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Fire dept. appointment

Northville Township Manager Chip Snider announced the appointment of Brent Siegel as deputy director of fire services. The appointment became effective Monday.

“Brent began his career with the Northville Township Fire Department in 2005,” Snider said. “He has been responsible for implementing and managing the Advanced Life Support Program since its inception. Brent’s proven ability to build strong working relationships with township departments has been invaluable.

“The township’s commitment to excellence is founded within the organization’s culture. The fire department is anxious to gravitate toward an organization that fosters personal growth. Brent Siegel as deputy director of fire services will take his new role of a leader within the organization as more of a coach, teacher, with a strong emphasis on networking.”

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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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Northville Township trustees nix Meijer plan

Maria Taylor
Correspondent

After a proposed big-box Meijer at Five Mile and Beck stirred massive citizen outcry last month, Northville Township trustees have given a tentative thumbs-up to an alternative concept for the proposed mixed-use Village at Northville development, getting rid of the Meijer and adding about 100 single-family homes.

Southfield-based developer Redico presented its updated Planned Unit Development concept plan at an Oct. 25 joint informational meeting of the Northville Township planning commission and board of trustees.

The new concept plan comes on the heels of a raucous meet-

“The concept plan itself has changed so much that I don’t think we’ll accomplish what we originally wanted. Without those two concepts, you’ve destroyed the whole concept.”

MARV GANS
trustee

ing in mid-September, when an angry, standing-room-only crowd booed and shouted at trustees for two hours, criticizing them for suggesting a 170,000-square-foot Meijer in a center that has been billed as “high-end” and “upscale.” Concerns about increased traffic and potential crime associated with the big-box store dominated the comments.

The initial concept plan

passed by a 4-3 vote, with Supervisor Bob Nix, Treasurer Marjorie Banner, and trustees Marv Gans and Fred Shadko voting for the project, while Clerk Sue Hillebrand and trustees Mindy Herrmann and Symantha Heath opposed it.

Redico’s previous plan for the site, located on 53 acres of former Scott Prison property, included a Meijer, a movie theater, a hotel, 78 townhomes priced in

the mid-\$300,000s, retail shops in a walkable setting, a gathering site for events, a gas station and bank and a multi-tenant building.

Representatives from Redico said at the Oct. 25 meeting that the new plan takes into account the board and community’s concerns, including a more family-friendly design and more amenities. Kent Heckaman, Redico’s vice president of development, emphasized that the plan is still conceptual and needs to be “finessed,” adding that his team had about four weeks to do six months’ worth of work.

In the new proposal, the Meijer anchor store is notably absent, and some 99-130 single-family residences have been

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Noble: I understand the struggles of district families

Matt Jachman
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The Rev. Jeff Noble is battling to keep the Michigan House of Representatives' 20th District seat in Republican hands.

Noble, a Plymouth Township resident, is the senior pastor at Praise Baptist Church and a first-time office-seeker. He is vying with Democrat Colleen Pobur to succeed three-term Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, who has represented the 20th District since 2011.

Heise is barred by term limits from seeking re-election and is set to become Plymouth Township's next supervisor.

Noble, 55, has a bachelor's degree in political science and government from Francis Marion University and a master of divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He helped found Praise Baptist, which grew out of the combination of two local churches, in 2008.

Noble is involved with the community through his work as a pastor as

well as through volunteering with Kids Against Hunger and various veterans groups. He also performs invocations at memorial services in the area.

The 20th District is made up of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, part of eastern Canton Township, Northville Township and the Wayne County portion of the city of Northville.

The Observer recently asked Noble four questions on his background and on issues facing the district, and we are publishing his answers here.

Q: The Plymouth-Canton schools consistently receive per-pupil foundation grants that are among the lowest in the area. How would you work toward raising the floor for lesser-funded districts without further burdening state taxpayers?

A: First off, as one of



Noble

many sources of revenue such as property taxes, categorical grants, and federal funding, foundation grants account for only a little more than half of school revenue, so we should be looking at total per-pupil funding, not simply foundation grants.

However, foundation grants were actually established for this very purpose: to reduce funding disparities not by cutting funds to the well-funded districts, but by increasing funds to those below them.

The funding formula was based in pre-Proposal A funding levels, and the reason some districts had larger grants was because they received more funds locally before Prop A was enacted.

The baseline foundation allowance increased by about 1.6 percent this past year, but less so for the more richly funded districts. I'm open to continuing this phase-out.

Q: The Snyder administration and the Republican-led Legislature have had big successes and big failures over six

years. How would you, if elected, make sure the state stays on track with its budget and economic growth while avoiding disasters like the Flint water crisis and the still-struggling, state-controlled Detroit schools?

A: On the contrary, the Snyder administration and the Legislature have had great success correcting terrible failures.

Detroit's schools are a symptom of Detroit's economy, and the best thing we can do is continue to help small businesses grow by relieving them of needless regulations and high taxes. We need to make Michigan more economically competitive to bring new jobs and new interest in revitalizing Detroit, recognizing that an overbearing government is a burden.

As to Flint, transparency laws, whistleblower protections, and generally making government more accessible to watchdog groups may help prevent the next environmental crisis. Indictments have been filed against those responsible for the disas-

ter, and making clear that those responsible will be held accountable sends a strong message to government employees to act in good faith to protect the public they serve.

Q: What in your background — education, work and personal experience — makes you the most qualified candidate in this race?

The most important qualification is a firsthand understanding of the challenges facing Michigan families. Career politicians think nothing of the harm in raising taxes: they're excited for the government jobs their programs create (i.e. votes bought with tax dollars). They don't think about the families living on the margins, where having a few dollars here, a few dollars there, taken from every paycheck, plus the hidden taxes included in the price of everything we buy, is a painful sum.

I've worked many jobs, and it took a lot of hard work and patience to build a career that could sustain my family. If elected, my votes will

be decided by how I believe each policy will affect the public at large and middle-class families in particular.

Q: Are you in favor of the Regional Transit Authority and its plan for a 1.2-mill, 20-year tax? If not, how would you address what is often called the worst major metropolitan public transit system in the country?

A: No. We don't need to raise taxes on homeowners who already pay for mass transit. The proposed tax is a 120% increase. That means a person with a house valued at \$100,000 (taxable value) will pay \$120 extra each year in taxes. Currently, that same homeowner is already paying \$100 for mass transit services that many don't even use. We can find better ways to provide mass transit without burdening the taxpayers again. (Editor's note: No communities in the 20th District are currently a part of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation, or SMART.)

Pobur: Range of experience makes me best in House race

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Democrat Colleen Pobur of Plymouth, a Plymouth City Commission member, is campaigning to represent the 20th District in the Michigan House of Representatives.

The district, now represented by third-term Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, includes Plymouth, Ply-

mouth Township, part of eastern Canton Township, Northville Township and the Wayne County portion of the city of Northville.

Heise cannot seek re-election because of term limits and is the presumptive supervisor-



Pobur

elect in Plymouth Township.

Pobur, 57, is vying with Republican Jeff Noble, the pastor of Praise Baptist Church and a first-time office-seeker, in the Tuesday, Nov. 8, election.

Pobur is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and the University of Michigan's honors college. She has decades of experience in government and the private

sector, including in software sales, consulting, director of concessions for Detroit-Wayne County Metropolitan Airport and four years as a member of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

She is an eight-year city commission member, was the commission's president pro tem from 1999 to 2003, has chaired the city's Brownfield Development Authority since 1997, is president of the Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association and has been through the Leadership Michigan and Leadership Detroit Programs. Pobur held high-level positions within Jennifer Granholm's two winning campaigns for governor.

We asked questions of Pobur regarding her experience and issues facing the 20th District, and we are publishing the questions and her responses here.

The Plymouth-Canton schools consistently receive per-pupil foundation grants that are among the lowest in the area. How would you work toward raising the floor for lesser-funded districts without further burdening state taxpayers?

