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'Santa's coming!

Santa Claus is coming to town and he's headed for Novi! Don't miss out on free Saturdays with Santa at Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk located at 44175 W. 12 Mile Road. The whole W. 12 Mile Road. The Whole
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Santa has also enlisted an amazing magician to entertain your family with some Holiday magic. Get in the Holiday spirit by getting your face painted, or take a carriage ride around Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk to see all the fabulous stores they have to offer. Everyone who attends Saturdays with Santa will also get the chance to make and take home a fun craft project.

All of the activities will take place at the former Cost Plus store which is located next to The Great Indoors. For more information or directions, visit www.shopt-welvemilecrossing.com or call (248) 348-8762.

Concert for Gleaners

Novi residents Steven Johnson and Lisa Leppek will pres-ent Angeleena Presley at 8 p.m. Dec. 12 in a Harmony for Hunger fundraising concert and food drive to benefit Gleaners Community Food Bank at Newport Furnishing's showroom in Wixom.

Hailing from the small mining community of Beauty, Ky., Presley possesses a voice rich with Appalachian heritage, and the songs she crafts push creative boundaries even as they draw inspiration from Loretta Lynn Dolly Parton, Johnny Cash, and other trailblazers of American

music.

Comfy Couch Concerts is a casual, non-smoking, family friendly, concert venue spousored by Michigan Folk Live.com and Newport Furnishings and is held in the in Newport Furnishing's Wixom showroom.

For more information, contact Johnson at stevenjohnson@ michiganfolklive.com or (248)



online at hometownlife.com

Chris Fraser likes to keep a low profile, but the world's No. 3 ranked yo-yo player took to the stage on Nov. 20 to

Throwing down

Novi High School home to third best yo-yo player in the world

BY NATHAN MUELLER

A yo-yo is just a toy to most

But don't tell that to worldrenowned yo-yo competitor Chris Fraser.

Fraser, a student at Novi High School, has used that "toy" for the past four years to travel throughout the United States, and recently garnered fame as the third best yo-yo

player in the world.
The tecnager has never been one to boast about his been one to noast about his accomplishments, but he put his skills on display a couple of weeks ago at the school's annual talent show. "It's difficult for people to

comprehend because when people think yo-yo, they think walking the dog and things like that," he said. "It's more about showing them, and hopefully people (were) amazed and admire the fact I

am so committed to it."

Fraser first picked up a yoyo when he was about 9 years old after watching famous vo-vo player Jake Maloney erform at the Novi Public performance "blew my mind

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CHRIS FRASEN, Novi yo-yo player

away" and he bought a yo-yo from him at the end of the

Jeff Fraser, Chris' dad, said the yo-yo never left his hands, and about four years ago he wanted to test his skills against others. The elder Fraser had no idea there were such things as yo-yo compe-titions and skipped out on what Chris hoped would be his first competition because he did not want to make the drive to Holland, Mich.

However, his son's skills kept progressing and compet-

ing was the next step.
"He got really good at it at a very rapid pace," Jeff said.
Chris' first competition was

in Nashville, Tenn., and as the youngest competitor he finished sixth. The next stop was the Michigan state yoyo competition in 2007, and that is where he got his first taste of victory. He followed that win up with another win at the Indiana state tournament, and now was being recognized throughout the sport

of yo-yo.
"It was pretty shocking because he was 14 when he won Indiana states and that put him on the map as a go yo-yo player," Jeff said. "He took a lot of people by surprise.

Chris has won the Michigan competition three years in a row and followed years in a row and tollowed those up by trips to the national tournament, but this year he solidified his place in the yo-yo world by finishing third at the 2009 World Yo-Yo Contest in Orlando, Fla.

"It was a dream come true, Chris said. "I was in shock." He finished behind Japanese players Shinya Kido and Hiroyuki Suzuki, who both have years of experience

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School board to decide tonight on privatization

Unions offer to make major concessions, hope it's enough

BY NATHAN MUELLER Staff Writer

It's decision making time for the Novi Community Schools District Board of Education.

Put before members tonight is a recommendation from school administration to proceed with privatizing custodial and transportation services, a measure that would save the district an estimated \$4,601,902, but also could jeopardize the jobs of 68 employees. Recent cuts from the state have Novi looking at a

decrease of \$572 per student, and by privatizing the dis-trict could see a savings of \$305 per student.

"It's a very challenging situation to be in and we certainly value our employees," board President Ann Glubzinski said. "We

POTENTIAL SAVINGS

mated savings

\$3,622,676

estimated savings District 30-month projected costs - \$5,738,768

Custodial - Summary of esti-

District 30-month projected costs - \$7,455,074

Gross projected savings

Contractor projected costs (GCA with insurance) - \$3,832,398

Projected savings - 49 percent Transportation - Summary of

Contractor projected costs

Projected % savings - 17 percent

Figures provided by Novi Community Schools

(Durham) - \$4,759,542

Gross projected savings

\$979,226

need to continue to focus on our mission and that is educating students. And how do we do that with the funding situation in

Lansing?"
To start, the district is looking at these two employee groups, but Glubzinski said the board has asked all employee groups to open their contracts and help.

"Because our funding is unstable, we have to look at how to run our district with in the means provid-ed by our state," she said. "But we don't think it should fall on any one group's shoulders."

Two public meet-

ings have been held thus far on privatizing services, and the board has heard impassioned pleas from everyone from drivers and custodians to teachers, wives and friends.

Karen Marcus, wife of custodian Tom Marcus, said

Karen Marcus, with or custodian from Marcus, said her family cannot survive on the \$11 an hour wage being proposed by the private company.

"I know you said that (the district's) revenue is not keeping pace with expenses, but that is where we are going to be. Our revenue is not going to be able to take

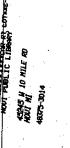
care of all our expenses," she said. Phil Light, union steward for the custodians, said his group is proposing concessions that amount to nearly a 40-percent pay cut, change in health care providers and participation in the premiums, holidays without pay, five furlough days, elimination of longevity pay and cut-

ting sick time in half.

Those changes amount to a savings of nearly \$1.5 million, still shy of the estimated \$3.6 million the district is expected to save by contracting with GCA Services

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Meadowbrook speed limit posted back at 30 mph

BY NATHAN MUELLER

The speed limit on Meadowbrook Road between Eight and Ten Mile Roads is going to remain 30 miles per hour after all

Despite a recent study which showed the speed limit should be raised to 35 mph, the Novi City Council voted last Monday to keep it at its original limit in order to protect residents living in the area

To me this is a safety issue who made the motion to keep it at 30 mph. "I know administration is going to say they have

done a study and it should be 35... But I think we owe it to the residents to listen to them and do the right thing.

The first study on Meadowbrook showed drivers were traveling an average of 35.2 mph in the 30 mph zone. When the speed limit was increased to 35 mph, the follow-up study showed an average speed of 38.1

According to the Traffic Improvement Association, speed limits are set based on the number of drive openings or the 85th centile speed is "the speed at, or

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Turkey Trot: Fox donates to area food bank

energetic men and women, and one guy in a turkey cos-tume, Fox Run concluded its seventh annual Turkey Trot on Nov. 19 by donating 1,300 pounds of food items to the Gleaner's Food Bank in

Fox Run is the full-service retirement community in Novi that is developed and managed by Erickson Retirement

"It is always fun to end our annual food drive with a Turkey Trot," said Alice Hixson, wellness coordinator who has been involved with the food drive for the past four years. "This year we collected the greatest amount of food ever and it is truly amazing to see how people can come together in these tough eco-nomic times and pitch in to help those in need in our com-



These energetic Fox Run residents, staff and turkey-costumed staffer Daniel Earle, just completed the seventh annual Turkey Trot that resulted in more than

residents and staff, plus stu-

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of three courses throughout the advantage of the unseasonably, afterwards for cider and

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delivered more than 28 cartons packed with more than 1.300 pounds of non-perishable food items to the food bank. There are several traditions associated with the Turkey

Trot, according to Hixson, "The kids always get a kick his tail feathers and we always visit Renaissance Gardens in full costume," she said. "Everyone also enjoys trying to guess who is wearing the turey suit every year. This year, we had a great performance b Daniel Earle who works in our

*Every year, the Turkey Trot is a favorite event at Fox Run, community services manager. "The basic principles of the event are so important—help others, keep yourself active

below which, 85 percent of the traffic is moving."

Rodney Arroyo, vice president of Birchler Arroyo that conducted the study said the concept behind set ting speeds is to get people to drive as close to the same speed as possible. He also aid when speed limits are set low, there is an increase in accidents because one group wants to travel at a comfortable speed and the other wants to adhere to the

speed limit. However, that did not deter the council from going with its

"(Meadowbrook) is really

The third-place finish also

on the Internet and countless known to break out his yo-yo while at the mall or waiting is

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not like any other mile road in the city and for that reason we should give pause before we increase the speed limit," said council member Andrew

Gatt said he came to his decision because the homes between Nine and Ten Mile and recent city sidewalk improvements have also

"It is true that if the speed limit is 35 mph drivers have a tendency to push the speed limit to 44-45," he said.

Dick Ornekian, a resident on Meadowbrook, was elated when he heard the news. more for the people living in the homes than the people in

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"When they announced the top three and said, 'Coming in third in the world is Chris Fraser from the United States, everyone went wild." Jeff said

landed him a sponsorship from popular yo-yo company YoYoFactory, Fraser is worktime coming out on top. ing on a signature yo-yo that is expected to be released in the

spring.
Fraser said he honed most of his skills by watching videos

but I just kept practicing and lenge of it," he said. And the next challenge for Fraser is returning to the world tournament and this

"It was frustrating at first,

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Three's company – Novi triplets earn Eagle Scout together

online at hometownlife.com

It's only fitting that Kevin, Michael and Eric Pasquale stood on the stage together to earn one of the Boy Scouts of America's highest honors

Separated by minutes at birth, the triplets have been b each other's side throughout their scouting careers, culmi-Court of Honor ceremony. Their accomplishment marks the first time in the history of scouting that triplets have earned Eagle Scout honors

"It's been fun and I am glad they were here to go with me through the process," Michael said. "It's special to have it done this early and to be able to do it with my brothers."

At 15 years old (they are not 16), the three teens reco their Eagle Scout certification faster than expected. The average age of most Eagle Scouts is 17, but from the first time they started scouts in second grade they were destined to be

Father Bill Pasquale had the service at the age of 8, helping

(From left) Kevin, Michael and Eric Pasquale are the first set of triplets in the history of the Boy Scouts of America

Omni Manor, and said "going into scouts was natural for

Gifts for Seniors program at

than 35 merit badges and hold

multiple leadership positions within their troop, and they also did their Eagle Scout proj-

of Novi, including painting the entire church and finding contractors to make additional repairs for free.

Kevin said having his brothinterior and exterior renova-

tion at First Baptist Church

Novi Mayor David Landry (at podium) and Northville Mayor Chris Johnson addressed the Pasquale triplets at their Eagle Court of Honor ceremony Nov. 24. ranking public officials like ers with him the entire time Rudy Giuliani, Bill Clinton. to people who were just with friends," he said, "We had Bush, President Barack

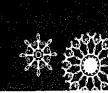
Obama and more Eric said while the journey has been long, it's been worth it. more of a connection and did lot of stuff together." Mayors David Landry of Novi and Chris Johnson of "It means a lot to me and Northville spoke at the cervery hard," he said. emony, and the teens also received letters from high-

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spoons to the right. Only set out utensils that will be used for various

courses. "If you're not serving soup or salad, you certainly don't want

an extra spoon or fork in your place setting," Slatter says. "Not only will

those get in the way, the extra uten-

the dinner plate, glasses on the right.

• Wait to pour. Water glasses

should be the only glasses filled before your guests arrive. Iced tea, wine and other beverages should be

poured once everyone is seated. Wine should be filled halfway, not to the

· Salad and bread should be the

States: appetizer, soup, salad, main course, dessert.

