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Flooding brings good Samaritans to forefront

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As torrential rains pushed flood waters dangerously high in the streets and yards of Canton Township's Woodlands of Chatterton Village condominium development during the early-morning hours June 26, resident James Garth took action.

An employee for a gas company, Garth retrieved a heavy-duty water pump Saturday morning, set up the pump near the heavily-flooded eastern edge of the development and operated it for approximately 14 straight hours beginning at noon that day.

"That man is a hero," said Woodlands

resident Stacy Armour. "The water level has gone down significantly since he started operating the pump."

Garth said he started seeing results from his efforts a few hours after he set up the machinery, which he said he has access to through his job.

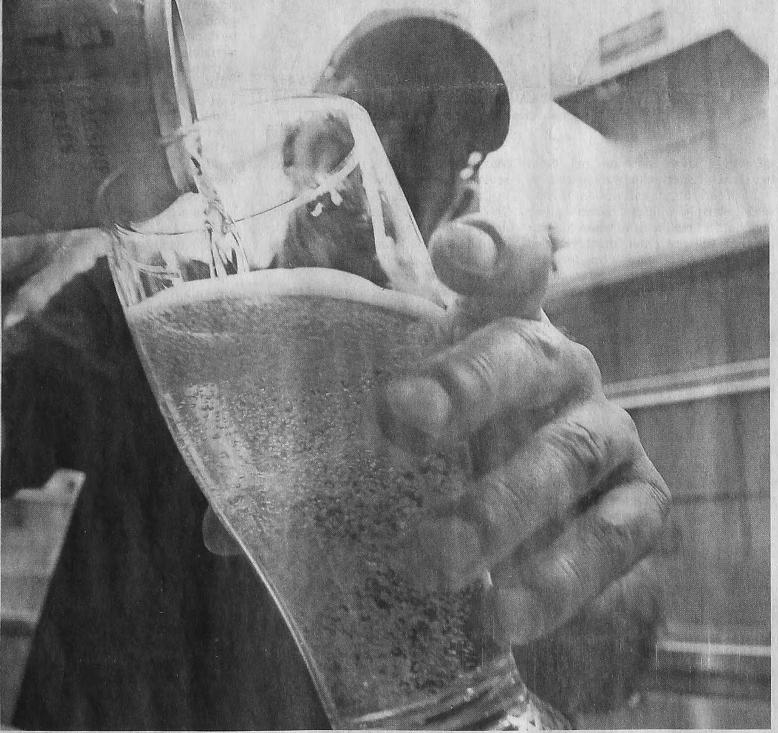
"After a while, you could see the water level coming down from the front doors and garages of the condos," Garth said. "Quite a few neighbors came up to me and told me how much they appreciated what I was doing. I told them they were welcome, but that I wanted to get my vehicle out of here just as much as they did."

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As flood waters submerged the streets of Canton's Woodlands of Chatterton Village condominium development, James Garth retrieved a pump and spent more than 10 hours helping remove water from his neighborhood. ED WRIGHT/ HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Planning a Fourth of July event?



Tom Block pours a Kolsh style beer that Schoolcraft brews on site at the Vista Tech Center, JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Local brewers recommend adding beer to your dish

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Think about more than just drinking that beer when prepping your Independence Day meal, but pouring it in the pot as well

While there's plenty to love about drinking a beer, there's plenty more to

love about adding it to the main dish. Just ask the leadership at Witch's Hat Brewing Company in South Lyon, which expanded and added a kitchen last year.

"Everyone knows us for beer. And they don't know we have a great chef doing really wonderful things," said Ryan Cottongim, a co-owner of the brewery at 601 S. Lafayette. "We try to make the beer harmonious with the food. It should be an overall experience."

When it comes to cooking either in summer or winter, there's options when it comes to using beer not only as a complement to a great dish but an

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Westland settles use of force case for \$2.5M

Officer will not face charges related to man's 2020 arrest

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com

A developmentally disabled man subjected to a Westland police officer's use of force is receiving \$2.5 million as part of a settlement agreement with the city.

Consequently, Nicholas Blair, a 24-year-old Detroit resident with autism, cannot pursue any future claims against the city, its officers and elected officials regarding his Jan. 16, 2020, arrest, according to a notarized "Release of All Claims."

Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik said the city began working toward the resolution upon firing Officer Kristopher Landis a month later for excessive use of force.

Blair endured collapsible baton strikes to his head region when arrested for allegedly robbing an Arby's he visited multiple times a week. He also lost an eye due to his injuries.

"We have now agreed to a settlement the court found is fair," Jedrusik said in a email. "Legal matters and settlements have become a part of the reality facing municipalities in our state and nationwide.

"We will now focus on continuing our partnerships in the community and honoring our commitments to transparency and ongoing conversations. We continue to expect that our police officers will follow a code of conduct that adheres to the highest standards, working to maintain our accreditation from the national Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies."

Hometown Life obtained the "release of all claims," which listed the settlement amount, through a Freedom of Information Act request submitted to the city.

A woman identified as Blair's mother, partial guardian, and appointed

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A Plymouth Township woman was sentenced to three months of probation, 50 hours of community service and more than \$1,420 in fees for impersonating her daughter to vote.

June 22 sentencing that she wanted to express her remorse and embarrassment for her "profound lack of judge-

She pleaded guilty in May to impersonating her daughter for voting purposes. A felony election forgery charge

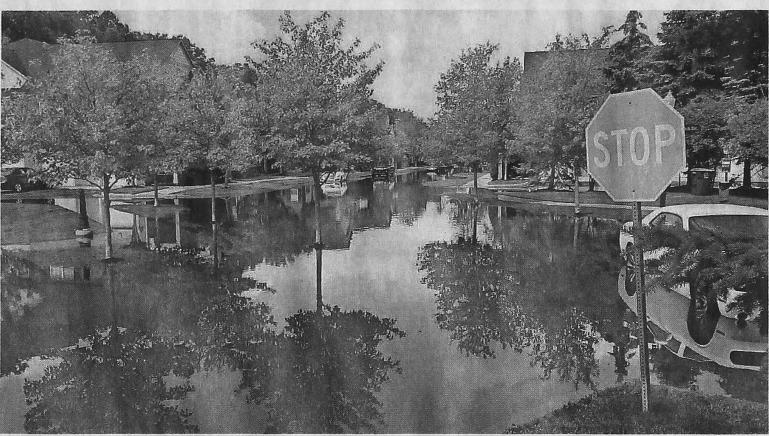
Karen Rotondo, 58, said during the was dismissed as part of the plea deal. According to Michigan Attorney Gen-

eral Dana Nessel, Rotondo forged her daughter's signature when filling out an absentee voter application.

The clerk was suspicious because of a discrepancy on the application and evidence that the daughter, living in another state, did not submit the applica-

An absentee ballot was never delivered to Rotondo.

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Flood waters in Canton's Woodlands of Chatterton Village condominium development 36 hours after the rain subsided. PHOTOS BY ED WRIGHT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Flooding

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Garth was not the lone good Samaritan who reached out to help total

Armour said two residents loaded a woman and a suitcase into their kayak and pushed her out to dry land near

"She had to catch a flight, so they got out their kayak and helped her out," Armour said. "They pushed her out to Beck Road and an Uber picked her up and took her to the airport.

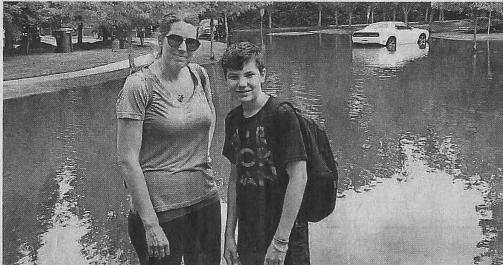
Armour said she also witnessed a tow truck venture through the deepening flood waters with grocery bags filled with food for residents who were stranded in their homes.

"Obviously, this doesn't compare to some of the traumatic things we've been through the past year, but it is so nice to see people stepping up to help their neighbors," Armour said.

A retention pond that covers the size of two football fields near the southwest corner of the intersection of Beck and Geddes roads was three times as deep as normal, said Woodlands resident Sheri Maslak.

"I went to bed Friday night around 11:30 p.m. and it was pouring out," Maslak said. "I woke up about 3:30 a.m. and the streets were flooded, but nothing like they were Saturday afternoon. Some people had water up to their front doors and garages. Then when a truck would go by, the wake it created would push the water up even higher (on the

"I was lucky. I had about an inch of water in my garage, but my car wasn't



Stacy Armour and her son, Ryan, near the entrance to the development.

here that weren't as lucky as myself."

As of early Sunday afternoon, Maslak said township officials haven't given residents a timeline as to when the water that still prevented most vehicles from entering and exiting the development's entrance off Beck Road would recede to a point that the streets are driv-

"They basically told us there is nothing they can do and we'd just have to wait for it go down naturally," Maslak said. "Our HOA said it was a sewer problem with Wayne County and Canton Township."

Maslak said she doesn't blame anyone for the calamity.

"It is what it is," she said. "We just got way too much rain than the sewer system could handle. What can you do but wait until the water goes down? If it happens again, I'll definitely be like, 'What's going on?"

