors club will host a holiday table centerpiece craft event at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 7, at 45956 Gainsborough Drive. Cost is \$5 for non-members and free for members. For more information, go to www.cantonwomen.com

Conference on suicide

Kevin's Song, a local nonprofit dedicated to raising awareness about the causes of suicide and preventative measures, will host its third annual conference on suicide Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 8-10, at the Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile Road, in Plymouth.

This year's conference, titled A Conference on Suicide: Confronting a Public Health Crisis, will tackle this difficult issue from a variety of angles, featuring a diverse lineup of speakers and experts from fields dealing with suicide in a multiplicity of ways. Uniquely, the conference's third day will be dedicated to survivors, including attempt survivors and those who have lost loved ones to suicide.

A full conference agenda and registration details can be found at kevinssong.org.

'Moonlight' at Village Theater

Spotlight Players will stage "Escanaba in da Moonlight" at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton with performances Thursday through Sunday, Nov. 8-11. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Tickets are \$15 to \$18 and available at www. cantonvillagetheater.org, by phone at 734-394-5300, ext. 3, or at the box office from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each weekday. If any tickets are still available, they can also be purchased one hour prior to show time.

For more information, goerlitzgirls@ email gmail.com.

Salute To Service

Canton will honor area Admission is \$1 per men and women who have served and who are currently serving in the armed forces in a Salute to Service event Sunday, Nov. 11, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, Cherry Hill Road. Doors open at 6 p.m. for military displays and reception. The main presentation is scheduled for 7 p.m.

This year's keynote speaker is Brig. Gen. Carol Ann Fausone, who received her commission in 1977 in the U.S. Air Force as a medical officer after graduating from college. Fausone served on active duty in various nursing staff positions and transferred in late 1981 to the Michigan Air National Guard. The program will also feature musical tributes sung by the Workman Elementary Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Keri L. Mueller.

The public is encouraged to attend this free event - no tickets are required, all ages are welcome to attend. For more information, call 734-394-5300 or go to www. cantonvillagetheater.org.

Detroit All-Star Band Showcase

The Detroit All-Star Band Showcase 2018 will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton. World-renowned comedy-magician Jeff Hobson will be featured, along with the Jerry Ross Band.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchase at www. cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling 734-394-5300. Tickets can also be purchased at the box office one hour prior to show time.

Grace Canton craft market

Grace Canton church, 46788 Cherry Hill Road, will host a holiday craft market from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17. This event will feature crafters and artisans selling an array of fine arts, handmade gifts, jewelry, ceramics, apparel, accessories and home goods.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, email kelly@kellycaroline.com or call 734-536-1705.

Plymouth Goodfellows meeting

Christmas planning has begun for the Plymouth Goodfellows, who have assisted families with food, clothes and toys for the past 80 years. The group is looking for volunteers. A meeting in preparation for the 2018 Christmas season is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 19, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street.

For more information, contact Kristen at 734262-3199, plymouthgoodfellows@ yahoo.com or go to www. plymouthgoodfellows.

Preschool open house

The Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex and the Plymouth Family YMCA have announced their collaboration on new enrichment program for preschool age children, Plymouth PEP (Preschool Enrichment Program) beginning January 2019. To kick off the program and introduce it to the community, an open house will be held at PARC, 650 Church Street, from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Dec. 4. Parents are encouraged to bring their children and experience everything the program has to offer.

Plymouth PEP will offer a comprehensive schedule of classes for preschool children ages 3-5. Classes include art, swimming, dance, sports, music, theater and more. All classes will be offered at PARC. Classes will be taught by instructors from the YMCA and other participating PARC organizations. Classes will be offered Monday through Friday during the morning hours.

