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How your community voted. The unofficial results below only include vote totals for Novi. Overall winners are denoted with a ✓.

PRESIDENT

✓ Barack Obama (D) (I) 14,110
Mitt Romney (R) 14,716

U.S. SENATE

Pete Hoekstra (R) 12,818
✓ Debbie Stabenow (D) (I) 14,855

U.S. HOUSE 11TH DISTRICT

✓ Kerry Bentivolio (R) 13,429
Syed Taj (D) 12,920

U.S. HOUSE 11TH DISTRICT

(Partial term ending 1/02/2013)
Kerry Bentivolio (R) 13,511
✓ David A. Curson (D) 11,925

SUPREME COURT

(8-year term)
Doug Dern 1,145
Connie Marie Kelley 7,361
Stephen Markman (I) 10,288
Bridget Mary McCormack 8,708
Kerry L. Morgan 1,400
Colleen O'Brien 9,348
Bob Roddis 981

SUPREME COURT

(Incumbent position. Partial term ending 1/01/2015)
Mindy Barry 1,580
Shelia Johnson 6,890
Brian Zahra (I) 12,587

STATEWIDE PROPOSALS

PROPOSAL 12-1
(Referendum on Public Act 4 of 2011 Emergency Manager Law)
Yes 18,096
✓ No 9,595

PROPOSAL 12-2
(Amend the state constitution regarding collective bargaining)
Yes 8,926
✓ No 19,054

PROPOSAL 12-3
(Establish a standard for renewable energy)
Yes 9,574
✓ No 18,451

PROPOSAL 12-4
(Establish the Michigan Quality Home Care Council and provide collective bargaining for in-home care givers)
Yes 9,395
✓ No 18,461

PROPOSAL 12-5
(A proposal to amend the state constitution to limit new taxes by state government)
Yes 8,117
✓ No 19,688

PROPOSAL 12-6
(A proposal to amend the state constitution regarding construction of international bridges and tunnels)
Yes 8,292
✓ No 19,801



Salvation Army seeking bell ringers

The Salvation Army Farmington Hills Community Corps Center is seeking energetic individuals to spread Christmas cheer and help those in need by ringing a bell for The Salvation Army's 2012 Red Kettle Campaign.

Applications are currently being accepted for volunteer and paid shifts. Shifts are available from Nov. 9 to Dec. 24, Sundays excluded. Paid five-hour shifts begin at \$8 per hour. Depending on the site, volunteer shifts range from two to four hours.

Individuals can volunteer at nine area sites including Twelve Oaks Mall, Busch's Market, Kroger and Walmart. Paid bell ringers can ring at a variety of 42 local sites throughout Farmington Hills, New Hudson, Novi, South Lyon, Southfield and Milford.

Those interested in volunteering for The Salvation Army Farmington Hills Community Corps Center can visit www.registertoring.com/salmich or call (248) 477-1153 Ext. 12. Applications are accepted between 10 a.m. and noon and 1-3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday at 27500 Shiloh Road, Farmington Hills.

Funds collected at red kettles go toward the campaign goal of \$8.5 million. Donations collected will allow The Salvation Army Farmington Hills to continue to Do the Most Good.

The annual campaign runs from Nov. 9 through Jan. 31. To make a tax deductible contribution to The Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign:

- Visit www.salmich.org
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Obama wins, Novi backs Romney

75% of city's voters cast ballots

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

Barack Obama beat Mitt Romney to win his second presidential term, but he didn't get the most votes in Novi, trailing the former Massachusetts governor by 2 percent of the city's 29,249 voters.

And it was the opportunity to pick the next president of the United States that drew first-time voter Kaitlyn Hart to the polls Tuesday afternoon.

"It was awesome," the 19-year-old Novi resident said. "I just came home from college where everyone is campaigning."

One of Novi's 38,757 registered voters, Hart and 20,483 of



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A 11 a.m., a line of voters about 50 deep snaked along the corridor of Novi's Village Oaks Elementary as people prepared to cast ballots.

her fellow city voters cast ballots at a poll while the other 8,765 of Novi's voters took the absentee ballot route. Straight party tickets were cast by 53 percent Republican and 45 percent Democrat locally.

Maryanne Cornelius, city clerk, said the turnout was "pretty darn good" at 75.47 percent,

although it was slightly higher during the last presidential election at 77.48 percent. In 2008, total Novi votes cast numbered 28,139 and 8,455 were absentee. Straight party was 52 percent Republican, 46 percent Democrat.

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Hugh Crawford tops Tindall to retain representative seat

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

The party at Central Park Estates was filled with supporters of the Crawfords — Hugh and Kathy — and they weren't disappointed with the results for Novi's Republicans.

Hugh won his second term representing the 38th District in the state House of Representatives with a convincing 59-41 percent

HOW NOVI VOTED

House 38th District
*Hugh Crawford (R) — 15,419
Chuck Tindall (D) — 11,517

win over Democrat challenger Chuck Tindall, 26,478 to 18,253. "It was pretty much what I expected," Crawford said. "But I was surprised at some spots."

He and his wife (who was re-elected Oakland County commissioner for District 9) watched a large-screen TV with the national races and another screen with Novi races continually updated by Willy Mena.

"I left around 1 a.m. and then pretty much stayed up all night," Hugh Crawford said, adding that he was obviously disappoint-

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District taps fund balance four of last six years

Novi challenged to maintain 10%

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

Like many financial reports, there is good news and bad news in the Novi Community School District's for the fiscal year ending June 30.

The good: The district was only off by about \$2,500 in its projection.

The bad: It had to dip into its fund balance and take out \$2.6 million to cover the \$71.6 million in expenditures.

"Yes, we spent more than we took in," said

Steve Barr, assistant superintendent of business operations, "but it was an anticipated use of fund balance."

That left the district with \$8.8 million in its fund balance, but that is projected to shrink to \$6.9 million come next June. That's about half of what it was in 2008.

"Our goal is to be at no less than 10 percent," Barr said. "We've been chewing it up. It's at its lowest in the last six or seven years."

The district has had to

use fund balance money to balance the budget four of the last six years. Barr said the two biggest factors are because some of the federal stimulus money ran out, and because of the reduction in Michigan's per-pupil funding.

"The state took away \$470 (down to \$8,329) per student in 2011-12," Barr said.

The accounting firm of Plante & Moran LLC presented the district's annual audit report at the school board's Nov. 1



"We have less and less say in how schools are funded. They just keep taking, taking, taking from us."

STEVE BARR
Novi's assistant superintendent of business operations

meeting. Of the district's \$71.6 million in expenditures, the biggest percentage (64.2) is spent on instruction. The district also spends nearly 12 percent on instructional support.

"We continue to keep our resources in the classroom, where they

should be," Barr said. "Those remain the top two or three in the county in terms of percentages — and we're proud to say that."

For the district to keep those percentages high, there will likely be

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Faith Community serves up free Thanksgiving dinner

Attendees must call by Tuesday for reservations

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

If you're fortunate enough to be able to sit down with family and friends to a traditional Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 22, know that there are many others in the Novi community who wouldn't have that opportunity if not for Faith Community Presbyterian Church.

The church, at 44400 W. Ten Mile (across from the police station) is providing a free Thanksgiving Day dinner for the entire community from noon-2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 22.

"It's in the spirit of Thanksgiving," said Rev. Richard Henderson. "To begin with, that was a free dinner everybody shared together. I've been

thinking over the years about people who end up being alone while the rest of their family is getting together somewhere else, and people who have trouble affording it and the realization that everyone is doing it and you're not.

This will be the first time the church has done this, but Henderson is hoping it will become an annual event. They're expecting up to 100 people attending, and numerous volunteers are ready to prepare food, host and serve those who arrive.

"Last year, one of our church members -- who has two kids who were both going to be with in-laws -- was going to be alone," said Henderson. "She decided to go

to South Lyon for a free dinner there. I thought, 'We can do that in our community as well.'"

Faith Community put together a planning committee of four, and they contacted Kenny Walkup at South Lyon's First United Methodist Church on how they do their dinner.

"Kenny is extraordinarily organized -- menus, cost, everything in great detail -- and he gave us all that information," said Henderson. "It was a very cooperative effort and great of them to share with us."

So if you're looking for a place to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving dinner of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and homemade pies, the folks at Faith Community Presby-



Getting ready for Faith Community's Thanksgiving dinner are (l to r) Gary McAleer, Dave Butler, the Rev. Richard Henderson and Tom Sumiec.

terian Church welcome you -- but you need to call them (248-349-2345) and reserve your spot by Tuesday, Nov.

13 so they know how many to plan for. "Sign-up is important," said Henderson, "but if somebody

walks in, we'll have enough."

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Residential developments increasing in Novi

Over 300 construction permits issued this past year

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The recession's impact on Novi's building industry appears to have bottomed out and is climbing back with an increase in permits for both new single-family homes and multi-residential dwellings.

Community Development Director Charles Boulard attributes this new development to Novi's attractiveness. "This is a desirable community and people want to live here," Boulard said. "The location and home values are both good, so that helps a lot."

From July 2011-2012, there were 230 single-family home construction and 114 multi-residential (condominiums) permits issued.

By contrast, in 2009, these numbers were at 54 permits for single-family homes and 10 for attached.

increases, and we are doing better than most municipalities," Boulard said.

He said his department is seeing new permits approved and developers buying new lots to start projects. However, what is "particularly heartening" for him are the new sections being built in subdivisions that were put on hold because of the economic downturn several years ago.

In June, Novi announced it had 208 commercial permits and 146 new housing permits issued, totaling \$41 million in valuation.

New constructions of residential are located in a variety of areas around the community, including in the vicinity of 10 Mile at both Beck and Wixom roads, like Island Lake of Novi, as well as Liberty Park, which is near 12 Mile and Novi roads.

Some of the key commercial projects include



City of Novi Building Official Andy Gerecke (left) and building inspector Hal Hultman take a look at some condo building efforts at Novi's Liberty Park development off Twelve Mile on Nov. 2. After a lull, home permits and construction have taken off in Novi recently, and Liberty Park is building condo units in about six weeks.

the revitalization of the Novi Town Center and the opening of Wal-Mart and the Hyatt Place Hotel, which is being built adjacent to the Suburban Collection Showplace.

Because of the increases the Community Development and Treasury departments extended their hours over the summer to accommodate the busy construction season. The city cut back on some staff in these

departments during the downturn. However, as things began to pick up, they looked to consultants and part-time inspectors to fill in to be able to provide the best services possible.

"We want to maintain our services to their highest capability so we can make it easier on those coming for permits or whatever their needs," Boulard said.

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UPDATES FROM YOUR CITY

Civic Center Campus will be brighter than ever at Light Up the Night on Nov. 30.

With the holiday season aglow with activity, the Civic Center Campus will reflect the cheer at the annual Light Up the Night event from 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30.

The event, held indoors and out, offers seasonal fun for everyone. Mayor Bob Gatt and a special visitor

from the North Pole will set the festive tone by lighting the holiday tree at 6:45 p.m. Additional highlights include a craft show, Santa visits (professional photos are \$5 each), kids' activities, marshmallow roasting, hockey skills competition, live reindeer, miniature train rides and free food samples from several local restaurants. Festive hay wagons will shuttle people to and from

the Novi Public Library to enjoy face painting and Tom Plunkard the Magician performances, sponsored by the Berenguer Family, starting at 7:30 p.m. "Light Up the Night is a great way for the community to come together and experience the spirit of the holidays in Novi."

"This event gives us all the opportunity to sing, laugh and enjoy the wonders of the season," said

Jason Mangum, director, Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services.

A variety of live performances will feature Musikgarten & Me, the Novi Chorlairens, and an interactive Nutcracker performance for all to enjoy! New for 2012 is a House Decorating Contest with the winner announced at Light Up the Night.

To enter, send photos of outdoor house decorations

to Greg Morris, Recreation supervisor at gmmorris@cityofnovi.org by Nov. 26.

Artists and crafters interested in participating in the Light Up the Night craft show may visit cityofnovi.org and complete the application by Wednesday, Nov. 14. Donations of gifts and money will be collected at the event to benefit HEAVEN -- a safe place for families of domestic abuse.

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Higher student count offsets cost of new teachers

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

Novi realized an increase of 46 more students than the school district budgeted this school year, and that translates into an additional \$400,000 and \$500,000 in additional state aid.

"But we spent every dollar of that on new teachers to keep classes down at the elementary level," said Steve Barr, assistant superintendent of business and finance. Although the official student count day is now the first Wednesday in October (as opposed to the previous fourth Friday

of the school year), the district was waiting for its final tally to include students in early childhood, special education, alternative education, shared time, etc.

That final figure, 6,373, accounts for 90 percent of the state aid formula, with the other 10 percent coming from the February 2012 count, 6,388, to get a "blended" total of 6,375.