A: Proposal A was established as a temporary fix and it is long past time to build a more effective funding mechanism. I will work with my colleagues to develop a

model for public education that equitably funds schools for all students regardless of ZIP code, gives them the resources they need and focuses on smaller class sizes. It is wrong that for-profit charter schools receive taxpayer dollars intended for public schools without requiring those charter schools to adhere to the same standards as public schools and provide the same services, like transportation and special education, that public schools are required to provide. I would also strive to allow school districts to ask their voters for millages that can provide funding for teachers rather than just infrastructure and technology.

Q: The Snyder administration and the Republican-led Legislature have had big successes and big failures over six years. How would you, if elected, make sure the state stays on track with its budget and economic growth while avoiding disasters like the Flint water crisis and the still-struggling, state-controlled Detroit schools?

A: One of the biggest problems we have — which led to these crises — is the emergency manager law. It is clear that emergency managers have failed our communities and our school districts. We should be looking at adequately funding

revenue sharing and growing the economy in a way that helps communities and supports local control. The Flint water crisis shows that you cannot manage a municipality with a spreadsheet. Stabilizing the state's budget in the face of dwindling revenues will be a huge challenge for the Legislature. We need to assess the way the state is allocating resources and stop caving in to special-interest groups in order to provide for all of our citizens. This will be an area that requires collaboration and compromise on both sides.

Q: What in your background — education, work and personal experience — makes you the most qualified candidate in this race?

A: My broad professional and public service experience make me the most qualified candidate. I have served as a Plymouth city commissioner for eight years, gaining a great understanding of the challenges that small businesses face. As director of concessions at Detroit Metro Airport, I undid sweetheart deals and built a program based on integrity and competition. I have endorsements from the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Michigan Farm Bureau, the United Auto Workers, the Plymouth Police Command Officers and many other groups that prove that I am an experienced, trusted leader who can reach across the aisle to solve complex problems.

Q: Are you in favor of the Regional Transit Authority and its plan for a 1.2-mill, 20-year tax? If not, how would you address what is often called the worst major metropolitan public transit system in the country?

A: I am in favor of the RTA millage because it will provide transportation options to many people who either live or work in Plymouth, Northville and Canton who have no other way to get to their jobs or doctors' offices or homes. Public transportation is often the only alternative for disabled people to get around and lead productive lives.

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added along the west side of the property. Also included are 160-190 apartments in the center of the acreage, two clusters of townhomes, and a “town square”-type community space on the Beck Road side, flanked by retail and parking.

Redico architect Sue Neumann said the design ideas for the houses and townhomes were pulled from the Birmingham/Bloomfield area. Houses would be 2,400-3,200 square feet on 50-by-100-foot lots, with access to the adjacent community park. Townhouses would be traditional-style brick buildings, some with the potential for first-floor offices.

Total retail space is pegged at 130,000 square feet, built of what Neumann called a “mix of contemporary materials, so it doesn’t look like your typical strip center.” No details were given for the larger store that was formerly Meijer, although Heckaman said he hoped to have a “market” along the lines of Whole Foods. The rest of the retail was “flexible” and could include anything from a bank to a drugstore, a drive-through Starbucks or a small “boutique-style” movie theater like the Maple in Birmingham.

Comments from the planning commission, trustees and 15 citizens who spoke after the discussion centered mostly on traffic, density and whether the development would complement the area’s character.

Most in attendance were thankful that the developers had taken into account concerns over the Meijer, although multiple residents still felt the development and the resulting traffic would “ruin” the quiet atmosphere that originally attracted them to the area.

One local homeowner



Kent Heckaman, Redico’s vice president of development, talks about the alternate plan.

MARIA TAYLOR

said people love Northville because it’s “a place that is quiet, a place that is green, a place that is open,” and that the development wouldn’t benefit him and his neighbors, who moved there for that specific reason.

Kim Dunne, who lives in the Shad Brook subdivision, said she’s “absolutely thrilled” the Meijer is gone, but not too happy about the potential increase in traffic. “I live on a pass-through street — it’s a nightmare,” she said, asking that something be done to limit in-and-out traffic ducking through the neighborhood to avoid the Five Mile/Beck intersection.

Hillebrand shared the concern about people using the neighborhood as a cut-through. “Personally, I would like to see more seclusion of roadways,” she said. “If I were to buy a home in

there, I would like to see some sort of deterrent to traffic coming and whizzing around the U.”

Redico’s traffic engineer hasn’t completed a new study, but estimates the traffic to be less than the original study predicted.

While some at the dais liked the retail/residential mix, others in the audience weren’t convinced it was the right fit.

Steve Sweeny from the Steeplechase subdivision thought the homes and rentals “squeezed together” were better suited for Wixom or Brighton and would pull down property values.

One Spring Hill Road resident called the townhouses “slapdash” and thought the proposal looked like a Monopoly game: “how many homes can you build on these little gray squares.” The

houses proposed are 40 feet wide, including attached garages, on 50-foot-wide lots. “More than 100 homes on 50-by-100-foot lots, in my mind, is bigfoot housing,” he said, referencing Royal Oak and Birmingham, “and I’m not sure that’s what you want.”

Heath said she’s heard a lot of comments from residents who are “traditional-minded,” and she felt the residential/commercial blend might be “too jarring” for the existing community. Heckaman said that single-family homes would “absolutely” be prioritized over townhomes.

That raised another question: whether the new focus had strayed too far from the original plan, which was to provide amenities like a grocery store, retail, a high-end “boutique” hotel and a movie theater for

the MITECH corridor across the street on the east side of Beck Road. Bringing in research and development and high-tech companies can provide needed tax revenues for the Northville bedroom community, Nix said at the Sept. 15 meeting.

“The concept plan itself has changed so much that I don’t think we’ll accomplish what we originally wanted,” said Gans, calling the first plan’s hotel “almost necessary,” along with the movie theater. “Without those two concepts, you’ve destroyed the whole concept.”

Banner agreed, saying she was disappointed in the loss of the boutique hotel. “This whole concept needs to work with everything else around it,” she said, referencing the MITECH corridor vision. Redico later said

the hotel is “still a possibility,” although there’s currently no one committed.

Northville Township purchased the former prison property from the state for \$1 in 2012, on condition that it be sold for development by the end of Dec. 31 or used for a public purpose. The township will receive a large portion of the sale proceeds, earmarked for demolition and environmental cleanup at the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital on Seven Mile, which the township owns.

All present agreed that Redico’s tentative alternate proposal had enough merit to proceed. (Lisa Anderson from the planning commission was absent.) It will go before the planning commission Nov. 21 and, if approved, to the board of trustees Nov. 29.

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Northville Lumber Home Design Studio is enjoying its new digs at 22264 Novi Road (in the old Blockbuster building). Employees (from left) Ray Mandle, Linda Bonell and Dan Wilber check out some of the offerings.



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Northville Lumber Home Design Center's showroom on Novi Road.



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Northville Lumber Home Design Center.

Northville Lumber expands to Novi

When the subprime mortgage crisis hit back in 2007, home remodeling went way down on everybody's to-do lists, and the hardware industry took a nosedive. Stewart Oldford, owner of Northville Lumber, knows that firsthand.

"Our industry struggled mightily in 2008, 2009 with the rest of the economy," he said.

Things started to turn around in summer 2010, he said, and business has been great ever since.

So great, in fact, that

Northville's longtime lumber store is expanding its footprint with a second store in Novi. The new location, which opened Sept. 21, is located at 22264 Novi Road, in a building that was once a Blockbuster video store.

Oldford said he's had his eye on the space for a while. "We knew we were outgrowing our space," he said. "I watched the store sit empty for a couple years, finally got the guts to call the guy about the space, and the

rest, as they say, is history."

Having a storefront on a major thoroughfare is one of the reasons for the new location. The original store, which will still be open, is tucked away on Baseline Road in Northville's Cabbagetown district, near Parmenter's Northville Cider Mill.

"We call it the best worst location you could ever have," he joked.

The new storefront, dubbed "Northville Lumber's Novi Home Design

Center," is 6,500 square feet. It's a big step up from the original store, with plenty of space for things like windows and doors and cabinets.

Oldford sells to contractors and individual homeowners alike, and his customers like to have a big hand in picking out stuff for their homes. "People like to touch and feel what they're buying," he said. So it's all about keeping as many different products out on the floor as possible.