Canton Township Supervisor Anne

affected. I know there are neighbors Marie Graham-Hudak said she heard several reports of flooded basements in Canton, particularly to the south. The Canton Police Department went door-to-door through the Holiday Park mobile home park on Geddes to check on residents when the threat of flooding grew in severity.

> "The area near Michigan and Haggerty (roads) was flooded and the roads were closed temporarily," Graham-Hudak said. "The water receded relatively quickly, though, and the roads were reopened by late Saturday."

> Anywhere from two to four inches of rain fell between late Friday night through Saturday afternoon, officials said. Flood warnings were in effect in Wayne County until Sunday at 8 a.m.

> The potential for rain is forecast for southeast Michigan every day through Thursday.

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Settlement

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trustee signed the notarized document

That was the same day the Westland City Council voted 5-1 to move toward a settlement. Councilwoman and mayoral candidate Tasha Green voted no, saying that she was upset about the city having to settle another case involving police conduct.

In 2018, the city settled for \$3.75 million a case involving an arrested man who died in police custody after ingesting cocaine. The city's \$250,000 deductible was used, and the insurance company - the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority picked up the rest.

"I would like to see the \$250,000 start coming from the police budget," Green said during the May 3 meeting.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy announced June 24 that Landis will not face charges because of insufficient evidence.

Body-worn camera footage from the scene was unclear in quality, leaving viewers unable to determine how many baton strikes hit Blair and where they hit him since he was still resisting arrest and disobeying commands.

"We tried everything we possibly could do to enhance the video by reaching out to another local department and the FBI, but to no avail," Worthy said in a statement. "We have to look at the totality of the evidence to prove any criminally charged case beyond a reasonable doubt. This cannot be done in this case with the evidence available and out inability to converse with the alleged victim."

Department policy, she added, allows reasonable use of deadly force under certain circumstances when armed robbery suspects like Blair are on the run. Justifiable "impacts" to the head, neck, throat and clavicle are allowed.

A Wayne County Probate Court judge has approved Blair's "petition for funding and supervision of supplemental needs trust." The document lays out that he "sustained significant injuries" and "the matter has settled, pre-suit, for a confidential amount."

Identified as developmentally disabled in the release of claims, Blair continues to face four felony charges in Westland's 18th District Court.

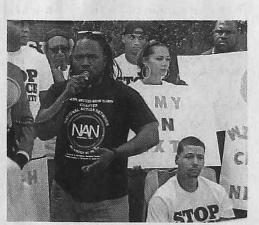
They are for the alleged armed robbery of the Arby's at 8068 N. Wayne Road and three counts of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer.

Blair apparently was a frequent visitor at the Arby's. At about 7:20 p.m. Jan. 16, 2020, he allegedly entered the restaurant, kept his hand in his pocket, implied that he had a gun and fled with less than \$200.

Running, he ignored officers' commands to stop near the Woodcrest Apartments. Then the arrest with baton strikes to Blair's "head area" happened.

Judge Sandra Cicirelli has ruled him incompetent to deal with the charges but also ordered that he undergo inpatient treatment at a psychiatric hospital to try to restore competency.

His next court appearance is scheduled for July 15.



Will Miller, president of the Inkster chapter of the National Action Network, speaks to protesters outside the Westland police station Friday. Seated next to him is Ray Brown, who was Tased by police in 2020 as he held his 2-month-old son. COURTESY OF MATT JACHMAN



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ingredient in it.

It's not used as often as other alcoholic beverages like wine, but it definitely has its place in the kitchen with all its variety, said Brian Beland, chair of the culinary department at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

"Beer is no different than wine. You have to taste so many different wines to know all the different nuances and flavors," he said. "Beer is the same way. Each individual brewer is a craftsman."

With summer grilling comes the perfect opportunity to create a great beer brine for chicken or perhaps using a bottle of beer for a salad dressing or other sauces. In other seasons, Beland said it's common to use beer in braising dishes such as lamb shanks. Even in desserts, beer can bring out unique flavors in dishes like cookies or cake.

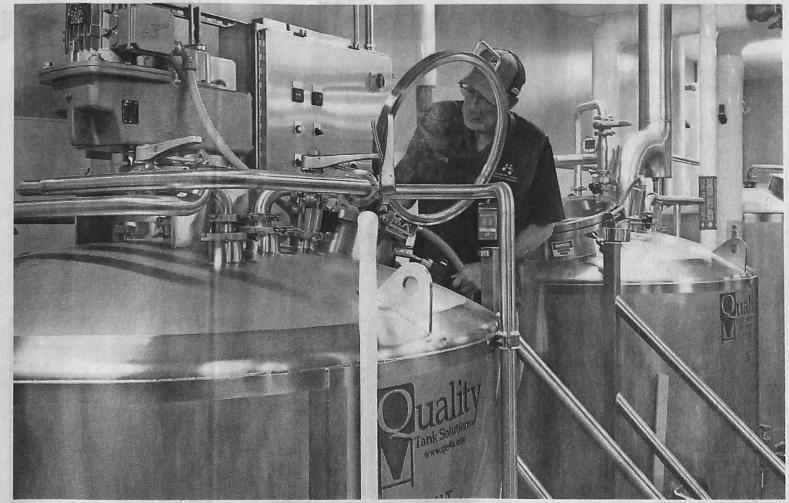
Cooking with beer varies widely on what's being made. But using craft beer — which flows aplenty across Detroit's western suburbs — really enhances the flavors in dishes compared to what a chef might see.

Having that opportunity is a big deal for Ché Foster, executive chef at Witch's Hat. A chef for 20 years, he said he's worked at Social Kitchen in Birmingham and Little Caesars Arena in Detroit, among others. When offered the position in South Lyon at the brewery, he said he saw it as an opportunity to hone a different kind of cooking. Bringing in the flavors of Witch's Hat beers such as Blueberry Lemonade gose and Night Fury imperial stout is just one way to make the brewpub stand out.

So far, they've done just that: the Night Fury burger is served with a bacon jam made with the stout. Other sauces and dishes are also created using brews, including the mustard, made with Edward's Portly Brown ale.

"There's always something for something," he said. "You just have to figure out the taste and what you're going to do with it."

While it's not as common to see beer make its way onto the dinner table in the United States, it's not the same in other parts of the world, said Annette May, a faculty member in Schoolcraft College's Brewing and Distillation Technology Program.



Tom Block checks the equipment in Schoolcraft's brewery room at the Vista Tech Center. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

May focuses a lot on pairing beers with food, and said that's incredibly crucial to make sure flavors don't clash.

"You may enjoy that sensation, but if you don't, it's going to be an unpleasant sensation for you," she said. "So you have to factor in many things."

Someone who's thought of plenty of factors is Daniel Pudwill, kitchen manager at SuperNatural Brewing and Spirits in Livonia. The chef started his job at the brewery right before the COVID-19 pandemic by cooking with SuperNatural's own beers.

During his interview at the restaurant, he said he brought out a few dishes made with the brewery's products, something that hadn't really been done before when they worked with new chefs.

Seeing the initiative to bring in their products into dishes was something that impressed the brewery's leadership, brewery co-owner Ernie Pacsai said.

"It was a big deal. We didn't require it, but we liked it," he said. "We asked them

to do that, but never had anybody do that as a part of their job application."

That mentality has extended into the dishes now served at the brewery at 36685 Plymouth Road: Pudwill has started to incorporate it into more dishes, including in an aioli and even into desserts.

One of the more popular items on the menu is buttermilk doughnut holes, made from scratch in the kitchen and topped with a salted caramel sauce made with SuperNatural's Shadow Realm stout. It began on the brunch menu and has made the jump to the everyday dessert menu.

After discovering how beer could be used in cooking, Pudwill said he began using it all the time.

"All of a sudden, I started to look back and then I could see that I felt comfortable cooking with beer now," he said. "I could put it in any soup, I could put it in almost any sauce.

"I was just putting beer in everything or a while."

or a while."

It can be tricky to find the proper fla-

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vors to meld with a dish and requires plenty of trial-and-error. Knowing how to use a bottle or can of beer and how much can make or break or dish.

"The part I love is the part that you experiment with," Foster said. "It's not going to be a home run every time."

Having a palate for the drink is also crucial, said Tom Block, director of brewing and distillation technology at Schoolcraft College.

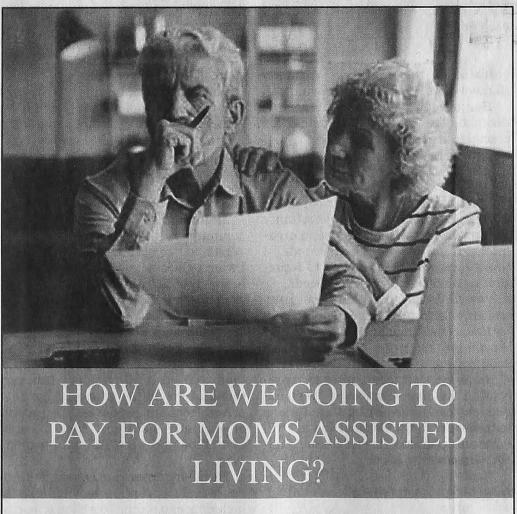
A brewer who also likes to cook, Block said he's worked with chefs in brewpubs in the past who did not have a lot of experience with craft beer. When that happens and a chef approaches him for advice, he says just one thing.