Novi's per-pupil state allocation is \$8,329 for full-time students. The district receives only half that amount per pupil for the 17 enrolled in Novi Woods Elementary's half-time kinder-

garten. (Previously, the district received full funding for students in that program.)

"We're up 15 students from last year," Barr said. "Although some grades went down, kindergarten is up 69 from last year."

Even with the jump in kindergartners, the average class size for that grade is at 20. It climbs to 22 for first grade; 22.5 for second; 23.5 for third; 24.5 for fourth; and 27.5 for fifth and sixth.

"We know we've reduced the class sizes throughout K-12," Barr said. "We hired about 12

new teachers compared to what retired."

The district works with a demographer for enrollment projections to determine trends, like the bump in kindergartners, for budgeting purposes. "Do we have more spikes coming?" Barr asked. "It was not expected, but it's a good thing."

He said Novi has 500 students graduating this school year, but there are 400-450 coming into kindergarten.

Overall, Novi's student count has dropped over the last five years, with the recession definitely playing a role. And even

though the overall birth rate in Oakland County is down, Novi is still getting its same percentage of students. In 2000, Oakland County recorded 16,253 births, but last year there were only about 13,000.

"So you've got less of a pool to draw from, but we still draw 2.5 percent of all kids born in the county going to Novi schools," Barr said.

And he says fewer students — about 8 percent — in the city of Novi are attending private schools or are being home-schooled.

"We have about 92 percent in Novi schools who

are eligible," he said. "We think that's higher than most school districts."

Figuring out the future is still the challenge for Novi. With 458 kindergartners, that's the district's highest number in at least eight years.

"We're happy with the overall count, but we're really trying to do some studies to figure out what's behind kindergarten," Barr said. "Are there three or four more big classes coming through? It's a nice problem to have."

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Believe in district as it works to be better for all

By Steve Matthews
Guest Columnist

I sat in a first grade classroom today and talked with a teacher. She was very positive. She talked me through some of the concerns she had about her class and her classroom. There were a lot of very good things going on. She communicated clearly



Steve Matthews

to me about the district and her faith in her colleagues. At the end of our time together, there were two messages that I took away from our conversation. First, she believed in our district. Second, she believed we could do better.

I also recently sat in a conference room at a high school. The assembled administrators were also very positive. While they spoke of some of their frustrations, they had come to solve the problem not to get lost in complaining about the problem. They talked about classrooms and students and working with teachers to help students succeed. We talked about student progress toward graduation. At the end of our meeting, I also thought that they had two clear messages for me. One, they believed in our district. Second, they thought we could do better.

I sat with parent leaders last week. We spoke about the school year and what was working and what was not working. They shared concerns about where the district was right now. At the end of our meeting, I felt they also shared two messages. They believed in our district. They thought we could do better.

As I talk with people who work for the district, who have children who attend the district, or who are just connected to our district, the message is the same one. They believe in us, yet they believe we can do better.

It is a frustrating time to be in education. Funding, enrollment, graduation requirements, new legislative mandates — the list of items that could bog a person down is almost endless.

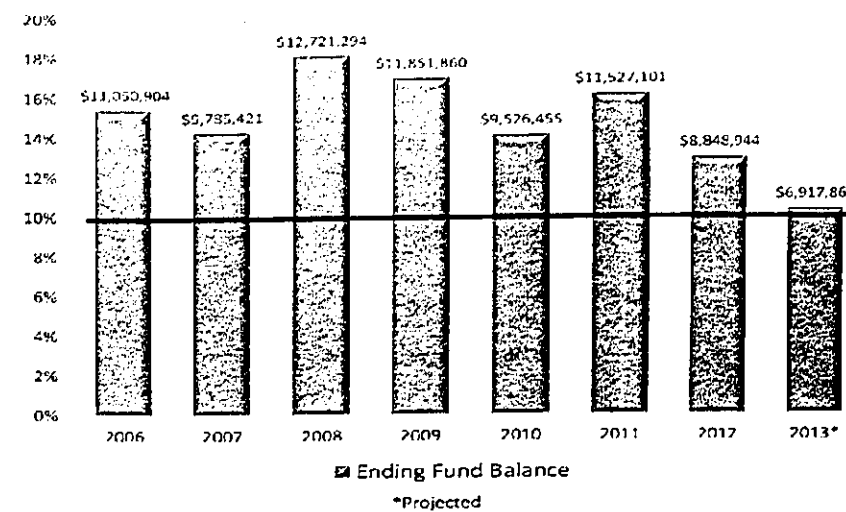
Yet as I go to buildings, visit with parents, and see our employees in action, I am buoyed by the commitment that I see around me. I see employees working hard, going out of their way to make things better. I see students focused on learning. I hear from parents who want to make a difference.

Progress is not always easy and it is not always fast. I understand that every year that any child is in our school district, attending one of our schools, it is an important year. We cannot take a year off. We cannot take a month, or a week, or even a day off.

When a child is in our school year and appear to threaten progress, people have a right to be concerned. Yet what I have seen this year has been a resolve to solve problems, a resolve to continue making us better.

Why? Because people believe in our district. People — be they employees, parents, or community members — understand that every one of us has a responsibility to work together to make our district better. People are willing to commit because they believe in the district. Yet with the first message comes the unmistakable second message. We can do better. Taken together these attitudes give me confidence and hope. Our school district is a great place for people to be.

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"adjustments" elsewhere for 2013-14, Barr said, "but it's too early to say where. Our goal is to keep changes outside the classroom as much as we can." Like every district in the state, Novi is waiting

to find out the outcome of the school aid rewrite that's being pushed hard by Gov. Rick Snyder. Barr said it's "too raw" right now to judge what kind of impact it will have on districts. Likewise, Tuesday's election will bring about changes in Lansing leadership that could change the rewrite.

"We have less and less say in how schools are funded," Barr said. "They just keep taking, taking, taking from us."

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The Novi High School Student Council for the Class of 2013 organized a food drive competition for all senior English classes. In addition, the National Honor Society also participated. This is the fourth year the class has participated in a food drive for the Novi Community Food Bank, which is housed in Faith Community Presbyterian Church in Novi. A total of 404 cans/items of food were delivered to the church on Nov. 1. "Our shelves are really low at this time of year," said food bank representative Jim Ernst. "We really appreciate the donation!" The food bank feeds needy families from Novi, Wixom, and New Hudson. Pictured are some of the student council officers and society members delivering the food (l to r, back): Brad Miller, Yusuf Qadeer, Scott Schram, Rob Armiak; (front) Valerie Fraser, Cheyenne Abrego and Jackie Mullins.



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Parkview Elementary kindergarten Lauren Hudacek, center, and others race around the school's property on Oct. 3 for the fall Fun Run, organized by "Get Movin'."

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Parkview Elementary School Principal Jennifer Michos, right, and school librarian Jenny Kramer wave to the school's Halloween parade on Oct. 31.

Parkview Elementary School student Megan Richcreek parades around the school during its Oct. 31 Halloween parade - as a life-size version of a doll (that she's holding). Students and staff dressed up in their costumes that day and paraded around for parents and siblings.

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O'Connor, Cadwell take two school board seats

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

There will be one familiar face and a fresh one when the next Novi schools Board of Education meets after incumbent Dennis O'Connor and newcomer Tracey Cadwell both won seats in Tuesday's election. O'Connor gathered 6,969 votes; Cadwell had 5,865; and Brad Leidal tallied 5,242.

HOW NOVI VOTED

Novi Schools Board of Education
*Tracey Cadwell - 5,865
*Brad Leidal - 5,242
*Dennis O'Connor - 6,969
*winners

HOW NOVI VOTED

O'Connor said people talk about the power of incumbency, but he felt current voting patterns may have left him vulnerable. "I didn't expect to win by that large of a margin," he said. "I knew we were on the right track. Novi schools are ranked highly, and I have a powerful message and record to run on — and I'm honored voters in

the Novi district hired me for another term."

Cadwell will join O'Connor for a six-year term on the board. She stayed up until 1 a.m., constantly checking the Oakland County website's election page for updates. By the time she went to sleep, 92 percent of the votes were in.

"I was extremely excited. I was ecstatic," she said. She voted at Novi's Precinct 2 early Tuesday morning.

"It was good to see that many people out voting," said Cadwell. "That made me feel better."

She said she was surprised by the victory, but said the endorsement of the Novi News "really helped. I was honored by that." She also

attributed her win to "networking with people and getting my face out there."

Although he lost, Leidal said the campaign was a "tremendous experience." He was grateful for the votes he received and the hard work people put in on his behalf.

"It's a tough election, running for two seats with three people and one's an incumbent," said Leidal. "That's an uphill battle."

He said he would not close the door on running again, and felt garnering close to 30 percent of the vote was positive. He said he was also the only candidate to have the support of Novi's teachers.

"I think we got some good results," he said.

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But the big difference four years ago was that Obama won Novi with 51 percent to John McCain's 47 percent.

Hart, a University of Michigan student, said her English class professor was giving extra credit to students who brought back an "I VOTED" sticker.

Hart said there was "a lot" on the ballot as she exited the Precinct 15 poll at St. James Church around 3:15 p.m.

"I didn't know enough to vote on all of it, so I just picked what was important to me," said Hart, who said she understood the six proposals — "just not enough to make an educated decision."

She said the voting process went "pretty quick," which was echoed by Carmen Brantley, who wrapped up her choices just before Hart.

"It was pretty easy — no wait, no fuss," said Brantley.

She said she had an idea of how she was going to vote for the majority of the candidates and proposals, and she voted on everything.

"Some I went for a name that rung a bell," she said. Steve Cook, chairman of Precinct 15, shared Hart's definition of Election Day with one word: "Awesome!"

He said it was busy and the precinct was getting a great turnout.

"We've had very few issues, and the weather helped," said Cook.

He felt Precinct 15 could possibly finish with the city's highest turnout. "We always get a strong turnout here, traditionally."

Of its 1,874 registered voters, 789 had already been to the poll by 3:30 p.m., and another 400 absentee ballots had been processed.

With the polls open until 8 p.m., it appeared to be a record turnout in the making.

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Kathy Crawford keeps commissioner seat

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

HOW NOVI VOTED

Oakland County Commission 9th District
Kathy Crawford (R) — 14,556
Gwen Markham (D) — 11,213

Kathy Crawford saw the unofficial results of her race against Gwen Markham for Oakland County commissioner in District 9 around 9 p.m. Tuesday, but it would be another hour before she was sure of her win.

"We kept waiting because we weren't sure if absentees were included in the precinct," said Crawford.

"I never feel good until I see about three precincts."

The Republican finished with 15,784 votes to her Democrat challenger's 11,956.

Crawford was at Central Park Estates with her husband, Hugh, who was re-elected to the House of Represent-

HOW NOVI VOTED

tatives 38th District.

"Hugh and I are always poised for a last-minute surprise," said Crawford, adding that she was shocked Bill Bullard was unseated as Oakland County's clerk/register of deeds.

"Presidential elections are a totally different animal," she said.

Now she'll begin her second two-year seat as county commissioner, a position for which there are no term limits.

"My window is narrower than a lot of other people," she said.

HOW NOVI VOTED

"I jumped in with both feet."

She said she was particularly happy with her efforts on senior citizens programs, particularly turning the Senior Advisory Committee from a "do-nothing committee" into one that now takes action.

"And I expect in next year or two to get back to direct services from county to senior centers," said Crawford.

She's also proud that county board and committee meetings are now streamed online, and meeting agendas have gone to an elec-

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Bentivolio made a brief appearance shortly before midnight Tuesday, telling his crowd of supporters that "it looks pretty good."

"I love you, I thank you very, very much for the opportunity. God blessed us and I hope he will continue to bless us," he said.

Bentivolio ran on a platform of conservative values, decrying a federal government that he said overspends, overborrows and overregulates.

"It's a congressman's job to protect your rights, not take them away," he said, drawing cheers and applause from the crowd.

One of his supporters, Doug Moore of South Lyon, said he knows Bentivolio personally and is confident he will make a difference in Washington.

"He gets it about our country. He's not just a politician looking for a job

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— he cares," Moore said. Bentivolio was largely ignored in the race until former Congressman Thaddeus McCotter dropped out amid a petition signature scandal. He beat out challengers for the final two months of the current 11th Congressional District seat.

Moore added that Bentivolio's presumed win eased a bit of the sting for him after Gov. Mitt Romney's apparent defeat in the presidential bid.

"At least we got someone in Washington who might slow down the massive spending, the irresponsible government," he said.

Taj graciously conceded the race Wednesday morning, saying the results represented "democracy, the people's voice."

"We gave it a shot, and came up short," he said. "In an election only two things can happen — win or lose. I had hoped to win, but it didn't go the way I wanted."

Congress: Kerry Bentivolio claims victory over Taj

By Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer

Kerry Bentivolio, who rose from relative obscurity to become the Republican front-runner in Michigan's 11th congressional District race, is heading to Washington, D.C.

