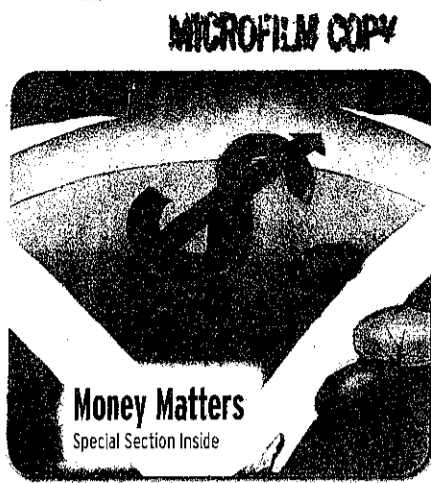


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## Offering up a helping can

Freshman class donates to area food program

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

It hit close to home for the freshman class student council at Novi High School when members heard an area food program was in need of items or would be forced to turn away people.

Many of the students did not know there was such a program in Novi, and they immediately got to work to make sure those in need would not go without food.

The council organized a food drive for all the freshman seminar classes, and recently donated 787 cans of food to the Novi Community Food Program located at Faith Community Presbyterian Church.

"We were kind of blown away," freshman Lauren Harrington said about how much was collected. "It means a lot to us to know that not only are we helping someone, but it could be someone we know."

In addition to the food collected by the freshmen, the National Honor Society also donated 123 cans to the program.

Jim Ernst, co-chair of the food program, said the response from the community since its need was made known has been "terrific," and it is now in good shape until the Nov. 14 Boy Scout food drive.

This is the first time the program has received food from the high school, and several other local businesses and residents have stepped up to donate items or money. Ernst said someone brought 400 rolls of toilet paper and another distributor gave hundreds of bags of chips.

"The fact the community has been so generous has been very helpful," he said.

But with the holidays nearing, the program is not out of the woods yet and donations are still needed.

Barb Clift, one of the freshman class advisers, said the food drive got started in an effort to capitalize on the class' enthusiasm after winning first place for its homecoming float. "And capitalize they did."

"I think a key point was that (the program) is so close to home," she said.



The Novi High School Student Council for the freshman class of 2013 organized a food drive competition recently, collecting 787 cans of food to donate to the Novi Community Food Program located at Faith Community Presbyterian Church. The National Honor Society at the school also chipped in an additional 123 cans.



Candidate Andrew Mutch greets a voter outside the polls at Novi's St. James Church on Tuesday morning as he seeks reelection to the Novi City Council.

## Landry remains mayor by a landslide

Fischer joins incumbents Margolis, Mutch on council

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

Mayor David Landry is now three-for-three on successful runs for Novi's top seat as he upended candidate Laura Lorenzo by a sizeable margin Tuesday.

The unofficial results have Landry receiving 3,620 votes to Lorenzo's 1,375, including victories at all 21 precincts.



A voter exits the 13 precinct polls in Novi on Tuesday morning.

"I'm pleased and humbled by the votes and the margin," Landry said. "I think the people are seeing the city going in the right direction, and in these economic times we are doing an excellent job and people realize we are working hard."

Also notching election wins Tuesday for seats on city council were Terry Margolis, Justin Fischer and Andrew Mutch. Fischer is the lone new face on council; he earned the second most votes at 2,670.

Fischer ran unsuccessfully in 2005, but said he corrected a lot of the mistakes he made and credits the relationships he built within the city as to why he was successful Tuesday.

"It was a tough field and there were some great candidates, but I am truly humbled at the opportunity and glad the message got out to voters about moving Novi forward," he said.

Margolis, who returns for a second term, earned the most votes of the council candidates (3,004). She said she is glad to have support from her fellow residents and is looking forward to getting back to work.

"I am very pleased," she said. "My goal the last four years was to do what I thought was best for the city and I am pleased the citizens agreed with me, and I tried to do the best job I could."

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NOVI ELECTION RESULTS	
The following vote totals are unofficial. Overall winners are denoted with a ☑	
<b>NOVI CITY COUNCIL</b>	
FOUR YEAR POSITIONS, TOP VOTER ONLY	
☑ Brian Burke (D)	2,204
☑ Cheryl Casadea	1,776
☑ Andrew Mutch (D)	2,542
☑ Justin Fischer	2,670
☑ Terry Margolis (D)	3,004
Wayne Wisel	1,336
<b>NOVI MAYOR</b>	
ONE TWO YEAR TERM	
☑ David Landry (D)	3,620
Laura Lorenzo	1,375
<b>NOVI SCHOOL BOARD</b>	
☑ Ami Skrzinski (D)	2,435
☑ Stuart Ielo	2,697

## NOVI NUTSHELL

Call out to crafters

The Michigan 50's Festival will hold a holiday craft show Nov. 27-28 at 12 Mile Crossing at Fountainwalk (in the former World Market space next to The Great Indoors).

Booths are \$75. Crafters who are interested in participating should visit [www.michigan50s-festival.org](http://www.michigan50s-festival.org) or call Jeanette (517) 376-0813.

## Singles event

Metropolitan Single Professionals invite all local singles to meet new friends, dance and socialize, Friday Nov. 6 at the Diamond Center in the Rock Financial Showplace from 8 p.m.-1 a.m. featuring a top 40 DJ, cash bar, hors d'oeuvres and door prizes. Admission is \$6 for members, \$12 for non-members. Become a member at the dance and your admission for that night is free! Attire is dressy casual (no blue jeans or tennis shoes); ballroom is non-smoking. All singles are welcome. Phone (248) 544-6445 for more information or visit [www.mspsc.com](http://www.mspsc.com).

## Novi Chamber holiday shopping bazaar

The Novi Chamber of Commerce invites all in the community to join them for a festive-Holiday Shopping Bazaar, Wednesday, Dec. 2 from 4-9 p.m. in the Diamond Center at the Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave. in Novi.

Presented in conjunction with Emagine Theater of Novi and the Rock Financial Showplace, this fun seasonal event will offer more than sixty participating vendors offering special gifts and values, as well as tempting complimentary appetizers from many popular local restaurants, holiday music and great door prizes for pre-registered guests. Advance reservations are \$2 (payable at entry on the day of the event) and can be made through the Novi Chamber of (248) 349-3473, or online at [www.novichamber.com](http://www.novichamber.com).

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## City to eliminate business registration ordinance

New method will discontinue fees

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

The 38-year-old business registration ordinance is on its way out after the Novi City Council approved a first reading of the ordinance to delete it in its entirety.

The ordinance was originally designed to coordinate the certificate of occupancy from the building department with the hazardous material survey from the fire department, but the city has found a more efficient and cost-effective way to accomplish similar objectives.

Business owners were required

to update the information every year and pay a \$20 fee, but that will no longer be the case.

"What an excellent idea to get rid of a basically useless fee that doesn't generate very much revenue and has a lot of administration," council member David Staudt said. "The timing is excellent. We don't need to put any additional burdens on businesses right now for a purpose that was largely undefined."

Novi City Manager Clay Pearson said he asked his staff to look at different databases internally and members recom-

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mended using fire inspections and public records to get the accurate information. He also believes the new method will provide better and more up-to-date information than in years past, and free up staff time.

"Every year, people had to go through the process of sending out the application and it was just a hassle," he said. "There was always an element of trying to keep up with the changes and get the right information." Currently, 1,409 businesses are registered with the city.

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Gala to benefit Novi parks Foundation aids city, give scholarships to kids

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Improving city parks is only one reason why the Novi Parks Foundation was formed.

The other was to give underprivileged youth the same chances to participate as many of their peers.

Judging by the number of scholarships given out each year to make those dreams come true, the foundation has been a success and looks forward to continuing that success in the future.

The foundation recently received a letter from a local family who shared a story about their child who didn't understand why they couldn't participate when all their friends could. Linda Gaertner, sponsorship coordinator for the city of Novi, said stories like that one shows how important the foundation is. "We are seeing a lot of that with the downturn in the economy and a lot of parents have lost their jobs," she said. "These people who have had the money to put their kids in programs just don't anymore." In order to raise money for the scholarships, the foundation hosts two fundraising events, highlighted by the Novi Parks Foundation Annual



The Novi Parks Foundation will host its annual fundraising gala on Nov. 19. (From left) Linda Blair, president of Novi Parks Foundation, Tom Marcus, 2008 recipient of the Hugh and Kathy Crawford Award, Jay Dooley, vice president of the Novi Parks Foundation, Kathy and Hugh Crawford.

Gala that takes place on Nov. 14. The gala features dinner, entertainment, live and silent auctions and the awarding of the Hugh and Kathy Crawford Award to Novi Middle School Principal Milan Obrenovich. Jay Dooley, vice president of the foundation, called it the marquee event for the foundation and says it's their way of thanking everyone in the city for supporting the non-profit's efforts. "People come to this city for the schools and our parks and we like to think we have the best of both worlds," he said. The gala runs from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Hotel Baromette, and the theme is

"Captains Night on a Cruise Ship." Tickets are \$75 per person and the proceeds benefit the Novi Parks Foundation. For more information, or to purchase tickets call Evie Watt at the city of Novi at (248) 347-0400.

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Mutch, who also was re-elected to a second term after getting 2,542 votes, said he was glad voters recognized the work he has done over the past four years.

"I am going to continue to do what I have done over the last four years, which is focus on the key issues we are facing which are dealing with budget challenges and making sure we continue to provide high-quality services to residents with the dollars we have to work with," he said. Brian Burke, who was

appointed to fill in January to council in Kim Capello's seat, finished fourth with 2,134 votes. He was followed by Cheryl Csordas (1,726) and Wayne Wrobel (1,336). Giubzinski, Lebo join school board

Ann Giubzinski and Shari

Lebo were elected to the Novi Community Schools Board of Education after an uncontested race Tuesday. Glubzinski, who is the current board president, received 2,435 votes, while Lebo, a newcomer to the board, received 2,057.

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Bonefish Grill hosting fund-raiser for local foundation Live Like Andi raises money for research of rare cancer

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

It's been two years since Andrea Whitesell O'Connell died after a 21-year fight with Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma.

But her impact on others remains strong, and a foundation started by her husband and children in her honor is flourishing beyond expectations.

The Live Like Andi Foundation has raised more than \$200,000 in the two-year span to help research the rare form of cancer that claimed O'Connell's life, and according to her husband and Novi High School graduate Michael O'Connell, that research is producing promising results.

O'Connell said Andrea's spirit helps push the foundation and the success it has had is reflective of her.

"She was a very inspiring person and very courageous in how she battled her cancer," he said. "That fight was something everybody around her was really charged by because she never acted like she was fighting cancer. She joked that



Bonefish Grill in Novi will be hosting a fund-raiser for the Live Like Andi Foundation on Nov. 19. The foundation's biggest fund-raiser is the Live Like Andi Run for a Cure that will take place in May. More than 2,000 people are expected at that event.

she fought cancer Monday through Friday but took the weekends off to have fun with family and friends." Her family and friends will have a chance to get together again in her honor at 11:30

a.m. on Nov. 19 for a luncheon fund-raiser for the foundation at Bonefish Grill in Novi. Brian O'Hara, who went to school with Michael and his brothers in Novi, is the owner of Bonefish Grill and wanted

to do something to help a foundation he has gotten attached to. "I want to encourage people to get out and celebrate life and be healthy and turn it into much more of a celebration

than a charity event," he said. The lunch costs \$30 per person, with \$20 of that going directly to the foundation. O'Connell said the donation is an "overwhelming" amount and is looking forward to get-

ting everyone together.

He said he will be updating people on the progress of the research and the foundation, including his favorite part, the scholarships Live Like Andi has been able to provide students.

One student each in Novi, South Lyon (where the O'Connells live) and Detroit Catholic Central receives a scholarship from the foundation for overcoming obstacles in their lives with the same vigor and passion Andrea did. "It has been very helpful to me, my kids and our friends and family," O'Connell said. "When you lose someone like this it feels unjust and unfair, but this has been a great way to divert that negative energy to something good."

The foundation also is continuing work on the Live Like Andi Run for a Cure, which will be held on May 3. In its first two years, the event had over 3,000 people in attendance.

For more information about the foundation, visit www.live-likeandi.org. To purchase tickets for the lunch call Michele King at (248) 797-5708.

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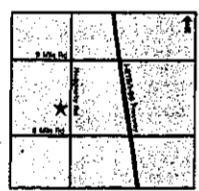
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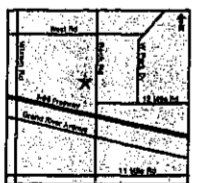
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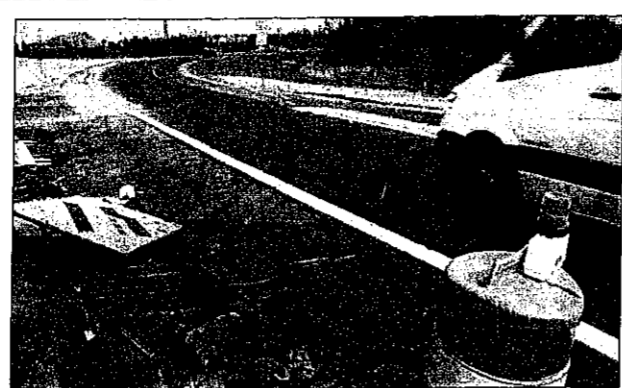


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The entrance ramp to eastbound entrance ramp from northbound Novi Rd. to I-96 is finally open again after a multi-month reconstruction process. Novi Road's southbound ramp to I-96 has re-opened as well.

**Comedian earns key to the city**  
Landry showcases singing talent on camera

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

Novi Mayor David Landry has had a lot of memorable experiences since he became mayor in 2005.