A complete schedule of classes including days, times, and registration information, will be availat 'www.ymca detroit/plymouth, beginning the first week of No-

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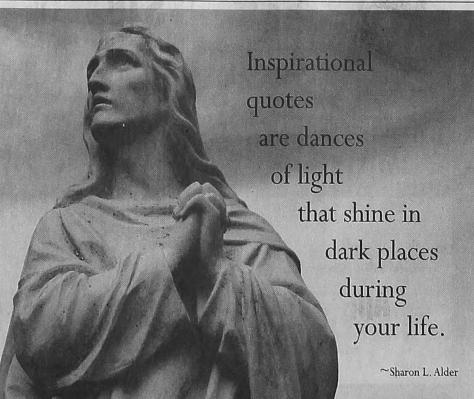


Marcella Owens

- - Marcella Marie (Bak) Owens passed away quietly at home on Monday, Oct. 15, 2018. She is survived by her husband Roy; children Scott and Michele; grandchildren Lance, Victoria, and Michael; and a host of extended family and friends. God Bless and may she rest in eternal peace.

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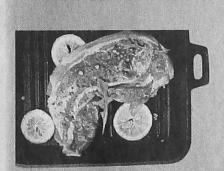
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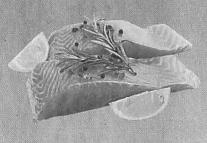


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Sports



PREP FOOTBALL

South Lyon completes dream season

Lions hold off Cougars to finish with 9-0 record

Tim Smith

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A perfect season usually requires good players making good plays and a modicum of good luck.

The South Lyon Lions followed that formula, coming from behind Friday to win 20-15 at South Lyon East — and capping off a 9-0 regular season.

Early in the season, an opponent hit the upright with what would have been a winning field goal, enabling the Lions to nab another win. There were a couple of other successful last-ditch rallies that kept the streak alive. And against the pesky Cougars — who desperately needed a win to get an automatic state playoff berth (the team the playoffs with a 5-4 record) — a field-goal try by East kicker Domenic Angelosanto with 12 seconds left in the first half was blocked and bounced into the hands of Lions junior Jake Newman.

He picked up the pigskin near the South Lyon 8-yard line and dashed 92 yards for a touchdown that shocked the Cougars, suddenly putting the Lions up 7-3 at halftime.

"I just saw the ball get blocked and, right away, just like how we practice

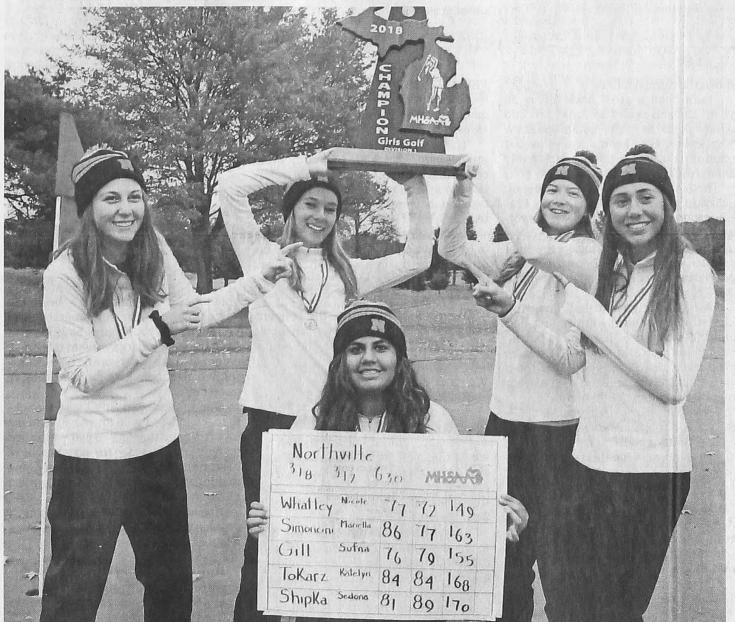
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South Lyon's Jake Newman (left) tackles a South Lyon East player. Newman scored a crucial touchdown at the end of the first half, returning a blocked field goal. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

GIRLS GOLF

PERFECT ENDING



The Northville girls golf team celebrates its first Division 1 state championship Oct. 20 in Battle Creek. DEBBIE STEIN

Northville seals the deal with first state championship

Brad Emons

USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Not even ice, hail, wind and rain could keep the Northville girls golf team from completing its dream season Saturday during the MHSAA Division 1 state finals in Battle Creek.

The Mustangs brought home their first state championship from Bedford Valley Golf Course with a two-day total of 318-312—630. That was 31 strokes better than runner-up Plymouth (329-332_611), a fellow member of the KLAA West Division, and 34 strokes clear of third-place Traverse City West (331-333—664).

