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Novi officer graduates

Novi Police Sgt. Ayren Edgar joined an elite group of law enforcement professionals last week by successfully completing Eastern Michigan University's School of Police Staff and Command.

Edgar, who has been with the Novi Police Department since 2002, worked as a field training officer, use of force instructor and a detective prior to being promoted to sergeant. He was one of 42 law enforcement professionals to graduate from the school and served as the class chaplain.

The School of Police Staff and Command is a nine-month program designed for officers interested in advancing into the upper management ranks.

For more information about the Novi Police Department, go to cityofnovi.org.



Edgar

ELECTION 2016



State Rep. Kathy Crawford testifies about a bill before a Senate committee.

Susan Bromley Correspondent

WHERE ARE ALL THE WOMEN?

BREAKING A 200-YEAR CEILING

Nearly 100 years after women won the right to vote — and with a presidential election a week away in which the country will have the first female candidate from a major party on the ballot for the nation's top office — the proportion of political representation between women and men remains grossly unequal.

Women comprise half the population, but far fewer, less than 25 percent across the country, hold legislative political office. Will that change with the first female candidate for president, Hillary Clinton, facing off against Donald Trump, who has been criticized for sexist remarks and actions?

It could. "I definitely hope that Hillary

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Novi school board hopefuls share their views

Kathy Hood

Occupation: Manager at AT&T Corp.

Family: Husband of 25 years: Bryan; son John, NHS Class of 2014; son Connor, NHS Class of 2016.

Education: Bachelor's degree from Michigan State, master's in business administration from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Current or previous public service: Most of my activities over the past 10 years have been centered around my sons' activities. I was a Boy Scout Merit Badge Counselor and a committee member with BSA Troop 407. Through my employer, I have

participated in Women In Technology Girls Summer Camp at Detroit Mercy.

Community involvement: Novi High School Band Boosters: Member, 6 years, Co-President, Spirit Wear chairman, Ticket Chair - Fanfare and Winter Invitational, Scholarship Committee; Novi High School Athletic Boosters: Volunteer, 4 years. Boy Scouts: Committee member and Merit Badge counselor. Village Oaks Cub Scout Pack 239: Den Leader and Volunteer; "Friends of Novi Schools Citizens Committee" for School Bond (2014).

Why do you feel qualified for this position? I have been a public school parent for 16 years, am a strong believer in the value our public schools bring to our communities, and want to work to ensure their

success for our children in Novi. My sons attended Novi schools from K-12 and were offered a wide range of opportunities to explore their interests. With our family experience, combined with my activities on many school committees and organizations, I believe I have a strong understanding of Novi Schools. My professional experience contributes to my decision-making abilities and assessment of issues. I love Novi Schools and believe they are on a strong upward trajectory of achievement and I want to help.

What have you done to familiarize yourself with the issues? I have regularly attended school board meetings for years. I have also been involved with the Novi Legislative Action Network since 2010. The LAN collaborates with Oakland

Schools to track policies and legislation from Lansing that affect Novi and all public schools in Michigan. I also try to keep up with issues through various journals and commentary.

Concerns with the Novi superintendent interviewing for other positions have been raised in recent years. Do you support Steve Matthews as superintendent? Why or why not? Novi is regularly near the top of any list of "best schools." We typically have double-digit National Merit finalists, and recently released M-Step results show Novi ranked at or near the top, across all grades tested, in all subjects. That doesn't happen without focused leadership and high expectations of achieve-

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ment. I do support Dr. Matthews. I believe he puts the needs of our students first in his decision-making. Like many organizations, Novi Schools has multiple levels of leadership and accountability. Our focus should be on building more collaboration and improving communication in our relationships within the district, just as we coach our kids.

One of the pillars in the Novi Community School District vision statement is social justice. What does that mean to you in relation to educating students? NCSB's vision statement is "Developing each student's potential with a world-class education." We need to prepare our students academically, emotionally, and socially to be high functioning members of a changing

global society. Social justice as an element in a well rounded, "whole child" education is pretty simple. It means that every child has a voice that should be encouraged, included, and heard.

How important to you are results of current standardized tests? How heavily do you believe parents moving into the district rely on these scores? Standardized test scores are just one aspect of any district's performance, but they have become a universal measuring stick for outsiders to compare or rank districts. I think most parents rely on test scores as a significant initial influence when beginning their search for a new home.

Just as we would never measure a child's abilities based on one test score, our focus should be developing the whole child, not just a test taker. Given the high levels of across-the-board

achievements of Novi students, I believe that much of our kids' success is due to the work our teachers, coaches, and administrators do to encourage creativity, collaboration, sportsmanship, and building critical thinking skills.

Bobbie Murphy
Occupation: Currently a stay-at-home mom, previously a social worker



Murphy

Family:

Husband of 27 years, Rob, and four children: Sean age 25, Katie age 23, Megan, age 21, and Shannon age 17.

Education: Master's of social work from the University of Michigan; bachelor's in social work from Bowling Green State University

Current or previous public service: Currently serving my ninth year on the Novi School Board, MASA Government Relations Committee

Community involvement: Advisory Board for Young Life of Novi, Life Remodeled volunteer, Mentor at Cody High School, Tutor at Mann Elementary, Oakpointe Church volunteer, Legislative Action Network of Novi member, and Liaison to the Novi Educational Foundation.

Why do you feel qualified for this position? I am passionate about public education, and about students. Having served for the past nine years as a trustee, I have had the opportunity to learn and grow in my role through professional development offered by the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) and other educational seminars and workshops. Educationally, I have a school social work certification, and was previously employed by organizations that worked with schools and special education students.

What have you done

to familiarize yourself with the issues? Currently serving on the board, I have access to numerous publications and resources to keep me abreast of local, state and national education issues. I am an avid reader, and actively pursue professional development opportunities that expand my knowledge. I am also very accessible to parents and students at the local level that build my awareness of some of the current challenges that are unique to Novi.

Concerns with the Novi superintendent interviewing for other positions have been raised in recent years. Do you support Steve Matthews as superintendent? Why or why not? While I am not thrilled about Dr. Matthews' decision to pursue positions elsewhere, one of the key roles of a school board according to the MASB is to support the superintendent. This board voted unanimously to hire Dr. Matthews after a thorough search. I stand by that decision, and believe that while everyone has areas that need improvement, his leadership has led to a strong vision for our district and identifiable goals that are worthy of our efforts. I have seen improvements across several areas of concern that were unaddressed by the previous administration, and see other areas that we have identified as in need of improvement.

One of the pillars in the Novi Community School District vision statement is social justice. What does that mean to you in relation to educating students? Promoting a just or fair culture within our schools, where injustices are challenged and diversity is valued. We live in a very diverse community, which is a microcosm of the world that will exist for most of our students once they enter the working world. Preparing them for that world is a responsibility that we share with their parents, and is a crucial role that the Novi Community School District plays in the lives of our students. Educating our students in a culture where each student is valued and where critical thinking around injustice occurs along with problem-solving strategies can only improve the outlook for our community and ultimately our nation as a whole.

How important to you are results of current standardized tests? How heavily do you believe parents moving into the district rely on these scores? Standardized tests give us a means of comparison to see how we stack up against others and clearly hold some value for potential families as they are one of the easily accessible points of comparison between district's academics. Other standardized tests that we use (the NWEA primarily) allow us a snapshot of each student's success or struggles that can assist our teachers in developing strategies to excel or assist our students to greater achievement. I

believe that giving our teacher's additional tools to guide individual instruction is crucial to our mission of "developing each student's potential with at world class education."

Jason Smith

Occupation: Small business owner (Silver Dairy Ice Cream in Farmington) and a wholesale mortgage account executive.



Smith

Family:

I have been married to Andrea since 2000 and we have been blessed with a terrific son. Jacob graduated Parkview Elementary last year and currently attends Novi Meadows.

Education: I graduated from Grand Valley State University in 1991 with a bachelor of science degree in hospitality and tourism management.

Current or previous public service: I served as Lochmoor Village homeowners' association president from 2012-16. I also served as co-chair for several events that Parkview conducted. These included The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Pennies for Pasta program for two years and the Novi Youth Association's Adopt-A-Family program.

Community Involvement: I served on the Parkview PTO board for three years, including two years as president and one as VP. I've coached Novi Parks and Recreation soccer for several years, Michigan Youth Flag Football for a season and Novi youth baseball for two years. I work with the Novi community but also feel it's important to support the community in which I'm a business owner. I've conducted fundraisers for several Farmington PTOs, the high school pompon and robotics teams. We support a local dance school and a day-care. We participate annually in the South Farmington baseball parade and provide free ice cream to all players.

Why do you feel qualified for this position? As a small business owner, I understand the importance of fiscal responsibilities while meeting customer needs. I've spent the last nine years in the community and the last six years volunteering in the school district. I love our city and our school system. I have a passion for helping kids and serving my community. I believe our students should be afforded an opportunity to succeed, and that our students, families, and teachers are the major parts of what makes the NCSB successful. I am an independent thinker and will continue to study and learn of ways to make NCSB even better than it is today.

What have you done to familiarize yourself with the issues? During the last 45 days, I have meet with the members of the current school board, two previous school board members, the school administration, the director of com-

munity education, the director of the Novi library, the NEF chairman, five principals, several teachers and parents. I asked them their thoughts and solutions to current and future issues and their ideas on making us a better community. We discussed the district's goals, finances and the budget, the role of the BOE and teacher needs. I've learned so much by attending several BOE meetings and all the PTO meetings throughout the district.

Concerns with the Novi superintendent interviewing for other positions have been raised in recent years. Do you support Steve Matthews as superintendent? Why or why not? I am a supporter of those who put students first. Dr. Matthews has been superintendent since 2011. During his tenure, our overall graduation rate has risen to 97%, the graduation rate for African Americans has increased 5%, our standardized test scores are #1 in Oakland County, opportunities for students have increased, the Leader in Me program has been rolled out in every school, an anti-bullying program was implemented in our middle school, and our curriculum is online. In my opinion, Dr. Matthews puts students first, and as long as he continues to do so, I will support him.

One of the pillars in the NCSB vision statement is social justice. What does that mean to you in relation to educating students? It is important that every student finds their voice. We should celebrate and respect every student's ideas and opinions. I believe our diversity makes our school district and community stronger. It would be great if everyone stood up for their beliefs and were respected for doing so! We instill this in our students with the Leader in Me program. It is weaved throughout all habits, especially habit six which reinforces the value of difference and seeing it as strength. I also believe every student should be afforded the same opportunities. The recent touching display of character from the football team is a perfect example.

How important to you are results of current standardized tests? How heavily do you believe parents moving into the district rely on these scores? Tests results are only one educational component, not the entire picture. This can be misleading. We want our students to excel on tests but standardized testing may not be the best way to evaluate ELL or special needs students. Our students would miss out on so many lessons if teachers solely focus on test results. I'm a believer in a full rounded educational system including learning, test taking, maybe retaking of tests, life experiences and discussions. Many families move here because of our superior test scores. We welcome them but look forward to sharing ALL that NCSB has to offer.

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Novi district consolidates registration system

The Novi Community School District implemented a centralized registration system meant to improve customer service for new families and students.

The one-stop shop for all Novi schools – pre-school through high school – will now take place at the Early Childhood Education Center, 25745 Taft Road.

All new NCSB families are strongly encouraged to make an appointment to register with the Community Education Department by calling 248-675-3400 or sending an email to Enroll@NoviSchools.net.

Walk-ins will still be welcome, but only if time permits, and parents and guardians will no longer

be allowed to register students at individual school buildings.

Once parents/guardians receive a meeting date and time from the Community Education staff, they must bring the following documentation to the appointment in order to begin the registration process:

- » Student(s) birth certificate
- » Proof of residency
- » Parents driver's license
- » Record of immunizations
- » Passports (if not U.S. citizens)
- » Previous report card

Parents/guardians may get jump on registration by completing the pre-enrollment forms on

the NCSB website in the registration section found under the Parents & Community tab. Separate registration forms must be completed for each new student.

Required forms (registration information, student registration, request for records, prior discipline and free/reduced lunch, all found online) must be completed.

When all documents are obtained and once the student is entered into MiStar, a notification will be sent directly to the assigned school alerting them of the new student. Once enrollment is complete, the family will receive a letter from the new school with a start date and further instructions.

★ ELECTION 2016

Our picks for Novi Board of Education

When voters in the Novi Community School District go to the polls Tuesday, they've got to choose candidates to fill a pair of six-year terms on the Novi Board of Education.

While there are four solid candidates, there are only two spots available. We believe voters should give them to current board Vice President **Bobbie Murphy** and challenger **Kathy Hood**.

Murphy has a bachelor's degree in social work from Bowling Green and a master's degree from the University of Michigan, so clearly education is impor-



Hood

Murphy

tant to her. She's been a tutor, a mentor, she served on the advisory board for Young Life of Novi and as a volunteer for Life Remodeled.

And she's spent nine years on the board already, so she clearly has an affinity for the local community. She's put in the work - getting profes-

sional development through the Michigan Association of School Boards and achieving her school certification for social work.

She clearly has a leg up on the other candidates, having dealt with the district's issues - financial challenges, personnel issues and funding problems. It seems like the wrong time to give up nine years' worth of institutional knowledge.

Much of Hood's involvement in the district has centered around her kids, as it has with many activists. She's been a Boy Scout leader and commit-

tee member, she's been a member of the band boosters, the athletic boosters and a den leader and she volunteered on the Friends of Novi Schools Citizens Committee during the school bond campaign in 2014.

Hood has a bachelor's degree from Michigan State and a master's in business administration from the University of Illinois. She's been a public school parent for 16 years and her involvement on the various committees gives her a varied perspective. She's been paying attention to school board meetings for years

and also got involved with the Novi Legislative Action Network in 2010, helping track policies and legislation in Lansing.

Hood's well-rounded experience in the district make her a solid candidate for the school board.

Voters seeking something else could give Jason Smith a look. Smith has a bachelor's degree in hospitality and tourism management and owns his own small business, Silver Dairy Ice Cream in Farmington.

He's served on the Parkview PTO board, coached Novi Parks and Recreation soccer for

several years, Michigan Youth Flag Football for a season and Novi youth baseball for two years. While he's worked with the Novi community, he also supports the Farmington community, which is home to his business.

He understands the fiscal responsibilities and challenges the district faces, has shown he'll be willing to work at it and deserves some consideration for the board.

Unfortunately, there are only two spots available. We believe the board would be best-served with **Bobbie Murphy** and **Kathy Hood**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Garden club

The members of the Northville Garden Club will be meeting at the Cady Inn at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 7. The members will be making bows and wiring pine cones to adorn their wreaths in preparation for their 41st annual Greens Mart. Guests are always welcome. For more information, call Claire Kreher at 248-924-3486.

Library closing

The Northville District Library will be closed Friday, Nov. 4. There will be no power as DTE Energy will be making equipment changes. The library will be open at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5.

Conversations in clay

The Northville Art House presents the exhibition, Conversations in Clay, featuring 50 ceramic works of art, both sculptural and functional, created by 11 artists from the Clay Gallery. The ceramic artists

include Shirley White-Black, Royce Disbrow, Craig Hinshaw, Shirley Knudsvig, Yiu-Keung Lee, Brigit Macomber, Susanne Stephenson, Kris Stewart, Joe Szutz, Debbie Thompson, and Donna Williams.

The public is invited to the opening reception for Conversations in Clay on Friday, Nov. 4, from 6-9 p.m. at the Northville Art House. An additional First Friday reception will be held 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, featuring the exhibition and a trunk show by Artwear DETROIT.

The Northville Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street. Admission to Art House exhibits is free and open to the public. For more information, go to www.northvillearthouse.org or call 248-344-0497 during business hours.

Northville Women's Club

The Facts and Myths of the Pilgrims (Separatists) and their search for religious freedom that took them from England, to Holland and finally to

the New World, will be the topic of the Friday, Nov. 4, program of the Northville Woman's Club.

The Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister of Meadowbrook Congregational Church in Novi, will present "Pilgrims: Buckles & Blunderbusses" at the 1:30 p.m. meeting in New School Church at Mill Race Historical Village.

On Nov. 18, the Northville Woman's Club will get a preview of the upcoming Detroit Institute of Arts exhibit, "Bitter/Sweet: Coffee, Tea and Chocolate."

Those interested in more information about the Northville Woman's Club or attending one of its programs should contact president Maryann Cotterill at 248-344-8235.

Genealogical society

"Why Can't I Find Grandpa?" and "Beyond Dry Facts: Telling the Stories of Your Ancestors" are the subjects of the Northville Genealogical Society meeting 1:15-

4:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady.

The roundtable "Why Can't I Find Grandpa?" which gives techniques for searching for your ancestors on Google, Ancestry, Family Search and other sites will begin at 1:15 p.m., a business meeting at 2:30 p.m., followed by Laura Hedgcock presenting "Beyond Dry Facts: Telling the Stories of Your Ancestors" at 3 p.m.

For more information, contact Grace Wilfong at 248-349-9079 or go to www.rootsworld.com/~mings

Genealogy meeting

Genealogy: Discovering Military Service will be the subject 6:30-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 9, at the Wixom Public Library.

Veterans Day is right around the corner and most of us have an ancestor who served in the military. Enhance your genealogical skills by learning how to locate and utilize military records. The program is presented by Librarian



Nature on display

The Friends of Maybury State Park, Northville District Library and the Northville Community Center jointly sponsored their annual Howell Nature Center presentation, which this year was the Michigan Mammals Program. About 95 people saw a flying squirrel, wood chuck, ferret, possum and, as seen in this photo, a porcupine.

Sarah Hatter, and is free of charge.

Pre-register for this free event by calling 248-624-2512, online at wixomlibrary.org, or stop by the library at 49015 Pontiac Trail.

Night to remember

Five Points will hold "A Night to Remember" at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, to help support the Five Points of Hope Cancer Care Fund. The event will be held at Edgewood Country Club, 8399 Commerce Road, in Commerce Township.

This is an evening of people coming together to enjoy good food, pur-

chasing fabulous and unique products, pampering themselves, bidding on silent auction items and gaming. Many product and service vendors share their special talents and receive recognition from the community.

The event is an open house environment and \$5 at the door. The first 150 guests receive a goody bag. Bring two non-perishable, non-expired products to be donated to Community Sharing and be entered into a special drawing. Go to www.fivepointsofhope.com to get more information.

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O&E newsroom loses nine to layoffs

Tuesday was a sad day for community journalism as we lost nine hometownlife.com/Observer & Eccentric newsroom colleagues to layoffs. The move was part of an overall 2-percent workforce reduction by Gannett Co. Inc., the parent company of the O&E. Three advertising employees also were laid off.

So what happens now? As a reader and advertiser, you can expect the continued professional reporting the Observer & Eccentric has delivered for decades. We will focus our resources in those communities that have the strongest growth potential, while not losing sight of the important news from throughout Wayne and Oakland counties.

We will look for stories that cut across municipal boundaries, whether it is covering common issues like government funding, stories of great individual accomplishment or stories that garner interest beyond a specific geography.

Watchdog journalism has been a part of our makeup from the beginning. Our reporters have been a staple at city council, township board, planning commission and



Dan Dean
STAFF COLUMN

school board meetings for years. We will continue to monitor what's going on. But we'll also be relying on our readers to tell us about their concerns, accomplishments and breaking stories.

Over the years, our veteran sports reporters have been some of the remaining few who still wander the sidelines at our local high schools. We'll still be there, even if not as frequently. Rest assured, our commitment to high school sports remains. We will look for more stories within the game, features on student-athletes and issue-oriented pieces.

The Observer & Eccentric has been a national leader in community journalism for more than 40 years. We've been the backbone in many of our communities for more than 100 years and we will continue to lead.

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Council OKs Cabbagetown crosswalk

Maria Taylor
Correspondent

Walking to downtown, to Hillside and to Kroger is about to get a little easier for Northville residents.

At its Oct. 17 meeting, the Northville City council approved a new crosswalk at North Center and Lake streets, aimed at helping walkers traverse the three lanes of traffic just west of the Cabbagetown subdivision.

Council member Nancy Darga lives on Center Street, just a few doors down from Lake Street. She can see the soon-to-be crosswalk site from her front porch.

"As a person who lives there, I'm so glad that there was a crosswalk recommended," she said during the discussion. "I can't tell you how many times I've cringed, thinking someone was going to get killed."

The Cabbagetown neighborhood, just east of Center Street, is notoriously hard to get to and from on foot. As of right now, the only nearby crosswalks are at Eight Mile and at Dunlap, meaning residents have to walk several blocks out of their way — or face the oncoming traffic. It's "quite a gauntlet," according to resident Larry Parks, who spoke at public comment back in July, when the issue was first raised.

"Anytime you're in the crosswalk as a pedestrian, per state law, cars are supposed to yield the right-of-way," he said. "We have none, so we're



MARIA TAYLOR

At its Oct. 17 meeting, the Northville City council approved a new crosswalk at North Center and Lake streets, aimed at helping walkers traverse the three lanes of traffic just west of the Cabbagetown subdivision.

taking our chance every time."

The crosswalk recommendation was based on a study by the Traffic Improvement Association of Michigan, which collected data and looked at accidents in the area over the summer.

Pat Cawley, who headed the study, did several pedestrian counts in late July and August, taking samples at time slots like 7-8 a.m. and 4:30-5:30 p.m. He said the maximum number of pedestrians for any one counting session was 16. "Usually, you want a threshold of 20 to make it worthwhile," he said, adding that there could have been more, as he didn't have 24 hours' worth of data.

"I would bet once this goes in, you're going to be easily over 20," said Jim Allen, mayor pro tem, who lives in the Cabbagetown neighborhood. "I know a lot of people don't walk it because they don't feel safe."

The new crosswalk will be located at the south side of the intersection of Lake and Cen-

ter streets, ending with a curb ramp at what is currently a grassy area between Kroger and Red Dot Coffee. It will be marked with painted lines on the pavement and a sign with an arrow pointing down toward the crosswalk, similar to the one by the CVS on Dunlap. An additional sign will be placed on each side to alert drivers in both directions.

The concrete work, signage and paint striping will cost around \$8,000, according to Jim Gallogly of the department of public works. The money will come from the major streets fund.

Darga said that while the crosswalk will be a definite plus, she's also concerned about drivers coming in and out of Kroger. She said a lot of people speed up to turn into the parking lot and use the center lane as a waiting place to turn in and out.

"I have literally been standing in the middle island with bags in my hands and a guy's behind me because they can't get in and this SUV is

trying to turn left and he can't see me," she said. "I'm smart enough to stand there and wait for him to make his turn, but if I was a young kid, I would probably just keep walking ... and that's a dangerous situation."

Cawley said one way to address that issue might be putting up a "yield to pedestrians" sign near the Kroger driveway. Mayor Ken Roth said the plan is to see how the crosswalk impacts the flow of traffic and then proceed if any additional steps are necessary.

"I will say from my experience with school board issues, with crossing specifically at Lake and Center at Hillside, you don't want to set up a false expectation of security, especially if kids are involved," Roth said. Even though the law says cars have to yield, that's not always observed.

Police Chief Michael Carlson said he wants to get started on the crosswalk project immediately so that the concrete work can be done before winter sets in.

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LIBRARY LINES

Events and activities at the Northville District Library, located at 212 W. Cady. For more information, call 248-349-3020.

THANKSGIVING DAY MAGIC

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7

Details: Take a look back at past parades through historic photos and anecdotes. Presented by Romie Minor, author and librarian at Detroit Public Library. Register online, in person or by phone 248.349.3020.

KRAZY KEITH SHOW FOR KIDS

Time/Date: 4:15-5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9

Details: Laugh out loud at Krazy Keith's kooky comedy and amazing magic for kids of all ages! 100 free tickets at the Information Desk five minutes prior to the event. Tickets not available in advance. Sorry no special groups.

HOW DETROIT WON THE WAR: THE WILLOW RUN STORY

Date/Time: 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10

Details: Retired navy pilot Randy Hotton discusses how automotive assembly techniques were adapted to mass produce the aircraft so vital in the World War II war effort. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Register.