"The most important part for us — which supports why we did the showroom — is the end user; the customer wants to have a hand in specifying the products that get used," he said. "In our market, they are in-

involved, they do their research. They want to go to a place that has knowledgeable sales staff, touch the products, know something a little deeper than what they can find on the internet."

Oldford said the new shop will serve as a retail outlet for hardware, doors and accessories.

"Right now, we're showing windows and doors and door hardware and some kitchen and bath cabinets, and that's really the line we'll focus on expanding to in the near future," he said.

"While we certainly won't have everything you need to design and decorate your home, the things that we do sell there will be key components."

Take windows, for example. Northville Lumber has sold Andersen windows for almost 70 years, and they've just recently brought on another window line called Marvin, making them Michigan's newest Marvin dealer.

Oldford said they're popular with architects and designers because they're so customizable.

Oldford has worked at Northville Lumber since 1988. It's a family business, dating back almost 200 years. It opened in 1827, 10 years before Michigan became a state, and Oldford believes it's one of the oldest continuously operated business in Michigan.

"I'm from the Yerkes family," Oldford said. "We bought into Northville Milling, as it was then called, in the 1880s." The original site, near Mill Race Village, was sold to Henry Ford in 1918 to build a valve plant, and that's when Northville Lumber moved to its location on Baseline Road.

Oldford gives his forefathers a lot of credit for starting the business off on a solid footing.

"We're lucky enough that my ancestors picked the greatest spot in the state of Michigan," he said. "Northville is the bull's eye. The folks that live in Canton and Plymouth and Salem and Novi and Farmington and Livonia are the most wonderful folks you could ask to do business with: They all have jobs, they love where they live, they love to spend money on their houses ... it's a perfect match for a business model like ours."

"It really goes right back to the people you take care of, the customers you take care of," he added. "If you love to go to work, like what you do, like the customers that come in your shop, it's a super thing."



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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



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.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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?’”



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.

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.



Bunse



Oliverio



BILL ROOSE

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

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

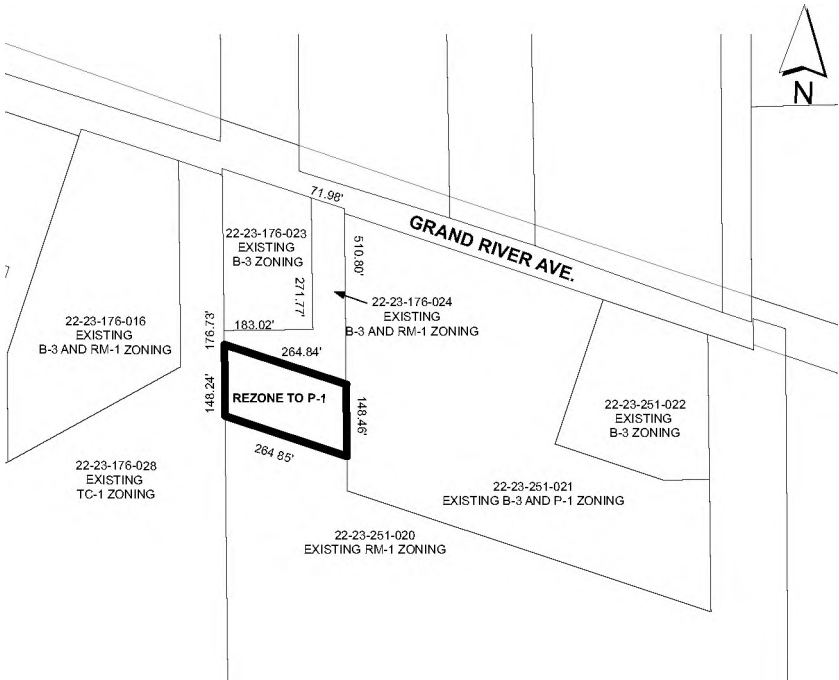
THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:

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 89-59-54 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.

Rezoning Limits
Commencing at the center of Section 23, Township 1 North, Range 8 East, City of Novi, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, Thence N 89-59-54 W 278.78 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 148.46 feet, thence N 71-21-35 W 264.84 feet to the point of beginning.

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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 getaways 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.
- » 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. Giacometti
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

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-



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

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

Glenn Cerny
Vice President and CFO

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

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 P. 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

- 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
- 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.
- Any other business for the Board of Trustees:** None
- 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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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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FILE PHOTO

Several local communities contract with Rizzo for trash service.

Local communities take a look at Rizzo contracts

Diane Gale Andreassi
hometownlife.com

A recent FBI probe into bribery schemes prompted one community to withdraw its recent decision to use Rizzo

Environmental Services, while other municipalities are watching the investigations closely to see what will happen with their contracts. In the last couple of years, Rizzo has been growing exponentially. The company has more than doubled in size since 2011, when it held garbage disposal contracts in 20 communities. It now serves 55 communities and, in the last couple of years, the waste hauler added Garden City, Livonia, Canton, Plymouth Township, Northville Township and South Lyon, among others.

Public officials said Rizzo got the contracts by submitting super-low bids that sometimes included recycling at no additional cost.

A Detroit Free Press article recently reported a case that surfaced in U.S. District Court placing Rizzo at the center of a federal public corruption investigation that is expected to expose pay-to-play schemes in Macomb County.

Rizzo spokespeople have said they are cooperating with the government after a bribe scheme was allegedly exposed and a Clinton Township official was charged with selling his vote in exchange for pushing through an \$18 million deal for the trash hauler. Federal prosecutors allege Clinton Township Trustee Dean Reynolds was paid up to \$75,000 in cash.

Will others fall?

Other politicians are expected to be charged, according to the FBI's charging document. "This is an extensive investigation into systemic corruption in multiple municipalities in southeastern Michigan, primarily Macomb County," the FBI wrote, according to the Free Press article.

On Oct. 25, the paper reported Macomb Township Trustee Clifford Freitas was charged with accepting a bribe, company executive Chuck Rizzo Jr. resigned and the company was rebranding itself as Greener for Life, or GFL, the name of its parent company.

Even though Rizzo has not been charged with any criminal wrongdoing, the news reports prompted Huron Township officials to rescind their recent decision to award a waste contract to Rizzo.

Kurt Heise, who was elected Plymouth Township supervisor beginning in January 2017, noted he wasn't part of the negotiations to approve the seven-year, \$11 million contract with Rizzo in June 2015.

It looks like Rizzo has engaged in pay-to-play in Macomb County," Heise said. "I hope that's not the case in Wayne County. I'd like to see the investigation run its course and see what other communities are implicated in this."

Bought out

Northville Township Manager Chip Snider said Rizzo told officials about six weeks ago that it bought Duncan Disposal, which provided the township's waste hauling. "We are working with Rizzo because they are the successor," Snider said. "They hired 90 percent of Duncan employees and we've had very little to no complaints because the drivers already had experience on our roads and cul-de-sacs. It's been a seamless transition for us in Northville."

Rizzo acquired Duncan's existing contract that runs another two years, he added.

"They had to buy Duncan out with the contract," Snider said. "We haven't negotiated, nor do we intend to, with

Rizzo." Duncan also provided waste hauling services for South Lyon. More than two months ago, Duncan Disposal attended a South Lyon City Council meeting, saying it sold its business to Rizzo. When the contract expires, Snider continued, council will decide what move to take next.

"I can't comment on the extent of the investigation that Rizzo is involved in, but to the extent of allegations, Northville Township absolutely is not involved in any aspect of an investigation. We haven't been contacted. I believe the township is completely void of whatever investigation exists in other jurisdictions."

Long negotiations

Livonia switched its trash removal provider in fall 2015, changing its contractor, Waste Management, after several decades with that company. Rizzo captured an eight-year contract.

At the time, Jack Kirksey, who was Livonia's mayor, asked the council to consider sticking with Waste Management, citing the successful relationship the city had with the company for many years.

"The service has been absolutely all that we expect and hoped for," Kirksey had said.

Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright pointed to the lengthy process before council hired Rizzo.

"But in the end, the city received a reduced cost for our trash pickup contract and that reduction was passed along to residents," Wright said. "Trash collection is a major service in our community. Any transition in a city of our size is bound to have a few kinks to work out and we've had our share of calls."