. The bread plate goes on the left of

sils may confuse your guests.

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DAZZLE YOUR GUESTS WITH HOLIDAY ETIQUETTE TIPS 101

You've spent the entire day cooking the perfect holiday feast. But it's an hour before your guests arrive, and you find yourself standing in front of the table, listening to a little nagging

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voice in your head.

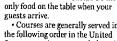
Does the knife go on the left, fork on the right, or is it the other way around? Is that centerpiece too tall? Should I go ahead and put food on table before guests arrive, or do I

wait until everyone gets here?

If you can't answer those questions, don't feel alone. In today's eat-onthe-run world, you're not the only one to flunk holiday etiquette.

"Table manners have become a lost art," says etiquette expert Jill Slatter. "Think back 15 or 20 years ago, families gathered every evening for a proper meal. But these days we're all stretched so thin juggling work, school and home, most folks don't have time to sit down together, so when holidays roll around no one's sure what to do at a formal meal,"

Slatter is an etiquette coach at Greensboro, N.C.-based Replacements, Ltd., touted as the world's largest supplier of old and new china, silver, crystal and collectibles. The company is bombarded estions this time of year from folks looking for a crash course in proper manners and table settings. Based on the most frequently asked questions, Slatter offers this quick holiday etiquette 101 to give you



Are you the hostess with the mostest?

· Remember, the hostess always sits last.

- Unscented candles are a great

part of holiday decor, but should only evening. "Another thing to keep in mind, flickering candles are more than a distraction those can cause headaches," warns Slatter, "That's wh you never want to place burning candles directly in fron f your guest, and

ate the flame below



Centerpiece too tall? Sure those flowers you spent hours arranging are pretty, but will only get in the way if your guests have to crane their necks to look at each other. Make sure your guests can see over any table adornments.

 Passing isn't just in football. Always pass food around the table counter clockwise to the right and refrain from serving yourself first. Always pass the salt and pepper as a set, even if you're only asked for one.

Be a gracious guest · Avoid the smear. Female guests

should blot their lips before sitting down at the table. This will keep you from getting lipstick stains on linen napkins or glassware,

• Wait for the signal. Your host will

let you know when it's okay to begin eating. They may make a prayer or statement or start by passing a dish. • If you're not sure which utensil to use with each course, start on the outside and work in toward the plate.

temporarily, gently place your napkin Signify you're finished with the meal by placing napkin to the left of the dinner plate, and your fork and knife side by side diagonally across or plate with the sharp side of the ife blade facing inward and the

If you need to excuse voiirself

fork tines down. "One of the most panicked ques

you accidently break a piece of the host's dinnerware." acids Slatter. "You should certainly offer to replace the broken piece especially if it has sentimental value for the host or hostess,

Slatter says don't lose hope if your host doesn't know the name of the pattern or the manufactureryou can always take advantage of Replacements' free pattern identifi-

cation service. If you're still in doubt about holiday etiquette 101, a cheat sheet is just a mouse click away. You can find place setting guides outlining the correct layout for all meals at www.replacements.com, under the site's "neat things" tab. With these tips in mind you're sure to throw the perfect gath-

– Courtesy of ARAcontent

Clarification

On the Nov. 12 Thanksglving Traditions holiday page A4, the story, "A twist on tradition," should have

"Completely submerge the bird in a large container for about six days."

Executive Chef Jim Moschini of the Culinary Arts Institute at the Art Institute of Novi does not recor the use of a paint bucket for this tast turkey at all times during the brining



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online at hometownlife.com

Participants can use the certificates given at workshop completion to waive applica-tion fees to Walsh College

degree programs.
"We're grateful to the Ford Foundation for their continu ing support," Walsh College President and CEO Stephani

Tech Showcase

PRIVATIZATION

Groups. That's a number Light still believes will not be good

enough. GCA's bid includes a total

of 47.5 full-time employees,

employed, pay rates ranging from \$9-\$11 per hour, \$11 for

building engineers and 80-percent employer-paid health, vision and dental insurance.

"Right now I am looking to

them at a wage tha

and gives them decent health

care and retirement and try to

ride it out until times get bet-

ter," Light said. "There are no

to the people, along with the cost sharing of health care and no retirement whatsoever. I

would just be taking up space

with this company; there is no

The transportation side also

features major concessions from the union, but also is

not enough to make up for the estimated \$979,226 the dis-

trict could save by going with Durham School Services.

maintaining the current wage

in 2010-11 and 2.5 percent in

2011-12; 100-percent employer paid health insurance for driv-

with an increase of 1 percent

Durham's bid includes

incentives for me to work for this outside company because of the wage they are offering

them above unemployment

up from the 39 currently

W. Bergeron said, "We know the demand is great, since new workshops are filled within

. Workshops will be held at the college's Novi campus located at 41500 Gardenbrook Road, north of Eleven Mile Road, south of I-96, and west of Meadowbrook Road

Workshop spaces are limited and registration is required. To register or learn more, go to www.walshcollege.cdu/takecharge. For more information, e-mail takecharge@walshcol-

STARTING A CONSULTING BUSINESS

Two students from Novi Middle School — Sara Lehman and Jalen Ward (center) — participated in the Ninth Annual Michigan Student Technology Showcase held Oct. 28 at the State Capitol Building in Lansing. They are flanked by teachers Miranda Bodnovits (left) and Kimberly Wesner. The school was one of 40 elementary.

middle and high schools statewide that participated in the event, whose purpose is to show elected members

of the Michigan State Senate and House of Representatives how technology is being used in the classroom to enhance student achievement. The event was organized by the Michigan Association for Computer Users in

> cent employer paid for other employees; one replacement bus during term of contract; and purchase of one mainte-

nance vehicle. The buses and transportation facility would

be leased to the company for use only in Novi, but any

replacement buses bought by the company would be theirs

and could be used for other

services outside the district

Dan O'Rourke, union rep

resentative for the custodians

and bus drivers, said there is

no way they can match what

the private companies are offering, and they feel they

are being abandoned by the

trict for about 25 years, and

throughout that time it has always been emphasized to us that Novi schools is a team and

a family," he said. "And I guess

it feels a lot to our drivers and

custodians right now that two

members of the family are going to be sacrificed because we are

the district, said unfortunately

the numbers don't lie, and as a

small business owner himself, he had to make a decision on

whether to borrow money or

cut employees.

He chose to cut employees

ecause if he didn't, he would

"The decision you have here

will affect the lives of people currently employed, but the fact is that out of state com-

facing economic challenges Chris Corbett, a Novi resi-

"I have worked with the dis-

district.

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pany still has to hire people locally to work and it still may be our neighbors and friends," he said. "Making tough choices

affects people's lives any way you go. But we cannot afford to take these losses."

spoken at the meetings do not like their tax dollars going to

a for-profit company, and are

students.

soncerned about the safety of

"It was mentioned carlier

there would be no change in

Kubas said. But I don't think

of runs or pickups, it's about those people that are doing those runs and pickups and

the people working in the buildings." Glubzinski said she has

heard many of the concerns

and said the district still main

tains a right of refusal when

dealing with employment and whatever requirements the district currently has will

remain in place if the private

company comes in.
If approved at tonight's

meeting, the private compa-nies could start as soon as

January. The board held a final work

session Tuesday after the Novi News' press deadlines, and

posted on the paper's Web site at www.hometownlife.com as

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Thursday's decision will be

soon as the meeting ends.

Other people who have



An Orchard Hills Elementary fourth grade student volunteer inputs information during the school's student run credit union sponsored by Community Financial along with Peter Dion, Novi Community School District

Community Financial makes donation to education foundation

Community Financial recently presented a check to the Novi Educational Foundation (NEF) to further educational programs in the local communit

Community Financial's Novi office, made the presentation to Peter Dion, superintendent of Novi Community School District.

According to NEF's Executive Director Bob Schram, Community Financial's contribution will be used for student enrich ment programs. "The NEF values its community partners, including Community

Financial, in accomplishing its mission to provide resources for maintaining and enhanc ing educational ties for students of the Novi Community Schools," said.

possible by Community Financial's continued financial strength in 2009. The Novi Educational Foundation is among seven recipients to be given a total of \$5,300 from the credit union's annual

Community Shares program. "We are very pleased to contribute toward educational programs that benefit stu-dents and local schools," said

credit union CEO Bill Lawton "This is another way that Community Financial is making a positive difference in the

communities we serve. Attending the check pre sentation, which was held at Novi's Orchard Hills Elementary, were students from Dawn Capling's fourth grade class who volunteer at the school's student-run credit union, which is sponsored by Community Financial "Our partnership with nity Financial gives stu

dents a hands-on way to learn basic personal finance," said Dion. "This is a fun and reward-

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GABRIELLE ADAMCZYK

Age 12, passed away November 23, 2009. She was born on August 19, 1997, in Ann Arbor. She was a student al Hardy Elementary School in Chapman, Trace Chapman and Kelih South Lyon. Chap Bridder (Jake) Billering. dent at Hardy Elementary School in Chapman, Tracie Chapman and Kelih South Lyon, Bahrielle Is survived by Long, Bridget (Jaks) Rillema, her parents Stephen Adamczyk, Brandon (Samantha) Chapman; Laura Lee (Adon) Steabler, her twin great-grandchildren: Adam and Ryan; sister Elsa Rose, brother Andrew; grandparents: Edward and Gloria Weyman, Steven and Helen brother Tom. A funeral service was Adamczyk; sister-in-law Marsha (Pat) Manda; cousins: Amy, Audrey and Lavonne; and her carelaker Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS Sharon McGuire. Visitation was held Sharon McGuire. Visitation was held Sharon McGuire. Visitation was held gwestbook; www.phillipslunerat.com. Adanczyk, sister-in-law Marsha held on Nov. 28 at the First (Pat) Mandia; cousins, Amy, Audrey Presbyerian Church of South Lyon, and Lavonne; and her carelaker Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS Sharon McGuille. Visitation was held on November 29, at PHILLIPS questhook vwww.phillipslunerat.com. FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon, In lieu. of flowers donations may be made to Therapeutic Riding Inc., 4715 E. Joy Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48105 or the WILLIAM PATRICK CLEMENTS Age 59, passed away Nov. 5, 2009. Graveside service Monday, Dec. 7, 11 a.m. at South Lyon Cemetery. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNER-AL HOME, South Lyon. Online Shriners Hospital for Children, 434 Temple, Detroit, MI 48201. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com.