And now he can add singing "America the Beautiful" on camera and giving a key to the city to a complete stranger as part of a personal challenge to his list.

On Oct. 23, Landry was introduced to Mark Malkoff, a comedian, writer and filmmaker, who was traveling the nation in a Ford Fusion Hybrid trying to get 100 keys to 100 cities.

Malkoff, who lives in New York, said he read about people getting keys all the time and was curious about what it took to get one.

"It seemed like it was an honorary thing and was subjective and I wanted to see if a regular every day guy like me could get a key to the city," he said.

He made seven stops in Michigan, but said his favorite was Novi because of the way he and his crew were treated. The city invited them to come to the Grapes and Grooves fund-raiser for the Novi Chamber of Commerce and put them up in a hotel for the night.

"The hospitality was unbelievable," Malkoff said. "Everywhere we went we were treated so well. We honestly didn't want to pack up and leave."

To earn his key to the city of Novi, Malkoff had to put stickers on cases of beer at Pizza Marvelous as part of Project Sticker Shock, organized by the Novi Youth Assistance that help prevent underage drinking.

Everything was taped by a camera crew, including Landry singing with Malkoff and the producer, and will be put together as a short clip on his Web site.

ies they had visited we were the only ones who gave them a meaningful task," Landry said.

Some of the other tasks Malkoff said he has done were everything from cleaning up after police horses to swimming in fountains to collect coins.

"It's definitely been interesting," he said. Malkoff is known most recently for setting a Guinness World Record by taping a series about his month long stay on an airplane to get over his fear of flying.

He also produced and starred in a video in which he purchased and consumed items from all 171 Starbucks locations in Manhattan in one day, and received attention by living in IKEA store for a week in 2008.

For more information about Malkoff or to see the videos during his quest for 100 keys, visit [www.MarkMalkoff.com](http://www.MarkMalkoff.com).

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**National teacher survey reveals declining reading habits of children**

Are children's reading habits and skills suffering in this electronic age? According to a national teacher survey conducted by Sylvan Learning, the answer is yes. The survey revealed nearly half (48%) of teachers say the majority of students in their classrooms are reading slightly or well-below grade level.

The survey also revealed that 72% of teachers nationwide say children should spend more than 30 minutes per week - about 30 minutes per day - reading at home. However, 97% of teachers say that children are actually reading less than one or two hours each week - or less than 15 minutes per day.

With all of the electronic forms of entertainment available today, it's not surprising that children are increasingly turning to the television, internet, and computer and video games rather than picking up a book. More than 93% of teachers agree that television and computer and video games have negative impacts on the amount of time children are spending reading. Therefore, it is crucial that parents regularly create opportunities to read together with their children and encourage the practice they need, which is typically more than children can get during the school day.

**WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW**

To help nurture an interest in reading and books, parents should emphasize the importance of reading at home. Parents can have a powerful impact on their child's literacy and learning by reading together each day, providing a variety of written materials at home and promoting a positive attitude towards reading. In fact, 80% of teachers say that parents should be reading daily with their children.

There is no such thing as a successful child without reading. Developing solid reading skills in the early years means children are more likely to become confident learners throughout school.

**WHAT PARENTS CAN DO**

Success in reading starts at home by reading to children from an early age. 97% of teachers recommend that parents begin reading to their children as early as birth to two years. When reading aloud

**ABOUT THE SURVEY**

To understand teachers' thoughts about their students' reading habits and skills, Sylvan conducted an online survey with teachers who use Book Adventure, a free reading motivation program created by Sylvan Learning. More than 1,500 public and private school teachers throughout North America participated in this survey.

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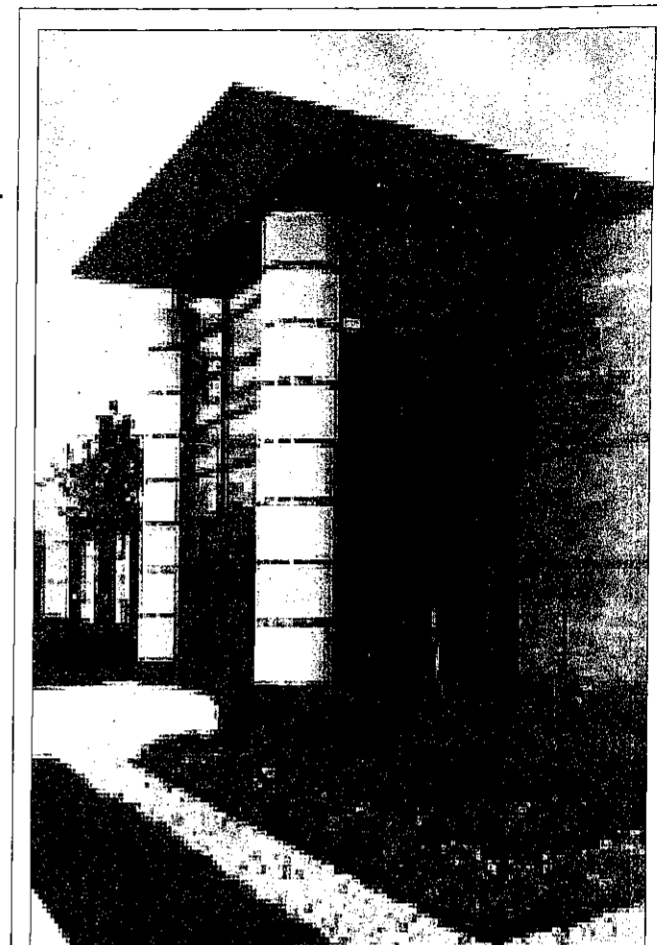
always have books on hand. Let children explore. Encourage children to read everything - even comics, movie reviews, magazines, back of the cereal boxes and cards. Allowing children to read a variety of different items (along with more formal reading) can provide them with the best overall reading experience.

Give children an incentive to read. Find ways to encourage children to keep reading. Offer praise or rewards for how many pages or minutes children read. If asked, agree for older children to stay up 15 minutes later - as long as they spend the time reading in bed!

Use reading strategies. Rather than providing children with the pronunciation of a word they don't recognize, parents can use strategies to help their children identify the word themselves. Ask questions, such as whether it looks like other words they know, if they can recognize another word in the longer word or if they can use the words around it to figure out what the word means. By allowing children to use their knowledge of word parts, such as prefixes and root words to figure out pronunciation and meanings, children are building their word recognition and phonics skills.

Choose read-aloud books within their reading levels. If children have trouble with more than five words on a page, the book may be above their independent reading levels. Parents and children should select books together and can start by choosing books by authors they have already read or by talking with their children's teachers. (For help selecting age-appropriate books, visit Book Adventure at [www.bookadventure.com](http://www.bookadventure.com).)

Set a good example. If your kids see you reading for pleasure, they are also more likely to see reading as enjoyable. Make reading a family activity and have everyone gather together at the end of a busy day to share a book aloud. Make it easy for children to read. Make sure there are plenty of reading materials available for children in every room of the house - not just books, but also magazines and newspapers. Make frequent trips to the library so children



**Walsh open house**

Walsh College is hosting an open house from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 12 at its Novi campus, located at 41500 Gardenbrook Road (off of Meadowbrook, just north of Grand River Road). Application fees for undergraduate and graduate will be waived and student membership discounts are available at this event. Refreshments will be provided by Sam's Club. Attendees will have the opportunity to network and meet with Walsh College faculty; meet with a Walsh Academic Advisor (no appointment necessary); bring college transcripts; receive information on Student Services, such as financial aid, career services, and more; receive information on Student Organizations such as the Walsh College International Association, Student Government Association, Toastmasters International, Alumni Association, and more.

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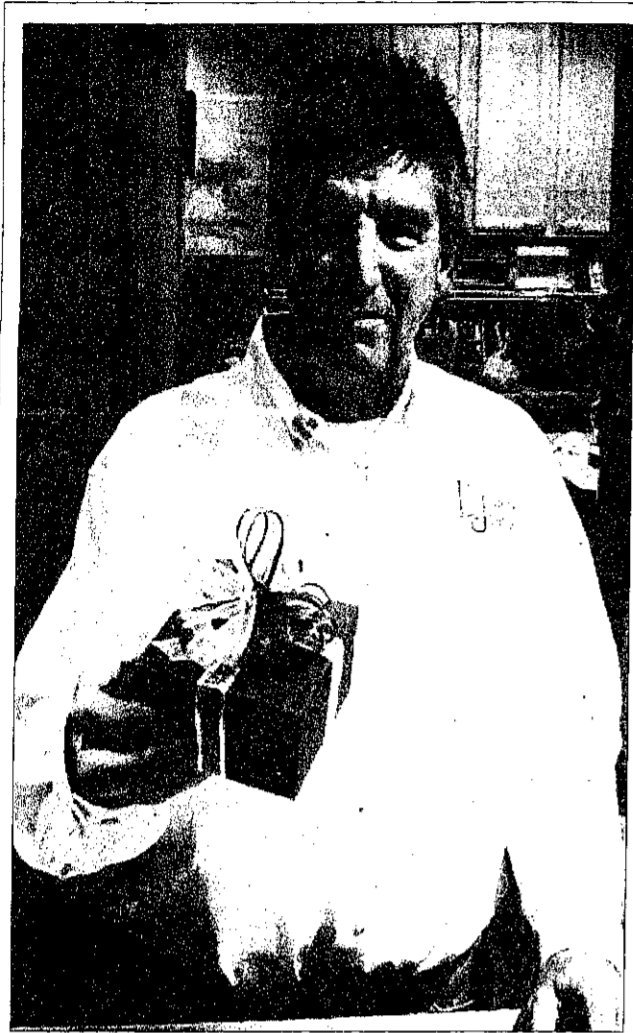
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**Tricks and treats**

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Council reconsiders renaming two segments of Grand River

Changes intended to improve safety
BY MATRAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER
The Novi City Council has decided to hold off for now on a proposal to rename two segments of Grand River Avenue near the CSX railroad tracks.

Thanksgiving Day at Rock

The Diamond Banquet Center at Rock Financial Showplace and Epoch Catering will present a lavish Thanksgiving Day buffet from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 26.

Ring in the holidays

The City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, in partnership with TTC, is gearing up for the holiday season and the annual Ringing in the Holidays event.

Swim lessons

Summer may be over, but that doesn't mean you can't go to the pool. The Botsford Center for Health Improvement in Novi is offering safe swimming for your kids with American Red Cross swim lessons.

Record your grandparents' memoirs for a special gift

Dear Savvy Senior
I'm interested in helping my 85-year-old grandfather make an audio or video recording of his memoirs, but could use some help.

Your Invitation to Worship

A grid of church listings for various denominations including Lutheran, Catholic, Baptist, and Methodist churches across different areas like Brighton, Milford, Novi, Farmington Hills, Highland, New Hudson, South Lyon, Northville, Livonia, White Lake, and Living Water.

Be on the lookout
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ROBERT KARINEN
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# There's no place like Novi for Halloween fun



Village Oaks Elementary student Jarrett McKnight made a costume and dressed as a piece of sushi for last week's school Halloween parade.



Some of the hundreds of Village Oaks Elementary School students who participated in their annual Halloween parade await their time to walk around the school and show off their costumes.



Novi Wood's kindergartners Aidan Sweet, Gabby Tate, Anjani Kaneru and Jimmy Schafer join in the Halloween fun and parade through school last week.



Novi Woods Principal Pam Duitiquit and secretaries Julie Hornacek and Barb Groom led the school parade in costume last week.



Novi Wood's first grade team teachers Carol Mitchell and Jill Minko get into the spirit of Halloween.



Village Oaks principal Sue Burnham, left-front, joins her staff on Oct. 30 to perform a line dance for the school's kids before the school's annual Halloween Parade. The staff, as can be seen, took a pirate theme for their costumes this year.

# NEIGHBORS

## Young Novi actor in PBS film honoring veterans

Brett Dubois stars in Sunday's 'Voices of a Never Ending Dawn' movie

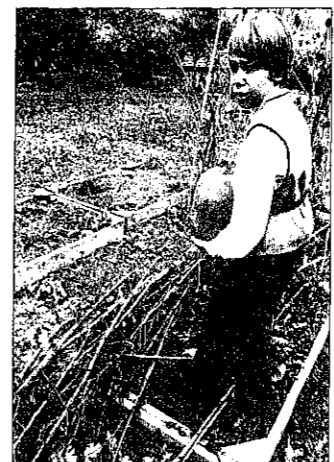
Detroit Public Television will be the first PBS station to air the documentary film "Voices of a Never Ending Dawn," the story of Detroit's heroic WWI soldiers known as The Polar Bears, at 8 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 8.

These young Detroit soldiers were sent on a horrific tour of duty to fight the first Communists in Northern Russia near the Arctic Circle under the midnight sun. In the film, young Novi actor Brett Dubois (12 years old and a student at Novi Middle School) is at the center of attention, "stealing the scene" as the entire action of the scene is seen through Brett's eyes.

Playing a young Russian peasant boy, Brett brings to life the fascination that the Russian people had when meeting our American soldier for the first time. Brett's role underscores the great differences between the Russian and American cultures. In his role, Brett was called upon to react to a young Detroit medic who, with only one day of medical training, is forced to remove a bullet from a wounded soldier's lip. The entire scene is taken from the diary entry of a young Detroit soldier, trying to steady his confidence while performing this operation. Brett's character attempts to bravely help the medic under these stressful conditions. His performance tells the story of how the young Russian children literally idolized our Detroit soldiers.