And so, presumably, is Democrat David Curson, who will likely serve out the remaining two months of the

HOW NOVI VOTED

Congress 11th District
*Kerry Bentivolio - 13,429
*Syed Taj - 12,920

current 11th congressional District, based on preliminary, unofficial results.

Bentivolio, a former teacher, home builder and U.S. military veteran from Mil-

ford, carried the Oakland County vote Tuesday night for the newly drawn 11th District for the U.S. House of Representatives, which includes portions of Oakland and Wayne counties.

His top challenger, Dr. Syed Taj of Canton, was favored in Wayne County — but not by enough votes to earn him the seat.

Unofficial results show Bentivolio earning the

two-year term in the newly drawn district, racking up 166,226 votes while Taj received 146,128 votes.

"We're going to go to Washington and represent the 11th District like it's never been represented before," said Bentivolio during his victory party Tuesday night at the Sheraton Hotel in Novi.

Unofficial results show Bentivolio earning the

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Husband-and-wife candidates Hugh and Kathy Crawford look upon a projected spreadsheet of favorable results at Novi's Central Park Estates as they await final word.

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'Proud of my country'

World War II veteran recalls service in Italy, maintains ties to that country

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Harrison Coleman wasn't much of a skier when he went to fight in Europe during World War II — but he learned fast. "We fought in the mountains over in Italy," said Coleman, 87, of Novi. "I was just a gun-toting soldier."

He served 1943-45 in the U.S. Army with the 10th Mountain Division, Company B of the 86th Regiment. Many years have passed, but he's clear in describing his unit's ascent on Riva Ridge at night. They left around 11 p.m. and reached the top early the next morning.

"We were successful in driving the German army off that mountain." That saved Belvedere Ridge for Allied forces, a key point in the war. Coleman and his men had to carry unloaded weapons during the ascent, for quiet and safety reasons, to avoid alerting the Germans.

Coleman was wounded March 4, 1945, while carrying some grenades to his unit. An explosion killed the man next to him and Coleman was injured.

"That was the end of the war for me," he said. He guarded kitchen trucks for the balance of his service, and was set to return to combat in the Pacific until President Harry S. Truman ordered atomic bombs dropped on Japan, ending the war there.



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Novi resident and WWII veteran Harrison Coleman as he recounts his and the 10th Mountain Division's efforts in Italy in February 1945. Coleman, who received the Bronze Star and Purple Heart, was wounded near Sasmolmare, Italy, by a mortar shell's shrapnel. Coleman and some of the 10th Mtn. returned to Italy this past summer as a museum dedicated an installation that honored their heroic efforts to push the Germans out of the country and end the war.

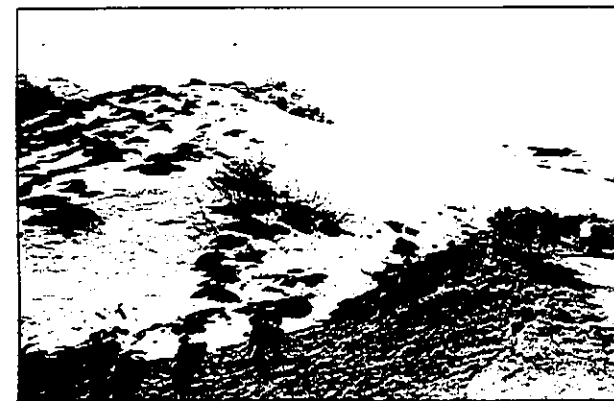


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Returning to Italy
Coleman served his entire military stint in Italy, and has returned some 19 times, helping extensively with a museum in Trignano on World War II history. He cut a ribbon at the museum this past June.

"Those people in that particular area are so grateful," he said of the Apennine Mountain region. "I was proud to be a soldier. I was proud of my country." He received a plaque from Lorenzo Lugli, mayor of Fanano, Italy, on June 20, 2012.

Coleman was born in New Orleans, La., and came to Detroit at age 5. He's known wife Lorraine, a Detroit native, since first grade. They married Aug. 18, 1945, at Fort Street Presbyterian Church in Detroit, and have four children, 12 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren with one on the way. They have a grandson in the Navy whose wife is expecting.

Harrison Coleman, known as Harry, was



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only 18 when inducted. He trained in Oklahoma and Colorado and landed in Naples Christmas Eve 1944.

"We had instructors that you wouldn't believe," he said of ski instruction. "They were champion Olympic skiers." Some were Norwegian. He recalled sleeping in the snow in heavy uniforms, all white so they'd blend in. Coleman, who received medals including the Bronze Star and Purple Heart, also recalled in a slower time digging up and eating potatoes.

"We furnished a lot of food over there because we lost a lot of mules," he said, recalling Italians butchering the dead animals for food.



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Harrison Coleman, center in this photo, and some of his 10th Mountain Division mates before they shipped off to Italy. Coleman said of his WWII experience: "I was a good soldier. I did what I was told: no more, no less."



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Coleman points to a path that he and his platoon mates took up to Riva Ridge in Italy in February 1945.

One time, Coleman intended to insult an injured German soldier. He saw the man was on a stretcher and had no feet. "I said 'God bless' and walked away." His father had told him when he was young he'd complain about having no shoes and then meet a man with no feet, and Coleman remembered that well.

"I knew I must be blessed somehow. How could I survive that blast?"

Difficult to scale
Riva Ridge was almost straight up and difficult to climb. The Allied success gave the war effort a boost.

Among Coleman's papers is a list of the men who died from his division, and he has a photo in the Florence, Italy, cemetery taken with one of the last men in his unit to die in war. Coleman arranged a picnic years later in Italy, with a woman named Zaira writing of her memories in Italian longhand, which he had translated.

After the war, he became an apprentice

tool and die maker on the GI Bill, and went on to found his own manufacturing company, which the couple's son now runs and is named for Lorraine. Harrison Coleman got involved in veterans work in the 1980s when he had more time.

The Colemans have taken their children and grandchildren to Italy. "They grew up hearing all the stories about World War II," Lorraine Coleman said. Two great-grandchildren accompanied them this last time.

Coleman continues service work at his age, including packages to service personnel in Iraq. His wife recalled fears on the home front during World War II.

"You didn't hear about it all the time like you do now," she said. She blessed Coleman when he was injured and the news came by telegram, but could only take them home with her.

"That was quite a job getting Hitler out of North Africa," her husband added of the region's wartime significance.

He was on a "Liberty Ship" coming home when a storm struck. "We didn't think we were going to make it," but did. They landed at Newport News, Va., and he had several trips, including a stint as an MP in St. Paul, Minn., before coming home.

'Charmed life'
"I've had really a charmed life. I saw people die all around me and I'm still here," said Coleman, who with his wife has lost friends more recently to old age. "I've had a good life."

He went to the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., with former Vice President Bob Dole the speaker. Veteran Dole, also injured, was in Coleman's unit.

Coleman didn't design the Edsel car grill, but did actual work on it. "Then the darn thing faded away in two years."

Their young family built a home in Taylor with his dad, a builder, helping and recommending seasoned 2-by-4s over newer wood. The family moved to a brick home in northwest Detroit, with the Coleman later in Farmington Hills, South Carolina and Florida.

They've been in Novi 12 years.

"I'm glad that I've done everything I've done," said Coleman. They attend military reunions which get smaller as time passes, and wish to share their World War II story. Both Colemans noted the rapid passing of "The Greatest Generation."

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Salute to Veterans

Charles Williams recalls crucial lessons learned

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

As a young man, Novi resident Charles Williams went into the military to find a way to pay for college, but he got an unplanned education that left him with a sense of dedication and honor that comes with serving your country.

And after retiring following 22 years in the Army, Williams now remembers these lessons each Veterans Day.

"It changed my attitude — for the better — and it made me realize what duty, honor and love of country means," said Williams, 59, who also volunteers at the Novi Civic Center and with Meals on

Wheels.

He joined at the age of 20 because his father had served and he saw the benefits it brought, and he eventually wanted to get his college degree (which he did). Trained in communications, Williams went on to serve in Germany. He served during the Gulf War and American bases in Germany at the time were targets of terrorism.

As his time went on, he began to realize the education he was getting outside of the classroom was just as important.

"I benefited from helping and leading others," Williams said. "This changed me and made me realize the importance of our military service

He will be remembering those serving at the Salute to Veterans event, which will take place at the Novi Senior Center from noon-2 p.m. Nov. 9.

members." This respect carries to this day, and he said today's service members are sacrificing much for their country. He thinks this Veterans Day should be spent honoring them and the others who have given so much.

"I have a lot of respect and gratitude for today's soldiers and service members," he said.

He will be remembering those serving at the Salute to Veterans event, which will take place at the Novi Senior Center from noon-2 p.m. Nov. 9. It will honor veterans' service with an afternoon luncheon, Colors Ceremony, Folding of the Flag and some great entertainment. It will be open to those 55 or older.

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Novi resident Charles Williams retired after 22 years in the U.S. Army. He will be honoring Veterans Day at the Salute to Veterans event at the Novi Senior Center with other veterans on Nov. 9.

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"We are excited to be able to give back to the men and women who have dedicated their lives for the safety and freedoms of our country," said Josh Shields, owner of Message Envy Spa Northville. "Massage is a tremendous stress reducer and ideal gift for us to provide to our military personnel and their spouses."

Free parks entry on Veterans Day

Oakland County Parks and Recreation will offer free park entry on Sunday, Nov. 11 to all guests in honor of Veterans' Day, including Lyon Oaks County Park at 52221 Pontiac Trail in Wixom.

Oakland County proposes Veteran Internship Program

Oakland County Commis-

sioners Jim Runestad (R-White Lake) and Dave Woodward (D-Royal Oak) successfully proposed the creation of a Veteran Internship Program (VIP) for Oakland County to help returning veterans find work and make a better transition into civilian life. The proposal garnered bipartisan support and passed 25-0 on Nov. 1.

The next phase will be for the Human Resources Department to go back to the Public Services Committee on the status of their findings to implement the Veteran Internship Program (VIP) which conforms to Federal and State laws and the Oakland County Merit System's Miscellaneous Resolution #08119 by the end of the calendar year.

The goal of the Veteran Internship Program will be to:

- Assist veterans with the transition to the civilian workforce.
- Build veteran's skills and confidence.
- Provide the opportunity to develop on the job experience and training for a wide variety of careers in county government and in the civilian workforce.
- Support Oakland County departments and agencies in developing an understanding of the skills and abilities that returning veterans offer to the government work force.
- Honor the service of veterans.

Numerous communities and government agencies have developed and implemented

similar programs with great success, including King County, Washington; Los Angeles County, California; Virginia Department of Transportation. Commissioners will be gathering information and best practices around the country to design a program proven to work.

The county resolution Runestad and Woodward introduced called on the county administration and departments to work with the county commission to develop a plan and to provide information about the projected costs. Within 45 days of the adoption of the resolution which will be reported by the end of the calendar year and presented back to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners for further consideration.

NOVI NEWS BRIEFS

Fundraiser for Friends of Library

Come out and test drive Varsity Lincoln cars on Monday, Nov. 19 and help raise funds for the Friends of the Novi Public Library. The dealership will donate \$20 per test drive.

There will be 8-10 cars available for each of the test drive sessions. Additionally, a raffle will be held for a chance to win a "Day at the Spa for your Car" detailing package; five packages will be raffled.

Parking will be available in the Novi Public Library lot (45255 W. Ten Mile Road) during the 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. session. Parking for the 3-8 p.m. session will use the Novi High School parking lot, behind the library. Entrance to Novi High School is located off of Taft Road. For more information about this event, please contact Novi Public Library at (248) 349-0720 or visit their website at http://www.novilibrary.org/. You can also contact Varsity Lincoln at (248) 374-3412.

Rodeo-style competition featured

The annual fall Novi Equestrian Expo will be returning to the Suburban Collection Showplace Nov. 9-11. This year's event will feature a Dancing with the Horses Show. Competitors participating in the competition will demonstrate their skills in the areas of flag racing, pole bending, keyhole and stakes racing.

The overall event will include a Model Horse Show, riding exhibitions, as well as an extensive shopping area that will delight horse lovers of all ages. A full slate of well-known equine clinicians will be presenting valuable information about managing horse health, tips for training and more. Clinicians include: Tommie Turvey, Equine Extremist; Bill & Cricket Nelson; Nancy Harm, Steve Shaver, Dianna McPhail and Tim Scarberry, Arabians, Quarter Horses, Appaloosas, Morgans, Thoroughbreds, Standardbreds, Tennessee Walking Horses, ponies, dandies, mini horses and more will all be represented. For more information, visit www.noviequestrianexpo.com.