A WEED GOES TO WAR

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15

Details: Learn why Michigan milkweed was integral to aviators and sailors in late WWII and how this crucial plant, and the efforts of many citizens, helped saved lives of U.S. servicemen. Presented by historian and author Gerald Wykes. Register.

KIDZ TIME FOR GRADES 1-3

Time/Date: 4:30-5:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17

Details: Stories, games and crafts. Registration required.

TWEEN DIY TRAVEL MUG CRAFT

Time/Date: 4:15-5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22

Details: For Tweens ages 9-12, design your own travel mug. Limit 30. Register online, by phone or in person. Sorry, no special groups.

LEGO DAY!

Time/Date: 4:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30

Details: Kids in grades 1-5 make a fun hand-sized LEGO creation to be displayed in the youth area of the library. Limit 30. Sorry, no special groups. Registration required.

Children share stories, laughs with pen pals

Maria Taylor
Correspondent

Sydney Stojov, dressed in a flannel shirt, leggings and Converse sneakers, sat on a stool in the middle of a wide black stage.

"Mikey sat alone at a lunch table. He was different — and the other kids sure let him know that. Pointy teeth ... pale skin ... weird diet," she read aloud.

The 13-year-old from Hillside Middle School was making her debut as a children's author.

Diane Zhao and Tempie Abbot sat side by side in the audience, watching Sydney as she showed her hand-drawn illustrations of Mikey the Vampire on the projector behind her. The girls were two of about 130 second-graders spending the day together as part of a pen-pal program between their schools, Thornton Creek Elementary in Northville and Neinas Elementary in Detroit.

Thornton Creek and Neinas are "sister schools." It's a program run in partnership with Bridgepointe, an independent nonprofit that's all about bringing together kids from the city and the suburbs, including Northville, Novi, Canton, Hamtramck and Pinckney.

"It's an easy way to expand what they're exposed to, for both the Detroit and Northville kids," said Susan Evans, who serves on Bridgepointe's board of directors.

One of those exposures is the lost art of letter-writing. "A lot of kids don't know what a letter is," Evans said. "People don't write letters anymore."

Jennifer Bennett is principal at Thornton Creek. She said the kids at Thornton Creek and Neinas write back and forth throughout the year, get to know each other and have a joint field day in the spring. The kids had written their first set of letters already, but this was their first time meeting their pen pals in person.

"We're following that literacy theme this after-

noon," Bennett said.

The original speaker for the afternoon, children's author Patricia Polacco, had to cancel, so Hillside teacher Jason Brooks volunteered two of his students — Sydney Stojov and Sophie Smith — to read their original work instead. Both girls' stories were school projects for Brooks, who teaches eighth-grade enrichment.

"Their stories actually are not due until next week," Brooks said. "They fast-tracked it, got it done — they're really stepping out of their comfort zone and I'm proud of them."

In Sydney's story, Mikey finds a BFF who thinks he's fun, never mind his quirky looks and "alternative" diet. In Sophie's story, a left-out hippo named Geoffrey wins a race and becomes popular, only to realize his true friend was the guy who helped him train in the first place.

After the teenage authors finished their readings, their young listeners got a chance to ask questions about the stories they'd just heard. One girl liked how the characters stayed true to themselves. "Maybe that's how you feel," she said.

Another kid wanted to know how long the stories took to write.

"The words you saw on the screen, the pictures, did not happen overnight," Brooks told them. The girls worked on it for two weeks, three days a week, in their enrichment class. Sydney said she worked on it at home, too. "They did three different revisions," he added. "It's not a one-time deal."

When the questions were over, Brooks took the stage and read the very first poem he ever memorized — "Ickle Me, Pickle Me, Tickle Me Too" by Shel Silverstein — then rounded out the program with a dramatic reading of "The Wolves in the Walls" by Neil Gaiman.

While the wolves in the story got into the strawberry jam and played Lucy's father's second-best tuba, Diane and Tempie were turned



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A group of Thornton Creek Elementary students and their visiting friends from Neinas Elementary in Detroit get on their feet during an Oct. 27 visit to Hillside Middle School. The students were being encouraged to get their sillies out by teacher Jason Brooks. The students were at Hillside to hear a few stories written and read by its students and to interact with the pen pals they've made.

around in their seats, busy playing clapping games and braiding each other's hair.

Diane goes to Thornton Creek. Tempie goes to Neinas. The two aren't pen pals, but they struck up a friendship that day over crafts and lunch.

Tempie said her favorite book was the one about the wolves. Diane liked the stories that Sophie and Sydney read, "because I think it's cool they wrote it."

"There were a lot of details they put in," she added.

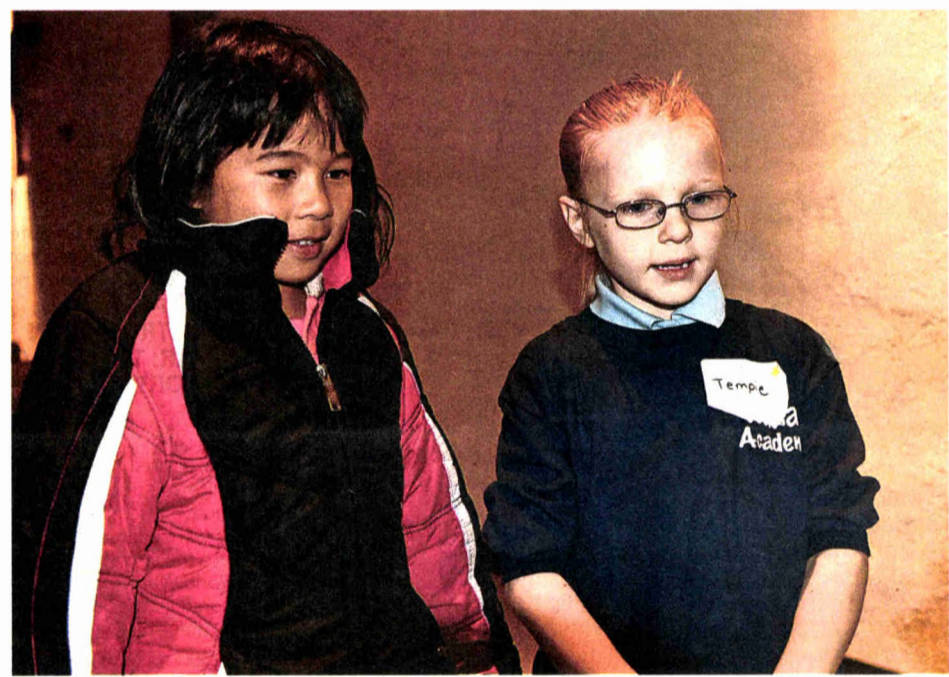
When the event was over, both girls went back to their respective school. But there's a good chance they'll see each other again in months and years to come. Unlike in the past, Evans said the plan is now to keep the pen pal classes paired for four years, so that kids like Diane and Tempie can stay in touch as they grow older.

Evans said the kids are excited about it: "They keep asking me every time I see them, 'When are we going to see our pen pals again?'"



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Hillside Middle School student Sophie Smith, 13, reads her illustrated story "Jeffery the Hippo" to Thornton Creek and Neinas Elementary (from Detroit) students.



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Thornton Creek student Diane Zhao (left) and Neinas Elementary student Tempie Abbott talk about what they liked about their schools getting together.



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Fire officers graduate from staff, command school

Novi Fire Department Lts. Joshua A. Bunse and Remo Oliverio continued to advance their leadership skills by successfully completing Eastern Michigan University's School of Fire Staff and Command last week.

The two lieutenants spent 10 months in the program, which takes the fire officer beyond traditional operation methods and exposes them to conceptual thinking and problem solving. Over the course of the 350-hour program, Bunse and Oliverio learned about problem analysis, management situations, project management, grant funding, managing fiscal budgets and managing personnel matters.



Bunse



Oliverio

The ultimate goal of the school is to better prepare the professional fire officer to effectively manage their fire agency.

"I am extremely proud of the hard work and dedication Josh and Remo have shown by completing the Staff and Command Program," Novi Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David E. Molloy said. "I have every confidence the training specific to leadership, planning and decision-making, human resources, administration and critical incident/homeland security has prepared them to meet the many challenges the Novi Fire Department faces every day."

Bunse has been with the Novi Fire Department for 12 years, starting as a fire protection officer before being promoted to lieutenant in 2012. Oliverio began working in Novi 10 years ago as a paid-on-call firefighter before being promoted to fire protection officer in 2006 and lieutenant in 2012.

The School of Fire Staff and Command education/training program develops fire officers destined for senior leadership within their departments. With technology advancing at such a rapid rate, senior fire officers must be prepared with the knowledge, skills and abilities afforded private industry, which are sometimes ignored in public service.

For more information about the Novi Fire Department, go to cityof-novi.org.



Novi High School welcomed Quinn (Mike Temrowski) and ayokay (Alex O'Neill) Oct. 28 to cap College Week.

BILL ROOSE

Lunch music caps College Week in Novi

The Novi Community School District welcomed Columbia Records' indie-pop singer Quinn XCII and producer ayokay to Novi High School on Friday, Oct. 28.

Friends since third grade, Quinn (Mike Temrowski) and ayokay (Alex O'Neill) were back in their home state to attend Saturday's college football game in East Lansing. The pair graduated from Michigan State University (Temrowski) and the University of Michigan (O'Neill) last year and agreed to kick off the rivalry weekend at Novi High

School, where they will perform three mini concerts followed by educational workshops for the school's music students.

Temrowski and O'Neill are Michigan natives who graduated from Grosse Pointe South in 2010 and recently signed with a major record label and moved to Los Angeles, Calif.

The two performed ayokay's hit "Kings of Summer" for nearly 1,800 students during three different mini shows in the school's Fuerst Auditorium at lunch periods. The song gained popularity

after Texas Rangers center fielder Ian Desmond used it as his walk-up music during the 2016 season.

The unique visit capped College Week at Novi High School. All week, students have been encouraged to wear their favorite college or university gear. On Friday, Michigan and Michigan State were the overwhelming theme as Quinn and ayokay represented their alma maters.

"We did a show down in Arizona before at a dance that they had for homecoming," Temrowski said, "so it's

something that we're not too foreign to. ... That being said, we're still super-excited about it. I know the school has a lot of excitement and buzz around the performance and we can't wait to get down there."

O'Neill added: "This demographic is definitely a huge part of our audience and I think these kids are into our type of music and kind of this fresher pop music. That's what these kids are kind of growing up on. So I think it's going to be an amazing audience to interact with for us."

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ENACTMENT - ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.713 CORRECTION

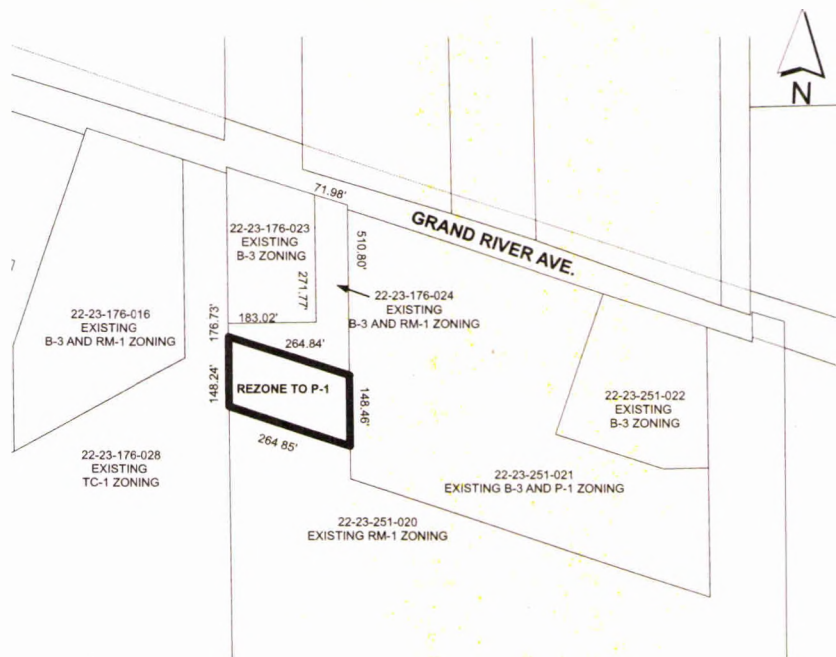
THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:

Part I. That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi is hereby amended as indicated on ZONING MAP NO. 18.713 attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.

Part II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Part III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and is hereby ordered to take effect fifteen (15) days after final enactment. The effective date of this Ordinance is **October 25, 2016**.

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan the **10th day of October, 2016**. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the Office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, local time.



To rezone a part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 23, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan being parcel 22-23-176-024 more particularly described as follows:

Parcel: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 23, Township 1 North, Range 8 East, City of Novi, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at distance N 89-58-54 W & N 00-09-41 W 1158.04 feet, thence N 89-47-40 E 183.02 feet, thence N 00-12-17 W 271.77 feet, thence S 71-21-34 E 71.98 feet, thence S 00-08-04 E 510.80 feet, thence N 71-21-35 W 264.85 feet to the point of beginning.

Re zoning Limits: Commencing at the center of Section 23, Township 1 North, Range 8 East, City of Novi, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, N 89-58-54 W 279.79 feet, thence N 00-09-41 W 1158.04 feet to the point of beginning, thence continuing N 00-09-41 W 148.24 feet, thence S 71-24-35 E 264.84 feet, thence S 00-08-04 E 148.48 feet, thence N 71-21-35 W 264.84 feet to the point of beginning.

FROM: RM-1 MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO: P-1 PARKING

ORDINANCE NO. 18.713

Robert J. Gatt, Mayor
Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

Publish: November 3, 2016

D.C. trip a chance for Novi students, staff to shine

The evening of Wednesday, Nov. 2, I boarded a bus with 45 eighth-grade students and four adult chaperones on our way to Washington, D.C. I was part of the Novi Middle School contingent traveling to our nation's capital. There will be a total of seven buses, 324 students and 28 chaperones.

We are a sight to behold as we travel from Michigan to our nation's capital.

The agenda for this trip is packed. After an all-night bus ride, we will spend three days visiting historical sites in Washington, D.C. Arlington National Cemetery, the Lincoln Memorial, the Jefferson Memorial, the MLK Memorial, the WW II Memorial, the Vietnam War Memorial, the Ford Theater, the Peterson House and Smithsonian Museums will be among the sites that Novi Middle School students will visit. We will visit the National Archives and see the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights. We will stop and see the White House. We will tour the Capitol Building and the Library of Congress.

The question is, why



Steve Matthews
SUPER TALK

does the Novi Community School District and Novi Middle School take the time and ask families to go to the expense of sending their sons and daughters to Washington, D.C. for three days? There are the obvious answers. When we talk about the Constitution or the assassination of Abraham Lincoln or the actions of Congress, we can refer to this trip and to places that our students have seen. This trip helps put in context historical events.

Additionally, it is hoped that this trip will continue the development of our students' appreciation for the sacrifices that others have made to help create this country. We see the changing of the guard at Arlington National Cemetery. Standing in that sacred space among thousands of headstones, our students have the opportunity to think about what it takes to create and sustain our country. We see more than 4,000 Gold Stars at the World War II Memorial, each representing

more than 100 lives lost during the war. This trip allows our students to continue developing their appreciation for and understanding of how people have shaped this great country.

While history is a major focus of this trip, it should also be noted that traveling together on a bus creates its own share of memories. On my bus, there will be 45 eighth-grade students. Socks will be lost. Shoes are sometimes hard to find. Discussions about why energy drinks are not a good choice at midnight will take place. Sleep, especially traveling to Washington, D.C., is hard to come by.

We stop on the Ohio Turnpike for a break. Making sure 45 students exit the bus and the same 45 students get back on the bus is always a stressful experience. It always works. Kind of a miracle, actually.

I look forward to this trip each year. I appreciate the willingness of our staff to serve as chaperones. I appreciate our eighth-grade students and how they conduct themselves on this trip. Together, our students and staff represent the Novi Community School District well.

Steve M. Matthews, Ed.D., is superintendent of the Novi Community School District. He can be reached at smatthews@novischools.net.

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More than 400 people attended last year's Sky Foundation fundraiser, which featured a live auction.

Fundraiser takes aim at pancreatic cancer

Brad Kadrich
hometownlife.com

Sheila Kasselmann is a pancreatic cancer survivor largely because at the time she was diagnosed nine years ago, it was still confined to her pancreas.

Most people, Kasselmann points out, aren't that lucky. By the time they're diagnosed, the cancer has often metastasized to other organs. That's because there's no early warning, no early test or signal that the patient might have the disease.

That's a situation Kasselmann and the folks at the foundation she established, The Sky Foundation, hope to change. Its annual fundraiser — for the second year in a row — is set for Nov. 6 at the MGM Grand Hotel in Detroit.

"(Raising awareness) is more important than ever," said Kasselmann, who was diagnosed in September 2007. "It's very hard to raise awareness of this disease and we're doing it in a way that gives people hope."

That hope is coming from the Bloomfield Hills-based Sky Foundation. Kasselmann founded it in June 2008, about five months after the surgery that saved her life. She was at a doctor's visit and the doctor told her awareness of the disease had to be increased and that she should start a foundation.

So she did. "Everyone thinks, 'Why me?' You think,

"What did I do?" Kasselmann said. "I didn't do that. I told myself that if I was lucky enough to live, I was going to talk about this."

Spreading the love

She's done more than talk. Her foundation has handed out more than \$1.2 million in research grants since its founding, including some \$400,000 last year alone. Last year's fundraiser, moved to the MGM after years at Birmingham's Townsend Hotel, raised some \$365,000 and organizers are shooting for more than that this year.

And it's a good thing, too, because pancreatic cancer is moving up the list of deadly cancers. According to Dr. Howard Crawford, a researcher in the University of Michigan Departments of Molecular Biology and Internal Medicine, pancreatic cancer is now the third-leading killer among cancers, having recently passed breast cancer and trailing only lung and colon cancer.

Crawford said some 46,000 new patients are diagnosed every year with a disease that only has an 8-percent five-year survival rate. By 2020 or 2021, he said, pancreatic cancer will have surpassed colon cancer.

He pointed out the need for more research on early detection — something that doesn't exist now — by looking at cells in the bloodstream and using that information as a diag-

nostic and finding a model of clinical trials.

The problem is the location of the pancreas — it sits across the back of the abdomen, behind the stomach — makes it difficult to reach for testing. But doctors, he said, need to find a way if they want to push the survival rate into double digits.

"We think it will be critically important," Howard said. "Because the pancreas is so hard to get to, we don't have the ability (now) to detect it (early). Our goal is to get pancreatic cancer up into the two-digit (higher than 10 percent) survival rate. That's still not great, obviously, but it's better."

Mary Beth Castorri wants to help. The disease claimed her husband Ronald in 2013, after a very short fight. During that battle, Castorri came across Kasselmann, who offered support "when there wasn't a lot" out there.

"This disease is not at the forefront; it doesn't have early detection like some of the others," Castorri said. "This disease needs attention. It needs money and it needs attention."

Castorri, one of the folks organizing the Sky Foundation's Nov. 6 benefit, plans to help the disease get both. She said the fundraiser been moved to the MGM Grand because it had outgrown the Townsend Hotel, where some 300 people were attending.

Last year, in its first

year downtown, more than 400 people attended.

Auction action

"The Townsend was beautiful and the people there were great," she said. "(But) we wanted to be in Detroit and we had grown."

Headlining the event will be Dr. Diane Simeone, director of the Pancreatic Cancer Program at U-M. Simeone, who like Howard has been a recipient of grants from the Sky Foundation, will talk about current research progress.

In addition to lunch and entertainment, guests will have the opportunity to bid on many silent- and live-auction

items.

"We have some outstanding auction items this year, thanks to our extremely generous donors," Castorri said. "Highlights include sports memorabilia and tickets, vacation get-aways and even a trip to see the sold-out 'Hamilton' in New York City."

Proceeds from the event will fund research grants to institutions as varied as U-M, the Karmanos Cancer Center and even a doctor at the University of Washington. Kasselmann hopes the fundraiser will help raise awareness and, eventually, produce an early detection method that will save lives.

Meanwhile, she's happily living her own life, because what choice does she have?


"You either cry or you laugh," she said. "I probably do both, every day."

Sky Foundation's eighth annual lunch takes place from noon until 3 p.m. Nov. 6 at the MGM Grand Hotel, 1777 Third Street, Detroit. Complimentary parking at the hotel entrance is included in the ticket price. For sponsorship opportunities and to order tickets, go to www.skyfoundationinc.org or call 248-385-5143. Follow updates on Facebook @skyfoundationinc and on Twitter @skyresearch.

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Rod Meloni (left) will emcee the eighth annual fundraiser hosted by the Sky Foundation and its founder, Sheila Kasselmann.



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Frush the choice

As a former Northville Township trustee, I have a vested interest in the continued success of our community — including our Northville Public Schools. On Nov. 8, we will elect four candidates to the Northville school board.

It is vitally important that we elect candidates who understand that the success of our schools underscores the success of our community — all while exercising the highest standards of ethics, accountability, fiscal responsibility and a commitment to high academic achievement.

The candidate I am supporting that exemplifies these leadership traits is Scott Frush, whom I've known for a number of years through volunteer community involvement. Scott brings the financial background the composition of the school board desperately needs. He is thoughtful and sensitive to the needs of those around him and will listen to parents concerns. He is a highly capable candidate that has been endorsed by many of our community leaders.

Please join with me in voting for Scott Frush for Northville school board. Our students and our community will benefit from his leadership on the school board.

Chris Roosen
Northville

Backing McCusker

There is only one educated choice in House District 38, Amy McCusker. Let me explain why.

Our present representative, Kathy Crawford, has been in office for two years. Previously, her husband Hugh Crawford, was in the same office for six years. Together our district has been represented by the same couple for almost a decade, not including

switching seats as Oakland County Commissioners. Don't take my word, look at Kathy Crawford's record:

» Increased gas tax even after the people vote down a similar proposal

» Substantially increased fees on our car registration — 40 percent per car

» Voted for third grade retention, if they cannot pass the M-Step

» Voted for \$1 billion in tax cuts for businesses regardless of job creation, yet voted tax increases on small business, medical facility, and nursing homes. These increased taxes are passed down to the people especially Senior Citizens.

» Voted for a budget that does not fund roads, adequately fund education including higher ed which results in lost support for public school students and increased tuition in colleges and universities

These are a just a few of the reasons not to return Kathy Crawford to Lansing. We cannot afford another two years of hurting families. The decade old ways no longer fit our present or future needs. Amy McCusker is needed in Lansing. She is a mother of three school-age children. She is currently vice president of the South Lyon school board, in which she took no compensation. Her priorities involve meeting the concerns of working people such as:

» Tax relief for working class families and seniors including repeal of the pension tax and restoration of the Homestead Credit.

» Improved economy with better paying jobs. If you give businesses huge tax cuts make them produce good paying jobs or take the money back.

» Funding for higher education and public schools; inadequate funding results in tuition

increases and cuts in education which decreases opportunities for students.

» Return local control. Communities know what works best for them.

» Repeal third-grade retention. This personal decision is best made between teacher and parent.

» Increase revenue sharing to cities and townships so citizens don't have to pick up in the tab in additional millages.

It is time for a change. In fact, it is long overdue. Lansing needs Amy McCusker and we need to send her. Amy will be an effective leader finding real solutions to the problems in Michigan. She has a passion for helping children and senior citizens. Make the smart, sensible choice and vote Amy McCusker, House District 38.

Shirley Brockhahn
New Hudson

Supports McCusker

With the election quickly approaching I am writing to support the election of Amy McCusker to state representative for the 38th District, which covers Lyon Township, Northville, Novi, South Lyon, and Walled Lake.