JOYCE ALBERS

questbook www.phillipsfuneral.com Age 77, passed away on November 24, 2009. Joyce was born on January 3, 1932 to the late Chester and Elsie lounts. Joyce is survived by her lov icky (Bill) Finn, Kelly (Mike) Kuzma. Bill (Diane) Bowman; granddaughter Nikki and grandson Sam; twin sister Nikki and grandson Sam; Iwin sister Jean Lee; and many nieces and naphews. She was preceded in death by her sisters Wanda and Vivian. A memorial gathering will be held on Friday, December 4, 2009 from 3-8 pm at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake St., South Lyon. A memo-rial service will be held on Saturday. December 5, 2009 at 11:00 am al owers memorial contributions may be sent to Apple Blossom Hill Adult

JAROLD HARDING CANFIELD

Age 90, died on January 21, 2009 at his home in Littleton, Colorado. He was born on October 15, 1918 in New born on October 15, 1918 in New Hudson, Michigan to Elisi (Harding) and William Goldy Canfield on the farm that his great-grandiather had taken up from the U.S. government in 1833. He graduated from New Hudson High School and attended Michigan State University. He was drafted into the Army in 1941 and was stalloned at various forts in the was stationed at various forts in the Puget Sound area. He married lennetta Olive Dobbs "Janet" o Victoria, B.C., Canada April 3, 1945 Victora, B.C., Canada April 3, 1945 in Seattle, Washington. They moved to South Lyon in December 1945 upon his discharge from the Army. Harding retired from Ford Motor Company in 1980 after 42 years, having worked first on the line at the factory in Millord, then as a superior and the last 20 years in the office sor and the last 20 years in the office. or and the last 20 years in the office n Production Control at Rawsonville arding was an active member of First United Methodist Church in South Lyon, helped out on his broth-ir, John's farm in New Hudson until tittleton, where he was active in Columbine United Church, the local Kiwanis. He was preceded in death the wild in this struction of the wild in the was preceded in death the wild in the was a wolunteer for over 10 years. Darents, and his sister, Mary Elizabeth. Harding is survived by his faither of Rich & Eric Liddy, grandlam for the was a wolunteer for over 10 years. The trainity also wants to thank the staffs of St Mary's Hospital, Madison the wonderful support and care. Wildly of titleton, Colorado, daugh-wised as a machinist at himmatise. by his wife of 61 years, Janel, nis Golleen Burwell, brother to Lee parents, and his sister, Many Elizabeth. Harding is survived by his son, Edward Harding Canfield (wife to many grandchildren. Horkki) of Littleton, Colorado, daughten, Mancy Louise Peterson (husband in Highland, MI for 30+ years and the control of the c loved raising white German shep Leonardy of Aurora. Coursoo, and loved rising white German shep-granddauphters. Jessica Lynn herd dogs. A memorial service will Canfield and Holly Nicole Canfield. be held at 12:00 PM on Friday. John Lucius Canfield and by nieces Jennings Funeral Home, Lamb and nephews. A memorial service Chael with pathering to begin at was held February 3 at Fort Logan National Cemetery Denver Colorado. He is also survived by his brother, John Lucius Canfield and by nieces John Lucius Canfield and by nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held February 3 at Fort Logan National Cemetery, Denver, Colorado. Memorials in Harding's name may be made to Columbine Unilled Church, 5375 S. Platte Canyon Road, Littleton, CO 80123 or Kiwanis Club of Columbine, P.O. Box 620243, Littleton, CO 80162. Arrangements have been made through Aspen of comfort to Cart's family by calling 877-231-7900 or sign his guestbook



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have been made through Aspen Mortuaries, Lakewood, Colorado.

CAROLE SUE MCLEAN Age 77, of South Lyon, passed away Nov. 25, 2009. A private service will be held. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook at www.philipsfuneral.com

o www.phillipsfuneral.com

at: www.borekjennings.com

MARIE FRANCES

(FLYNN) MASTEN

Age 88, Nov. 20, 2009. Funeral held Tues. at St James Church, Novi. Family would prefer a Mass or

memorial donations in her name to

Izheimer Assoc. Online condolences

www.obdensullivanfuneralhome.com

EVA A. MCCARTHY

Age 96, of Northfield Twp., passed away November 30, 2009. For arrangements, please call PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon or go

NICHOLAS JOHN

Age 87, passed away November 23, 2009. He proudly served in the U.S. Army during WMI. He was born on February 5, 1922, in Brighton, to the late Fred and Lillian (Wooding). He work at Fed and Lillian (Wooding). The www.phillipstuneral.com

DONNA L. SHANNON

Age 58 of White Lake. Beloved daughter of Dento and Norma Spong; cherished mother of Mathew (Kelly) Shannon and Lauren Ferency, loving grandmother of Dayton Ferency and Bridly Shannon; dear sister of Dayton (Curdi) Spong. A retired Dance and (Cyndi) Spong. A retired Dance and Physical Education Teacher at Hillside Middle School, Northville, Donna was Middle School, Northville, Donna was vaww.obriensullivantuneraihome.com a 2 time Fubright Scholar, professional let ski racer and loved gotting, cooking, the beach and lier family, crangements were handled by the Elion Black & Son Funeral Home. Report of the Memorials to Memorials of Memorials to Memorials of Memorials of E. Liberty, ste. 130, Ann Artor, MI 48104 Atti. Infusion Fund. Visit Gardens. Contributions to Karmanos www.mem.com to share a memory.

BETTY JANE UTLEY

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Age 81, Nov. 26, 2009. Funeral held at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Nov. 30. Donations may be made to Arbor

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Hospice, St.

Age 81, Nov. 27, 2009. Grandmothe of Troy (Ragan) Wilson & great grandmother of 3. Predeceased by husband, Charles; son, James brother, Floyd & mother, Dorothy Services were previously held www.obriensullivanfunerathome.com

JAKE CULLEN WEISENBERGER

Age 17, passed away at home November 23, 2009. He was born on August 13, 1992, in Pontiac, to Richard and Charlene (Compton) November 21, 2009 after a brief ill loving parents Richard and Charlene sess. She was born on August 16, Weisenberger, Jake is survived by his November 21, 2009 after a brief ill loving parents Richard and Charlene and 1935 in Madison to Alfred and Weisenberger Jr; grandparents Jeanette (Wirth) Fuss. She graduated from West High School in 1953.

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Age 93, died Sunday, November 22, 2009 in the care of her family, for Memorals to Hospice of Michigan for further information please call: 248,684,6645 or visit: 248,684,6845 or visit: 248,68 Monasy, at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon, A funeral service was held on Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, South Lyon, Memorial contributions may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com



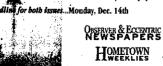


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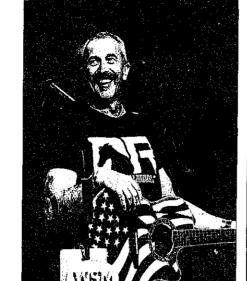
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Country music star Aaron Tippin will be singing his patriotic songs at Operation Injured Soldiers Christmas Spectacular Dec. 11 at Laurel Manor in

Country star Aaron Tippin to play benefit for injured soldiers

Country music singer Aaron Tippin, known for his patriotic-themed music, will e headlining an upcoming Christmas show that will benefit soldiers injured in Iraq

Tippin will perform his songs at Operation Injured Soldier's inaugural Christmas Spectacular Dec. 11 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The event which begins at 7 p.m., will help the South Lyon-based n-profit organization's efforts to send injured soldiers and their families on vacations, to sporting events, and on hunting, fishing and camping trips. The trips are provided at no cost to the soldiers. According to Operation Injured Soldier's Pam Bijansk Cleaners in South Lyon, this is the biggest fund-raiser the

the reason they decided to do it is because more and more soldiers are coming home with injuries suffered in America's current wars. Many of the soldiers are suffering from post traumatic stress disorder caused by head injuries, and have had a difficult time adjusting back to everyday life. The point of Operation Injured Soldier, according to

adjustment, and help the soldiers and their families recon-"There is just a huge, huge need. People don't even under stand," Bijansky said. "It's not just the soldier, it's their fami-lies. If they have drifted psy-

chologically, they need a family vacation. They need to bond again as a family." Bijansky said many of the trips the group is able to send

ner. There will be a cash bar group is still looking for cor-Abbey Park at Mill River are

"Every penny goes back to People can also buy tickets oldiers can attend the event

of the room will literally be filled with our injured heroes," Bijansky said.

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Cremation: A popular end-of-life option

I am interested in learning more about cremation and would like to know what religions allow it, I understand cremation is a lot aper than a standard burial, but born and raised Catholic, I'm not sure the church allows it. What can you tell me? Guilty Catholic

Door Guilty

Almost all religions accept the practice of cremation including man Catholics. In fact, statistics show that about one-third of all Catholics today are opting for casket burial. Here's what you

GROWING ACCEPTANCE

Over the past 30 years the cre-mation rate in the United States has grown by leaps and bounds, jumping from only 6 percent in 1975, to 19 percent in 1995 to nearly 40 percent today. And by 2025, that number is expected to

began allowing it back in 1963. However, it still prefers the gions that allow but discourage cremation include the Mormo Judaism and Southern Baptist Convention, while Protestant urches are much more accept-

CHEAPER OPTION reach over 55 percent.

After forbidding cremation for centuries, the Catholic Church

MORE CHOICES

Many people think that crem

ing of the practice. Religions that forbid cremation are Islam, Jewish Orthodox and Eastern

 personal preference, it's environmentally friendly, uses less land. it's easier to arrange - but the biggest reason is money. Cremation ean cost one-tenth (depending or a funeral and cemetery burial

There are various reasons for the increased rate in cremation brings, which averages around \$10,000 today.

tion limits your funeral options but it actually gives you more choices. With cremation, you can still have a funeral or merne

> the body before cremation or without the body after cremation.

urn, plaque, headstone, a simple marker or nothing at all. (Note: The Catholic Church prohibits

there are options on what to do with the remains which include: scattering, being kept by the fam-ily, placed in a mausoleum or columbarium niche or buried in a cemetery plot or on your own property depending on local ordi-nances. Personal memorials can also vary, but could include an

scattering of ashes or keeping them at home. They believe the cremated remains should be bur-

PREPLANNING

To assure your final wishes are honored and to prevent your loved ones from having to make decisions and arranger choose a cremation provider (most funeral homes provide cremation services) and prearrange your cremation and funeral or memorial service. The prearrangements should also be noted in your will and advance directive (if you have

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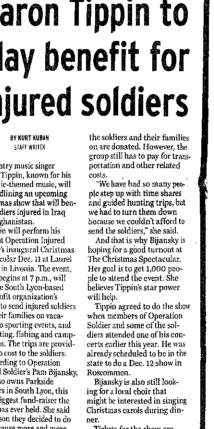
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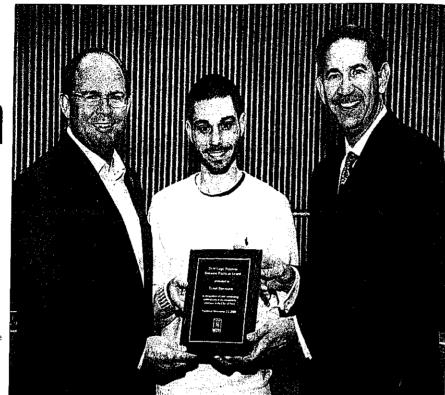
After receiving nominations from customers and community members, six awards were esented by Mayor David B. Landry at the second annual **Business Recognition Awards** held on Nov. 23.

The award program was created to honor organiza-tions whose exemplify Novi spirit and serve as models for other community nartners. Nominees were evaluated on usiness practices, corporate citizenship, and green technologies. A committee representatives from Oakland County, Novi Economic ovi News, Novi Chamber

In addition to the winners pictured, FanningHowey, Cosmetic & Family Dentistry, Carrabbas Italian Grill ServPro of Novi, Bonefish Grill, Town & Country Eyecare and Total Sports Complex

received Honorable Mentions

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Lotus Bank, Small Business-Corporate Citizenship

Lotus Bank operates with an organizational philosophy of giving back by improving the areas in which they work and live and as such, the chief financial officer has staffed the Lighthouse of Oakland County financial distress hotline, staff members routinely volunteers at homeless shelters and food banks, church out-reach programs and other nonprofit organizations. Monetary contributions have been made to dozens of local organizations. Additionally, Lotus





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Sheraton Detroit Novi, Large Business-Corporate Citizenship

The Sheraton Detroit Novi recently created an incentive program that led to the donation of over \$2,500 to The Sheraton Destort now recently created an incentive program undered to the domains of over 32,300 to charities. The Sheraton Detroit Novi has worked with local charitable organizations including Holy Family Church in Novi, St. Christina's, Faith Presbyterian Church, and Habitat for Humanity Oakland Country. Additionally, internship opportunities are provided for high school students studying travel and tourism

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Nearly \$2,000 worth of items were stolen from vehicle between the hours of 8 p.m. on Nov. 28 and 8 a.m. on Nov. 29 while it was parked at a residence on Broadmoor Park Lane.