Many of the issues have dealt with pickup timing, but "we generally get a good response from the company's local managers when we call with resident concerns."

Regarding the Rizzo controversy, Wright said, "I wasn't involved in the decision-making process to select Rizzo. I just know that the city of Livonia has had a long-standing reputation for integrity and above-board dealings when it comes to contracts."

Last year, Rizzo purchased a majority shareholder interest in the long-term contract holder, Canton Waste Recycling, which provided the service to the Canton Township since the 1970s. The Rizzo contract is in effect until 2020 and is worth about \$3.3 million annually.

Regarding the controversy, Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said Rizzo issued a statement that said they "are focused on providing service, which they've done a good job doing since they assumed the contract. Our focus is the service and that the service will continue at the high level that the community expects."

Good marks, so far

Garden City opted to go with Rizzo earlier this year "because it was determined they offered the best value for our public dollars," City Manager/Police Chief Bob Muery said. "This, of course, was after an open and transparent bidding process. Rizzo has demonstrated years of experience in waste management and has a reputation for excellent service to its customers. Additionally, Rizzo brought in a weekly curbside recycling program, which was greatly desired by our community."

South Lyon Manager Lynne Ladner and Rizzo spokesman Joe Munem didn't return phone calls for comments.

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Holiday deadlines are subject to change.

BOGUSKY



EILEEN RITCHIE age 71, of Knoxville, Tennessee, formerly of South Lyon, Michigan, passed away Wednesday, October 19, 2016 surrounded by family after a long battle with Alzheimers. Eileen grew up in South Lyon, where she married her High School sweetheart, raised two children and then retired to East Tennessee. She is preceded in death by her parents, Dr. James and Irene Ritchie and sister, Cheryl. Eileen is survived by her husband of 50 years, Ronald; daughter, Natalie; son, Greg; grandchildren, Brady and Brennan; sister, Karen (Paul); brother, Robert and many nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Cremation Options, Inc. (865)6WE-CARE (693-2273)
www.cremationoptionsinc.com

BROWN



MARY I. Age 85, longtime resident of Northville, passed away peacefully October 25, 2016. She was born on August 6, 1931 in Hubbell, Michigan; daughter of George and Selma (nee Backman) Sullivan. She was united in marriage to Robert A. Brown on July 16, 1955; they spent 61 loving years together. Mary worked in production for Mills Products in Livonia, retiring after 20 years. She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Northville since 1968 and faithfully attended church with her family every Sunday. Mary enjoyed playing bingo and reading the Detroit News. She was an avid sports fan; her favorites to watch were Detroit Red Wings and Detroit Tigers. She was a wonderful cook; she made delicious homemade pasties. Mary devoted her life to her family; she was a terrific wife, a loving mother, and an adoring grandmother and great grandmother. Mary is survived by her beloved husband Robert A. Brown; her daughters, Debra (David) Coe, Linda (Marty) McGuire, Mariann (John) Strauch, and Brenda (Matthew) Jobin; her siblings, Paul (Barbara) Sullivan and Phyllis (Alvin) Hepker; her grandchildren, Melissa (Kurtis) Doerr, Stephanie (Dustin) Gauderman, Gregory (Kim) McGuire, Christopher (Jill) McGuire, John Calvin Strauch, Cody Sterling Strauch, and Sean Matthew Jobin; and 8 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother George Sullivan and her sister Eileen Pascoe. A Funeral Service was held Sunday, October 30, 2016 at Casterline Funeral Home of Northville. Pastor Christopher Fairbairn from St. Paul's Lutheran Church officiated the service. Mary was laid to rest at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Alzheimer's Association, 25200 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 100, Southfield, MI 48033 or Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48154.

CRONIN

JAMES W. long time Milford resident, died October 23, 2016 at the age of 92. He is survived by daughter, Vicki Cannizzaro; and daughters-in-law Carol (late James) Cronin, and Carole (late Ross) Cronin; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded by his wife of 56 years, Elaine (Shurlow), and his two sons, James and Ross. A private graveside gathering was held October 29, 2016.

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.



GOODRICH (COE)

MARILYN R. of Wixom, passed away in the loving care of her family on October 31, 2016 at the age of 86. Preceded in death by her husbands, Charles E. Coe, Sr. and Donald Goodrich. In addition to her children, Sharon (Bruce) Hubbard, Deborah (Dennis) Kendall and Charles (Norma) Coe, Marilyn is survived by her grandchildren, Dan (Elizabeth) Brown, Sarah (Rex) Dela Peret, Elizabeth Kendall, and Rachel Coe; step-grandson, Denny Kendall; sister Cherie (Wayne) Thumser as well as many nieces and nephews, extended family and friends. Funeral Service from Highland Church of the Nazarene, 1211 W. Livingston Rd., Highland on Thursday, November 3 at 11 a.m. Pastor Michael Hefner to officiate. Burial Milford Memorial. Friends may visit at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford on Wednesday from 2 - 9 p.m. Memorial contributions encouraged to: Alzheimer's Association. For further information, please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford 248.684.6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

JONES

F.G. Age 90, passed away October 28, 2016. He was born January 16, 1926 in Woollum, Kentucky, son of the late William and Margaret Jones. He is survived by his loving children: Sandra Sprinkles, Margie (William) Taulbee, and Donald (Elisa) Jones; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. F.G. was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Mobelia in 2002; his son-in-law, James Sprinkles in 1996 and his siblings. Visitation was held on Tuesday, November 1, and a Funeral Service was held on Wednesday, November 2 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. He was laid to rest in South Lyon Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association.
www.phillipsfuneral.com

KASER



DAVID LEMOINE of Commerce Twp., passed away in the loving care of his family October 26, 2016. In addition to Pat (Lyden) Kaser, his beloved wife of 10 years, David is survived by his children, Scott (Julie) Kaser, Lindsay (James) McGovern, as well as Pat's children, Meredith (James) Koch and Walt (Kendra) Hester; dear grandchildren, Nathan and Zoe; siblings, Martha Kaser, Brian (Mona) Kaser and Dan (Molly) Kaser and caretaker and friend, Dale Potter as well as extended family and friends. A Memorial Services was held on Tuesday, November 1, 2016. Pastor Robert Martin officiated. Memorials contributions encouraged to: the Michigan Humane Society and Make-A-Wish Michigan. For further information, please phone 248.684.6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

OLSON



ANN J. September 25, 2016 died peacefully with her family and hospice caregivers by her side. Age 71 and longtime resident of Westland. Loving wife of Gary of 52 years. Dear mother of Sheri (David), Michael (Donna) and the late Danny. Mrs. Olson is also survived by her furry felines Ziggy and Callie. She graduated from Edsel Ford High School in 1963. Ann was co-owner of Gary's Catering and loved being with her family. Funeral service was held. Memorial contributions may be directed to American Cancer Society. Expressions of sympathy obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

