

NOVI NUTSHELL **Ring in holidays**

≺ The City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, in partnership with ITC, is gearing up for the holiday season and the annual Ringing in the Holidays event. The event, which includes the Richard Lording Links which includes the Electric Light Parade, Santa visits, children's marshmallow mauia area, live

performances, great refreshments and more, will take place on Friday, Dec. 4 from 6-9 p.m. at Main Street, Novi. The crowd-favorite Electric

Light Parade, scheduled to begin at 6 p.m., continues to grow bigger and better every year with more Novi area businesses, clubs and civic organizations taking part This year awards will be present-ed to outstanding entries in the following categories:

Ringing Award - most distinc-tive use of bells
 Electric Light Award - most lights
 Holiday Vehicle Award - imag-

ination & creativity • Holiday Music Award - uti-

lizes holiday music best • Mayor's Award - Mayor's personal favorite

 Most Unique Award - sets itself apart from all others Hundreds of holiday revelers line the parade route to enjoy the festivities and the parade is taped and aired throughout the holiday season on Novi Television cable channels (Brighthouse channel 13 and AT&T U-verse channel

99). To participate in the parade, please visit cityofnovi.org to download a registration form. Back for the 2009 is the Ringing

in the Holidays Craft Show. Space is still available for local crafters to showcase their handmade items at the event. The craft show will take place indoors and an 8 x 12 booth can be reserved for \$30. To request an application, contact Kathryn Knapp, Cultural Arts Coordinator at kknapp@cityofnovi.org or (248) 347-0509.

Additional opportunities for involvement include sponsorship and restaurant vendors. For information about Ringing in the Holidays, please contact Derek Smith, Recreation Supervisor, at dsmith@cityofnovi.org or (248) 347-0474.

Drummers wanted

Number Six Independent Percussion open class drumline from Novi is looking for members between the ages of 14 and 22 years old. Auditions will take place on Friday, Nov. 20 and Saturday, Nov. 21 at the group's rehearsal facility at 22635 Venture Drive, Novi. Visit their Web site for more information at www.number6percussion.com and to fill out the audition form.

Study shows Novi's roads in bad shape

City manager says recent improvements not included in report

BY NATHAN MUELLER

The city of Novi came in at number 60 out of 1,655 municipalities on a list of the state's worst roads released Nov. 9 by the Michigan

Infrastructure and Transportation Association According to the report, the city has 271 federal aid miles of roads, and of that number, 54 miles - 20 percent - are considered in poor con-dition. Federal aid roads are those eligible for at least some federal money in addition to state money

City manager Clay Pearson said while that number stands out, it may not be completely accurate because the city has made major road improvements to those roads since the information was taken from a 2008 Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating study.

"We have paid a lot of attention to roads," he said. "It is one of our biggest priorities as far as making a difference to get residents around." Wayne and Oakland counties had the most miles of roads in poor condition, but their actual percentage of bad roads was in the middle of the

percentage of Dat roads was in the modele of the pack at around 25 percent. "Our legislative leaders need to stop 'watch-ing' the funding problem evolve into a crisis and take appropriate action to correct it," said Mike Nystrom, vice president of government and

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Re-surfacing of Meadowbrook Road slows traffic on Nov. 10 as the project nears completion.

Novi joins in protest regarding school funding cuts

Focus is on making voices heard. protecting students

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Parents and leaders in the Novi Community Schools district headed to the state Capitol last week to express their frustration about funding cuts and put pressure on the law-makers to make it right.

About 12 people from Novi joined nearly 1,000 other people from districts all over the state as part of a group dubbed SOS -- Save our Students, Schools and State.

The rally in Lansing was held in response to recent funding cuts that are crippling districts and forcing them to cut staff, eliminate pro-grams and look for other ways to balance their thinning budgets. In Novi, the State School Aid bill

passed by legislators initially cut \$165 per student. It was then followed by a line-item veto of the : 20j categorical funds by Gov. Jennifer Granholm which amounted to \$280 per student and an additional proration eliminated another \$127. In total, the district will see a budget cut of \$572 per student - \$3.5 mil-lion - this school year.

"These parents are frustrated by the lack of cooperation between the legislators and governor to fix a the legislators and governor to fix a problem that has been staring them in the face for a number of years," said Superintendent Peter Dion, who attended the rally. "Our backs are against the wall and they are putting

our kids in jeopardy as a result." Bills are on the table to help rec tify the problem, but none have been approved. There also has been talk

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(From Jeft) Janice Krupic, Kristin Casalou and Novi Community Schools Supt. Peter Dion were part of the 'Save our Students, Schools and rally in Lansing last week



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City honors businesses for efforts in community

Awards to be presented Monday

BY NATHAN NUELLER STAFF WRITER

A year after receiving honor able mention accolades at the inaugural Business Recognition Awards ceremony, Advanced Vein Therapies did one better this year by earning the Green Technologies Award.

Linda Miller, director of operations, said they were proud of the accomplishment last year, but were focused on winning this time around. Some of the changes the business made was to switch to electronic medical ecords, recycle more and pur-

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chase items that are eco-friendly. "This was a team approach," she said. "It was very exciting to hear we received the award because everyone was in on trying to see what we could do as an

office to go green." Advanced Vein Therapies was one of five businesses and one person to be recognized by the city for their efforts. The three major criteria when selecting the winners were corporate citizenship; businesses which partner with others to enhance the community; business practices;

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public relations for the MITA. and co- chair of the Michigan Transportation Team in a press release. "This isn't a case of road agencies not doing their jobs. Michigan's local road systems are collapsing because funding continues to

plummet." Pearson acknowledged that Grand River Avenue remains at the top of the list for getting improvements, but a lack of funding has slowed advancements. The city must partner with the county and the Road Commission for Oakland County on the project, and a lack of money is the major

issue. Another project that has been halted is widening Novi Road and putting a bridge over the CSX Railroad crossing. The city has already spent \$1.2 million on engineering and right-of-way acquisition, but federal funding in the form of roughly \$13 million has been extended retracted

"Right now there is no funding for that and we cannot do



anything until that gets rees-

not be the ones struggling." Mary Mazer, a parent of a student in the district, said the Meadowbrook was expected to be completed this week. practice of culting money from The road remains open, with school districts cannot go on lane closures as necessary to any longer. "Our kids are hurting now," complete work. Crews will she said. "We have been put-ting a Band-Aid on this for vorking on the road on Also Meadowbrook Road years and we need to do some-

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from Eight Mile to Nine Mile thing long-term. "I want the governor to roads continues. Repaying is expected to begin soon and lane answer our students and tell them why our money is miss-



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Lynn Ditri, Terry Wahrman, Janice Krupic, and Kristin Casalou headed to Lansing last week to attempt to talk to legislators about the funding cuts to schools

Maria Mazza, another par-ent, said she still has a student big picture we are looking at? The group from Novi met We need a reason to beli in the turnaround and I did in the school district and wants the same quality educa-tion her daughter had. not walk away feeling optimistic." In lieu of the cuts, the dis-"With these cuts it's not possible," she said. trict is will be looking at priva-School board members Shari Lebo and Bobbie Murphy also tizing custodial and trai tation services at its Nov. 19 attended the rally. Lebo said these cuts are "one more way board meeting. A decision is not expected to be made until of telling people to not come to December. Michig Said Murphy: "What is the nmueller@gannett.com |(248) 437-2011 ext.255 THE NOVI NEWS HE HOYN NEWS Published Each Thursday By The Novi News 101 Lafayette South Lyon, Michigan 48178 Periodical At South Lyon, Michigan Item Mail Subscription Rates: Han Subscription Hates: In-County: \$32 for one year. Out of County (in Michigan): \$47.60 for ie year. Out of State; \$59.50 for one year. For delivery call 888-366-3742. reational Items and/o The Novi Nows is spublished by Faderated Publications, inc. a wholy owned subsidiary of Cannet Co. Inc. Postmasski, send address changes to: The Novi Nows, 41304 Concopt Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170. POLICY STATEMENT. All advertising published in The Novi News is subject to the conditions stated in the applicable rate card, copies of which are available from the advertising department. The Novi News, 101 Lafayette, South Upon, Michigan 48178, (246-343-1700). The Hovi News states the right not to eccept an advertiser's order. The Novi News ad-takers have no authority to bind this newspaper and only publication of an advertisement shall constitute final acceptance of the advertiser's order. Publication Number USPS 396920. 15 SHENNU

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Eleven Novi High School faculty members took the Turbo Kick Challenge and lost big time. The ladies worked out everyday after school with Get

Fit Coaches and in the end they lost a lotal of 20.5 pounds and 57 inches. In the meantime, they raised over \$200 for the Novi High School Art Department. Pictured are (I to r, back row) Coach Sue Pilarski, Lydia Cadena, Alain Bryen, Läuren Rambo, Kristin Baaki, Heather McKaig; (middle)

Kristina Stefanon, Deb Thomas, Katle Ammons, Kathleen Adar; and (front) Catherine Thomas, Kristen Shupick and Erin Harbar, The biggest Joser was

Lauren, 5.5 pounds. The inchworm was Catherine, 9.5 inches. Get Fit Coaches runs challenges from ten days to six weeks to help people meet their

fitness and nutritional goals. Check out the next challenge or schedule your own at www.GetFitCoaches.com.

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businesses which create an optimal working environment for employees and have made efforts to boost productivity, innovation and career dvancement; and green technologies; businesses that contribute to an equitable and ecologically sustainable economy Lotus Bank and Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel earned

corporate citizenship honors for small and large businesses, respectively, while the Novi Youth Hockey Association and Hotel Baronette earned business practices honors. Sho Nakahama, executive

director of Japanese Business Society of Detroit, also received the first ever Mayor's Economic Ambassador of the Year Award, Satish Jasti, president and

citizen." The winners will be recog-nized at 7 p.m. Monday at the CEO of Lotus Bank, said he is proud of his business' involve nent in the community, which includes partnerships with select schools for bank education and supporting several

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tor of Japanese Business Society

'We are a community bank and need to show people we care about the community we are in," he said. "We appreciate

the recognition and it tells us

we are doing the right things

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Novi City Council meeting, A reception is being held prior to the meeting at 6 p.m. other organizations throughnnsveller@ranneti.com/(248) 437-2011 ext. 255



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What is the hottest holiday gift-giving trend this season? It's all purchases and find a few gifts during late-season sales when some about getting the most bang for stores offer deeper discounts.

"Shopping for the holidays this year is all about finding value and Tip 3: Buy last year's model Skip the lines and the steep prices by buying last year's mod-els on electronics that have likely Lifestyle Guru' and General Growth Properties (GGP) gift-givseen up to 30 percent price cuts. Today's cutting-edge technological advancements in Mp3 players and ing expert. "Knowing the secrets to finding the best deals and creating a successful shopping strategy will digital cameras don't come cheap, so carefully consider the added value they offer. Do your research and find out if those extra pixels get you the most value as you shop for family and friends this holiday or special features are essential for To help make your holiday shopthe person you are shopping for. If you pay close attention, you may find that last year's model does 95 percent of the things that this year's model does, but at 70 percent of the price

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'Shopping for the holidays this year is all about finding value and stretching your dollar to get the most out of your purchases."