The Chamber Music Society of Detroit (CMSD) will present the Linden String Quartet in a free family-friendly concert at the Novi Public Library (45255 10 Mile Road) at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11. Founded in spring 2008, the Linden String Quartet has enjoyed remarkable success in four short years, winning the 2010 Concert Artists Guild Competition, Gold Medal and Grand Prize of the 2009 Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition and the Coleman-Barstow Prize at the 2009 Coleman National Chamber Ensemble Competition, among others. There are no advance reservations and seating is first-come, first-served. For more information, call (248) 855-6070 or visit www.ChamberMusicDetroit.org.

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West Oaks, Baldwin Center team up



Ramco-Gershenson Properties Trust (NYSE:RPT) hosted a Halloween shopping day on Oct. 20 in partnership with the Baldwin Center, a nonprofit organization serving the Pontiac community, at its West Oaks shopping center in Novi. Several children from the Baldwin center participated in the event, which included Halloween costume selection at the Party City store in the shopping center and breakfast at Kerby Koney Island. Ramco-Gershenson also made a donation to the Baldwin center to purchase decorations and treats for the Baldwin Center Halloween party held on Oct. 31. In conjunction with this event, Ramco-Gershenson sponsored a Halloween Art Contest. Participants, from the Baldwin Center submitted a Halloween-themed drawing, which were judged by the employees of Ramco-Gershenson. Winners were selected from age groups, ranging from kindergarten through ninth grade. There were 10 winners in total. Each of them awarded the Halloween costume shopping spree to Party City for their artistic efforts.



Cook-off for food pantries

The chili was cooking early with Community Financial Credit Union team members decked out in Michigan State University and University of Michigan gear recently, but it wasn't for a football game — it was to raise money and food donations. The annual Community Financial chili cook-off on Oct. 21 raised almost \$2,000, which will be donated along with the collected canned food pantries. Nine different batches of chili were served up by team members and judged by co-workers and local community leaders. Pictured (l to r) are guest judges from PCCS, Jeremy Hughes and Kurt Tyszkiewicz, and Community Financial team members Amy Dodge, Natalie McLaughlin and Amy Adam. Team members also showed off their preference for the Spartans or Wolverines prior to the rival game scheduled for the next day. Community Financial team members brought in nonperishable food items for the opportunity to "dress down" and donated money for the opportunity to taste and vote in the chili cook-off. The food pantries that will receive funding from the donation are located in the communities Community Financial serves, including Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Novi as well as Otsego, Montmorency and Alpena counties.

How to confront a white-collar bully

By Lee Meadows Guest Columnist

A colleague admitted to me that she was being bullied at work. When I agreed to meet with her at the Starbucks in Novi, I assumed it was to discuss a career change that she'd been contemplating and just needed a sounding board. We had barely sat down for coffee when she started talking about how her work environment had dramatically changed due to restructuring and a change in leadership. From her perspective, the workplace she had enjoyed had been replaced by a hostile work environment. There had been profit issues for the company, productivity issues among the employees and personal and marital problems within reporting relationships. Changes brought on by the economic downturn were clearly understood, and she did harp on that issue as being a primary contributor. What she didn't understand was the abrupt shift to negativity and, as she stated, "The complete disregard for people!"



Takin' Care of Business Lee Meadows

Now, I like to think that if you walk the planet long enough, you learn that (1) things aren't always as they seem, and (2) there is another side to the story. Since I was only hearing her side of it, my attempt at helping her sort through the issue was to be a good listener, ask clarifying questions, and guide her to the conclusion that, she knew, would be best for her. What I described was the conscious part of my brain employing the skills I've learned over the years. As you envision that process, let me take you to the parallel process of my brain in which memory operates.

At some level, most of us have experienced some form of bullying. Typically, as a kid and usually by someone who manages to get away with pushing people around. Those memories are not pleasant and can trigger flashbacks of episodic proportion. Now, I can never understand why there was a need to

bully someone. It just never made any sense to me. Consequently, bullying was not tolerated in the Meadows household. The patriarch knew, without the benefit of a high school education, that giving in to a bully only leads to a merciless torture. In time, you learn strategies for coping with bullies, and, ultimately, you figure out how to get them off your back. My reflection down memory lane crystallized into a glaring truth that she would have to confront.

"You're going to have to get him off your back," I stated after she'd given me the lay of the land. The landscape consisted of being verbally abused, personal attacks, outside the cube criticisms and threats to employment. The thing we expect to see is a "white-collar" bully occupying a position of power and authority in an organizational role. When they do show up, the first obligation is to establish how you wish to be treated. "I always start with a private conversation in which I share my observation about what I perceive to be a dysfunction between the two of us. I don't talk about feelings, only observations, and I seek clarity as to why."

More often than not, the white-collar bully will say, "Well, that's just how I am, so deal with it!" This is a classic statement to cover the fact that you have just "checked" their behavior.

My response has always been, "Part of the reason why we are having this conversation is how I am dealing with it." From there, I talk about how I wish to be treated and how it is good for our working relationship. There have been verbal threats, major conflicts or discords about the white-collar bully's family lineage. I state what I expect and what I will not tolerate.

Now, I have had a few replies, "And if I don't?" "What do you say to that?" she asked. "I just lean forward, I smile, and I smile." I have learned that the smile is not the response they seek; it is the one that keeps them guessing.

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NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

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The Art Institute of Michigan will host an upcoming job fair on Nov. 13 to allow local employers an opportunity to review Art Institute students portfolios which range from culinary to graphic design.

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For more information and to RSVP, contact Michelle Trevino, career

services, at (248) 675-3849 or mtrevino@aai.edu. The Art Institute of Michigan is located at 28175 Cabot Drive in Novi.

Medical community supports Big Family of Michigan

Big Family of Michigan is an organization in southeast Michigan helping to make life better for children waiting to be adopted, or in at-risk situations. One of their programs ensures that in-need children are given toys for the holidays. Over 6,000 toys will be given out this holiday season and, once again, Michigan Surgery Specialists (MSS) and Oakland Regional Hospital (ORH) have volunteered to help Big Family reach their goal. Guests

may visit Big Family at www.FamilyofMichigan.org for more information on their many programs.

MSS office locations and ORH — Including 44000 West Twelve Mile Road, Suite 205, Novi (248-374-0077) — are hosting a toy drive from Nov. 16 through Dec. 5 that is open to the public and their employees. Individuals are asked to drop off new, unwrapped toys or gift cards (Target or Walmart) for infants to 18 years of age.

The medical group will also host an internal employee contest to raise funds to purchase toys; purchase holiday point-sheets with proceeds benefiting Big Family; host a toy wrapping party; and employ volunteers will support Big Family initiatives over the holidays.

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Auction 101: What You Need to Know To Enjoy Live Auctions
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13

Description: Janet Cashin, an antiques dealer and 20 year veteran of the world of live auctions and estate sales, share her expertise. The audience is invited to use her "mock moolah" to bid on a selection of typical auction items in this hands-on experience. Winning bidders will not go home empty-handed. Sponsored by the Friends of the Novi Public Library. Registration required.

Candle Decorating for Grades 3-5
Time/Date: 7-7:45 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13

Description: As the holidays approach add a little festivity to all of your gatherings with a decorated candle. We will provide the supplies, you supply the creativity. Registration required.

Community Reads Author Visit
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 14

Description: Enjoy an evening with the 3rd Annual Community Reads author. The title this year is "Picking Cotton: Our Memoir of Injustice and Redemption" by Jennifer Thompson-Cannino and Ronald Cotton. Seating in Meeting Room full, but come see the event live on display screens in the Library! Book selling and signing will be available. This program is sponsored by libraries of Novi, Northville, Salem-South Lyon, Lyon Township, and Wixom.

Entrepreneurship Database Webinar
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15

Description: This live training webinar will introduce users to the content of the Entrepreneur database which includes annual reports, articles, blogs, business cases, company profiles, market research collections, and much more. Please register.

Making Sense of Sensory Systems
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15

Description: This parent workshop, presented by Early On Oakland, teaches how children use taste, touch, smell, and more to learn and how to recognize signs of sensory difficulties. Please register.

Fantastic Fall Book Sale at the Book Nook
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17

Description: A great selection of gently loved books will be on sale, just in time for your book shelf or for holiday giving.

Mandarin Language Conversation Group
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 19

Description: Adults & Teens interested in practicing the Mandarin Chinese language are invited to meet-up once a month at the Novi Public Library. Registration required.

Transferring VHS to DVD
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20

Description: Learn how to transfer your VHS tapes onto a DVD using the Library's Creation Station. Registration required.

Super Saturday Story Time
Time/Date: 1-1:45 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24

Description: Preschoolers, join us for some favorite stories and a craft to take home!

e-Reader Sampler
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26

Description: Test popular e-Readers and tablets before you begin your holiday shopping. Also, learn more about downloading library eBooks and audiobooks free with OverDrive. Registration required.

German Language Conversation Group
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26



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With obvious effort showing on his face, Ben Pfeffer, 3, skates and pushes a tire and cone around the surface of the Novi Ice Arena on Nov. 2 during its Open Skate. The arena hosts a noon-2 p.m. skate weekdays, except Wednesday, for only \$2. Skate rentals are available, too.

Description: Sprechen Sie deutsch? Beginners to advanced speakers are welcome to join! Registration required.

Novi Public Library - Regular Board Meeting
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28

Description: The Library Board Meeting will be held at the Novi Civic Center - Council Chambers. The Library Board meets to discuss planning for the future, making policy decisions, developing and approving the annual budget, and broad operational oversight of the Library.

Light Up the Night at the Library
Time/Date: 6:30-9 p.m. Friday Nov. 30

Description: Celebrate the night with us as we are entertained by the unbelievable Magic of Tom Plunkard @ 7:30. We will also be featuring a face painting station as well as a craft station to complement the night, before and after the magic show. Hope you'll join us. This program is generously funded by the Berenguer Family.

Business

The Consumer Landscape
Time/Date: 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14

Location: DoubleTree Hotel, Novi

Details: By Karen Strnad, director of Targeting and 2012 Soroptimist of the Year. Learn who your customers are and what motivates them to buy in this entertaining presentation. Cost is \$16 which includes dinner.

Contact: Visit www.abwanovi.org for registration and payment information.

NORTHVILLE-NOVI BUSINESS NETWORKING BREAK-FAST
Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. first and third Tuesdays (except Nov. and Dec., which are just the first Tuesdays)

Location: Kerby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty Road

Details: Business networking focused on building relationships. The Sunrise Networking Group, LLC (www.sunrisenetworkinggroup.com), or SNG for short, is a

group of about 250 business leaders who help each other to build more business by referring people to each other. Cost of breakfast is \$10.

Contact: Fonda Milana 586-232-3009 or fmilana@sunrisefinancialgroupinc.com

METRO NOVI BNI
Time/Date: 7-8 a.m. every Wednesday

Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road (north of Eight Mile), Novi

Details: BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals. Members learn how to create and refine an "elevator speech," develop a network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited free of charge. Continental breakfast provided.

Contact: Contact Julie Paquette at (248) 797-1665 or juliepaquette67@gmail.com; www.metronovibni.com

NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Contact: www.novichamber.com or call (248) 349-3743

Clubs

NOVI ROTARY CLUB
Time/Date: Noon every Thursday

Location: Novi Methodist Church 41671 W. 10 Mile Road

Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check website for speaker information; novirotary.org.

NOVI TOASTMASTERS CLUB
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every first and third Tuesday

Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi

Details: Novi Toastmasters is a community-based club which is part of Toastmasters International. Our diverse group provides a mutually supportive atmosphere in which all can develop and refine their public speak-

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NATURAL HEALTH & ECO FEST
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11

Location: Laurel Manor, Livonia

Details: This event is dedicated to the late Dr. Ann Wigmore and aims to celebrate and teach about the healing power of raw and plant-based foods and a natural, eco-friendly lifestyle through lectures, food demonstrations, samples, exhibits and more. Tickets are \$15 when purchased in advance at www.NaturalHealthandEcoFest.com, or \$20 at the door. A portion of ticket proceeds will benefit the Ann Wigmore Memorial initiative in Lithuania.

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CC continues march toward finals goal

Squad upends high-octane Walled Lake Northern

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

When Tom Mach first started coaching high school football over three decades ago, he brought with him one very steadfast belief—defense wins championships.

With a slew of league, district, regional and state titles under his belt, Mach would know what it takes to get there and win. After upending a very potent Walled Lake Northern offense last week for a 45-17 victory, Mach can say with confidence that defense brought the Shamrocks another district championship.

The Shamrocks marched into Walled Lake Northern knowing full well the Knights were able to put up big points.

ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks football team will be back on the gridiron when they visit Plymouth Saturday at 1 p.m. for the regional final. The winner will take on the victor between Rockford and Clarkston.

The option-based offense had been averaging 44.3 points per game heading into the game against Catholic Central, which had backed into the playoffs this year with a 5-4 regular-season record. When all was said and done, the Shamrocks defense did what they have always done best—control the tempo of



Quarterback Garrett Moores lines up the Shamrocks against the Walled Lake Northern Knights.