SANDFORD



THOMAS A. age 79, died September 24, 2016 in Albuquerque after an extended fight with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis. He was born and raised on a farm near Milford, Michigan and his early education took place in a one-room schoolhouse. He obtained a BS degree in Mechanical Engineering and an MS degree in Applied Mechanics from Michigan State University. He worked his entire professional career, beginning in 1960, as an engineer and manager at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in the nuclear weapons and non-proliferation programs. Prior to retiring from LANL in July 1996, he was the Project Leader of the Proliferation Information Network System (PINS). This system was used in the US nuclear nonproliferation export control program, and he assisted in the transfer of this technology to staff at the Kerchatov Institute, Moscow, Russia. In total, he had over 38 years of service with the Laboratory. Tom was an avid hunter, gardener, skier, and runner, all activities he enjoyed doing with children and grandchildren. He greatly enjoyed belonging to the Atomic City Roadrunners. He actively participated in numerous community activities in Los Alamos, including serving as a Little League umpire, working on implementing Title 9 in Los Alamos, and working with the Los Alamos Historical Society. In recognition of his many efforts, the Los Alamos Historical Society honored him with the Los Alamos History Medal award in June 2016. He was a member of the White Rock Methodist Church and involved in the current rebuilding effort of the Los Alamos Unitarian Church. Thomas is survived by his first wife of 24 years, Marilyn Stoops; and their five children, Scott (Betsy), Peter (Kristine), Michael (Lori), Dawn, and Brian (Shiela) Sandford. He is also survived by the children of his second wife of 33 years, Ruth Demuth (deceased), Katherine (Mark Johnson) Demuth, Kimberly (Fred) Glick, Mary (Anthony) Sandoval, and Hal (Monette) Demuth II. At the time of his death Tom was married to his third wife, Niña Johnson. He is also survived by his stepdaughter, Kellan Mahoney (Alfred) Chavez. Combined, he played the role of grandfather to 30+ grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren at the time of his passing. A Memorial Service will be held in Los Alamos and will be scheduled for some time in January 2017. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider donations to two organizations that he cared deeply about, namely the Los Alamos Historical Society, losalamohistory.org and the Title 1 Homeless Project for Albuquerque Public Schools, aps.edu/title-1/homeless-project. Finally, he asked that his obituary end as follows: Gather evidence, think critically, ... go VOTE! Please visit our online guestbook for Thomas at www.FrenchFunerals.com. FRENCH - University 1111 University Blvd. NE 505-843-6333



SCHWAGLE

CORA T. Age 87, of South Lyon, October 30, 2016. Beloved wife of the late Frank; dear mother of Donna (David-Rene) Martin, Gregory (Sherrie), Michael (Peggy), Joseph (Whitney), Lenore (Greg) Ruczko, and the late Martin; loving grandmother of Nickolas, Alexander, Benjamin and Lucas. Dear sister of Stanley Wroblewski and Joan (Donald) Machuta, and the late Fred, Joseph, Jerome. Sister-in-law of Dorothy and Dolores Wroblewski. Also Preceded in death by sister-in-laws Margie and Susie. Visitation Saturday, November 5, 2016 from 2-8 p.m. and Sunday 1-6 p.m. at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River Avenue, Novi (248) 348-1800. In state Monday, November 7, 2016 from 10:30 a.m. at Saint Joseph Catholic Church, 810 S. Lafayette, South Lyon until time of funeral liturgy at 11:00 a.m. Interment at St. Hedwig, Dearborn Heights. Memorial Donations to Angela Hospice. Expressions of Sympathy at obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

WOLFF

FREDERICK J. a resident of Milford and former resident of Redford, died on October 25, 2016 at the age of 94. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of over fifty years, Virginia Wolff, and is survived by his son, Steve (Amy) Wolff, and grandchildren, Adam and Emily Wolff. Fred was a U.S. Army veteran of WWII, a Life Member of the Masonic Lodge, retired from Chrysler Motors after forty years of service, and enjoyed working for General RV for many years. A Memorial Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, on Saturday, November 5, at 1PM. Friends may gather from 12 Noon until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his name to the Michigan Humane Society or to the Autism Society of Michigan. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchandSonsMilford.com



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 coor-

dinators all across the region, and wants those 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 t4trebecca@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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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-



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Staff attend to customers at Parmenter's.

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

Parmenter's makes its doughnuts and all 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 Benjah 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 Rohn 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 daugh-

ter-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
Detroit Free Press

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 run-down 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 pre-school 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



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

Sharon Dargay
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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 Uktoberfest, 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 “has-sled” 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 distributary 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.

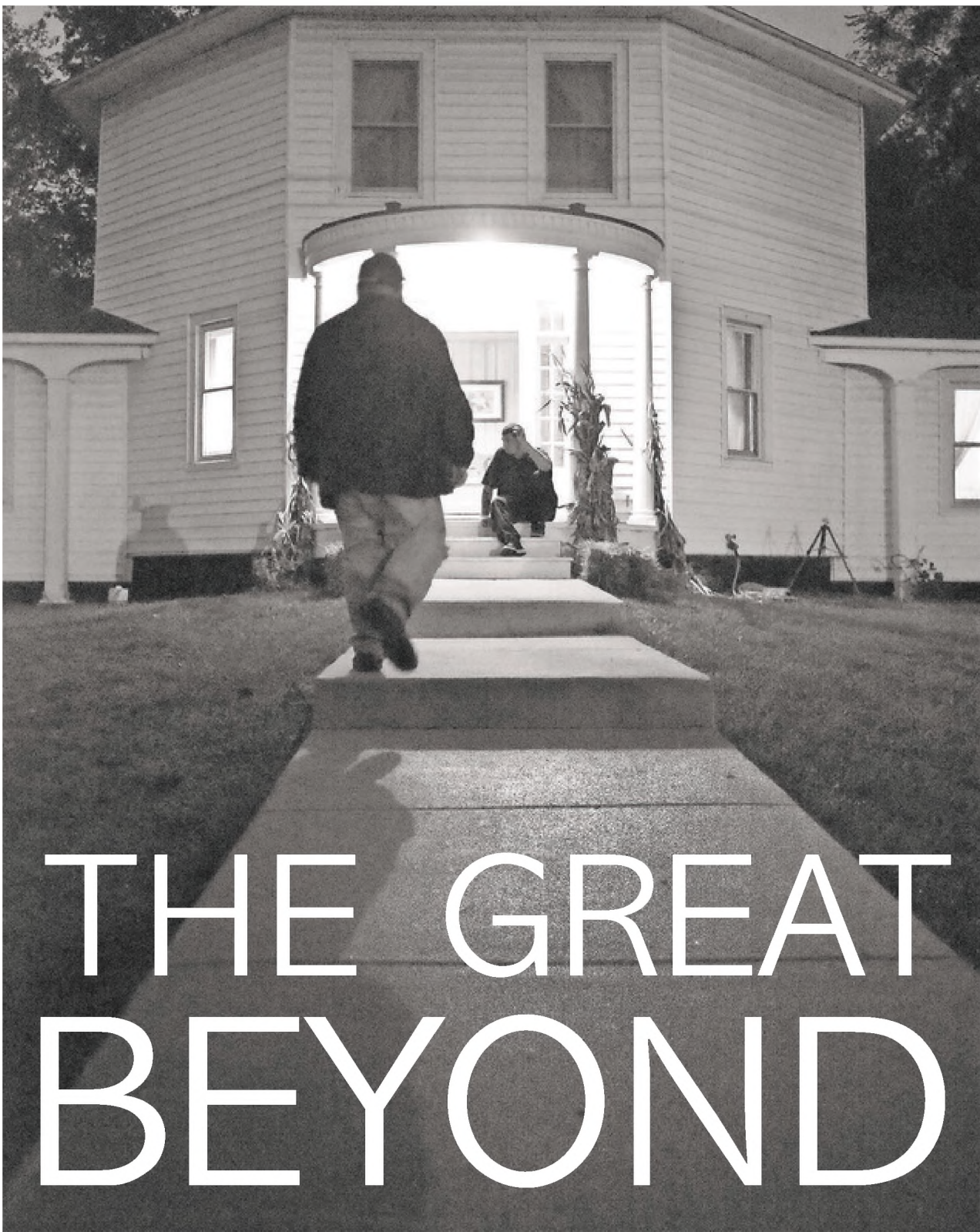
“How many people are in the room?” Heather asked. She likes to start out with that question “because it’s a hard fact we can verify — it means we might have something.”

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.