Northville was fourth a year ago and its best previous finish was second 2003, but this one will be special in more ways than one. The No. 1-ranked Mustangs went unbeaten in all 18-hole tournaments and undefeated in dual

matches this season.

Mother Nature did its best to disrupt Northville's coronation, but even two weather delays Saturday couldn't keep the Mustangs from their ultimate dream.

"I think we're a tough team, we played in some conditions this year, but those tested how tough you were, how hard you wanted to finish," North-

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5 TO WATCH

Monster match: CC vs. Canton to open playoffs

Marty Budner

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Incredibly, the postseason is upon

It seems like it got her faster than a Roderick Heard jet sweep.

But here we are.

After a fun nine-week regular season, the Michigan High School Athletic Association invited 256 teams to its annual playoff party. The field includes 213 teams which qualified by the automatic six-win total and 43 other fortunate invites the first teams.

A total of 16 Hometown Life football teams representing four different divisions are in the hunt for a coveted state trophy.

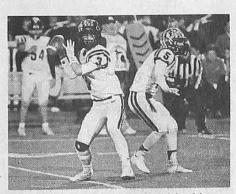
The HTL field includes four Division 1 teams; six Division 2 teams; three Division 3 teams; and three in Division 4.

Following are five HTL games to watch as pre-district action begins this week:

5 to watch

(all games at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, unless noted; records followed by

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Connor Fracassi gets good blocking help from Ian Goins. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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Northville

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ville coach Chris Cronin said. "At one point I walked out and all the kids were in the clubhouse — they blew the horn — and just a big storm had blown through. The greens were covered with ice because it was kind of a rain, hail mix. They were able to get it off. By the time the kids went back out the ice was gone. That was the second delay and a good hour-and-a-half delay. That was was a tough delay because you weren't sure you were going to get the round in."

Northville had two players finish in the top 10: Nicole Whatley, who placed fourth with 77-72—149, and Sufna Gill, who was fifth with 76-79—155.

Whatley played with Division 1 individual medalist Anika Dy of Traverse City West, the two-time Miss Golf who shot 68-72—140.

"I see Anika as more of a friend than anything else," Whatley said. "I was proud of her for winning her last tournament in high school. That's probably the coolest thing you can do."

Whatley shot even-par Saturday.

"Nicole makes everyone around her better," Cronin said. "She works so hard at improving her game and she is such an intelligent golfer. It wears off on others and pushes them to want to do more."

Gill, meanwhile, was able to make sand saves and long putts for pars over the two-day state finals.

"I was just so proud of my team, proud of the way we played," Gill said. "We were just so happy to see our teammates as they came off the course. It was an unbelievable experience."

Captain Mariella Simoncini, the team's lone senior who is committed to play at Oakland University, rebounded from a tough first round of 86 Friday to card 77 Saturday for a 163 total.

"The support of all my teammates was huge," Simoncini said. "It gave me

the confidence to play well on Day

Meanwhile, Katelyn Tokarz (84-84—168) and Sedona Shipka (81-89—170) also contributed to the state championship cause.

"Katelyn is so tough mentally," Cronin said. "She can hold it together, even when she doesn't have her best game working. Sedona was super-relaxed on day one and had a bounce to her step. She started of strong and just kept rolling."

Northville's depth also proved pivotal throughout the two-day state finals and season. The Mustangs' sixth player and alternate was Megha Vallabhaneni.

"We're deep and everybody can contribute and that happened at the state finals," Cronin said. "Kind of the way we rolled all year, where (if) somebody was out or if somebody didn't play well, somebody else would always step up and they did. I guess I shouldn't be surprised, but in a big stage like that, you always wonder how kids are going to react and we got some great performances."