Over the past four years, residents have had the privilege to observe how well Amy works with the South Lyon School District Community members at all levels on a variety of issues. As the vice president of the South Lyon school board and a former community services director, Amy has been an independent voice who has fought for all stakeholders in her district. She is a lifelong resident of the district and understands the vision and values of the district. She has the experience and integrity to help move the state forward by being a positive voice for the 38th District — something that

is lacking with the current representative.

Amy will fight to reduce taxes on working families and seniors by repealing the pension tax. She supports proposals to help create equity in the funding levels of every school district. She will fight to return local control to those that know our children the best — the parents, teachers and administrators — not special interests.

She will fight for better vocational education initiatives to help our Michigan graduates be ready and able to compete in the global marketplace. She will put people to work to fix our roads and infrastructure and help to create jobs in the skilled trades, technology, life sciences and tourism. She will help protect our greatest asset in Michigan — our water and natural resources to make sure we all have clean water to drink. Above all she will put people first and get money out of politics and will fight for independent redistricting reform to allow for an equitable distribution of representation.

The 38th District deserves to be represented by someone who is ready to stand up for working families and be an advocate for the entire community. Amy McCusker is a champion of the district and is well-deserving of the chance to be your voice in Lansing. Please remember to vote on Nov. 8 for Amy McCusker for state representative in the 38th District.

Michael D. Smith
former Walled Lake school board member

Support for Crawford

During this time of uncertainty and dirty politics, state Rep. Kathy Crawford, R- Novi, is a strong, calming influence on our Novi community.

She believes in the same core values that

guide my political views:

- » Low Taxes
- » Limited Government
- » Less Regulation
- » Job Growth
- » Strong Business Environment
- » Education Excellence
- » Relentless Customer Service

Please vote for my friend, Kathy Crawford, on Nov. 8. She cares about the Novi community.

Kelly Sexton
Novi

Crawford supports schools

State Rep. Kathy Crawford, R- Novi, is a fiscal conservative who has made education a priority. She wants to ensure that our students receive a strong education that not only prepares

them for their professional careers, but also provides a blueprint for lifelong learning.

During the two years that Kathy has been working for us in Lansing, state funding for public education has increased substantially. Kathy is a life-long resident and community volunteer in Novi. She knows and understands our community and how much we value strong schools. She's one of us!

That's the kind of person I want to represent me in Lansing. I'm voting to re-elect Kathy Crawford as our state representative in the 38th District on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Robert J. Giacopetti
Novi

Supports Jankowski, Prescott, Doner

As you consider your choices for the Northville school board, I strongly urge you to vote to re-elect Cynthia Jankowski and retain Sarah Prescott, and then elect the best new choice, Laurie Doner. I have known Cynthia for many years, beginning with our

involvement within various PTA projects at Silver Springs. I quickly learned that once she became aware of an issue in our schools, she worked diligently to gain an understanding of the issue and helped to develop solutions to benefit our kids, our schools and our community. This interest and passion of hers led her to seek a position on the board in 2012. Cynthia's commitment to our district has only grown stronger as exhibited by her various leadership roles on the board.

Retaining Sarah Prescott will continue to provide a strong employment and civil rights law background to help the board save time, energy, and resources and help keep more dollars in the classroom for our kids. Her experience in making tough, practical decisions will help the board as we face challenges related to our infrastructure, maintaining small class sizes and adapting to changing needs.

Laurie Donner is a resident of Northville and long-term educator with degrees in elementary and special education, as well as an education specialist degree in administration. She brings a unique perspective as an educator who has served students, parents and the community for 22 years, a perspective missing from the current board.

And yet the compelling qualification of these candidates, is their personal insight and commitment to the children, parents, and the community. My familiarity with this district's budgetary constraints causes me to look to leaders who are able to make decisions in the best interests of the children as well as the financial impact. Therefore, when you vote, I urge you to mark your ballots in support of Cynthia Jankowski, Sarah Prescott, and Laurie Doner.

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Court reinstates ballot-box selfie ban

Bill Laitner
Detroit Free Press

In the tussle over whether voters may take selfie photos of themselves casting ballots on Nov. 8 — an offbeat dispute being waged in numerous states — Michigan's anti-selfie side scored a key victory Friday that bans the practice at least in the upcoming election.

The decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals Sixth Circuit in Cincinnati reversed a ruling earlier last week of U.S. District Judge Janet Neff in Grand Rapids that overturned the ban. Friday's ruling ordered a stay — or hold — of Neff's ruling that allowed "ballot selfies."

Neff had ruled that Michigan's prohibition was a violation of the First Amendment right to free speech.

Two of the three judges in the appeals court's panel joined in granting the stay, in a ruling that declared that overturning the state's selfie ban just 10 days before the election did not allow sufficient time to discuss "Michigan's venerable voting proto-

cols."

The judges cited the state's 125-year-old law that was "designed to protect the secret ballot by forbidding voters from exposing their marked ballots to others." The issue raises important First Amendment issues that can be argued fully after the election in further appeals, the opinion said.

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson issued a statement Friday saying: "Voters can continue to vote with confidence and without the potential for outside influence."

The issue has turned into a nationwide kerfuffle, prompting media to list states that do — and do not — allow ballot box selfies. Entertainer Justin Timberlake drew attention for posting a photo of himself when he voted early at his hometown of Memphis, Tenn., according to a report in USA TODAY. Timberlake, after posting the photo on Instagram and encouraging followers to vote, soon deleted it after learning he'd violated a new law in Tennessee, he said Wednesday on NBC's "Tonight Show with Jimmy Fal-

lon."

With Michigan no longer allowing ballot-box selfies on Nov. 8, the practice appears to now be legal in 19 states.

More than a dozen states prohibit the practice, while the law is unclear in at least a dozen others, USA TODAY reported.

The Michigan case was brought by Joel Crookston of Portage, who filed a lawsuit in September against Secretary of State Ruth Johnson, seeking to prevent state election officials from interpreting the Michigan law as meaning that ballot-box selfies were verboten.

In Friday's ruling, the two-judge majority said that the Secretary of State's ban on photography at the polls "seems to be a content-neutral regulation that reasonably protects voters' privacy — and honors a long tradition of protecting the secret ballot."

However, in a dissenting opinion, a third judge wrote that the ban would "put the administrative interests of the state above the individual rights of the citizens of Michigan."

Few snags expected with new trash hauler

Darrell Clem
hometownlife.com



New GFL Environmental, Inc., trucks will replace Rizzo's red trucks.

Residents whose garbage was being picked up by Rizzo Environmental Services shouldn't notice any significant snags in service from a new company that has taken over, area officials say.

If all goes as expected, officials say, the biggest change residents should see will be the phasing out of Rizzo's familiar red garbage trucks as new owner GFL Environmental, Inc., of Toronto rolls out its bright green trash haulers.

The change comes as the FBI investigates allegations in Macomb County that officials accepted bribes for helping Rizzo obtain contracts.

"We expect no change in service," Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said, adding that 27,000 customers should receive the "high level of service" they have come to expect.

GFL (Green For Life) is expected to honor a contract that expires in 2020 in Canton, he said.

Brian Wilson, Livonia's assistant director of public works, said Tuesday city officials were await-

ing a meeting with the new company to discuss the changes, but he anticipated no significant disruptions in service.

"We would anticipate that any service the residents are used to at the curb wouldn't change," Wilson said.

As the new owner, GFL is expected to have the same local managers and work crews delivering trash-hauling services, Wilson said. The company serves 55 communities in the region.

Kevin Roney, Garden City's public services director, said he expects a smooth transition as GFL takes the reins of garbage pickup that was turned over to Rizzo earlier this year for that city's 11,000 customers.

"I have every expectation that they will maintain the level of service we

have had since June, which has been good," Roney said. "I'm not overly concerned at all. Companies acquire companies all the time and they honor (existing) contracts."

Robert Nix, Northville Township supervisor, said officials there expect GFL to pick up garbage and do it on time, despite the changing of hands from Rizzo.

"In my opinion I think it will be business as usual," Nix said. "We'll have to wait to see how the transition is implemented, but based on the information we have received, we anticipate no change and no degradation in service. We expect the service to continue and be on time and consistent with the way it has been in the past."

Canton issued a statement Monday to let residents know that GFL Environmental had become a majority shareholder in Rizzo and would assume all day-to-day operations. The statement said GFL would be rebranding Rizzo's red garbage trucks to GFL's bright green color, along with the GLF logo.

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LETTERS

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thia Jankowski, Sarah Prescott and Laurie Doner, leaders who will keep a strong focus on our kids and our community.

Debbie Grant-Kelterborn
Northville

Hood in Novi

With the Nov. 8 election just a few days away, we want to add our voices to the many who support Kathy Hood for her election to the Novi Board of Education.

We have gotten to know Kathy, her husband Bryan and her two sons over the last six years as members of the Novi Band Boosters. Kathy has been a strong, active member of the boosters since 2011. Her presence and dedication made a real difference, helping ensure that the costs were kept low so that the maximum number of students could participate in a marching band program recently ranked fourth in the state.

She has continued her support after her youngest son's graduation, helping with the golf outing as well as our annual marching band competition. Her dedication and support to the Athletic Boosters also positively impacted the wrestling and baseball programs.

Over the past several years, Kathy has taken the time to understand the funding and education-based issues facing students, teachers and school districts in Michigan. In addition to being an easily approachable person, ready to listen and discuss issues of concern, Kathy is passionate about maximizing the educational opportunities available to all students in Novi. As a member of several task forces, Kathy has been a consistent voice advocating for the students and

staff of our district.

We have been fortunate that past Novi school boards have remained focused on a stable district that maximizes student success, even in economically difficult times. Kathy will carry on this focus.

Her background as a corporate manager, parent, volunteer, and educational advocate, we believe, gives her the right balance of knowledge, experience, and passion to continue the successful management of the Novi School District for all families in Novi.

Kathy is deserving of your vote for the Novi school board on Nov. 8.

Marcia and James Boileau
Novi

Backing Hood

I graduated from Novi High School many years ago and, in 2003, my husband and I moved back to Novi to raise our children here. Novi has emerged as a richly diverse community and our schools are among the best in the nation.

As such, our school board deserves a board member who embraces the unique opportunities available to our children in Novi and who is devoted to our tradition of excellence in public education. That person is Kathy Hood. I've known Kathy, her husband and two wonderful sons for well over a decade.

I have always admired Kathy's tireless dedication to our schools and community, including her commitment and leadership roles with the Boy Scouts, the Novi High School Marching Band, the Novi Band Boosters, and the Athletic Boosters. I am proud to support her candidacy for Novi school board.

Kathy is smart, level-headed, deeply committed to our children, and especially sensitive to the concerns of parents. Kathy's vast professional experience in business

brings to the school board a practical approach to managing our district, seeking collaboration, and team building. Kathy epitomizes determination, fairness, and compassion and would bring a fresh and positive point of view to our school board.

For all of these reasons, I hope you'll join me in giving Kathy Hood your vote for Novi school board on Nov. 8.

Ana Quiroz
Novi

Supports Qadir

As a former state representative (2000-06) and Plymouth Township trustee (1988-92), I want to offer my endorsement of Dr. Ghulam Qadir for trustee in Northville Township. He is a man of the highest intelligence and sensitivity who will take an honest look at the issues and vote for the best interests of the people of Northville Township.

Dr. Qadir is a state board certified psychiatrist who has been associated with Oakwood Hospital since 1979. You may know Dr. Qadir because he has played a key role in stopping the expansion of the Arbor Hill Landfill. Also, he is ever mindful of the concerns of the citizens regarding the development of Five Mile at Beck Road.

Dr. Qadir has been a resident of Wayne County since 1978. He is involved in community activities and has participated in the Northville 4th of July Parade for several years. He is accessible, open and accountable to the people for the operation of Northville Township government. Dr. Qadir's highest priority is to bring services to the citizens of Northville.

What a refreshing contribution Dr. Qadir would make on the Board of Trustees with his kindness and caring for the citizens of Northville and

his intellectual honesty.

It is my hope that you will have the chance to directly talk with Dr. Qadir while he is going door-to-door throughout Northville Township.

You are encouraged to find out more about Dr. Qadir on his website <http://drqadir.com> or e-mail qadir542002@yahoo.com

I ask for your vote for Dr. Ghulam Qadir on Nov. 8.

John Stewart
Plymouth

Obamacare a fraud

Obamacare has been the biggest fraud ever perpetrated on the American people. Worse yet, the Democrats, including Hillary Clinton, knew that it was a fraud from the beginning.

Remember when Jonathan Gruber, the MIT professor who was one of the key architects of Obamacare, was found admitting on tape that the Obamacare legislation was designed from the beginning to fool the American people. Gruber said that this "lack of transparency" (fraud) was necessary to pass the law because of "the stupidity of the American voter."

Picking up on this "stupid voter" theme, President Obama lied repeatedly to the Amer-

ican people about the effects of Obamacare — particularly when he "guaranteed" that every American could keep their present health plan if they liked it, as well as keep their current doctor. He also promised that healthcare costs would decline! President Obama knew all these promises were untrue at the time — as did the Democrats who voted for the bill.

Now the truth is evident. The Obama administration just admitted that premiums for a mid-level Obamacare plan are set to rise an average of 25 percent in 2017 in the 39 states that use the federal HealthCare.gov. So what we have are skyrocketing health insurance premiums, higher deductibles, patients no longer having access to the nation's top cancer hospitals, and limited availability of the most effective treatments and medicines.

Hopefully, the American people will hold Democrats accountable on Nov. 8 for this Obamacare fraud. Maybe the voters are not as "stupid" as the Democrats think.

Randy Kniebes
Brighton

Supports Kumar

Among the many political signs one sees while

driving in the 11th Congressional District in southeast Michigan, be sure to notice the one for Dr. Anil Kumar for Congress. He is a surgeon, educator, husband, father, activist.

He has a long record of supporting women's rights through these areas: He provided support to Haven women's shelter in Pontiac. He supports Mai Family Services against the abuse of women and children. He is a strong advocate for Michigan State Medical Society's initiative against human trafficking.

Dr. Kumar said, "Our country is great because of the hard work and sacrifice of the people before us. It is our obligation to preserve it, and our responsibility to improve it. That's why I'm running for Congress." The U.S. Congress needs principled, dedicated persons who are strong, trustworthy, and caring. Dr. Anil Kumar is the leader who has all of those qualities.

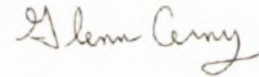
Citizens in the 11th Congressional District: vote Nov. 8 for Dr. Anil Kumar for U.S. Congress.

Hannah Provence
Donigan
Commerce

PUBLIC NOTICE

Schoolcraft College announces that the financial audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, has been completed by Plante & Moran, LLP, Southfield, Michigan. It has been presented to the College Board of Trustees and has been accepted by them.

Notice is hereby given that the audit is available for public inspection in the Office of the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in the Jeffress Center, Room 406, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan, on weekdays, between the hours of 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. The financial statements are also available on our website at <http://www.schoolcraft.edu/a-z-index/budget-performance>.



Glenn Cerny
Vice President and CFO

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A BROWNFIELD PLAN FOR THE FORMER ROBERT SCOTT CORRECTIONAL FACILITY PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF FIVE MILE ROAD AND BECK ROAD, TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Northville will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 17, 2016, at 7:00 P.M. at the Northville Township Hall located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168 to consider the adoption of a resolution approving a Brownfield Plan (the "Plan") for the property located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Five Mile Road and Beck Road in the Township of Northville, Wayne County, Michigan formerly known as the Robert Scott Correctional Facility, pursuant to and in accordance with Public Act 381 of 1996, as amended.

A copy of the Plan is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the Township Clerk, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168.

All aspects of the Plan are open for discussion at the public hearing. All interested persons desiring to address the Board of Trustees shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the consideration of the Plan.

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

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SYNOPSIS October 25, 2016 – SPECIAL MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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| DATE: | Tuesday, October 25, 2016 |
| TIME: | 7:00 p.m. |
| PLACE: | 44405 Six Mile Road |
| CALL TO ORDER: | Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. |
| PRESENT: | Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor, Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk, Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer, Marv Gans, Trustee, Symantha Heath, Trustee, Mindy Herrmann, Trustee, Fred Shadko, Trustee |
| PLANNING COMMISSION: | |
| PRESENT: | Eric Lark, Chairman, Timothy Zawodny, Vice Chairman, Richard Allen, Kent Anderson, George McCarthy, Fred Shadko, BOT Liaison |
| ABSENT: | Lisa Anderson |
1. **Agenda:**
 - A. **Joint Meeting of the Board of Trustees and Planning Commission Public informational meeting for the Village at Northville Project** at Five Mile and Beck Roads – Presented by the Redico Team
 - B. **Amendment to extend Purchase Agreement** - Approved
 2. **Brief Public Comments:** Numerous residents had questions and comments for the Board of Trustees & Planning Commission regarding the proposed development of the former Scott Prison Property.
 3. **Any other business for the Board of Trustees:** None
 4. **ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.
- A draft of the minutes will be available November 4, 2016.
Respectfully submitted:
Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.

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Area Toys for Tots begins prep for season

David Veselenak
hometownlife.com

With Halloween in the rear-view mirror, Christmas isn't that far off. And with the season of giving starting, area Toys for Tots coordinators are ramping up their efforts. The program has coordi-

ners all across the region, and wants those in the local community to know who to contact if they're looking to donate or are in need of some assistance this holiday season.

Kim Felske, a regional coordinator with Toys for Tots, said the group wants to inform resi-

dents of who their area coordinator is to help assist them in making sure donations, collections and other information are going to the right person.

"We don't want people missed, (that) is our biggest concern," the Brownstown Township resident said. "We'd like

the toys collected in their communities to stay in their communities."

Coordinators for certain parts of the area have changed. For those in Livonia, Wayne and Westland, residents and business owners can contact Nakii Adams at 734-258-2083 or via email at nakiit4t@gmail.com.

For those in Redford Township and Garden City, the point person is Phil Smith, who can be reached at 313-720-2754 or at psmithtoysfortots@gmail.com. For those living in Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Birmingham, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Novi, South Lyon or Milford,

the contact person is Rebecca Yarbrough, who can be reached at 248-331-7433 or t4trebeca@aol.com.

These coordinators can be contacted if a family is in need of assistance this holiday season, if someone is looking to donate items.

More information can be found at trenton-mi.toysfortots.org, novi-mi.toysfortots.org or detroit-mi.toysfortots.org.

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Parmenter's Northville Cider Mill employee Conor Kilpatrick sends another bushel of Honeycrisp apples down the chute to be crushed as he and the rest of the crew begin making cider Oct. 21 at the Baseline Road mainstay. Parmenter's has been in operation in Northville since 1873 and is open the weekend of Labor Day until the weekend before Thanksgiving every year.

Tastes and smells of Parmenter's fill the air

Maria Taylor
Correspondent

When you pull into the parking lot at Parmenter's Northville Cider Mill, the first thing you notice are the smells. The sugary sweetness of doughnuts frying. The tangy scent of hot dogs with ketchup. And, above it all, the aroma of freshly crushed apples.

It's an irresistible combination for Leo Benchich, who hails from Westland.

"I used to work not too far from here ... I'd come here at lunchtime, just to have a quart of cider and six doughnuts," he said.

Now, Leo and his wife Debbie like to stop by on the weekends. This time, they brought their two big black dogs, Bailey and Jack.

"It's close," Leo said. "They've got good cider, too."

Parmenter's, located at 714 E. Baseline Road, is a fall hotspot for folks from Northville and the surrounding area. Carina Nelson of South Lyon, one of the owners, said their visitor count on any given weekend numbers in the thousands.

"We open at 10 in the morning and sometimes we already have a line," she said. It's not uncommon for the cider-and-doughnut queue to stretch from the door to the parking lot and back again.

Nelson has worked at Parmenter's for 10 years and does everything from scheduling staff to spinning caramel apples and sugaring doughnuts.

"That's what makes it special — the dough-



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Staff attend to customers at Parmenter's.

nuts," she said. "Everybody says we have the best doughnuts."

Parmenter's makes its cider on-site. A sign on the door points out that today's cider is made from Honeycrisp, Jonathan, Golden Delicious and Gala apples — all grown in Michigan at Dietrich Orchards.

Through the chain-link door at the side of the mill, you can see the cider presses hard at work. Apples arrive in big pallet boxes, each containing 18-20 bushels. They're washed and put through a grinder that crushes them into a thick pulp, like applesauce. That goes into nylon bags and then into the press for squeezing. Juice from the pulp pours out into a large stainless steel container below. It's pasteurized with UV light; a quick chill tank takes it to 38°F and it's ready to serve.

Jack Tenbusch of Northville is manager of the cider press. His aunt



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Parmenter's is located at 714 E. Baseline Road in Northville.

and uncle own the mill and he works every weekend as his college job.

Watching the presses is a real hit with the kids, he said. He estimated that Parmenter's turns out about 1,000-1,200 gallons of cider a day.

At the counter, fall staples like cider, doughnuts and apples are the top sellers, although cider slushies are pretty popular, too. There's also maple syrup, honey, pumpkin and apple butter and apple pie. For adults, there's hard cider and wines like Muse and Pink Moon from the Northville Winery and Brewing Co. across the parking lot.

The winery building was a recent addition to Parmenter's, dating from 2012. The red mill barn dates from around 1977. Parmenter's itself has been operating in Northville since 1873, when Civil War veteran Benajah Aldrich Parmenter



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With lots of racks of doughnuts to go, Parmenter's employee Barbara Williams continues to coat the fried treats in a sweet, spicy mixture in the cider mill's kitchen. On this day, the baking crew would be making about 1,000 dozen doughnuts for their hungry customers.

used his mustering-out payment to start a mill in his hometown.

In its earliest days, the mill was powered by a team of horses and produced apple cider vinegar. It was run by five generations of Parmenters until being sold in 1968. Today, it's the second-oldest continually operating business in Northville, after the

Northville Record.

Christina Rohm has been coming to Parmenter's for 42 years. She lives near the Novi/Northville border and remembers the old days when the Guernsey restaurant, a few blocks north on Novi Road, was a tiny place that sold hot dogs, hamburgers and ice cream.

Rohn and her daughter-in-law, Karen Bryan,

were spending an afternoon people-watching at the cider mill. Across the lawn, Leo and Debbie Benchich's dogs barked at another black dog, ready to play. A three-person band strummed an old-time dulcimer tune. One kid sat on a vintage flatbed wagon, eating a giant blue cotton candy cone. Another group had set up an impromptu picnic there, with several gallon jugs of cider and white paper bags of doughnuts.

Eric Dolesh and Sara Terrio, who live in Novi, took advantage of the nice day to get their fall fix. "We come about once a year — we come for cider, doughnuts and to get the baby outside in the fresh air," Eric said.

"We like the winery, too, and the fudge hut," Sara added. The trio stopped by the little fudge stand on their way out.

For Bryan, who lives in Milan, it was her first time to the mill in quite a few years.

"I like all the diversity — people of different backgrounds all having a good time together," she said. "It's nice to see so much enjoyment."

Nelson said that while the vast majority of customers are locals who come back year after year, they do get some out-of-staters. "A lot of them want to come to cider mills in Michigan because their home state doesn't have any," she said. "We get all ages, all walks of life."

Parmenter's is open from August until the weekend before Thanksgiving every year. Its last day this season is Nov. 20.

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Four major-party candidates aim for Michigan's Board of Education

Lori Higgins
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The four major-party candidates running for the two seats on the State Board of Education have two things in common: They say they have a passion for education and want to see Michigan schools improve. But how to get there? That's where they differ.

The candidates include Democrats Ismael Ahmed of Novi and incumbent John Austin of Ann Arbor, as well as Republicans Tom McMillin of Rochester Hills and Nikki Snyder of Whitmore Lake.

There are also seven candidates representing minor-party candidates.

Board member Kathleen Straus, D-Detroit, isn't running for re-election. She has served since 1992.

State Board members serve for eight years and are responsible for setting education policy, advising the Legislature on key issues such as funding, and hiring a state superintendent.