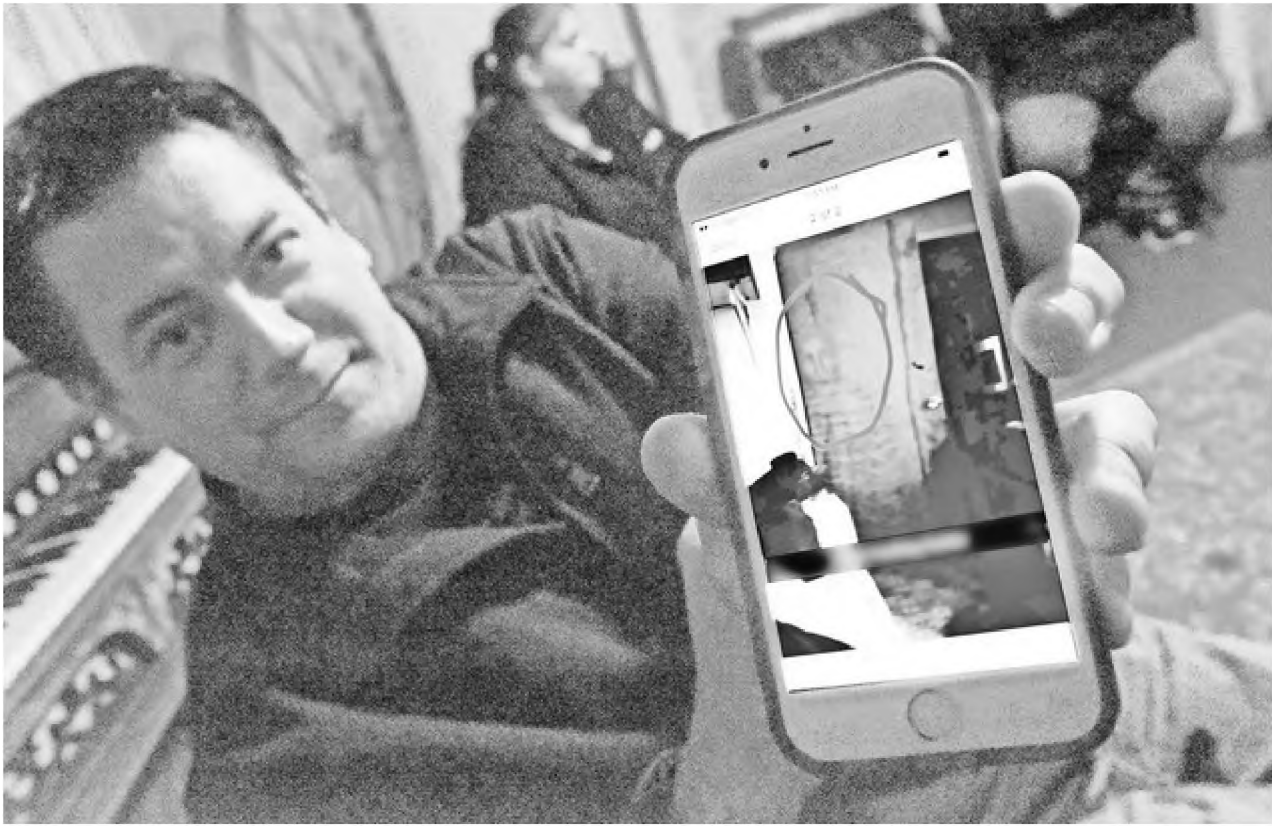
Doering, a lawyer from the Lansing area, was on her iPad, studying the Ghost Radar Classic app. It tracks energy in a room and spits out any



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.



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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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PREP FOOTBALL



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

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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

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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 Branda 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 Pfeiffer said. "In first round districts, we were playing at (Catholic Central), 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

Brad Emons
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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



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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 with 5:18 remaining 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

Brad Emons
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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.

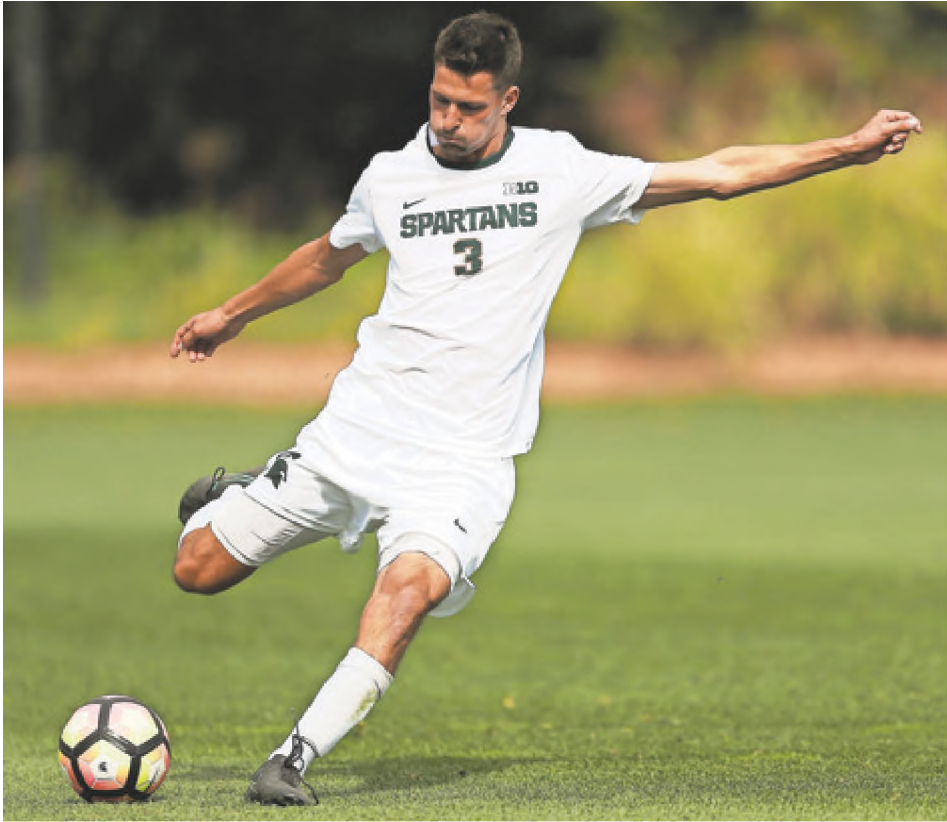
The junior captain is one of the main reasons MSU is off to a 12-4-1 start.

"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."



MATT MITCHELL | MSU ATHLETICS

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 TopDrawerSoccer.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."

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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

Tim Smith
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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 it every time."

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PREP FOOTBALL

CC withstands Howell's aerial assault

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Livingston Daily

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'An-

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, back-up running back Aahmaud 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."

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



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

PREP FOOTBALL

Wildcats, Shamrocks meet on familiar turf

Brad Emons
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The fourth football playoff meeting Saturday between host Novi Detroit Catholic Central and Novi could be categorized as “The immovable object against the irresistible force.”

CC’s defense, led by junior linebacker Isaac Darkangelo, has allowed just 10.1 points per game, while the Novi offense, paced by third-year starting quarterback Alec Bageris, is averaging nearly 34 points per game.

Unbeaten Catholic Central is coming off a 49-17 first-round win over Howell, while Novi went on the road to beat Brighton, 38-9.

The Shamrocks lead the series, 3-0, having also won playoff match-ups against Novi in 2002 (26-3) and 2008 (15-12). The two teams met a year ago in the district championship, with CC winning a shootout, 49-35.

“Last year, we had a lot of trouble stopping them,” said CC coach Tom Mach, whose team is off to a 10-0 start. “I don’t think we ever stopped them, actually. We kind of slowed them down a little and kind of got in a scoring game. It was who had the ball last was going to be the winner of the game. Last year, they were very good, very well-coached with good athletes that put you in bind. You have to be able to cover the whole field and be able to cover that pass, as well as the run.”

Bageris, the 6-foot-3, 175-pound senior, has thrown for 1,743 yards (61 percent completions) and 23 TDs. He has two dangerous wide receivers in senior Anthony D’Annibale (80 catches for 1,099 yards 16 touchdowns) and Traveon Mad-dox Jr., (35 catches for 436 yards).

Meanwhile, senior running back Nathan Hankerson re-turned to the lineup last week after a four-game absence due to injury and ran for 181 yards on 30 carries for the Wildcats (6-4).

“We think their offense is very well-conceived. It causes a lot of problems trying to stop it,” Mach said. “They have very good personnel. The quarterback is back again and he’s a senior. He’s very good; it’s very hard to get to him because he lets go of the ball real quickly. He counts ‘one, two, three’ and he’s gone, so trying to put pressure on him is tough. He throws it on the money and he’s got good receivers.

“And with the running back, they do a good job of mixing it up. They put you in a tough position with their formations, running and passing equally.



Catholic Central’s defense, led by linebacker Isaac Darkangelo, has allowed just 10 points per game.