"A chef might not be a craft beer drinker. So they're like, 'Hey, what beer should I put in this dish?' I'm like, 'taste the beer,'" Block said. "That was the first thing I always said to the guys: taste the beer."

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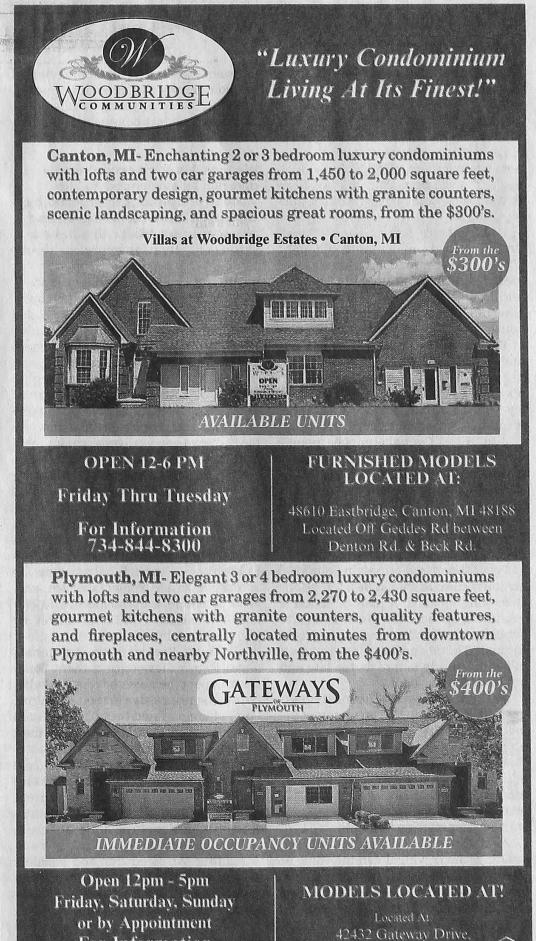
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Westland's council candidates talk issues

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A group of 12 people are running for four seats on Westland City Council

Voters will pare the group down to eight in the Aug. 3 primary election. The top eight will move on to November's election. Council is a non-partisan governing board.

Once a new board is seated, members choose a council president and president pro tem from among themselves. Annually, the president makes \$18,247, the president pro tem makes \$17,802 and the other members are paid \$17,368.

Angela Anderson also filed to run, but is not actively campaigning because she plans to move out of Westland.

Hometown Life sent questionnaires to each of the candidates seeking information on their backgrounds and platforms. Each question was given a word limit, and answers exceeding that limit were cut short.

Here's where candidates stand on issues facing the city:

What do you see as the most pressing issue facing Westland? What will you do about it?

Sarah Austin: We are blessed with residents of diverse backgrounds but we lack a sense of community identity and comradery. We are strongest when everyone feels included and we work together. I will work to ensure we celebrate our diversity and ensure all residents feel they are part of one Westland.

David Cox: Our ability to be competitive with surrounding communities in attracting new residents, new home construction projects and increased business investment. I wish to create a new partnership that will dramatically improve city recreation programs including team and individual sports, the arts and vocational training and attract young families.

Michael Delph: Lowering taxes, lowering water bills, adding more police and fire. Can be done by being proactive. Adding mass water storage. Water bought at non-peak rate in the evening at bulk rate, saving \$3.5 million a year. That's savings for residents, more money for police, fire and small businesses.

Debra Fowlkes: We must maintain a balanced budget. I will work with the administration to carefully review the budget proposals and question each area to maintain our balanced budget in the future. We will need to continue to explore alternate means of revenue such as grants to increase personnel for our first...

James Godbout: Maintaining services while revenues remain flat or decline is our biggest challenge. The city needs to continue to invest in technology and new approaches to operations that improves efficiencies while reduc-

Jon Haddad: I think a lot of residents, especially in the south end of the city, want better roads. We have a lot of great roads in the north end of the city and around city hall but they start to decline the further away from that bubble

Candi Halton: I believe transparency and accountability should be the priority at city hall and that every neighborhood in our city should receive and enjoy equal distribution of the essential resources that each family deserves.

Jim Hart: Overwhelmingly, people agree that infrastructure and recreation need work. I've been happy to work with our administration to address needs as they arise, but also working to come up with strategic plans for the future. The addition of the new pavilion at Jaycee Park is a good example of something...

Peter Herzberg: Improving our local business climate should be a top priority moving forward. A plan of action is needed fill up vacant strip centers and to support Westland's largest taxpayer, the mall. The city needs to focus on revitalization efforts before its too late and our budget takes a hit.

Antionette Martin: The most pressing issue is to bring in more income. After the pandemic, our business community has been devastated. I would strongly encourage more resources being directed to the economic development department and planning commission. I believe this would be a good start to jumpstarting business.

Josh Powell: The empty lots and buildings are driving down the value of the city and strict zoning and regulatory burdens put on businesses, especially new businesses, I believe are holding the community back. I would push to reduced taxes and make all city permitting "shall issue" instead of "may issue."

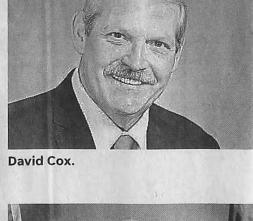
Melissa Sampey: Westland needs continued support with economic development to attract businesses and improve the current infrastructure, as well

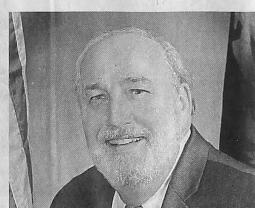


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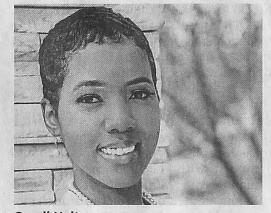


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as essential services for all members of our community that provides opportunities and jobs for young families. As a business leader, I come with a soundmind and passion to get the job done.

Westland is socioeconomically diverse, as evidenced by the variety of opinions expressed by the council and residents during city meetings. How will you be a representative for every resident?

Austin: I will ensure that every resident's voice is heard and that their opinions and perspectives are represented by fostering an open dialog with all residents through community engagement and open lines of communication.

Cox: By listening and seeking to clearly understand everyone's point of view. In my over 35 years of public service and community involvement we have always been a diverse community, I think it made us stronger.

Delph: I will listen to every resident. I have always said that we need to all work together. Every resident is important. By listening and working together we can accomplish anything. Call or text 734-560-9274.

Fowlkes: A council person must be accessible to all residents of the city. Who or where they reside in the city does not matter. I will be available by phone or email to anyone.

Godbout: Residents are passionate about issues that concern them. Residents expect their elected officials to listen and be responsive to their concerns. I have demonstrated the ability to listen and find solutions that resolve their

Haddad: As an Arab-American child of immigrants that grew up on fixed incomes and worked hard for my current stability, I understand the experiences of all of our residents regardless of class, ethnicity or social...

Halton: We need fair and sensible representation in Westland. As your city councilwoman, I will support and advocate for policies that offer favorable results in diversity and inclusion for all Westland residents.

Hart: Being a representative for every resident is best accomplished by making yourself available and approachable for all residents. For example, I have continued to make myself available to the Southeast Westland Homeowners Association to hear...

Herzberg: By reaching out to residents before controversial votes. It's crucial to visit every part of the city regularly and hear directly from residents. Every part of Westland deserves a voice at city hall.

Martin: Through my years of service to Westland, I have had the opportunity to connect with local leaders and organizers from diverse backgrounds. I think accessibility is the key to representing all residents for their needs.

Powell: I plan to ask for input from residents before every council meeting and vote how I perceive the residents of Westland want rather than what I personally want.

Sampey: I am committed to representing the diverse voices of Westland residents while advocating for solutions to the issues they care most about. I will have an open door to hear issues and concerns for everyone.

Anything else to share?

Austin: As a wife, mother, homeowner, professional and active citizen, I am excited to work together with my fellow Westland residents to build a strong community where everyone feels respected where they have a place, a voice, and feel a part of something bigger. Let's build one Westland together.

Cox: I first moved to Westland 35 years ago because I wanted my kids to grow up in a safe city where they were challenged and had opportunities to learn and grow. I want that for all kids. As a city we can do much more, and we

Delph: Please check my detailed plan on Facebook: "Michael Delph For Westland Council." Website: delphforwestland.com. With 25 years working with Farmington Hills and creating a network with many other municipalities in Michigan and across the nation. I have the knowledge and experience to help Westland thrive again.

Godbout: Residents have trusted me by electing me to serve as your councilman for the past 21 years. I've been proud to represent Westland at meetings and events where Westland receives accolades for our accomplishments, growth and stability. I enjoy being your councilman and want to con-

tinue to represent you.

Haddad: I am running to support higher wages, unions and public resources like parks, libraries and community spaces. I highly encourage everyone to vote for the library millage to ensure our public library has the resources it needs. On August 3 vote Haddad for city council and yes on the ...

Halton: What I love most about the community I live in are the people. Westland has become more diversified. I want to be a catalyst for transparency between our city officials and the community. The citizens of Westland need leaders who are willing to stand up for change and economic growth.