According to the police report, the car was locked at the time of the incident and the suspect broke the rear pas senger side window to gain access. The owner did not notice the damage until she looked out the kitchen window and saw a book bag in the

backyard.
Police spoke with the owner of the vehicle who said her daughter is the registered driver and that she was home for the holiday weekend. The daughter brought home her personal belongings so they would not get stolen from her dorm room while she was

Taken in the theft were Coach purse, a silver Tiffany! bracelet and a silver Tiffany's necklace with silver heart.

Police have no suspects at this time but also found sev eral other larceny from autos throughout the morning in the Broadmoor Park and Royal Crown Estates subdivisions On every car, the suspect wiped the frost away from the windows to see inside each car that was not victimized

Suspect grabs property out of car

2 An iPod and wallet con-taining credit cards were taken from a car overnight on Nov. 28-29 while it was parked n Whitehall Drive.

The owner said she did not notice damage to her vehicle intil later in the day and

already started her turn The woman failed field sobriety tests and a prelimi

hibited U-turn sign but had

no suspects at this time. Drunk driver stopped by adult drivers in Michigan is

and was released from the Novi Police Department when

from car

and 7 a.m. on Nov. 29 while it was parked at a home on Arden Glen Court.

8 Mile Rd:

The owner said he discov nary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .12 percent. The legal limit for ered the front driver's side vindow had been broken in the morning and noticed sev eral items missing. Taken in the theft were 08 percent. She was given a citation for a wallet, gift cards, driver's

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9 Mile Rd.

operating while intoxicated license, over \$100 in cash, a Chanel purse valued at \$250, a sweatshirt and shoes. There was no evidence to

Wallets, purses snatched

4A black Chevrolet Suburban was broken into

Communities believe solicitor checks a must, but ACLU disagrees Leaders in some communi--- said he plans to push for its ties are supporting a bill that would allow them to pass local ordinances requiring national

fingerprint background checks for door-to-door solicitors, but the American Civil Liberties Union says such a measure won't make anyone any safer.

Many local communities already require solicitors to be licensed, and many do local or statewide background checks. But this bill would allow com munities to pass ordinances requiring national checks for solicitors -- meaning someone with a criminal record outside Michigan could be flagged and denied a permit to distribute flyers or hawk merchandise door-to-door.

While exact numbers weren't available, local officials say that typically, 10%-20% of solicitors who apply for a license are turned down because of past criminal activity. But local officials say more solicitors than that could have criminal pasts because only

"It's a move in the right direction because you often do find many solicitors who have criminal records and even Warren Police Commissioner

William Dwyer. Novi, Sterling Heights, Warren and Livonia are among communities supporting the measure, which has yet to be voted on by the state House. The bill's sponsor -- state Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland

passage after Thanksgiving. In Novi, door-to-door solicitors are often a top com plaint at neighborhood safety meetings, said Police Chief David Molloy, The city, which mandates that solicitors be licensed, has looked at the records of solicitors and occa-

outstanding warrants. "We need to know who these people are before they are in our neighborhoods, Molloy

Ruth Ann Jirasek said she has the same salesman coming to her door weekly, despite her "No Solicitors" sign and repeated refusals to buy his

in their neighborhood," said Jirasek, 50, of Novi. "That's a

But the ACLU says the prints will be in federal records would be few checks and balances on how or when they abuse," said ACLU legislative director Shelli Weisberg. "It doesn't secure a community." LeBlane said his bill would

allow local officials to conbill, House Bill 4601, wasn't prompted by a specific inciden but by local officials asking for a way to better check the back grounds of solicitors "This is about prevention

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Novi police, fire officials offer holiday safety tips

The items were valued at

police to process and they have

3 A woman was arrested at 2:06 a.m. on Nov. 29 on

driving after police observed

her make a prohibited U-turn

from southbound Novi Road

into the entrance of Denny's

officer could smell a strong odor of intoxicants, and the woman said she saw the pro-

Novi Road near I-96 for drunk

police

wants to remind you not to let the spirit of giving lull you into giving criminals a better chance to do their dirty work. much as everyone else, especially because it's an oppor tune time for crime with more

people shopping and traveling.
"The holiday season is a special time of year, but it is also a time when everyone becomes less, making them vulnerable to theft and other crime. notes David E. Molloy, Novi's Chief of Police. "We can never be too careful, too prepared or too aware and ensuring you and your family, friends, and neighbors have a safe holiday season is a priority for the

one has a safe and fun holic shopping season, the Novi Police Department offers the following Holiday Shopping Safety Tips. Safe shopping should be a priority for everyone. When out

shopping remember:

* Have a shopping plan ... let
someone else know what your plan is including when you tend on being home. Coordinate shopping trips

with friends. * Park in a well-lighted area and try not to walk to your car

REMEMBER WHERE YOU PARKED IT, when you return be prepared to get in and go about your business ... don't loiter about holding package * Secure packages in the trunk of your vehicle.

* If you place packages in your vehicle, mid-trip, you m want to move your car.
Avoid carrying large amounts of each and don't

carry it all in one place.
* Be careful with wallets

sight or leaving keys in A few reminders regarding

vehicle security:

* Always lock your car. Secure your valuables in the trunk, store them out of you. If someone approaches sight, or take them with you.

* Before leaving your work and you feel threatened

place, lock your laptop or valuables in your trunk in case you have to make a stop. You don't want potential thieves to see you placing valuables in the * Make sure all car windows are closed when the vehicle is

unoccupied. ferent parking spot after put-* After dark, park in a well lighted area. * If you have a car alarm, be

* Only carry the Credit/ Debit cards you will be using. * Remember to sign your

Credit/Debit cards * Cover your account and personal information as you and it to the cashier. Speak softly to the cashier as you pro vide personal information.
* Guard any keypads as you

enter your pin number * When using an ATM nobody is watching as you enter you pin number. Use only ATM machines that are located in well-lighted and populated areas

SAFE PARKING

* Be sure to lock your car. * Keep any valuables left in your car out of sight. Preferably, leave valuables in

* If you do not have a trunk, keep valuables out of sight by covering them or placing the on the floorboards or under

Do not unlock your vehicle until you are close enough to scan the area. Look inside the vehicle

cle as quickly as possible.

* When parking at night,
park in a well-lighted area. * Be alert when putting packages in your vehicle. Be aware of anyone watching

get in your car and lock the doors until the person leaves the area. If the person does no leave, drive away. * Return to your vehicle periodically to check on it. Do

not carry so many packages at one time that you cannot react quickly.

* Move your vehicle to a dif-

ting packages in it. SHOPPING ONLINE

* Use only reputable con anies and Web sites that have proper security features. Secure sites have an address that begins with HTTPS:// Beware of pop-ups ads that lead you to another website o ask you personal information

* Do not give out your Social Security number, e-mail address, telephone number, or is collecting the information, why they are collecting it, and

or account numbers.

* Save all transaction information. The Holiday Season marks a special time for families and

friends to get together. But it's also a time for greater risk of fire. The celebration of the season brings with it increased usage of electric lights, deco-rations, and candles - all of which can be potential fire hazards. The Novi Fire Department would like to remind everyone of the dan-gers of the holiday season and how to keep their family safe. By following a few simple tips, you can ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

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Fox Run residents take Honor Flight

For 14 Fox Run resident veterans, Nov. 14 was all about memories-recalling their military service during World War II and the memories they will share of their whirlwind visit to Washington, D.C. as participants in Honor Flight The day began for Bill

Picotte and the others with wake-up calls at 3:18 a.m. followed by roll-call, coffee and doughnuts in the campu chibhouse lobby at 4:45 a.m. The Honor Flight crew then took an early-morning flight from Detroit to Baltimore where they were met by an honor guard, their guides for the day and more well-wishers waving flags, cheering and

"I was looking forward to visiting Washington D.C. again, and was astounded by the reception we got, the World Way II Memorial, the

John J. O'Brien

saluting than Picotte could

men raising the flag at Iwo Jima and Arlington National Cemetery," said Picotle, a veteran of the U.S. Marino Corps. 'I had goose pimples

all day and that was a surpris for a tough guy like me." "This is an amazing group of guys and everyone was excited to make the trip," said Michelle Cassabon, commu-Fox Run and a U.S. Air Force veteran who accompanied the first groups of 25 Fox Run resident veterans last year. She notes it was one of the most rewarding experiences her life.

"From start to finish, the goal of Honor Flight is to accord veterans with the respect they so deserve and to or them for their service and commitment to our coun try," she said. "Many of the

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It was awesome, like everything they ever did in the ves was suddenly realized.

"I have an undying respect for these veterans," Cassabon added. "They are the most amazing group of people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. I have always read a lot and studied World War II but, until I started working at Fox Run, I was not around people who had actually lived it. It is like a living history book every day and knowing them makes me appreciate, even more, everything we have in this country and why it is

Picotte joined the U. S. Marine Corps on his 18th birthday, four days after World War II began, and served his 30-month

in November 1945, Picotte worked for 40 years for the Ford Motor Company, retiring

LOCAL NEWS

Honor Flights."

so great. They truly are the

in 1981. Funds for Honor Flight trips come from donations to Honor Flight Michigan. Each group travels with several guardians who each pay \$300 for their expenses. "It is well worth every penny to have the honor to accompany these veterans on this incredible trip," Cassabon said. "We have many more resident veterans who also want to take the next

There will be many grea stories and photos of this Honor Flight trip to spur other Fox Run veterans to sign up. Picotte already has printed pictures he took of fellow travelers and the sights, though he regrets not having a picture of himself. "That's OK." he said.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by RAYS ZAIR and PATRICE ZAIR, husband and wife, and EDDIE ZEER and JANAN ZEER, husband and wife collectively 'Mortgager', to FRANKLIN BANK, NA., a national banking association, since merged into FIRST PLACE BANK, a federally chartered savings association, having an office at 24725 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield, Michigan 48034 (the 'Mortgages'), dated June 22, 1994, and recorded in the office of the Register of Decels for Oakland County, Michigan on June 30, 1994, in Liber 14800, Page 507 (the 'Mortgages'). By reason of such default, the Mortgage elects to declare and hereby declares the entire unpaid amount of the Mortgage due and psyable forthwith.

As of the date of this Notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on the Mortgage the sum of Three Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Ninety and 45/100 Dollars (\$345,690.45). No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, and to pay the above amount, with interest, as provided in the Mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fee allowed by law, and all taxes and insurance premiums paid by the undersigned before sale, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises a public vendue to the highest bidder County Courthouse located in Pontiac, Michigan on Tuesday the 29th day of December, 2000, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenson. The premises covered by the Mortgage are situated in the City of Novi, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, and are described as follows:

Lots 151 and 156, inclusive, Howell's Walled Lake Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 42, Page 36 of Plats, Oakland County Records, ageiner with all of Mortgage's righ

Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 42, Page 36 of Plats, Oakland County Records, together with all of Mortgagor's right, title and interest in and to the west 1/2 of the vacated alley as evidenced by a Resolution recorded at Liber 13518, Page 690, Oakland County

Tax J.D. Numbers: 22-11-105-010 and 22-11-105-011 Tax I.D. Numbers: 22-11-105-010 and 22-11-105-011 Notice is further given that the length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from the date of sale, unless the premises are abandoned. If the premises are abandoned, the redemption period will be the later of thirty 300 days from the date of the sale or upon expiration of fifteen (15) days after the Mortgagor is given notice pursuant to MCL 8600.324/sab that the premises are considered abandoned and Mortgagor, Mortgagor's heirs, executor, or administrator, or a person lawfully claiming from or under one of them has not given the written notice required by MCL 8600.324/afc) stating that the premises are not abandoned.

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ubKsh: December 3, 10 & 17 and 24, 2009

Santa Claus is coming to town

Community Ringing in the Holidays together

taken with Santa, and the ing the Franklin Road

Christian Choir (7 p.m.).