Novi senior QB Alec Bageris has thrown for 1,743 yards and 23 TDs.

You have to take the approach that you’ve got to stop the total package.”

Darkangelo, a 6-foot-1, 230-pound junior, has been a catalyst this season for a strong CC defense after starting as a sophomore. He is the team’s leading tackler.

“He’s done a very good job for us,” Mach said. “He calls the defenses, gets people in the right spots. It’s his second year starting for us. He’s really made a lot of strides this year. He’s playing with a lot of poise and focus. He’s getting better and better as time goes on.”

Novi, which gives up an average of 24 points per game, must find a way to contain CC’s running back duo of Nicholas Capatina and Cameron Ryan,

along with sophomore dual-threat quarterback Austin Brown, who started as a freshman a year ago.

“We can’t give chunk plays like they were doing last year,” Novi coach Jeff Burnside said. “We got them only in three or four third-down situations. We got to have them in more third downs than what we had a year ago.”

And by judging from the film, Burnside knows that the Shamrocks’ defense is going to be quite a handful.

“They look bigger and they look stronger,” he said. “They’re real good. It’s not going to be an easy football game. It’s probably going to be an aspirin-type game, which I kind of tell the boys from time

to time. You’re going to need aspirin after, because you’re going to be sore.”

But getting the 5-11, 190-pound Hankerson back in the lineup after missing four games with a knee injury has become an added bonus. Aahmaud Jenkins, however, filled in capably during the interim and will return to the defensive secondary full time.

Hankerson, meanwhile, is just shy of 1,000 yards, with 990 in just six games.

“We actually thought he’d be back in week nine, but we actually waited an extra week,” Burnside said. “He certainly got back into it with 30 carries (vs. Brighton) and we said, ‘Here we go.’ Aahmaud will still run the ball a little here and there. We let Aahmaud finish the game out, which is good, because he’s always hungry to run the ball. He hides behind that line and kind of pops out the side door and you can’t find him.”

The Wildcats’ experienced offensive line will also be a key.

“We’ve got some pretty good, strong kids,” Burnside said. “They’re going to have to play big if we’re going to win this game. They’re going to have to play real big for us.”

Game time for the Division 1 district final is 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at CC’s Fr. Elmer Stadium.

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USA HOCKEY

World-class talent in Five Nations

Plymouth arena hosts U18 tournament

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The cream of the hockey prospect crop — players who might become a new wave of NHL stalwarts such as Patrick Kane, Dylan Larkin and Auston Matthews — will have the chance to rise up this week at USA Hockey Arena.

The 2016 Under-18 Five Nations Tournament is slated to run through Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Plymouth Township arena on Beck Road north of M-14.

Among participants in the tournament will be the U.S. National Team Development Program Under-18 team. Also in the tourney mix are Finland, Sweden, Switzerland and the Czech Republic. (Concurrently, the NTDP U17s are playing in the 2016 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge tourney, hosted in Sault Ste. Marie, Canada.)

“It’s a tremendous honor for a USA hockey player to represent his country at any time,” said Team USA Under-18 first-year head coach John Wroblewski, a former player in the NTDP. “It’s an even greater honor to defend our crest on home ice.

“It’s my first tournament on home soil and I look forward to seeing how our team owns up to the challenge.”

The first test for Wroblewski’s team, which includes Northville’s Dylan St. Cyr in the nets, as well as forwards Josh Norris (Oxford), Logan Cockerill (Brighton) and defenseman Tommy Miller (West Bloomfield), is 7 p.m. Tuesday against Switzerland.

Anticipation grows

Also thrilled to compete in the high-profile tourney is NTDP Under-18 forward Randy Hernandez, a Florida native in his second season in the program since it relocated from Ann Arbor to Plymouth.

“It’s going to feel so great to play in the Five Nations Tournament,” Hernandez noted. “Representing your country and competing against the best countries in the world is unbelievable.

“We’ve been working so hard as a team and I can’t wait to show what we’re made of.”

Each team will play four games, with three points awarded for a win, two for an overtime draw and one for an overtime defeat. The first-place team will be determined based on final point standings.

Hernandez and other players on the U18s had the same international experience on home ice last February, during the well-received Five Nations Under-17 Tournament. That tourney ended on a high note with Canada and Team USA playing before a packed house at USA Hockey Arena.

According to USA Hockey, 63 players on the radar of National Hockey League Central Scouting will be skating for the five teams. The last time the U18s won the tourney was in 2013-14.



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U.S. NTDP Under-18 goalie Dylan St. Cyr of Northville makes a stop during a game earlier this season. He and his teammates will compete Nov. 1-5 in the Five Nations Tournament at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Northville captures Central Division title again

Brad Emons
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For the sixth consecutive year, Northville reigns supreme as KLAA Central Division girls swimming and diving meet champion.

The Mustangs, winning nine of the 12 events, dominated the five-school field Saturday at Novi with 790.5 points, while South Lyon Unified, made up of East and South Lyon high schools, was a distant second with 500.

Rounding out the top five were Salem (389.5), the host Wildcats (304) and Livonia Stevenson (215).

All five KLAA Central schools will now join the six from the KLAA South to compete this Saturday, Nov. 5, in the Kensington Conference meet at Novi.

“I was very proud of my girls today,” Northville coach Brian McNeff said. “There were a ton of dropped times and a lot of smiles at the end of the meet. This was a great way to end the season for most of the team and I think it showed how hard the girls worked all year to get to this point. There was also a lot at stake as we still had a few spots on the conference team to decide. Before the meet I told them I want them to make it really hard for me to make a decision and they did. I’m going to be leaving off a lot of girls that swam great and would score next week, but that is just how it goes.”

Among the individual winners for Northville were Sophia Tuinman, who won the 200-yard individual medley (2:11.11)



Northville senior Laura Westphal took first in the 500 freestyle and was on the first-place 200 freestyle relay.

and 100 backstroke (1:59.56); Gillian Zayan, 50 freestyle (tied for first, 25.86) and 100 freestyle (55.02); Laura Westphall, 500 freestyle (5:09.82); Erin Szara, 50 freestyle (tied for first, 25.86) and 100 breaststroke (1:05.01); and Lauren Heaven, 100 butterfly (1:00.25).

The Mustangs’ quartet of Katelyn McCullough, Szara, Heaven and Nicki Pumper captured the 200 medley relay (1:50.4), while the team of Kelsey Macaddino, Szara, Brooke Verble and Zayan won the 200 freestyle relay (1:43.03).

“It was nice to get the win also, but all the girls know that winning today was not even on our list of team goals for the season,” McNeff said. “The (Kensington) conference meet and (MHSAA Division 1) state meet is what we have been focusing on from the beginning of the year and, hopefully, we can just carry this momentum

into next week and bring home another trophy there.”

Salem’s Camille Burt was the 1-meter diving champion (396.85 points), while the Rocks’ foursome of Katie Xu, Jenna Chen, Sarah Griffiths and Morgan Davis captured the 400 freestyle relay (3:43.8).

South Lyon’s Carolyn Bischoff took first in the 200 freestyle (1:56.38).

“We had a great performance today,” South Lyon coach John Burch said. “Many of our girls swam their final meet of the season and went season best times. Madison Zielinski, Savannah Dzumaryk, Sydney Hain and Hannah Sun all went season best times and put themselves in contention for the (Kensington) conference meet.

“Overall it was a solid meet for our top swimmers. We are waiting until next week to fully rest our best swimmers and

I’m confident that next week we will have a great week.”