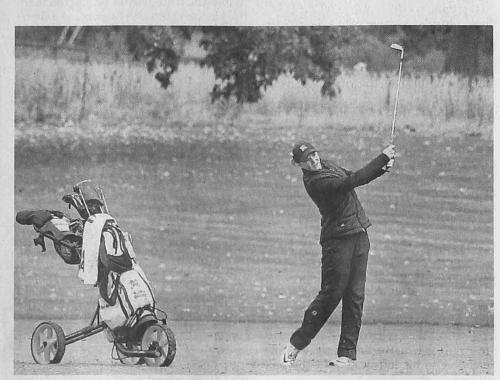
Cronin, in his second season coaching the Northville girls, could have the team to beat once again next season in Division 1. Five of the top six players return.

"We're bringing everybody back and the players we have are good players," Cronin said. "Mariella will be a huge loss for us, because she does a lot every day. She's a great leader, she's great to have in practice because she works. Great work ethic and just a positive, enthusiastic attitude. Who's going to pick up that slack? And I think that's important, particularly in girls golf, to have somebody who is always keeping you moving forward. I can only do so much as a coach and Mariella is great."

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Northville's Sufna Gill draws an iron out of the sand trap during the girls golf state finals. DEBBIE STEIN



Northville's Nicole Whatley takes aim at Bedford Valley G.C. in Battle Creek.

DEBBIE STEIN

Lions

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scoop and score and I took it all the way," Newman said. "I just knew we had to score right there and that ended up giving us huge momentum going into the second half."

South Lyon head coach Jeff Henson called Newman's clutch TD "the turning point of the game," played in rain and cold.

"We were struggling. They pretty much controlled the ball the whole first half," he said. "And that gave us a lot of momentum going into halftime. We made a few adjustments, came out second half, offense clicked and defense got some big plays, too."

Although South Lyon East did answer immediately in the third quarter on a 73-yard touchdown sweep around left end by Matt Gilbert (enabling the Cougars to regain a 9-7 lead), the Lions went to work in the second half behind a grind-it-out attack sparked by junior quarterback Connor Fracassi and workhorse senior running back Ian Goins.

South Lyon marched 80 yards in six plays, with Fracassi scoring on a keeper from the 3-yard line with 8:18 left in the third, putting the Lions back up 14-9. The key play of that drive was a 53-yard gainer by Goins, who hurdled Cougars near the line of scrimmage and bolted

down the right sideline.

"Ian's been a great back for us all year," Henson said. "He runs hard and what can you say? His results speak for themselves. He's been a leader on our team and a leader on offense. He's really been a difference maker."

The Lions salted the victory away on a 15-yard pass over the middle from Fracassi to senior Ron Menard, which followed a blocked East punt.

Capping off the scoring in the final minutes was a 31-yard TD toss from East quarterback Ayden Oliver to Brendan DeWitt

"We told the guys at halftime, 'You kind of dominated the entire first half and the sad part of it is you're on the wrong side of the scoreboard," Cougars head coach Joe Pesci said. "Told them we just had to rebound and keep playing the way we did in the first half.

"First play second half, we take it 55-60 yards for a touchdown and we're feeling pretty good about that. But we just couldn't get a couple stops when we needed to."

Following are several takeaways:

GOOD START

After going on a long drive that began at their own 17, the Cougars took a 3-0 lead early in the second quarter on a 37-yard field goal by Angelosanto.

Oliver came up clutch with thirddown completions of 8 yards to Jonathan Carter and 5 and 17 yards to Gilbert.

FEELING FESTIVE

Cougar Stadium resembled a college game with the stands packed on both sides of the turf.

"It was a great environment, great atmosphere," Pesci said. "South Lyon community came out strong to watch this game. And we knew it was going to be a tough game, knew it was two good teams going at it.

"And rivalry always amps it up a little bit, too. We knew that we had to be sound in all three phases. For the most part, we felt like we were."

LET IT ROLL

One of the highlights for the Cougars was a 61-yard punt by Hunter Williams, whose boot rolled down to the South Lyon 1-yard line.

WHAT A TURNAROUND

The Lions went 1-8 in 2017 and, with many of the same players on the roster, completely flipped the script.

"We have kind of taken it week by week, that's cliche," Henson said. "But credit to our kids. They have kept the focus week to week, they've done everything they can to improve week to week. That's what we did.