Academy Dancers (7:40

p.m.) Annie Jr. preview (8 p.m.), Youth Philharmonic

(8:20 p.m.) and the Novi Concert Band (8:40 p.m.), will be held indoors

tive use of bells), Electric Light Award (most lights), Holiday Vehicle Award

imagination and creativ ity), Holiday Music Award

(utilizes holiday music best), Mayor's Award (Mayor David Landry's personal

favorite) and Most Unique Award (sets itself apart

"The economic times are

tough on a lot of people, and to take the family out to do

something like this with

nothing out of pocket is a huge upside to this event,"

from others.)

nith said. For more information

Awards also will be given out for the parade: Ringing Award (most distinc-

amily Self Defense Center

(7:20 p.m.), Performing Arts

STAFF WRITER

It's Christmas time in the

And for the sixth con secutive year, Novi looks to bring the community together for an evening of lights, live music, activities and more at its annual Ringing in the Holidays

The event kicks off at 6 p.m. on Friday at Main Street with the popular Electric Light Parade, featuring the event's first ever grand marshal, Miss Michigan Nicole Blaszczyk, and Santa Claus. The rest of the evening features some-thing for everyone includ-ing the annual tree lighting eremony, a kid's winter vonderland, food and a

"It's all about community Smith, recreation supervi or for the city of Novi. sor for the city of Novi. "It's a fun family event that brings the community

together a little bit."
The entire event is free with the exception of the craft show, where people can get some early shopping

about the event, contact Smith at (248) 347-0474. nmueler@gannett.com|(248) 437-2011.ext.255

Rotary club celebrating its golden anniversary

To celebrate 50 years of rotary in Novi, the Novi Rotary Club is flashing back to a 1950s theme for its annual end-of-the-year fundraiser.

The event dubbed Hot Havana Night takes place at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 12 at the Hotel Baronette and features a Cuban mob theme and five different types of ethnic foods from Havana. Secretary Julie Johnson said

they chose the idea because Cuba is a hot vacation destina tion and they wanted to add a little different twist to the night. The event is black tie optional, and people can dress to fit the theme

"It will be a great night of mingling with friends, and there are a lot of people who have left the Novi area who are planning on coming back for the 50th anniversary," she said. The best part is the social

aspect and getting out with all the people in the community at a very inexpensive price."

Tickets for the event are

\$50 per person, down from year's past, and includes an open bar from 6:30 p.m. to midnight and food. Raffle tickets also have been decreased from \$125 to \$50 and the top raffle prizes are \$5,000, a condominium any where in the world with airline youcher, a condominion in the Virgin Islands with airline voucher, an auto-

graphed Detroit Red Wings lounge chair and more. The money raised from the event goes to the Novi Rotary Club, which sponsors several community events and projects, as well as providing a scholarship for Novi High

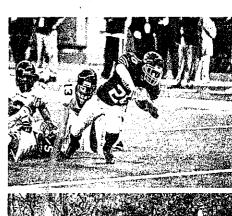
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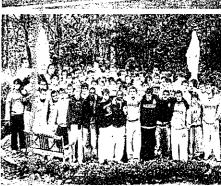
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Coat

check Colleen Williams of Northville's Women with a Purpose helps look for a coat for a little boy and a Nov. 7 coat distribution the local organization had at Hillside Middle School Community members bought more than 450 gently-used coats. Includin hats, gloves and scarves. about 900 items were donated, Northville Civic Concern notified its list of families that organization serves about the coat distribution date, and they the school. Some families came during setup. The balance of the the distribution went to PBJ Outreach and to



NORTHVILLE / NOVI CHURCH EVENTS

the Clothes Close

at Holy Family

Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; oy fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Church Events/Northville-Novi, 101 N. Lafavette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper,

Church of the Holy Family Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road

Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.orgMass Schedufe TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment ADOPTIVE PARENT NETWORKING MEETING Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. fast

Yednesday of each month Details: Free, informational meet ing open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. Child care is available, Registration is required.

Crosspointe Meadows Church Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road. Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www crosspointemeadows.org. Sunday Worship: 18:15 a.m.

Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory

Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all

Detroit First Church of the Mazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty Road north of Eight Mile Road Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visi dfcnazarene.org Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's

Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments: 11 a.m. Traditional worship service. Children's Church. Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Location: 217 N. Wing Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship

Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:30-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study

Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 n m Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family: 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do

Women of the Word Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Book of Exedus. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5.

Episcopal Church of the Holy

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 427-1175 or

Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month

Faith Community Presbyterian Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-nevi org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Northville Contact: (248) 348-1020 Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.n Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tuesdays Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbap tistchurchofnovi.org Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m Family Worship: 11 a.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville Location: 200 E. Main St. Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstoresoville.org SUNDAY WORSHIP

fourth Sunday of every month.

Time: 9:30, 11 a.m WALKING IN THE PARK Time/Date: 10-fi a.m. every Location: Meet at the Visitor's

Contact: For further information, please contact NSO Douglas K. Wells Meadowbrook Congregational Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road.

Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc. org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org. Sunday Worship: 10 a.m Sermon Having a Plan Church School: 10-11 a.m Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. YOGAFIT CLASSES Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. every Monday Details: Eight weeks, \$55 continuous or \$8 per drop in session. MERRY WIDOWS LUNCHEON Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP Fime/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT Sermon - The Pre-Season, Rev. Art Ritter Time/Date: 1 p.m. Dec. 6

fime/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays

Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads) Details: Group meets for lunch afterwards. Contact: Sue (734) 459-0016 SINGLE PLACE MINISTRIES

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program every Thursday. Details: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details singleplace.org.

First United Methodist of Northville A Stephen Ministry church Location: 777 W. Eight Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-1144 or fumo northville.org SUNDAY WORSHIP

STUDY 8:45-10:30 a.m. (café) Time: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT Details: Rev Or Sleve Buck 7 p.m.: Adult elective classes: ir. Coffee hour at 10:15 a.m. and sr. high student ministries; HEALING SERVICE children's programs (M-Pact Girls Time/Date: 4 p.m. first Monday of Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) **Mursery and Preschool Program** on Sundays and Wednesdays Hom of Northville Christian School (day

every month Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday of every month. Details: All women seeking to strengthen their faith and connect with other women are invited to attend, irrespective of church affiliation. Crafters and Vendors are needed

Good Shenberd Lutheran Church e-mail: rabbi@novijewishcenter.com Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, coror call (248) 790-6075. ner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi Contact: (248) 349-0565 SUNDAY SCHEDULE Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 am. Worship

Livonia Church of Christ Location: 15431 Merriman Road,

Location: In front of the church Details: Members of the congregabetween Eight and Nine Mile roads tion and the community will stand united in prayer for peace. ADVENT SERVICE Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday Oak Pointe Church Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org **WORSHIP SERVICES**

Time: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and. 11:15 a.m. Sunday RENEW LIFE MINISTRIES Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every **Details:** Ongoing Life Groups that to join their mothers during meetsupport and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective. Contact: For more information or to 5924 or Kris Endreszi (248) 946register calf (248) 912-0043 or visit CHARMED INFLUENCE

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday Details: Studying the book "Surviving a Spiritual Mismatch in Marriage". Contact: Joy Ruby at joy@oak

pointe.org or call the church.

Orchard Hills Baptist Church Location: 23455 Novi Road Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349 PRESCHOOL/KIDS CHOIR Time/Date: 7-8:15 p.m. every

Wednesday Details: For ages three to six; ongoing event; no need to pre-register; church on the second level (208/210) all are welcome.

> Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Contact: (734) 453-0326, ext. 221

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church Location: 770 Thaver, Northville Contact: (248) 349-2621 or olynorth-

SATURDAY WORSHIP Novi-Northville Center for Jewish Time: 5 p.m. SUNDAY WARSHID Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

> Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734)

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m. Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service.

Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of St. James Catholic Location: 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi Contact: (248) 347-7778 MASS SCHEDULE TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m Sunday: 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday: 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday MOTHERS GROUP

> Time/Date: 9:30-11 a.m. monthly first and third Wednesday through Location: St. James Parish Hall A Details: We provide mothers with fellowship, support and opportunities to arow their faith in order to nurture their children with confidence and Christian values, Through activities such as article discussion. crafts, and speakers, moms are given the opportunity to connect with other moms in support and

friendship. Free childcare is avail-

Contact: Becky McKee (248) 305-

Please see CHURCH, A13

abie but children are also welcome

agony of defeat and the frustration of a rainout, recognize that nent when it's time to put aside the fear and concentrate on the feat. Something in their psyche understands that what onear to be insurmountable a rough task that requires a sharm focus As the leader of

the effort, they know that vic

tory is just a matter of digging

and finding that shiny pearl gered, creates an unstoppable momentum for individual and

While the phrase is referenced as part of the language of sports, it does resonate in the world of business and with just as much emotional

It is gut check time here east Michigan. The cascading effect of a recovering economy has more than taken its toll on the line share of businesses, school districts, city services, retail outlets, fast food restaurants and everything in between. There are times when it appears that wrestler being thrown to the mat for the 10th time, but that shoulder up before the referee finishes counting to three. There is an untapp resilience fighting its way back from the brink and the break-

of a bolt of lightening from

above, but by way of a collec-tive drive from within.

create a lifestyle envied by

It is gut check time in southeast Michigan

many, but did not prepare for what we perceived to be a global sprint, but turned out to be a marathon. As more run-ser of management at Walsh Colle ners appeared, we found that we were outpaced due to a lack of preparation and training. We cannot afford the luxury of last place.

It is gut check time! What appears to be a mad scramble ward the finish line is, in actuality, a rush to start ove by running as fast as possible oward a line that keeps mov-

below the personal uncertainty and finding that shiny pearl of confidence. It is an intanand government, discarding access to the inside track. It all fear, and leading the charge is the kind of wishful thinkthrough the clouded mist that has blinded us to many opporing works well in a holiday movie, but does little to stir tunities. As a state that shares the juices or fire the passion of access to the largest group-ing of fresh water lakes in the willful intent. When the odds are against you, the stakes are country, and knowing that states in the southwest wou higher and the success is far more gratifying. Success is not a matter of luck, but a matter kill for just one of the Great Lakes, what opportunities are of wider persistence that crebeing overlooked because our focus and success has always ties. The road ahead cannot be been with four-wheeled, fuelseen in the rear view mirror of a proud past, but must be real-ized in stain free windows that powered transportation? The automotive focus helped to show what we can become. It is gut check time!

> working at the Novi Campus. He teaches leadership and managemen in the MBA and Doctoral programs and provides a number of consulting services for the surrounding commufable, "Take the Luli By the Horns: Closing the Leadership Gap." He can lege.edu. Visit his website at www. Jeemeadows biz

St. John's Episcopal Church Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth Contact: (734) 453-0190 Service of Lessons and Carols for

Time/Date: 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 Details: The service, which fol-

lows a format popularized by King's College of the University of Cambridge, England, alternates readings from Scripture with the singing of songs and carols appro priate for the season of Advent. Members of the church's music ministry, including Children's and Youth choirs, Handbell Choir, Parish Choir, and contemporary group SonShine, will come together to present the music for the service under the direction of Minister of Music Julie Ford. Jeremy David Tarrant, Organist-Choirmaster at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (Episcopal) in Detroit, will play the church's Gabriel Kney pipe organ. Although the concert is free of charge, attendees are encouraged to give generously to a free-will offering. Benefits from the concert will be donated to the Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan. Gleaners,

which was founded in Detroit in

1977, distributes more than 28

million pounds of food annually

bution centers.

through its five Metro-Detroit distri-

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

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Location: 201 Elm St., Northville Contact: (248) 349-3140 Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. Blended 11 a.m. Contemporary; 11:30 a.m. Traditional

Unitarian Universalist Church of Farminoton

armington Hills Contact: www.uufarmington.org YOUTH INTERFAITH JOURNEY Time/Date: 9:30 and 11 a.m.

compliments the mission of UUCF Religious Education of teaching youth inclusion, compassion an peace and provides the environment to live and learn in a culturally grouped into grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 with age specific education Contact: Jennifer Teed at 248/478 7272 or dre@uufarmington.org

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Location: 40000 Six Mile Road Contact: (248) 374-7400 or (248) SUNDAY WORSHIP

Time: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Traditional; 9:30 and 11 a.m Contemporary, Nursery and Sunday School during the 9:30 SERVICE BROADCAST Details: 11 a.m. every Sunday on WRDT-AM 560, The WMUZ Word Station.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES (45 Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday for fellowship and Bible study. SINGLE FOCUS MINISTRIES (35-50 years of age) Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday to

deepen your personal relationship with Christ. SINGLE PURPOSE CONNEXSIONS (20-30 years of age) Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday in the Chapel for singing, Bible study, and fellowship.