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log on to www.MerryGiving.com where you can explore details of exclusive shopping events, retailer sales, and a special partnership with Martha Stewart Living maga-Tip 5: Find value in the season's hottest gifts zine, all taking place at participat ing GGP malls across the country Finally, once you have planned the perfect the holiday shopping

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Novi's got talent High school students to showcase unique skills

BY NATHAN MUELLER Staff Writer Senior Chris Gray thought he knew a lot about his fel-

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low classmates at Novi High School. But since he was chosen as one of the four emcees at the sixth annual Best Talent Show Ever, and watched the performers prepare their acts, he is shocked by what he has seen. "There is a lot of talent at Novi High School that people don't know about," he said. "People would pay big bucks to see something like this, but we are only charging five bucks." The talent show benefiting the theater, dance and journ ism departments at the school takes place at 7 p.m. Friday in the high school auditorium Cost is \$5 for tickets and they can be purchased at the door. There are more than 30 acts, ranging from singing and dancing to beat boxing and playing instruments. There also will be a perfor-

mance by Chris Fraser, who finished fourth at the 2009 National Yo-yo Contest in early October. "Seeing some of the things

my classmates can do is really cool," Gray said. "Sometime you see this quiet person and then they are belling out songs on stage. It's going to be fun." One of the acts is the brothersister duo of Alex and Jamie Pack. The two decided to com ine their performance two day. before auditions, and their six song medley with Jamie sing-ing and Alex singing and play ing the guitar will feature such songs as Collide by Howie Day and I'm Yours by Jason Mraz. The Novi Dance Company rehearses for the school's Nov. 20 student

This is the first time Alex talent show. will perform in front of an audience and the first time the to work together last minute two have performed together Jamie is not nervous about the

outside of their home performance 'I am looking forward to big 'We can rely on each other because we know each other really well," she said.

Teaching students The Forgotten 'R'

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Even in today's back-to-basics move

emphasis on reading and math. Some experts have gone so far as to call writing "The Forgotten 'R'." Now that many states, including Recause most students want to write Use the following guidelines to turn the

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Members of the Novi High School Dance Co. perform "Brothers" during a rehearsal for the school's Nov. 20 talent show at 7 p.m. The show is to

henefit the school's dance, journalism, and theatre programs

Spend time organizing your ideas and thinking about what you really want to

Sasha Tolaian sings and plays the plano during a rehearsal for Novi High's Nov. 20th talent show. The show, at 7 p.m.

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help with spelling. • Utilize a thesaurus to help you think of a new way to say something. Ask someone else to edit your work. Proofread everything. Reading your
essay aloud will help you and a peer catch committee, and was impresse mistakes. Make sure grammar, spelling

and punctuation are perfect before you declare anything "finished." dents and staff. In many ways Berkley is like Novi, the community is · Don't rely on computer spell check to

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Kathy Michel is the director of Sylvan Learning

of Novi. She can be reached at the center at (248)



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High school assistant principal heads to Berkley

Gawel: 'It was difficult to leave Novi'

BY NATHAN MUELLER Novi High School Principal STAEF WRITER John Lawrence, who has

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worked with Gawel the entire Randall Gawel's eight-year eight years, said he is a phenomenal administrator who un as assistant principal at is "certainly more than ready to take on the responsibilities Novi High School came to a of being a principal," and the school is going to miss him tre But it was not without much thought and questioning. Gawel, who started in his mendously. new position as principal at Berkley High School on Monday, said he had a tough "He certainly has his head in the right place in terms of priorities and putting kids and programs first." Lawrence time deciding if he wanted to make the move because of all he accomplished at Novi. said, "He's an asset for Berkley High School, no question "It (was) difficult to leave about it." Novi," he said. "I have estab-lished many wonderful rela-Supt. Peter Dion called Gawel a great employee and an instructional leader in the tionships with students, staff

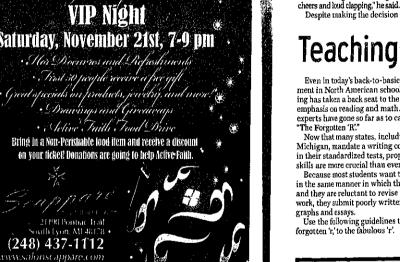
district. 'He was a great contributor to Novi schools and had a sig-nificant impact on the quality of Novi High School," he said. Gawel said he believes that

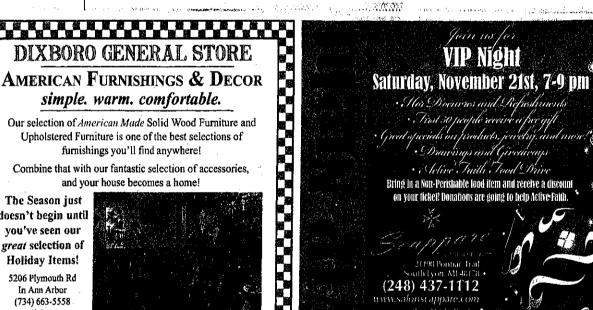
the people i nave had the privilege of working with over the years gave me the greatest pause in my thinking about moving to another district." The Berkley School District reled Course ithe use intermuch of what he learned in Novi will translate into vision asked Gawel if he was interat Berkley. "Excellence takes work and I will take with me an understanding of how a school Dennis McDavid, who served as Berkley High principal for begins to approach the highest quality of academic achievement with regard to instruc Gawel said he had been to tion and outcomes," he said the school on several occasion I also have come to realize that a school, no matter now accomplished or validated by in the past as part of an North Central Association accredita-

tion team and for a scheduling external recognition, has to onsider the possibility of nev ideas and creative solutions to with their school climate, stumaintain and, as necessary,

change and grow." Dion said because of current supportive of their schools, and I look forward to continuing to state aid cuts Gawel's position will not be replaced at this work in an environment driven time by high expectations and pro-

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JOSEPH MICHAEL BROCK Age 41, passed away November 15, 2009. He was born on March 23, 1968 in Ann Arbor, to Claude and Mary (Alaisdeli) Arack He is sun by his loving wife Lynn Brock, step-children: Susan, Ashley; siblings Claude J. Brock and Deanna Marie (Jason) Boike: niece Claudia Lynn; everal aunts, uncles and cousins. A luneral service was held on Nov. 18. n lieu of flowers, donations may be nade to the family of Joseph Brock

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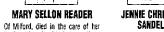
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CAROLE A. KEW Age 69, South Lyon, passed away Nov. 10, 2009. Wife of Dennis & mother of Michael & Kimberly (Andrew) Rienstra. Family services have been held. Donations suggested to American Diabeles Association, PD Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312.



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JENNIE CHRISTINE SANDELL

of Minord, oteo in inte care of ner family at her daughler's hower there on Friday evening. November 13, the care of her family at Sunrise 2009. She was 69 years old. Born in Assisted Living Home in West Sydney, Nova Scotia on September Bloomited on November 15, 2009. 20, 1920, Mary was the daughter of She is survived by William Ronald William Andrew and Mary (Macleod) Sandell, her beloved husband of Sethen Willia Entending of the at the



ROBERT H. THOMAS



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 work philipsfueral.com a member of Fiss United wetmotist Church for 15 years. Robert was very adventurous and also enjoyed walking. He completed 19 marathons and numerous 5k races. When he was in his 78s, after completing the Las Vaces Marathan he went para Las Vegas Marathon, he went para chuting. He was fascinated by arche ology and spent time on many digs buy and spent time on many city around the world. He is survived by his nieces and nephews; Karen (Wayne) Rae, Nancy (Dan) Link, Janet (Von) Joshua, Richard (Diane) Thomas, and Russell Thomas; his sister-in-law Shirley Thomas; nd real nieres and nephews; and 1 great nieces and nephews; and 1 great great. He was preceded in

death by his parents and his brothe Richard Thomas, A Funeral Service was held last Wednesday at First United Methodist Church



Max & Erma's helps make teen's wish come true

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Student gets \$3,000 shopping spree

STAFF WRITER Wishes do come true. And for 16-year-old Sarah Lim, it couldn't have come at a better time. Lim, who was diagnosed

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with Hodgkin's Lymphoma at the age of 15, was recently granted her wish of a \$3,000 shopping spree at Somerset Collection by the Make-A-Wish Foundation, with the help of Max & Erma's restaurants throughout the state and Ohio. "I got my wish during che-motherapy so I was always sick and didn't have anything to

look forward to." she said. "I was really excited." Lim was sponsored by the Max and Erma's in Novi. which helped raise money as part of the Give \$5 Save \$5 compaign in September For every \$5 donated, guests received a \$5 off coupon for a future visit. Between all the restaurants, over \$28,000 was raised for the Make-A-Wish Foundation

We are a family-oriented restaurant and anything we can do to help families is one of those things that catches our attention and we are pasionate about it," said Wes Naami, general manager of the Novi location. "The fact that we were able to meet her really hit home and made us feel like 'wow, it's not just a cause, it's

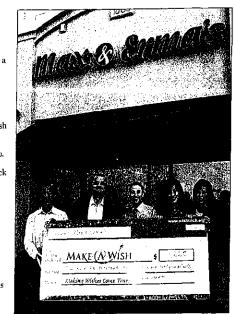
Lim was one of three people the restaurants sponsored as a group. Steven Lim, Sarah's father, said the whole family got a

With the holidays quickly approaching, Twelve Oaks Mall announced a wide variety of festivities and programs running throughout the 2009 Holiday Season. · Since their debut five years ago, The Snow Globes

we become a must-see family tradition at Twelve Oaks This year's theme, The Polar Express, back by popular demand, lets visitors experience the wondrous Polar Express train with multi sensory sights and sounds. A from 2-3 p.m. walk-through 28-foot holida tree features an interactive train engine room with real istic rumbling and movement effects. A train tunnel archway entrance leads to a 20-foot globe that greets visitors with magical falling snow, lifesized sculptures of characters from the film and the soft light of The Polar Express as it crosses the threshold into the North Pole. Three six

ornaments and photo books. Shoppers can use their photos with Santa and aboard The Polar Express to create s with Santa and aboard foot snow globes, some with interactive elements, include photo gifts as unique as they three-dimensional scenes from are. Each photo package available at The Snow Globes the movie. Keepsake options

includes a special free offer from SeeHere.com by Fujifilm either a 12-month photo wall calendar and 25 4"x8" personalized photos cards or one photo ornament - from Santa arrived from the North Pole on Nov. 6, and will be at Twelve Oaks for photo opportunities through Dec. package pricing.
 Twelve Oaks Mall has 24. Santa Hours are Monday Saturday, from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. with breaks from 1-2 p.m. and hotel The Baronette to pro-5-6 p.m.; and on Sunday from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. with a break experience. The Ultimate New this year is Twelve Holiday Shopping Package includes overnight hotel Oaks' holiday partnership with SceHere.com by Fujifilm. drink and appetizers at the Baronette's nightly cocktail SeeHere.com offers an online comprehensive digital photo experience that is user-friendreception, as well as a welly. The site allows shoppers to quickly share, organize and design photo gifts including holiday cards, calendars



Max & Erma's restaurants across Michigan and Ohio raised over \$28,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation during the restaurant chain's "Give \$5 Save \$5 Campaign" in September. Pictured from left: Steven Lim; Sam Saleh, chief area director of Max & Erma's; Wes Naami, general manager of Nov restaurant: Sarah Lim, Make-A-Wish child who was sponsored by the Novi restaurant; and Elisa Lim.

chance to participate in her entire day at the mall. As for the cancer, she has wish, and it was a good dis traction from her treatments. completed all her treatments "It was fantastic," he said. and has received good results from the doctors. "Right now I feel good," she Sarah spent the majority of the money on clothes at said.