Please see SHAMROCKS, B4

Mustangs finish second at conference meet

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It wasn't the end of the conference season the Mustangs girls' swimming and diving team was hoping for, but in the end, the second-place finish was something to be proud of.

"This was obviously a disappointing final result, but the girls did everything they could and just came up short. Both South Lyon and us had a great meet, but they were just a little better," said Northville coach Brian McNeill. "It is tough facing the team for the third year in a row and tell them how proud I am after a second place finish—but it is the truth. They worked their butts off all year long to

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls' swimming and diving team will be back in action when they swim in the Last Chance Meet. The team will then swim the state finals Nov. 16 and 17 in Holland.

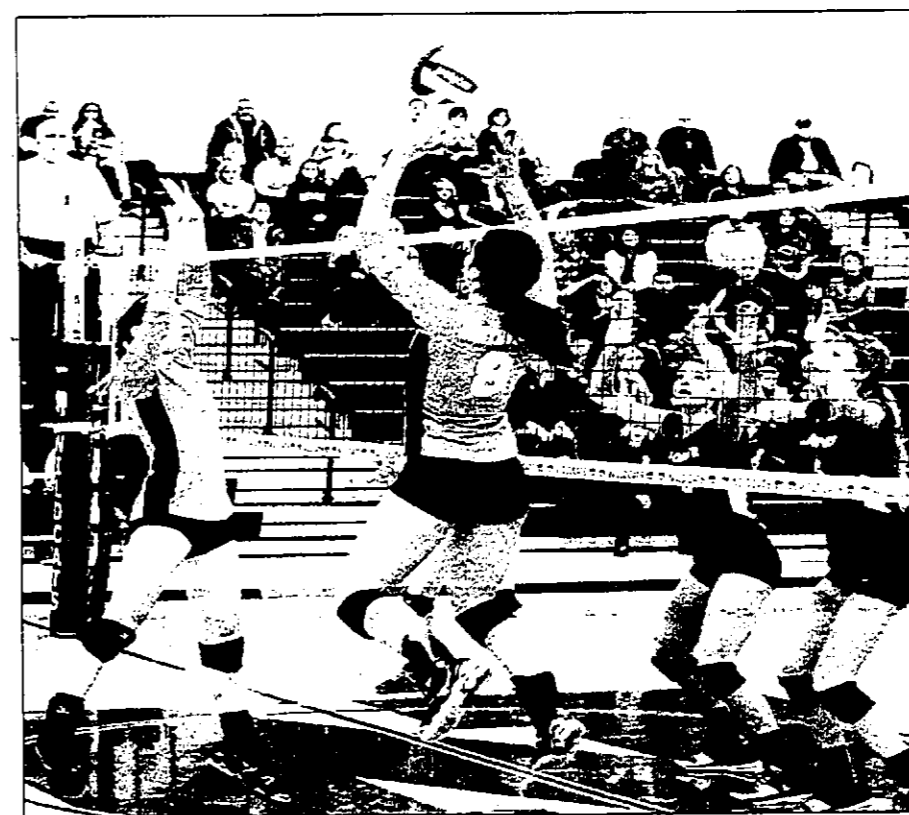
be in this position and performed great. Just about ever swim was a season-or lifetime-best and that's what we aim for."

The Mustangs finished with 756 points, just shy of South Lyon's 764 points. Novi finished third

with 651, followed by Livonia Stevenson with 564.5 and Canton with 548.

Taking first for Northville was Andrea Meister, who picked up 401.75 points in the diving event to lead all competitors. Catherine Cui also took a top spot, finishing in first in the 100 breaststroke in 1:04.72 to help the Northville tankers to their second-place team showing.

Please see SWIM, B4



Northville squares off against Novi at Novi High on Nov. 2.

Mustangs make history
Volleyball team wins first-ever district title

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Want to know what history in the making looks like? Head over and watch the Northville Mustangs volleyball team and you'll witness it.

The girls wrote their own page in the school's history book last week as they became the first-ever volleyball team from Northville High School to win the district tournament title. The final showdown between them and archrival Novi ended with the Mustangs winning the final three games, 25-4, 25-20 and 25-15, after dropping the opening round, 25-23.

"This victory marked the first district championship for Northville High School," said Amanda Yaklin, head coach of the Mustangs. "After Northville lost a close first set by two points to Novi, they cranked it up another notch, won set two big, and never looked back. The Mustangs had a solid and consistent effort with minimal unforced

ON TAP

Northville was slated to take on Ann Arbor Huron Tuesday, after the sports section went to press. Results will be available in next week's edition of the Northville Record.

errors to seal the deal."

The finals match was the fourth time the two teams squared off this year with Northville winning the two initial conference matches and the Wildcats earning the KLA Association title most recently.

The gym was packed to the gills, and the Northville faithful were loud and boisterous all night despite being outnumbered by the Novi fans in attendance. Their voice proved to be the loudest in the end as the team celebrated its championship.

The first and third matches in the final

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Cinderella Wildcats knocked out of semis

Novi soccer team bows out 3-0 to eventual state champs

By Chris Jakkett
Correspondent

In their first Division I semifinal since winning the state title in 1998, Novi's boys soccer team had a tough task slated.

The No. 16 Wildcats (17-4-3) traveled to Holt High School on a wet Oct. 31 to battle No. 1 East Kentwood (22-1-4) with the winner slated to be the favorite in the championship game against unranked Grand Blanc (16-7-2) three days later.

Having already secured their seventh 20-win season in the past eight years in the quarterfinal, East Kentwood came out hungry, but the Wildcats were prepared with a defense-loaded 5-4-1 formation.

"We came into the East Kentwood game knowing they were loaded with offensive talent and that they have great ability to beat playoff one versus one, so we knew we had to get extra players around the ball, so we decided to play a 5-4-1 formation," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "It worked very well in the first half. (East Kentwood) had the majority of possession, which we knew would happen, but they did not have any quality scoring chances and we had one great opportunity to score but we shot the ball off of the near post into the side netting on the outside of the goal."

Tied 0-0 at halftime, Falcons forward Erick Pizano beat a Novi defender 5:05 into the second half and took the ball into the touchline before centering it with a low, hard drive into the goal box intended for Josh Hagene, but the wet ball deflected off a defender's leg into the goal past senior netminder Andy Netter for a 1-0 East Kentwood lead.

Down a goal, Novi was forced to open up their formation and move players forward, which allowed Charlie Constantino and Vincent Msafiri to add insurance goals in the final 22 minutes.

"We were forced to move up some

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'Cats swim to two conference titles, finish third of 11 squads

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

It was a day of records Nov. 3 at the KLAAs Kensington Conference meet hosted by South Lyon East. Four conference records were set as the Central Division dominated the 11-team meet, finishing in five of the top six spots. South Lyon Unified won the conference title with 764 points, just ahead of Northville's 756. Novi took third with 651 points, more than 85 points ahead of the rest of the competition.

ON TAP

Novi's girls divers head to diving Regionals Nov. 13 at Ann Arbor Huron in hopes of joining several teammates Nov. 16-17 at the Division I state meet in Holland.

larily took second in the 100 free in 53.24 seconds, behind South Lyon's Rachel Green's 52.27, breaking her own 2010 conference record of 52.63. Senior Rachel Aepelbacher also was a contender with a 55.74 second, amassing 393.45 points in the 1-meter dive, behind Northville's 401.75. Senior teammate Lauren Harrington took eighth with 319.10 points. The Wildcats didn't have any A flight finishers in the top eight for the 200 free or 500 free, both won by Plymouth in 1:54.01 and 4:58.35, but did have finishers in the 100 breaststroke and 100 butterfly. Freshman Lauren Kim finished fifth in the 100 breast in 1:10.62 behind Northville's 1:04.72, while senior Kelsey Shurmur was seventh in 100 fly in 1:01.07, behind South Lyon's 56.09 seconds.

A 2011 conference record held by the Buhas, VanderMey and Berg for the 200 medley relay in 1:50.13 was broken by a South Lyon team in 1:48.27, as the Buhas, Shurmur and Kim finished third in 1:49.31. The 'Cats were also involved in the new 400 free relay record race. VanderMey, the Buhas and freshman Ava Bianchi finished fourth in 3:39.57 as South Lyon won in 3:32.42, breaking the previous 2011 record held by other South Lyon teammates for 3:36.07. Plymouth capped the 200 free relay title in 1:39.66, edging out fourth-place Novi's 1:47.87. The Novi team was Burnett, Shurmur, Bianchi and Berg.

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Wildcat volleyball showdown tilts in Novi's favor

KLAAs champ dispatches Plymouth, drops district final to division champ Northville

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent



The Novi bench and their coach Jennifer Cottrell, right, erupt in a cheer as the Wildcats take a point from Northville during the Nov. 2 district finals.



Wildcat Kacey Sheldon has a net shot blocked by Mustang Megan McCrohan during the teams' Nov. 2 district final. Northville won 3-1 to advance in the playoffs.

After winning the KLAAs title Oct. 20 and a strong Oct. 27 showing at the Bedford Tournament, Novi's volleyball team managed to find a few more victories despite some struggles during Districts on their home court. Ranked No. 10 in the state, Novi (38-13-1) started off Oct. 30 with No. 141 Plymouth Salem (5-15-2), allowing the Rocks to get a little closer than comfortable. But the 'Cats managed to pull things together for a 25-20, 25-18, 25-16 district quarterfinal victory. Senior Kacey Sheldon led the way with highs of 18 kills, 17 digs and then 16 serve receptions. Junior Isabelle Glancy led serve receptions with 22, while providing primary offensive support with 11 kills and 12 digs. Junior Emily Robb had 33 assists.

Things got even more intense Nov. 1 against No. 26 Plymouth (32-10-3). Novi managed to win 25-21, 27-25, 25-17, but not before getting a few scares from their fellow KLAAs Wildcat counterparts. "Plymouth is a good team that can get very hot and I think we handled them, didn't let them get a lot of runs and we really didn't play very well on Tuesday," Novi coach Jen Cottrell said. "I thought our serve and pass was a little sloppy today and we've just got to calm down."

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Mustangs finish fifth at state finals

Squad follows lead of Erin Dunne in her final high school appearance

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

They say you should save the best for last. Erin Dunne, a senior with the Northville Mustangs girls' cross country team, did just that last Saturday, saving her season-best performance for the state finals.

Dunne led the Northville squad to a fifth-place finish at the finals as the squad ran against a field of 28 teams. They all turned in outstanding performances, with four personal-record times being recorded. Dunne led the way, finishing in 14th place in 18:45—just off her all-time best run. The team finish was right on the bull's-eye as far as the goals that were established prior to the event. "Our goal as a team was to be in the top five, and we did that," said Northville coach Nancy Smith. "Each athlete left it all out on the course today and I am so proud of them. The team stepped up again, helping each other throughout the race to earn the top-five team (finish)."

Next in after Dunne for the Mustangs was Tileen Shahringer, who finished in 54th place in 18:58, followed by Alison Robinson in 70th with a career-best 19:02. Erin Zimmer turned in a season-best time of 19:06, which was

Northville finishes 11th at state finals

Dan Sims makes history with back-to-back All-State honors

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

After an exhausting season of personal-best performances, championship titles and an outstanding race at the regional tournament, the Northville Mustangs boys' cross country team finished the year up with an 11th-place finish at the state finals.

It was the cap to an eventful season, and Northville coach Chris Cronin was beaming with pride when all was said and done. The first name on everyone's lips when the discussion turned to the Mustangs was junior Dan Sims, who turned in a time of 15:28.7 to take eighth-place overall.

He was the third-fastest non-senior at the race and became the first-ever Northville harric to earn back-to-back All-State honors. "A look inside the numbers reveals that Dan was able to use his incredible kick to overcome a six-second deficit in the final 160 meters of the race to catch, and pass, Ryan Robinson of Waterford Mott," said Cronin.