"From where we started in week one to where we are now, we're a completely different football team. We're confident and we're a better team. ... And yeah, we've gotten a lot of breaks. And that's what happens. Good teams and good seasons result in good things happening

and good breaks. Lord knows, we had enough bad ones last year."

KUDOS TO THE SENIORS

It was senior night at East, with 18 players concluding four years with the football program.

"This was the first freshman class I had when I was hired," Pesci said. "We were kind of excited about these guys when they came in. It's been a special group all year. We wanted to just get in the playoffs on our own, not have to rely on a 5-4 and playoff points.

"But it's a great group to be around, a great group of seniors. It's been the launching point for our program. And hopefully, the young guys have learned from these (senior) guys what it takes to compete in our program and be successful. We owe them a lot for what they've done for us."

One of those seniors, Jace Barackman, called it "a wild journey. We had a lot of ups and downs, we just continued to fight through it. Our coaches have been non-stop with the positivity, just making sure we're working our hardest at all times.

"It's just been a great season for us. It (stinks) that it ended like this, but it was a lot of fun."

If you have a compelling story to tell, contact Tim Smith at tsmith@hometownlife.com. Follow him on Twitter @TimSmith_Sports.

Playoffs

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MHSAA playoff points)

DIVISION 1

Canton (6-3, 73.222) at Catholic Central (6-3, 82.921): A monster matchup right off the bat between the HTL's No. 3 (Canton) and No. 4 (Catholic Central) teams. These highly-regarded squads met last year in the Division 1 regional, with the Shamrocks prevailing by one point (27-26). The Shamrocks are coming off a disappointing setback in the Catholic League Prep Bowl to defending Division 2 state champion Warren De La Salle. The Chiefs' three losses this year were to playoff teams which had a combined 22-5 overall record. Catholic Central has never lost to Canton in six meetings. This should be another classic. Picks: Emons (CC), Budner (Canton), Smith (Canton).

DIVISION 2

Dexter (6-3, 63.444) at South Lyon (9-0, 112.000): South Lyon ended a sensational regular season last week with an emotional triumph over district rival South Lyon East. The win capped a per-

fect regular season in which the Lions averaged four touchdowns per game and allowed two touchdowns per game. The newly-crowned Lakes Valley Conference champions have a talented, veteran team led by junior quarterback Connor Fracassi and senior running back Ian Goins. Dexter, which also averages 28 points per game, placed second to Jackson in the Southeastern Conference. The Dreadnaughts lost their regular-season finale to Whitehall, but had won four straight previous to that. Dexter owns a 14-12 overall series record, but the programs have not met since 1978, when they were both members of the Southeastern Conference. South Lyon won that last meeting 26-0. Picks: Emons (South Lyon), Budner (South Lyon), Smith (South Lyon).

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Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice (6-3, 79.444) at Livonia Churchill (7-2, 87.889): Another interesting first-round match-up between a pair of programs that have never met before. Churchill earned the right to host the game with a five-game season-ending winning streak. The Chargers, who placed third in the KLAA East Division behind Belleville and Fordson, have a powerful offense that averaged 37 points per game.

Brother Rice, which tied for third in the

tough Catholic League Central Division, has had trouble scoring points. The Warriors were held to 13 points or less four times this year, suffering back-to-back shutouts to CC and De La Salle. Churchill is still hurting from last year's loss in the district championship game to neighborhood rival Franklin. Picks: Emons (Churchill), Budner (Churchill), Smith (Churchill).

Birmingham Groves (7-2, 82.333) at Birmingham Seaholm (7-2, 84.222): The rematch is on. The teams played last week — Groves won on its home turf, 26-9 — for the 59th time in their long history. The victory was Groves' fifth straight as it has owned the recent history of the rivalry. The Falcons, making their sixth straight playoff appearance, are led by running backs Damonte McCurdy and Khalil Dawsey, who are big-play threats on every touch. Seaholm captured the OAA Blue Division championship in its comeback season after having won just one game last year. The Maples controlled the first half of last week's game with their vaunted veer-option attack, but struggled in the second half. Coach Jim DeWald's team aims to put together two strong halves to keep the Groves offense off the field. Picks: Emons (Groves), Budner

(Groves), Smith (Seaholm).