Nordstrom's, putting items on hold prior to the shopping spree and spending nearly the nmueller@gannett.com (248) 437-2011, ext. 255

The holidays are happening at Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall

include a family-photo opportunity that allows guests to have their photo taken aboard The Polar Express as well as the traditional visit and photo with Santa,

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An addictive Web-based application can be good for business

proof the challenges in devel-poing a Web site or Web-based application is design-TAKIN' CARE OF BUSINESS ing a hook to bring visitors back The basic premise of Earnville ime after time. I just ran across is that each user is given a small an application farm to develop into a profitable that is incredibly enterprise. This is accomplished by tending animals, plowing plots, addictive and entertaining [sowing seeds, waiting for the seeds am referring to to grow and then harvesting the the Farmville rops that grow. Different types of seeds take different lengths of application in Facebook, This time to grow and ripen. The catch is that your crops will wither and jesh Kali application is still in the beta Jeffrey become worthless if you do not Livermore testing phase of development

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harvest them shortly after they ripen. This means that users have and already has millions of people to access the application whenever they have crops ripening. When I first became a who play it daily. The players are broughtback to Facebook several times a day because of the clever design of Farmville.

Farmville user, I planted strawberries which ripen in four hours.

made me keeping checking in to see how my crops were going. I found myself constantly coming back to Facebook throughout the day even though I knew that my crops would not ripen until the evening. The goal of many Web sites is to keep people engaged with the site and constantly vie ing the advertisements displayed on the Web site. By that metric. Farmville is a big winner in the competitive Web advertising The design of this application is very addictive. I can see that many to increase your revenue stream people will spend a lot of time on this application and continually return to it during the course of a

advertising revenue.

I could not wait until I was able to harvest my first crop. Farmville should not be upset about this trend; they should be trying to cualate this success. Is your con pany's Web site drawing repeat business? Are your employees drawn to your internal Web page or do they ignore your pages? Drawing customers back to your business is one of the oldest and best ways to grow your business. Many business pundits say that it is easier to keep a custome than find a new one. Some businesses are using the power of the Internet to keep their customers larger Facebook site. I have coming back. It is a simple way grown my personal network by several dozen people who are fel-low Parmville players. If your customers are constantly coming back to your Web site you should see an increase in sales or

like Farmville. Well educated Facebook is a social networking site and this application takes full advantage of social interacdevelopers can bring applications to life and create an enormous amount of business value for their tion. Users are able to give farm employers. The challenge is findanimals and trees as gifts to each ing and retaining these highly other. Receiving gifts can greatly accelerate the development of skilled developers. Every busi ness can learn from Farmville and start working on ways to your farm. To receive gifts, it is important to also give gifts. The application also rewards users make their businesses so appealing to their customers that they who help others with their farms. can't wait to come back. Finding other Farmville players to be your neighbors helps you within the game. This interaction within the application leads to more interaction within the

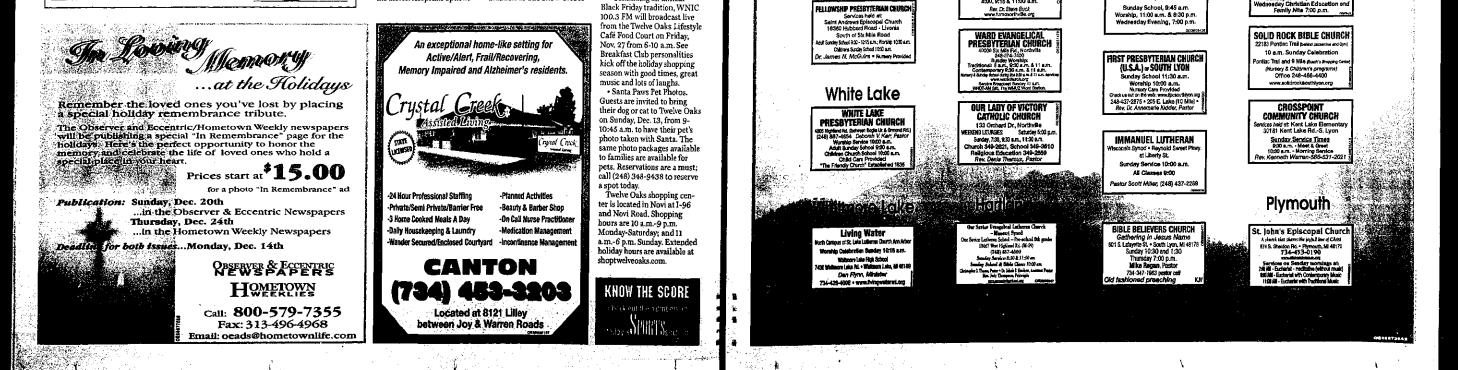
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Electronics stolen from

A Novi man had his vehicle

p.m. on Nov. 11 and 8:30 a.m. on Nov. 12 while it was parked

in the driveway of his home or

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Tires, rims taken off new

2 All four tires and rims were stolen off a 2010 Ford Fusion while it was parked in

front of the garage on Nov. 11 at a home on Broquet Drive. The man parked his car in

when he returned to his vehi-

cle the next morning it was sit ting on landscaping blocks. It is unknown if the vehicle

sustained damage and there

are no suspects at this time

Police catch drunk driver

3Novi police arrested a man at 9:50 p.m. on Nov. 12 for

caught speeding while travel-ing eastbound on Twelve Mile Road near Taft.

drunk driving after he was

that location that night and

car and police have no sus-

pects at this time.

Fusion

According to the report, the vehicle was traveling 59 miles

prior to being stopped. When the officer approached the car

he could smell a strong odor of

intoxicants and the man pro

and expired insurance.

duced his license, registration

The man failed field sobriety

tests and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol

content of .15 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in

He was arrested for oper-

transported to the Novi Police

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Department where he was held until sober.

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COMMENTARY

It's time for Lansing leaders to quit saying 'no'

have a vivid memory of my beautiful granddaughter, Lucy, standing in front of a mirror just after she turned "No," she said. "No, no, no, Pause.

She was right, of course. If there's something 2-year-olds are really good at, it's saying "No" over and over and over

again. All this came to mind when I reflected on the continuing quarrel between Gov, Jennifer Granholm and Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop over school funding. Alert readers will remember that in order to plug the state budget deficit -- which was almost \$3 billion -- the Legislature first cut school spending. Then the govern cut it some more, saying the money just wasn't there. The result was cuts amounting to between \$292 and \$600 per child in every school district in Michigan Sen. Bishop claimed the overnor was just trying to scare the Legislature increasing taxes. The school people went ballistic. They held rallies on the Capitol steps, complain ing that unforeseen cuts of this size (especially coming so late in their fiscal year) would devastate the schools Gov. Granholm has been urging people to beat on the Republican-controlled state

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Then, "no, no, no, no, no." Phil Power "Just practicing for the ter-rible twos," said my wife.

much money you're going to have to work with They pointed out that if Michigan is going to compete in a global economy, the last place to balance the budget is on the backs of our young people, who need all the knowledge and skills they can get. Now, there are two dimensions to this quarrel, the long- and the short-term The long-term issue is that our schools, like most other elements of state and local government, are in dire need of a stiff dose of structural reform. Our teachers pay is near the top of the national charts, but our students rank n the middle. And teach ers still get rich health and pension benefits that chew

up nearly half of any funding increases for our schools And there are all kinds ways to share services between school districts that would save millions senate to adopt "narrowly But nobody - including Sen. Bishop, notably targeted" revenue increases.

GUEST COLUMN Bishop has been busily saying "No, no, no, no. Until nov I've been con tent to watch as this spat played out. But when I

was over in Utica the other day, local school people ben my ear about how you simply cannot manage a business - or a school district - when, nearly half way into the fiscal year, you have no idea how

Well, I'm not so sure One proposal would put off scheduled reductions in the personal exemption on the state income tax. This would cost the average Michigan resident \$4.35 a year, but it would add up to \$55 mil-lion for schools. Is a delay in a scheduled tiny reduction of an existing levy a tax increase? I doubt it. Another idea is to expand

the sales tax on cigarettes to snuff and little cigars. That would yield au extra \$21 million, according to the Michigan Department of Treasury, Sure, that's a tax increase for people who use those products, but why did we exempt smaff and little cigars from tobacco taxes i

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a bunch of ways to overcome the shortfall in school funding, but Bishop isn't buying any of them ... because he claims they are "tax increas

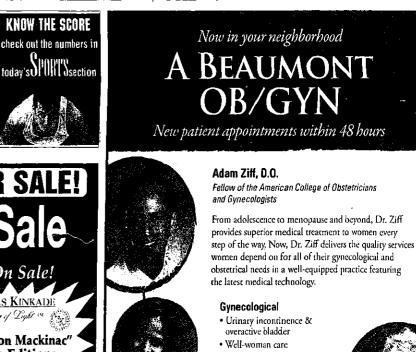
Bishop's motives, which no doubt include his desire to get the GOP nomination for state attorney general next year. That's a prize awarded by party activists at their ention, not the voters in a primary. He may be calculating that winning it requires him to bend his knee to the hard-line notaxers in the Republican

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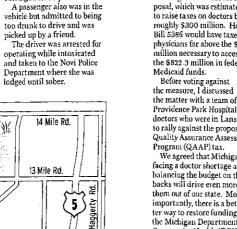
But to all of that, Sen. Bishop keeps repeating, "No, Now I admire steadfast adherence to principle as much as the next guy. But this is the Legislature, for heaven's sake, where tradeoffs and compromise are the stuff of political life! There are also legiti-

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mate questions about Sen Party. As Lucy, now 4, has

Bishop -- and everybody else involved in this conflict -- to look into their own personal

And there are the famous "tax expenditures," special state tax loopholes given to one particular industry or other. These are complicated matters, ranging from sever-



doctors who were in Lansing to rally against the proposed Quality Assurance Assessment Program (QAAP) tax. We agreed that Michigan is facing a doctor shortage and balancing the budget on their backs will drive even more of them out of our state. Most mportantly, there is a bet ter way to restore funding to the Michigan Department of Community Health (DCH) than taxing physicians. There are savings to be achieved by reforming th Medicaid program, but DCH and the governor appear to be reluctant to make those changes. The department should investigate and pursu Medicaid fraud immediately Instead of reforming the sys tem and stopping fraud, the governor, House Democrats and DCH want to keep the status quo. Their answer is to throw more taxpayer dollars at a spending problem. Taxing doctors would just add insult to injury.

Safety on gravel roads I recently introduced biparisan legislation to protect Michigan families living on



fraud - but don't tax doctors Perhaps you read that House Democrats recently passed a bill that would oe increased

Reforming Medicaid, reducing

from 25 mph t create a new tax on doctors 55 mph with Taxing doctors to raise new out any considrevenues instead of reforming eration of resi Medicaid and cracking down on fraud is irresponsible and dents living on Sp. those roads. To address just plain wrong. Nancy Cassis That is why the Senate this Republicans and I recently lem, I introduced SB 117 in 2007. The Senate approved voted against the House's pro posal, which was estimated to raise taxes on doctors by that bill two years ago, and it was passed by the House Transportation Committee. Unfortunately, it died in roughly \$300 million. House Bill 5386 would have taxed physicians far above the \$190 the full House without million necessary to access ever receiving a vote. With Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, and Sen. the \$822.3 million in federal

Deborah Cherry, D-Burton, co-sponsoring SB 977, I am encouraged that this year we will have more success in get ting a solution to the governor The increased speeds on gravel roads are a very seris issue for many par the state, including Oakland County. Many Oakland County residents have expressed their concerns to me that the new higher speed limits have created a dangerous environment for their families especially their children.
 Gravel roads are used not only for driving, but also as school bus stops for children and for walking and riding horses. SB 977 would allow a gravel

road speed limit posted prior to Nov. 9, 2006 to remain in effect until a city, village council or township board requests that the County Road Commission change it. We must ensure the safety of everyone living on gravel roads. It is a mistake for the state to assume that all







OUR VIEWS Do earth a favor. recycle waste

We have to ask: What did you do on Sunday? If you're a hunter, your answer is simple: You joined the army of orange in the woods for the opening day of rifle deer season. Many of you probably went to church, read the Sunday paper and watched the Detroit Lions on TV. But how many of you did something for the

environment? It is surprising that with all the talk about global warming, there was little comment about Sunday being America Recycles Day, the only nationally recognized day dedicated to encour aging Americans to recycle and to buy recycled products.