"Voices of a Never Ending Dawn" is a two-hour tribute to The Polar Bears and brings this heroic story to the attention of millions of PBS viewers. It is a story that was nearly forgotten and a story that these soldiers strongly felt should be told. It is not well known in American history that our Detroit soldiers fought and died on Russian soil, trying to defeat the initial ugly grip of Communism (then known as Bolshevism). Award-winning documentary filmmaker Pamela Peak brings this story to life through the haunting words of the books and diaries that these men left behind.

"As the granddaughter of one of these brave soldiers, I felt the story simply had to be told," Peak said. "These heroic Detroit men fought for the principle of freedom eight long months after WWI had ended and all other soldiers from around the world had come home. They fought in 60 degree below zero weather and blizzard conditions, watching their buddies die, knowing that all other soldiers fighting in the World War had already come home."



Novi's Brett Dubois stars in the PBS film "Voices of a Never Ending Dawn" which premieres on Sunday.

### LEARN MORE

- \* For more information on Voices of a Never Ending Dawn and on The Polar Bears see: www.PolarBearsDocumentary.com
- \* For more information on Brett Dubois, please call Peak Productions at (949) 439-8735.
- \* For information on Peak's film Colorblind, currently airing on PBS see: www.ColorblindDocumentary.com

Peak felt hiring Michigan actors for the on-camera scenes would be a fitting honor to these men. In fact, several of the military reenactors who appear in the film turned out to have grandfathers who fought in the Polar Bear regiment. Peak and her crew shot in sub-zero blizzard conditions in Northern Michigan last winter just to capture some of the most dramatic battle scenes that these young men were called to face.

Many of the scenes were also shot at the Troy Historical Museum in Troy.

### NOVI NEWSMAKERS

#### Hayes joins Oakland Audiology

Roz Leiser, audiologist and owner of Oakland Audiology in Waterford and Optimum Hearing in Novi, announced that Scott Hayes, MS., CCC-A, has joined her staff.

Originally from the Portland, Ore. area, Hayes entered the field of Audiology 10 years ago after earning a master of science degree from Portland State University.

He completed his clinical fellowship year at the Child Development & Rehabilitation Center at Oregon Health Sciences University.

Six years ago Hayes came to the Detroit area to take a position at Children's Hospital of Michigan. Born severely-to-profoundly deaf, he has used hearing aids since the age of 18 months, and presently uses a cochlear implant.

His interests include writing and photography. Leiser, who opened Oakland Audiology 15 years ago, is pleased "to have someone of Scott's experience joining our staff. This enables us to continue providing timely and professional assistance to our patients and those interested in improving their quality of life through improved hearing."

This is the second significant expansion for Leiser's practice this year as she recently opened her second office in Novi, Optimum Audiology.

#### Phillips promoted with Rodan

Cheryl J. Phillips of Novi was recently promoted to executive consultant status with Rodan



Phillips

and Fields Dermatologists.

"I am thrilled to be a part of this exciting and unprecedented time," said Phillips. "There is no better honor than to be a part of a skin care revolution and to help people change their lives, both physically and financially."

Doctors Katie Rodan and Kathy Fields are the dermatologists who created Proactiv Solution. In 2002, they founded, Rodan + Fields Dermatologists a skincare company committed to connecting people with the products, the knowledge, the resources and the opportunities to change skin and to change lives.

Wyatt elected to JA board

Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan elected officers and new members of the board of directors at the organization's annual meeting. Newly elected to the Board of Directors was Novi resident Linda Wyatt, vice president, Humana Resources, Edw. C. Levy, Co.

Wyatt will oversee volunteer driven programs to over 30,000 young people in grades kindergarten through 12th grade in southeastern Michigan this year. JA programs change lives by inspiring and preparing young people to succeed by teaching personal financial responsibility, workforce readiness and entrepreneurial thinking.

Junior Achievement serves 16 counties in southeastern Michigan including Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw, Livingston, Monroe, St. Clair, Shiawassee, Lapeer and Genesee. Visit www.jamichigan.org for more information.

### ANNOUNCEMENT



#### Logren & Fazekas

Jeff and Dawn Logren, of Novi, announce the engagement of their daughter, Dr. Jessica Logren, to Jacob Fazekas, son of Stephen and Carol Fazekas of Jonesville.

The bride-to-be is a Nova Southeastern University graduate and is employed at Auto-Owners Insurance Company.

A Sept. 4, 2010, wedding is planned at St. James Catholic Church in Novi.

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# Multicultural Night

Deerfield Elementary School hosted their seventh annual Multicultural Night Oct. 20. This evening event was originally started to showcase the wonderful diversity and ethnicities of the Deerfield Elementary students. Each year a particular theme is chosen to follow, and this year the committee selected "Holidays Around the World". Each country sets up a booth to show off their special traditions, such as food, clothing, games, crafts and music. This year, there were 15 countries represented: Japan, India, Greece, Israel, Mexico, Lebanon, China, Korea, USA,

Poland, Netherlands, Armenia, Austria, Philippines and Germany. Children attending all received passports to take to each destination to get stamped by that particular country. Once there, they learn more about each culture, country and their traditions.

The event included with a cultural show where four countries performed dance, music and/or skits showcasing the country's traditions. Japan presented a traditional Japanese dance, "Soran Bushi with Drum". China performed a beautiful dance called "Happy Greetings".

India presented song and dance to "Jai Ho" from the popular movie "Slumdog Millionaire". Mexico told the story and sang the Pinata song "Dale, Dale, Dale no pierdas el tino..."

The evening concluded with all children and attendees singing "We are the World". This big, all-school event usually draws about 200-300 attendees. The goal of the event is to help students understand and embrace the different cultures of our community and the world while promoting a learning environment for a diverse and changing global economy.



Alexia Onisko and Madison Bennett.



Amrita Prabakar and Jasmine Roske.



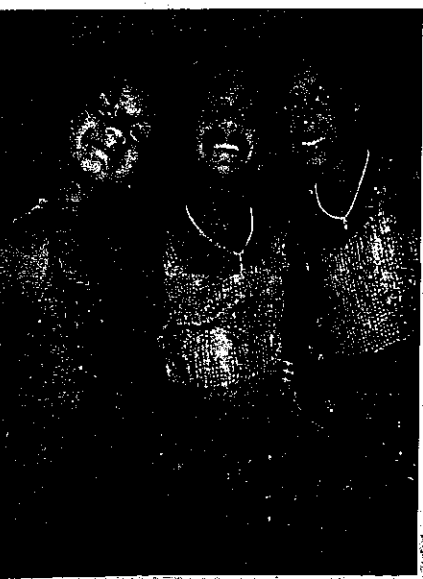
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Amrita Prabakar, Aranya Kirra and Anika Kirra.



Sophie Pebbles, Karina Roesch, Eloise Wilber, Jade Squires and Nitin Kirra.

# Cyberlaw is quickly changing, so stay on top of things

Have you ever wondered what it really means when you click "I accept" on a website? Or when you download something to your computer? Did you know that you are "signing" a contract that is just as enforceable in court as if you signed it in the presence of witnesses and a notary public.

What do you do if you order a product from a website, pay for it with your credit card and you never receive it? Who do you sue? Where do you sue? For some transactions, you may get lucky and your credit card company or PayPal will take matters into its hands for you. Or maybe you won't be billed for the charge. What happens if they won't and it's up to you to get your money back?

Cyberlaw is a fast-developing specialization that has a direct effect on business or e-commerce. There has been a balancing act of ensuring a



Dan Hoops

robust economy online, while providing a series of rules that keep this e-commerce honest. The challenges, however, are numerous.

## TAKIN' CARE OF BUSINESS

owner seek redress? Talk about confusion.

While the number of legal issues that arise in an e-commerce transaction are limitless, there are a few tips that anyone using the Internet, for business or personal use, should be aware of:

1. Always read the terms and conditions of a website before executing any type of online purchase. Pay careful attention to the section that states "choice of law" and "choice of venue." You could find yourself being sued (or having to file a lawsuit) in Timbuktu if you're not careful.
2. Clicking "Accept" is considered a legally binding e-signature and acceptance of all terms and conditions of the website, including having to file a lawsuit in Timbuktu. Email correspondences between par-

ties may also be considered a binding agreement.

3. Never forward, copy, download or print any materials that you believe may be private or confidential. The materials you received from someone else may be considered stolen (computer espionage) or pirated (copyrighted materials). Whatever action (other than delete) you take could be criminal (possessing, printing or downloading of the materials) or a furtherance of a criminal conspiracy (forwarding).

Always be sure that you have permission to forward or copy any document.

4. Be careful what you say. Defamatory comments you say in an email, post on a blog or newspaper are published the moment you hit "send." You could find yourself being sued for libel... in Timbuktu.

5. Taxes and the Internet. Of all the areas of cyberlaw that seem to be the most con-

fusing, it's the issue of taxation. Whether the taxes are income taxes or sales and use taxes, trying to determine the "proper tax jurisdiction" or whether a sale has occurred can be confusing.

If you purchase tangible goods over the Internet, you are responsible for payment of the respective sales/use taxes, the same as if you ordered something from a mail-order catalogue. However, what happens if you are simply "downloading" something, such as a song from iTunes or to watch a movie (like rental)? This is where the law is having trouble trying to differentiate between actual completed purchases and "rentals". Keep your eyes open for a many developments to come.

Navigating the information superhighway has truly transformed the way in which individuals live and conduct themselves. People must be

aware, however, of the consequences of doing something as benign as a keystroke on your computer (or your handheld device) may have on their legal rights.

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# Firefighters form political group to address concerns with study

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

A candidate forum held by the Novi Professional Firefighters Political Action Committee on Oct. 27 featured only three of the eight candidates running for a seat on Novi City Council.

Four of the candidates (David Landry, Brian Barke, Andrew Mutch and Terry Margolis) are currently on city council, and Landry said they

were unable to attend because of current contract negotiations between the city and the firefighters union.

Candidate Justin Fischer did not show.

Candidates Laura Lorenzo, Cheryl Condas and Wayne Wrobel did attend.

Don Christensen, a firefighter and co-chair of the PAC, said they formed the committee, passed out flyers and held the forum to "bring some concerns to the citizens that were going on."

He believes the questions asked at the

forum dealt with management rights and were not negotiable issues, and wishes the other candidates would have attended.

The PAC's stance revolves around a recent ICMA study that suggested several changes to fire department operations, which the PAC believes reduces services to residents.

Landry, however, strongly disagrees with the statements on the flyer, saying council would never do anything to jeopardize resident safety and citing

several points in the ICMA study that show how services would be improved and not hindered.

He also said the recommendations are just that, and council has final say on what would and would not happen.

"I think that flyer doesn't disservice to the hard working men and women at the fire department, and it's a union tactic," Landry said.

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## OUR VIEWS

### Let veterans know you care

According to the U.S. Department of Defense, as of Oct. 30, 2009, 4,396 U.S. soldiers have died and 31,545 have been wounded in Iraq. The numbers for the fighting in Afghanistan are far less - 911 dead and 4,398 wounded - but are on the increase with stepped up attacks by Taliban and Al Qaeda fighters.

It's November, the month when we pause to give thanks - thanks to the Pilgrims who first settled here and to our veterans who have served our country with honor. We list the days not in chronological order, but in their significance to most Americans. We pay lip service to the latter while we focus on getting ready for the former.

But Veterans Day should come first. After all, if it weren't for soldiers dating back to the Revolutionary War, the United States would not be the land of the free and home of the brave.

Since 1919, Americans have observed Nov. 11 as a day to honor the sacrifices of those who have fought for freedom. Originally called Armistice Day, President Woodrow Wilson first declared Nov. 11 a day of remembrance following the end of hostilities between the Allied nations and Germany in World War I on Nov. 11, 1918.

President Wilson set the tone of observance with the following words, "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations."

What originally started as a day dedicated to the cause of world peace and to honor World War I veterans, is now a day to honor the sacrifices and contributions of all veterans during peacetime or wartime.

Today our war is a war on terror. We are fighting an enemy that cares not who is killed or injured, only that we are destroyed. Many of our brave young men and women have lost their lives in this war, many more have suffered devastating injuries.

Our military personnel are our final line of defense against tyranny. We cannot forget their sacrifices. So this Veterans Day, we urge you to pause and remember our veterans. Let them know you care. And if you know the family of a soldier serving in Iraq or Afghanistan, call them. Let them know you're there to help.

We are all in this war together and we must all share the burden of defending our rights. We can start by honoring our veterans.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you think it's too early for Christmas decorations?



**Yes, we haven't even celebrated Thanksgiving yet, I've seen Christmas decorations at a shopping center.**

Larry Green  
Farmington



**Yeah, I think it is. Let's get Halloween out of the way first.**

David Mondro  
Novi



**Yes, I don't think it should happen before Halloween. After Thanksgiving is the time to do it.**

Cliff Montague  
(with granddaughter  
Millie Brunke)  
Novi (and Farmington)



**Yes, because it just takes the whole Christmas spirit out.**

Claudia Henderson  
Florida

## LETTERS

### Restore school funding

Dear Gov. Granholm: As a Novi Public Schools graduate and current Novi resident, I was appalled by the funding cuts to Novi Schools. One of the reasons we chose to move back to the area was for the quality education provided. We pay premium taxes to ensure our kids get a quality education, and I don't see our taxes being slashed to match. So why do I bother to stay in Michigan?

You don't make the state a place you want to live in by putting criminals back on the street and cutting funding to our most productive school districts in order to balance the budget. Leadership means tackling the toughest issues. Facing the potential political wrath from state employees by addressing their pay and benefits in order to address the budget issue is a lot harder than pushing little school kids around. Take a lesson on leadership from Andy Dillon.

Please bring the funding back to our schools.