KLAA CENTRAL DIVISION GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING MEET
Oct. 28-29 at Novi H.S.
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 790.5 points; 2. South Lyon Unified, 500; 3. Salem, 389.5; 4. Novi, 304; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 215.
FINAL EVENT RESULTS
200-yard medley relay: 1. Northville (Katelyn McCullough, Erin Szara, Lauren Heaven, Nicki Pumper), 1:50.4; 2. South Lyon (Carolyn Bischoff, Avery Covert, Anna Smith, Lindsey Boals), 2:52.08; 3. Salem (Molly Rowe, Miranda Li, Sarah Griffiths, Jessica Zheng), 1:56.52; 4. South Lyon, 1:58.34; 5. Northville, 2:00.28; 6. Stevenson, 2:01.31.
200 freestyle: 1. Bischoff (SLU), 1:56.38; 2. Lulu Mans (N’ville), 1:59.78; 3. Katelyn McCullough (N’ville), 1:59.86; 4. Taylor Schorski (SLU), 2:00.6; 5. Neys Gravel (SLU), 2:03.79; 6. Danielle Gardon (Novi), 2:05.17.
200 individual medley: 1. Sophia Tuinman (N’ville), 2:11.11; 2. Laura Westphal (N’ville), 2:13.11; 3. Katie Xu (Salem), 2:15.05; 4. Maria Arakelian (LS), 2:16.44; 5. Heaven (N’ville), 2:17.22; 6. Emily Mayoras (Novi), 2:17.62.
50 freestyle: 1. (tie) Szara (N’ville) and Gillian Zayan (N’ville), 25.86 each; 3. Libby Silversen (SLU), 26.03; 4. Mia Testani (N’ville), 26.05; 5. Savannah Manley (N’ville), 26.2; 6. Kelsey Macaddino (N’ville), 26.26.
1-meter diving: 1. Camille Burt (Salem), 396.85 points; 2. Sterr Bryan (SLU), 361.85; 3. McKaela Hill (Novi), 343.85; 4. Lorna Dunn (Novi), 319.65; 5. Abi Cave (SLU), 317.95; 6. Alexis Bidwell (SLU), 304.90.
100 butterfly: 1. Heaven (N’ville), 1:00.25; 2. Griffiths (Salem), 1:01.82; 3. Manley (N’ville), 1:02.93; 4. Amber Gulau (LS), 1:03.26; 5. Gardon (Novi), 1:03.77; 6. Jordan Baal (N’ville), 1:03.9.
100 freestyle: 1. Zayan (N’ville), 55.02; 2. Pumper (N’ville), 55.71; 3. Macaddino (N’ville), 56.34; 4. Jenna Chen (Salem), 57.1; 5. Arakelian (N’ville), 57.25; 6. Boals (SLU), 57.48.
500 freestyle: 1. Westphal (N’ville), 5:09.82; 2. Mans (N’ville), 5:19.08; 3. Emma Phillips (N’ville), 5:22.59; 4. McCullough (N’ville), 5:24.78; 5. Griffiths (Salem), 5:26.0; 6. Melanie Dunnuck (SLU), 5:27.24.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Macaddino, Szara, Brooke Verble, Zayan), 1:43.03; 2. Salem (Morgan Davis, Chen, Meghan Maikowski, Xu), 1:43.57; 3. Novi (Keren Xu, Linda Weng, Idalia Moore, Mayoras), 1:43.96; 4. South Lyon, 1:45.37; 5. South Lyon, 1:48.53; 6. Northville, 1:50.44.
100 backstroke: 1. Tuinman (N’ville), 1:59.56; 2. Bischoff (SLU), 1:01.86; 3. Pumper (N’ville), 1:01.99; 4. Rowe (Salem), 1:02.47; 5. Kate Cousino (Salem), 1:06.2; 6. Lauren SanMillan (SLU), 1:07.66.
100 breaststroke: 1. Szara (N’ville), 1:05.01; 2. Covert (SLU), 1:11.74; 3. Xu (Salem), 1:12.14; 4. Mayoras (Novi), 1:12.29; 5. Xu (Novi), 1:12.87; 6. Phillips (N’ville), 1:13.0.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Xu, Chen, Griffiths, Davis), 3:43.8; 2. Novi (Weng, Gardon, Mallory Martlock, Mayoras), 3:46.65; 3. Northville (Emilie Chen, Emily Guerrero, Tuiman, Westphal), 3:47.67; 4. South Lyon, 3:48.55; 5. Northville, 3:48.75; 6. South Lyon, 3:59.04.

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



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.

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 Balint, 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 Whinery (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 Nagelhout (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 nvyyouthwrestling@mail.com or call 248-374-0592.



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

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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

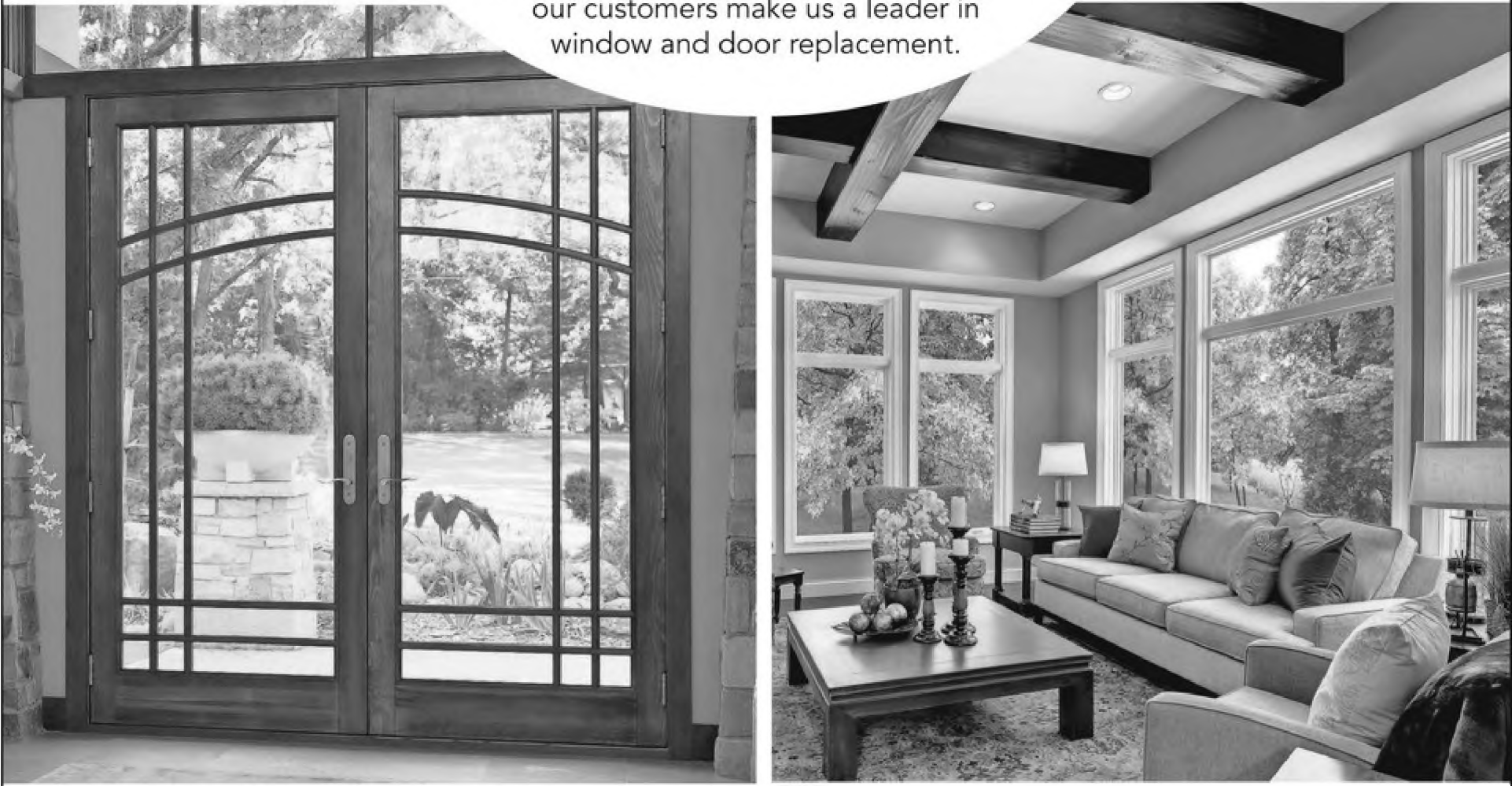
Schoolcraft’s men’s soccer team, unfortunately, did not enjoy the same level of success, falling 4-0 to Cincinnati State in the Region XII semifinal.

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 Enterpace 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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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.

"There are still a lot of people watching football," he said, "and they're not DVR-ing it."



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