DIVISION 4

Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood (6-3, 63.444) at Farmington Harrison (6-3, 70.444), 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27: Harrison, the Division 3 state runner-up last season to powerful Muskegon, qualified for postseason play for the 34th time in program history. The Hawks have a record 13 state championships under legendary John Herrington, who has more wins (441) than any other head coach in Michigan. Harrison is led by super back Roderick Heard, who is seventh in the program's all-time rushing list with 2,761 yards. He also has 42 career TDs. Cranbrook Kingswood has enjoyed a football renaissance in recent years with five straight playoff appearances. The Cranes had a program-record 10 wins before losing to River Rouge by a touchdown in last year's D-4 regional championship game. It's not the big mismatch as it appears, but Harrison should have no trouble keeping its final season as a program going. Picks: Emons (Harrison), Budner (Harrison), Smith (Har-

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Despite Salem keeper's heroics, Canton survives

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All through Sunday's part two of the Division 1 boys soccer district final, Salem senior goalkeeper Buraq Oral was carrying his teammates on his mudcovered back.

Oral's heroic efforts were not quite enough. It turned out that Canton senior counterpart Ian Nielsen, while not having to do nearly as much, saved his best for last — making two stops in the penalty kick shootout to give the Chiefs a 2-1 victory and a berth in the Dearborn Edsel Ford regional against Ann Arbor Skyline

The campus rivals started the district final Saturday, when wild and wacky weather forced it to be postponed to Sunday. There was 19:58 to go in the first half when play resumed. With compelling action all over the pitch, the wait was worth it.

And drama ratcheted up throughout the second half, then both 10-minute overtimes and the shootout, when Oral and Nielsen were the center of attention.

"When he made that first stop, there was a lot of pressure," Nielsen said. "But I just decided to play how I was going to play and, luckily, I guessed the right way two times in a row. I got lucky on one of them, a toe poke and it went wide. And we just got the result we wanted."

Moments after Alex Heyde scored against Oral to give the Chiefs a 4-3 edge in penalties, Nielsen needed to deny Salem's Aidan Walesch in the fifth round to preserve the win. He did so with a confident dive to his left, knocking the ball out of danger.

"Before (Walesch) even came up to the ball, I kind of decided he was going to go to my left," Nielsen said. "I took a dive and, luckily, I got a hand on it and tipped it over."

The winning sequence tilted in Canton's direction when Oral was ruled to have stepped off his back line in denying Heyde's original kick.

"Ian just came back from an injury and played his first game in two weeks," Canton head coach Mark Zemanski



Canton senior goalkeeper Ian Nielsen is mobbed by teammates after stopping the final penalty kick. KATE HONDORP

said. "He's another player with all kinds of heart that keeps working hard. When he had to, he helped make the difference for our team."

It took a goal with 2:26 remaining in regulation for the Chiefs (12-6-5) to get the chance they needed to win a district championship for the first time in four years.

"This group really worked hard, didn't quit, they showed a lot of heart coming back and tying it," Zemanski said. "That goalie (Oral) is one of the best goalies we've faced, by far. I've coached a lot of years and he was fantastic.

"We still found a way to get the ball in the net against him because they worked hard."

Canton made it a 1-1 game when senior co-captain Tyler Turko's corner kick was lofted into the box, where senior defender Jake Crippes headed the ball in from near the right post.

"We just get thinking to keep going after them and we'll eventually get one," Turko said. "In overtime, we had four corner kicks, kept going after them. We knew we'd eventually get one.

"And we just keep going through in

PKs, kept our heads up high and we finally did it."

Over district hurdle

Turko added that the district championship "means a lot, it's the first time. No one on this team had ever done it before. It just felt really good."

Salem's goal at 7:19 of the second half gave the Rocks a 1-0 lead, with a strong give-and-go between Walesch and senior forward Bryan Rodwell resulting in a tap-in goal.

The Rocks (14-5-3) did a solid job of preserving that slim lead for the next 30 minutes. Oral was heroic with aggressive sliding stops and dives to either side of the net, keeping Canton off the scoreboard.

But the Chiefs scored the equalizer on a goal late in regulation to send the contest to overtime — when Oral again was unbelievable in stopping a barrage of corner kicks.