Jeanne Swanson  
Novi



**Granholm visit**

Gov. Jennifer Granholm paid a local visit Saturday, just days after slashing millions in state funding for a number of Michigan's wealthiest school districts, including Novi and Northville. Granholm was at Novi's city hall filling in for her husband, Dan Muehlen, as guest speaker addressing the Asian Pacific American Leadership Summit VII.

### Firefighters say ICMA data dangerous, misleading

The Novi Professional Fire Fighters Union is urging the city administration not to implement recent recommendations by the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) to close Fire Station 3 and eliminate 75 percent of the fire department's ambulance transport units. Firefighters are concerned that such drastic cuts in resources will put public safety at unnecessary risk.

The closing of Fire Station 3 will result in longer response times to citizen emergencies. If the station is closed, citizens must wait for response from one of the three remaining stations, all of which are located on the opposite side of the railroad tracks, further impeding response time if trains are present. The public safety risk is high when you consider a fire can double in size every minute and a heart attack patient can suffer permanent damage, even death, within six minutes.

ICMA reports called "Public Safety Operational Analysis" are appearing with increasing frequency across the United States. Using misleading data, the ICMA is making unsafe recommendations to reduce or reconfigure fire department operations.

Karen B. Zyczynski  
Novi

### Sweet sports reporting

Mr. Eggleston (Sun, Novi News freelance sports writer), it takes talent to craft punchy lines that really communicate details and the statistics that sports fans love. You did a great job with article about my son, Jack Gibson. I hope next week you can write similar article about his twin, Paul, after he makes some great play tonight!

Karla Gibson  
Novi

**ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS**

The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues. In Your Voices, on the Web at hometownlife.com.

**Funding cuts to schools continue**

Why does the Michigan State Police do the inspections at all? Why not have Michigan Cat or any other local truck repair facility do the inspections during the time that the Dens control the house and governorship, and when that changes in 2012, go back with the MSP.

NoviRB

They should have never gone down that road in the first place... but hey, I lost that battle and have moved on. Still, lenny, your idea is a good one.

WilyMena

Novi should do like Farmington did -- put the IB program on hold. That would save a lot of money.

lenny12

**Mayor, firefighters at odds over ICMA study**

To the mayor and City Council: I attended the firefighters PAC forum the other night, and many of those who attended had questions that should be answered in a dialog with city officials. Please seriously consider holding a town hall meeting before any changes in the fire department operations are implemented. This type of a forum will give residents an opportunity to ask questions and to ease their fear. It will also give the council and city officials to learn what the residents are thinking.

NoviKona

**NOVI NEWS**

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Kids join in with the animals for a costume parade at the Kensington Metropark Farm Center.



This bunny was dressed as a carrot.

ter, and make a simple bird feeder to help them survive cold winters. Fee: \$2 per person. Pre-registration required.

200 metroparks permits and annual boat launching permits are still available at the park office. Vehicle entry permits are \$25; senior citizen \$15. Boat launching permits are \$30; senior citizen \$15. The HCVA and Oakland County Parks permits, valid within both park systems, are \$48. Daily entry fee is \$4. Pre-registration required for all programs.

### KENSINGTON

For more information for registration, call the Kensington Park office at (248) 685-1561 or (800) 477-3178. The Nature Center office phone number is (248) 685-0603. Pre-registration required for programs and a \$2 fee per person unless stated otherwise. Park hours are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

### Nature Center

• Junior Girl Scouts - Sky Search, Saturday, Dec. 5, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. All requirements for this badge will be met during this indoor/outdoor program. Fee: \$5 per Scout. Pre-registration required.

• Winter Birding for Beginners, Saturday, Dec. 6, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. All requirements for this badge will be met during this indoor/outdoor program. Fee: \$5 per person. Pre-registration required.

• Birds of Prey (owls) in the Lobby, Sunday, Dec. 13, 2-4 p.m. Using mounted specimens, discover what makes hawks, owls and vultures so fascinating during this free ongoing program.

• Coping with Cold, Saturday, Dec. 19, at 1 p.m. Enjoy a pleasant walk and learn how local wildlife cope with winter. Fee: \$2 per person. Pre-registration required.

• Michigan Mammals in the Lobby, Sunday, Dec. 20, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Using mounted specimens, examine and learn about some of the common mammals in our area during this free ongoing program.

• Holiday Hike, Saturday, Dec. 26, at 1 p.m. Take a breather and relax from the holidays on this guided hike. Fee: \$2 per person. Pre-registration required.

• Feeding Winter Birds, Sunday, Dec. 27, at 2 p.m. Learn the habits of birds who stay here in the winter, and make a simple bird feeder to help them survive cold winters. Fee: \$2 per person. Pre-registration required.

• Winter Wonders Walk, Monday,

Dec. 28, at 2 p.m. Many kinds of wildlife stay active during the winter months. Wear boots and bring binoculars to search for winter birds and mammals on this guided walk. Fee: \$2 per person. Pre-registration required.

• Winter Wildlife Survival, Tuesday, Dec. 29, at 2 p.m. All of Kensington's animals have their own unique strategies to enable them to survive the winter. Examine some of the methods they use to survive. Fee: \$2 per person. Pre-registration required.

• Chickadee Chow-Down, Wednesday, Dec. 30, at 2 p.m. In winter, a variety of songbirds will actually take sunflower seeds from your hands. Bird seed will be provided for this short walk along the nature trails. Fee: \$2 per person. Pre-registration required.

ticket purchase only. Tickets: \$8 per person, on sale at the Kensington Metropark office.

• Old-Fashioned Christmas Ornaments, Saturday, Dec. 19, at 10 a.m. Have fun with the whole family and create three Christmas ornaments. Make memories to cherish year after year as you hang them from your tree. Fee: \$10 per person. Pre-registration required. For more information, please call 248-684-8632 or 1-800-477-3178.

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• Bear Scouts - Indian Lore, Saturday, Nov. 14, at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Scouts will try to make fire and drift through wood, examine Indian antiques and tools, and make a simple musical instrument and a bow.

• Basic Orienteering, Saturday, Nov. 21, at 10 a.m. and Sunday, November 22 at 1 p.m. Learn how to get around in the great outdoors using an orienteering compass and topographical map. Start indoors, working with a simple topographic map.

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First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church Location: 45301 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2647...

First Presbyterian Church of Northville Location: 2001 E. Main St. Contact: (248) 349-0918...

Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group...

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross Location: 40705 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 427-7172...

Faith Community Presbyterian Location: 44500 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2345...

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Location: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads) Details: Group meets for lunch afterwards...

First United Methodist of Northville A Stephen Ministry church Location: 777 W. Eight Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-1844...

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi Contact: (248) 349-0565...

Radical Joy Location: 45301 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2345...

Novi Church of Christ Location: 15431 Meridian Road, Livonia Contact: For further information, please contact: (313) 964-6595...

Meadowbrook Congregational Location: 21395 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior

Minister: (248) 448-7757, visit us at our e-mail to office@mbrcc.org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Sermon: Having a Plan Church School: 10 p.m. Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. YOGA/FIT CLASSES Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. social time: 7:45 p.m. opening: 8 p.m., program, every Thursday...

Northville Christian Assembly Location: 41555 Fairview Road Contact: (248) 348-1174 SUNDAY SCHEDULE 9-10 a.m., Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children 9 a.m., Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium 10:15 a.m., Contemporary service in worship center...

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St. James Catholic Location: 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi Contact: (248) 347-7778 MASS SCHEDULE TIME/DAY: 8:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday MOTHERS GROUP Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. monthly, first and third Wednesday through May 19, 2010

St. John's Episcopal Church Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth Contact: (734) 453-0190

St. John Lutheran Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills Contact: (248) 474-0584 or visit stjohnlutheran.com SATURDAY WORSHIP Time: 5:30 p.m. SUNDAY WORSHIP Time: 9, 11:15 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL Time: 10:15 a.m.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Contact: (734) 453-9436, ext. 221 FROM GRIEF TO NEW HOPE Time/Date: 7:45 p.m. Mondays beginning Oct. 19 Details: A free, eight-week grief workshop open to the community and presented by Jean O'Shaughnessy from New Hope Center for Bereavement...

Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church Location: 140 N. Center, above Tuttle's in Old Church Square, Northville Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891

Good reasons to stay in - and leave - Michigan

Last week I spoke to a class former U.S. Rep. Joe Schwarz teaches these days at the University of Michigan. And it was an eye-opening experience - at least if you care about the future of our state.



Phil Power

Schwarz, by the way, is running a class about politics in our state and nation at the U-M Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy. Few men know the subject better; he has been mayor of Battle Creek, served 16 years in the state senate and a term in Congress and has been appointed to top-level commissions.

people right now. We're likely to lose even more, once they manage to get out from mortgages that keep them here.

So... what did I say to her? "I know it's counterintuitive. I began, 'But I believe the best time to stay in a place - even move in - is when it is in trouble. There are at least three reasons for that.'

"First, if everybody's moving out, the competition for good jobs and a career is less. In the kingdom of the blind, the one-eyed man is king. You're smart, and you'll stand out when you apply for a job."

"Second, in a state that's in trouble, the competition for good jobs and a career is less. What the economists call 'barriers to entry' - the things that make it hard to get started, whether in a business or a career - are lower here than elsewhere. You have a disproportionate chance to make it big here in Michigan, if only because there is so much room to maneuver."

"Third, it seems to me there are two kinds of people, the first - the majority by far, I fear - are risk-averse, willing to follow the crowd and prepare for an ordinary, humdrum life. The second are the risk-takers, they would be entrepreneurs. If you are young and ambitious, there's no better place to make a mark than a state in crisis."

"I don't know whether I persuaded her, though I sure hope I did. Then I read a piece called 'It Takes a Village to Open a Bistro,' by Toby Barlow in the New York Times. It's about a guy named Charlie Sorel who opened a creperie called La

trouble, the competition for good jobs and a career is less. What the economists call 'barriers to entry' - the things that make it hard to get started, whether in a business or a career - are lower here than elsewhere. You have a disproportionate chance to make it big here in Michigan, if only because there is so much room to maneuver. "Third, it seems to me there are two kinds of people, the first - the majority by far, I fear - are risk-averse, willing to follow the crowd and prepare for an ordinary, humdrum life. The second are the risk-takers, they would be entrepreneurs. If you are young and ambitious, there's no better place to make a mark than a state in crisis."

petit Zine in Detroit, not far from the old Tiger Stadium. Sorel told the writer, 'I can't imagine opening a business anywhere but Detroit.' When he was struggling to open, neighboring restaurants went out of the way to help. The owner of Slow's, a popular rib joint, helped Charlie get the needed permits. The owner of the nearby Cafe on Levee coffee shop hooked him up with his coffee supplier. "They want their neighbor to make it. It's different from how we've been, Charlie mused. 'Here, your success is their success.' The Times writer concludes, 'Maybe it's the adage that nothing brings a community closer than having a common enemy.' "For the restaurateurs, the residents, the farm farmers and the community activists now working to reshape the city, the enemy is Detroit's own reputation. They know they will succeed only if they are a part of a larger, collective success."

That made me feel pretty good. Until I opened an e-mail from a guy with three graduate degrees and a certificate in computer systems technology. He has a quarter of a century experience in developing and discovering pharmaceuticals... and feels he has to leave the state. "So here we are in 2009," he wrote, "unable to find a decent paying job, with a mortgage and a 21-year-old child who cannot find a job anywhere in Michigan."

Both are desperate for just a bit of informed hope that things can and will get better, and hope that when they do, a rising tide will lift everyone's boats. So are you listening, Lansing? PHIL POWER is the founder and president of the Center for Michigan, a bipartisan centrist think-and-do tank. Contact him at power@thecenterfor-michigan.net.

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placed in a group with others who have had similar losses.

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church Location: 770 Thayer, Northville Contact: (248) 349-2620 or olvorthville.org SATURDAY WORSHIP Time: 5 p.m. SUNDAY WORSHIP Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

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**METROPARKS**  
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cal map, and then learn how to use a compass on a map and when walking to a destination. Plus, learn to navigate an outdoor course. For children in the 4th grade and older. Can be taken with the GPS program at the Environmental Discovery Center. Fee: \$3 for orienteering program/\$5 for orienteering and GPS program. Bring a lunch if attending both sessions.

**Christmas Crafts, Saturday, Dec. 5, at 10 a.m.** Make Christmas crafts to decorate your home or give away as gifts. Materials will be provided for ornaments, frames, magnets, edible decorations and more! For children ages 4 and older. Fee: \$5 per child. Pre-registration required.

**Environmental Discovery Center**  
- **Belted Girdle, Sunday, Nov. 1, at 1 p.m.**, Environmental Discovery Center. Some millipedes produce a poison that makes them smell like almonds. There's a parasite that makes cats befriended mice. Find out if these and other amazing statements about nature are true. Bring other unbelievable nature facts to share. Fee: \$2 per person.

**Green Your Wedding, Saturday, Nov. 7, at 1 p.m.**, Environmental Discovery Center. Whether planning a simple or elaborate event, there are lots of choices to make it more environmentally friendly. "Good," "better," and "best" options for everything including clothing, invitations and favors, along with their impact on the earth, and making your event memorable, will be covered in this one-hour seminar. Fee: \$2 per person.

**Frog-Tone II, Saturday, Nov. 14, at 1 p.m.**, Environmental Discovery Center. In the waning months of the year, many of our familiar pond-side animals disappear from the landscape. Learn the whereabouts of our common residents of the waters as they prepare for the approaching cold season. For ages 6 and older. Fee: \$2 per person.



Both kids and animals dressed up for the costume parade.