Here's a brief rundown of the major-party candidates and their views on key issues.

Ismael (Ish) Ahmed, D- Novi

Ahmed has been a longtime advocate for public schools, saying that when they're run well and funded properly, they're a way forward for working people.

"I'm more and more seeing, as a parent and a grandparent, that it's the size of your wallet that determines where your children can go to school. A lot of families are locked now into ZIP codes that don't provide good public education."

The state's formula for funding schools, he said, isn't adequate because it doesn't take into account whether a student needs special-education services or whether a student needs help learning English. That makes education in the state unequal, Ahmed said. The board also must address funding for the state's publicly funded universities.

The State Board "can be a bully pulpit to build a movement among regular people for educational reform. And by that, I mean making education the kind of priority it should be in the state, which means funding it in a better way."

He said he believes the state's solutions for addressing chronically low-performing schools, including the creation of the Education Achievement Authority, haven't worked.

"What we need to do is ... arm our teachers, our principals and our communities to be more involved. In other words, put the public back into public schools," Ahmed said.

Ahmed said he believes the state must invest in making preschool universal, so all children have access to it. And the state must invest more in ensuring kids have access to the kind of experiential learning that exposes them to careers.

He also said the State Board did the right thing in approving LGBTQ guidelines designed to ensure such students have a safe and supportive learning environment.

John Austin, D-Ann Arbor

Austin, who has served on the State Board since 2001, is the board president. He wants to see the board continue to push for higher standards and for the narrowing of



Four major-party candidates are running for two seats on the State Board of Education

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Ahmed Austin



Snyder McMillin

achievement gaps between minority and white students. But the board also must continue to be a strong advocate in areas it doesn't control, but areas that have a profound impact on efforts to improve learning, he said.

That includes pushing for change in the way schools are funded and reversing what Austin describes as years of aggressive policies that, for one, have resulted in a disinvestment in state aid to K-12 schools and higher education. He also said he believes the state needs to reign in the spread of charter schools and a "for-profit education marketplace that is not educating kids and driving Michigan's learning performance downward."

He said Michigan must back new demands on students and educators "with real investments to help deliver on those new demands." That includes moving toward a system that bases funding on the needs of the students and the cost of educating them. That would mean more funding for poor students, non-English-speaking students and special-education stu-

dents. The Legislature, not the State Board, has control over how schools are funded. But one of the board's responsibilities is to provide guidance to the Legislature.

"We're elected to be advocates for what schools need to succeed. That's what we will continue to do."

Austin was a strong backer of the guidelines on LGBTQ students. He said such students are more likely to do poorly in school and be victims of violence and sexual abuse. The guidelines "will save lives and help more kids get a great education."

Tom McMillin, R-Rochester Hills

McMillin, a former state representative and a certified public accountant, wants to rescind two decisions the State Board has made: its 2010 adoption of the Common Core State Standards and its September approval of guidelines to schools on addressing the needs of LGBTQ students.

McMillin said he believes some boys will take advantage of the guidelines to get into locker rooms and bathrooms designated for girls.

"It's dangerous. I think it's anti-parental control, and I don't think it's necessary," McMillin said.

He has long pushed against the Common Core standards, a rigorous set of expectations adopted by about 40 states that outline what students need to know to be prepared for college and careers. The process for developing the standards was led by the National Governors Association.

"I think we should have our own standards and be able to change

them," McMillin said.

McMillin describes himself as a "very strong, local-control" advocate who works to eliminate centralization of education.

"I just feel that the people that know best about little Bobby and little Susie is the parent and the teacher in the classroom," McMillin said. "And the efforts by people who think they stand in an ivory tower and dispel wisdom ... usually are wrong."

McMillin is a big supporter of charter schools and school choice. He'd like to replace the M-STEP exam with one that tests a representative sample of students statewide, then allow local districts to adopt whatever test they want to assess how well their students are doing. He opposes an effort — supported by some Republicans in the Legislature — to adopt a letter-grading system for schools. He also said he believes the state needs to develop a mechanism for parents of special-education students to challenge decisions made at the local level.

Nikki Snyder, R-Whitmore Lake

Improving reading literacy is the key to improving education for schools in the state, said Snyder, who works as a nurse, lactation consultant and nurse educator.

"Reading literacy is where it's at," Snyder said. "We won't see our graduation rates increase, our dropout rates decrease, we won't see academic success ... if we don't focus on those early stages. It's so important."

Snyder is a big believer in local control, but she said the State Board can play a role in encouraging local schools to

invest more of their funding — particularly federal funding that goes to schools with large percentages of poor students — in early reading-intervention programs.

Special education is another key interest for Snyder. She has two children with disabilities, so she said she's keenly aware of the difficulties parents have in navigating the system for their children. She said she believes the state needs to address just how much its costs to educate special-education students.

Researchers who completed a comprehensive study of Michigan's school funding system released a report earlier this year that said the state needs a better system of tracking special-education spending in order to provide an accurate analysis of spending in that area.

"That's a big deal to me," Snyder said. "I really feel like that needs to be addressed. When we talk about special

education right now, I want to figure out what those needs are."

Other issues key to Snyder: encouraging parents to spend time with their kids, read to their kids and be involved; finding ways to reduce the impact of poverty on academic success, and providing more vocational training for students who want it.

On the issue of the LGBTQ guidance, Snyder has concerns about the process and what she considers a lack of full discussion about the topic. She said he believes the state should have reached out to more groups.

"I tend to be the kind of person that likes to look at an issue in its entirety and understand all the issues, not based on special interests or partisan politics. I just don't think that happened that time."

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Strum your 'jumping flea' at Mini Uke Day

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Ben Hassenger is both a king and an ambassador in the world of ukulele.

"It's a self-appointed title, Michigan's ambassador of the ukulele. And I didn't get a sash or anything like that," Hassenger said with a laugh. "I really try to be the hub of ukulele activities across the state. There are at least 20 active ukulele groups in Michigan. I call it the great uke state."

The Lansing-area resident is a member of the musical trio, The Ukulele Kings, co-founder of the Lansing Area Ukulele Group, and organizer of The Mighty Uke Day festival, Interlochen's Uketoberfest, and the Midwest Uke Camp. He also takes credit for helping to name the Farmington-area's ukulele group, Motor City Ukes.

He's planning a one-day festival that will include workshops, an open mic, group strum-alongs, and an evening concert. Mini Uke Day will run 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the concert starting at 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 5 at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 Six Mile, in Livonia. Tickets are \$45 for four workshops, \$18



Andy Andrews of Hawaii will play ukulele at Mini Uke Day, Nov. 5, in Livonia.

for the concert only or both for \$55. Tickets are available at mightyuke-day.com and at the door.

Here's a few of Hassenger's thoughts on ukulele in Michigan:

Q: First, how do you pronounce ukulele?

A: The original Hawaiian pronunciation is oo-koo-lele. What that means in the Hawaiian language is jumping flea. In the mid-1800s there

were a lot of Portuguese working in the islands. They had their own instruments that were predecessors to the ukulele and the native Hawaiians were amazed how quickly their hands

moved up and down the strings, like a jumping flea.

Q: What's the ukulele's appeal?

A: I like to say it's the ultimate folk instrument because it brings folks together. I think that's the beauty of the ukulele, getting people together, sharing something together, face to face, in a group, working together. It's an incredibly social instrument. You just kind of share the joy of this little jumping flea.

Q: Does it cost much to get started?

A: That's one of the nice things about ukulele. I like to say it's a very accessible instrument. It's easier to learn how to play than a lot of instruments. It's easy to carry on an airplane, or stick in your car. But it's also accessible price-wise. You can get a playable ukulele for 50-60 bucks. Now, there is a thing called ukulele acquisition syndrome. It's a very contagious disease. It seems like you never have just one ukulele.

Q: How many do you own?

A: Of the ukuleles I play, I probably have 10. But then, because I teach a lot of school programs, I easily have 100 ukuleles

in my house right now. It's ridiculous.

Q: What kind of music is considered ukulele music?

A: You can play all kinds of music. People think, well, a ukulele is just Hawaiian music or silly music. But you can also play jazz, pop, folk, rock, country, hip-hop. There's a band out of Traverse City and they're almost like a Goth band and they play the ukulele. It's incredibly versatile. It's popping up everywhere.

Q: What unusual song have you played on ukulele?

A: I worked up "You Shook Me All Night Long" (AC/DC) on ukulele.

Q: Do you think the ukulele is a trend that will fade?

A: I think people play it and genuinely like the instrument. It's not a gimmick. I mean, all the Beatles were huge ukulele fans, especially George Harrison. It has a huge history with all the British rockers, like Pete Townsend and all those people. If anyone goes into it with an open mind and picks it up, they can't help but love the instrument.

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MASTERING THE MISSISSIPPI

Former newsman finds nature, self on epic kayaking journey

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Livingston Daily

Two old men challenge Old Man River.

That is what former Livingston Daily managing editor Mike Malott once said he would have titled an article about his two-and-a-half month journey down the Mississippi River with Dave Randolph, of Clinton, Ill.

It was a success. Malott and Randolph — a new friend and experienced kayaker he met via the internet — paddled 2,117 miles in 72 days.

With his feet back on dry land, the Hartland Township resident reported back to his old newsroom about the fabulous things and people he encountered on America's mighty waterway. Aside from physical transformation — dozens of pounds dropped and greater confidence in his kayaking ability gained — Malott came to some conclusions about life and people.

"It gives you time to have a nice, long talk with yourself," Malott said. "I thought a lot about life, and I came to interesting conclusions."

His most memorable moments included the

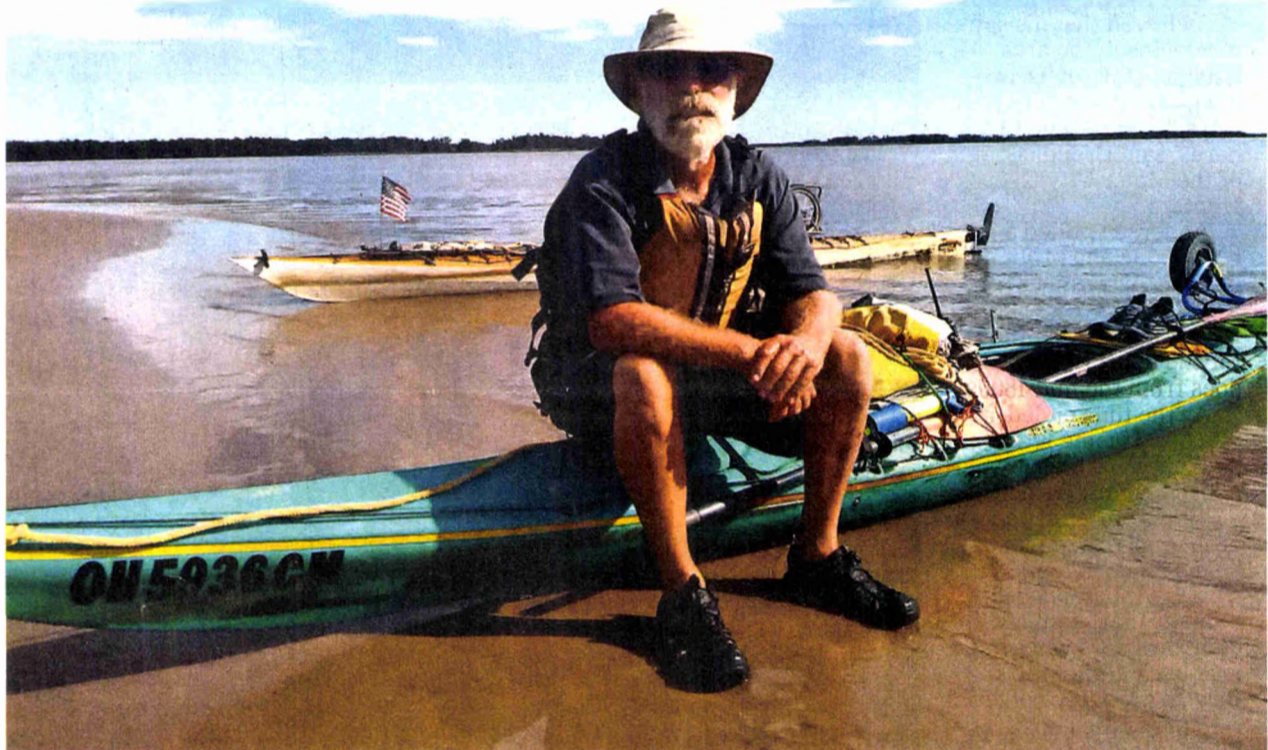
inspiring encounters with people along the way and the times he was awestruck by the greatness of nature.

A gain-faith-in-humanity moment: "Just before St. Louis, we were told before we hit St. Louis we should talk to Mike Clark, a guy who runs a guide service Big Muddy adventures," Malott said.

"There is this one section of the river that is dangerous just above St. Louis, where they had demolished a bridge but never removed the concrete or the rebar — and if you go there in low water, it can be dangerous."

Clark ended up giving the kayakers more than advice for avoiding disaster.

"He brings this trailer to the river to pick us up, throws the kayaks on the trailer, and says, 'Come over to my house,'" Malott said, "He puts us up overnight and feeds us a great dinner of shrimp in sriracha (chili sauce) and teriyaki pork loin — and doesn't charge us a thing. ... He was just wonderful entertainment for the evening. The entertainment was a reading from 'Life on the Mississippi' by Mark



Former Livingston Daily Press & Argus managing editor Mike Malott, of Hartland Township, sits on his kayak at the mouth of the Atchafalaya River on the final day of his 72-day journey down the Mississippi River with Dave Randolph of Clinton, Ill.

Twain. ... Then he transports us back to the river and gives us advice about getting through the port of St. Louis, which is considered the most dangerous port in the United States."

In Illinois, the kayakers encountered a park ranger who "hassled" them for trying to set up two tents on one site. However, someone offered up a campsite they had paid for but did not need. Faith restored.

Malott said living outdoors in nature agreed with him.

"One of my favorite things on the Mississippi was, in certain places, it



Dave Randolph of Clinton, Illinois, and Mike Malott, of Hartland Township, ended their kayak journey down the Mississippi River on a sandbar in the Gulf of Mexico.

was very easy to find a campsite. There were all these sandy beaches. They call it 'the big muddy,' but there is a lot of sand. Some of the campsites were beautiful sites that nobody could make use of other than a couple guys paddling down the river," he said.

"One thing that people don't realize is that there are thousands of islands, and we would pull off and stay there. They were either owned by the government or utility companies or formed by dredging."

In the quiet moments on the river, out of earshot from his kayaking partner and having long talks with himself, the retired newsman got the scoop on his own human interest story.

"You're relationships are what matter. I found that I missed my wife and family terribly. It's cornball, but the most important thing is to love and be loved back," he said. "The first conclusion I made, I would say, is that."

A friend who passed away was also part of

the journey, in spirit.

The pair made their journey a fundraiser for Key Development Center of Brighton and the Hope Center of Lexington, Kentucky, in memory of substance abuse counselor Colin Crumm, who died last year after overcoming his own longtime battle against alcohol addiction.

Malott and Randolph started what would turn out to be a 2,117-mile voyage in August from Lake Irving and the river's headwaters in northern Minnesota.

It took 71 days for the two men to paddle the entire river down to the Gulf of Mexico in Louisiana and one extra day to get back to civilization, for a total of 72 days.

Malott described the Mississippi as "three different rivers," because it changed along the way.

"Above Minneapolis it was like a small river, and we were mainly going down the river with northern woods on either side," he said of the river's beginnings. "There were stretches of

wild rice, where all you could see for miles is the wild rice, and there was no place to pull over."

Then onto the stretch between Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota, and St. Louis, Missouri: "It's mostly locks and dams, and you have to portage and drag your kayak, say, 300 yards or more, and it's still northern."

"Below St. Louis is where you start to see the really big barges. They were huge. The whole (strategy) was just stay out of their way, which is easier said than done," Malott said.

The pair decided to finish off on an old route of the Mississippi River, a tributary called the Atchafalaya River in south Louisiana.

"Years ago, the Army Corps of Engineers rerouted the Mississippi. The Atchafalaya is much more natural and pristine. The end of the Mississippi is industrial with more boats, so we thought that would be the better route," he said.

The last 20 miles or so was swampy, he said.

"And we made it down to the Gulf. There were so many islands around it was hard to tell, but Google Maps told us we were in the Gulf, so we pulled over onto a sandbar and I had brought two beers in my cooler just for that purpose."

He was more than happy to reunite with family at the end of his journey, and they spent time enjoying New Orleans together.

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Ghost hunters search for spirits

Maria Taylor
Correspondent

Nine people gather in a darkened parlor. From a cabinet hinge hang six green jingle bells, tied together on a ribbon. A flashlight is set up on the old organ, and outside, the occasional headlights flash in its round mirror, casting spooky patterns on the curtains. Two iPads glow from opposite corners of the room, scanning for energy — voices — spirits.

At the Westland Historic Village Park, the Motor City Ghost Hunters — and a handful of brave visitors — are trying to connect with the great beyond.

Heather Anderson sat on the floor and spoke into a digital recorder. “October 28, Westland Historical Society, Felton farmhouse: 7:51 p.m.”

Then she tossed it into the middle of the faded red oriental rug on the chilly farmhouse floor.

“Hello George?” she queried into the dimly lit room. “Are you home?”

Anderson is a researcher with the Motor City Ghost Hunters. She and her co-hunters, Melissa Boudewyris and Erin Doering, were trying to get in touch with George Hubble, who lived in the house and died as a young man at the Civil War battle of Spotsylvania.

Hubble’s body was never brought home, but it’s believed that his spirit remains in the area.

“My explanation is, people go back to where they were happiest, and that’s here,” said Brenda Ozog of the Motor City Ghost Hunters.

Anderson pulled out her iPhone and brought up “Battle Hymn of the Republic” on YouTube. It’s an appropriate tune for the house, dating as it does from the mid-1800s.

As the tune ended, a dim creak came from the back room — like any old house settling. Or not.

“I’m a very big believer in, there’s not a lot of coincidence in the world,” Anderson said. “Things that seem random, probably when you look back at them ... they’re probably not.”

Most of the ghost hunters have had personal experience with the paranormal. Anderson once got a message from her father, who’d been deceased for several years. Ozog got poked at Fort George, by Niagara Falls. One of the guests, Matthew Bowers of Canton, pulled up a photo on his iPhone and showed it around. It was from his co-worker’s sister’s house, and it showed a head that seemed to be disappearing into a door.

Boudewyris, who’s a historic presenter at Greenfield Village, set a small antenna on the floor and opened up Echo Vox on her iPad. The ghost-hunting app works by flipping through radio frequencies. As it tuned in, a bunch of gibberish started coming through the speaker, in gasps and chokes.

“How many people are in the room?” Heather asked. She likes to start out with that question “because it’s a hard fact we can verify — it means we might have something.”

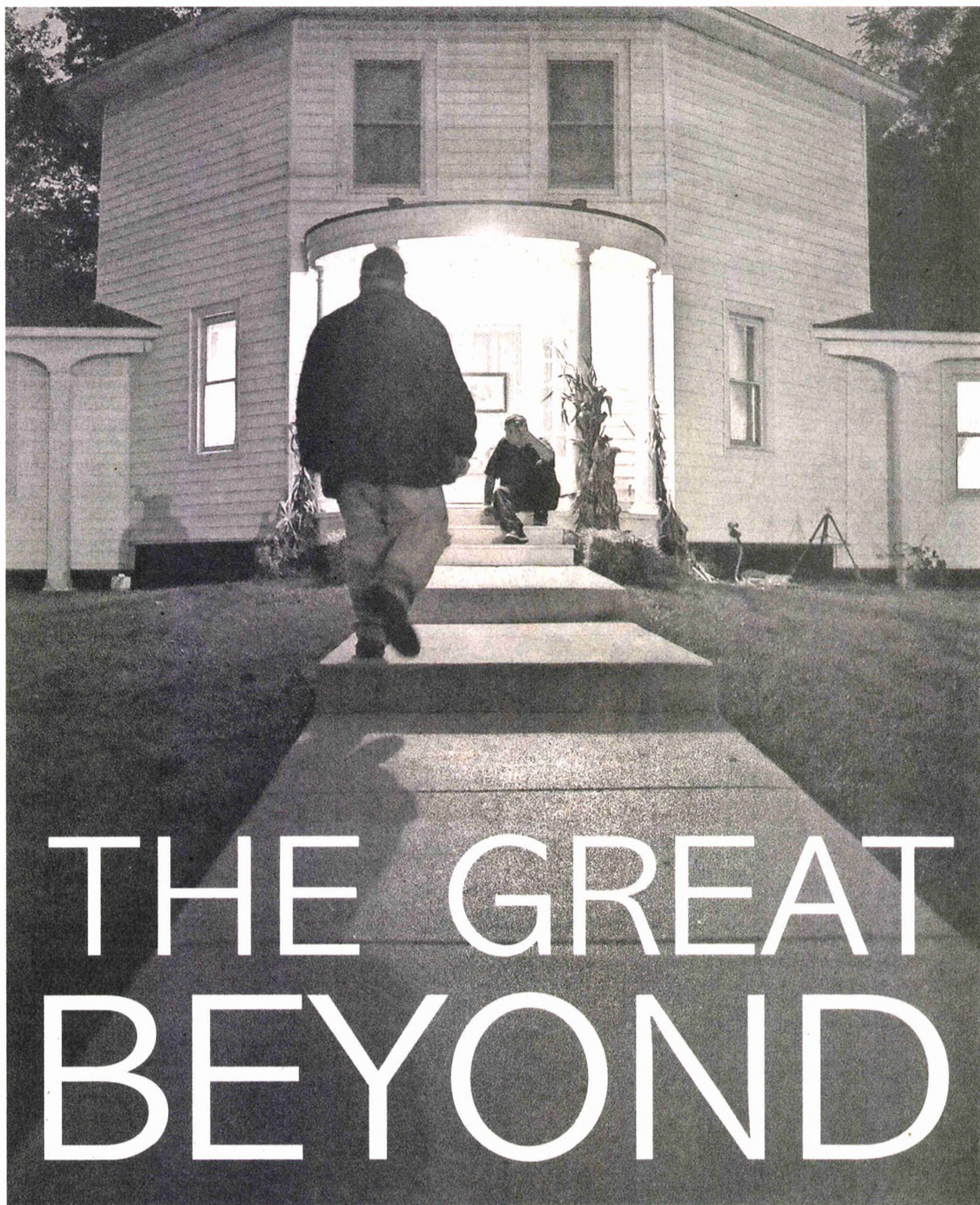
A voice came through the radio noise. “Twelve.”

Not quite. There were nine, sitting in a circle on metal folding chairs, while Jeff Koslowski from the Westland Historical Commission kept guard in the kitchen. But there would be 12 if you counted the two mannequins in the back room, someone pointed out.

More gibberish. Then, other voices started to come through, and some names — Doug, William, Mary, Mark — and then words. “Book.” “Hidden.” “Out.”

“Out of the hospital?” Doering suggested.