Sims finished the first mile in just 4:50 and didn't slow down much as he ran the next mile in just 5:08 and the third mile in just 5:03 for his All-State finish. Sophomore Nick Noles turned in a tough performance as well as he

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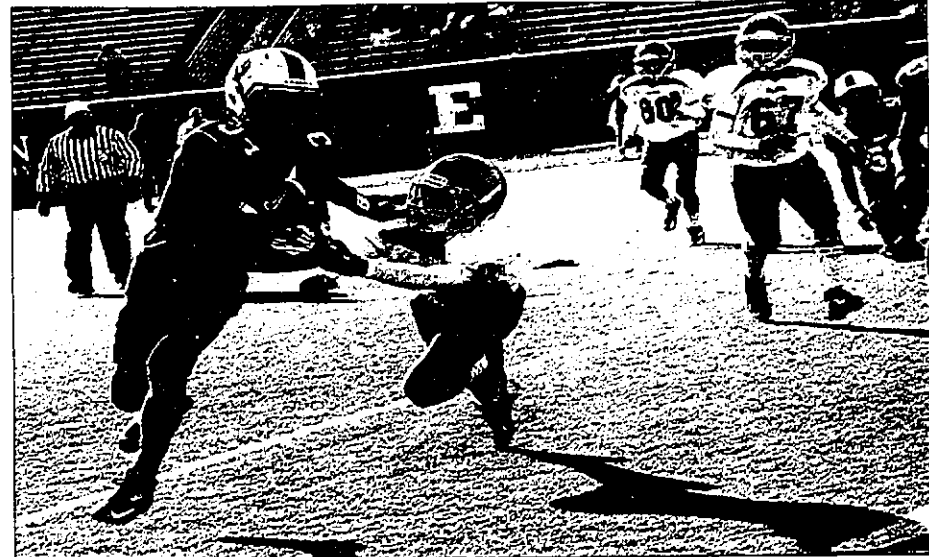
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Varsity Bobcats fall in Super Bowl

The Novi Varsity Bobcats achieved a milestone this season, winning more games in a season than any prior varsity squad, becoming the first-ever Bobcat varsity team to win a playoff game and capture a berth in the league's Super Bowl at Eastern Michigan University's Ryneerson Stadium on Nov. 3.

Nonetheless, before a large contingent of faithful Bobcat fans, the Livonia Falcons (10-0) defeated the Bobcats (8-2) by a decisive score of 26-0. While these teams played a hard-fought battle during the regular season won by the Falcons, the Falcons eliminated the championship game from the start. It held the Bobcats' powerful running game in check and took away the outside lanes from the Bobcats' Anthony Patterson for the past six years by opponents as one of the fastest and most dangerous players in the league. For much of the day, the Bobcats' offensive lead was carried by Dan Patterson, who gained over 100 yards but was kept out of the end zone for the first time all season. Patterson, who rushed for well-over 1000 yards and scored 20 touchdowns for the Bobcats this season, was universally recognized throughout the League as one of the most dominant players both offensively and defensively.

Northville will only graduate Dunne from this year's state finals team. Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.



Varsity Bobcat Ryan Welch (34) has a big gain against the Livonia Falcons on Saturday's Super Bowl.

The Falcons struck with a touchdown on their first possession and later added another before the end of the first quarter. The Falcons only needed 12-0 lead. They scored again in the second quarter to post a 20-0 halftime lead. The Bobcat defense stiffened in the second half to allow the Falcons only one additional score, its offense was never able to cross the goal line, although the Bobcats drove the ball into the red zone on more than one occasion during the game.

Although much of the fanfare for this year's success was the dominance of Patterson and electrifying runs by D'Annibale, the core of second year varsity players who have been in the Bobcats' pro-

gram with Patterson and D'Annibale for six years deserve a great deal of credit for their leadership, hard work, and being part of the legacy of Bobcats players who reached five Super Bowls in six years and won a championship. Those players are Connor Moore, Michael Ull, Lincoln Cleary, Andrew Calhoun, Scott Lamborn, Ryan Welch, and Travis Davis. Second year varsity players who also had distinguished Bobcat careers were Ricky Turner, Rakin Parker, Colin Beyluis, and Anthony Zimbalatti. Adding to the mix this year were first year 8th grade players James Graham and Supas Chinthalapuri. The Varsity Bobcats also had a core of first year players who are expected to return and

excel for next year's campaign, led by Tyler Vankirk, who played well on defense all season and shined in the Super Bowl with several tackles and a big interception. Chad Howell, Blake King, Jordan Castleberry, Brendan Smith, Demond Ellison, Stephen Cadwell, Isaiah Hawkins, Casey Lyons, Matt Williams, Jordan Ward, and Keegan House-were also all contributors throughout the Bobcats' successful 2012 campaign.

Varsity head coach, Bill Ullie is also leaving the program after eight successful years leading several Bobcat teams, attaining multiple league championships, and helping shape Bobcat players for ongoing success. —By Eric Smith

SOCCER

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more players and try to get the equalizer, but they are just way too good offensively and the open space made it so they scored two goals. O'Leary said.

East Kentwood went on to defeat Grand Rapids 4-0 for their fourth title in six years.

Although the semifinal loss wasn't what the 'Cats were hoping for, advancing that far into the playoffs was a surprise for most. "We won three overtime games in the state tournament alone," O'Leary said. "We improved greatly during the season. In the first half of the season, we were 4-3

and scored 13 goals and gave up 13 goals, and then we went on an incredible run. For the rest of the season, we were 13-1-1, scored 28 goals and gave up seven. I never would have dreamed coming into the season that we would have ended 17-4-3 and ended our season in the state semifinals and the credit goes entirely to our senior class."

The team graduates Netter and seven other seniors, including Tyler Holt, Tyler Sloan, Mitch Adams, Clay King, Jon Rice, Anton Karamuco, Josh Bowne and Hiroki Sakai.

"I can't say enough about our outgoing seniors," O'Leary said. "None of them were superstars, but they defined what it means to be a team. They each understood their role on

the team, they each understood the strengths and the weaknesses of all of their teammates and they made it so that we were a difficult team to beat. We became very good at winning close games."

Despite the graduates, the team will return 13 student-athletes next fall, including juniors Dan Nakanishi, Matt King, Nick Oakley, Aric Mann, Stevie Caruso, sophomore Ryan Kobakof and freshman Tony Asimadu.

"Hopefully next year's class will have learned from this year's class that it has way more to do with attitude and teamwork than it does with soccer ability," O'Leary said.

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NORTHVILLE COLTS FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

JV comes up short in championship game

The Colts entered Saturday's championship the underdog. In fact, any team entering that game facing the Livonia Falcons would have been a four-year underdog. The Falcons were 39-0 entering this year's finale. That being said, and after a 33-19 loss earlier in the season, the Colts had a decision to make. They could cover away in the corner, or they could come out swinging.

And the latter is exactly what they did. Having nothing to lose, the Colts JV team put everything they had into the game on Saturday. The scoreboard didn't offer their effort due justice, as the team lost 34-6. It was one of those "you had to be there" situations. Rarely does a team lose so hard and with such conviction as they did Saturday. They came prepared, and they put it on the line.

Despite the loss, the team had a fantastic year. —By Jillian Rick

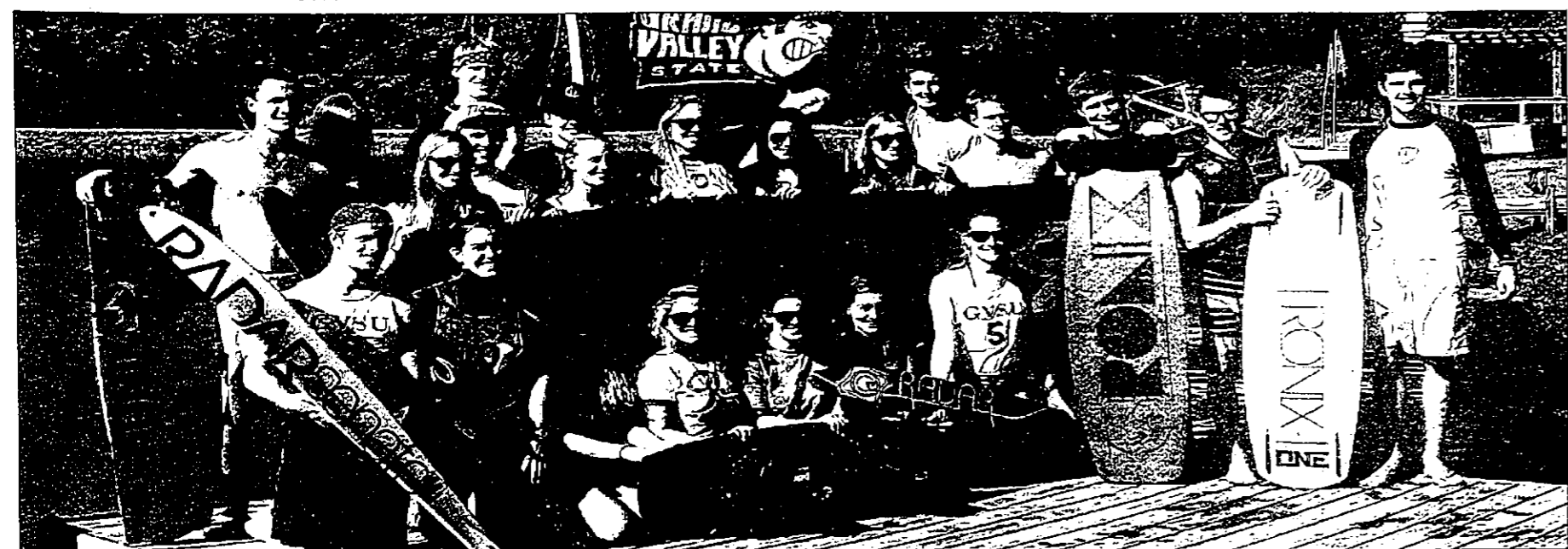
Freshman Colts lose Super Bowl

For the second year in a row the Northville Freshman Colts went to the league Super Bowl. Coming off an amazing season with only one loss, the Freshman Colts played for the championship this past Saturday at Eastern Michigan University against the Livonia Orioles and suffered a disappointing 34-6 loss. The highlight of the game for Colts fans was a 20-yard touchdown run by Danny Sheehan at the start of the second half. The game also featured a couple of great passes by quarterback Nick Lauderback to Brandon Slusser, but neither resulted in a touchdown. Gavin Nafso, Alex Condino, Shane Sandhu and Adam Harp dominated the Colts' defense but the Orioles offense proved too strong and a very successful Colts' season has come to a close. —By Amber Slusser

Ryan Logan (15) aids the Colts' defensive effort with a shoestring tackle in Saturday's Super Bowl game at Eastern Michigan University.

Danny Sheehan of the Freshman Colts runs away from an Orioles defender in the championship game.

Fourth in nation



Mary Anolick (front row, fourth from left) was co-captain of the girls swim team her senior year (2009) at Novi High School. Now she's a member of Grand Valley State University's water ski team, which earned fourth place at the national tournament in October in Baton Rouge, La.



ROBERT SMITH

Sophomore Casey Croad finished 45th in 19:17 during the Lakeland Freshman/Sophomore Invitational Oct. 29 as the young Wildcats finished fourth as a team.

SHAMROCKS

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The game. The Knights scored on their first drive of the game but didn't get another look at the end zone until the final minutes were ticking off the clock in the fourth quarter.

In between those two Walled Lake scores, the Shamrocks were busy putting on an offensive and defensive clinic. The Shamrocks held the Knights to just over 150 yards throughout the game while the offense followed the lead of senior Anthony Darkangelo, who put up 117 yards on 22 carries and scored three touchdowns to lead his team. Also finding himself taking a trip over the goal line three times was David Houle, who ran for 131 yards on 18 carries. Garrett Moores, who had a field goal to give the Shamrocks their ini-



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The Shamrocks hoist another Division Championship trophy.

tial points, threw for 117 yards in a 6-for-8 performance. The Shamrocks trailed, 10-3, when Houle first scored, rumbling in from one yard out with 8:42 left in the first half to tie the game. Darkangelo added a score two minutes later and the Shamrocks, leading 16-10, never looked back. Darkangelo went on to score two more touch-

downs before Houle added two more of his own. The Shamrocks, who are now 7-4, will play Plymouth (9-2) for the regional final. Plymouth defeated previously-unbeaten Churchill, 20-14, to advance to the regional game. Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.



CC fullback David Houle breaks for the end zone on a second-half touchdown.

First place



The Novi Parks & Recreation Wildcats soccer team celebrates after finishing in first place in the WSSL Division 1 Girls U11 Fall 2012 league with an undefeated season. The Wildcats won six games, tying two while leading the league with both the top defense and offense. In only one game did they allow more than one goal while also leading the league in scoring, averaging nearly three goals per game. The Wildcats offense had many different weapons with nine of the girls contributing a goal during the season. The member of the Wildcats include Lindsay Boals, Alexa Griffith, Elaina Haunicher, Ime Inyang, Rachel Jennings, Shannon Jennings, Ella Jones, Lauryn Mezigian, Emma Roy, Mehreen Singh, Ann Stone, Carly Summers, Maggie Mae Thompson and Akhila Vunnam. The Wildcats are coached by Kevin Jennings.