**Owl Prowl, Saturday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m.**, Environmental Discovery Center. Enjoy an exciting night hike in search of owls! Head out into the park with recorded owl calls to lure some of these magnificent birds in close to be viewed in the wild. Learn some interesting facts about the owls in the park and examine owl folklore. Make sure to dress for the weather as most of

your understanding of animal habits so you can expand your knowledge in the woods for ages 6 and older. Fee: \$2 per person.

**Snacks 'n' Crafts with Santa, Saturday, Dec. 12, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.** Visit with Santa, decorate a cookie, hear a holiday story, and make some crafts. Space is limited. Tickets are non-refundable and go on sale Sunday, November 1. Fee: \$5 per child in advance or \$7 at the door. Photos are \$2.



Lyla Acrich, 2, shows off her lion ensemble at Kensington's costume parade.

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**Town Hall Meeting on health care reform draws large crowd**

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

One thing is clear about health care reform legislation being hashed out in our nation's capital — special interest groups are spending top dollar to try to get what they want.

There are six lobbyists for every House and Senate member, according to Dr. Herbert Smitherman, President Barack Obama's National Health Care Committee. He said health insurance providers are spending about \$300 million on lobbying efforts, with the pharmaceutical industry spending about \$150 million.

This was just one aspect of health care reform discussed at an Oct. 26 Town Hall Meeting, "Health Care Reform: Which Plan Is Right For America?" presented by the Northville Democratic Club.

About 75 people attended the event at Hillside Middle School. "I don't think there's any issue that's on the front burner with the American public more than health care reform," said Scott Craig, club president. "And, I'm getting a really good feeling about what's going on in Washington right now."

Speakers included Smitherman; State Representative Marc Corriveau, chair, Health Policy Committee; and Dr. Matthew Davis, associate professor of public policy at University of Michigan.

Corriveau said he's been looking at what can be done at the state level to make sure as many people can be insured as possible.



PAM FLEMING/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Speakers at the Oct. 26 Northville Democratic Club Town Hall Meeting on "Health Care Reform: Which Plan Is Right For America?" at Hillside Middle School included, from left, Dr. Matthew Davis, associate professor of public policy at University of Michigan; Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville); and Dr. Herbert Smitherman, member, President Obama's National Health Care Committee. On the far right is Susan Nichols, vice president of the club, who organized the event.

Obama wants a bill on his desk by December.

The 47 million uninsured Americans are what's driving the cost of health care up, Davis said.

That's what's pushed us to this point, he said. "Congress recognized there was a need. The government acts when the market doesn't work right. Public policy works best when it steps in to help people in need."

Davis said many Americans say they're against socialized medicine, but, "We already have some tremendously successful forms of socialized medicine in America — Medicare, Medicaid and the VA (Veterans Administration) system."

The roots of anti-socialized medicine were set a long time ago because the health care providers didn't think it was a good idea in America, he said. "In recent years they've been more on board."

Davis said the concept of socialized medicine strikes fear in some because they think it means a lack of choice, a lack of access and too much government involvement.

But, without socialized medicine, there would be over

60 million people without health insurance coverage today," Davis said.

He said one way to help our health care system is to encourage more physicians to become primary care doctors.

"We are discouraging people from going into primary care because it's seen as something that's not valued," he said.

**AT THE STATE LEVEL**  
Corriveau said there are 1.2 million people without health insurance in Michigan. And, a person can be rejected from receiving insurance if they have a pre-existing condition. "We tried to spread some of the risk (among insurance companies), but we didn't get done what we wanted," he said.

Corriveau said another ugly practice in Michigan is where someone's health care insurance goes up once they're sick and their plan comes up for renewal. He said there's a lot of cost shifting going on in the health insurance industry and that doctors, hospitals, insurance carriers, patients and pharmaceutical companies are all part of the mix. Another practice hurting the system is what he termed "cherry pick-

ing," where private insurance companies select only healthy people to insure, leaving companies like Blue Cross/Blue Shield to provide coverage for sicker people.

"The states are going to have a huge role in health insurance reform," Corriveau said. "We have to make some changes. We need to get rid of the re-writing and rejecting of people." He does believe that the U.S. is getting close to having some national health care reform.

**DR. SMITHERMAN SPEAKS**  
Dr. Smitherman said he works on building health care for underserved populations in Michigan.

"This is a very exciting time for me," he said. "What we're doing in Detroit has national implications." He has also written a book about health care reform. He said Americans need to realize how deep a hole we have actually dug.

"From 2001-2008, we had increases of 34 percent in unemployment, 13 percent in poverty, 11 percent in the uninsured, a 500 percent increase in the deficit and a 100 percent increase in debt," Smitherman said. "The public sector helped pay for the private sector, and there was deregulation within the private sector."

He sees the major problem in the U.S. as deficit spending. "Health care raises the deficit. We've got to fix that."

Smitherman said the U.S. also has a chronic disease epidemic, and we don't know how to change it.

In 2009, \$2.5 trillion was spent on health care," he said, representing 17.6 percent of the Gross Domestic Product. Yet, about 47 million people don't have health insurance.

**ISSUE IS AFFORDABILITY**  
To insure those 47 million, however, the issue is affordability, Smitherman said. "If

we add 47 million people to the system, we don't have the infrastructure or the doctors to see them." Annually, health care insurance is rising by 14 percent, earnings by 3 percent and inflation by 2 percent on the average, he said.

"Companies are not giving raises and laying people off because of health care costs," he said. "I don't know what could have more effect on the economy."

It's estimated that 61 Americans will be uninsured by 2020, and in Michigan the number doubles every 20 years. The problem is that those who are uninsured often end up in emergency rooms, the most expensive way to receive health care. Smitherman said half of ER visits are non-urgent, with only 12 percent resulting in admission.

Smitherman said recent polls have shown that 61 percent of Americans want the public insurance plan, and four of the five bills have one.

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Novi knocked out of soccer final eight -B4



Senior Anthony Seling (49) pancakes a Franklin runner deep in CC territory on a kickoff return.

## Catholic Central harriers headed to state finals

■ Ricardo Galindo earns first place in regional run

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

It was raining. It was windy. It was muddy. Catholic Central's Ricardo Galindo hardly even noticed. The Shamrocks harrier, who has been a consistent front runner in every competition this season, edged Pinckney's Tanner Pesonen with about 100 meters left in the Michigan High School Athletic Association regional cross country race last Friday to take the overall victory. His team finished second with 41 points while Pinckney won with 36.

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The Shamrocks will compete in the Michigan High School Athletic Association state finals Saturday at 3 p.m. The race will be held at the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich. "We, as a team, are looking forward to the state meet this Saturday," said Catholic Central coach Tony Magni. "If we run a smart race and run as we are capable, we could surprise some people."

Galindo's showing, which was run in 15:32 despite the weather, led his team to a second-place overall finish and a berth to the state finals Saturday. "Ricardo Galindo ran a smart race from the start to the finish," said Catholic Central coach Tony Magni. "He and Tanner Pesonen ran together every step of the way. Ricky just waited till about 100 meters to

go to make his move."

Galindo has been turning in solid times all season, setting himself up as a runner that everyone wants to topple. This year's regional started out fast and harriers raced to get ahead of one another before setting their pace. Galindo didn't fall into the trap.

"He knows how much he has left and does not panic as the pace picks up," Magni said. "We are all very happy for Ricky."

Andrew Garcia-Garrison was next for the Shamrocks, finishing seventh in 16:11 while Austin Zebrowski ran to eighth place with a 16:11.

"They finished tough, but weren't able to take hold of the two Pinckney runners in front of them," said Magni. "Following the race, they told me to expect to see a better and smarter running at the states."

If there were an award for most gutsy performance, it would have likely been given to Viktor Puskorius. Despite being sick for two days, Puskorius climbed out of bed and ran to 12th place with a time of 16:14.

"Prior to the race, I admit it was worrisome to see Viktor with only a shadow of a smile and less vivacious than we've all grown accustomed to for the past four years," said Magni. "But, true to form, even half of Viktor was better than most of the runners in the race. He ran smart, starting out slow, and accelerated his pace to move up to the lead runners."

John-Paul Zebrowski was 13th for the Shamrocks, running a 16:15.

The top 15 runners at the regional earned All-Regional honors.

Finishing in 23rd for Catholic Central was Mackenzie Boyd, who finished in 16:45, while Sean Carney ran a 17:28 for 48th place.

The Shamrocks, as a team, will race Saturday at 3 p.m. at the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich., for a chance at the state title.

In addition to running the regionals, the Shamrocks also competed in the Centerline Freshman/Sophomore Invitational. Catholic Central earned first place behind the running of Colin Fifer, who took 10th overall with a time of 18:01. Thomas Fagan wasn't far behind, finishing in 18:04 for 13th place. Niko Lanzetta ran an 18:26 for 23rd overall.

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.

## Catholic Central crushes Franklin

BY SCOTT SHEPHERD  
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Livonia Franklin came out swinging Saturday in its Region 2-District 2 football playoff game against host Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

But in the end, the Patriots proved to be no match as the undefeated Shamrocks cruised to a 42-7 victory.

The upset-minded Patriots stole the momentum early as senior Nate Robinson recovered a fumble on a botched handoff and returned it 95 yards for a touchdown, giving Franklin a 7-0 lead with 3:40 left to play in the first quarter.

The Shamrocks would go on to turn the ball over twice more before the halfway point of the second quarter, but Franklin was unable to capitalize.

"We made a lot of mistakes in the first half," CC coach Tom Mach said. "That's not really like us, but I thought we did a good job of not getting down on ourselves."



CC senior Butch Herzog (42) returns a first half interception for a touchdown, as Brandon Tammaro (whose near-sack caused the errant throw) celebrates.

The Shamrocks finally got on the scoreboard with 6:55 remaining in the second quarter thanks to a 19-yard TD run by senior Niko Palazeti, but the Patriots

blocked the extra point to maintain a 7-6 advantage.

And, despite no first downs in the first half and just four yards of total offense, the Patriots had

a chance to take the lead into halftime.

But backed up deep in his own territory, Franklin's senior quarterback Mike Beasley was intercepted by Butch Herzog, who returned it 10 yards for the go-ahead touchdown with 1:20 remaining in the half.

The Shamrocks converted the two-point conversion to take a 14-7 lead into halftime and never looked back.

"I think that interception at the end of the half put some doubts in our players' minds heading into halftime," Patriots coach Chris Kelbert said.

Herzog's pick-off was a momentum swing for CC.

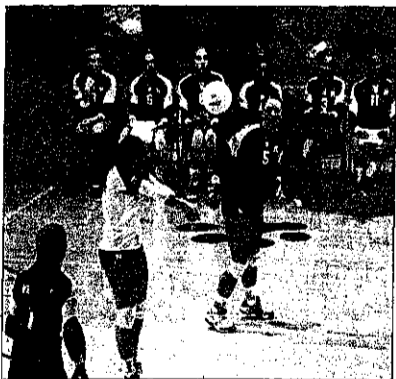
"That play certainly changed the mood of the game," Mach said. "Our guys were very upbeat at halftime, and we carried that into the second half."

In the second half, the Shamrocks' running attack proved to be too much for the Franklin defense to handle.

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## Novi girls stop Mustangs

Novi junior Erin Hoomaian gets a dig to set up the play in the match against Brighton.



Novi pulled out a 19-25, 22-25, 25-21, 25-20, 16-14 win over Northville Monday in their Novi-hosted district opener to improve to 41-8. The Wildcats played Plymouth Salem last night in a district semifinal and, if they won, will face the winner of last night's Canton/Plymouth match for the District 18A championship 7 p.m. tomorrow at Novi High. The Wildcats defeated Brighton 25-22, 25-11, 16-25, 25-11 on the road last Thursday in a battle of second-seeded conference teams to secure third place in the entire KLA.



Novi senior Anne Irvin gets way up over the defense for a kill in the KLA match against Brighton.

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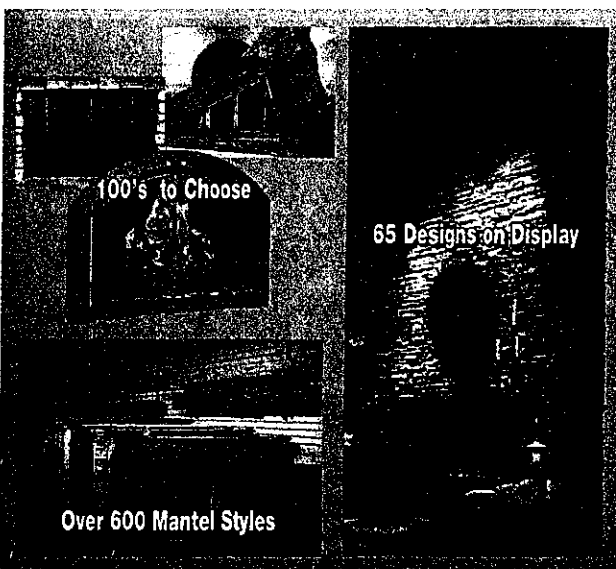


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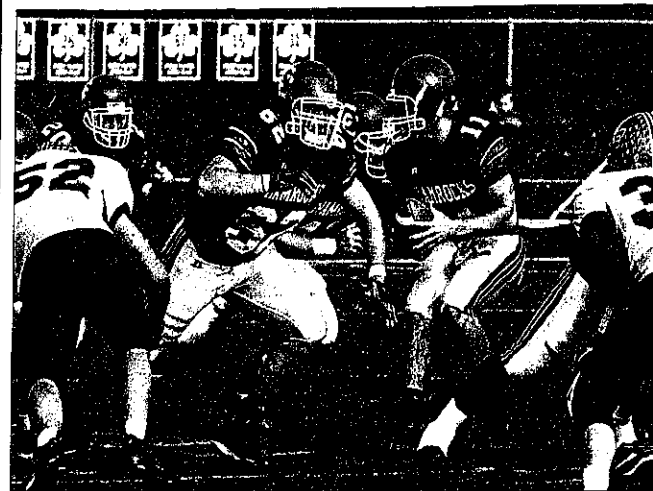
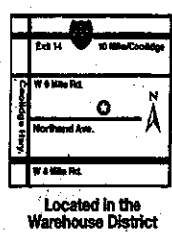
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Shamrock Mike Still (62), senior offensive guard, leads the block as QB Sam Landry rotates to hand off the ball to Anthony Capatina.