"The key was to get the corner kick and we got the corner kick because we pressured them, we had good high pressure and they turned the ball over," Zemanski said. "We've been talking all



Canton's Kyle Kulas (right) jumps up to head the ball, with Salem's Bryan Rodwell closing in. KRISTAN RODWELL

year about wanting the ball in the box. Jake Crippes wanted the ball more than they did and he put it in the back of the net"

Karns, meanwhile, credited Oral for playing "out of his mind today. He played well, kept us in it and gave us a chance. That's all you can ask.

"We knew that Canton is dangerous on their set pieces and corners," Karns added. "So we were trying to limit any chances in terms of set pieces that we were going to give them.

"Unfortunately, just late there we gave up a set piece. It's only a matter of time with the way that they are in the air. You can only defend so many of them"

The loss was a crusher for the Rocks, especially Oral. Teammates and opponents alike came up to console him following the shootout.

"As a senior I'm really hurt. I'm really sad that we lost, because I really wanted to make a run," Oral said, choking back his emotions. "I wasn't part of the team sophomore year because of a groin injury, so I didn't get to that run into the regional final.

"I really wanted to do it my senior year. I really wanted to lead my team into that, And I just couldn't."

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PREP FOOTBALL

Churchill soars in KLAA crossover vs. Plymouth

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When Livonia Churchill tight end Joel Forgacs came in for Monday practice and learned about the offensive game plan from head coach Bill DeFillippo for Friday's encounter against Plymouth, his eyes lit up.

"I was just really happy, because I was hoping it would happen this week and I just saw a bunch of new plays for me and I was really hoping that he would run them all," the 6-foot-3, 205-pound senior said. "And they worked, so "

Forgacs enjoyed a monster first half with five catches for 127 yards and two touchdowns to help catapult the Chargers (7-2) to a 42-21 victory over visiting Plymouth in a third-place KLAA divisional crossover.

"I knew when they called that first screen, I knew I was going to make a big play or I was just going to do my best and it all worked out," said Forgacs, who also scored Churchill's first TD on a nifty 3-yard halfback pass from Deon Pitchford.

It was close for two quarters before Churchill pulled away in the second half.

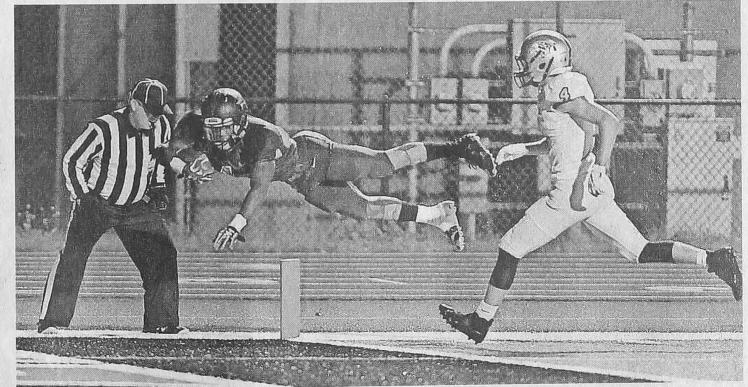
Plymouth's Mike Mathias bolted through the line for a 48-yard TD run—one of his three on the night—to give Wildcats a 14-13 lead with 2:30 remaining in the second quarter.

But Churchill answered with just 52.9 seconds remaining to go ahead for keeps, 20-14, when Churchill quarter-back Drew Alsobrooks, faced with a third-and-13, hit a wide-open Forgacs down the sideline for a 54-yard touch-down.

"I caught it and I think I peed my pants a little bit," Forgacs said. "I didn't step out of bounds and saw the safety on the backside starting to chase me down. I said, 'I might have to dive for it' at the very end and I was able to get in."

Alsobrooks was 10-of-14 passing for 194 yards, with Forgacs his favorite target during the first two quarters.

"The last two weeks, he hasn't had a lot action because we've been kind of way up the first half," said Alsobrooks, who also scored on a 37-yard third-quarter run to put the Chargers up 27-14.



Churchill's Darrell Mason Jr. (left) soars into the end zone for a 24-yard TD run as Plymouth's Nathan Janke trails the play.