NOVI SPORTS ROUND-UP

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

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Mullins caps high school harrier career in top 55 of Division I

Senior Jackie Mullins was the lone Novi cross country runner participating in the Nov. 3 Division I state meet at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, finishing 54th in 18 minutes and 54.9 seconds, an improvement on her regional qualifying time of 19:33.23. West Bloomfield's Erin Finn won the individual state title with ease in 17:07.9. It was Mullins' third trip to the state meet in four years, an improvement her upon her junior time of 19:00.7, which was good for 37th in 2011. She finished 12th in 18:42.2 as a freshman in 2009. For

Young harriers place well at Lakeland's underclassmen invite

The younger members of Novi's boys cross country program capped their season Oct. 29 by finishing fourth of 20 teams at the Lakeland Freshman/Sophomore Invitational. Pinckney won with 60 points, followed by Lake Orion at 102, Walled Lake Central at 104 and Novi with 121 points. The Wildcats were led by sophomore Nate Hall with a 17th-place finish in 18 minutes and 17 seconds. Freshman Andrew Mizertowski followed at 18th in 18:19 and freshman Joost Plaetinck was

close behind at 21st in 18:24. Sophomores Sahisnu Malapati and Paul Li finished 33rd and 34th in an identical time of 18:57, while other Novi runners included sophomores Collin Thomas (39th in 19:04), Cameron Misko (45th in 19:17), Declan Winship (48th in 19:20) and Steve MacPherson (51st in 19:26).

"Given the weather conditions, we were more interested in places than times today," Novi coach Robert Smith said. "The temperature was around 38, with 38-mile per hour winds to match. The driving rain didn't help the situation either. Rather pleasant conditions for long distance runners."

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were tight with the Wildcats squeaking out a 25-23 win over Northville in the first round and Northville taking the overall lead with a 25-20 victory in the third. The second match, however, was an absolute blowout as the Mustangs pounded out a 25-4 victory thanks to several uncharacteristic errors by the Wildcats.

The fourth set found the Mustangs and Wildcats knotted up early, 2-2, before Northville went on a six-point run for a comfortable 3-2 lead. That lead extended and, eventually, turned into a convincing 25-15 victory for the Mustangs.

Northville got 18 kills from junior Symone Abbott and 14 kills from junior Olivia Landis, while senior Rebecca Marin added 43 assists and 16 digs. Junior Kelsey Knickerbocker had team highs of 22 digs and 20 serve receptions.

Northville had a bye into the second round of the tournament and defeated South Lyon, 25-16, 25-17 and 26-24 to earn a trip to the tournament finals.

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Second-place finishes came from the 200 free relay team of Briana Schoenek, Riley Bruen, Alissa Moore and Cui, as well as from Grace LaFreniere in the 500 freestyle. Taking third was Moore in the 200 freestyle, as well as Cui in the 200 individual medley and Sarah Lohman in the 100 breaststroke and the team of Lia Nagata, Moore, Emily Butler and Cui in the 400 freestyle relay.

Fourth-place finishes went to Moore in the 500 free and the 200 medley relay team of Nagata, Lohman, Schoenek and Butler. Nagata took fifth in the 100 butterfly, while LaFreniere took sixth in the 200 freestyle and Schoenek took sixth in the 50 free.

Finishing in seventh place was Lauren Jarzembowski (100 breaststroke), while ninth-place finishes went to Darby Mroz (200 IM), Butler (50 free), Bruen (100 butterfly), Schoenek (100 free) and Nagata (100 backstroke). Rounding out top finishes with 10th-place results were Lohman (200 IM) and Butler (100 free).

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Rush U16 girls avenge loss to Jags for state trophy

The MI Rush Northville U16 girls team brought home the State Cup Championship trophy for the first time ever.

The final game was played at Ultimate Soccer Arena in Pontiac on Oct. 27. The stage was set for a rematch of last year's final as the Rush again faced off against the Michigan Jaguars of Novi. Last year's game was hard-fought all the way through regulation time and two overtime periods, with the ultimate result determined by shoot-out. The Jaguars were confident on the line and bested the heartbroken Rush at this one test of skill.

This year's contest, however, would not get that far, and the Rush girls would persevere to maintain a 1-0 lead gained in the first OT period. The first half was intense, but fairly evenly matched, perhaps giving a slight edge to the Rush girls for control of the game and time of possession. While the defense, including Morgan Gozdor, Tara Pawloski, Karen Lovelace, and Sara Castellano, worked to keep the ball out of the Rush zone for the most part, keeper Emily Maresh came up with a clutch save to keep the Jags off the board. Midfielders Gabby Mencotti, Taylor Babcock and Erin Winters kept pushing forward,



The MI Rush Northville U16 team: (l to r, back) Mark Zathay, Erin Winters, Kelly McHugh, Kelly Schmidt, Tara Pawloski, Dave Hart, Alana Dorfstatter, Karen Lovelace, Courtney Tyler, Paige Messmer, Angel Calzadilla; (middle) Margaret Terhune, Morgan Gozdor, Gabby Mencotti, Kyra Dahring, Sarah Castellano, Megan Kerr; (front) Taylor Babcock, Emily Maresh.

and forwards Alana Dorfstatter, Kelly McHugh, Margaret Terhune and Kyra Dahring stressed the Jaguar defense with steady pressure. But the Rush could not find net, or capitalize on corner or free kicks,

and half-time's score was a 0-0 tie. The second half saw a little more intensity from the Jags, and a little less control and possession by the Rush. Maresh and the Rush D were

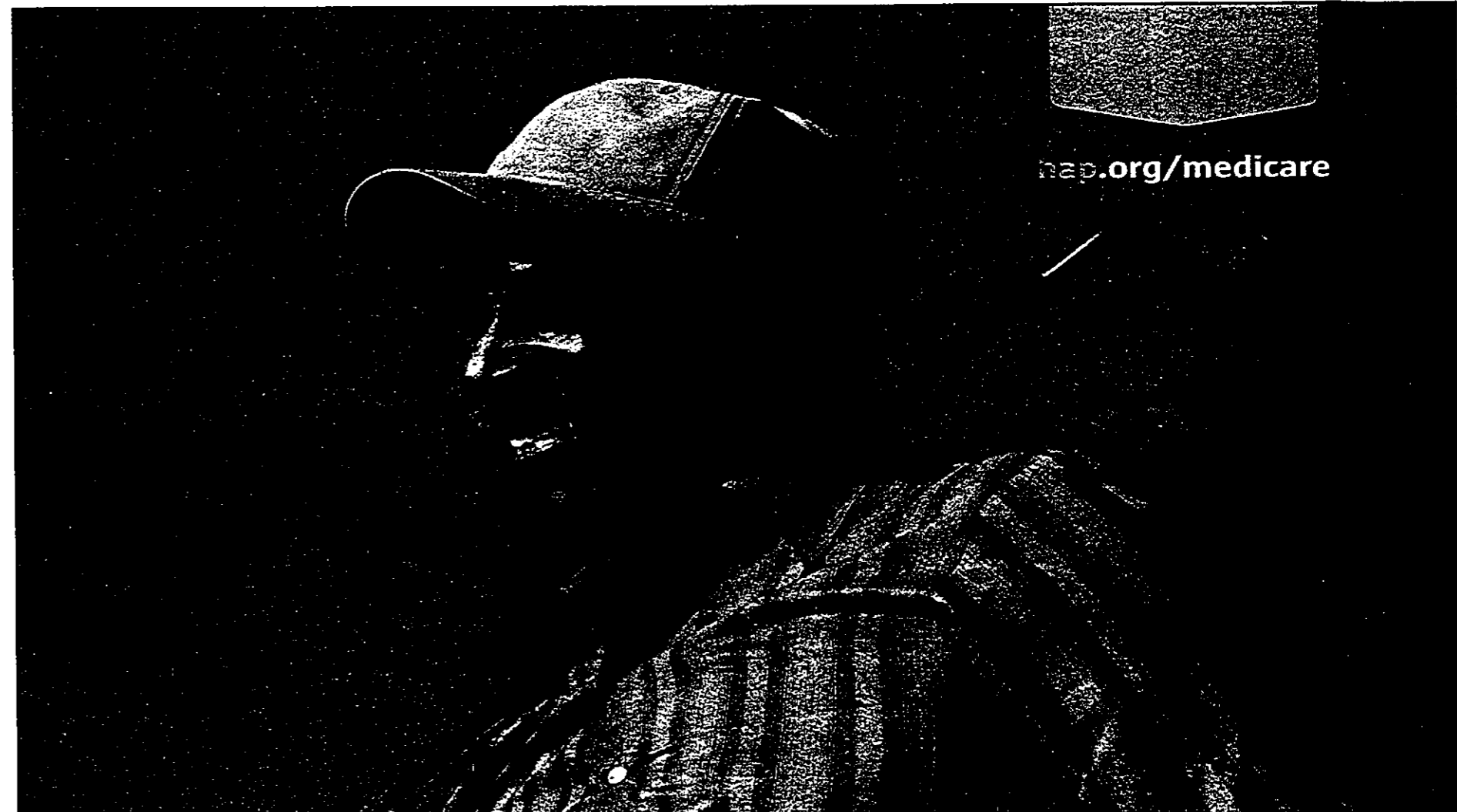
able to fend off several good scoring opportunities by the Jags; and the goal-post was the Rush enemy, turning away shots by Dorfstatter and Pawloski. As the seconds and minutes ticked by, memories of

last year's regulation 0-0 tie came rushing back, with both teams appearing desperate to score. Despite the tremendous effort by both teams, regulation came to an end with nothing on the board.

To this point, neither team had been able to advance from free kick opportunities, but the Rush caught their break mid-way through the first OT as Dahring was fouled in Jag territory. Lovelace took the free kick and Mencotti directed the header into the far corner. With momentum on the Rush side, the girls resumed control and ended the first OT up 1-0. The longest 15 minutes ever played on the pitch then ensued, but the fresh legs of Megan Kerr helped to keep up the Rush pressure. Confidence was evident on the faces of the Rush players, and they continued play like they knew it was their win to keep.

The Rush team was very well-supported with dedicated Rush staff including Head Coach Angel Calzadilla, Technical Director Mark Zathay, and guest coach Dave Hart, as well as a huge showing of incredible fans.

The U16 Rush girls will represent Michigan in the US Youth Soccer's Region II Tournament next June.



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News is encouraging on housing diversity in metro Detroit



Debbie Zaleski and speaker Monica Emerson visit during the Realtor diversity event. Emerson (right) is a diversity officer with the U.S. Navy and a trustee of Oakland University.

The Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors Oct. 19 held a regional diversity event for Realtors in the metro Detroit area. The speakers included Victor Green, director of Community Relations at Wayne State University, and Monica Emerson, diversity officer with the U.S. Navy and a trustee of Oakland University. The sponsors were the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors, the three Women Council of Realtors Chapters, and several local businesses. Once the most segregated region in the country, Metropolitan Detroit dropped to fourth



on the list (behind Milwaukee, New York and Chicago) due to recent population shifts. These shifts have increased the number of prospective non-white homebuyers leaving historic minority enclaves and seeking greater integration into surrounding suburban communities. "underlining the importance of Realtors well-educated in the benefits of diversity and the challenges in ensuring a fair and equal homebuying process. Speaker Victor Green of Wayne State has been an Oak Park resident a little over a year. He's married with a son age 19. "The main purpose I was there was to discuss different ways we can talk to different cultures and different ethnicities," said Green, who grew up in Detroit and graduated from Renaissance High School in

Lawyer can help on tenancy issue

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: We have a situation where my mother prepared a deed which indicated that me and my brother or survivor would own the property. I am wondering whether the deed creates a joint tenancy or a tenancy in common, or was there a joint tenancy with the right of survivorship? A: Unfortunately, I think that you have a situation where the presumption of a tenancy in common will be established, because the deed did not say "with right of survivorship," the usual and customary language employed to create a joint tenancy with rights of survivorship. You are best advised, however, to get a legal opinion as you must look at all of the facts surrounding the establishment of the deed and which state law prevails.