For 12 years, Keep America Beautiful Inc. (KAB) and the National Recycling Coalition have used America Recycles Day to raises awareness by educating people about the benefits of recycling. And it appears the message is getting across to people. There's been an uptick in recycling over the past decade. The nation's composting and recycling rate rose from 17 percent in 1990 to a currently high of around 33 percent.

Recycling is really just common sense, and until the "modern era," it was a common household activity. Before the 1920s, 70 percent of U.S. cities ran programs to recycle certain materials. During World War II, industry recycled and reused about 25 percent of the waste stream.

We all know we need to do something to reverse the effects of global warming and recycling is one of the easiest ways to help. By recycling, we can help significantly lower carbon emissions. According to www.americarecycleslay.org, last year the amount of energy saved from recycling aluminum and steel cans, plastic PET and glass containers, newsprint and corru-gated packaging was equivalent to:

 The amount of electricity consumed by 17.8 million Americans in one year. • 29 percent of nuclear electricity generation in

the U.S. in one year. •7.9 percent of electricity generation from fos-

sil fuels in the U.S. in one year. • 11 percent of the energy produced by coal-

fired power plants in the U.S • The energy supplied from 2.7 percent of imported barrels of crude oil into the U.S.

• The amount of gasoline used in almost 11 million passenger automobiles in one year.

We admit we let America Recycles Day slip by, but we believe every day should be an America Recycles Day. Whether it's carting your cans, bottles and papers to a recycling center or using bins for curbside recycling, we urge residents to get involved.

it takes all of us to create a better natural environment. Recycling is one way we can help The fact is that if America's recycling rate for aluminum and steel cans, plastic PET and glass containers, newsprint and corrugated packaging increased by 10 percent, we would save enough energy to provide electricity to 1.8 million Americans for an entire year, according to www.americarecyclesday.org. Sunday may have been the day to get educated

about recycling, but today and everyday are good days to recycle. Do the earth a favor, and get involvéd. Who knows that plastic water bottle you recycle may be the one that puts us over the ip in reversing global warming



COMMUNITY VOICE

What is your favorite part about Thanksgiving?



'Setting up the tables and "Eating turkey with my being with grandma and cousins.' - Julia Katulski, 6 grandpa.' Parkview Elementary - Ashley Chernlawsky, 5

Parkview Elementary

Stop playing with our healthcare, McCotter

making Cobra payments since the husband I am a pediatrician and a mother, livwas laid off from his job. His wife continues ing and working in Thåddeus McCotter's district. While I fully expected that to work full time but her job doesn't offer health insurance and she has a "pre-exist-Representative McCotter would not vote for ing condition". Even though their monthly Cobra payments are higher than their the health reform bill, I did not expect that mortgage payment, this young family sim he would vote "yes" on the other health care proposal considered that day. This health care plan, known as "the Boehner substitute," was clearly not written ply cannot afford to miss an insurance pay-ment. Under the reform plan that passed the House, the days of families choosing in the best interests of improving the qual-ity of health care in this country. Rather, between health care and a roof over their heads will come to an end. Another patient, a laid-off auto worker, this proposal was cleverly drafted to best serve the needs of the insurance industry. is struggling to care for his son who was recently diagnosed with autism. I lose sleep According to the bipartisan Congressiona Budget Office which looked into this bill, when I think that both mom and dad no work as many hours as they can get at part-

eight out of 10 Americans would only see -percent drop in insurance premiums under the best case scenario and thous of un- and under-insured families would receive no help whatsoever. Fortunately, a health care reform bill passed without the assistance of Rep. McCotter's vote, but this is only the first situation.

I, as a mother, doctor and citizen, am very concerned that during these trying times my representative seems to be work act in a three-act play. Next, the health care reform bill will move to the Senate for debate before finally heading to the confer-ence committee to work out the differences ing in direct opposition to the needs of the working families in my neighborhood between the successful House reform bill This behavior on his part is nothing short and what ultimately clears the U.S. Senate. of irresponsible. As this process moves for ward, I hope that my neighbors, patients As a doctor, I won't pretend to know exactly how to fix every problem with our current system, but i do know we just can't ignore these problems any longer. We all need and friends will join with me in urging Rep. McCotter to put families first and stop playing politics with our healthcare. Kathryn Bondy Fessier, M.D., Ph.D. a healthcare reform bill to hit President

GUEST COLUMN

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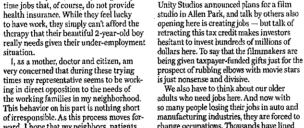
Obama's desi As a doctor, I talk to families every day who have suffered from the effect that this

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thing over and over in exactly

hen I was a boy, I learned

the same way and expecting different results!



"When my grandpa and

grandma come over for

- Lacy Galligan, 5

Parkview Elementary

dinner."

LETTERS

economy has had on their ability to keep

health insurance. I recently spoke with a

oung family who is struggling to contin

change occupations. Thousands have lined up for the chance of getting into the film industry. Remember Harrison Ford was a ter before he became an actor. I'd like to keep acting like a carpenter for a few more vears. Staff Physician, Integrated Health Associates

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nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business

"Going to my grandparents

- Joey Karr, 6

Parkview Elementary

to eat turkey."

Film incentives work

The editorial of Nov. 12 seemed a some

what simplistic view of a complicated

situation. I agree with the questioning of

just what are we paying our Legislature to do. While state revenues keep falling,

cuts must be made unless taxes are raised

increases, Democrats fear voter reaction if

they lead on any increases, and Republicans

are also unwilling to make any voluntary pay and benefit cuts on themselves. Governor

The film tax credit is working as evidenced

made by the number of movies being filmed here. It is said filmmakers are drawn to our area because of our skilled union workers......

Granholm proposed a 10-percent pay cut upon taking office in 2003, which was

Republicans refuse to look at any tax

success of our customers.

Chuck Tindali

Schools - stop whining and change and innovate

Research Fellow, University of Michigan

three-year degrees. • Maximize technology and

inefficiency. Suggest those that major in high-demand fields have their tuition cut in half limited resources in our system of higher education by making while those majoring in lowthe equivalent of one year of demand fields pay one and onethe basic freshmen or sophohalf the going tuition rate.

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Young author hopes to inspire peers

Book signing scheduled for at Lucky Strike Church in Macomb.

STAFF WRITER Sunsaria Baldwin first noticed her son Estin's writing and drawing talents at the age of seven. Now three years later, her son is a published author who hopes to inspire other students his age to put their skills to use. "I'm elated," the proud mother said. "He is getting a lot of attention, and other people are very interested in promoting literacy through this. Estin, who is in the fourth grade at McIntyre Elementary a Southfield, said he wrote his ook titled "Skate It" because he skateboards a lot and it's fun. The book is about four diverse characters who are

BY NATHAN MUELLER

on a journey to enter into a national skateboarding com petition. They encounter several obstacles throughout the way, but unite as a team in the end to have success. Estin said he used characters from different back-grounds because he wanted other kids and people to know

it doesn't take just one race to accomplish something. Estin Baldwin, 10, will be at Lucky Strike in the Fountain Walk on Sunday to sion copies of his book 'Skate It.' He said he hopes a lot of people come to the "He is a very imaginative young boy," Baldwin said, Up next for Estin is a book event, and invites fellow kids to bring their own stories and ideas to share. signing tour kicking off on ay at Lucky Strike in the Twelve Mile Crossing at "Skate It Fountain Walk. The event r from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and kids and teens are encour aged to bring their storie poetry and art to share. There also will be publishing repre-sentatives on hand for indi-vidual consultation, and other

estinbaldwin.com. publishers or film producers are encouraged to attend. Baldwin said she hopes other parents will see what her son did and encourage their

Where: Lucky Strike, 44325 Twelve Mile Road When: Sunday, Nov. 22 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Other: To purchase the book or get more information, visit www.

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own children to write more

Literacy is going to be pro-moted throughout this whole BOOK SIGNING What: Estin Baldwin's book titled endeavor because in order to

write you have to read," she said. Estin said he is not nervous about his first ever book sign-ing, saying he hopes a lot of people show up and it goes well. His ultimate goal is to have his book turned into a movie or cartoon series, and he already

For more information, or to purchase the book visit www atinhaldwin.con

Robert Zaid, D.O.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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of bachelor of arts degree in audio arts and acoustics (with a concentration in live sound Laura Beth Reimer and Robert Nelson Jones, both of Chicago, were married Nov. 14. reinforcement) from Columbia College Chicago (2008). He is a live sound technician with 2009, at Immanuel Lutherar The bride is the daughter Technotrix, Chicago, The Reverend Michael Lutz officiated the wedding cerof Edward and Ann Reimer of Clinton Township. She is a 2002 graduate of Chippewa Valley High School and emony. The bride's attendants were Erin Costa, Allison Jone: Kellie Reimer, Kaite Westfall, has degrees from Macomb Community College in Web Rachel Westfall and Caitlin programming (2006) and web page design (2007). She is McElhenie. The groom's atten dants were Christopher Guido employed as a graphic designer at Dunn Solutions Group, Eric Jones, Mark Bonaventura Andrew Loomer, Daniel Ping and Brennan Quenneville. The groom is the son of A reception was held at Blossom Heath Inn. The couple honey-mooned in Manzanillo, Mexico Christopher and Julie Jones of Novi. He is a 2004 graduate of Novi High School and earned and will reside in Chicago.

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Anis Ahmed recognized

Novi resident Anis Ahmed CLU was selected to attend this year's Northwestern Mutual Forum, held Nov. 8-11 at The Phoenician in Scottsdale, Ariz. Ahmed was invited to the

Forum in recognition of his

outstanding year of perfor-mance, serving the needs of clients throughout the region.

He joins a distinguished group of representatives from across the country who have qualified

for this honor. Ahmed is a rep-resentative with The Wilshire

Financial Group, based in Troy,

Challenging times call for financial security strategies, and in Novi, Anis led the way this year, helping hundreds

of families protect what matters most," said Northwestern Mutual Senior Vice President Todd M. Schoon.

The Northwestern Mutual Forum is an

education and development symposium that focuses on industry issues and ways to enhance

productivity for top producing Northwestern Mutual financial representatives. Of the

participant, Ahmed will receive specialized

company's 7,000 representatives, only 235 were

eligible to attend this annual event. As a Forum

JBA since 2005 and has served as client services manager. Baydoun has been a primary resource for several JBA clients and has managed all aspects of her clients' specific programs. Among the numerous programs Baydoun

ing meetings, investigator meetings, and speak-ers' bureaus. Additionally, Baydoun has initiated webcast training and developed webcast processes for small- and large-scale training programs. In her new role as director, dient services. Baydown will be responsible for ensur ing quality and consistency in JBA project work and customer communications and bringing new factical ideas to her clients. She will be the primary source for all exchanges regarding day

to-day program activities, such as account team ent, account planning, timeline moniman toring, and budget management Baydoun earned a master's degree in

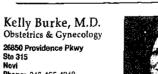
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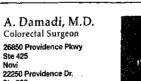
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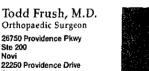


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announced the promotion of Suzanne Baydoon to director, client services. She has been with

that she has managed, she has worked on a multiplicity of live events including advisory

board meetings, faculty train



working on a second book.