Hart: It's been my honor to serve these past four years on council, two of them as the council president. I am very thankful for all the support I have received from our residents. Their words of encouragement go a long distance and Linda and I are grateful for them.

Herzberg: There are so many priorities we must work on moving forward including expanding recycling opportunities to apartments, businesses and some condos that don't have curbside pickup. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I respectfully ask for your vote and your support.

Martin: If elected to city council, I am ready to work on Westland's COVID recovery, improve public safety by supporting first responders, and enhance our recycling program. I hope to earn your vote August 3.

Powell: I am a veteran of the United States Army and I feel they do a good job teaching lessons about selfless service and serving something greater than yourself. I see serving in public office similarly, it should be done to serve your country and your community.

Sampey: I'm a lifelong resident of Westland and have spent over 15 years in leadership roles with a focus on the entrepreneurial and healthcare industries. I will bring a fresh perspective to the council that is innovative, strategic, and honest. I'm ready to roll up my sleeves to making change happen.

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Rain and cherries come to farmers market



Rain. I am abundantly confident that is a four-letter word to market managers everywhere. I shouldn't complain, right? We enjoyed 26-straight rain-free market days last year – the entire season.

But already this year we lost a chance at selling out our Strawberry Shortcake Day – a market "fun-raiser" – thanks to a late-morning soaker.

Then, last weekend – well, it didn't rain, but I didn't sleep well as the greater metro area saw upwards of a half foot of cloud fall.

Rain is a game-changer when it comes to planning and preparing for market day. You must factor in the possibility of high winds, which can be devastating, or, even worse, the dreaded twosome of thunder and lightning.

Last weekend I could have erred on the side of caution and just canceled the market after Friday's deluge and subsequent dire prediction. There were markets that did. But I can't cancel on a snap like that without talking to our farmers (your farmers, too).

Experience has shown that farmers will harvest in the rain. At least ours do. And they will come to market in the rain.

So early last Saturday morning, after tossing and turning all night listening to the patter of a steady rain, I shuffled off to find my rain gear and make my way downtown. Lo and behold, as morning broke at Riley Park, the skies were dry. And they stayed that way all day. Upwards of 3,000 people came to market to support the farmers, who rewarded them with more variety in produce than I have seen all year. Turns out that farmers picking in the rain is a good omen of things to come

I don't know about you, but it seems like the Fourth of July weekend came on skates this year. When you work on Saturdays, time has a tendency to fly. A market manager's burden, I guess. So let's celebrate a little! If you are in town, come to market. You can wear red, white and blue and hobnob with President and Mrs.

And remember when I said our Strawberry Short-cake Day was rained out? Well, I've put in for better weather this Saturday for what I call the sequel: Strawberry Shortcake – The Return.

While supplies last, we will serve up farm-made scratch biscuits ladled with freshly-picked strawber-



Cherries - Michigan's summer jewels - are in at the Farmington market. COURTESY OF FARMINGTON FARMERS MARKET

ries aside a generous scooping of ice cream, all brought to you by our local farms at Kapnick Orchards and the Calder Dairy. We will go until it's gone, even if I have to eat the last two servings myself.

Funny, I recall one year serving the last two short-cakes to 80-year-old twin sisters who were visiting the market from Scotland. Life is a shortcake in many ways

Also this Saturday, while we are still setting up at 8:30 a.m., come enjoy music from the heart performed through the magic of the violin by WildWood. From toe-tapping to haunting, the music offers a great way to start your holiday weekend.

WildWood will play till 10 a.m., but we'll pause at 9 a.m. to ring the market bell. Also at that time, retired Farmington High School teacher David Catherton will perform a patriotic medley of songs a capella.

Then, from 10 a.m. to closing, we'll move to the sounds of the Fox & the Fiddle – acoustic duo Austin Scott and Emily Howard playing a strong country tilt with a mix of classic rock interpretation.

On top of all that, there's a great abundance begin-

ning to flow from the farms. We may see the last of this year's strawberries but, oh, the cherries and raspberries!

Last Saturday I bought the most beautiful and deliciously sweet beets from Farm & Forest. From the tables of Bill Gass, I took home a nice box of just-picked baby patty pan squash. Try that in a foil pack on the grill with onions, olive oil, salt and pepper. So much to enjoy!

Looking ahead: Summer in Farmington spells Founders Festival, which this year runs July 15-17. To accommodate all the doings, the Farmers Market will relocate to the Farmington High School parking lot for one day only, July 17. I expect we'll even have sweet corn by then.

As I finish up here on my front porch while it's pouring rain, I have to make ready for a big market this holiday weekend. So until next time, then and as always, here's saying, "See you at the market."

For more information about the market, visit www.farmingtonfarmersmarket.com. Walt Gajewski is the Farmington Farmers Market manager.

Obituaries

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Karen K. Widiger

Karen K. Widiger passed away June 24, 2021 at the age of 77. She was the loving wife of the late Alex ('10) for 40 years; devoted mother of Krista (Mark) Wortman and Wendy (John) Brookhouse; cherished grandmother of Brandon and Lauren Wortman and Joel and Blen



Brookhouse; dear sister of Ken Kjoller and Jan Kjoller, sister-in-law of George, Susan, and Tom Widiger; dear niece of Verna Drennen and Norma Carlsen. She also leaves many close recent and lifelong friends. Karen Kay was born in Sylvania, Ohio to Stanley and Helen Kjoller. She grew up in Sylvania and attended Bowling Green State University where she received her bachelor's degree in education. After graduation, Karen moved to Midland, Michigan for her first teaching job. It is in Midland that she met the love of her life, Alex Widiger. The couple dated briefly before tying the knot on August 22, 1970. They were soon blessed with their first daughter, Krista. Their second daughter, Wendy, was born shortly after. Karen was a part-time elementary school educator as she raised her daughters. The family lived in Lexington, Sterling Heights and eventually settled proudly into their final home in Canton. Karen loved to travel, frequenting Cancun and Colorado to visit family and ski. Hawaii and Europe were also on the list of places visited with her love. Karen was an active member of Newburg United Methodist Church and was well liked by her fellow parishioners. Karen enjoyed spending holidays with her family, she was a loving and caring grandma. She took an interest in each grandchildren's events and loved to chat with them and get to know their lives. Karen was selfless and caring, always wanting to catch up and connect with her daughters. Her loving and caring soul will be dearly missed. A Memorial Service for Mrs. Widiger will take place on Sunday, July 25th, at 3:00 pm at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia. In lieu of flowers, and in honor of her selfless life, Memorial Contributions to the Salvation Army of Michigan or the Salvation Army Bed and Bread Club are appreciated. www. mccabefuneralhome.com

Early bird GOP gubernatorial candidates share political views

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

Five 2022 gubernatorial candidates shared their Republican viewpoints regarding some of Michigan's most important issues during an early bird forum at the Livonia Elks Lodge.

About 100 attendees sat patiently, listening, laughing and occasionally applauding, during the two-hour June 24 political presentation.

The candidates – Austin Chenge, Ryan Kelley, Ralph Rebandt, Bob Scott and Evan Space – touched on familiar GOP topics like faith, the Second Amendment, former President Donald Trump and the election results.

They also shared views on taxes, judiciary appointments, Michigan's workers shortage and how they would foster collaboration across Michigan's diverse communities to advance political goals.

Rebandt, who has spent decades pastoring at Oakland Hills Community Church in Farmington Hills, emphasized his experience working with families coping with problems and conflicts.

"Years ago, in contrast with today. Democrats and Republicans had the same goal. We had America first. The Democrats of today actually are way off the charts," he said to some applause. "How do we come together – One, we listen.

"You will never fix the state unless you fix the city. You will never fix the city unless you fix the neighborhood. You will never fix the neighborhood unless you fix the family. Until we fix the family, this state will never get fixed. There's nobody better to understand how to fix the family than me. I've been doing it for 35 years."

Kelley, an Allendale Township planning commissioner, received applause, too. He introduced himself as someone who has spent much of the past year fighting "Antifa, BLM (and) protecting statu-

"Right now is the time to stand up for our values," he said "We're going to reach across the aisles strong, saying you need to stand up for American values. You need to stand up for the American Dream. If you want to do that with me, let's do it together.

"Compromise has got us into the position that we're currently in."

Amber Harris, outreach chair for Michigan's 11th Congressional District Republican Committee, said she was most impressed with Kelley. In her opinion, he has great delivery, aligns with her America First beliefs and seems to have the best shot of winning.

"I do think he'll be around. He might be in the Top Three at least," she said.

Livonia resident Miguel Aguilar was impressed with Chenge, a 35-year-old Grand Rapids Republican who said praying to God and traveling around Michigan led him to run for governor.

Aguilar liked Chenge's passion and hope he gets



Ryan Kelley, standing, speaks at the Livonia Republican Club Early Bird Gubernatorial Candidate Forum at the Livonia Elks Lodge on June 24. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Ralph Rebant.



Austin Chenge.



Evan Space.



Bob Scott.

a position in the next governor's administration.

The Livonia Republican Club sponsored the event. Not all the candidates were able to appear.

"We know it's a year out," President Dillon Breen said of the next gubernatorial election. "There's so much going on right now and so many issues that need to be addressed. I think the voters want to hear starting now what the priorities are for the next governor."