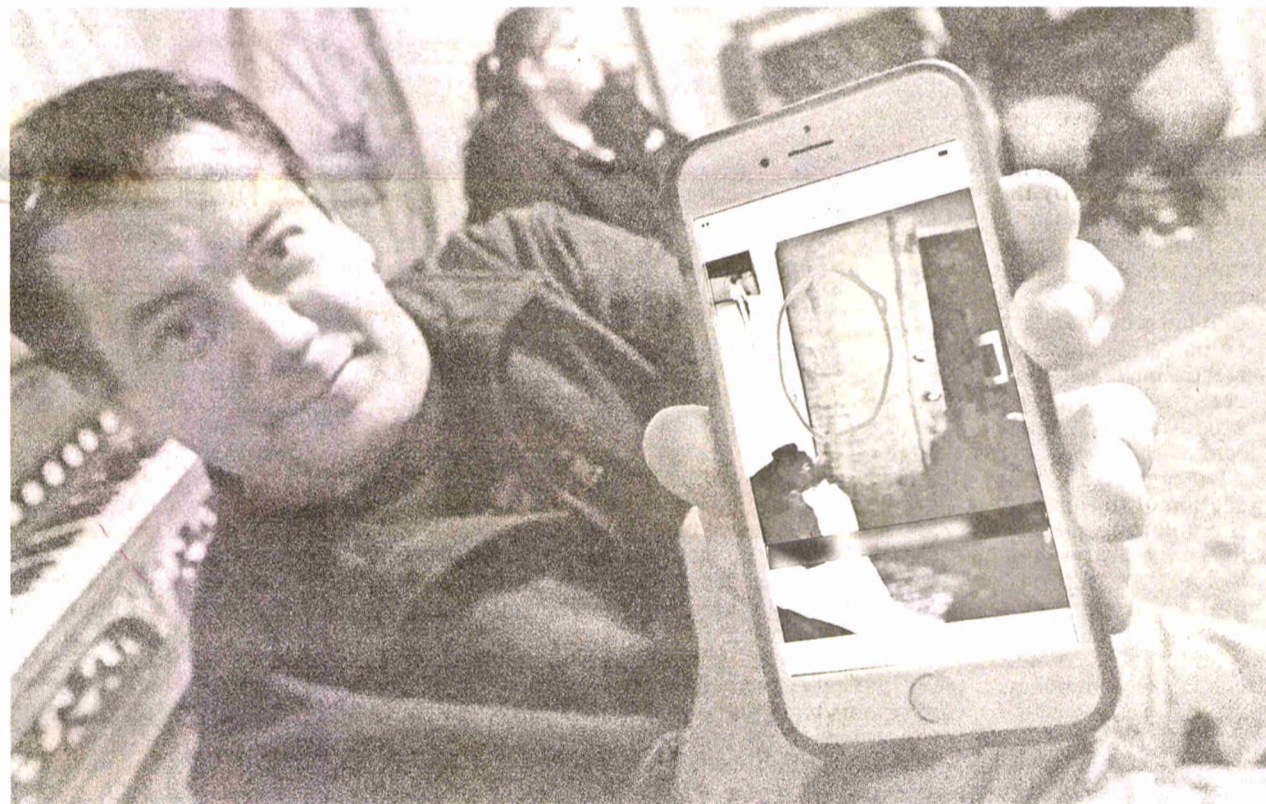
Doering, a lawyer from the Lansing area, was on her iPad, studying the Ghost Radar Classic app. It tracks energy in a room and spits out any



THE GREAT BEYOND

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Westland Historical Society hosted a search for the paranormal with the members of the Motor City Ghost Hunters at the Westland Historic Village Park. The Octagon House is one of the stops on the tour.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Matthew Bowers of Canton shows a photograph made by a co-worker, evidence of an apparition in a house in Newberry, Michigan.

interesting words it detects.

“We ask questions in EVP,” she explained. EVP stands for electronic voice phenomena. The theory is that when we die, we become energy that can be heard at different frequencies. Getting a clear voice recording on the “ghost box” is every ghost-hunter’s prize.

Anderson pulled out a spiral-bound notebook and started writing down words picked up by the two scanners. She has about half a dozen notebooks in her black ghost-hunter’s toolbox, filled with research: census data, death records, historical facts.

“Study,” came a voice on the speaker.

From the kitchen, Koslowski called out to the group. Inside the front closet, he said, are death records from Eloise, the former Westland mental hospital.

Koslowski pushed past a mannequin in the closet and brought out a slim, yellowed pamphlet, dog-eared with age. Handling it with a blue towel, he set it down on the living room floor and paged through it.

None of the names matched. But more than once, a voice has led the ghost hunters to some new historical discoveries — like the fact that George fought in the

Civil War.

“The first time Motor City came out, we kept hearing that George name,” Koslowski said. From their research, Koslowski knew George died in 1862. But the census details weren’t specific. Then, somebody played Civil War music at the Felton house and talked about Lincoln’s assassination. “We caught an EVP of somebody saying ‘That’s disgusting’ — very, very clear,” Koslowski related.

And they kept hearing the word “honor.” That prompted some research into military records — and a listing popped up for George in the 24th Michigan Iron Brigade.

“I don’t necessarily want to say we found out through a ghost and yet, we never would have thought to look until we heard that,” Koslowski said.

Koslowski admits he’s never experienced anything unusual at the park, except during ghost hunts. “The only time I’ve ever really felt something is when we’ve actually had recorders and done investigations,” he said. “I’ve definitely heard things that I know weren’t there before.”

The Motor City Ghost Hunters have investigated five times at the park. Once, they held a hands-on investigation for ele-

mentary-age kids—and came up with a cold spot that had no source, moving across the floor of the old Felton farmhouse.

Koslowski felt it, and he was even more impressed than the kids. “It’s cool, it’s a lot of fun,” he said. “It definitely makes you think twice.”

Across the park, at the

Octagon House, Sharon Reynolds and Mike Hanton were using three flashlights and a voice recorder to try to contact the Smiths or Guthries, the two families who once owned the home.

Flashlights, she explained, are for yes/no questions. Spirits are said to turn them on and off by tapping them.

“(T)here’s not a lot of coincidence in the world. Things that seem random ... they’re probably not.”

HEATHER ANDERSON

Reynolds switched off the lights.

“Did you possibly live here? Maybe in the mid-1800s?” she asked. No response.

“The late 1800s?” On cue, the two flashlights on the buffet went on.

Next, Hanton turned on what he called a broken radio. Spirits, he said, sometimes communicate through white noise. Every now and then, a word or a snippet of music came through the rhythmic swish-swish of static.

“Motorcycle noise,” Reynolds called out. It’s called tagging, and all the ghost hunters do it so that things like traffic or somebody’s stomach rumbling don’t get confused with spirit sounds.

Later, they’ll go through their audio recordings several times, listening for anything that might have been picked up. “You’ll be surprised — you’re going to hear us talking, and underneath it, you might hear a soft hello,” Ozog said.

But it’s not like the ghost-busting shows on TV, she said. For one thing, there’s a ton of research. When they’re investigating a house, she said, the first thing they do is check for faulty wiring. An abnormally high electromagnetic field can give people wacky dreams or make them feel like someone’s watching them. Next comes research on the property to see if anyone died there. Not until then is it time for investigation.

Ozog summed it up. “You sit in the dark for hours and talk to nobody. That’s the ‘sexy’ part of ghost hunting.”

Still sound exciting? To hardcore ghost hunters, it is.

Anderson’s favorite part is giving people a sense of closure. “I love being able to say ‘no,’ to put rumors to rest,” she said. “There’s always the ‘No, he didn’t shoot himself in the garage, he hung himself in the basement.’ But 95 percent of the time, they’re not true.”

Plus, she gets to hang out at museums at all hours of the night — usually in places where the public can’t go.


Reynolds had to agree. “I really get something out of it,” she said. “I think it’s the history — I guess I’m a nerd about it.”

The Motor City Ghost Hunters don’t charge for their investigations, and all the money from ticket sales goes to the museum. “For us, it’s half hobby, half help,” Hanton said. “The historical societies are struggling so bad — this is our hobby, and a way to give back.”

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WOMEN

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will motivate more women to run for office, but you see that she is constantly attacked and scrutinized at a deeper level than any previous candidate," said state Rep. Kristy Pagan, D-Canton. "People might be uncomfortable with women leadership, especially at the top position."

Conversely, she believes Trump, Clinton's Republican adversary, discourages people from voting altogether with rhetoric she calls demeaning and uninspiring. When Pagan, who is running for a second term representing the 21st District, speaks with voters, she hears they are disgusted and sick of it all and don't want to participate.

Neither Trump nor Clinton would be the first choice of state Rep. Kathy Crawford, R- Novi, who is also running for her second term representing the 38th District.

"This is probably the most unusual election we've ever had in our history, certainly in my lifetime," said Crawford, 74. "I know a lot of women are disillusioned with Hillary, a lot are happy. I don't know if they will feel like, 'At last we've been redeemed.' A lot don't like her policies or plans for the future. It could hurt women in politics. I can't see the pluses, really. And I hear people say Trump should shut up, he can't stay on message, he's not a politician, he doesn't know the political speak. Maybe that is good, that might be what they like, but it's hurtful when he says things that are a little mean."

Pagan faces a Nov. 8 challenge from Republican Derek Moss. Crawford is running against Democrat Amy McCusker.

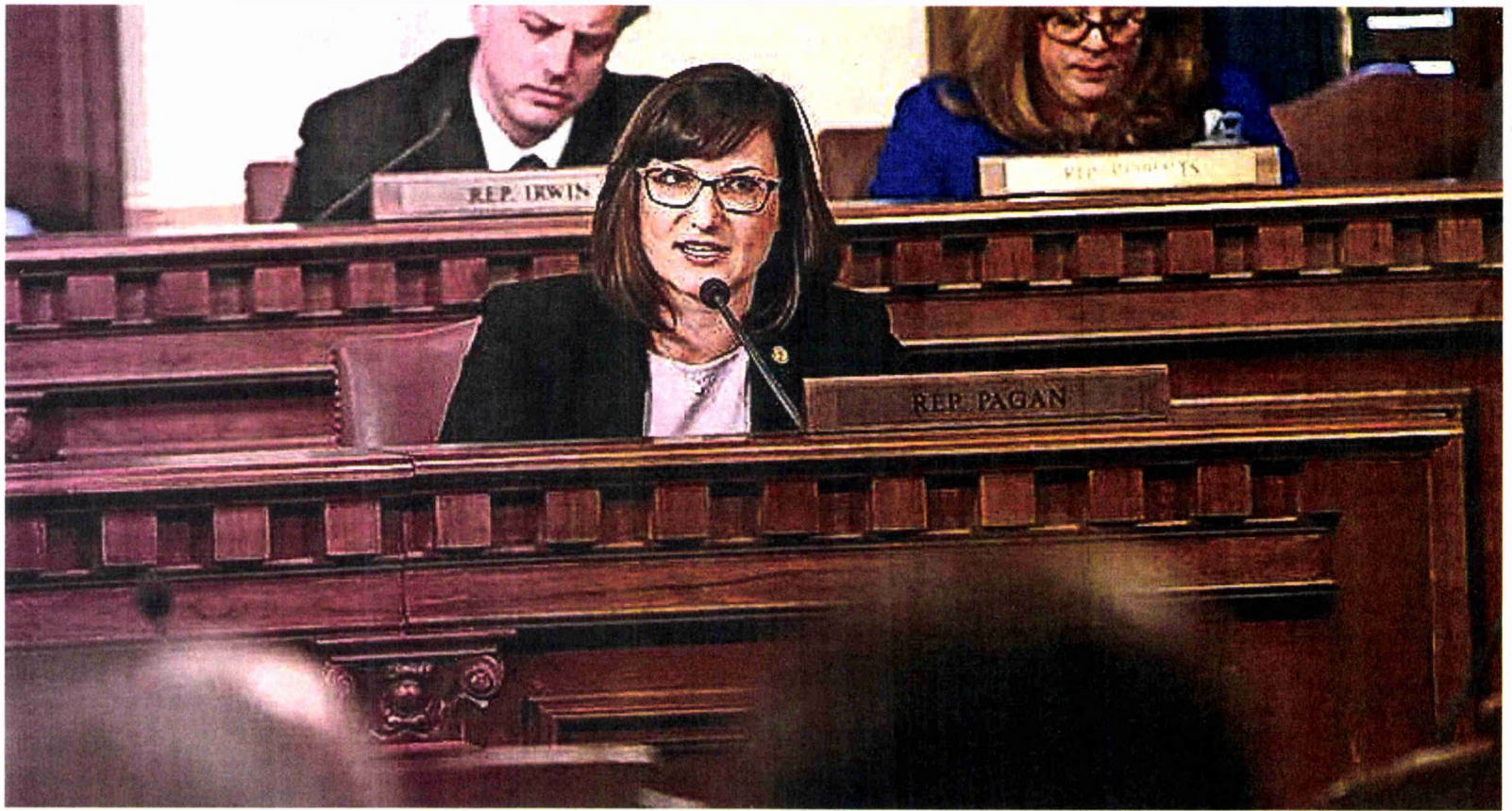
Julie Walters, associate professor of political science at Oakland University, said in all recent scientific polls, Trump has increased the likelihood that women around the country will vote against him, including Republican women voters, whom he can't afford to lose.

"If (Hillary Clinton) wins this November, she will have broken through a glass ceiling that has existed for over 200 years — the election of a (U.S.) woman president," Walters said. "She is among the most qualified candidates for president the U.S. has ever had in terms of experience and education related to the responsibilities of the presidency."

College-educated Congress

Experience and education are just two of the many factors that may have contributed in the past to a lack of women running for political office at all levels of government. Although women now are conferred the majority of college degrees, this has been a shift that has occurred only over the past decade.

Though education post-high school is not a legal requirement for national office, Walters notes it has been the norm. She cites statistics that in the early 1970s,



State Rep. Kristy Pagan hopes Hillary Clinton's decision to run for president inspires other women to run for office.



Officer Tom Orlowski of the Novi Police Department and Novi Fire Protection Officer Jeff Lachman joined state Rep. Kathy Crawford on the House floor at a 9/11 ceremony.

roughly 90 percent of the members of Congress had college degrees; today, it stands at about 95 percent, with the majority of those — 74 percent of senators and 64 percent of congressmen — holding a master's degree or higher, commonly a law or business degree.

The majority of state legislators also have college degrees, she continued, with 40 percent holding a graduate or professional degree, giving them not only the advantage of knowledge, but increased earning capabilities to aid with campaign financing and increased opportunities to network with people and institutions linked with political influence.

"That doesn't mean being without a college education renders one hopeless for running for elected office, not at all," Walters said. "But among those state and federal elected officials without education post-high school, experience as business owners has been important."

Crawford is in the minority, not only as a woman in the state House, but also as a legislator without a college degree.

She does however, own a business, Kathy Crawford Communications, and also had the benefit of name recognition normally accorded to incumbents, as she is married to Hugh Crawford, a politician in his own

right.

Her political career mirrored his, with him serving first on the Novi City Council, then as an Oakland County commissioner, then as a state representative. She served in the same capacities as he left each office. While she acknowledges she followed in his footsteps, she believes it is her own experience and accomplishments that led to her successful campaigns.

Generational success

Starting out on the campaign trail, Kathy Crawford's perception was that the difficulty in seeking office would be not only her gender, but her age.

"My perception of things was that it would be a bigger challenge being an older woman," Crawford said. "I think we make a lot of rules for ourselves and think that things will be different than they really are. I didn't find any resistance or roadblocks to being on committees, which was a little surprising. Politics was never on my bucket list. This isn't exactly how I thought retirement would go."

The Crawfords married in 1964, at a time when she said women didn't work outside the home. She was a stay-at-home mom to their three children, but was involved in volunteer efforts. When her children were teenagers, she found herself working toward establishing a senior center in Novi. She convinced the city to hire her in the 1980s and she would work in the field of aging as the state's second certified senior center director for more than 30 years, before venturing into politics.

"I've always sort of been a natural leader. It's just that people recognized something in me I never saw in myself," Crawford said. "I think a lot of women in their workplace, they don't get a chance to try out being a leader as men do. I stepped out of my comfort zone. Leaders tend to do that, step out of their

comfort zone and take chances. That is something that doesn't always come natural to women. Most women in their 60s, 70s, 80s, they just don't take risks like that. They live life through their husband and children and have lost a little of themselves and I always thought that was sad."

Pagan comes from a different generation. The 34-year-old got her start in politics when she was a freshman at Salem High School and ran for student council president, losing that first election to a boy.

"Even though it was mostly girls voting, it was the boy who was seen as the leader," said Pagan, who went on to Western Michigan University, where she started a women's leadership organization that is still going strong more than a decade after she graduated with majors in health education and women's studies and a minor in political science.

Pagan pursued her master's degree at George Washington University, studying politics at night and working as an education policy aide for U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Michigan, during the day for two years before undertaking her own run for political office.

"I see major barriers for women running for office and in serving," Pagan said. "Women aren't asked to run for office and a major thing for women is we want to be asked to do something first before we volunteer. I think it's a societal construct."

Training to campaign

Beth Kelly is executive director of Emerge Michigan, which launched last year as part of the Emerge America network, an organization dedicated to helping Democratic women to run for office.

A 70-hour, five-month program from which 15 women graduated in July trains not on the issues, but on the nuts and bolts of running for and winning office, explained

Kelly, who notes that in Michigan, women make up only 20 percent of the state Legislature.

"Women bring a unique perspective and they prioritize issues that affect women and families, which is why it's so important (for them) to be in elected positions," Kelly said. "We need quality legislation and representatives to bring attention to these issues and it's difficult when the people who are affected are under represented."

Women, she continued, need encouragement to run for office and, even when they are asked, may need to be asked repeatedly.

"They need different encouragement than men and have less confidence in their abilities and experience than men," Kelly said. "We know we need to approach women accordingly if we are to make progress, basically acknowledging that we need to meet them where they are, let them know they are ready, qualified, successful and can do this."

There are only 25 women in the Michigan House out of 110 members. Of those, 16 are Democrats, nine are Republicans. The Michigan Senate has 38 members, only four of whom are women. Out of 14 Michigan representatives in the U.S. House, three are women. Only in the U.S. Senate is Michigan equally represented by one man and one woman, with Stabenow holding her office since 2001.

At the national level, according to the Center for American Women and Politics (www.cawp.rutgers.edu), in 2016, women held 19.3 percent of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, or 84 out of 435. In the U.S. Senate, women were in 20 of the 100 seats. Of the 104 women in Congress, 76 were Democrats and 28 were Republicans. Nationwide, 1,815, or 24.6 percent of 7,383 legislators in the U.S., are women.

Kelly notes there are more women getting invested at the local level, including school boards, city councils and township boards.

Family considerations

Women running for political office face special considerations, she adds, with balancing family life and running a campaign, which can be arduous. Pagan knocked on thousands of doors during her first run for state representative two years ago.

"If you're not willing to knock on doors, you're not going to win," said Pagan, who is single and has no children. "It's easier to run as an incumbent, but I have still been going door to door every day this summer and fall."

Incumbents hold the advantage, Walters noted, and that factors into the number of women in

elected office as well, since men continue to hold the majority of those positions, even with the number of women dramatically increasing since the early 1990s.

"Regardless of sex, being successfully elected brings benefits that help one continue to hold office and survive subsequent elections," Walters said. "Incumbents already have the benefits of having established donor lists, name recognition among voters, experience with successful campaigning and the hesitancy of voters to choose someone or something new. For example, despite Americans giving Congress a miserable 15-percent approval rating in 2012 (Gallup), they returned incumbents to office at a rate of around 90 percent."

"Challengers, regardless of sex, just don't tend to be successful in defeating incumbents," she added. "Most incumbents are male, so that dynamic contributes to the fact that fewer women than men hold elected office in the United States."

Striving for equality

"If we had equal representation, it would bring a much more unique perspective and prioritize policies, not just for women, but families," Kelly said.

All of the women interviewed agreed that women bring a different perspective to political office, but Walters contends that what have historically been considered "women's issues" — well-being of children, access to quality K-12 education, domestic violence and women's health care — are also men's issues as they impact everyone in society.

But like Kelly, Crawford and Pagan, she agrees women are needed in public office because they introduce policy questions that were previously ignored or under-weighted and they introduce new ways of approaching policy challenges, as well as serving as important role models that women can excel at campaigning and governing.

"For girls and boys, seeing both women and men as elected officials, engineers, tradespeople, teachers, doctors, business people, etc., means that society will have an even larger pool of citizens reaching their greatest potential and contributing to the well-being of society as a whole," Walters said. "Supporting women in office begins with the very young and involves teaching children that, regardless of being a boy or a girl, we should not be limited in considering running for elected office eventually. As for adults, if you think someone you know could make a positive difference in governing, please bring the possibility of running for office to her attention. Follow up that encouragement with supportive action."

City of Novi Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **Zoning Board of Appeals** for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 7:00PM** in the **Council Chambers** of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider:

Please see revised public hearing notice for 1391 East Lake Drive (PZ16-0054)

David & Colleen Bouren (PZ16-0054) 1391 East Lake Drive, north of Thirteen Mile Road and west of Novi Road, Parcel # 50-22-02-328-013. The applicant is requesting a variance from the CITY OF NOVI Code of Ordinance Section 3-1.5 to allow 31 feet rear yard variance 35 required, side yard variance of 1.5 feet, 10 feet required, aggregate total variance of 4.5 feet 25 feet required, and front yard variance of 14.5 feet, 30 feet required, lot coverage variance of 39%, 25% required, front yard setback variance for 9.5 feet 25 feet required, front side setback variance for 3 feet 8.5 feet required, rear yard setback variance for 3 feet, 8.5 feet required. This property is zoned R-4 (Single Family Residential).



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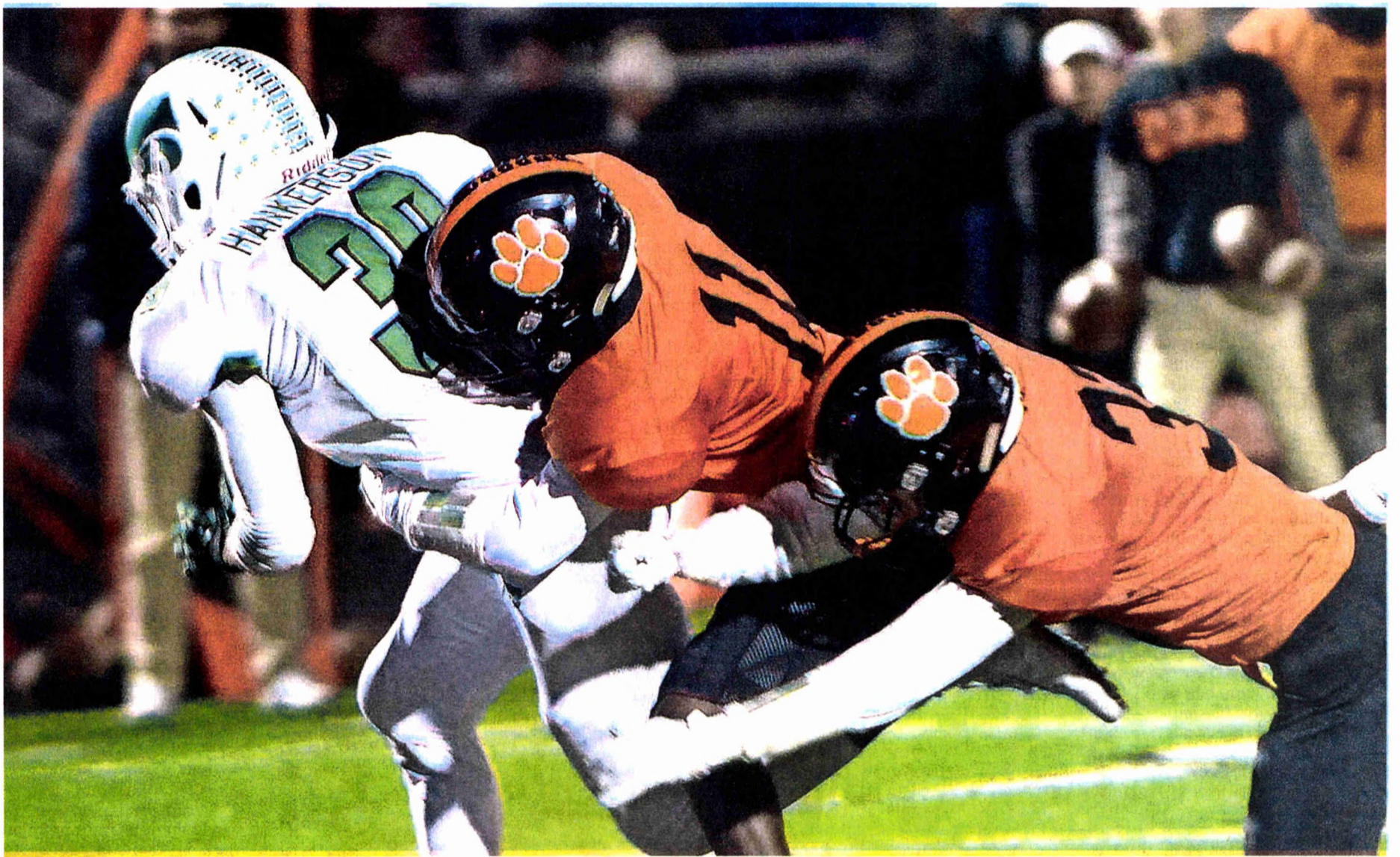
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Novi's Nathan Hankerson (left) tries to break free from two Brighton tacklers in Friday's pre-district clash.