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"He hadn't gotten the ball and he wanted the ball. He made plays and he said he was going to make plays if he got the ball. He's sure-handed and he's just a huge target out there. He's hard to cover, a big wide receiver in the middle or anywhere. He's a playmaker."

Churchill senior running back Darrell Mason Jr., who was coming off a six-TD first-half performance the previous week against Livonia Stevenson, wound up with 154 yards on 24 carries, scoring on runs of 24, 4 and 1 yards.

Playoff-bound Plymouth (6-3), meanwhile, simply couldn't get its defense, which was missing three starters due to illnesses, off the field on the third- and fourth-down situations.

"That killed us, (Churchill) were great," first-year Plymouth coach Brian Lewis said. "Churchill does a great job of third-down plays. They execute, they throw, they catch ... they're good. They've got big bodies up front. They're extremely skilled and their quarterback is a stud. They have a lot of different guys they can go to. They do a great job



Plymouth's Mike Mathias scores one of his two first-half TDs.

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with their scheme. They're tough to stop for a lot of reasons."

Churchill had 398 yards total offense to the Wildcats' 257, which included 251 on the ground as the speedy Mathias finished with 220 on 16 carries. The junior also had TD runs of 40 (first quarter) and 54 yards (third quarter).

"Plymouth is a good, solid team and they've got a lot of young players.

They're going to be really good next year," Churchill coach Bill DeFillippo said. "But their running back (Carson Miller) and their slot, (Mathias), that also plays defense, are really good players. I thought we played OK in the first half. We weren't real physical on defense. We made some corrections at halftime. I thought we played really well offensively tonight, especially in the second half."

With plenty of versatility on offense, DeFillippo was able to get Forgacs plenty of touches.

"Joel is a terrific player, he's an all-conference kid last year for us," the Churchill coach said. "We've got a big, tall target at tight end and he's a weapon all over the field with his height. But he's a good route runner and has great hands. We have a really good group of skill kids and we're capable of dishing the ball to a lot of different people."

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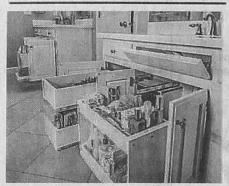


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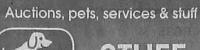
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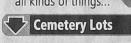
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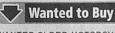
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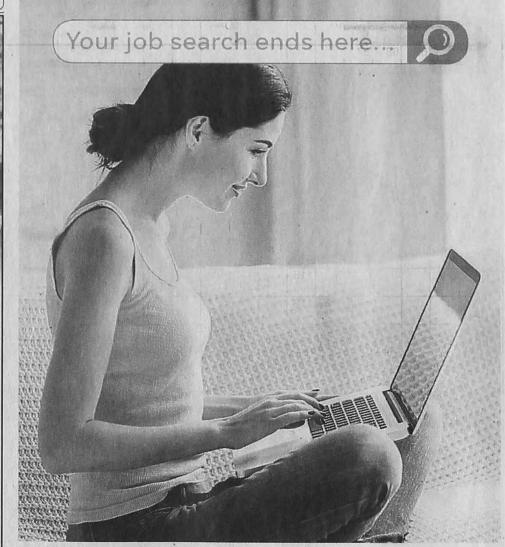
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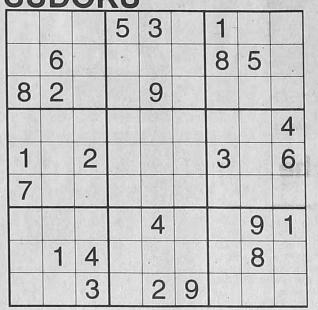
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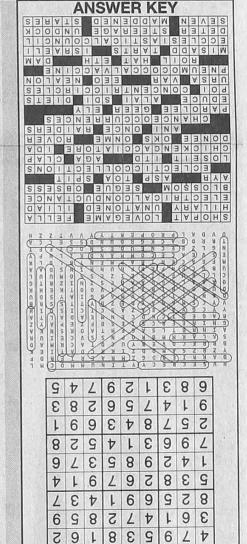
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