Details: For single adults. Activi ministry offering various Bible study classes, volleyball, bicycling group, tennis group, support groups, support group for widowed over age 50, fellowship, friendships and more. Contact the number below for more informa-

Contact: (248) 374-5920 LEARNER'S BIBLE STUDY Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays Roon

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY Time/Date: 6:30 a.m. Wednesday Single Adult Ministries office SINGLE'S BIBLE STUDY Time/Date: 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays, Room C309 SPECIAL OFFERING FOR **FAMILIES IN NEED** Time/Date: 10 a.m. Thanksgiving

Details: Offering will benefit the 2009-2010 Motor City Makeover on May 15. Dr. Jerry Smith, past music director at Ward, to serve as quest conductor. Motor City Makeover involves transformation of two homes in the metro Detroi area, culminating with a move-in party for the families anda block party at the end of the day. All welcome to attend: volunteers do not need to be a member of Ward Church to participate

Contact; (248) 374-7400

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Cookle Walk

Men's Breakfast

Time/Date: 9 a.m. Dec. 12

Time/Date: 6:30 a.m. Dec. 9

Childdren's Christmas Party

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Dec. 6

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile Road

9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults

9 a.m.: Contemporary service in

10:15 a.m. Contemporary service

in worship center; children's super

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE

care; preschool through eighth

grade) - contact (248) 348-9031

Contact: www.novijewishcenter.com

Life

Location: Novi

Novi United Methodist

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Heating Service and Holy

Time: 9:45 a.m.

PEACE VIGIL

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit

Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of

multi-purpose gymnasium

Contact: (248) 348-9030

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

/ Youth / Children

'Pinocchio'

online at hometownlife.com

The Marquis Theatre (135 E. Main, Northville) presents on stage the musical "Pinocchio," the story of a wooden puppet that becomes a real boy. Showtimes are 2:30 p.m. Dec. 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27-30 and Jan. 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23 and 24. Tickets are \$8.50; no children under 3 years of age

Releases, Waivers and Settlements party? Most importantly, do sue the driver of that bus that

essary "comfort documents" for business attorneys. They allow us to sleep at night when parties sign them. The purp puts to rest - forever - all of the ertainties of a particular lispute or claim

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employee and employer agree to provide a particular remuneration in exchange for certain prohibitions upon the employee such as the right to sue, to talk about the employer, or work in the same industry for a period of time). An insurance settle ment is another form of settlenent. The parties agree that in exchange for \$X, the recipient grees not to make any further

ramifications - say in two or 10

years - of giving up whatever it is you are forgoing?

A prenuptial agreement is

a form of "settlement" agree-

ment. The parties agree

claim against the insured for the underlying wrongful act. The "comfort" is pretty obvis, right? If the agreen is binding, you know that the matter is put to bed. But, what made a big mistake long after you signed the contract? Things do change over time. Maybe

pound of flesh because you were release or settlement. In my in the event of a divorce, the terms of this agreement will paid \$X. If you changed your will or will not be paid and to (a) repay the \$X, (b) pay the attorney fees of the party you how the parties' property will be distributed. An employee's ettled with, and (c) a po severance agreement is a form for breaching the terms of the of "settlement agreement". The agreement. Yikes.

In addition to being comfort able with your release of rights in a settlement, you should also nderstand these documents in their entirety. Many times these agreements are based on a previous "form" document used b an attorney in a completely o ferent dispute. It may not be tai- Daniel S. Hoops is an associate ored to your particular matter Be sure that there are no particular aspects of your released rights that the other party may

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leaching undergraduate and gradu ate courses in the Business Law and Taxation Department, Hoops holds a master of laws degree in estate plan ning from the University of Miami School of Law, a juris doctor degre from the Michigan State University Detroit College of Law and a bach elor of musical arts degree from the University of Michigan. Hoops is a 1987 graduate of Novi High School, He

that document is signed

Most attorneys will tell you

that a good settlement is one

where neither side is happy.

Very rarely do people receive exactly what they want in any

opinion, the hardest part of a

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woulda and coulda" written all over them if you're not prudent. Don't let that happen to you. professor at Walsh Business Colle

Details: This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. The UUCF Interfaith Journey curriculum encompasses the Unitarian Universalism philosophy of individual worth and the power of community with a study of the

Location: 25301 Halstead Road.

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OUR VIEWS

Privatizing now necessary in the education business

Change is rarely easy, especially when it's a necess

The Novi Community School District Board of Education and administration are facing a major challenge right now - how to cope with \$3.5 million (and probably more in the future) in state funding cuts. That comes out to \$572 less per student this

Of the districts six employee groups - food service, secretaries/parapros, teachers, administrators, transportation and custodial – privatization of the latter two could be approved by the board tonight, resulting in a minimum savings of \$305 per student

Consideration of privatizing these two groups did not come about just because of the recent funding cuts. It was actually back in May that the district began exploring it, knowing that cuts were coming, although not anticipating any as drastic as our governor and Legislature dished out.

By contracting custodial services with GCA Services Group for a projected \$3.8 million for 30 months, the district can save an estimated 49 pereent on its current costs, or \$3.6 million. That's because custodians' wages would drop from an average of \$20.60 an hour to the current market average of \$9-\$11, and the district would no longer be responsible for those employees' benefits, which would certainly drop in quality. Novi cut its custodial services staff by 25 percent two years ago, leaving the district with 39 employees; GCA's contract

would include 47.5 employees.
For busing, the district is considering Durham School Services' bid of \$4.7 million, an estimated savings of 17 percent, or nearly \$1 million. The company would maintain drivers' current wages with increases of 1 percent in 2010-11 and 2.5 percent the following year. The district would lease its buses and facility to Durham, which would be responsible for eplacement, maintenance and insurance. Both Birmingham and Southfield school districts

have contracted GCA and Durham. Peter Dion, Novi's superintendent, visited both districts Friday to interview those administrators who, he said, gave very positive feedback on the services provided.
On paper, the decision to privatize looks like a no-

In reality, we are talking about the lives of people who live and work in this community and interact with our children.

According to administration, every current employee would be given the opportunity to inter-view with GCA and Durham, and the district will nave a say in who gets hired. Obviously, the custodia and transportation employees under privatization would be at-will with promotions based on perfor

mance not seniority.

How well privatization works would depend on how well the district oversees these two companies. now wen the district oversees mese two companies.
Education has always been and always will be a
people business; 85 percent of the district's budget
is spent on salary and benefits. The district has been
negotiating with both the custodial and transportation groups, and serious concessions have been offered. But the biggest hurdle can be summed up in one word - retirement. The district is state mandated to pay \$16.94 for every \$100 of salary for every

True. Novi could eliminate bus service altogether but how well would that fly in this district? Not filling vacated positions, like assistant high school principal, is a way to save money. Bumping up pay-to-participate fees helped a bit. And consolidating services with other districts if possible is another cost-saving measure to explore

But there are close to 100 districts in Michigan who are close to bankruptcy. So let's face it, the real problem is Lansing. Until our leadership figures out that quality education is a priority and will attract diverse businesses that will help bring this state out of the recession, the Novi district will have to keep

and benefits being slashed? No. but it is one of ma decisions that will be necessary to keep Novi schools afloat. Bringing in outside companies that specialize in those support services and letting the district focus on its core mission of educating is, no pun intended, the bottom line.

Do we think that ALL of the district's employee groups - including teachers and administrators - must open up their contracts and be willing to take cuts? Absolutely. It's ridiculous to assume that one or two groups alone should shoulder the burden.



Susan Roslek Grace Perry
Executive Editor Director of

COMMUNITY VOICE

When are you putting up your Christmas tree?



"I did it yesterday."



usually wait until the week after Thanksgiving."



"I'll do it today." Cathy Parker



"Mine's not laced vet. It's not fully decorated yet, but I got it up yesterday and slipped it out of the

Jennifer Michos

LETTERS

Put speed limit back to 35 on Meadowbrook

I am writing to express my dissatisfac-tion with the recent decision by the City Council to change the speed limit on Meadowbrook Road between Eight Mile and 10 Mile roads back to 30 mph. During the more than 30 years I have lived in Novi, I have been aggravated by the unreason-ably low speed limit on this stretch of road. Therefore I was ecstatic when the speed

limit was increased to 35 mph. I was delighted to read in last week's Novi News that the City Council was expected to approve the increase to 35 mph. Imagine my astonishment when I checked the paper's Web site to verify this charge only to discount the table. change only to discover that the council

had reinstated the 30 mph limit! Although I was not present at the council meeting and do not know why this decision was reached, I am guessing from the recent articles in the *Novi News* that com-plaints from residents who live along this stretch were a factor. According to these articles, some residents had dubbed the road "Meadowbrook Speedway" after the increase to 35 mph; and others had com-plained that they had difficulty backing out of their driveways due to the increas Yet the traffic study performed along this stretch showed that the average speed of vehicles was 35.2 mph when the speed limit was 30 mph and 38.1 mph when the limit was 35 mph.

I cannot believe that the entire population of Novi, as well as nonreside ing through the city, have to be inconve nienced because 50 or so residents who live along this stretch think that an increase in speed of 35 mph creates a significant hard-

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and nhone number for verification. We ask you letters be 400 words or less. We may edit or clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats.

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Blog: You may also let your opinions be heard with your own blog at hometownlife.com. Deadline: Letters must be received by 9 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition

I would like the City Council members to publicly explain why they disregarded the results of the traffic study that was per formed along this road. And I ask those of you who agree with me to write to the City Council (in care of City Hall) to express your dissatisfaction with its decision and to ask it to reconsider.

School officials teaching a bad lesson

I attended the recent meeting concerning privatization of Novi Schools' custodial and transportation services. This comthis proposal. School Superintendent Peter Dion presented the administration's plan to throw the janitors and bus drivers under the bus to save money. The responses from all but one I heard while I was present were against outsourcing these jobs to private companies [one of which is from out of

state].

I wonder with the talk of "We are in this [the recession] together," "Buy Michigan first," and "Support local businesses" why outsource jobs in our own community and why send tax dollars out of state? The school board tried to rebut state-

ments made by some, responding the jobs are being offered at a similar pay rate. Does anyone really believe these for-profit companies will keep any of the senior, higher-paid employees for long? If these ies are to provide the same services at a lower cost, making a profit is job one no doubt at a cost to the workers. The recent funding cuts by the state just add fuel to what was already being planned. Just for once I would like to see someone lead by example, show we really are all in this together, starting at the top or with cuts for all aeross the board.

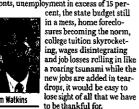
After leaving, it occurred to me, since his meeting was taped it should be used for education purposes for our children, mandatory viewing by their senior year. It would provide a real life example of economics in the global economy — outsource any job but your own as you climb the ladder and don't hesitate to step on those below you. And what would be the lesson for our youth to take from this?