WITH HANKERSON BACK, WILDCATS WHIP BRIGHTON

Senior running back returns to rush for 181 yards to lead Novi to 38-9 playoff victory

Bill Khan
Livingston Daily

Nathan Hankerson's return proved to be a shot in the arm for the Novi, which pulled off another upset in the first round of the MHSAA Division 1 football state playoffs Friday night with a convincing 38-9 win at Brighton.

The senior running back, who had rushed for over 800 yards in his first five games before going down with an injury, returned to the lineup and wound up with 181 on 30 carries to go along with a TD.

On paper, this appeared to be a winnable matchup for the host Bulldogs.

Novi was an at-large playoff qualifier, sporting a 5-4 record. Brighton, which was 7-2 and champion of the KLAA West, had beaten the Wildcats in the season opener each of the previous four seasons.

But the Bulldogs knew what Novi is capable of, despite its record. The Wildcats were 5-4 last season when they upset undefeated West Bloomfield in the first round.

"We tend to do good when it really matters," said Novi receiver Anthony D'Annibale, who caught 12 passes for 120 yards and a TD. "That's what happened tonight. We just came out and did it."

Brighton didn't force Novi to punt all night, allowing at least one first down on all nine of the Wildcats' drives.

Novi lost a fumble on its first drive and failed on fourth-and-three on its second. After that, the Wildcats had six consecutive scoring drives before running out the clock on their final possession.

"They just played better than us," Brighton coach Brian Lemons said. "We couldn't get them off the field. We couldn't convert. It makes it a long night."

Brighton's offense, meanwhile, was held to only one touchdown for the second straight week. Walled Lake Western beat the Bulldogs, 37-7, in the KLAA Lakes Conference championship game the previous Friday.

"They do so much," Novi coach Jeff Burnside

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Northville races to regional title

Brad Emons
hometownlife.com

Following Ana Barrott's lead, Northville notched its fourth consecutive Division 1 girls cross country regional title Saturday at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

The Mustangs scored a team-best 42 points to take first-place team honors, while runner-up Salem (91) and Livonia Churchill (103) are also headed Saturday, Nov. 4, to Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn for the MHSAA state finals. (The Division 1 girls race starts at 3 p.m.)

Barrott, a junior, pulled away just before the two-mile mark to win the 5,000-meter race in 18 minutes, 35.2 seconds, while Churchill senior Kathleen George was runner-up in 19:01.2.

Rounding out Northville's top five were sophomore Nicole Cybul, fourth (19:07.8); senior Cayla Eckenroth, eighth (19:29.5); senior Emma Smith, 11th (19:43.3); and senior Katie Chevoor, 18th (20:13.2).

The Mustangs' non-scorers included Olivia Harp, a sophomore, and Emily Assemany, a freshman. They placed 36th and 37th with times of 21:00.1 and 21:04.1, respectively.

Northville's top five averaged 19:25.8.

"Our times were slower than we wanted today, but it was that way for all that ran today at Willow Metropark," Northville coach Nancy Smith said. "It was the places that



The Northville girls cross country team won the Division 1 regional first-place trophy for the fourth straight year.

counted today and they worked together as a team and stepped up when others couldn't. Nicole (Cybul) ran a smart race after being out from a knee injury and showed how important she is to the team and how strong she is. Emma Smith stepped up to No. 4 and finished strong and determined in her last regional race as a Mustang. Katie Chevoor moved up throughout the last mile for a solid No. 5."

Northville will now try and improve upon last year's

fourth-place finish at the state finals.

"We have some fine-tuning to do this week and we will go into the state meet hoping for the best and stepping up like they always do," Smith said.

Meanwhile, Salem's top five scorers included junior Shea Wilson, 10th (19:38.7); sophomore Gabrielle Mancini, 14th (19:51.7); junior Hannah Jeffress, 19th (20:15.6); sophomore Hallie Younglas, 20th (20:20.3);

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BOYS SOCCER

Novi nips Salem 1-0 in Division 1 regional final

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

During halftime, Kyle Bandyk and his Novi teammates figured one goal would probably win Thursday's Division 1 boys soccer regional final against Salem.

So when Bandyk spotted senior forward Hernan Brarda niftily dribbling away from a defender along the right side of the field, he got ready inside the 6-yard box in front of Rocks senior goalkeeper Andrew Kozan.

Bandyk — a senior in his first season at forward following three years in the back — chipped his close-range shot inside the right post with 34:40 remaining in the second half to put the Wildcats up 1-0 at Ann Arbor Huron.

That held up as the game's lone goal, giving Novi (15-2-4) a regional championship for the first time in four seasons. The Wildcats faced East Kentwood (14-3-5) on Wednesday in the state semifinals at Holt.

"In the first half, we were putting some pressure on," Bandyk said. "Salem's a really good team and we wanted to keep it going in the second half and we knew we were going to eventually get one if we kept putting the pressure on."

"Hernan made a really good play and I was in the right spot and we just capitalized on it."



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Novi's Kyle Bandyk splits Salem players Michael Schroeder (left) and Shane Rusinek during Thursday's Division 1 regional final at Ann Arbor Huron.

Coming close

The Rocks, who finished 13-7-3, made a late push only to face relentless defenders and junior goalkeeper Luke McDonald — who jumped high to tip a 30-yard boot by senior forward Jamie Crosby over the crossbar with 4:45 left.

"Luke thrives in these pressure situations," Novi head coach Todd Pheiffer said. "We're first round districts, we go into a penalty shootout and he just thrived in that moment."

"He made a key save for us on their fifth shooter to set up

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BOYS SOCCER

Novi's early strikes send Dearborn packing, 3-1

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Three quick strikes and you're out.

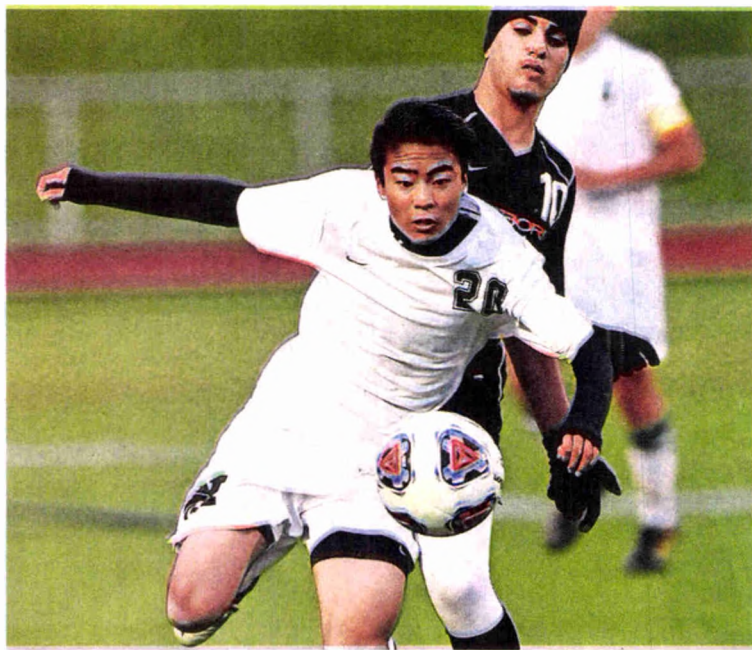
That was Novi's motto in the MHSAA boys soccer regional semifinal Oct. 25 at Ann Arbor Huron as the Wildcats scored three times in the first five minutes, 33 seconds before going on to earn a 3-1 win over Dearborn.

Junior forward Adam Dellavecchia figured in all three goals for the Wildcats (14-2-4), who played in their first regional final since 2012.

Dellavecchia's first goal came just 1:53 into the match, when his crossing pass deflected off Dearborn defender Hadi Khanafer and into net past a stunned Pioneers goalkeeper Jamil Chami.

"We've been working on quick touches, moving the ball around and getting a fast start," Novi first-year coach Todd Pheiffer said of the "own goal." "We got that gift, but we talked about when you get the ball in the box, put the ball in a dangerous position. It ended up going off them and into the goal, but Adam put it in a dangerous position to create that opportunity."

At the 3:31 mark, Hernan Brarda made it 2-0 for the



Novi's Taiga Shiokawa takes possession in front of Dearborn's David Zhong.

Wildcats when he was set up on a feed from Dellavecchia.

"I was shocked, but at the same time I was really happy because getting that early goal is really important," Dellavecchia said. "My friend Hernan was running down the end line and I saw, just picked my head up and played it to his magical left foot and then he

scored."

And at 5:33, Dellavecchia gave the Wildcats a three-goal cushion when he parked a shot into the back of the net, assisted by Kyle Bandyk.

"My buddy Kyle (Bandyk), he took the ball down the side, he crossed it to me and it was an easy tap-in," the junior forward said.

With the quick three-goal advantage, Novi made it difficult for Dearborn (15-7-2) to mount a comeback.

"We knew coming into the game we had to start out strong," Pheiffer said. "When you get to this, there's only 16 teams left out of over 100 that started. And so we wanted to set the tone right from the start. The key was going to be who was going to start off first? And who can get that fast start? And that's what we wanted. All three of our goals we were dangerous in the box and making runs to the goal."

But Novi may have gotten somewhat complacent with the three-goal cushion and Dearborn's Ramzey Hamzey made it a two-goal deficit when he scored unassisted slipping a shot past Novi goalkeeper Luke McDonald in the first half.

"I think we just kind of lost our focus and thought we had it in the bag, so I think that's something we need to improve on," Dellavecchia said.

And despite outshooting the Pioneers 14-3 in the match, Novi was unable to score the rest of the way.

"They're high school boys and after we got that third goal, we said, 'Wow, this is going to be easy,'" Pheiffer

said. "But we stopped going away from things that made us successful to create those opportunities. We were holding the ball a little too long. Some players individually were trying to do too much."

And during some stages of the second half things got a little chippy as the yellow cards started to fly. Officials cited Novi for five infractions, while Dearborn had two.

"We let the referee pull us out a little bit," Pheiffer said. "A couple of fouls we thought should have been called didn't get called. We tried to tell the kids we've got to worry about the things we can control. Don't worry about things we can't control and if you get the call against you just back up and defend."

But if they named a "man of the match" for Novi, it would have been Dellavecchia hands down.

"He's been playing great all season," Pheiffer said. "Even these last three games. He was so important in the win against Brighton (in the district final). He creates so many opportunities for us. He's fast and has good foot skills on the outside. He brings a lot of energy to the game and just enjoys being out there."

COLLEGE SOCCER

Fiscus on the front line of MSU's defense

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Jimmy Fiscus's exploits as a defender for the Michigan State University men's soccer team have a Lou Gehrig and Cal Ripken quality to them.

The Northville High School graduate and Novi resident has proven to be the "Iron Horse" on the back line, having played every minute of every game this season for the resurgent Spartans, who have climbed to No. 13 in the national rankings.

MSU was coming off a tough two-game road trip last week to the Hoosier State, suffering a 2-1 loss Sunday to No. 5 Indiana in Bloomington following a 1-0 victory Oct. 26 over No. 12 Notre Dame in South Bend.

The junior captain is one of the main reasons MSU is off to a 12-4-1 start.

"I think last season had a lot to do with it," Fiscus said, referring to an 8-9-2 overall record in 2015. "We had a little bit of a rough season last year. We had a lot of returners, so I think a year's experience and just the feeling of going to the elite eight (2014) and not going to the NCAA tournament (2015) at all kind of drove us to be more successful this year. And it helps that we've got a lot of good talent out of our freshmen. But I think, honestly, it's mostly due to our leadership this year. It brings the team together and it's helped with our team chemistry."

Fiscus started 14 of the 15 games he played as a freshman as a stingy Spartans defense allowed just 19 goals and posted 13 shutouts in 23 matches.

Last season, the 6-foot-2 Fiscus started all 19 matches, ascended to the ranks as a junior captain and has thrived in his new role under coach Damon Rensing.

"Jimmy is first and foremost a leader," Rensing said. "He has unbelievable intangibles, he is one of our hardest competitors, he puts the team first, and that is why he is captain. I think he came in as a freshman, he had to play out of position, playing left back, but he was willing to do it and sacrifice maybe his best play to help the team. As some of our older leaders in those early years in 13 and 14 have moved on, he has really seen how they have led, and he has carried that leadership forward. He is our go-to leader for sure."



MSU junior Jimmy Fiscus helps anchor the defense for the nationally-ranked Spartans.

Fiscus arrived at MSU with certainly the right soccer pedigree.

He was a two-year varsity letter winner, starting as a freshman and being a captain sophomore season at Northville High under coach Henry Klimes before opting out to play club for the Crew Soccer Academy Wolves under the direction of Brian Doyle and Lars Richters.

"They're both a huge part of my development growing up," Fiscus said. "Brian Doyle was a leader at the Wolves for so long. And even at a young age, even when he wasn't my coach, he helped develop us. I have the utmost respect for Lars. He still to this day is one of my favorite coaches. He not only developed me as a player, but also as a leader. He taught me what it meant to really listen to people and be the best leader and best person I can be. I owe a lot of my success to him and I am forever thankful for that."

Carrying a 3.8 grade-point average

out of high school, Fiscus was in high demand as four-star recruit by Top-DrawerSoccer.com. He was rated No. 90 nationally, including the 24th-ranked defender, along with being No. 4 in the Great Lakes Regional rankings.

Schools such as Stanford, Notre Dame and Indiana were in the mix for Fiscus's services, but East Lansing ultimately won out in quick fashion.

"I came up here on an unofficial visit and right when I came here, I fell in love with it right away," Fiscus said. "I just knew where I wanted to be for four years, so I accepted their offer before really hearing any other offer I would get."

Fiscus played Little League baseball as a youth and basketball all the way up to the JV level at Northville before focusing solely on soccer during his sophomore year. His two older sisters, Kristin and Kelsey, were both high school athletes. Kelsey played four soccer seasons at Grand Valley State (2009-13), winning a pair of NCAA Division II championships.

"She's been a huge part of helping me growing up in my success," Fiscus said. An Academic All-Big Ten selection in 2015, Fiscus is majoring in supply chain management at MSU.

With one more year of eligibility remaining at MSU, Fiscus does think about the chance of playing professionally, perhaps in MLS, after the 2017 season.

"It's crossed my mind," he said. "But at this point, I'm kind of feeling the waters and seeing what comes. I'm starting to search for jobs and internships. I'm just going to kind of leave both options open. If I get drafted, that would be great. I'd love to play soccer in the future, but if not, it won't be a breaker if I don't. I'd just love to start a new part of my life, so I'm really hoping for both options."

But for now, it's all MSU with the goal of making another run in the postseason, starting with the Big Ten Tournament Sunday, Nov. 6, at home against Penn State.

Meanwhile, the win over Notre Dame was particularly sweet. It was MSU's first over the Fighting Irish since 2010.

"They beat us pretty bad last year (4-0), so it was nice to get a little bit of revenge," Fiscus said. "I have couple of friends on that team, so it was nice to get the win that day."

SOCCER

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the win for us. He's made two or three big saves every single game for us."

The KLAA Central Division rivals each won a low-scoring, one-goal game during the season and Pheiffer emphasized at halftime of Thursday's clean, well-played contest that it was imperative to get the first goal.

"I said, 'The next 40 minutes, you got to do all the little things,'" Pheiffer said. "Run down every single ball, make sure you stay with your mark. Make sure we're marking tight on any set pieces they get because we know they're great in the air."

"It was a great hustle play by Hernan and that's what you need when you get this far."

Salem first-year head coach Kyle Karns gave a similar message to the Rocks, who showed the ability to overcome adversity in winning the district and edging Saline in Tuesday's regional semifinal.

"I told them at halftime, the games of four goals a game, three goals a game, those are done," Karns said. "At this point in the tournament, goals are stingy and you're just going to have to battle and scrap for one."

"(Bandyk's winner) was one of those situations where they play all the way to the whistle," he added. "It was right by the line and he did a great job keeping the ball in bounds and, unfortunately, just found the back of the net."

Not much room

Another key to Novi's win was being able to frustrate Salem players such as junior midfielder Christian Freitag, who scored five goals during the postseason and demonstrated an uncanny knack to get to any open spaces near opposing goalies.

"We shifted the lineup around a couple times. We tried to find Christian up top and put more numbers forward," Karns said. "But (Novi) had the answer tonight and they did a great job."

Pheiffer acknowledged how important it was to stay close to Freitag and other Salem attackers.

"We made sure we had one person in front (of Freitag) and one person in back," Pheiffer said, noting the job junior midfielder Quinn Franchino did in containing the lanky Salem player.

According to Salem senior midfielder Mikey Schwartz, Novi defenders "were playing a little deeper than usual and they had two defensive center mids. So it was hard for our midfield to penetrate them and play a through ball."

On the map

But Schwartz said the Rocks' big postseason run is something that "means a lot" to him and his teammates.

"Since my freshman year, we haven't really gone on a run," Schwartz said. "So it means a lot to finally get a few trophies, get out there and make a name for ourselves in the states."

Karns also tipped his cap to the senior class, which includes Schwartz, Kozan, Crosby, Shane Rusinek, Jake Wymer, Adam Graunke and Mariglen Serjanaj.

"I just told the boys they should be proud," Karns said. "I'm proud of our seniors. They were obviously here well before I was."

"But for my first year, I couldn't be happier with the group that welcomed me and worked hard each and every day."

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PREP FOOTBALL

Chiefs' stellar ground game pummels Mustangs

Canton rolls up 500 rushing yards in win

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The fact Tim Baechler had to take his Canton Chiefs back to Tom Holzer Field to face Northville for the second time in two weeks wasn't something he was crazy about in the first place.

He really disliked the idea after his offense coughed up the football on the opening series of Friday's Division 1 first-round playoff game against the Mustangs — leading to an early 7-0 deficit.

But the veteran coach reached into his bag of tricks and pulled out senior running backs Julian Thornton here, Markus Sanders there and Reid McDonnell everywhere.

Canton racked up more than 500 yards on the ground and defeated Northville, 55-29, led by McDonnell's career game of 255 rushing yards, four touchdowns and a crucial interception that helped stem a second-half comeback bid by the Mustangs. The Chiefs (8-2) now advance to face Saline on Nov. 4.

"You play them a second week in a row, (Northville head coach Matt Ladach) brings out new stuff, new plays," Baechler said. "Literally, it's impossible to stop everything. I'm glad we're out of here."

"To play a team back-to-back and win in the playoffs is very hard to do. We dominated them, we put more on them, we won by more than we did the last time (42-27 on Oct. 21). So that's good."

"But we played very sloppy, we had a couple stupid penalties. And that first turnover was the stupidest thing I've ever seen in my life."

Baechler was referring to a



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Canton defenders, led by junior linebacker Lou Baechler (middle) tackle a Northville ball carrier Friday.

play where senior quarterback Jake O'Donnell could not get the handle of a snap, dropped back and hurried a short throw that landed in the hands of Northville's Ryan Doroudian, who returned the fumble 54 yards down to Canton's 1-yard line.

The Mustangs took the early 7-0 lead on senior Jack Burke's quarterback keeper with 6:56 to go in the first.

Quick response

The Chiefs were able to score the equalizer on the subsequent series, with Thornton (182 yards rushing) shooting through the left side of the line and scampering 48 yards for the score.

McDonnell capped off Can-

ton's 61-yard drive in 13 running plays with a 5-yard TD, about 4:30 into the second half. The Chiefs set up that drive by stopping the Mustangs on a fourth-down run.

Northville (7-3), by deferring the opening kickoff of the night, got the ball to open the second half with a chance to get some momentum. Burke, however, injured his foot in the series and limped off, never to return.

"Anytime you lose a kid like Jack Burke, who is a phenomenal athlete, a great person, a great leader, it hurts," Ladach said. "And I think it hurt us more emotionally than anything else, because our kids love Jack Burke."

"When he went down, it

definitely took some of our emotion out."

On a roll

On Canton's next series, it was McDonnell again, racing up the gut for a 56-yard touchdown to make it 21-7 with 8:42 left in the third.

He topped himself just two minutes later, ripping through the line and rolling 69 yards for another TD. That launched Canton's six-touchdown half, which followed Baechler's move to a double-wing formation that the Mustangs did not have an answer for.

"The double-wing is something we have in our tool box," Baechler said. "We practice it all the time, we just haven't used it yet. We brought that out

and thank God we had it, because they had a difficult time adjusting and stopping it."

Canton padded its lead to 35-7 with 3:11 remaining in the quarter, on a short plunge (2 yards) by McDonnell.

Northville didn't fold its tent, however, as Michalak (10-of-27 passing) scored on a 1-yard run.

The teams traded touchdowns just 13 seconds apart to make it a 42-21 Canton lead going into the fourth.

Sanders (148 yards and three TDs) busted one for 38 yards for the Chiefs, but Michalak responded with a 80-yard scoring toss over the middle to Anthony Abbott II.

Getting it back

With the Chiefs hanging on to the 42-29 advantage, McDonnell fumbled to give the Mustangs hope.

He atoned for that miscue on defense on the very next play, picking off a Michalak pass. Canton went on to score again, with Sanders taking it in from the 7-yard line to all but seal Northville's fate.

"Yeah, I was pretty (ticked) after I fumbled; anyone would be," McDonnell said. "But I knew I had to respond or someone on the team had to respond to get the momentum back and that's what we did."

McDonnell and Thornton both praised their linemen for making their big personal games possible.

"The linemen and the backs, no one ever gives up on a play," McDonnell said. "We just block until the whistle. Everyone wants to help each other out as best we can."

Concurring was Thornton, noting that the linemen "they always want to get better and they always want us to look good. And we thank them for every time."

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PREP FOOTBALL

CC withstands Howell's aerial assault

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Each pass hurt a little more than the last.

Ryan Brennan didn't complain. He kept stepping up and firing the ball in a new-look run-and-gun Howell offense.

Surgery can alleviate the pain later. Football may never come again.

Unable to run against a tough Novi Detroit Catholic Central defense, Brennan threw the ball a career-high 45 times in a 49-17 loss Saturday to the host Shamrocks in the first round of the Division 1 state playoffs.

The win puts second-ranked CC (10-0) in the district final at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at home against Novi (6-4), which advanced Friday with a 38-9 win at Brighton.

It was determined before the season that Brennan needed elbow surgery on his throwing arm, but he wasn't about to miss playing his senior year with life-long friends. The more he threw, the more difficult it became to grip the ball and throw it with any velocity.

The Highlanders (5-5) figured that their best chance of competing with second-ranked CC was to air it out, so they abandoned the ground game after some early runs were stuffed.

When the game ended, Brennan had completed 24-of-45 passes for 290 yards, one touchdown and one interception. He'd never thrown more than 27 passes.

"I'm feeling it right now, but you know what? It's my last season," Brennan said. "I left everything out there."

It was Brennan's final high school game, but Howell coach Aaron Metz hopes it's not his final game ever.

"He's a tough kid," Metz said. "He loves playing football. I hope a college will give him the opportunity to take it to the next level. His play has shown he's a pretty darn good player, maybe the best in our county."

Howell was still in it, down 14-10, midway through the second quarter. The Shamrocks scored the next three touchdowns to take a 35-10 lead with 5:10 left in the third quarter.