•	The following are excerpts from readers par- ticipating in our online forum for discussing issues. In Your Voices, on the Web at hometown- life.com. COMMENTARY by TOM WATKINS: Reform of state government at all levels needed Stop the administration from double dipping. They retire and then come back as contracted employees, collecting salary from the district and the retirement benefits from the state. They	Tom Watkins Wyou had to pull up the anchor if you wanted to set sail. It seems many in Lansing and our local schools never learned this lesson. The founda- tion on which our schools have been built has disap- peared. Raising taxes to perpet- is insanity. It is	merely survive in this century, we must be willing to ask: What if the impossible isn't? How radical should we be? Here are a few examples: • Eliminate the senior year of high school. For far too many of our students, the 12th grade has become nothing more than state-subsidized dating. Our children clearly have matured at a faster pace and technologi- cal advances have accelerated learning and knowledge expo- nentially. With the state invest-	nore instruction be offered via e-learning. The conress would be taught by specially certified e-learning instructors, thus reducing the need to expand campus infrastructure and per- sonnel cost. • Pretend the beautiful pen- insulas called Michigan were just discovered with 1.7 mil- lion K-12 school age children and over \$12 billion dollars to educate them to world-class standards. Would any thinking person create the system that	CHANGE OR DIE Clearly, these are unortho- dox ideas that, under scrutiny, may or may not be solid policy prescriptions for what ails Michigan. However, I do know that our current course is a s unwise and unstable as it is unsustainable. Perpetuating the status quo will not make us competitive in the 21st century's innova- tion/knowledge economy where ideas and work can and do	Phone: 248-465-4340 www.yourobgyns.com Committed to listening to patient concerns Dr. Burke provides the highest quality care for women of all generations. A background in social work and medicine blends to provide compassionate obstetrical and gynecological care with a special focus on adolescent gynecology and minimally invasive surgery. Mubashir Sabir, M.D.	22250 Providence Dr. Ste 702 Southfield Phone: 248-557-9650 Specialized in colonoscopy, cancer screenings, minimally invasive management of diverticulitis, colorectal cancer and treatment of hemorrholds. Madhuri Gudipaty,	22250 Providence Drive Ste 401 Southfield Phone: 248-349-7015 www.porretiacenter.com Fellowship trained in sports medicine and orthopaedic surgery. Coordinates care with othe physicians, physical therapists, and athletic trainers Specializes in arthroscopic surgery, knee replacement cartilage restoration, rotator cuff repair, knee ligamer reconstruction, tennis elbow and other sports related injuries. Susan Lyons,
	say that the district is saving money but the state is paying. NEWS Cal Stone Community Entry Entry Publisher Community Entry Community Community Entry Community Entry Community Entry Community Entry Community Community Entry Community Entry Community Entry Community Entry Community Entry Community Entry Community Entry Community Entry Community Entry Community Entry Community Entry Community Entry Community Community Entry Community Entry Communit	the equivalent of trying to set sail without pull- ing up anchor. Yet, our local schools seem to think in spite of Michigan's new economic real- ity they should be immune. Today's economic crisis should provide the impetus to innovate and change. Listening to schools whine and demand more money is get- ting old. Where is the creative, innovative ideas to address the crisis at hand? Clearly, it would be easier if our local schools never had to change and adjust - but that is not reality.	ing more than a billion dollars per grade in K-12 education, these are resources that could be redirected to our community colleges and universities with a far better outcome for the indi- vidual and state. • Where is it ordained that a college degree must take four years of study? Could the same amount of knowledge be acquired in three years? Slicing a year off an undergraduate degree would save students time and thoney and could be done without sacrificing qual- ity. Such noted universities as Cambridge and Oxford offer	currently exists? Take action to ownsolidate school districts in ways to maximizes the redirec- tion of resources to the class- room. • Uses market forces to steer students to high-demand fields such as math, science and tech- nology. All education is valu- able; some education is more valuable than others. Currently we are producing more col- lege grads in fields with low or virtually no demand while high-demand fields cannot find native born students to fill available jobs. The tarpayers of Michigan are subsidizing this	move around the globe effort- lessly. As Michigan fiddles, other states and nations are moving forward. Real change in Michigan is going to require real change. It is time we lift anchor and boldly set sail for the future. Tom Watkins of Northyille is a busi- ness and educational consultant. He served the clibens of the state as superintendent of public instruction (2001;2005) and mental health director (1986-1990) and an effected member of the Wayne County Charter Commission 1990-1992, Write to him at towatkins@ aol.com.	General and Bariatric Surgeon 26850 Providence Pkwy Ste 460 Novi Phone: 248-662-4272 27483 Dequindre Ste 204 Madison Helghts Phone: 866-823-458 www.stjohnweightloss.com Fellowship trained in bariatric surgery at University Medical Center at Princeton and performing bariatric and general surgery services to his patients. His special interest is bariatric surgery which he offers a spart of St. John Weight Loss, a Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence.	M.D. Obstetrics and Gynecology 26850 Providence Pkwy Ste 500 Novi Phone: 248-662-4388 www.womensdocs.com Dedicated to providing comprehensive women's health care including pregnancy, child birth, menstrual problems and menopause management with an emphasis on wellness through annual physicals, pap smears, breast exams, and preventive medicine.	M.D., Ph.D. Oncology and Hematology 47601 Grand River 2 South Novi Phone: 248-344-2000 23301 Foster Winter Drive Ste 200 Southfield Phone: 248-552-0620 www.newlandmedical.com Dedicated to providing optimal, state of the art and progressive care for cancer and hematologic conditions Combines vast research and clinical experience to provide maximal benefit for her patients while focusing on quality of Ife.

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able. Registration is required.

Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.n Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first

needed First Baptist Church of Novi Family Integrated Church Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Location: 45301 W, 11 Mile Road Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, cor-Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbac ner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi tislchurchofnovi.org Bible Study with childcare available Contact: (248) 349-0565 Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies SUNDAY SCHEDULE Family Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Bible Study; 7 p.m. Men's Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study: 6 p.m. Bible Study; 10 am. Worship Family Movie Night: 5:30 nm Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. fourth Sunday of every month. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per Livonia Church of Christ family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Location: 15431 Merriman Road First Presbyterian Church of Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Livonia Northville Contact: For further information, Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Location: 200 F. Main St. please contact NSO Douglas K. Wells Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit at (313) 964-6595. firstpresoville.org Veterans Information Seminar SUNDAY WORSHIP Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Nov. 19 Time: 9:30, 11 a.m. Details: So many veterans feel con-Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies WALKING IN THE PARK fused about benefits and services Bible Study welcomes you to their Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. every they've earned. There's so much to study of the Book of Exodus. There Saturday know...and so many changes from is a \$15 registration fee, which Location: Meet at the Visitor's one year to the next. That's why includes interdenominational study Center of Heritage Park (Farmington local members of the nonprofit Dmaterials. Childcare will be available Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads) A-V will present a veterans informain the morning for children through Details: Group meets for funch tion seminar. Like all D-A-V services, afterwards. this seminal is free to all veterans Contact: Sue (734) 459-0016 and members of their families. Episcopal Church of the Holy SINGLE PLACE MINISTRIES Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. social time Meadowbrook Congregational 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road every Thursday. Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road. Contact: (248) 427-1175 or between Eight and Nine Mile roads Details: Informative and entertainchurchoftheholycross rom Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior ing programs of interest to singles; Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m. Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc. \$5 per person. Check Web site for Sunday School and Nursery Care: details singleplace.org org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org. Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROU Sermon: Having a Plan Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday First United Methodist of Church School: 10-11 a.m. Northville Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. A Stephen Ministry church YOGAFIT CLASSES Faith Community Presbyterian Location: 777 W. Eighl Mile Road Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. every Monday Location: 44400 W, 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-1144 or fume-Details: Eight weeks, \$55 continuous or S8 per drop in session. Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit northville.org SUNDAY WORSHI laithcommunity-novi.org MERRY WIDOWS LUNCHEON Time: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Details: Rev. Dr. Steve Buck Thursday of each month Coffee hour at 10:15 a.m. PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP First Baptist Church of Northville HEALING SERVICE Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays Time/Date: 4 p.m. first Monday of ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES every month Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays RADICAL JOY HARVEST DINNER Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. first and third Time/Date: 4 p.m. Nov. 22 Thursday of every month. Details: All women seeking to Northville Christian Assembly strengthen their faith and con-Location: 41355 Six Mile Road nect with other women are invited the will be have

RENEW LIFE MINISTRIES Contact: (248) 348-9030 to attend, irrespective of church SUNDAY SCHEDULE Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every affiliation. Crafters and Vendors are 9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults Monday Details: Ongoing Life Groups that / Youth / Children support and facilitate personal 9 a.m.: Contemporary service in growth, healing, learning and change multi-purpose gymnasium from a Christian perspective. 10:15 a.m. Contemporary service in worship center; children's super Contact: For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit church on the second level (208/210) TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE oakpointe.org. CHARMED INFLUENCE STUDY Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. every 8:45-10:30 a.m. (café) WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT Wednesday 7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; jr. Details: Studying the book "Surviving a Spiritual Mismalch in and sr. high student ministries: children's programs (M-Pact Girls Marriage Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Contact: Joy Ruby at joy@oak Nursery and Preschool Program pointe.org or call the church. on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day Orchard Hills Baptist Church care: preschool through eighth Location: 23455 Novi Road grade) - contact (248) 348-9031 Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349 Novi-Northville Center for Jewish PRESCHOOL/KIDS CHOIR Time/Date: 7-8:15 p.m. every Life Wednesday Location: Novi Details: For ages three to six; ongo Contact: www.novijewishcenler.com ing event; no need to pre-register e-mail: rabbi@novijewishcenter.com all are welcome. or call (248) 790-6075. Our Lady of Good Counsel Novi United Methodist Catholic Church Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road Contact; (248) 349-2652 pr visit Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Contact: (734) 453-0326, ext. 221 SUNDAY WORSHIP Time: 9:45 a.m. Healing Service and Holy Our Lady of Victory Catholic Communion Church Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of Location: 770 Thayer, Northvill every month Contact: (248) 349-2621 or olynorth PEACE VIGIL ville.org Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of SATURDAY WORSHIP every month Time: 5 p.m. Location: In front of the church SUNDAY WORSHIP Details: Members of the congrega-Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. tion and the community will stand united in prayer for peace. Our Shepherd Presbyterian ADVENT SERVICE Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday Church Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road. Oak Pointe Church Plymouth Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit 927-0891 Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m. oakoointe.org Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICES Time: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fel-11:15 a.m. Sunday lowship and food after service

It's re-evaluation time for **Medicare Part D beneficiaries** Dear Savvy Senior, I have been using the same Medicare prescription drug plan for four years now but my pharmacist told me I Total costs: Don't judge Total costs: Don't judge a plan strictly by its monthly premium cost. Low-premium plans are often ecosisted needed to switch to a different plan that fits my needs better. What's the best way to do thís? Swapping Senior Dear Swapping, Because Medicare's "Part D" prescription drug plans ing package, including pre-miums, deductibles, co-pays can change dramatically from year-to-year, during the open enrollment period apply. Pharmacy network: Make sure the pharmacies you reg-Social Security at 800-772 (Nov. 15 to Dec. 31), all seniors with a Part D plan should do some comparison sure the pharmacies you reg-ularly use are in the plans' shopping to ensure they're g the best drug o ige at the lowest cost. Here's how to do it. DO-IT-YOURSELF If you have Internet access, sizing up and com-paring your Medicare drug plan with the many other plans that are available to you is relatively easy. Start