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Son indicted in the killing of his father

Kayla Daugherty Livingston Daily USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

An 18-year-old Brighton man is being held without bond after being charged with shooting and killing his father.

Hayden Jagst appeared via Zoom in Livingston County Magistrate Jerry Sherwood's courtroom for his arraignment. He is charged with open murder, two counts of felony firearm, carrying with unlawful intent and carrying a concealed weapon.

Police say he killed his father, Edward Jagst, a Canton Township police officer, at the family's home.

Officers with the Brighton Police Department responded to a home in the 300 block of Woodlake Drive in Brighton after receiving a 911 call from the wife of the victim, Brighton Police Detective Michael Arntz testified in a hearing.

The wife told the dispatcher her teenage daughter told her Hayden Jagst shot her husband in the head, Arntz testified. Brighton Police previously said the teenage daughter was the one that had called police.

Hayden Jagst had left the home by the time officers arrived. Officers found Edward Jagst dead in his bed with a gunshot wound, the detective said.

Police negotiated with Hayden Jagst on the telephone and convinced him to return to Brighton, officials said. He was taken into custody without incident on Murphy Drive near Challis.

A loaded .22-caliber rifle was found in the trunk of the Ford Focus, Arntz said.

He said during a conversation with officers Hayden Jagst made "several admissions that he was involved in the shooting of his father."

Hayden Jagst was arraigned on a probation violation by Livingston County Circuit Court Judge Suzanne Geddis. He was on probation for a previous conviction of possession of burglary tools.

He faces up to life in prison if convicted of murder. A GoFundMe campaign set up for Edward Jagst's wife and daughter has raised more than \$12,000.





The rock outside Salem High School was recently painted with a thin blue line in memory of former Plymouth-Canton Schools Liaison Officer Edward Jagst, who died June 21. ED WRIGHT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Salem High School rock takes on serious messages with memorials

Ed Wright Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

A thin blue line painted over a dark-gray background on a massive rock outside Canton Township's Salem High School serves as a temporary memorial for Canton Police Officer and former Plymouth-Canton Schools Liaison Officer Ed Jagst, who was killed in his Brighton home June 21.

Weeks earlier, the rock was painted with bright colors to celebrate the lives of Plymouth-Canton high school students Preston Bell and Grant Waitz, who died by suicide in 2021

The recent real-life tributes are in stark contrast to the predominantly athletic-themed messages students and alumni have left on the rock since Salem opened in 1972.

The new trend is refreshing for Plymouth-Canton Schools students like Ashley Temple, a 2021 graduate of Canton High School, which along with Salem and Plymouth make up the unique 6,000-student cam-

"I support the efforts," Temple said. "The rock helps focus attention on things that affect all of us. Normally this is done by bringing the school community together for a sporting event. But in these cases (honoring the students who died by suicide and the former liaison officer who died), it is done by reflecting on fellow students and the impact they had on our community. I hope it is a source of peace for their family and friends.'

Jim Sinclair, a 1984 graduate of Salem High School, said the rock served as more of a celebratory symbol during his four years at the school.

"I don't recall the rock associated with any serious messages during my time there," Sinclair recounted. 'The only general messages I recall were graduations, athletic successes and occasionally Canton students antagonizing us by painting it red."

Temple said that while she likes the decades-long practice of athletic teams using the rock to celebrate lofty triumphs, she hopes the real-life tributes continue when appropriate.

"Hopefully, this can be a conversation starter for people dealing with mental illness and encourage them to speak up to their friends," Temple said. "It also served as a memorial for an officer who helped keep us safe while we were at school.

"The rock shows surrounding communities what PCEP values — whether it is the missed laughs and smiles of late students or appreciated protection provided by a lost police officer.

"I support any message on the rock that promotes unity in the community."

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SPORTS

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

SL Unified senior finds family in lacrosse

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Andrew Goodrich fell in love with the sport of lacrosse because of South Lyon.

He remembers sitting in the stands, watching his older sister's friends play in the Division 1 state semifinals in 2013 against Forest Hills Eastern/Northern, coming up just short in overtime.

"I think it was just how fast it was and how even if you weren't the biggest kid on the field, you could make an impact," Goodrich said. "Some of the best people on the field were pretty small."

Goodrich first picked up a stick in fifth grade. Two years later, he dropped every other sport to focus on lacrosse, following in the footsteps of those players he saw in that Division 1 state semifinal.

And while the South Lyon Unified senior never made it to that point in his four years on the varsity team, he found his family.

From his first days of freshman year, joining the varsity team at 5-foot-2, 120 pounds, Goodrich learned the motto that was set in stone in the teams that he watched when he was a kid: "One team, one family."

"Before you get on the field, you really just need that friendship," he said. "Once you have that friendship, you can

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South Lyon United senior Andrew Goodrich scored five goals in his team's 10-goal day against Walled Lake United. DAVID DONOHER/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Athlete of the Week poll results

South Lyon Unified lacrosse senior Andrew Goodrich won Hometown Life's Athlete of the Week poll the week of June 1, earning 6,207 (69.59%) of the 8,919 total votes cast.

Salem soccer senior Macayla Harris finished in second place with 2,463 votes (27.62%).

Wayne Memorial track and field sophomore Anihya Woods finished third, South Lyon East track and field senior Drake Willenborg finished fourth and Novi lacrosse senior Anna Werth finished fifth.

Farmington basketball's Holdwick brings her tenacity to **MSU** rowing

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Sophia Holdwick had to give rowing a try at least once.

The Farmington senior first entered the "skinny little boat," something she felt was going to flip over at any moment. The sport itself was funky, using muscles the converted basketball player didn't normally use, all in one fluid and constant motion.

She had no idea what was going on. "It's like running on water," Holdwick

When she got out of the boat, Holdwick was nervous, but confident she would be able to compete at some point. This was the mentality Michigan State head rowing coach Kim Chavers saw in Holdwick too, giving her a spot on the team before she had ever touched an

This was nothing new to Chavers. When looking for people to join her team, she's not looking for experts. Experience is not even a prerequisite. Instead, the Michigan State head coach gleans through countless recruiting profiles, looking for projects.

Watching film of athletes in their element, Chavers said she's looking for people with the potential, the tenacity and the competitive edge that could carry over in a sport they may have never heard of, let alone tried.



Sophia Holdwick is trading basketball for rowing in her freshman year at Michigan State. COURTESY OF BRIAN HOLDWICK



Holdwick described Michigan State as a "family school." COURTESY OF CINDY FLYNN

Holdwick had everything Chavers needed in an athlete: leading Farmington in scoring as a senior on the girls basketball team and helping the Falcons to a first-place finish in the OAA Gold in her only season with the team after transferring from Mercy.

The Michigan State head coach also saw a preview of the way Holdwick interacted with her teammates on the basketball court, while also seeing a preview of her family's collegiate affiliation through a shirt her father, Brian, was wearing in one of the videos on her recruiting profile.

Sophia Holdwick had always been a

Michigan State lifer. She had always pictured herself competing in East Lansing, donning the green and white.

So when Brian Holdwick watched his daughter open and read an email from Chavers, introducing the idea of joining something new instead of continuing on a basketball track at a smaller school, excitement clouded any hesitancy she initially had.

"Honestly, I think she was more excited about that rowing email than she was about any email from any other basketball coaches just because of the

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Hartland's Cheney retires after 29 years

Wrestling coach had 810 wins and a 2016 state championship

Bill Khan Livingston Daily USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Todd Cheney will still be around wrestling next winter, possibly as a referee, and certainly as a spectator at his son's college matches.

But, for the first time since he was a teenager, he won't be mat side in the coach's chair for Hartland High School.

Cheney is retiring after 29 seasons as one of the most successful wrestling coaches in Michigan history, primarily so he can watch his son, Bryce, wrestle at Lake Erie College in Painesville, Ohio.

What he'll be doing one year from now, four years from now ... who knows? Coaching is in his blood, so Cheney isn't ruling out a return in some capacity.

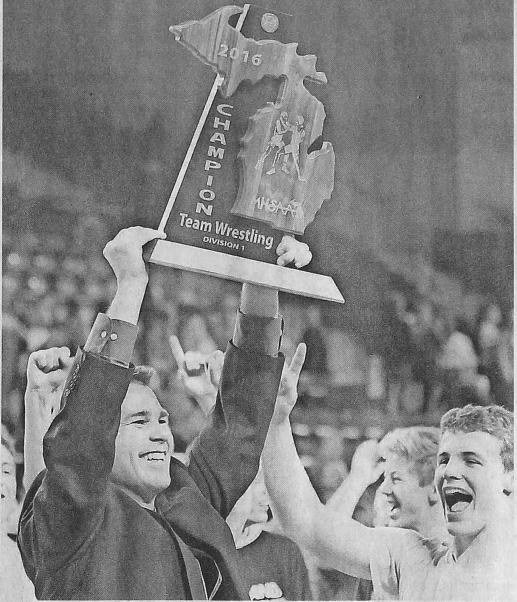
"When I told the team, I cried," said Cheney, who will turn 49 next month. "It is what it is. We'll see. Again, it's just a step back to re-evaluate some things, see what I want to do. If I'm going to be running off every other weekend to go watch Bryce and I'm not there, it's not fair to them either."