At that point, it appeared inevitable that this would be the last game the Highlanders would play this season. That sense of finality was sinking in



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Catholic Central's Nicholas Capatina scores one of his two TDs while being chased by Howell's Cristobal Alberts.

with the players, but they were determined not to quit until time ran out.

"I'm just thinking I could never play football again in my life and I've got to go out there and play every game with all of my heart," said senior receiver Logan Russo, who caught seven passes for 86 yards and a TD. "I was so happy to be out there with my friends, some of which I've played football with since I was 8 or 9. I just wanted to be next to those guys and play my last game with them."

Russo's performance gave him Howell single-season records for catches (38), receiving yards (692) and touchdown catches (11).

The real revelation as Howell aired it out was junior tight end Jack Mills, who caught eight passes for 103 yards. He had only three catches for 61 yards and a touchdown all season.

"We had to stop something," CC coach Tom Mach said. "It's hard to stop the pass when they've got the guys spread out 50 yards across the field. Their line did a good job keeping us out at times. Their quarterback plays very well. We knew we had to stop his run. It's hard to stop them both all the time. We were able to stop him, but he threw very well and they kept the ball away from us."

The Shamrocks didn't need the ball very long, requiring only 28 plays on their six touchdown drives, all of which were at least 50 yards in length.

Howell tied the game 7-7 on a 12-yard touchdown catch by

Russo with 11:08 left in the second quarter and got within 14-10 on a 42-yard field goal by George Diakantonis with 5:48 to go in the first half.

CC quickly built a 28-10 halftime lead on a 37-yard run by Cameron Ryan and a 52-yard pass from Austin Brown to Jack Morris.

"The fact we were able to score quickly after they had a long drive kind of takes the wind out of you for a few minutes," Mach said. "You let them build up two or three of those drives and you start having problems. I thought we responded well to different situations."

After falling behind 35-10 on a 69-yard catch by Matt Young, Howell scored for the final time on a 3-yard run by Brennan with 9:46 left in the game.

The Shamrocks, who had 460 total yards to Howell's 331, tacked on two more TDs on a 14-yard run by Nicholas Capatina and a 21-yard interception return by Jack Downs.

Ryan ran 15 times for 146 yards and two TDs, while Capatina had 14 carries for 138 yards and two TDs. Brown, a sophomore, was 6-of-8 passing for 199 yards and two TDs, but was sacked five times.

Defensively, junior linebacker Isaac Darkangelo led CC with nine solo tackles and four assists. Downs contributed five solo and three assists, while Carson Kovath had one solo and five assists.

Novi News-Northville Record sports editor Brad Emons contributed to this report.

WILDCATS

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said of the Bulldogs. "When we first started breaking them down, I think I counted 87 different offensive formations in three games. We tried to break it down and make it smaller for them. We said, 'Hey, look, get lined up, read our keys and go play ball.' We're not going to be overly complicated. We try to figure out what they do best and try to take it away from them."

Brighton's ground attack was held to 42 yards on 26 carries.

It was still anybody's game at halftime, as Novi took a 10-3 lead into intermission.

Hankerson's 5-yard run opened the scoring before Brighton's Trevor Dunn and Novi's Blake King exchanged field goals late in the half.

Brighton got the ball first to begin the second half, but the drive ended when quarterback Will Jontz was stopped on a fourth-and-three run at Novi's 46.

"We were focused on just moving the ball, just taking first downs and letting our defense get a rest, tie the game up and go from there," said Cameron Tullar, Brighton's other quarterback, who was 9-of-16 passing for 101 yards, one TD and one interception (which was returned 22 yards by Maddox).

Novi put the game away with four straight scoring drives in the second half.

Senior quarterback Alec Bageris threw touchdown passes of 4 yards to Traveon Maddox and 21 yards to D'Ann-

nibale to make it 24-3 after three quarters.

After Tullar's 11-yard pass to Chad Rensi produced Brighton's lone TD with 11:17 remaining in the game, backup running back Ahmaud Jenkins had TD runs of 1 and 3 yards to put the game away.

On the defensive side, Johnny Davis (seven solo) and Ian Patterson (four solo, three assists) both recorded seven tackles, including a sack apiece.

"They just realize every game now is win or go home," Burnside said. "They understand that all we have to do is go play each play and, as long as we play each play to the best of our ability, good things are going to happen."

Novi now travels Saturday to face Novi Detroit Catholic Central (10-0) in the district final. The Shamrocks advanced with a 49-17 pre-district win over Howell. CC beat Novi in last year's district final, 49-35. Game time is 1 p.m. at CC's Fr. Elmer Stadium.

"This is a competitive group," Burnside said. "Early in the season, when things would go bad, we'd kind of nit-pick and we wouldn't pick each other up. Now the last two weeks, we've done nothing but pick each other up. If the defense makes a bad play, the offenses goes and picks us up. If the offense makes a mistake, the defense goes out and makes plays. We really are playing well as an entire team right now."

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Novi's Anthony D'Annibale (left) makes the catch against Brighton.

MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

St. James 1 squad captures CYO championship again

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The Novi St. James Varsity 1 girls volleyball team capped off its 2016 season by capturing the Catholic Youth Organization championship last week with a 23-25, 25-17, 15-13 win over Bloomfield Hills St. Hugo in the final held at Birmingham Marian High School.

It was the third CYO title in four years for the Thunder, who closed out the match with an 8-2 run after trailing 11-7 in the decisive third set.

The Thunder defeated Brighton St. Patrick in the semifinals and Farmington Our Lady of Victory in the regional final, both in two sets, en route to the finals.

In the CYO district tourney, the Thunder advanced with straight set victories over Trenton St. Joseph and Farmington Hills St. Hugo.

St. James, coached by Kevin Jennings, opened preseason tournament play with first- and second-place showings before finishing first in the regular season for the third consecutive year after posting a 9-1 record.

Team members for the Thunder include: Emily Anderson, Janie DeGroot, Lauren Kemp, Liz Formisano, Lizzy Rachiele, Madi Malecki, Meghan McClorey, Rachael Wexler, Rachel Jennings and Rachel Karr.

The assistant coach is Nicki Karr.

Thunder 2 excels

The St. James Varsity 2 squad, also coached by Jennings, posted its most successful season, finishing with a 9-0 record while dropping just two sets along the way.

In the CYO tourney, St. James captured its district for the first time ever with decisive victories over Dearborn Heights St. Sebastian and Livonia St. Michael before falling in the semifinals.

Varsity 2 team members include: Anna Hashisaka, Bridget Boyce, Hannah Cassatta, Lizzie Kitchen, Madi Hamlin, Megan MacDonald, Sydney Grattopp and Sydney Reed.

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The Novi St. James Varsity 1 girls volleyball team captured its third CYO championship in four years.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Novi turns tables on rival Northville at regional

Wildcats reverse results from conference meet

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The repeat proved to be sweet as Novi scored 54 points to win the MHSAA Division 1 boys cross country regional title Saturday at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

The Wildcats, placing three runners in the top 10, will be joined Saturday, Nov. 5, at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn by regional runner-up Northville (87) and Livonia Stevenson (133), which edged Novi Detroit Catholic Central for third and final automatic qualifying spot by one point.

"We ran great," Novi coach Robert Smith said. "All seven runners ran with intensity and focus. Northville beat us just a week ago in the KLAA (Kensington) Conference meet. Our guys really stepped up their game today to beat them and bring home the regional title."

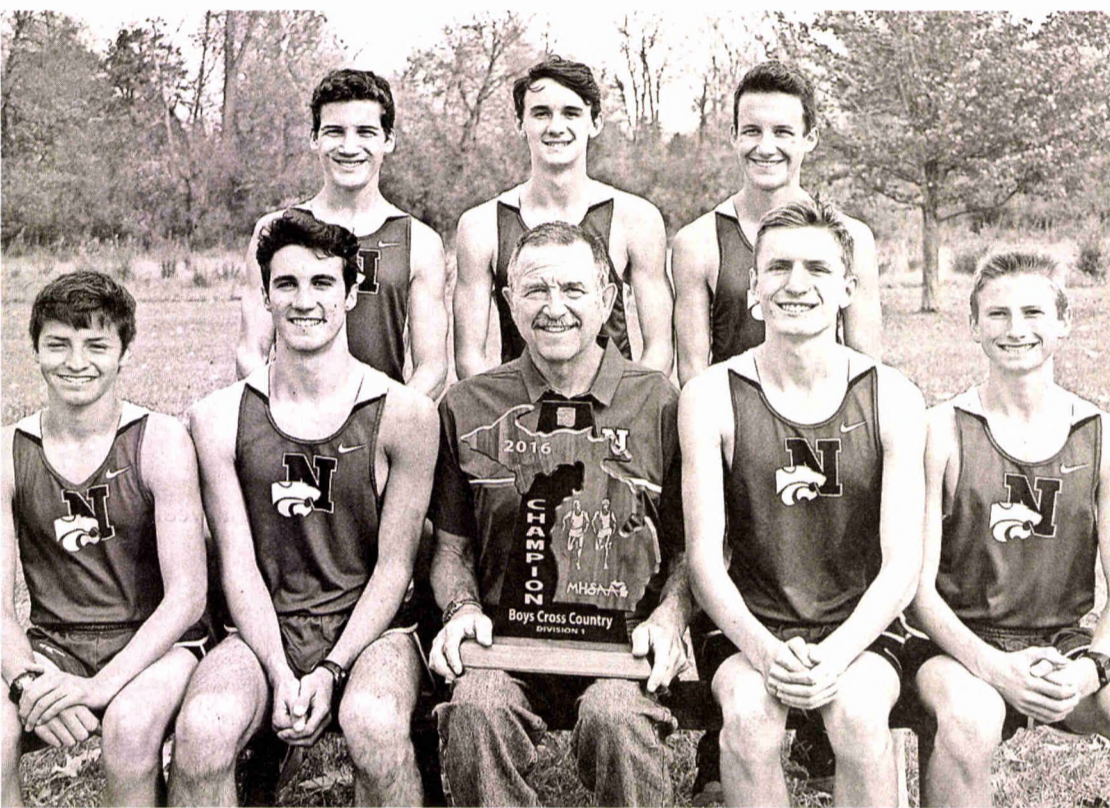
Northville, last year's Division 1 state runner-up, will be making its fifth straight state finals appearance.

"Obviously, we are thrilled to be headed back to the state finals as a team," Northville coach Chris Cronin said. "We never take our success for granted and we knew going into today's race that there would be some fierce competition. For starters, I have to tip my hat to Bob Smith and his Novi team. They had a terrific race plan and they simply outran the field today. If they duplicate that effort at MIS next Saturday, they'll be tough to beat."

Oak Park senior Cameron Cooper was the individual winner, covering the 5,000-meter course in 15 minutes, 52.3 seconds.

Novi junior Gabriel Mudel took runner-up honors in 15:54.4, while seniors Scott MacPherson and John Landy placed sixth and seventh with times of 16:02.7 and 16:03.2, respectively.

The Wildcats' other two scorers were senior Aric Lan-



Members of Novi's Division 1 regional champion cross country team include (front row, from left): Chris Silva, Scott MacPherson, coach Robert Smith, Gabe Mudel and Trey Mullins and (back row, from left) John Landy, Nate Wood and Aric Landy.

dy and sophomore Trey Mullins, who placed 19th and 20th, respectively, with times of 16:28.4 and 16:30.7.

Novi's non-scorers were senior Chris Silva (27th, 16:45.2) and junior Nathaniel Wood (17:05.4).

Kensington Conference champion Northville was paced by the trio of sophomore Nicholas Couyoumjian (13th, career best 16:06.7), senior Ben Cracraft (14th, 16:09.1) and senior Evan Ferrante (15th, 16:15.5).

"Nick has had a terrific season," Cronin said. "He's the consummate teammate and he does the little things that make good runners great. Ferrante has really come on the last three weeks and the coaching staff thinks he's on the verge of a real breakout race. Today's race plan didn't play to Ben's strengths as a runner. We'll make a couple of adjustments and he'll be ready to roll. I know Ben will be ready for the state finals next week."

The Mustangs' other two scorers were senior Peter Bejin (21st, 16:34.3) and senior Jacob Blackmore (24th, 16:38.1), while freshman Andrew Lane (71st, 18:09.1) and junior Alex Jund (75th, 18:18.0) did not factor in the scoring.

Stevenson's top five finishers were senior Jack Bahlint, 17th (16:24.7); senior Alex Brauer, 18th (16:25.2), senior Nathan Ward, 28th (16:51.1), junior Owen Rowader, 29th (16:52.6); and senior Jacob Bieganski, 41st (17:15.4).

The Spartans' non-scorers were senior Nathan Wilson (51st, 17:25.7) and junior Ben Griffith (55th, 17:29.1).

The Shamrocks were led by individual state qualifiers Ty Buckley (third, 15:55.6) and Mark Borek (eighth, 16:03.9), both seniors.

CC's other three scorers were seniors Brendan Canavan (34th, 17:07.4), Brennan Koehler (43rd, 17:17.3) and Andrew Clark (46th, 17:21.0), while seniors Ben Racine

(50th, 17:24.3) and Ryan Whinnery (59th, 17:36.0) did not factor in the scoring.

Rounding out the 13-school field were Salem (138), Plymouth (143), Livonia Churchill (150), Canton (158), Berkley (224), meet host Ann Arbor Huron (298), Oak Park (299), Livonia Franklin (308), University of Detroit-Jesuit (311) and Westland John Glenn (443).

The area individual state qualifiers included Plymouth's Ethan Byrnes, a junior, and Carter Solomon, a freshman, who placed fourth and fifth, respectively, in 15:55.9 and 15:57.1.

Also headed to MIS by finishing in the top 15 were Canton senior Zac Clark (10th, 16:05.1) and Churchill senior Tyler Opdycke (11th, 16:05.4).

Canton junior Shane Andrews missed the final qualifying berth by one place, taking 16th overall (16:16.5).

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Wildcats sweep Central tourney

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Top-ranked Novi enters the MHSAA Class A volleyball district tournament on a roll as the Wildcats racked up six more wins Saturday at the Walled Lake Central tournament while pushing their overall record to 47-1 overall.

The defending state champions captured all six matches in straight sets, capped by a 25-16, 25-9 triumph in the Gold Division finals over Rochester.

Other victories came against Rochester Stoney Creek (25-8, 25-20), South Lyon (25-10, 25-14), Bloomfield Hills (25-10, 25-9), Walled Lake Western (25-7, 25-8) and Hartland (25-15, 25-18).

Novi junior setter Erin O'Leary finished the day with 85 assist-to-kills, 29 digs and 14 ace serves, while senior libero Claire Pinkerton sparked the defense with 40 digs and added 10 aces.

Other contributions came from Abryanna Cannon (34 kills, 31 digs, 15 aces), Ally Cummings (27 kills, 21 digs) and Kathryn Ellison (32 kills, five aces).

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NORTHVILLE

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and sophomore Bridget Nelson, 28th (20:45.2).

The Rocks' Erin McCann (34th, 20:56.5), a senior, and Jessica Hughes (43rd, 21:27.8), a junior, did not factor in the team scoring.

In addition to George taking runner-up honors, other scorers for Churchill included senior Caroline George, 16th (19:59.9); junior Gabrielle Swider, 23rd (20:31.8); senior Christina Murphy, 30th (20:49.7); and freshman Sierra Greener, 32nd (20:53.8).

The Chargers' non-scorers were seniors Raquel Zwick (47th, 21:40.5) and Hailey Pampreen (49th, 21:46.9).

Novi, led by individual state qualifiers Katherine Ray (third, 19:06.1), a sophomore, and Michelle Jecmen (ninth, 19:33.5), a freshman, fell just eight points short of the third team qualifying berth.

Other scorers for the Wildcats included junior Jessica Lypka (21st, 20:28.4), senior Jacalyn Schubring (38th, 21:10.1); and freshman Lauren Sedewitz (40th, 21:16.9).

Juniors Addison Lentz (51st, 21:49.5) and Hannah Hood-Blaxill (53rd, 21:58.9) rounded out the Novi contingent.

Among the other additional area individual state qualifiers were sophomore Erin Seibert (Franklin), seventh, 19:23.8; sophomore Anna Nagelhour (Canton), 12th, 19:46.2; freshman Cassie McDougall (Stevenson), 19:51.1; and senior Annie Bonds (Plymouth), 19:55.1.

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YOUTH WRESTLING

Mustang Takedown Club eyes start of season

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Calling all youth wrestlers. Practice gets underway on Monday, Nov. 7, for the Mustang Youth Takedown Club, a youth wrestling program held weekly at the Northville High School wrestling room.

Under the direction of coaches, Kevin Eichholtz and Nick Szerlip, beginner wrestlers in kindergarten through eighth grade will meet 6:30-8 p.m. each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Registration for the season is \$200, which includes uniforms and MYWAY registration.

For more information, email Eichholtz at nvyouthwrestling@mail.com or call 248-374-0592.

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Mason Stewart, flanked by Mustang Youth Takedown Club coaches Kevin Eichholtz and Chris Stewart, was a 2015 MYWAY champion.

COLLEGE SOCCER

Schoolcraft women win Region XII tournament

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The Schoolcraft Lady Ocelots are moving on to bigger things — and warmer climes — after winning the NJCAA Region XII women's soccer tournament.

Led by tourney MVP Emily Bondy, Schoolcraft (13-2) rolled to a 2-0 win over Muskegon on Saturday and a 3-1 triumph Sunday over Cincinnati State in the final.

With the sweep, Schoolcraft captured the regional crown for the second consecutive season under the coaching of Dave Carver. Next up is a trip to the NJCAA nationals, slated to take place in Melbourne, Fla. from Nov. 14-19.

Garnering goals against Cincinnati State were Katie Vitella (from Ellis Jenkins), Raven Buck (assisted by Livonia's

Lauren Wynns) and Jenna Smith on a penalty kick.

Against Muskegon, Bondy netted the game winner with a goal at 18:16 of the opening half, an unassisted tally against keeper Mickey Wall (who stopped six of eight shots).

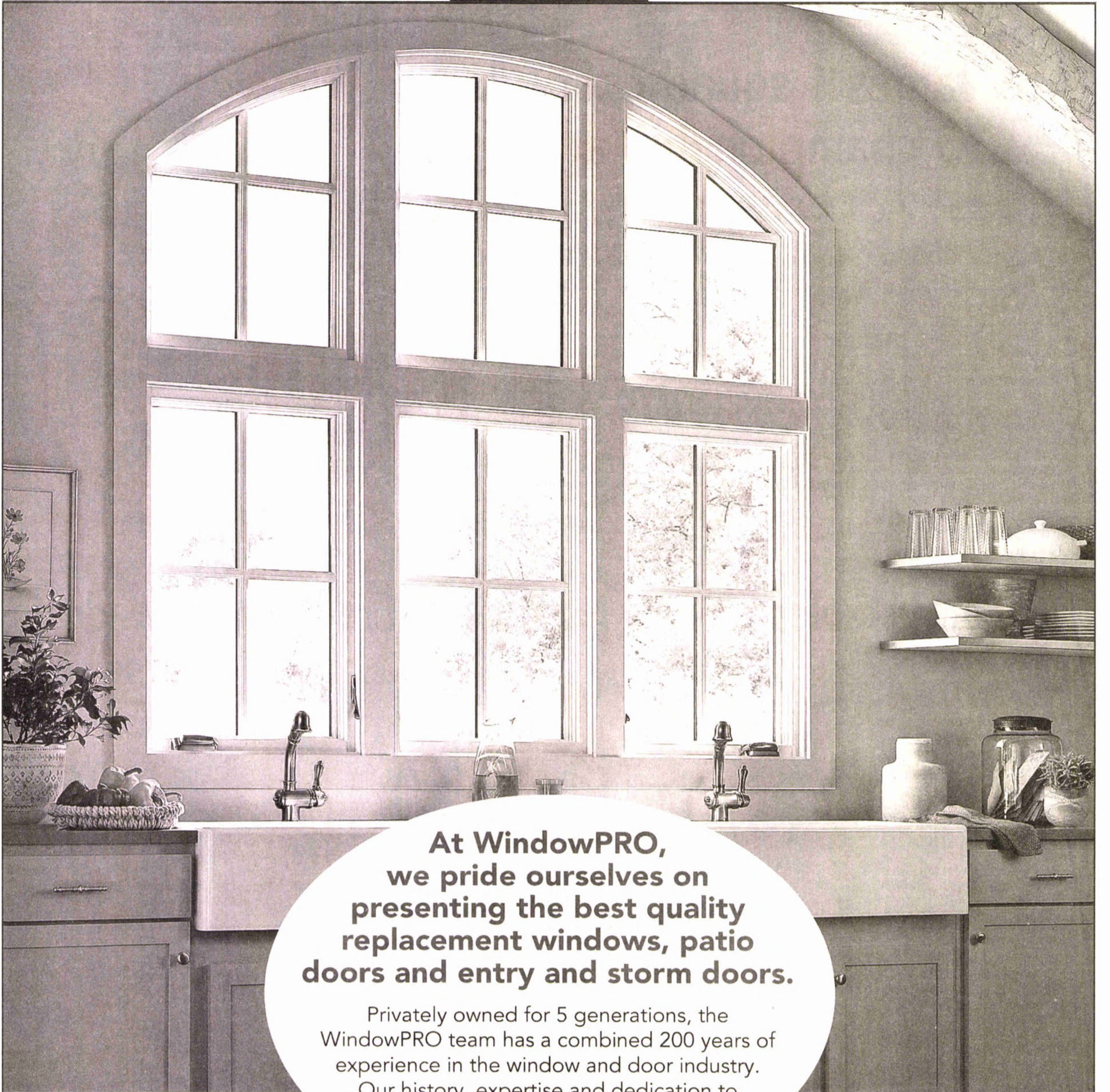
The Lady Ocelots tacked on a goal late in the second half by Smith, who chipped in the rebound of a boot by Raven Buck.

Making only two stops for the shutout was Schoolcraft goalie Lauren Auspitz.

Men fall short

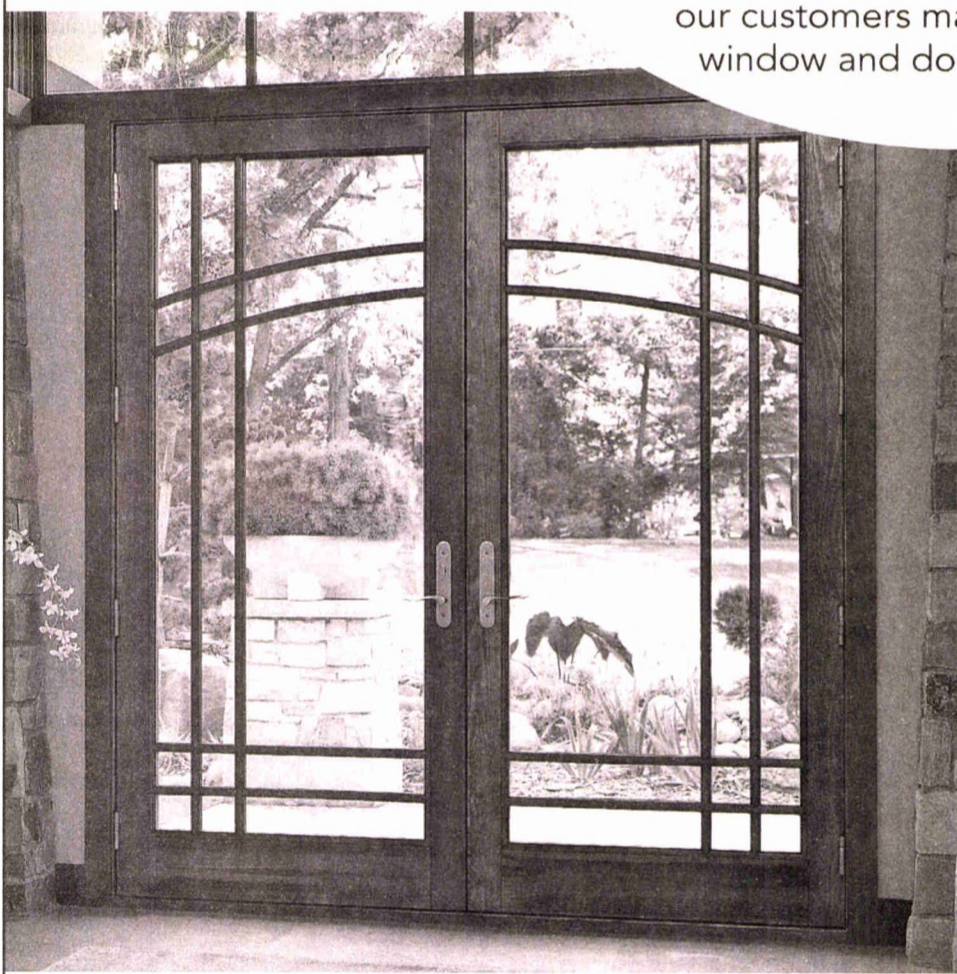
Schoolcraft's men's soccer team, unfortunately, did not enjoy the same level of success, falling 4-0 to Cincinnati State in the Region XII semifinal.