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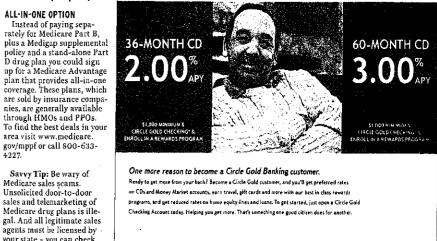
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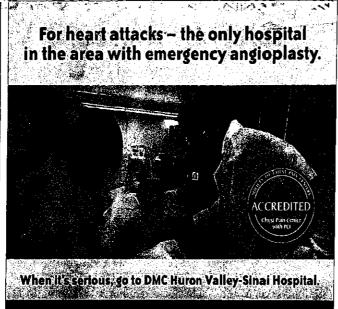
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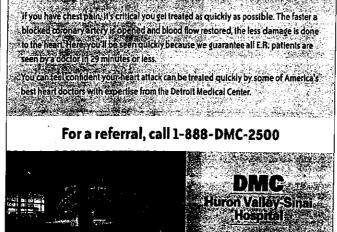
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

School board to consider privatizing services

Privatizing custodial and transportation services will be the main topic of discussion for the Novi Community Schools Board of Education at its regular board meeting at 7 p.n. tonight. The administration is expected to make a recommendation to the board tonight to approve contracts with both private companies, but the board is not expected to make a final decisi ntil its Dec. 3 regular meeting. A public forum will be held Nov. 23 and the board will meet for a work session Nov. 30 prior to

approving a contract. Meetings also are ongoing with union representatives of the current employees to bargain with them on any concessions. A total of 68 current employees (39 custodians, 29 bus drivers) would be impacted if the private companies are selected. They would have opportunities to interview for jobs if the board goes

with the private companies. Novi Superintendent Peter Dion said the district would save between 15-20 percent on transportation services and 35-40 percent on custodial services by going with a private com-

Opponents to privatization say the changes would be devastating to the current employees and are concerned about the level of service the new companies would provide. Union representatives also said they would be willing to make concessions to keep, their jobs

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The community forum will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday at the Instructional Technology Center (the blue and white building). Homeopathic practitioner to speak in Novi

Homeopathic practitioner Robert Scott Bell will host a free lecture and training session on the benefits of silver therapeutics at the Better Health Market in at 42875 Grand River in Novi at 2 on Saturday, Dec. 5. Call (248) 735-8100 for reservations. Bell will discuss alternatives to vaccinations; key minerals necessary for immune function; homeopathic flu remedies; and silver hydrosol and immunity.

Robert Scott Bell is a homeopathic practitioner and an expert in silver therapeutics with a passion for health and heal-ing unmatched by anyone on radio. His show is heard on 79 radio stations throughout the U.S., including WKMI 1360 in Radin stations introlghout the O.S., including WKM11360 in Kalamazoo from 1 to 3 pm. Podcasts are available at robertscott-bell.blogspot.com. Bell overcame 24 years of chronic illness by learning and applying previously hidden natural healing meth-ods and has since dedicated his life to revealing the healing pow-cancilibrium on D. ers within us all.

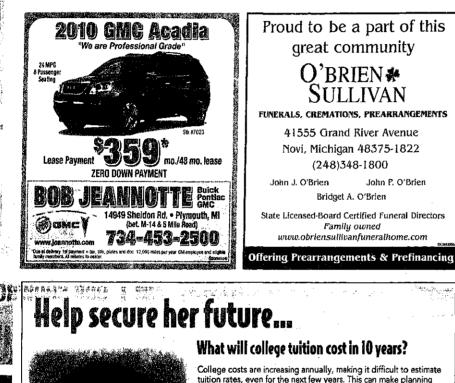
Novi Chamber holiday shopping bazaar

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.

resenced 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 computing the second in watching the Lion's game on a huge 6 x 6 screen. Award winning Chef and Northville native Terry Poster will be the creative force behind the Epoch Thanksgiving Day Buffet, featuring turkey and ham carving stations, all the favorite tradi-tional tasty side dishes and Epoch's famous decadent desserts. 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.novicham-(248) 348.5600. Call out to crafters

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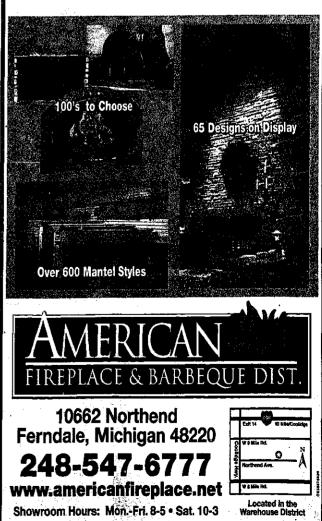
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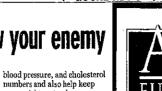
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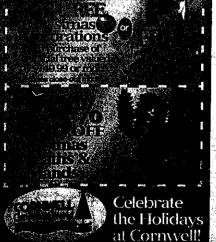
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LOCAL EVENTS

Ladies Night Out 3rd Annual Holiday Shopping Expo/Vendor Show Time/Date: 5-9 p.m. Dec. 4 Location: Hilton Garden of Novi Details: Come spend an evening of fun. food, drinks and shopping. All proceeds will benefit the Gleaners Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan. Free admission. Contact: Diana Whaley at (734) 462.2030 or dwhalevl@vahoo.com

Silver therapeutics lecture Time/Date: 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5

Location: Better Health Market, 42875 Grand River in Novi Details: Homeopathic practitioner, Robert Scott Bell, will host a free lecture and training session on the benefits of silver therapeutics.

Contact: For more information about the seminar, please call Tedd Handelsman at Better Health markets (248) 735-8100 or visit www.thebetterhealthstore.com. Author Maria Dismondy Book signings

Time/Date: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Nov. 21 Location: Wixom Public Library, 49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom Details: Maria Dismondy will be on tour at local facilities, reading, selling and signing

her book, "Spaghelti In A Hot Dog Bun." In today's society, it's important to remind children that, although we are different on the outside, we are very much alike on the inside. Unfortunately, bullying has become a major problem in the United States. It's not only painful for children, but occurring at an increasingly young age. Her book empowers children to positively handle tough situations through its timeless message; have the courage to be exactly who you are, no matter what other people say.

Location: 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi Contact: (248) 348-5600 Michigan Family Pet Expo

Details: The Michigan Family Pet Expo will showcase more than 150 exhibits of pet-related products and services; www.

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Michigan Antique Arms Show

Date: Nov. 28-29 Details: Antique and modern arms and accoutrements, part and accessories, as well as other related merchandise. The show also feature historical displays and presentations

North American Horse Fest

Date: Dec. 11-13 Details: Everything Equestriant Horses, tack, training, breed clubs, trailers, stables, riding exhibitions, nutrition and much more; www.northamericanhorsefest.com. Great American Train Show

Date: Dec. 12-13 Details: America's favorite traveling train show serving more states than any other show. Show features operating model rail

roads, train dealers, collectors, hands-on exhibits, demonstrations, workshops, and much more: www.greattrainexpo.com.

BUSINESS

Novi Chamber of Commerce The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an active, progressive chamber offering a variety of events, educational programs, an enhanced Web site, and involvement with local charities.

Location: 41875 11 Mile Road, #201, Novi Contact: For more information, call (248) 349-3743 or www.novichamber.com

Holiday Shopping Bazaar

Time/Date: 4-9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2 Location: Rock Financial Showplace -Diamond Center, 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi Details: Presented in conjunction with Emagine Theatre of Novi and the Rock Financial Showplace, this fun seasonal event will offer more than 60 participating vendors offering special gifts and values, free chair massages, and an opportunity to sell your gold. Enjoy complimentary appetizers, holiday music, a cash bar and great door prizes for pre-registered guests; \$2 at door.

Holiday Luncheon Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9

Location: Rock Financial Showplace -Diamond Center, 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi Details: Sponsored by Everclean Restoration & Cleaning Services; speaker will be Daniel Dubay, M.D., former clinical assistant professor at U of M Medical

Center. Dubay will share the latest research on happiness and how you can use it to enrich your business and personal life; \$20 pre-registration; \$30 at the door. Novi Toastmasters Club

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

Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375

Details: Novi Toastmasters is a communitybased club which is part of Toastmasters International. Our diverse group provides a mutually supportive atmosphere in which all can develop and refine their public speaking and leadership skills. Our members also have fun while building confidence in day-to-day communications and mentoring toward professional and personal excellence. Guests are welcome - and bring a friend! Visit www.novi.freetoathost.us.

Contact: Paulette Alioa, V.P. of Public Relations at greenspace@mi.rr.com or (248) 756-0907.



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Shamrocks win 31-24 in overtime

Canton falls to CC: Holt next in line

BY TIM SMITH Observer staff writer

With blue-clad fans sitting on one side of the field and red-clad fans on the other, the buzz in the air for Saturday's Division 1 regional football game between Canton and host Novi-Detroit Catholic Central couldn't have been any better.

It's too bad only oue team could win. For those spectators, the afternoon tilt turned out to be a real treat with the Shamrocks dodging a major Canton bullet late in regulation and going on to win 31-24 in overtime. Catholic Central will next face Holt

1 p.m. Saturday at Lansing Everett in a D1 semifinal.

"I'm so proud of our guys," said Chiefs' head coach Tim Baechler. "Both teams just played great, both teams deserved to win. There's no loser

today." Echoing those sentiments was Catholic Central's Tom Mach, who watched his team score three touchdowns only to have the Chiefs immediately answer with six-pointers each time.

"I wasn't surprised that they (the Chiefs) kept coming back because they've got great athletes and they did a great job of constantly rebounding." Mach said. "Every time we scored, they scored. It kind of ended up being a classic battle for 48 minutes.

The hack-and-forth contest was tied 24-24 after Catholic Central's Justin D'Agostino missed a field goal, giving the Chiefs a first down from their own 20 with 4:12 remaining.

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Injuries, illness catch up to 'Cats in loss to Lakeland

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

Novi's volleyball team battled White Lake Lakeland point for point Nov. 10 in a regional semifinal match the Eagles eventually nabbed with scores of 25-23, 20-25, 26-24, 25-23.

With the two teams separated by just a single point after four games in Dexter, Lakes Conference champion Lakeland (40-11-3) got the points where they counted, winning three games first and ending the Wildcats' season at 43-9.

"I think it was a great match. Both team played really well. The overall point differential was just one," Novi coach Julie Fisette said. "The second game was our typical game. We came out on fire and were winning 11-3 at one point. Julia Thomas came back and gave us a quick start in that game." Since the Wildcats had dropped the

first game and won the second in both their district semifinal and final wins over Plymouth Salem and Canton a week prior, they were hoping for a similar result against Lakeland. That wouldn't be the wever, as the Eas rles took f

maian paced Novi with 10 kills apic as Thomas, a senior, added five kills and seven blocks. Hoomaian's performance came despite recovering from a high fever just a day prior.

"I had two that were not in school the day before because they were ill and I think they came to school so they could play," Fisette said. "I think they played well. I'm proud of them.

Sophomore Anna Lu sat out most of the Nov. 6 district final because she was ill. but tried to pull through for the regional semifinal the following Tuesday. Adding to the Wildcats' woes, junior Laura Subject re-injured her ankle at practice the day before the Lakeland match, an injury that had sidelined her for several weeks earlier in the season.

Subject came through with four aces and 21 assists against Lakeland however, and junior Erin Hoomaian chipped in with 18 digs and 30 receptions. The individual efforts weren't end

to continue the Wildcats' season, but Novi sucked the energy out of Lakeland enough where the Eagles fell flat against Detroit Mercy in a regional final loss last Thursday. llison Ho





CC's Galindo heads All-Area **XC** runners

BY CHRIS JACKETT

No matter where CC senior Ricardo Galindo ran, he was always one of the biggest threats on the course. He's done so well hat his third-place finish at the state meet was one of his worst placings of the season, although he did earn a 15:51 time and was racing against the best of Division

Ricky Galindo put a lot of miles in this summer and wanted to improve from last years state finals," coach Tony Magni said. Last year, Galindo finished 26th in 15:52 at the state meet. Granted, the wind slowed the entire field down this year, but

regional win FIRST TEAM Nate Huff, Milford With a personal best of 15:50,

Huff took eighth at the Oakland County Invitational and fourth at both the KLAA Lakes Conference and regional meets before finish-ing fifth at the state finals in 16:01.