Look to the lesser among us, take from them so we may have more

Be a Tigger not an Eeyore this season

A s the holiday season begins, I reflect on this old saying: "I was complaining ■ about my desire for a new, expensive pair of shoes - until I met the veteran with

With the nation fighting a war on two fronts, unemployment in excess of 15 per-cent, the state budget still



new jobs are added in teardrops, it would be easy to lose sight of all that we have to be thankful for. Yet, as we look around our neighborhood, state, nation and the

world we can reflect on the glass being half full rather than half empty. Let us choose the half-full view.

Attitude or what we think today is what

we often become tomorrow. We cannot predict or often times control what will happen to us — but we can control how we eact to life as it hits us. I reflect back in a comm I gave to the graduates of Schoolcraft munity College (our great community

colleges, that give many a second chance at an affordable college education, are some-

COMMENTARY

thing to be thankful for). I told the grads they will not be able to control everything that life throws at them but they have total control about how they react to it.

In my address I used two of my favorite

characters from Winnie The Pook, the ever depressed Eeyore and the manic Tigger, to drive home my point. Eeyore's attitude is always dark, negative and without hope - "Oh, well, I lost my tail. I guess I will never find it," Eeyore would whine.
On the other end of the spectrum,

Tigger was bouncing all over the place with a big "whoohoo!" singing, "bounc with a big "whoohoo!" singing, "bouncy, bouncy, fun, fun fun fun — the most wonderful things about Tigger is - I'm the only one - whoohoo - I'm the only

It is all about attitude, a can do spirit or, as my old boxing coach would remind me "it is not how many times you get knocked down in life or boxing that counts, but down in life or boxing that counts, but rather, how many times you get back up!" I recently was bell ringing for the

A recently was cell ringing for the Salvation Army and was touched by the generosity of my neighbors as they reached deep to give to those in need. I was equally touched by the smiles and the good wishes offered by friends and strangers that passed the red kettle (if you're feeling

thankful, and if you are able, go to www. the Salvation Army now).

Then I got home and opened my mail and smiled as the former Detroit News columnist and friend, Pete Waldmeir, without a smile on Christmas." The Old Newsboys Goodfellow Fund has been making sure all children for decades can have a merry Christmas. You can help by calling (313) 237-0034 or go to www.

letroitgoodfellows.org. Sure, there are troubles in our world, nation, state and neighborhood and families — but if we look around, think half-full Tigger thoughts and find ways to give back, we will find that there is much to be thankful and grateful for in our lives.

So, this holiday season let's not only give thanks, but reach out and give to those that are less fortunate than we are. Choose to be Tigger not Eevore. Rather than wishing for the new pair of hoes, donate the money to a worthy cause.

I guarantee it will give you a lighter step Tom Watkins is a former state superintendent of schools, 2001-05, and is now an education and busi-ness consultant in the U.S. and China. See his China Bridge article at: www.domemagazine.com, He can

NEIGHBORS

NOVI NEWSMAKERS

Walsh dinner raises \$120k

Walsh College was pleased to host 350 alumni and friends at the first annual Walsh College Leadership Awards Dinner on Nov. 6 at the Royal Park Hotel. The event raised more than \$120,000 to support the Jeffery W. Barry Endowed Scholarship and the General Scholarship Fund. Formerly the Jeffery W. Barry Tribute Dinner, the event recognizes outstanding members of the community and members of the Walsh College family. Guests enioved dinner and silent and live auction, all ceed by Rhonda Walker of WDIV-TV.

online at hometownlife.com

Beth Chappell of Bloomfield Hills, President and CEO of the Detroit Economic Club. received the Jeffery W. Barry Award for Educational Excellence & Service. Daniel Kelly of Bloomfield Hills, Chairman of the Board, Rose Hill Center and Retired Managing Partner, Deloitte & Touche, received

the Jeffery W. Barry Award for Educational Excellence & Community Service. Richard DiBartolomeo of Troy, Principal in Charge of Audit Practice for The Rehmann Group, received the Walsh College Distinguished Alumni Award. N. Patricia Kurtz of Commerce Twp., Walsh College Trustee, received the Walsh College

Lifetime Service Award. Todd Hohauser of Ferndale, President and COO of Harvey Hohauser & Associates, received the Walsh College Distinguished Graduate of the Last Decade Award.

Patel joins Botsford

Amish Patel, D.O., has joined the medical staff at Botsford Hospital. Board certified in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation as well as Pain Medicine,
Dr. Patel is a member of the



Patel practices at Rehabilitation Physicians locat ed at 28455 Haggerty Rd., Suite 200 in Novi. The office number

is (248) 893-3200. Patel received his medical education from Midwestern University Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed an internship at the Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in Chicago and a Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation residency at Schwab Rehabilitation Hospital in Chicago

where he served as Chief Resident. Patel also completed a Pain Medicine fellowship at the University of Chicago Medical Center. Apree's Ghannam attends classes Jordan Ghannam sharpened his profes-

sional edge and took their hair styling talent to the next level at the award-winning Redken Exchange in New York City. Along with other stylists from around the globe, Jordan learned advanced techniques in hair design and hair color from leading experts in the salon industry, bringing you the latest in wearable, fashion hair

Quinn recognized

Novi resident Matthew C. Quinn, a partuer at Royal Oak-based Gabe, Quinn & Seymour PLLC (www.gabequinnseymour. com) with additional offices in Novi at 26200 Town Center Drive, Suite 145 was recognized by SuperLawyers magazine among top Michigan attorneys in government/cities/municipalities law. Quinn concentrates his practice in the

areas of municipal law, land use and zoning law, corporate law and estate planning.

Quinn is the City Attorney for the City of Lathrup Village and the Township Attorney for the Charter Township of Lyon. His firm also represents the City of

Hazel Park, the City of Pleasant Ridge, Novi Township and they have served as the City of Novi Prosecuting Attorneys for 40 years. Quinn is the former Mayor of the City of Novi from 1987 to 1993. He has spoken at the National League of Cities Convention on the topic of "Controlling Suburban Growth". He has been a featured speaker at the Midwest Shopping Center Executives annual meeting on the topic of "Relationship" Between the City and the Regional Shopping Mall". Quinn is a member of the American Bar

ment law), State Bar of Michigan (real property law section and the public law section), Oakland County Bar Association, the Michigar Association of Municipal Attorneys, and Michigan Association of Planners He is also an Oakland County Circuit Court appointed mediator.

He is a 1974 graduate of Detroit College of Law, was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan in 1974, the US District Court-Eastern District of Michigan in 1974 and he was sworn in to practice in front of the United States Supreme Court in 1978.



Dr. Kavitha Chinnaiyan, MD (left) and Jean Meyer, RN MSN.

Providence's Meyer named co-chair of Go Red campaign

The American Hear Association announced Jean Meyer, RN MSN and Dr. Kavitha Chinnaiyan, MD as the 2010 event co-chairs for the Go Red for Women campaign. The campaign premiere luncheon is slated for Feb. 24 from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. the Renaissance Center.

Heart disease is the number one health threat for women. This campaign aims to raise awareness and encourage health risks. The co-chairs esponsibilities include raisng critical funds for research and education specifically for women's heart health and serving as local spokespersons at various events. Meyer is the president of Providence Park Hospital

workforce, physician partner ships and effective operations. Her passion and vision is to do what is right for patient care. Chinnaivan is the director of advanced cardiae imaging education at Beaumont hospital. She received her ndergraduate degree fron

Saint John health team, Meyer Chinnaiyan then continued spent 15 years as the senior vice president and chief nurs her medical training at St. ing officer at Saint Vincent Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Hospital in Indianapolis. Arbor. Where she was the Chief Medical Resident, This Meyer focused her work on successfully collaborating w led to a fellowship in cardiovascular diseases at William associates, physicians and hospital leaders in creating Beaumont Hospital, where the highest and safest quality of care. She has dedicated her she currently holds her posicareer to improving patient care through a high quality

Gulbarga University in India and continued her medical training at Albert Einstein

Go Red For Women is locally sponsored by Toyota, St. John Health Systems, Beaumont's Ministrelli Women's Health Center, The Autochıb Group, Comerica Bank, Federal Mogul Corporation and Right Management, For more infor-mation about Metro Detroit's Go Red For Women campaign call Shelly Rusinek at (248) 936-5807, or shelly rusinek@ heart.org. Visit www.gored-forwomen.org for additional

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Anderson & Burt Monica Anderson and Brandon Burt, both of Chicago. were married Aug. 1, 2009, in St. John's Chapel.

The bride is the daughter of Bruce and Denise Anderson f Novi and a graduate of Michigan State University. The groom is the son of Christopher and Theresa Burt of Brighton and an engineer graduate of Kettering

University. Father David Howell offici-Affholter, Beth Polchowski, Sarah Affholter, Sara Dionise, Laura Burt and Veronica Burt. The groom's attendants were Ryan Burt, Matthew Gerwin, Ryan Watson, Bill Pare, Eric Renda, and Garrett Anderson A reception was held at the Inn at St. John's. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii and



Novi Middle School held its 18th annual Turkey Trot fundraiser the week before Thanksgiving. During the fundraiser, students were asked to bring in non-perishable food donations/money to benefit the Novi Food Bank. This year the middle school collected a total of 3,500 donations. Team 75, pictured, collected the most

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Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@ gannett.com; by fax to (248) 349: 9832; or by mail to Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178, ttems must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper

LOCAL EVENTS

Ladies Night Out 3rd Annual Holiday Shopping Expo/Vendor Show

Time/Date: 5-9 p.m. Dec. 4 Location: Kilton 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)

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

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

ABWA Celebrating the Holidays Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 Dec. 9 Location: DoubleTree Hotel 42100 Crescent Blvd., Novi (southeast of I-96 @ Novi Road) Details: ABWA Novi Oaks Charter Chapter dinner meeting with holiday decorating tips from Dinser's

abwa-novi.org. Contact: ; (248) 344-8800 2nd Annual Girls' Night Out

of Novi. Cost is \$16 per person;

\$17 online through PayPal at www.

Book Singing TIME/Date: 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday LOCATION: Biggby Coffee, 43346

Grand River Ave. Details: Novi author Dana Corbit 530 at the door invites friends and lans to take Novi Toastmas time out from the holiday rush and share a few hours sipping lattes and discussing books with friends at her 2nd annual Girls' Night Out Book Signing. The award-winning author of inspirational fiction will be promoting the first two titles in her "Wedding Bell Blessings" trilogy: "An Unexpected Match" (Steeple Hill Love Inspired, Aug. 2009) and "His Christmas Bride (Love Inspired, Dec. 2009),

Rock Financial Showplace Location: 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi Contact: (248) 348-5600

Contact: Biggby Coffee, (248)

North American Horse Fest Date: Dec. 11:13 Details: Everything Equestrian! Horses, tack, training, breed clubs, trailers, stables, riding exhibi-

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

chamber.com Holiday Luncheon Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Wednesday

Details: One-on-one tutoring Location: Rock Financial with either a librarian or com-Showplace - Diamond Center, 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi puter tech on a topic of your choice, investigating your family



Food drive

(From left) Novi Drs. Larry Spillane and Jamie Reynolds of Spillane & Reynolds Orthodontics pose with a cardboard cutout of Edward Cullen from the movie 'The Twilight Saga: New Moon,' and canned goods collected as part of a fundraiser for the Northville Civic Concern. St. James Church in Novi and Faith Community Presbyterian in Novi Patients were asked to bring in canned goods for the organizations, and in turn received tickets to a private screening of the film five hours before its midnight release on Nov. 20.

Details: Come and create a cool

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required. Grades 9-12 welcome.

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like an animal. We will groove to

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Hop, and the Chicken Dance.