Robert Meisner

Q: I am wondering whether the Statute of Frauds applies to a settlement agreement where it requires the transfer of an interest in real property when the agreement was executed by e-mails? A: It depends on whether your state has an active Uniform Electronic Actions Act which permits business transactions, even ones involving a transfer of land, to be conducted electronically. Under the UETA, an e-mail may constitute a writing for purposes of the Statute of Frauds when it describes the terms of the agreement with sufficient specificity and bears the signature of the party to be charged. Any mark or symbol, initial, or numerals will suffice as a signature when used with the intention that it serve that purpose. If, in fact, the e-mails in your case laid out the parties' agreement that the property would be transferred referring to it by its colloquial name, and it was the only property at issue between the parties, and it stated the other terms, it would be enforceable. Obviously, you will have to look at all of the e-mails in total to see whether the terms of an agreement can be satisfied.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 27 to Aug. 3, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

6033 Middlebelt Rd	\$340,000	16745 Yellowstone Dr	\$370,000
PLYMOUTH		46609 Arborium Cir	\$366,000
38178 Ann Arbor Trl	\$25,000	725 Auburn St	\$240,000
18051 Deering St	\$94,000	11072 Chestnut Dr	\$150,000
2614 Deering St	\$105,000	718 Harding St	\$110,000
9815 Denning St	\$117,000	12800 Hidden Creek Dr	\$220,000
9348 Eastwind Dr	\$146,000	12005 Leightwood Dr	\$150,000
16507 Farmington Rd	\$152,000	9284 Northern Ave	\$95,000
22239 Farmington Rd	\$152,000	43885 Rockledge Dr	\$269,000
45077 Coachtan Ct	\$257,000	18420 Sandalwood Dr	\$49,000
13152 Haldane St	\$128,000	24816 Dover	\$36,000
10033 Inkster Rd	\$43,000	15090 Fernton	\$22,000
14101 Inkster Rd	\$45,000	16639 Five Points St	\$30,000
14101 Inkster Rd	\$208,000	11395 Hazelton	\$59,000
18863 Lathers St	\$128,000	25240 Keeler	\$58,000
14059 Houghton St	\$135,000	14395 Lenore	\$18,000
10033 Inkster Rd	\$43,000	11399 Mercedes	\$48,000
14101 Inkster Rd	\$208,000	17602 Norborne	\$38,000
18863 Lathers St	\$128,000	22022 W Six Mile Rd	\$60,000
14059 Houghton St	\$135,000	WESTLAND	
10033 Inkster Rd	\$43,000	20811 Algomaquint St	\$90,000
14101 Inkster Rd	\$208,000	7549 Arcola St	\$32,000
18863 Lathers St	\$128,000	8642 August Ave	\$54,000
14059 Houghton St	\$135,000	21607 Avondale St	\$12,000
10033 Inkster Rd	\$43,000	32517 Birchwood St	\$65,000
14101 Inkster Rd	\$208,000	35820 Booth St	\$45,000
18863 Lathers St	\$128,000	37551 Colonial Dr	\$33,000
14059 Houghton St	\$135,000	365 DeWurst Ct	\$80,000
10033 Inkster Rd	\$43,000	35819 Florane St	\$71,000
14101 Inkster Rd	\$208,000	33441 Forest Ct	\$65,000
18863 Lathers St	\$128,000	42027 Hunterly Ave	\$59,000
14059 Houghton St	\$135,000	7598 Lathers St	\$75,000
10033 Inkster Rd	\$43,000	7943 Rivergate Dr	\$77,000
14101 Inkster Rd	\$208,000	278 S Carlson St	\$850,000
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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 16-20, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

5037 Carinas Way Ct	\$240,000	28080 Hewes Ln	\$152,000
1800 Carriage Hl	\$325,000	28082 Hewes Ln	\$158,000
585 Carriage Hl	\$30,000	28084 Hewes Ln	\$155,000
4215 Rolling Pines Ct	\$433,000	40555 Mill Road Ct E	\$190,000
422 W Beechdale St	\$122,000	24777 Naples Dr	\$260,000
19522 Willow Ct	\$195,000	14197 Park Forest Ct	\$145,000
FARMINGTON		24466 Redwing Dr	\$300,000
22070 Nottingham Dr	\$431,000	25455 Surton Ct	\$570,000
23020 Nottingham Dr	\$290,000	23561 Valley Starr	\$155,000
14624 Wetherby St	\$270,000	27123 Victoria Rd	\$181,000
FARMINGTON HILLS		46318 White Pines Dr	\$524,000
16247 Wetherby St	\$270,000	24923 White Plains Dr	\$270,000
BINGHAM FARMS		SOUTH LYON	
24130 Highgate Pointe Dr	\$413,000	1138 Corral Ln	\$235,000
BIRMINGHAM		702 E Lake St	\$153,000
2560 Dorchester Rd	\$280,000	24836 Purlin Ct	\$250,000
6287 Dorchester Rd	\$85,000	26659 Franklin Pointe Dr	\$40,000
1724 Graefield Rd	\$85,000	6 Fredricksburg Towne St	\$170,000
837 Humphrey Ave	\$430,000	2907 Heritage Ln	\$150,000
2909 Mea Ave	\$295,000	52896 Willowbrook Dr	\$161,000
988 Madison St	\$305,000	SOFTWELL	
175 N Adams Rd	\$258,000	28296 Everett St	\$50,000
151 Penstone Ln	\$149,000	26200 Franklin Pointe Dr	\$55,000
1480 S Bates St	\$420,000	26202 Franklin Pointe Dr	\$55,000
410 Smith Ave	\$149,000	34000 Frankfort Ave	\$40,000
1919 Stanley Blvd	\$230,000	6 Fredricksburg Towne St	\$170,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS		2907 Heritage Ln	\$150,000
2957 N Westfield Ct	\$276,000	21750 Midway Ave	\$23,000
4462 Parklane Ct	\$285,000	27335 Pierce St	\$65,000
1402 Stratford Ln	\$114,000	28950 Trout Ct	\$43,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP		22950 W 12 Mile Rd	\$43,000
2756 Brady Dr	\$210,000	2037 Westover Ave	\$27,000
7276 Rockwood Ln	\$305,000	WHITE LAKE	
5177 Echo Rd	\$307,000	491 Berry Patch Ln	\$270,000
2022 Austin Dr	\$250,000	538 Burgess Dr	\$430,000
5431 Forest Way	\$290,000	8599 Cooley Beach Dr	\$176,000
1778 Hickory Bark Ln	\$275,000	9874 Woodland Rd	\$160,000
4021 Hidden Woods Dr	\$230,000	9870 Woodland Rd	\$225,000
1530 Kirkway Rd	\$733,000	8151 Newport Rd	\$104,000
44499 Parkhurst Loop	\$327,000	8152 Rene Dr	\$282,000
1537 Leadbury Dr	\$290,000	8047 Trenton Dr	\$282,000
COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP			
901 Meadowbrook Way	\$365,000		
326 River Wood Trl	\$305,000		
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2022 Austin Dr	\$250,000		
45216 Bartlett Dr	\$84,000		
2208E Chase Dr	\$405,000		
2230 E Bourne Ter	\$157,000		
2206E Edgewater	\$157,000		
45277 Kirkway Rd	\$232,000		
44499 Parkhurst Loop	\$327,000		
41692 Hempshire St	\$450,000		
28076 Hewes Ln	\$159,000		

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Reality TV stars who make more than government officials

Debra Auerbach, CareerBuilder Writer

Our nation's leaders carry a heavy weight on their shoulders. They are under intense pressure and scrutiny, charged with making decisions that affect each and every American.

Then there are reality TV stars. Sure, they help Americans in their own special way -- giving viewers a mindless and entertaining escape from life's daily stresses. But there's no way these stars get paid more money to broadcast their lives on national TV than top government officials do to run our country. Right? Wrong. While government leaders do earn high salaries, their paychecks don't compare to the hundreds of thousands, or even millions, of dollars that reality TV stars pocket per episode or season.

To see just how big the salary discrepancies are between these two groups, here's a list comparing the earnings of top government leaders and reality TV stars. Of course, any one of the earners on this list may make, or have, more money from additional sources -- such as previous businesses, other current ventures or inheritances -- but this list focuses solely on the salaries made via their government job or their current reality TV show.

Read on, and get ready to be shocked:

President of the United States: President Barack Obama makes \$400,000 a year, which includes a \$50,000 expense allowance. The first U.S. president, George Washington, earned a \$25,000 annual salary -- a large sum for that time in history.

Reality TV star who earns more: Snooki, JWoww, Mike "The Situation" and the entire cast of "Jersey Shore" reportedly make \$100,000 per episode. With an average of 13 episodes per season, they're raking in more than \$1 million to drink, swear and generally make fools of themselves.

Vice president of the United States: In 2012, Vice President Joe Biden earned a salary of \$230,700.

Reality TV star who earns more: According to the website Celebrity Net Worth, "Bachelor" and "Bachelorette" host Chris Harrison makes \$60,000 per episode. There were 12 episodes in the most recent "Bachelorette" season, so that equals a cool \$720,000. Speaker of the House: According to 247WallSt.com, Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, earns an annual salary of \$223,500 as the current speaker of the House.

Reality TV star who earns more: It's hard for anyone -- government official or other reality TV star -- to keep up with Kim Kardashian. Kardashian makes

\$40,000 per episode for her reality TV show "Keeping Up With the Kardashians." There are 18 episodes in the 2012 season. Remember: This doesn't include the money she earns from various endorsement deals, product lines and appearances.

Chief Justice of the United States: All eyes were on Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. after he upheld Obama's health-care reform. In his role as the head of the U.S. federal court system, Roberts makes \$223,500 a year.

Reality TV star who earns more: Entertainment news website Radar Online reports that Vicki Gunvalson of "The Real Housewives of Orange County" makes \$450,000 a season.

Cabinet officials: The current Cabinet officials, including Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Attorney General Eric Holder, each make \$199,700 annually.

Reality TV star who earns more: "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" star Lisa Vanderpump's famous pup, Giggy, truly lives in the lap of luxury. He can afford to be spoiled, since Vanderpump makes a reported \$250,000 a season.

Party leaders of the House and Senate: The House and Senate majority and minority leaders each earn a yearly salary of \$193,400.



Reality TV star who earns more: Emily Maynard, the most recent "Bachelorette," was looking for love with the help of an estimated \$250,000 paycheck. Who wouldn't be ready and willing to find "the one" for that salary? "Unless otherwise specified, all U.S. government officials' salaries are from <http://usgovinfo.about.com>.

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Car Report

Advertising Feature

New Scion 'Motivate' promotion reflects nudging up of target age



By Dale Buss

A new marketing campaign by Scion underscores the brand's decision to target older Millennials instead of the recent college graduates who were the brand's original target. Scion's Motivate promotion also generally demonstrates how the plague of unemployment and financial malaise among young twenty-somethings is forcing brands to look elsewhere for growth.

Motivate targets young entrepreneurs in the creative-arts community with chances to win the services of a "personal business mentor," \$10,000 and a Scion vehicle to promote their careers. Applicants between the ages of 18 and 35 are invited to submit written responses and a 60-second video describing their career passions and spelling out what resources they would need to achieve their goals.

"This is not a contest where you are going to just win a prize and you're done," Owen Peacock, national marketing and communications manager for Scion, told me. "This literally is something the winning individuals will take forward with them. The idea is to keep this going over time so it's rich source of education and information that people can go back to."

The program aims at "our target consumer: leaders who will make something happen for themselves, not people who are sitting on their laurels until the next job comes to town and they can get it. It's aimed at self-starters who want to follow their passions."

It's just that the "self-starters" Scion has in mind are a little bit older than the ones

they mostly pursued when the Toyota-owned entry-level "youth" brand got its start in 2003. Scion's bull's-eye is the 25-year-old "who is through [college] and starting their real, first 'career' job," Peacock explained.

"Five years ago, it was the 21-year-old who would have the high propensity to buy a new car, and their parents or other co-signers had a higher propensity to help them out with that purchase. Now if you look at a 21- or 22-year-old, their top concerns tend to be debt and student loans and getting a job. And the first thing when they're done with school isn't going to be buying a new car."

This youngest portion of Generation Y in America, Peacock said, "have gone through a lot in the last few years, and it's started to affect their perception of the world. They're different even from other people who are older but within the



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same generation; some of that group went through boom times, while others came of age when things weren't so rosy."

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Scion's customers "have long been among the youngest in the industry, but many are also characteristically self-starters with strong interest in pursuing their passions," Scion Vice President Doug Murtha added, in a press release.

"Drawing on the unique strengths of our creative communities and Scion's commitment to the arts, we designed a powerful way to support young entrepreneurs in pursuing their dreams. We hope to inspire young leaders to seize the day and succeed."

Motivate targets 25-year-olds by building on Scion's "tradition" of supporting young creatives. "We've been doing this in some way, shape or form for the last ten years," Peacock said, pouring millions of dollars into marketing initiatives aimed at the creative community. That has included sponsoring 1,700 artists in film, fashion and the arts, he said, and about 10,000 events in more than 250 cities that have boosted the fortunes of small businesses in these pursuits including record labels, galleries, printers and independent publications.



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A Scion Music List conference each fall now "brings in people who are going to educate people who want to get involved in the music industry from the ground up," he said. "And we videotape all of it so that more people can gain an education."

After a review of applications, Motivate will select 50 semi-finalists to attend a three-day workshop with industry leaders to learn "essential skills" they can use to improve their businesses. They'll get a chance to revise and incorporate the lessons into their entries before 10 winners are selected at the event's close.

Peacock depicted the Motivate initiative as an extension of Scion's "What Moves You" brand platform and said that advertising in various outlets will support the program.

He said Scion continues to focus on "creatives" because "that's where we feel our brand resonates with our target the most." But Peacock said that young entrepreneurs in other areas could benefit as well from the intellectual capital generated by Motivate, including information about forming corporations, using social media and hiring an attorney.

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