## Catholic Central prepares for Livonia Stevenson

■ Spartans knocked Shamrocks out of playoffs last year

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

Rematches. They're always big when it comes to high school football.

Coaches, players and fans all have long memories, but none have to look too far back to count the reasons why the Catholic Central Shamrocks will be looking to earn a win over the Livonia Stevenson Spartans at 7 p.m. Saturday at Detroit Catholic Central's Wixom Road campus.

The Shamrocks are 10-0 this season and just have to look back at this time last year when they took on and fell to the Livonia Stevenson Spartans. It was the second round of the playoffs and Catholic Central had just earned a victory over the Novi Wildcats to advance. Livonia Stevenson beat West Bloomfield to go to the district finals. It was there the Spartans marched away with a 24-13 victory.

The Shamrocks have kept this in mind throughout the off season and this year. Many of last year's players are back from last year's loss and will be looking to assert their defensive pressure to shut down the Spartans while the Catholic Central offense will be expected to pound the ball up the middle while falling back on their very effective passing game when needed.

The Spartans' main weapon is Austin White, a speedy running back that averages well over 100 yards per game this year and have over 20 touchdowns. He is committed to play at the University of Michigan.

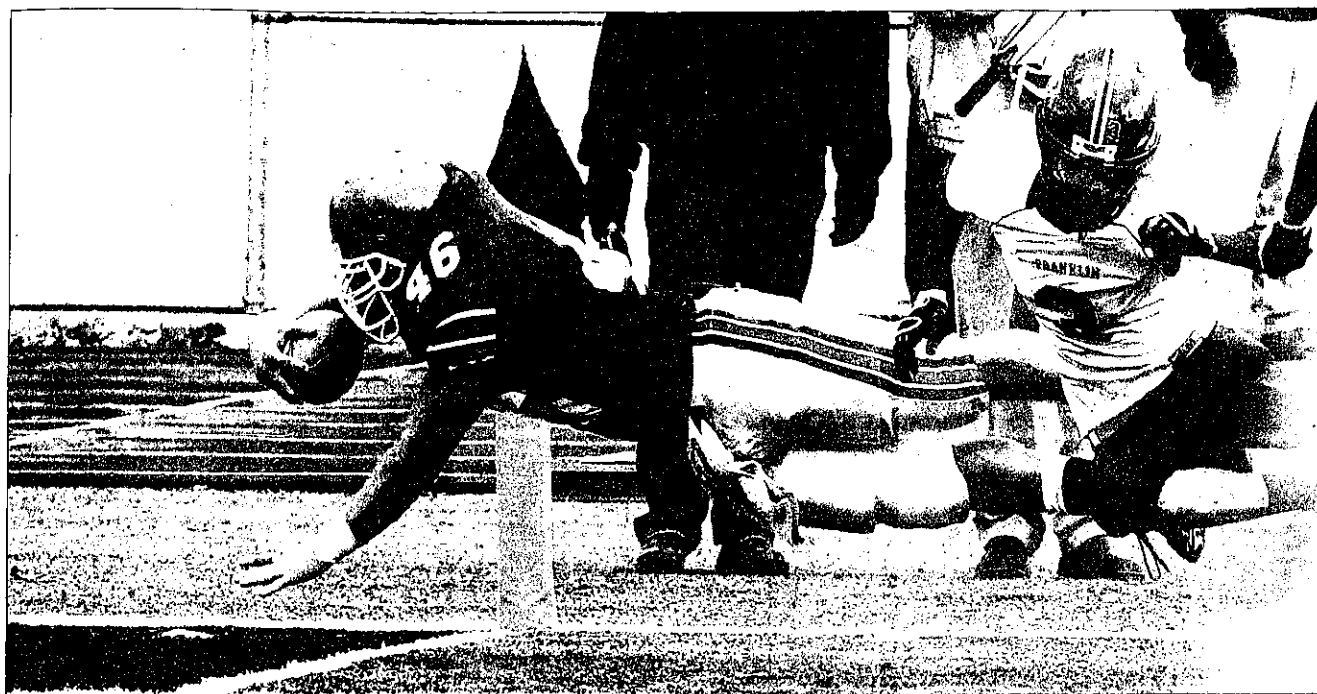
The Shamrocks don't have one player they rely so heavily upon. They spread their offensive pressure out between several backs including Niko Palazetti and Anthony Capatina. Sam Landry, the senior quarterback, has several receivers to choose from.

The defense, however, is the name of their game this year. In total, the Shamrocks have allowed just 30 points all season long. Livonia Stevenson, however, has allowed 127 points.

The Shamrocks have faced several tough teams this year, including Brother Rice, which is in the district finals; Divine Child, which lost in the playoffs; Orchard Lake St. Mary's, which is in the district finals; DeLaSalle, which is in the district finals; and Livonia Franklin, which fell to the Shamrocks last week in the playoffs.

The winner of the Catholic Central Shamrocks (10-0) and Livonia Stevenson (9-2) will play the winner of the Ann Arbor Finer (7-2) and Canton (6-1) contest, which will be played Friday at 7 p.m.

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.



Senior Niko Palazetti dives for CC's first touchdown.



Shamrock senior QB Sam Landry runs for a yard.



CC's Enzo Stante (73) blocks for QB Sam Landry, with the ball.

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CC totaled 231 yards of offense over the final two quarters without attempting a single pass and scored on their first four possessions.

Palazetti, a senior who finished with 134 yards on 16 carries and two TDs, scored on a 1-yard run with 5:01 left in the third quarter.

And less than two minutes later, senior Anthony Capatina (17-for-215 yards) broke a 42-yard run for a score to break the game wide open and give the Shamrocks a 28-7 cushion.

Mach, meanwhile, was quick to praise his thunder-and-lightning style running backs after the game.

"Capatina is one of the best backs in the state, and has been for two years," the CC coach said. "He's tough to bring down once he gets going. Niko was able to wear down their defense, and between the two of them, we were pretty tough to stop."

Junior Justin Messner scored on a 32-yard end around with 1:19 left in the third quarter and junior fullback Andrew Erickson punched in a 1-yard run with 9:18 left in the game to push the score to 42-7.

And not that the Catholic Central defense needed much insurance.

Franklin totaled just 74 yards in the second half, advancing the ball across mid-field only once, and committed two turnovers.

"Their defense has no weaknesses," Kelbert said of the 10-0 Shamrocks. "We tried to find one all week on film, but as you saw today, they just don't have one."

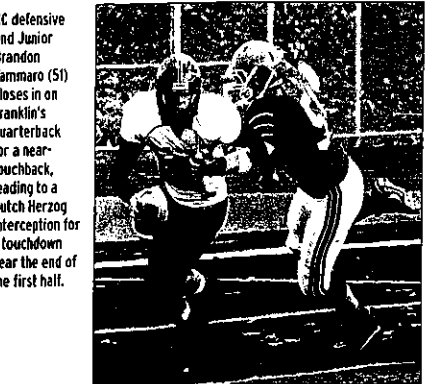
Despite the disappointing loss on Saturday, Kelbert said the season was a successful one for the 5-5 Patriots.

"Making the playoffs was a goal for us coming into the season," he said. "Our job is to get Franklin football back to where it should be. Our program definitely took a step in the right direction this year."

As for CC, longtime coach Tom Mach knows that they still have a lot of work to do entering Saturday's Division 1 district final against 8-2 Livonia Stevenson. (Game time is 1 p.m. at CC.)

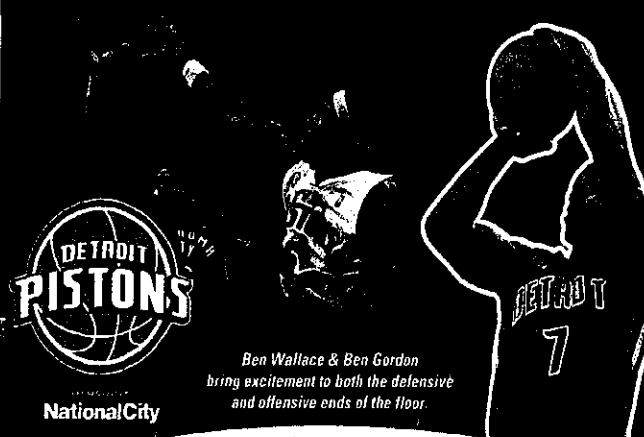
"We played great today in the second half, but you can't make so many early mistakes and expect to win playoff games," he said. "We've got a lot of work to do in practice this week, but we'll be ready."

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CC defensive end Junior Tammara (51) closes in on Franklin's quarterback for a near-touchback, leading to a Butch Herzog interception for a touchdown near the end of the first half.

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# Novi knocked out of final eight in state

## Wildcats bow out to Brother Rice in regional final, 1-0

BY CHRIS JACKETT  
CORRESPONDENT

Defense wins championships, but positioning clinches them. This was the case last Friday at Troy High as Birmingham Brother Rice's boys soccer team defeated Novi 1-0 for the regional title and earned a trip to the Division I state semifinals.

The Warriors (14-3-6) came out firing, testing senior goalkeeper Tom Duquette early, as he had to dive and punch away a shot by Rice's Cody Hall 4:35 into the match.

Rice senior Peter Hensoldt soon found himself positioned alone with a bounding ball 15 yards off the left post and volleyed it over Duquette into the top right corner for a 1-0 Warrior lead just six minutes into the game.

"State tournament goals are fluky like that," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "I thought we hung our heads too much after we got scored on. We gave away 15-20 minutes of the game. Once we got organized, we were fine."

Although Rice continued to apply pressure, the Wildcats (12-6-5) kept play in the middle of the field for nine more minutes before getting a solid scoring chance of their own.

Sophomore Chris Park took a free kick from 30 yards up the right side and crossed it over the heads of Rice's defense, where it was just out of reach for senior Chris Slack, who was charging toward the back, left post.

Fourteen minutes later, senior Doug McGinn dribbled through three defenders on the left side of the goal box, but lost his footing on the wet turf before he could get a shot off.

"We knew about McGinn and (sophomore Chase) Jabbar, so those two guys make you hold your breath. Our defense did a real great job on them, but 1-0 is a real small lead," Brother Rice coach Barry Brodsky said.

With four minutes left in the half, a foul by senior Nick Bowser set up a Rice free kick 30 yards off the goal line in the center, but junior Adam Gorski's kick for Rice went directly to Duquette, as Rice took a 1-0 lead and 3-1 shot advantage into the half.

"They're good on all their set pieces," O'Leary said. "They crowded the middle, made it so we couldn't move it forward."

But push forward is exactly what the Wildcats did. As the rain picked up early in the second half, both Duquette and Rice senior netminder Danny Torrighia came off their lines

to break up plays that could have been easy goals for eager forwards.

"Tommy Duquette's been our best player, the guy we can count on. In all my 12 years, this is the first time we've had a goalie carry us through state playoffs," O'Leary said.

The wet conditions caused both goalkeepers to punch the ball away, rather than hold onto it, causing scrambles in both goal boxes. Duquette punched one ball to the ground in the 47th minute and had to dive on it immediately, as the goal box was packed with Rice players who ran in during the free kick that got the ball to Duquette.

With 13:05 remaining, Rice's Alex Zelinski hit a through ball to a streaking Bryant White through the middle, who immediately drew the defenders as he tipped the ball off to Hall. But the lob pass was too high for Hall to settle quickly, as Novi's defense cleared it before the Warriors could test Duquette again.

With 9:40 remaining, Novi could feel their season slipping away and turned on the gas, as McGinn burst through between two Rice defenders on a failed clear attempt 25 yards away from the Rice goal, but another defender side tackled the ball away from McGinn before he could get a shot off.

Four minutes later, McGinn got a solid shot off that was deflected out wide left by a Rice defender.

"They almost got one there at the end. They got my heart pumping. For all the pressure they had, they had one really good shot that went wide," Brodsky said. "It's the second game in a row we got that early goal and we didn't sit back on that. These are all going to be 1-0 games."

Duquette made another outstanding block on an incoming Rice player with 2:25 remaining and a cross through the six-yard box by Hensoldt was tipped by Duquette, consequently going behind the Rice forward running toward the back post.

Neither team could muster a shot on net in the half and Novi couldn't provide an equalizer, as Torrighia earned his ninth shutout of the season - including all playoff games - as Rice laid claim to the regional title and a place in last night's state semifinal at Rochester Adams (17-3-3).

The winner of that game will play in the state championship game Saturday at Troy Athens against the winner of yesterday's match between Holt (25-0-1) and KLA Central runner-up Plymouth Salem (17-4-4).

Novi took third in the division this season and Northville (11-7-4) took first.

Novi battles Brother Rice on Friday night to continue on in the MHSAA playoffs.