A 1990 Hartland graduate, Cheney was hired as a 20-year-old in 1992-93 to take over a program that finished last in the Kensington Valley Conference the previous year. There was no interview process. The recommendation of his high school coach, Bill Cain, was all that was needed.

"They called me and said, 'Hey, we want you to be the next wrestling coach," Cheney recalls. "Bill Cain basically said, 'You hire him, or I'll just be here for a long time.' They said, 'OK.' That was it. There was zero interview. Basically, I did a couple open mats and the athletic director walked by and watched me coach. He said, 'At my old school, I hired a young guy and I think it's going to work.' Twenty-nine years later ...'

Cheney took over a team that finished last in the Kensington Valley Conference the previous season. The Eagles had losing records Cheney's first two years, but never came close to going below .500 after that.

Cheney has an 810-113-2 record in dual matches to rank fourth in state history in high school coaching victories.



Hartland wrestling coach Todd Cheney celebrates the Eagles' 2016 Division 1 state championship, which was achieved after five runner-up finishes. LIVINGSTON DAILY FILE

Only former Brighton baseball coach Mark Carrow (823-315-9 from 1973-2006) had more victories coaching a Livingston County team.

The highlight of it all came in 2016 when the Eagles beat Davison to win the program's only state championship after finishing as runner-up five times. Hartland lost to county rival Brighton in the championship match the year be-

"It was fun because the whole community was there," Cheney said. "Everybody got to see it. Everybody got to watch it. It was perfect."

Hartland won 22 regional championships, including a current streak of 20 in a row, and 25 district titles, including the last 21.

Cheney had 14 state champions, 114

state placers and 220 state qualifiers. When he took over a struggling program while still in college, did he envision all this success?

Of course.

"We were cocky and arrogant kids," said Cheney, who had 21-year-old Chris Phifer as an assistant coach that first year. "We thought we could do it. That was it."

Cheney was only three years removed from being the state Class B runner-up at 135 pounds his senior year when he became the head coach.

Inspired by Cain, who died in February 2020, Cheney always knew he wanted to get into teaching and coaching. Cheney was also an assistant football coach at Hartland.

"I was drawn to him," Cheney said. "When I was a freshman, I had his brother as coach, Mike Cain. Bill coached my sophomore, junior and senior year. I wanted to be like Bill; that was the original 'be like Bill' person, I guess. Just the way he coached and the way he treated people, I wanted to be like that. That's why I got into teaching, it's why I got into coaching.

"I got to coach football with him for a while. He was my (athletic director) for a while and my assistant principal for a while and my kids' principal in elementary school. It was kind of cool. I got to see a lot of fun things here in Hartland."

Cheney said achieving success at his alma mater was more meaningful than doing it elsewhere, "simply because I knew the history. I knew basically everything that went on."

Current Hartland athletic director JD Wheeler has hired Cheney's replacement, former Hartland all-stater Kyle Summerfield. Wheeler believes Summerfield can carry on the tradition of Hartland wrestling, but said Cheney will be missed.

"It'll be a big loss," Wheeler said. "Todd helped put Hartland on the map, not just as a wrestling school, but a school to be successful at the state level.

"He loved coming to work every day. He loved being around the kids. He drew energy from the kids. The kids helped him stay young. That's what stood out about him is how much he enjoyed doing it. When someone does it that long. sometimes you lose that."

Cheney said he is eligible to retire as a teacher at Hartland in February, but hasn't made a decision in that regard.

He said it already feels strange not going to strength and conditioning workouts with the football team. The thing he said he will miss the most next winter is the competition.

"I'll miss the big moments when kids win when they're not supposed to or it's a close match and your kid wins at the end or someone gets pinned and the crowd gets fired up," he said. "One of the things COVID took away from everything is the crowd noise. I went down to watch the Georgia state finals when we were on shutdown.

"The first time I saw someone get pinned, the crowd was amazing. That's what I'll miss."

Lacrosse

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build that chemistry on the field. We already have that chemistry because you are good friends, you trust each other. With teamwork, you need friendship as a base. After that, everything falls into place."

In his three seasons with South Lyon Unified, that family atmosphere led to success, winning 45 games, including six in the postseason..

Physicality eventually made a huge difference in Goodrich's game as he grew to 6-feet, 205 pounds, using that extra bit of force to move around people. His confidence grew, too: Goodrich

wanted the ball in his stick. "As a freshman you are not thinking,

'Oh I can do this.' It's a maybe," Goodrich said. "As a senior, I need the ball, I need to do this to help my team succeed. The confidence change is very, very big."

In three full seasons with South Lyon Unified - not having a chance to play his junior season due to the COVID-19 pandemic - Goodrich never made it past the regional final, losing to Detroit Catholic Central twice and Northville this past season.

But, especially with the season lost,

he learned to cherish each moment he got on the lacrosse field with the players that had become family.

"Sophomore year, after the season was over... the seniors were all sad. I was like, 'I don't get that yet," Goodrich said. "After the junior year, losing that one, it was like, 'Whoa, you really don't have that huge amount of time with these people, playing lacrosse with them."

Goodrich's career at South Lyon is complete, but his lacrosse career has only just begun.

The midfielder/attacker will play at Florida Southern, playing in an area where the sport is growing, but is already bigger than it is in Michigan.

While he is excited for what's next, Goodrich knows that his confidence will not be the same in his first practices as it was as a senior for South Lyon Unified.

"It's going to be kind of like freshman year," Goodrich said. "You are going to have to work into the program, work into their systems. It's going to be a change in that aspect, but I think it will be good for me. I'm just excited for the competition and the higher level of lacrosse that's being played down there."

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South Lyon's Andrew Goodrich scores a goal against Huron Valley United. **COURTESY OF CINDY HELTON**

Holdwick

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school," he said. "It's always been the school she wanted to go to and she's always wanted to be a D1 athlete. I think that provided her an opportunity to do that.'

Chavers still had to make her pitch. She told Sophia that athletes who had previously walked onto the team had become Olympians, helping Michigan State be one of the most competitive programs in the country.

"She had a lot of questions about how the sport in general, so we talked a lot about how practices looked, what racing looks like, what it looks like to learn a

new sport," Chavers said. "She met with student athletes who learned how to row here, so she got to pick their brains a little bit and find out what that experience was like."

Talking with athletes who had been in her shoes, Holdwick found that rowing was the ultimate team sport, bonding as a "big family" to achieve one goal together, even if what they were doing didn't make sense to her at first.

"I looked up how to row after I got the first email, but it made no sense to me," Holdwick said. "I was so confused. I mean, it's a water sport. I have played all land sports, so I just had no idea what was going on."

When Holdwick first enters the racing boat on campus, Chavers doesn't expect her to be a prodigy. The head coach just wants a foundation of fitness: sending full-body workouts to prepare for what's ahead and to give something for her to work with when Holdwick, and the rest of the novice freshmen, dive in head first to learn the sport in the fall.

At first, Holdwick will learn in baby steps, working her way from the rowing machine to barge and eight-person boats before full practices in the spring. But based on what she knows about the incoming freshman, Chavers is confident in what Holdwick will bring to the Spartans.

"I think rowing is a sport where you get out of it what you put into it," Chavers said. "It's clear Sophia has a very strong work ethic and I think that will really pay off for her at the end."

Holdwick is competitive. She hates to

lose.

Even in her first introduction to the sport of rowing, watching the Big Ten championships with her mother, the incoming freshman saw herself in those boats. While she could not replicate what the Michigan State competitors could do yet, she saw the same thing Chavers saw: potential.

"I'd be like, 'Look Mom, this will be me next year," Holdwick said. "Not that many people row, so I was like, I have to beat out all these other novice rowers so I can actually row. I don't want to be on the team and not row."

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Top plays of Hartland's run for girls soccer title

Bill Khan Livingston Daily USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The bizarre 2020-21 high school sports year couldn't have ended any better from a Livingston County perspective, with Hartland's girls winning the county's first state soccer championship on the final day of the season.

It took hundreds of plays for the Eagles to win seven postseason games and make history.

If one of the more impactful plays had gone the other way, the story of the 2021 Hartland girls soccer team might have been completely different. The Eagles never trailed during the state tournament (six shutouts helped), but there were some tense moments in close games.

Here is a look back at the five top plays during Hartland's state championship run:

1. The save

The bleakest moment for Hartland during the playoffs came with 12:59 remaining in a scoreless district semifinal game against archrival Brighton.

Brighton's Hazel Wright was awarded a penalty kick after being taken down in the box. In soccer, the percentages of a successful penalty shot are high, so it appeared the Bulldogs were on the verge of taking a lead late in the game.

Hartland goalie Morgan Seog had other ideas, diving to her left to stop a shot by Wright and punching the ball out of bounds to prevent a rebound.