In addition to his honors from

the state meet, Galindo was also named to the All-Catholic team

after winning the Catholic league meet in 16:07. His season-best

was a 15:32 finish in a first-place

"A returning All-Stater, Nate saved his best for the state finals. Overcoming some early season injuries, Nate provided the up-front presence the team needed down the stretch," coach Brian d. "Nate TS Sa igth separate him from his shi competition.



CC hoists the Regional Championship trophy after knocking off Canton. The Shamrocks will face Holt gest.

case, nowever, as the cages took the thin game 26-24 after Novi tool it 24-24. "There was a really long rally and they won on a mis-dig. I just don't think (we) were up to par," Fiscite said. "We made on unfortunate coires clearnes and could an unfortunate series of errors and could only string together two or three points at

Junior Erica Robb and senior Allison

Christine Mech and Anne Irvine, the Wildcats are optimistic about next season as an undefeated junior varsity team looks to compete for the open varsity roster

spots. "It was a great season. We have a lot of

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Novi junior Savannah Green gets a back row kill during the Novi-Lakeland Regional match last Tuesday at Dexter High School.

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an All-State honor and lead his n to the was undeniable, as he obtained both goals.

Galindo's determination to earn

Every rupper from the bottom to the top pushed each other," Magni said. "He was the one over the summer who organized the guys. He never missed a day. He took charge."

Mike Blaszczyk, Novi

Following up on his 15:45 All-

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The comeback kid

"Ricky's bone marrow was

since regained.

Enright returns to competition after battle with leukemia

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDEN

Ricky Enright was your typical 16-year-old junior at Novi High. He got through a day of classes and would spend his evenings practicing or playing the sports he enjoyed. About 14 months ago, that was turned upside down. Three weeks into the 2008 season as a quarterback on Novi's football team, Enright ahle

was diagnosed with leukemia, ending his season abruptly. "Last summer, right when football started, I was really sick and really sore and that never happened before. I had bruises all over," Enright said. "I played the first three games and had a touchdown in one of them (passing, as the quarterback against South Lyon East).

ed to work on his baseball game," Marie said. Although he was still His mother, Marie Enright took him in to have his blood checked on and, on Sept. 25, 2008, Ricky was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

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95 percent cancer, but none was detected in his brain or spinal cord," his mother said. "He reacted quickly to treatments and, within one week, was down to five percent and in remission by months end. He endured about eight months of extremely intense treatments. His maintenance program continues to Jan. 21, 2012, but it's very manage-

The illness caused Ricky to Ricky Enright was able to build up his quickly lose 37 pounds, more than half of which he has strength and endurance enough to

"He worked out all summer South Lyon. with (his brother) Danny, liftit was a good idea." ing, running and throwing, but didn't think he'd gained So Ricky began his comeenough weight nor had endur-ance for football. Once Danny back with the team just a week into the season, occasionally having to miss porwent back to college, he starttions of practice to go to the

"The football coach hapbuilding up his strength and endurance, Ricky still had a pened to see him working out and was impressed by how far along in recovery he was spot with the Wildcats' foot-ball team if he wanted it. and they talked awhile about getting back on the football field," Marie said. "Ricky's "When my mom was at the high school for my sister's vollevball. I was at the batting doctors had never had a cages nearby with my dad. My patient try to compete at this mom, she ran up to coach and he came and talked to me," level, but many tests were done and all is good and he (gave) it a try. I think he just Ricky said of an early August run-in with football coach loves being out there with his

Tab Kellepourey. "He was tell-ing me how he thought I'd be with the team whether I'm the team." playing or not. He said I could Ricky was able to build up work my way up and I thought his strength and endurance





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His parents. Marie and Dan.

19-year-old brother Danny

and 15-year-old sister Katie

through the past 14 months.

"They've been extremely

supportive. My mom's driven me to the hospital all the

time. My brother's helped me

get in shape and my dad talks to me and (makes me laugh).

My sister's been real support-

this "comeback kid" will be

able to enjoy his 18th birthday

on Monday, confident that he has won the battle with leuke-

mia and inspired not only his peers, but also an entire local

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer

With things back to normal,

ve too," Ricky said.

community.

have stuck by Ricky's side

online at hometownlife.com

Ricky Enright was able to start the Pinckney game as quarterback for the Wildcats.

enough to play in the team's week five game at South Lyon, hitting the field primarily as a play in the team's week five game at wide receiver and safety over the next few weeks until he was able to start the Pinckne game as quarterback for the Wildcats.

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"He's always been there with us. We felt it was a good time to start him," Kellepourey said. "It's a tredoctor for checkups. done. He has a clean bill

of health right now. Pretty amazing kid. We're very proud that he is able to come ack. The successes that go into a football season are there regardless of wins and With support from friends,

family and the community, Ricky will spend the winter preparing to make his return to Novi's baseball team as a catcher in the spring. "I was on the team, but not healthy enough to play. I would go back to practice Central in the teams' playto get back in the swing of off opener, the CC Brothers'

things," Ricky said. "Last year, I missed a ton of scho Club sent Ricky a blanket and wished him well. sut the teachers were real flexible. Everyone was pretty supportive about it, the footwas in remission by the end of October 2008, it's been a ball and baseball teams and constant process of recovery, visiting the doctor every four weeks and receiving daily the whole Novi community. I want to thank everyone wh was supportive of me for the chemotherapy treatments in the form of a pill. Through it

The support came from all, Ricky's family has been more than just the Novi com-



Although Ricky's leukemia

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RUNNERS

State finish as a junior at last year's state finals, Blaszczyk continually led the Wiklcats to victory this fall, posting his season-best 15:54 at this year's regional meet to earn third place. Recovering from an illness and held back by a windy final quarter mile at the state meet, he finished 40th overall in 16:31. "Mike was the whole package leader, scholar, front-runner an spiritual leader," said coach Robert Smith. "Mike was always putting the team first. Mike is old-school,

which I consider a total compliment." Frank Griffiths, Northville

this team."

the state meet.

Stefan Morell, Lakeland

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Ricardo Galindo, CC senior First Team Performing to his best in a Ricardo Galindo, CC senior 16:00, fourth-place finish at the Nate Huff, Milford senior regional meet. Northville's cantair Mike Blaszczyk, Novi senior a three-time state meet qua He earned All-State status with Frank Griffiths, Northville senior a 28th-place finish this season in Andrew Garcia-Garrison, CC junior 16:19 and holds the third-fas Stefan Morell, Lakeland senior time at Northville's Cass Benton Blake Yard, South Lyon junior course in 16:29. Second Team Frank is one of the most Auslin Zebrowski, CC junior impressive big race runners I've r coached. He has a nose for the Viktor Puskorius, CC senior ever coached. He has a nose to the hardware and, when he runs with John-Paul Zebrowski, CC junior motivation, he is truly a force," said Joe Schubring, Novi junior wach Chris Cronin "I love mach-Dan Eoner, Novi senior ing Frank because he listens. We Nicholas Burt, Millord senior night try something new in the first mile and Frank can do it. He

is a rare talent. I will miss him on Blake Yard, South Lyon

CC runners (i to r) Andrew Garcia-Garrison, Ricardo Galindo, John-Paul

Evan Smallman Milford junior

Lakeland - So. Garrett Zuk, So.

Milford - Sr. Johnathon Rabedeau

Jr. Dylag Danewski, Fr. Cody

Northville - So. Malt Sierra, Jr.

Novi - Sr. Geoff Giese, Jr. Brett

South Lyon - Sr. Jacob Uratchko,

Sr. Robbie Kulie, Sr. Andy Stone

for the Wildcats, earning 40th

in team scoring and 58th overall (16:45.6) at the State Finals, help

ing Novi to a 10th-place finish

Egner was next in for the

Evan Smallman, Milford

Nicholas Burt, Milford

Wildcats, claiming 59th in team scoring and 78th overall in 16:54.6 at the State Finals.

The junior Maverick finished

38th in team scoring and 55th overall at the State Finals, helping

Milford to a fourth-place finish

The Milford senior ran close

behind Smallman, capturing 60th

overall and 42nd in team scoring

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and

for the fourth-place Mays

former Novi News staff writer.

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CITY OF NOVI

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. 09-125.22

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 09-125.22, an ordinance to amend Chapter 37, Woodlands Protection, Article II, Permit, Section 37-27, "Exceptions" and ad a new acetion, Section 37-34, entitled "Registration of Farming Operation."

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, November 9, 2009 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 46175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the bours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

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PUBLIC HEARING

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

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South Lyon East - Sr. Spencer

Layson, Jr. Tyler Foley

Giampa, Sr. Alex Minghine, Jr.

Trent Johnson, Jr. Christian

Snavely, Jr. Nate Benton

Guenther, Jr. Chad Cini

Chase Conrad

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Honorable Mention

Ryan Carrigan

CC - Jr. Mackenzie Boyd

Zebrowski and Austin Zebrowski.

Player of the Year

ALL-AREA BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

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With a season-best 16:13 at the
Andrew Garcia-Gartison, CC
                                            regional meet in Brighton, Yard led
the Lions throughout the year. He
  "Andrew didn't have a very good
track season last spring, so he came every day and tried to run
                                             improved on his 2008 state finish
                                             by 45 spots to finish 51st in 16:41.6.
  with Ricky (Galindo). He neve
                                                 Blake is a tough competitor, a
                                            hard worker and a team player. He
missed a day," coach Tony Magni
said. "I challenged him after the
regional. He didn't run a smart
race, but he ran a good race."
                                             was an exceptionally reliable front
                                             runner and he got steadily faster
                                             throughout the season," coach
   The determination to improve
                                            Scott Smith said.
  arned Garcia-Garrison a 16:0
                                            SECOND TEAM
time at the state meet, good for
11th overall and an All-State bonor
                                            Viktor Puskorius, CC
among individuals. He was also
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The Shamrock senior ran to Allnamed to the All-Catholic team after finishing third at the Catholic State status by finishing 23rd over all at the State Finals. His firush of league meet in 16:26, improving further at the regional meet after 16:17.4 also finished 14th in team scoring for the State Champs. a quick start landed him a 16:11, nth-place finish leading into

Austin ran in a tight back that

Austin Zebrowski, CC

helped the Shamrocks claim the 2009 State Championship. He Hitting his best time early in the season with a 16:12 finish at the Jackson Invitational Sept. 2 finished 20th in team scoring and onal Sept. 26 31st overall, missing All-State by

Morell's 10th-place finish nearly one place in 16:22.0. repeated at the state meet when he earned All-State honors in 16:14, John-Paul Zebrowski, CC landing 18th overall. John-Paul ran with his twit "He's run varsity for four years. This was the first year in his fo brother, finishing in 16:23.7 for vear career we didn't make it (to 24th in team scoring and 36th States) as a team. He really built up overall at the State Finals. The

Zebrowskis are juniors. nis experience over four years on varsity," coach Randy Wilkins said "He's our captain, our MVP and our best runner. He comes from a Joe Schubring, Novi

The Novi junior finished second pretty good family of runners."

> CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 09-40.6

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 09-40.6, an ordinance to repeal and delete Chapter 8, "Business Registration," in its entirety.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, November 9, 2009 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 7:30 PM. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Nod, Novi, MI to consider GIGGLE CANG, MITE PLAN NUMBER 09-31. FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN AND SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT APPROVAL, THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 28. EAST OF BECK ROAD, AND, SOUTH, OF TEN MILE, IN THE R-1, ONE-FAMILY, RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT. The subject property is approximately 0.5 aeres and the applicant is proposing a group day cere home at 24099 Wintergreen Circle. Tên Mile Road

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PHOTOS BY SUE SUBJECT Novi junior Laura Subject sets up the ball as her teammates Erica Robb (1), Katie Enright (9) and Savannah Green (13)

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'CATS FROM PAGE B1 youth on our team. I'm looking forward to it," Fisette said. "I'm looking forward to the years to come here. I had sophomores starting for One such sophomore is Katie Enright, who earned All-Conference honorable mention this season. "She came in as a sophomore and took over the middle blocker position," Fisette said. Robb, Subject and Allison Hoomaian all

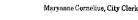


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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION **ORDINANCE NO. 09-119.12**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADDPTED ORDINANCE NO. 09-19.12, an ordinance to amend Chapter 12, Drainage and Flood Damage Protection, Article V, Wellands and Watercourse Protection, Division 2, Use Permit, Section 12-171 "Required" and ndd a new section., Section 12-177, entitled "Registration of Farming Operation."

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, November 9, 2009 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Read, during the hours of 8:00 and 5:00 p.r

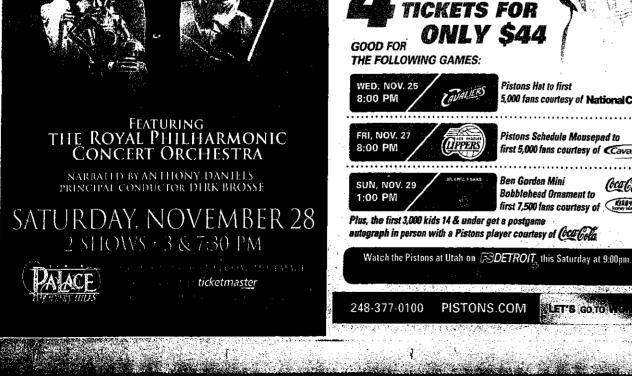


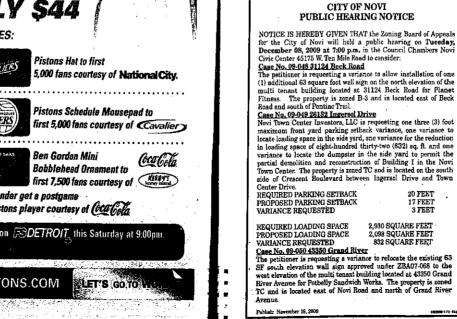


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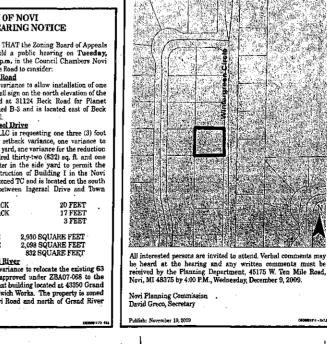








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BETAILS

Shamrocks on road to state finals

Holt is next Shamrocks will be looking to add another goal to the list team for Catholic Central to beat BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

The Catholic Central Shamrocks football team has proved all season long they know how to win in high-pr sure situations. The first goal of the season was to win the Central Divisio in the Catholic High School League. Check. The second goal was to win the Catholic High School League championship. Check. The third was make the

playoffs, followed by victories in the first, second and third rounds. All checked.

they travel to Lansing to take on the Holt Rams in the state semifinals. The game, slated for 1 p.m. Saturday at Lansing Everett High School, will determine which team will head to the state finals a week from Saturday. The Shamrocks won't be doing anything different, despite having the most points scored on them all season in their overtime victory against the Canton Chiefs last week, ing under Mach's guidance and three of them this century 31-24. Canton's offense doubled alone. the amount of points scored on the Shamrocks all season, which stood at just 30 until But there's no reason to fix something that's not broke.

Now the Catholic Central

of those accomplished when

Catholic Central faced one another was just two seasons ago when the Shamrocks escaped with a 21-7 victory in the state semifinals. The Shamrocks went on to lose to Tom Mach, who has been coaching at Catholic Central Macomb Dakota in the state since 1975, will be looking to finals that season. Prior to that do what he has always done neeting, the Shanyrocks and

titles

hest: Win championships, And ... the Rams have only played as the old adage goes, offense may score touchdowns, but it's once, a 24-0 drubbing in Catholic Central's favor in the 1995 state championship game. the defense that brings home Holt has lost just one game Catholic Central's defense this year, a week two failing against Rockford, 34-10. The Rams avenged that loss just has allowed just 54 points over 12 games, an average of just 4.5 points per contest. Many last week, surprising the then pundits and fans alike have undefeated Rockford gridders aid this could potentially be the best defense the Shamrocks have ever fielded—quite a The Holt Rams will be relying on their stifling defense and prowling secondary statement considering the IO state titles the Shamrocks have which snagged two intercep tions against Rockford last week-when they take on the earned with nine of those com-

Shamrocks. On the offensive side of the ball, quarterback Jordan Beachnau is their pri-mary weapon and is capable o The last time Holt and throwing and running the ball best of them. He has over 1,000 yards rushing and 1,500 yards passing this season. Receiver Dom Todd is his favorite target and is capable of breaking coverage against almost any defense

year, Beachnau has inst one down more than one def interception, which he threw in week eight against Grand The players stand in stark con-trast to one another—Capatina is short, thin and extremely This year, the Rams, 11-1, agile while Palazetti is a bruising fullback that will have outscored their opponents 335-138 and have recorded one bruising fullback that will run through you instead of

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putting up the numbers of

Beachnau, but they're steady

in every department instead

lead their charge. Senior Sam

Landry is the team's quarter-

the long pass when the situa

around—yet their running style completely compliment one another. Because of the dual Catholic Central, 12-0 this year, has earned seven shutouts and have outscored their foes ability to attack from the backfield, defenses find themselves Catholic Central doesn't unable to completely shut down boast a quarterback that is the Shamrock offense.

The game Saturday will start at I p.m. while the other Division I contest, which will of just looking to one player to be held between Clarkston and Sterling Heights Stevenson at Troy Athens High School, will be at 7 p.m. The winner of each back and is capable of throwing short and medium passes with game will advance to the state ncredible accuracy and can hit finals, held at Ford Field, with a current kickoff time slated for tion calls for it. The Shamrocks' p.m. Nov. 28.

bread and butter, however, i the duo of Niko Palazetti and Sam Eggleston is a freefance write Anthony Capatina, The two and former staff sports writer for the unning backs have broken Northville Record and Novi News.

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SHAMROCKS Canton (10-2) then silenced the Catholic Central fans by moving down to the Shamrocks 26-vard line with 1:30 to go. Senior running back Adam Payter, who gained 174 yards in 16 carries, moved the chains with runs of 13, 12 and six vards. Quarterback Kevin Delapaz also completed a 15yard toss to Ryan Powell. ANSWERING THE CALL WINROCKS SHAMROCY But that's where the 'AMRO' Shamrocks' defense met the 5 (A) challenge, pushing the Chiefs back to the 30-yard line. "They played good defense," said junior running back Davion Stackhouse (103 all-purpose vards), who scored TDs on a 67-yard run and a 23-yard pass from Delapaz. "They figured out what we were doing and stopped us, they just shu With wind blowing into his face, Canton senior Alex Dixon just could not put enough steam behind a 47-yard field-goal 6 attempt that would have won the game as time clapsed. "Our defense finally got one stop and that was the opportu-nity we needed," Baechler said. 'And then we ran out of time and the field goal was just too far, with a little bit of wind in

CC's offensive line (I to r): Darany, 86; Stante, 73; Snyder, 63; Still, 62; and Bolig, 79; with Capatina and Palazeti in background. the Shamrocks needed just one



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workshops

President & CEO of Insigh (www.therecoverypeople.org). Started in 1965 by two physicians as a department of a local hospital, Insight has grown to be the one of the

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ing, says Hope Network developed and compreh

are now a full-fledged design, engineering and production eshibit house 6. How has the recent economy affected your business? It has made us smarter. The economy is a factor in managing efficiencies. It is not just about headcount reduction We've taken a lot of "fat" out of our processes. Increased communication both internally und externally has allowed us to focus on what really matters, quality and customer service. 7. Any advice for business owners? Have a thorough understanding of your core business. Plan for the unexpected, "unplanned growth." Your customer's iness is constantly changing. Make sure you are flexible enough to adjust and accommodate their needs. 8. What's in store for the future of Here's what I'm focusing on

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ou down, But they wore us down at the same time."

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styles," Mach said. "One car

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In overtime (where teams

start from the 10-yard line),

It didn't take long for Canton to show the Shamrocks that it wasn't going to be business as usual. Catholic Central allowed just three defensive touchdow before Saturday, when the Chiefs doubled that total. CC took an early 3-0 lead when D'Agostino booted a 28ard field goal with 2:37 left in he first. The Chiefs came right back, as they did all day, with a 58-yard pass from Delapaz to senior tight end Dakota Dark-Bird and a bulldozing 11-yard run by Payter enabled fresh-

man Conner Shennan to tie the ame with a 23-yard field goal. Catholic Central marched 88 yards in 15 plays to take a 10-3 led with just 1:10 left in the first

half: A 14-yard run by Capstina or a thrig-and-long deep in the Shamrocks and kept the drive ring and Palaneti finished thrig-yinh a two-paid plange t

down gallop. The extra-point try was wide left to make it 10-9 at halftime. The Shamrocks started the second half with good field pos-session following Capatina's 32-yard return to the CC 35 and a nifty two-point pass from senior quarterback Sam Landry (6-12, 88 yards) hit senior tight end Michael Kinville for a in the third. clutch 11-yard gainer to mid-

ately responded to hush the CC

On the very first play after getting the ball back, Stackhouse blew through the

line and veered down the left sidelines for a 67-yard touch-

sive series. The Shamrocks Canton further belped CC's cause as did a 12-yard run by ed on a two-yard run by zeti, but the key play of

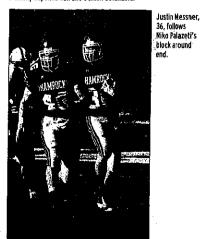
Fullback Butch Herzog. 42. and Joe Snyder. 63, open the hole on a fourth and two touchdown run by Niko Palazeti for CC. Anthony Capatina outruns Canton defenders.

Palazeti. But when the 6-2, pressure, Landry launched a 245-pounder got the ball again on fourth down he muscled his throw just in time that junior wide-out Andrew Nelson way 18 yards for the TD, giving led in for 23 yards along the Shamrocks a 17-9 advanthe left sidelines with less than minutes to play in the tage IN THE CLUTCH After the Chiefs got the ball Canton answered again with a big-play score as Payter in, they took it 68 yards in 11 plays. This time, Canton stormed 76 vards up the middle of the field for six points. The Chiefs then made it 17-17 on

came through on fourth down as Delapaz fired a pass across the grain to Stackhouse for a 23-yard TD catch with 10:00 to Delapaz to junior tight end Angelo Lanava with 7:09 to go play in regulation. The extra point made it 24-24 and set up the final chapter of an intriguing matchup. But the final page turned out The game's see-saw flavor ed on CC's next offento be not so sweet for Canton. "We worked really hard in

practice and we knew we could do it, ... it hurts," Delapaz said. the 80-yard drive was another fourth-down conversion. tsmith@t comhife.com

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