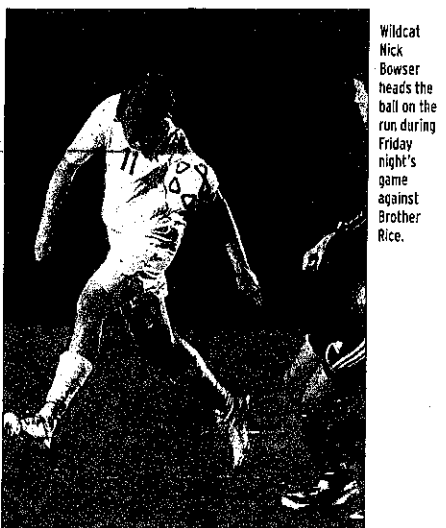


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Novi fans support their team on Oct. 30.



A Novi Wildcat is tripped up by a Brother Rice player.



Wildcat Nick Bowser heads the ball on the run during Friday night's game against Brother Rice.

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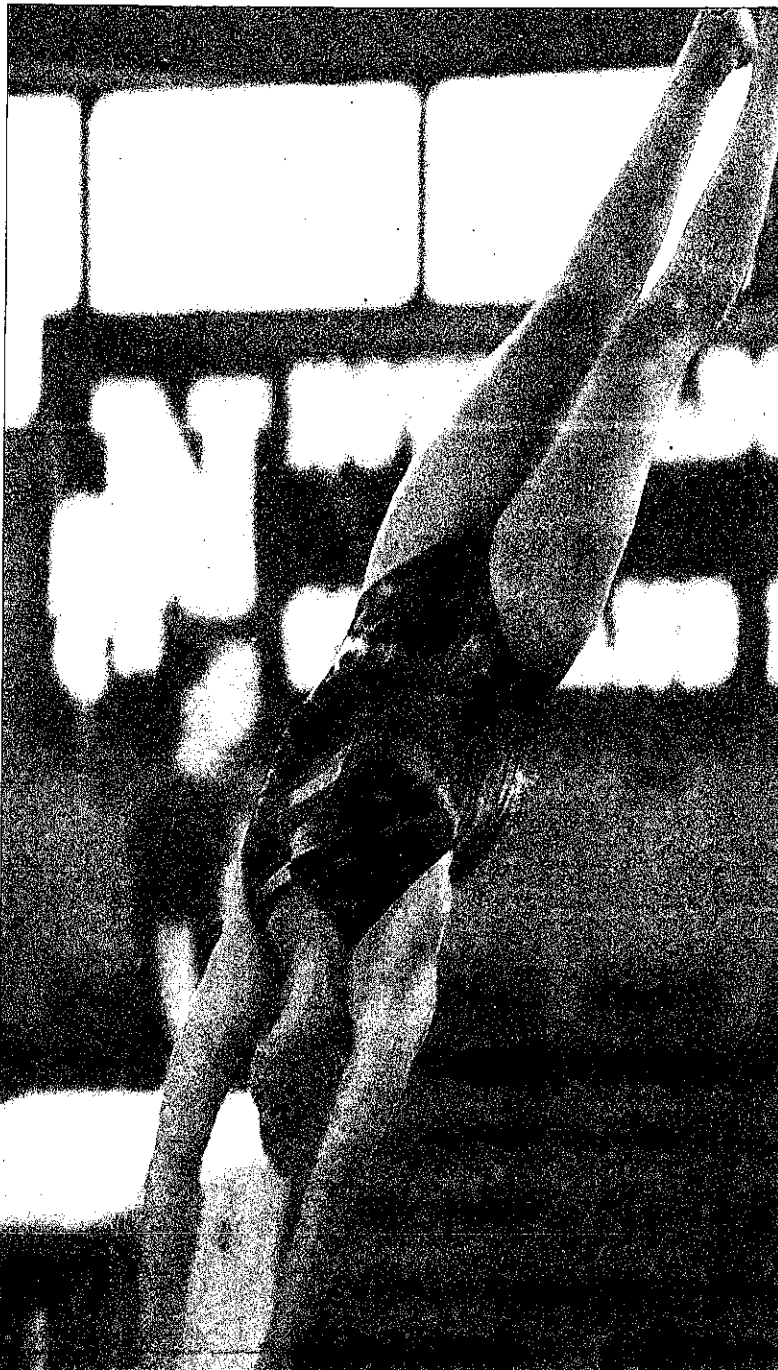
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Wildcat Doug McGinn playing at Troy High against Birmingham Brother Rice.

Novi diver Lina Davis heads to the water during a regional competition at Novi on Oct. 30.



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Novi diver Jillian Odams twists and turns as she heads to the water during a regional competition at Novi on Oct. 30.

# Tankers swim to division meet title

## Novi powers past division rivals

BY CHRIS JACKETT  
CORRESPONDENT

In the strong KLA Central Division, Novi's girls swim and dive team emerged from the water as the strongest.

The Wildcats dominated three key events and placed well in most others en route to earning 577 points, enough for a 64.5-point win over Livonia Stevenson and the rest of the Central Division.

"My overall thoughts are my kids raced real well. We won a lot of events. Our young kids just proved and came through like a champ. It was a well-balanced team effort," Novi coach Scott Teeters said.

Novi kicked off the meet by earning 64 points in the 200-yard medley relay, including a first-place, 40-point finish by freshman Andrea VanderMey, senior Meredith Cote, freshman Maranda Buha and junior Madelyn Buha. The team finished in 1:51.57, just 4.01 seconds ahead of South Lyon.

"I put the Buha sisters on the medley relay. It's been a long time since they did a relay together. With VanderMey and Cote, they set a division record last year and re-set it with four completely different girls this year," Teeters said.

Novi earned first place in seven of 12 events, five of the top 10 in the 500-yard freestyle and four of the top 10 in both the 50-yard freestyle and 200-yard individual medley relay.

VanderMey got her second win of the day with a division-record 2:10.76 finish in the 200-yard individual medley, followed by teammates Cote in third (2:13.59), juniors Sarah Sultana in seventh (2:25.44) and Amber Cathey in ninth (2:26.02).

"VanderMey just set a division record in the IM. Had another freshman win the 50 freestyle, two freshmen divers go top eight and Maranda won the fly," Teeters said of his tal-

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Novi now prepares for the KLA Kensington Conference meet, where tough Canton and Plymouth teams will join the strong Central Division competition to square off Saturday. Visit [www.noviswim.com/MEETRESULTS/2009/KLAADivision.htm](http://www.noviswim.com/MEETRESULTS/2009/KLAADivision.htm) for full division meet results.

ented underclassmen.

Maranda Buha took first in the 50-yard freestyle in 25.25 seconds, just 0.03 ahead of South Lyon's Rachel Green. The elder Buha followed in fifth (26.02), while freshman Kara Berg took sixth (26.03) and sophomore Abby Hall eighth (26.88).

Maranda Buha and junior Becca Berman provided a one-two punch in the 100-yard butterfly with times of 1:00.08 and 1:00.56, respectively.

The Wildcats dominated the grueling 500-yard freestyle, as Cote took first in 5:14.64, Berman second in 5:20.22, freshman Kelsey Shurmer fourth in 5:29.95, juniors Jacque Carless seventh in 5:34.79 and Abigail Glenn ninth in 5:40.11.

Novi wrapped up the meet with first-place finishes by Berg, Berman and the Buha sisters in the 200-yard freestyle relay (1:43.22) and VanderMey in the 100-yard backstroke (59.35) before Stevenson edged out the Wildcats' Cote, Berman, Berg and VanderMey in the final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay, by 1.73 seconds in 3:44.85.

"It was a well-balanced attack," Teeters said. "More than anything, we raced well. Stevenson raced well, we raced well."

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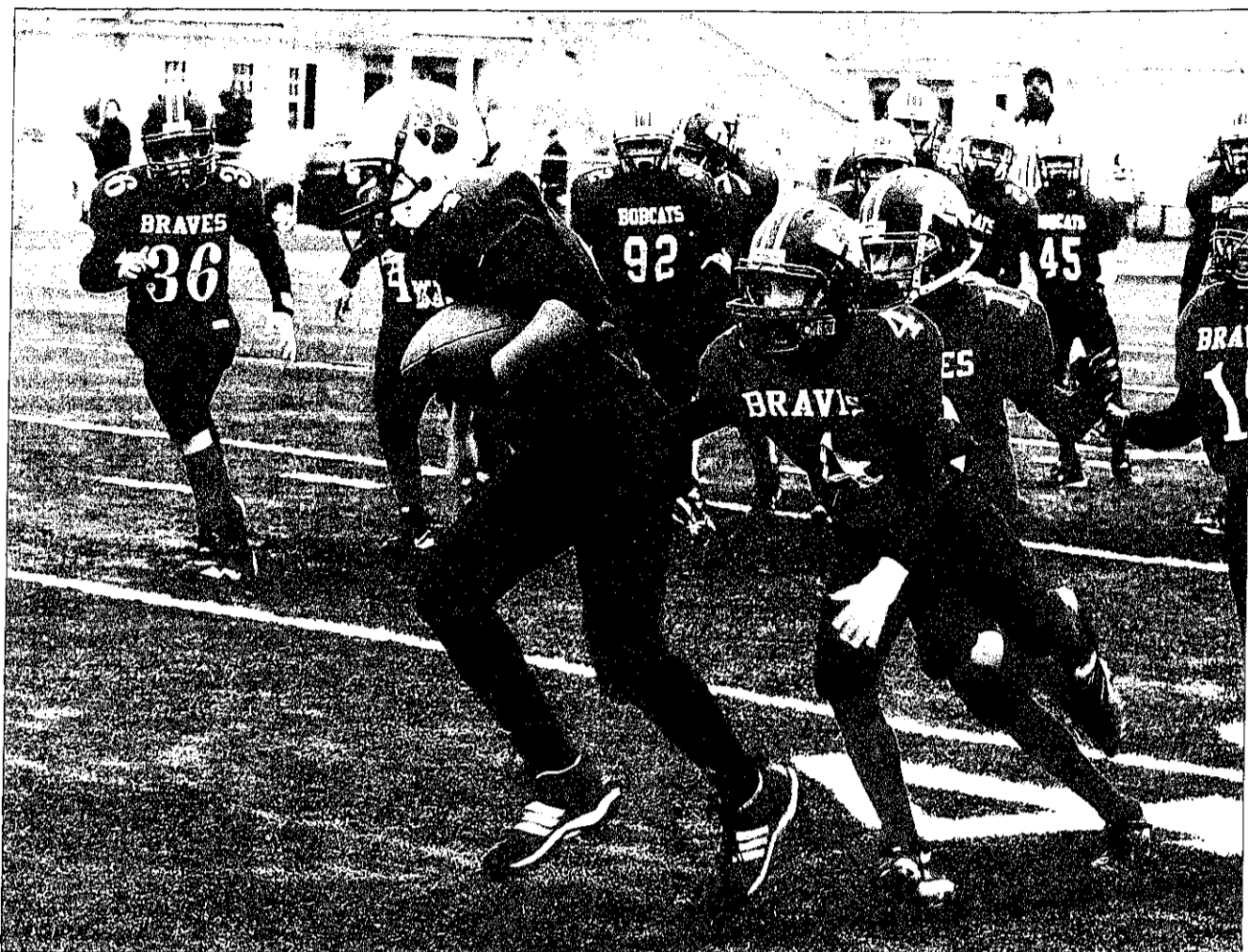
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JV Bobcat Kameron Hankerson intercepts a pass and rumbles 21 yards.

Varsity Bobcats finish strong with 31-8 win over Livonia

The Novi Bobcats varsity football team finished its season with a 31-8 win on Sunday over the Livonia Blue Jays.

The offense led by Billy Ullie, Carston Cook, Jalen Ward, Bret Guiboux, Jeffrey Baker, Charlie Ryan, Josh Helfer, Jack Twomey, Mark Ryan, Graham Gausden, Keith Pravato, Ethan Roy and Austin Racicot were unstoppable, racking up 319 yards rushing and 334 yards of total offense en route to five touchdowns.

Baker led the offense with 257 rushing yards on 15 carries, including 40-yard and a 60-yard touchdown runs. Ward added 19 yards, Ullie 15 yards, Pravato 14 yards, Racicot 11 yards and Addison Loneragan 5 yards. Ullie also completed 2-of-3 passes for 15 yards, and a touchdown to Roy.

The defense held the Blue Jay offense in check, led by Pravato's six tackles. Helfer, Ryan, Nick Meadows, Roy, Jack Pinkerton and Ullie had five each as Livonia only managed eight points.

The coaching staff is looking forward to next season.



Novi freshman Bobcat Jason Robson makes a tackle in the backfield.

By Jake Meadors

JV Bobcats avenge loss to Braves

The Novi Bobcats junior varsity team relied on a stout defense and just enough offense to edge the Walled Lake Braves 6-0 in the first round of the WLJFL playoffs.

The Braves, who beat the Bobcats earlier in the season and were the defending champions, gave up the game's only score in the second quarter and were unable to generate any scoring drives.

Novi capped off a 26-yard drive on a quarterback sneak by Ryan Moore on third-and-goal from the 1-yard line to give the Bobcats all the points they would need. A key play during the drive was a first down run by Andy Mizerowski on third-and-1 to keep the offense on the field. Colton Neitsius, who blocked a punt earlier in the game, provided the big play with a 22-yard

scamper to the one.

The Bobcats threatened again at the end of the half when Moore hit Andrew Schroeder on a 19-yard pass and Christian Durham for 12 yards before the drive stalled on the 23-yard line.

"They came out in the second half looking to increase their lead, but a holding penalty erased a touchdown and they ended up turning the ball over on downs.

Defensively, the Bobcats put the clamps on the Braves offense in the second half. Spencer VanKirk picked off an errant throw in the third quarter to thwart a drive, and the defense stood tall in the fourth to preserve the lead.

The defense held the Braves to 56 yards of total offense and just four first downs. Neitsius and VanKirk led all defenders with six tackles each.