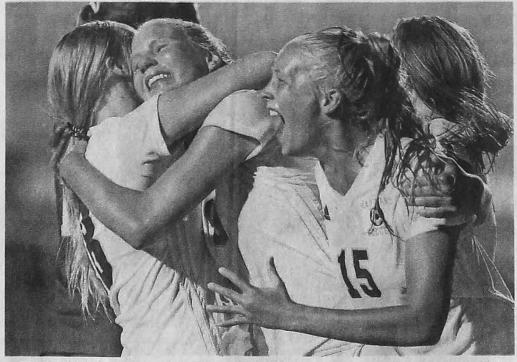
"So, just standing there, I knew the game was on the line," Seog said. "I knew we could score. I don't know how. I just guessed left, because of the way she was standing. There's really no way to tell, but I had to guess left and that's where I went."

The article on the game had this prophetic observation: "When a goalkeeper denies a penalty kick at the right moment, it can change the outcome of a game or, in this case, even a season."

Hartland went on to win, 1-0, but we'll get to that detail later.

2. Knocking out the champ

Novi was still the two-time defending



Julia Pietila, left, and Justina L'Esperance, right, congratulate Hannah Kastamo for her game-winning goal with 7:33 remaining in a 1-0 regional semifinal victory over Novi on June 8. GILLIS BENEDICT/LIVINGSTON DAILY

state Division 1 champion because of the missed 2020 season, but was two years removed from its last title.

The Wildcats lacked the firepower of their most recent teams, but could still play lockdown defense and had one of the state's best goalies as the last line of defense in senior Abbey Pheiffer.

Scoring chances were infrequent, as Novi was committed entirely to playing defense. The Wildcats, who lost 5-0 and 4-0 to Hartland during the season, would have been content to take their chances with Pheiffer in net in a shoot-

Junior Hannah Kastamo made sure the game never got to overtime, scoring with 7:33 left in the second half to give the Eagles a 1-0 victory.

The goal came in the aftermath of a corner kick by Bria Kastamo following a leaping save by Pheiffer on a shot by Justina L'Esperance.

Novi defender Eva Burns headed out the corner kick, but Hannah Kastamo got the ball on the right side of the box and fired a shot off the right post. The Eagles quickly regained possession and took another shot that was stopped by Pheiffer before Hannah Kastamo

knocked in the rebound from close

"It was a corner kick," Hannah Kastamo said. "It was just like a scramble. (L'Esperance) headed it and it almost went in. I shot it, hit the post, then it was bouncing. I shot it and it went in, thank-

"It's unbelievable. You don't even think it's real, but it feels good."

3. First goal a game-winner

Seog's save on the penalty kick would have just been a footnote in the season if Hartland didn't take advantage of the momentum shift to beat Brighton.

Like the game-winner against Novi, the goal that beat the Bulldogs came during the continuation of play following a corner kick late in the game.

Bria Kastamo's corner kick was headed out of the box, but the ball went directly to Hartland defender Kamryn Gerecke. Kastamo was coming out of the corner when she took a pass from Gerecke on the right side and buried a shot into the far upper corner of the net with 2:12 left in the game for her first

goal of the season.

"It was a good clear by Brighton," Kastamo said. "Our center back just passed it back to me. I just took the shot far post and hoped it would go in, and it

"It's insane. I can't describe it. It's just awesome. For all my teammates, for our goalkeeper who won the game for us, saved the PK."

4. L'Esperance's two semifinal goals

It's hard to single out one of the second-half goals by L'Esperance in the state semifinal against Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central.

The first one, on a penalty kick, broke a 1-1 tie with 36:51 remaining in the game to give Hartland the lead for good. The second one, with 17:50 remaining, gave the Eagles a 3-1 lead and proved to be the game-winner because the Rangers scored with 8:38 left.

For L'Esperance, those two goals were bigger than her game-winner against Brighton three years ago in a first-round district game.

"Yeah, because we're going to the state finals," she said. "It's really important to score those."

5. Bailing out the goalie

Seog had Hartland's back throughout the state tournament, so it was only right that a teammate came to her rescue at a critical moment in the state championship game.

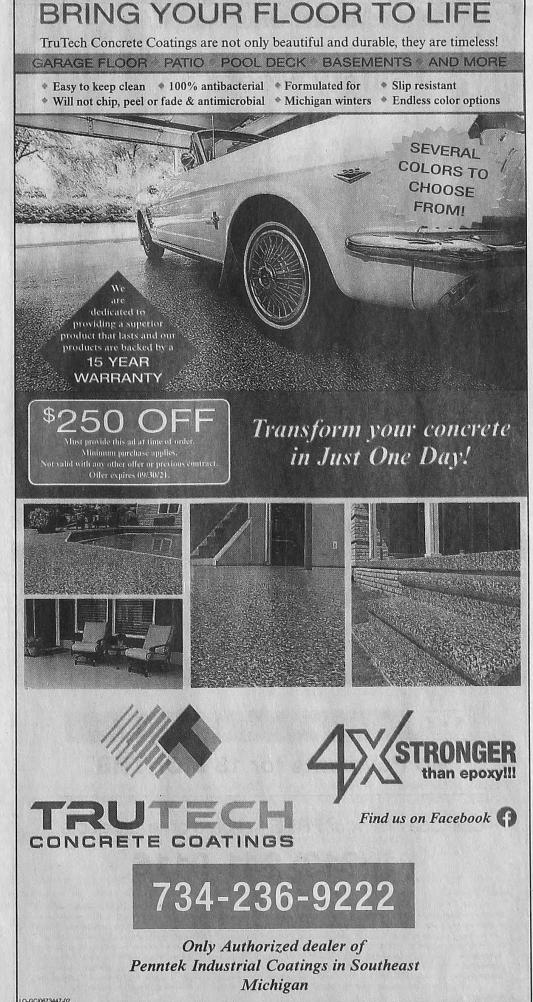
The Eagles would ultimately beat Troy Athens, 4-0, but they were clinging to a 1-0 lead late in the first half when the Red Hawks had a glorious opportunity to tie the game.

With just over a minute left in the half, Seog was out near the top of the box and scrambling back when Athens' Casey Gruber took a shot at the vacated net. Emma Kastamo was in the right place at the right time to stop the shot with her right foot. Kastamo's clearing attempt went to Athens' Alex Haggarty, who fired the rebound wide left.

It might have been a different game if Athens tied the score before halftime, but we'll never know because of Kastamo's save.







Akins quickly getting acquainted with Spartans

Mia Berry Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

Despite not having an official visit to East Lansing, Jaden Akins, the four-star freshman point guard from Farmington, has integrated himself into Michigan State's basketball team.

He has spent his first three weeks in East Lansing taking summer classes and adjusting to new teammates. NBA playoff game watch parties at his teammates' apartments, team dinners at coach Tom Izzo's house, and weight room competitions have helped him build a rapport.

"I feel like it was an easy adjustment just because of the people that I was around. They made it easier for me," said Akins, the No. 3 ranked player in the state in the 2021 class. "We built a relationship quick, and it definitely made this transition even easier. I feel like I've been knowing these dudes for longer than I really have."

The 6-foot-3, 170-pound point guard briefly joined the fledgling Ypsi Prep before transferring to Sunrise Christian Academy in Kansas in January. The experience in Kansas makes him more comfortable being away from home, as he uses the summer to transition his game to Michigan State standards. At practice, Akins has been memorizing the few plays that have been implemented, keeping up with the faster pace, and making quick reads.

"This is the Big Ten and it's just a different level in high school," he said. "So, I'm just getting ready for that every day. It's really just been a lot of work. And now a lot of team workouts and we started a couple of practices. The pace is definitely faster, but I feel like the high school that I was at, Sunrise, got me prepared for this as best I could. It's an adjustment, but I'm learning quick."

Akins joins the Spartans' 2021 recruiting class ranked 10th in the nation, which includes Max Christie and Pierre Brooks II, the No. 2 recruit in the state and Michigan's Mr. Basketball. The trio has been bonding on and off the



Point guard Jaden Akins is the No. 3-ranked player in the state in the Spartans' 2021 recruiting class. BRITTANY GRAHAM/2020 HOOPFEST

court and helping one another improve their game while curbing expectations.

"Me and Max's relationship grew a lot," Akins said. "Before we were texting but being able to meet him in person ... ever since we got here, we've been hanging out basically every day. We're working out and just really pushing each other on the court and in the weight room.

"At the end of the day it is basketball. That's what we've been doing for most of our life. So we feel like we can carry over this level. We just need to stay confident."

After losing guard Aaron Henry to the NBA draft, Akins isn't the only new point guard; he is joined by Tyson Walker, a transfer from Northeastern. Akins has taken the opportunity to learn from the veteran point guard to catch up to the speed of the college game.

"Tyson has experience and l we've been working every day," Akins said. "He's been really good with helping me with different things because he's already been through some stuff. I've been learning the pace of just ball screen reads and stuff from him. I feel like he has a good pace. He's a good de-

fender, quick defender, quick player."

Farly stages and roles haven't been

Early stages and roles haven't been fully carved out for the freshman guard, but Akins is accustomed to playing different roles. At Sunrise, he played with five-star guard Kennedy Chandler, where he was utilized both in on-ball and off-ball sets. His hope is to be a versatile guard for the Spartans, and believes there is an opportunity for him and Walker to play on the floor together.

"I feel like we could definitely play together. Our games complement each other," he said. "I feel like I'll be successful in that role. You can see me on the ball and off the ball as well as being a versatile [player]. Somebody that can guard the other team's best player if needed to be or best guard."