The Ocelots (7-1) ended the season with a 12-4-1 record.



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Identify signs that you should quit your job

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Everyone has days when they wish they could walk out of their job, never to see or speak to their boss or co-workers again. It's normal to have days when you feel frustrated, angry or tired of dealing with the daily grind — after all, no job is perfect. But how do you know when enough is enough?

"You know your job is no longer working for you when the difficult days outnumber the good," says Alyssa Krane, chief talent strategist for Toronto-based Powerhouse Talent Inc. It's not worth constantly feeling dissatisfied, stressed or undervalued, she says. Below are some more indications it may be time to leave your job once and for all.

1. You're not advancing. "A major indicator that it's time to quit your job is if you're not growing professionally," says Maddie Stough, a team lead at LaSalle Network, a national staffing and recruiting firm. Perhaps you were passed over for a promotion with no guidance on what's needed to advance. Maybe you don't feel challenged anymore. Or perhaps you feel as if you're not fully using your skills. If you feel bored or pigeonholed, it may be time to move on.

2. You dread going into work. "It's time to quit when you wake up dreading the day," says Elene Cafasso, founder and president of En-erpace Inc. Executive Coaching. If you feel depressed on Sunday night thinking about the week ahead, your boss or co-workers are abusive, or your health is suffering, these are red flags that you need to leave, she says. "Life is too short to spend the bulk of it miserable."

3. You've lost all ability to care. It's definitely time to quit when you "go to work

feeling like a zombie," says Gregory Golinski, a human resources coordinator for Hotel Carmel in California. "If things aren't great in your office but you have arguments with colleagues and managers, at least it proves that you still care," he says. It's when you don't have the energy to complain or try to fix your situation that you need to start looking for a new job.

4. Your boss doesn't support you. If you've talked to your boss about why you are unhappy and have asked for more challenging

assignments or guidance on how to advance, but he or she is not responsive, it's probably time to move on.

5. Your goals don't align with your employer's. "If you find yourself being steered away from the career path you wish to pursue, it is definitely time to start looking for a position which will allow you to follow your own career objectives," says Lee Fisher, chief of human resources for Roman Blinds Direct, an interior-goods company based in the United Kingdom. Otherwise, the longer you stay in

the job, the further you will get from where you want to be, Fisher says.

Before you make the decision that it is indeed time to quit, make sure you have exhausted all your other options first. Start by talking to your boss. "Oftentimes, employees aren't communicating to their boss that they either want to grow in their role or that they are unhappy," Stough says. "Their managers may be more understanding and willing to help than the employee thinks."

Alternatively, you can contact the human resources department to see if there is another position available in a different department or team to which you could transfer.

It may also help to find someone else who has gone through a similar experience and seek his or her advice on what to do, Stough says. That person might be able to provide additional insight that could help you in your current job or save you more heartache and frustration at your next one.

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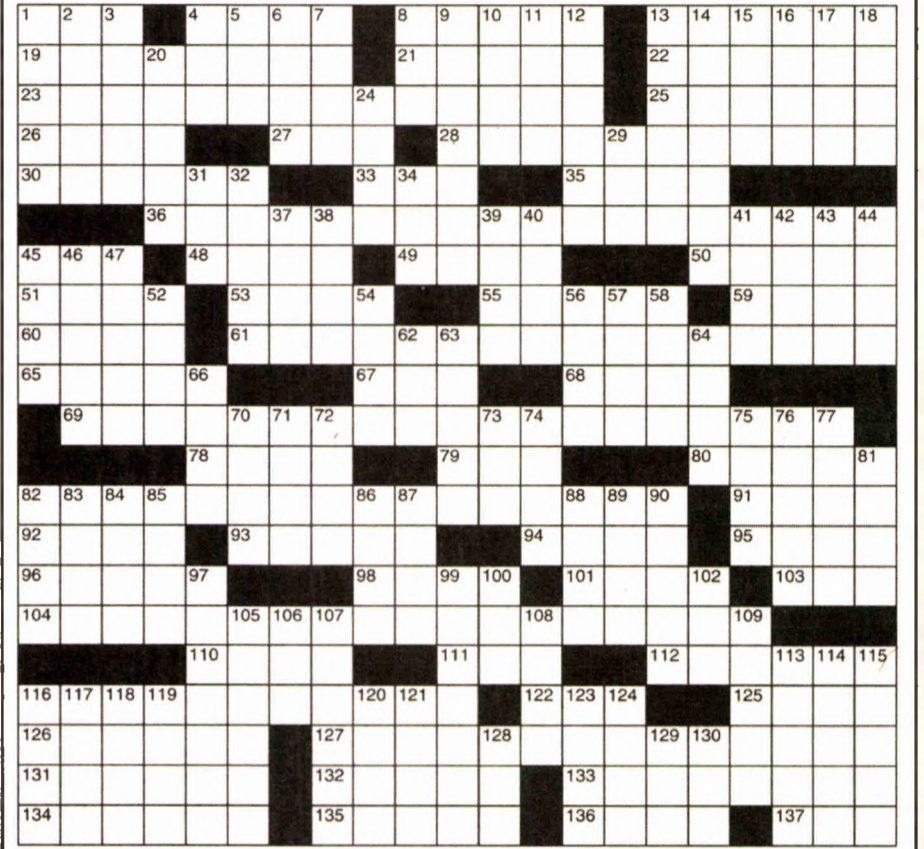
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 - 28 Small city's package deliverer?
 - 30 Eight-armed mollusks
 - 33 London luv
 - 35 Muslim chief
 - 36 Marshy inlet near Boston?
 - 45 Atty.'s org.
 - 48 Bang, as a big toe
 - 49 Supper crumbs
 - 50 Long oar
 - 51 Actor Max
 - 53 Spanish cheers
 - 55 Came — (Mexican steak dish)
 - 59 Vicinity
 - 60 Vigor, in music
 - 61 Coup d'état?
 - 65 As dry as —
 - 67 Prefix with tourism
 - 68 1998 Australian Open winner
 - 69 Fast at installing canoe stabilizers?
 - 78 Award in the ad business
 - 79 P.O. item
 - 80 Directive
 - 82 Unfeeling person's "fake-out"?
 - 91 Mid-voyage
 - 92 — deuce (card game)
 - 93 Streep of film
 - 94 Plum cousin
 - 95 Class fixture
 - 96 Ringo on drums
 - 98 With 103-Across, frozen dessert brand
 - 101 Cop in a drugg bust
 - 103 See 98-Across
 - 104 Like an ogre wearing his facial disguise?
 - 110 Graf — (ill-fated German warship)
 - 111 Notch shape
 - 112 Inner layer
 - 116 "My poetry is terrible compared to Maya's?"
 - 122 Hearing thing
 - 125 Dog in "Garfield"
 - 126 Setting
 - 127 Messed up during a film shoot?
 - 131 Really stuck
 - 132 "Paradise Lost" figure
 - 133 Mongoose cousins
 - 134 How china is often sold
 - 135 Noddies
 - 136 Alternative to Bloomie's
 - 137 That ship
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 - 1 Vodka drink, informally
 - 2 Hipbone-related
 - 3 "— buy that!"
 - 4 "La Cage — Folles"
 - 5 Alternative to a Word file
 - 6 Early utopia
 - 7 Colorants
 - 8 — Dhabi
 - 9 Vogue editor
 - 10 Actor —
 - 11 Give a bias
 - 12 Large wasp
 - 13 Stella — (beer)
 - 14 Renovates, for short
 - 15 "— one ... (start of an opinion)
 - 16 Indian dress
 - 17 "Behold!" to Caesar
 - 18 Foreteller
 - 20 Plump and healthy-looking
 - 24 Soft rock
 - 29 "Still the King" cable channel
 - 31 Faux —
 - 32 Schoolyard rejoinder
 - 34 "Well now!"
 - 37 "Star Trek" helmsman
 - 38 \$5 bills, in slang
 - 39 Forest buck
 - 40 Shell rival in Canada
 - 41 Curious as —
 - 42 Cosmonaut
 - 43 Muffin topper
 - 44 — Bator
 - 45 "SOS" band
 - 46 7/4 cookout
 - 47 The vowels
 - 52 Rice-A —
 - 54 "Let it stand"
 - 56 Databook entry: Abbr.
 - 57 Elk cousin
 - 58 Intro drawing class, maybe
 - 62 "— bin ein Berliner"
 - 63 Carols
 - 64 Ship of myth
 - 66 Shoe brand
 - 70 Model Heidi
 - 71 French department
 - 72 Former queen of Jordan
 - 73 Gambling venue, briefly
 - 74 Website IDs
 - 75 Alum
 - 76 Ill-fated Ford
 - 77 Witherspoon of Hollywood
 - 78 Garden tool
 - 82 Wallet filler
 - 83 Play starter
 - 84 Main role
 - 85 Harp cousin
 - 86 NASDAQ
 - 87 "In the Valley of —" (2007 film)
 - 88 Arm bone
 - 89 Beer topper
 - 90 Not tame
 - 97 "Twilight" vampire —
 - 99 Small stream
 - 100 Prop- ending
 - 102 15-season CBS series
 - 105 About to bat, e.g.
 - 106 Division: Abbr.
 - 107 Fortly
 - 108 Feet
 - 109 Bad-mouth
 - 113 Concepts
 - 114 Late inning department
 - 115 Swan cousins
 - 116 Skater Kulk of Jordan
 - 117 Olympus — (volcano on Mars)
 - 118 Big Ten gp.
 - 119 Klutzy sorts
 - 120 Folk wisdom
 - 121 Yves' of Hollywood
 - 123 \$\$\$ sources
 - 124 Emu cousin
 - 128 Raised rails
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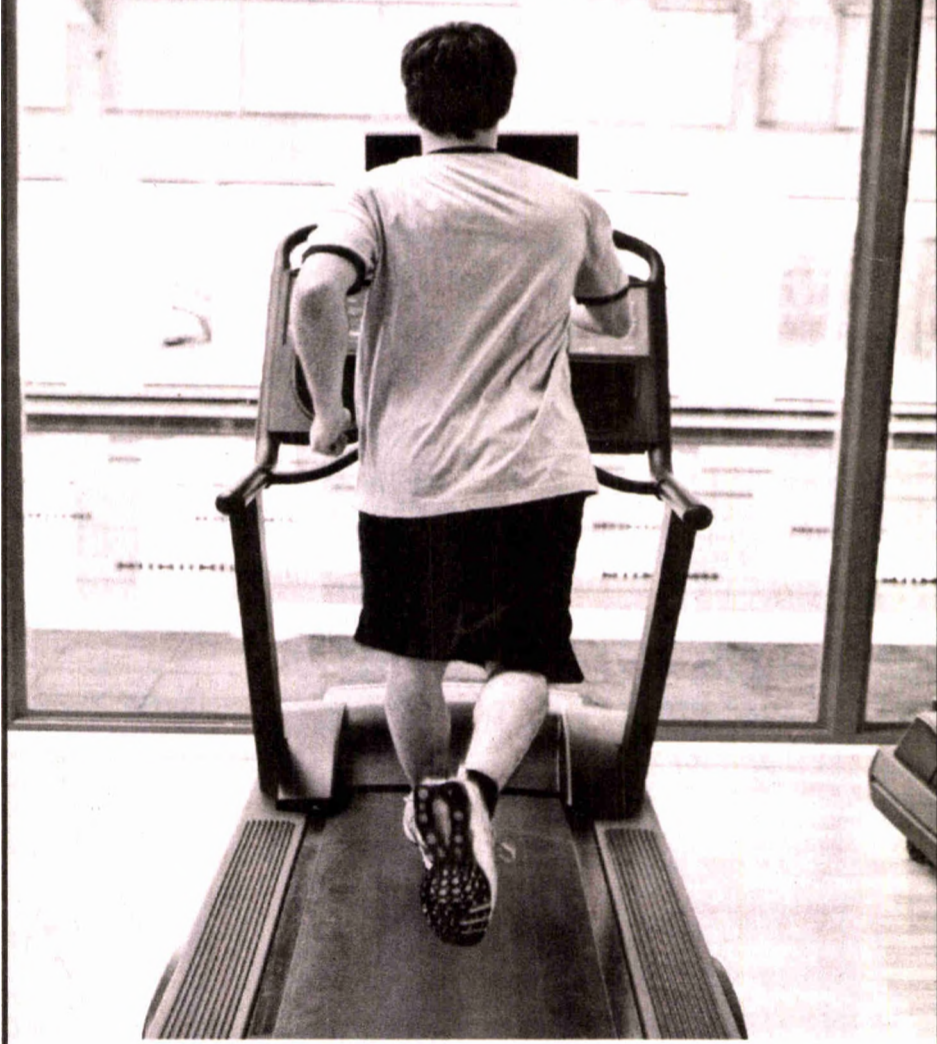
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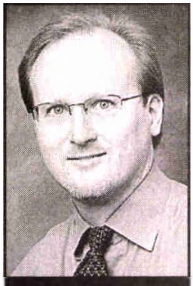
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COMMERCIAL POSSIBILITIES: RAM PROMASTER, FORD TRANSIT FAMILIES STOKES HOT-SELLING CARGO VAN SEGMENT



By Dale Buss

Ask them to answer a multiple-choice question about what is the buzziest segment in the U.S. auto business these days, and most Americans probably wouldn't guess: It's cargo vans.

Arguably the most mundane of all vehicle types, commercial vans -- not aspirational Mustangs nor tough-talking F-150s -- were the vehicle Ford hyped most on the huge stage of World Series television broadcasts with its incessant promotion of the Transit.

And Ram has just launched a new marketing campaign into the swell, to try to capture more sales for its ProMaster and ProMaster City models.

Ram commercial sales overall are up more than 30 percent so far

this year compared with a year ago, and industry-wide commercial sales are more than 15 percent higher, representing 2.6 percent of the total vehicle market in North America, FCA said.

By contrast, after a record seven-year run, the total U.S. vehicle market is losing gas, as year-to-year sales are expected to fall in October for the third straight month.

Enter Ford's marquee positioning of Transit in the Fall Classic and Ram with a campaign that shows off the utility and versatility of ProMaster and ProMaster City with TV ads and digital elements that illustrate these qualities.

Ram's video includes "test drives" of a day for four different actual small businesses, such as Andrew's Honey, a beekeeper in New York City, and Veestro, a food-delivery company in Los Angeles.

"We're trying to reinforce that we're easy to do business with and respectful of [consumers'] time and

that we've got some great, efficient offerings for them to look at." Jim Morrison, head of the Ram brand, told me.

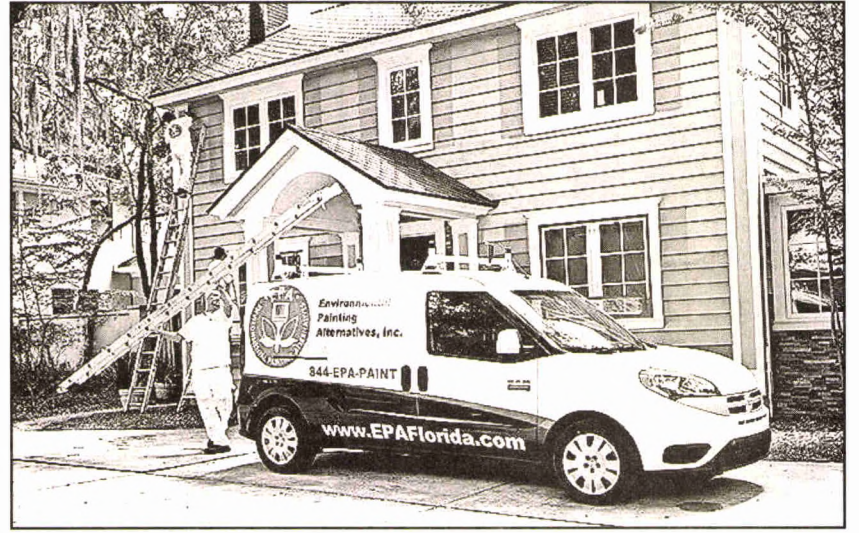
Ram introduced its new generation of commercial vans beginning in 2013 with ProMaster and followed with the smaller ProMaster City in 2014.

These sales are becoming more important. The segment has boomed in part because of a proliferation of offerings, with Ford Transit and Transit Connect, and the new Mercedes-Benz Metrix, along with associated advertising, creating more interest. Plus, FCA's entire truck fleet has taken on even more responsibility as the company's biggest profit driver while sales of its cars dwindle.

"The [commercial] segment will sell around 450,000 units this year, which is a lot," Morrison said. "And also there's a lot of other volume linked to commercial-van sales. A business might have a fleet of 10 pickup trucks, and since we recently upgraded our fleet of vans, now we have a chassis cab for them."

"Before, if they had the trucks but needed a van, they had to go to two different dealerships. This way they can have one relationship, with one dealer, one guy who does their regular maintenance and service on the whole fleet, and one purchase order."

Right now is "commercial truck season" also, Morrison said. "Business owners are wrapping up their finances



A commercial featuring the 2017 Ram ProMaster City

for the year and taking advantage of tax breaks. They're upgrading fleets. So we're explaining what we have to offer them. For some people, it's just getting their recognition of our full line of commercial vehicles."

Morrison acknowledged statistics which continue to show a decline in the formation rate of new U.S. businesses over the last several years and an increase in the failure rate.

"But I think small businesses are getting more confidence in their wealth, so they're coming in and buying," Morrison insisted. "Also we're attracting them with our efficiency message, about having the most fuel-efficient work van and about total cost of ownership. Also ProMaster City is very easy to maneuver. And ProMaster is available in both gas and diesel. A lot of customers are trading in old rear-wheel-drive V8 vans, so they can both upgrade and

save money." Ford seems to encourage a certain amount of non-commercial consumer interest in its Transit Connect small commercial van, even offering it in a seven-passenger version. Why doesn't Ram do likewise?

"Well, that's a function of the fact that Ford doesn't have a minivan," Morrison explained. "Whereas FCA has minivan leadership for consumers with the new Chrysler Pacifica. We don't try to stuff people into cargo vans."

Morrison also dismissed the fact that there's been a crescendo of discussion about declining viewership of NFL games on TV, where Ram -- per the industry norm for trucks -- launched its ProMaster campaign. But he insisted he's not concerned overall.

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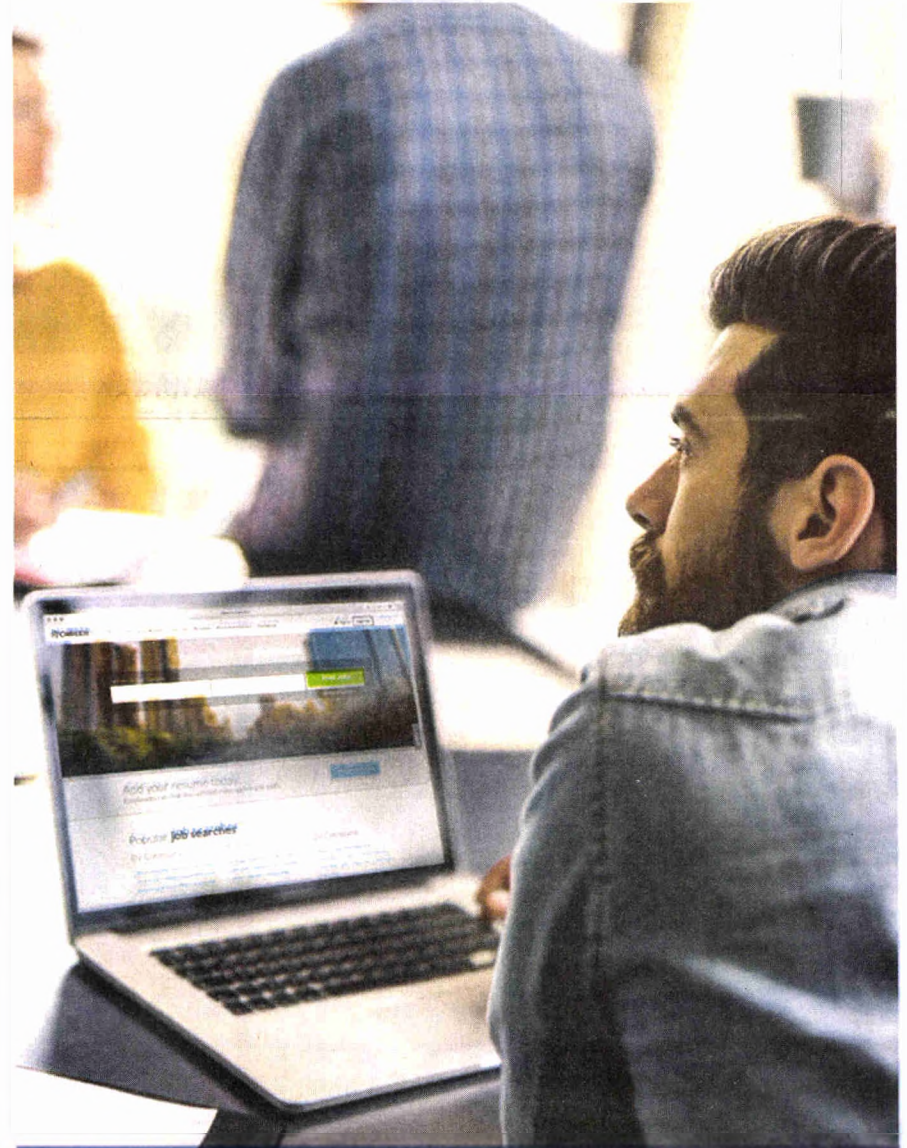
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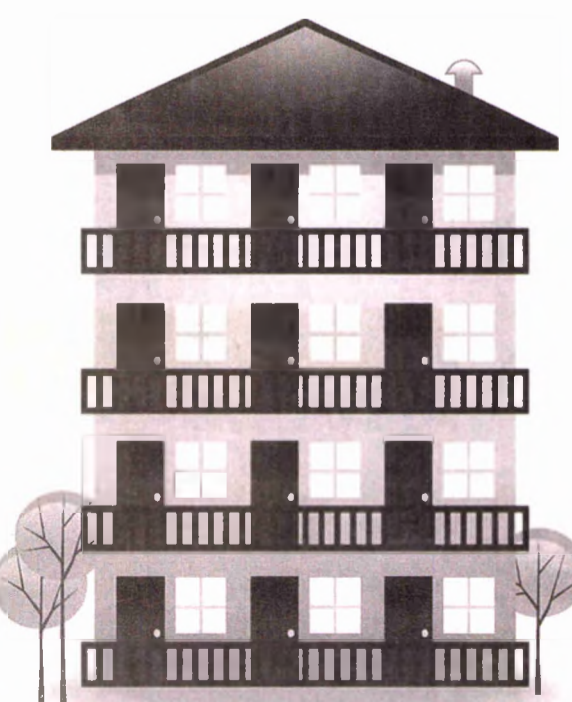
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