Moore provided all the offense the Bobcats needed, completing five passes for 44 yards and rushing six times for 20 yards including the touchdown.

The Bobcats will face the Livonia Falcons



Bobcat Varsity Pull team; Carston Cook, 15; Charlie Ryan, 33; Ethan Roy, 88; Jeffrey Baker, 31; Josh Helfer, 35; Mark Ryan, 60; Austin Racicot, 91 and Keith Pravato, 69.

at 2 p.m. on Nov. 7 (9-0) in the WLJFL Super Bowl at Eastern Michigan University. The Falcons have outscored opponents 216-32 during the season and beat the Bobcats earlier in the season 29-6.

By Ken Hixon

Freshman Bobcats win final game

The Novi Bobcats freshman team closed out its season with a 13-6 win against the Livonia Eagles.

Novi got on the board first on a 32-yard touchdown run by Trendon Hankerson. The

run capped off a nine play 56-yard drive.

Livonia answered on its ensuing possession, scoring a touchdown to complete a 10 play 65-yard drive.

"The game was tied 6-6 at the half, but Novi took the lead for good in the fourth.

A defensive stand by the Eagles gave them the ball at their own 2-yard line, but they were unable to get breathing room and turned it over on downs at their own six.

Two plays later, VanKirk punched it in to give the Bobcats the lead.

A late interception by Lance McPherson sealed the win.

By Todd Lewinski

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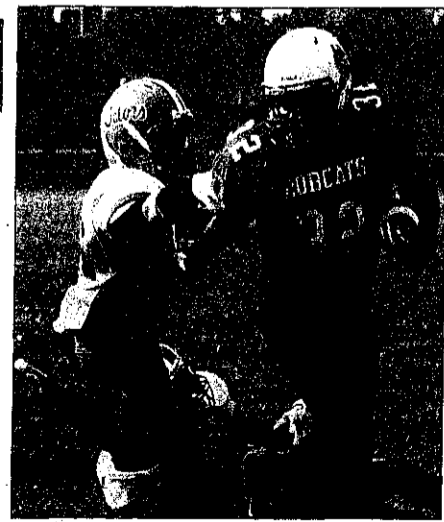
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Jeff Baker scored four touchdowns for the varsity Bobcats.



Brendan Smith runs the ball for the Novi Bobcats freshman squad on Sept. 13.



FRC boys soccer finishes 8-2-1

The Franklin Road Middle School Warriors soccer team finished the season with a record of 8-2-1. The two losses came early in the season at a time when the team was still working out primary playing positions for each of the team members. As the season progressed the team dominated most games, scoring an impressive 35 goals over the course of their 11 games, while allowing only eight goals to be scored against them.

Highlighting the team's strong balance of offensive and defensive prowess was the fact that six of eight victories this season were shutouts. Pictured (l to r, top) are Jeff Weaver, coach; Marcus Charick, eighth grade; Jeremy Mathew, eighth; Jacob Weaver, eighth; Micah Charick, sixth; Josh Mansfield, coach (middle); Nicholas Gireath, eighth; Shaun Nelson, eighth; Parker Bowman, seventh; Taylor Ayers, sixth; (front) Marcus Craft, sixth; Daniel Rainald, seventh; Daniel Weaver, sixth; Jonathan Gunn, seventh; and Sean Rutledge, sixth. Missing from the photo is coach Clarence Gireath.

Freshman Mullins sets school record, qualifies for states

Lone 'Cat headed to the big run after fifth-place regional finish

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

Novi's girls cross country team didn't earn a trip to this Saturday's state meet at Michigan International Speedway like they had hoped, but one runner did.

Freshman Jackie Mullins finished second of 86 runners at last Friday's regional meet at Huron Meadows Metro Park in Brighton, earning a spot to her first state meet as one of 15 individuals from the region. Her time of 18 minutes and

27.9 seconds not only shattered her personal best of 18:50.1 from Oct. 17, but it also set a Novi High School record, breaking Elle Robinson's 18:29.1 set at MIS last fall.

Robinson finished 19th overall at last year's state meet with that time and, after finishing exactly one second behind Walled Lake Western's Lindsay Clark at the regional meet, Novi coach Marsha Reid said Mullins is ready for the challenge at States.

"Super excited about Jackie qualifying for States. She

ON TAP

Wildcat Jackie Mullins will try to end her freshman campaign on a high note 2 p.m. Saturday at MIS in Brooklyn, Mich. Admission costs \$7 for ages 5 and up, and can be purchased at the gate or online at [www.ticketleap.com](http://www.ticketleap.com).

ran well. She had probably her best race of the season. Jackie's still really green when it comes to competing. Lindsay had that competitive edge. The last straightaway, (Mullins) caught back up," Reid said. "She definitely has a lot of talent. I'm looking forward to her continuing to develop. Jackie did a really nice job of improving throughout the season, learning how to run at the high school level."

Although Mullins had a successful run, her teammates couldn't keep pace, as the team finished fifth of the 13 attending the regional meet with 116 points, 64 behind champion Pinckney's 54 and also behind Northville's 71, Brighton's 81 and Walled Lake Western's 90. Only the top three teams earn an invite to the state meet.

Junior Kelsey Hodge missed the individual state cut by three spots, finishing 18th in 19:45, as junior Brooke McMahon landed in 27th in 20:18.

"Kelsey Hodge ran a very good race and stepped up for us. Brooke McMahon is dealing with some injuries. She tried to go. She didn't have a very good race," Reid said. "She's probably worked the hardest out of everybody, put in the summer miles and getting the team to gel. She qualified for the state meet the last two years. It was one of those things. At the Spartan Invite, she had her legs cramp up and it was the same thing here. It was just an off day for her. Unfortunately, it was the wrong day."

A young core of Wildcats wrapped up the scoring for Novi, as junior Alyssa Murray finished 32nd in 20:32, sophomore Abby Chandler 35th in

20:57, junior Bridget Myers 44th in 21:18 and freshman Zoe Jenkins 46th in 21:30.

"I don't graduate anyone in my seven. The potential is there. We have the potential to run better than what we did," Reid said. "I think our season, in general, has been a growing year for us. A lot of this year has been about our identity. It's been a rebuilding year with tools we already had to see what we can build for next year."

The Wildcats finished the season second in the KLAACentral Division with a 4-1 dual meet record and fourth in the Kensington Conference.

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former Novi News staff writer.

Novi harriers qualify for states

Wildcats, Blaszczyk take third at Regionals

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

The Wildcats' boys cross country team edged out host Brighton by three points last Friday at the Region 6 meet, earning the third and final spot at this Saturday's International Speedway.

As 14 teams gathered at Huron Meadows Metro Park, only the top three teams and top 15 individuals would come out with a bid for the state meet.

Novi's top seven runners all placed in the 91 spots as the team earned 91 points to get past Brighton's 94 and Northville's 106. Pinckney and Detroit Catholic Central took the top two spots with scores of 39 and 41, respectively.

"I truly believe that Region 6-1 was the most difficult region in the state this year. Pinckney and Catholic Central are currently ranked as number two and three in the state. That left only one spot for three very good teams. We

ON TAP

The Wildcats gear up for Saturday's MIS state meet, where the team finished 13th last season and Blaszczyk took 19th individually in 15:45 as an All-State junior.

"You have to get there and we did it. Now it's the fun part and we have to prove ourselves on the state stage. We are hoping to make a big splash next weekend at MIS. We've got a little bit left in the tank and we know how to peak twice in two weeks," Smith said. "Blaszczyk is better now, so he'll have a shot at it. I don't want to make too many predictions in case we fail. I think we have a good chance of making a good showing."

The Lower Peninsula Finals for the Division I boys race kicks off 3 p.m. at MIS in Brooklyn, Mich. Admission costs \$7 for ages 5 and up, and can be purchased at the gate or online at [www.ticketleap.com](http://www.ticketleap.com).

arguably a top 10 team in the state," Novi coach Robert Smith said. "As you can see, we beat Brighton by the slimmest of margins. It was their home course, too. They didn't quite perform as well as they had in the past."

Had Brighton edged out Novi, the team would have still sent two of its seven runners to MIS, as senior Mike Blaszczyk and junior Joe

Schubring both placed in the top 15 of 97 individuals. Blaszczyk took third place in a season-best 15 minutes and 54 seconds despite being ill, while Schubring took 15th with a career-best 16:21.

"He was really sick, but even a sick Mike is capable of a good run. Joe's just came on like gangbusters the last few weeks," Smith said.

Pinckney took four of

the top 10 spots and CC took three of the top 10, so Novi needed to find points quick. CC senior Ricardo Galindo took first in 15:32 and Pinckney senior Tanner Pesonen second in 15:33. Northville senior Frank Griffiths was close behind Blaszczyk, taking fourth in 16:00.

"We can run a better race, but we didn't succumb to any kind of pressure. There's no tomorrow if we don't win," Smith said.

After Schubring, senior Geoffrey Giese crossed the finish line 21 seconds later for a 16:42, 22nd-place finish. Junior Brett Gianpa and senior Dan Egner both followed six seconds later, earning 25th and 26th, respectively.

Senior Alex Minghine took 30th in 16:56 and junior Chase Conrad finished in a career-best 17:17 to take 38th.

"Chase was just a very solid JV runner for us last season and stepped up with the big dogs," Smith said.

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former Novi News staff writer.

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How has the recent economy affected your business?

The economy is tough on everyone. With people out of work, of course our business is affected. But we keep a positive attitude and stay helpful and friendly with our customers, and we'll get by just like everyone else.

What's in store for the future of your business?

Hopefully, many more years of helping Novi and Northville keep their homes and gardens in good shape.



Karen and Bob Slack own and operate the Ace Family Hardware store on Novi Road.

### BUSINESS BUZZ

#### Novi-area substance abuse & mental health provider expands into statewide network

After several months of constructive dialogue, leaders of a substance abuse and mental health organization with operations to 24230 Karim Boulevard in Novi have agreed to terms with a Grand Rapids-based nonprofit to create a statewide network of care. Flint-based Insight and Grand Rapids-based Hope Network have reached an agreement to join their organizations in order to efficiently grow and enhance their substance abuse and mental health services for the people they serve across Michigan. The result will be a merged entity that employs 2,300 and serves 20,000 people at 180 locations across 50 counties in Michigan.

Effective Nov. 1, Insight formally aligned with Hope Network and operate under the Hope Network brand. The terms of the deal were not made public. No jobs are expected to be created and the transition should appear seamless to those involved. The new structure creates a comprehensive network of substance abuse and mental health care programs in the state.

"The long tradition of quality care at Insight will not change," says Tom Dreyer, President & CEO of Insight (www.therecoverypeople.org). Insight has been providing substance abuse treatment for over 40 years and has built a solid reputation by successfully treating tens of thousands of clients. Started in 1965 by two physicians as a department of a local hospital, Insight has grown to be the one of the largest providers of comprehensive mental health and substance abuse services in Michigan.

"The opportunities this partnership will bring for each organization are exciting," says Hope Network President & CEO Phil Weaver. "Hope Network brings a well-developed and comprehensive infrastructure to Insight along with the capacity to provide resources for future growth."

#### Max & Erma's files Chapter 11

Last week, Max & Erma's filed for Chapter 11 protection from creditors which amounts to a reorganization for all locations in Michigan and means business as usual for the restaurants. Marie Brown, area director, said Max & Erma's is still generating positive cash flow. She went on to

say that Max & Erma's were bought out about a year and a half ago when times were much better. This purchase would have been fine under normal circumstances. Given the current market conditions, Max & Erma's has been impacted as have many other family restaurants and bigger chains.

Max and Erma's is located in Novi at 12 Oaks Mall between anchor stores, Macy's and JC Penny's.

#### Erickson selling Fox Run

Erickson Retirement Communities, a national manager and developer of continuing care retirement communities including Fox Run in Novi, announced it has signed a definitive agreement with Redwood Capital Investments LLC, an investment company controlled by Baltimore businessman Jim Davis, to purchase Erickson.

According to Mel Tansill, Erickson spokesman, Fox Run will not be impacted by Erickson's Chapter 11 filing and is not in bankruptcy. "Fox Run Village, Inc. is an independent, non-profit organization governed by a non-profit Board of Directors," said Tansill. "The board contracts with Erickson to provide management services to Fox Run and develop future residential units. Fox Run Village, Inc. leases the land and buildings from Erickson. They are two separate and distinct entities."

"Erickson has signed a definitive agreement to sell its assets to Redwood Capital Investments LLC, and to complete the sale of the company," Erickson filed a voluntary petition under Chapter 11 to restructure its finances and separate its management and real estate businesses into separate entities. The definitive agreement between Erickson and Redwood Capital Investments provides for the continuation of Erickson services and programs, working capital to fund community obligations, and the resumption of construction when the economy improves and demand warrants.

Residents at Fox Run will not be affected by the restructuring and reorganization at Erickson, including their rights to a refund of their entrance deposits (as defined in the Residence and Care Agreement between each resident and the not-for-profit community) which are intact," said Tansill.

The Fox Run management contract with Erickson allows the community's board of directors to participate in the selection of the buyer of Erickson's business. The

Board has given consent to Redwood Capital as a purchaser of Erickson's business, subject to the results of the pending competitive bidding process. Erickson has said that it hopes to complete this process and that the new ownership will be in place by the end of January 2010.

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about going into business. Participants examine their entrepreneurial skills, learn how to implement their ideas and receive a list of pitfalls to avoid when starting a business. The class runs from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Thursday, Nov. 12, at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For location and pre-registration, visit our website at oakgov.com/peds/calendar, or call (248) 858-0783. The fee is \$30. No refunds.

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