Akins isn't letting Michigan State's early exit in the NCAA tournament deter him. He has lofty goals for himself and the Spartans this season.

"A successful freshman season for me is a Big Ten championship, getting to the Final Four, national championship, playing major minutes and playing a major role on this team."

Johanningsmeier commits to WMU

Bill Khan Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

August Johanningsmeier of Howell has made his name as a running back, but has enough athleticism to attract Division I college interest at positions he hasn't played in high school.

Johanningsmeier, a 6-foot, 4-inch 205-pound senior, has announced his commitment to Western Michigan University, which plans to use him at tight end or defensive end.

He is a rare Livingston County football player who will be going to a Division I program on scholarship.

"I really like the campus and the whole football team," Johanning-smeier said. "Coach (Tim) Lester said he really wants to grow the players to make them the best they can be and try to get them to the next level in the NFL. That sounded really good to me.

"It was pretty important to me to prove to myself I could play at the highest level possible for me."

He caught the Broncos' attention during a camp at Wayne State University. Also, Howell linebackers coach Mitch Zajac, a former Western Michigan player, put in a good word for him with the Broncos' coaching staff.

"Coach (Mike) Bath, the offensive coordinator, said they know I can play tight end, because they watched me catch some passes," said Johanningsmeier, who plays basketball and was a state-qualifying high jumper in his first season of track and field.

"They'd rather choose me over a true tight end, because I can keep up with the running backs, I can plant off one foot and move. I went with the running backs (at Wayne State). I was either just as fast as them or faster, which looks good for a tight end."

Johanningsmeier played exclusively at running back last season, but his workload kept him busier than some two-way starters. He averaged 25 carries a game, rushing 127 times for 731 yards and four touchdowns in five games. He led Livingston County in rushing, despite missing three games with an injury.

The Highlanders plan to use him at defensive end also this fall.



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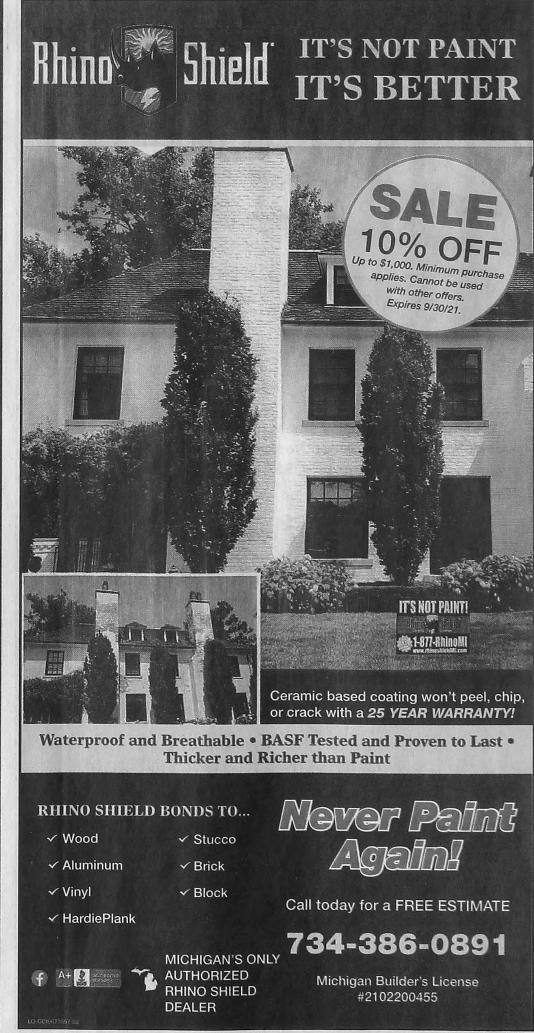
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Plymouth Township, Michigan

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Notice of Public Hearing

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: Request for Approval of a Rezoning Application

DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 TIME OF HEARING:

7:00 P.M

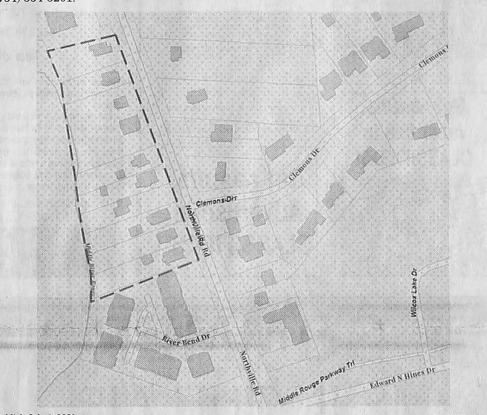
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall Offices, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Plymouth has received an application to rezone Tax ID No.'s: R-78-019-01-0054-000 R-78-019-01-0055-000; R-78-019-01-0056-000; R-78-019-01-0057-000; R-78-019-01-0058-000 R-78-019-01-0059-000; R-78-019-01-0060-000; R-78-019-01-0061-000; and R-78-019-01-0062-000 from the R-2-A, Multiple Family Residential District to the R-1, One Family Residential District, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99. The subject application is for a rezoning to the Township's adopted Zoning Map.

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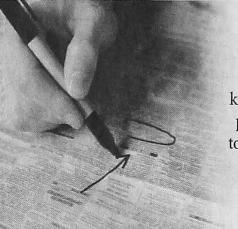
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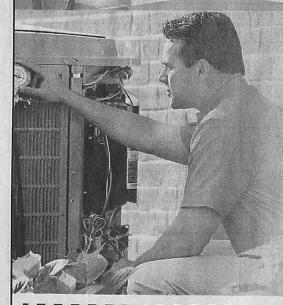
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MAY THE FOURTH PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo **BE WITH YOU** 122 Places in 37 Avian 86 Away from

ACROSS 41 Lax in duty 1 Dryer's 44 British partner remake of 'That '70s 7 Neither-herenor-there Show" 50 Say for sure states 13 Not straying 51 Trepidation off topic 53 Fathered, as 20 Get in the a horse

54 Start of way of 21 "You may many rapper relax, soldier' names 22 One looking 55 Realities that something are tough to over face 23 "The Delta 58 "E-e-ew!"

Force" actor 59 Vodka brand, informally Chuck 24 Question are not!" after a chat 62 Fulfill, as interruption 26 Latched on standards 65 Wiseacre firmly 69 River to the 28 Space balls 29 San Luis -, Rhine

California 30 Mount, as a jewel 31 "Diane" star Turner 32 "Carrie" star Spacek 35 Mutineers

37 2012 Robert Pattinson film based on a Maupassant novel 39 Chou En- -40 Fictional "Warrior Princess"

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71 "That's impossible!" 74 Reagan adviser Edwin 76 Flooring units 77 "... bug feature?" 78 Identity before

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turning over a new leaf 83 City in Oklahoma 84 Trig function

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the wind, nautically 87 Non-iron club 88 Revealing with the

interference contents, as a package 92 Key related to D major 94 Saharan 95 Oct.-Dec.

link 96 Creek, e.g. 99 Garbage collectors 61 Reply to "You 102 Very easy thing 104 "Back in Black" band 105 Italian monk's title

108 Runner Sebastian 109 Really eager 111 With 114-Across, source of the phrase formed by the ends of eight answers in this puzzle 114 See

111-Across 118 Is identical to 119 Famed French mime 120 Interfere 121 Nuanced 10

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categories 123 Flip one's lid 124 Plant with prickly

leaves DOWN 1 Hot bar food

2 Roman love 3 Fat avoider Jack 4 Sage, e.g. 5 Items of food 6 Closes tightly

7 Suburb of D.C. in Maryland 8 "Am - late?" 9 Cries weakly 10 In a ribald way

again

11 -Kosh

B'gosh 12 Notice 13 Phone button abbr. 14 Novel kind 15 Not absent 16 "- Gang"

17 River to the Rhone 18 Stairway post 19 Low cards 25 Banjoist Clark 27 Genetic helix 33 More cheeky

34 Stuff in sand

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36 "Humbug!"

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38 Boise's home 40 1960s Jaguar 80 Long time model 41 Team booster 82 WWII prez 42 Actress Longoria 43 Sea, to Gigi 45 "- longa ..." 46 Vexes 47 Flee to wed

creature

48 Sediments 49 Writer T.S. 51 Showed rage 52 UFO fliers 56 "-Andronicus" (Shakespeare play) **57** Locomotive

supporter 59 Singer Bob 60 Yank 63 "I'm here to help" 65 Join, as a table 66 Peak in W.

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"Mork & Mindy" 90 Amazon Kindle, e.g. 91 Dodgers 92 Recuperation by lying down

93 Asian monkey 97 Natural gift 98 Rival of Sony 99 In -(not just

sleeping) 62 Actress West 100 Big couches 101 Many future kings 64 Bit of artifice 102 Long time 103 Tubular pasta 105 Edicts

> 106 Esther of "Good Times" 107 Photographer Adams 110 Creative work 112 CI doubled 113 Big brass

instrument 115 Sarge, e.g. 116 Sports org. with skaters 117 Scooby-

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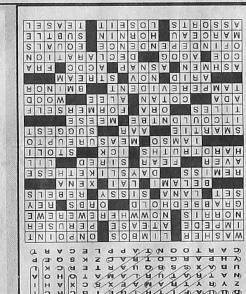
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