Battle of the Books Coaches'

Details: Team registration forms

available at the library's recention

for Battle of the Books will be

desk beginning Monday, Dec. 1,

2009. All teams must register by

the Coaches-Only Kick-Off meet-

ing. At this meeting titles for this

year's Battle will be announced,

a set of books for each team will

e distributed, and a discussion

of coaches' responsibilities will be

Library Board Meeting

Saturday: and 1-5 p.m. Sunday

Museum Adventure Pass

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Contact: (248) 624-2512 or visit

Details: Card holders can check

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cultural centers and historical

org for more information.

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sites. See detroitadventurepass.

conducted.

Preschoolers welcome

Date: Tuesday, Dec. 15

Kick-Off Meeting

Time: 7-7:30 p.m.

Animal Dance Party

Time: 11-11:30 a.m.

Date: Saturday, Dec. 12

Time: 3-4 p.m

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 nappiness and how you can use it to enrich your business and personal life; \$20 pre-registration;

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 community-based club which is part of Toastmasters International, Our diverse group provides a mutually supportive atmosphere in which all can develop and refine their public 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. Novi Rotary Club Time/Date: Noon every Thursday Location: Novi Methodist Church.

41671 W. 10 Mile Road Details; Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check Web site for speaker information; noviro-

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Contact: (248) 349-0720

chure for details.

Tech Time

Library Houss Location: 45245 W. Ten Mile Road HOURS: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. 9 p.m.: Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-S p.m.; Sunday, 1 a.m.-5: p.m. (September-May) Details: Unless noted below all programs take place at the

Date: Wednesday, Dec. 9 Time: 7-9 p.m. Website: www.novilibrary.org Story Times: Please see the Library website or story time bro-

Date: Thursday, Dec. 3, Tuesday, Date: Wednesdays, Dec. 9 and 16 Dec. 15 and Thursday, Dec. 17. Time: 1-2 p.m. Time: 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m. (Dec. 15) Details: Make friends while you and 2 p.m., 2:30 p.m. (Dec. 3 and practice your English pronuncianeed to register High School Craftiness Date: Friday, Dec. 11

tree? Microsoft Word have you stumped? We have the tools to help. Registration required. Heritage Quest

Date: Thursday, Dec. 3

Time: 7-8:30 p.m. **Details:** This online genealogy database combines searchable Census records with a digitized version of the Genealogy & Local History collection, Other content &includes Freedman bank records, PERSI, Revolutionary War Era Pension & Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files and the U.S.

Serial Set. Please register. Kiddle Crafts Date: Saturday, Dec. 5 Time: 10:30-11 a.m. Details: Toddlers and preschoolers will have the opportunity to create a work of art using their imaginations and the supplies that we will provide. Each child must be accompanied by an adult helper. Registration is required. Monday Evening Book

Discussion Date: Monday, Dec. 7 Time: 7-8:30 p.m. Details: Join your Novi neighbors in a great discussion of Finn by Jon Clinch, Please register, Limited to 20 participants. Booked for Lunch

Date: Wednesday, Dec. 16 Time: 7-9 p.m. Details: General meetings of the Date: Wednesday, Dec. 9 Time: 12-1 p.m. entire Library Board are usu-Details: Join your neighbors in a ally held the third Wednesday of lively book discussion during your each month in the City Council lunch hour. Bring your lunch and Chambers at the Novi Civic Center the library will provide a beyon-The public is welcome. age. No registration, Discussing

Wixom Public Library The Shack by William P. Young. Location: 49015 Pontiac Trail Create a Holiday Card Wixom Date: Wednesday, Dec. 9 Hours: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday

Time: 5-5:45 p.m. Details: Don't give your friends and family the usual Christmas/ Chanukah/Kwanzaa cards; create them from your own imagination. We'll provide the supplies and you provide the inspiration and hard work! Grades 3-6. Registration

Required. Friends Board Meeting Details: The public is welcome to attend the monthly Friends of the Novi Public Library Board

Time/Date: 3:30 p.m. every Thursday Details: Coffee and conversation Improve your English speaking Faulish Conversation Group skills by speaking with people from other countries trying to improve their English. No tests; instructor help; free. Contact: Karin at the Information

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keychain to give as a gift or keep Novi Senior Center Location: 25075 Meadowbrook Road, Novi Contact: (248) 347-0414 "Reflections from the Past" Holiday Tea and Historic Fashion

Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1 Join us for a Holiday tea, light refreshments and fashions from the past. RSVP by calling 248.347.0414. Price: \$2 at the

Sing-A-Long with George and Caroline Giese Time/Dates: 1:30-3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9 Details: Sit back and jog your

memory of those old fashioned songs and good times! No charge. Travel Meeting Time/Dates: 9:30 a.m. Thursday,

Details: Come see what we have to offer and broaden your horizons while safely traveling in a group! Come to our travel meeting to hear from the tour directions about all of the exciting day and extended trips offered through the Novi Senior Center. No charge Estate Planning

Time/Dates: 2-4 p.m. Monday Dec. 14 Details: FREE 30 minute, no oblipation consultations will allow you to ask questions about probate, wills, trusts, power of attorney, nationt advocate conservator

with your family and any other questions regardino estate plan ning. Call 248.347.0414 to make an Panera Bread Time/Dates: 8:15-9:30 a.m. Details: With thanks to Panera for a great partnership, every

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Family Support Group Meeting Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second Tuesdays Novi, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi (Outpatient Center, Conference

Room E) Contact: (248) 348-7197 or namimetro.org calendar

Gardeners Of Northville & Novi Club Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Monday

Jan. 11 Location: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street Details: Social time and garden lecture on "In Full Bloom:Flowers & Plants in Art." Guest will be Linda Well of the Detroit Institute of Arts. The public is welcome. Contact: gardenersnorthville novi.org or Renee (248) 231- 2334

American Legion Post 19 Monthly Meeting

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. on third Location: Rock Financial Showplace, Grand River Avenue between Taft and Beck roads Details: Comrades and fellow yeterans, please join these monthly meetings; attendance is needed to Contact: Commander Dennis Strikulis (248) 378-7841 or dstrikulis@twmi.rr.com or Service Officer Paul Erickson (248) 344-7193 or pnerick@aol.com.

Metro Novi BNI Time/Date: 7-8:30 a.m. ever Wednesday Location: On the Border Tuesday is Panera Bread Day Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road Enjoy bagels, rolls, bread, sweets. (north of 8 Mile), Novi Details: BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals to each other. Members learn how

to create and refine an 'elevator

speech," develop a broad network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited to Details: Every Wednesday blood attend free of charge. Continental pressure checks are offered. breakfast provided. Check yourself regularly and Contact: Julie Paquette at 248stay healthy. Your blood pressure 797-1665 or juliepaquette67@ record will be on file at the Senior gmail.com; www.metronovibni.com

'Annie Jr.' Don't miss your chance to see the Novi Theatres bring the classic story of Orphan Annie to life. Over 60 actors are hard at work putting together this show for holiday family fun. Based on the googlar Broadway Depression-era orphan who is determined to find her parents, who abandoned her or the doorstep of a New York City Orphanage run by the cruel Miss Hannigan. In adventure after fun-filled adventure. Annie foils Miss Franklin Roosevelt and finds a new family in billionaire Oliver Warbucks, his persona named Sandy. Lauren Sorrentino, performin: arts coordinator and director, is thrilled to bring this delightful production to Novi Theatres. 'Annie Jr.'; opens Friday, Dec. 11 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd, located in between Taft and Novi roads. lickets are available online at cityofnovi.org or at the Novi Parks office in the Novi Civic Center. Tickets are \$15 per adult, \$12 per child or senior and all seats are reserved. For more information, please call the Novi Parks office at (248) 347.0400 or visit cityofnovi.org. Performances are 7:30 p.m. Dec. 11, 12 and 18 and 2 p.m. Dec. 13, 19 and 20. CRESCENT ROSE PHOTOGRAPH



Horse Fest coming to Rock Dec. 11

online at hometownlife.com

The fifteenth annual North American Horse Fest comes to the Rock Financial Showplace 46100 Grand River Ave in Novi Dec. 11-13. One of the region's most popular and longing events for horse owners and fans, the 2009 North American Horse Fest features exciting riding exhibitions, an extensive equine oriented shopping area and famous movie star borses and their

trainers, too. At last count by the Michigan State University Extension



Service in state was home to 155,000 horses, with

the largest equine population density in Oakland, Livingston and Washtenaw counties in Southeast Michigan, The powerful and internation ally renowned local eques trian community boasts man es and decorated riders, and the North American Horse Fest offers the chance to enjoy many of them in one place. Arabians Morgans, Thoroughbreds, Standardbreds, Tennesse Walking Horses, ponies, dor keys and more are all repre-

sented at the Fest. The 2009 Horse Fest is being co-produced internally by the Rock Financial Showplace for "This is an important equine

community event which has a loyal following and that we look forward to each year" said Blair Bowman, owner of the Rock Financial Showplace, "We've decided to become re directly involved with the North American Horse Fest as host and presenting organiza-tion to lend our support and event production strengths for this year and in the future Horses are a very important element of the community and economy in Southeast Michigan and we feel this event can grow as an equestrian

several years."
Prime exhibitor spaces are still available. For more nformation please visit www northamericanhorsefest.com. Show times are noon-9 p.m on Friday; 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. on Saturday; and 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$10 per day for adults; \$5 per day for children 6-12; and free for chil-

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Motorsports Hall of Fame finds new home

The clock was ticking and the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America was ready to either move out of Michigan or, worse, move into storage until an offer to display its exhibit

But early in November president Ron Watson and the board of directors met with nembers of the Detroit Science Center and agreed on a plan to house the hall of fame until at

possibilities," Watson said "It all really came together quite quickly and I was very impressed with what they have think we will be a big draw." The Motorsports Hall of

Fame of America and Mus had been located at the Novi Expo Center since 1994 When the Expo Center closed in 2005, the ball of fame remained, but saw a serious decline in traffic

owner of the Novi Expo Center, told Watson he would be shutting off the utilities and canceling the insurance because of the cost.

Watson said the hall has been working diligently since getting that news to find a new location and he's excited about moving into the Science Center because the missions are very similar.

Watson expected to have a temporary exhibit in place by Dec. 1 and the hall of fame will be moved into a 10,000square-foot exhibit hall in February.
The hall of fame inducted its

21st class this year, and some notable names in the hall of fame include Mario Andretti, A.J. Foyt, Richard Petty, Dale Earnhardt, Bill Muncey, members of NASCAR's France fampers of MASCAR'S France lam-ily and Michigan's own Henry Ford, Louis Chevrolet, Gar Wood, Roger Penske, Connie Kalitta and Shirley Muldowney.

The exhibit will feature photos. Indy cars, stock cars, Can-

and other pieces of motors-ports memorabilia donated to the organization. Kelly Fulford, Science

Center vice president of sales and marketing, welcomed the motorsports exhibit, "It's a new offering and very

exciting," Fulford said. "It all

came together very quickly. We should have the display complete sometime after Thanksgiving." Beyond 2010, Fulford isn't sure of the hall of fame's

"It's a temporary situation right now, and we'll evaluate it," she said. "But the mission of the hall of fame and the Science Center mirror each

other, which is a great thing." Admission to the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America at the Detroit Science Center is included in science Science Center is located at 5020 John R at the corner of

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Thanksgiving outreach

Third grade students at Franklin Road Christian School on Nov. 17 served the homeless at Grace Centers of Hope, Pontiac. The students, their parents and their teacher, Johan McCready, provided all of the food for a Thanksgiving feast. They prepared a meal of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, homemade applesauce, vegetables, salads, and desserts. Each student made placemats and Thanksgiving cards for each person, and decorated the tables. The students dressed as pilgrims and Indians, to represent the attendees at the first Thanksgiving feast. When lhe meal was ready, the students carried the plates to the tables and served and cleared for over 100 visitors that day. The students and their parents also cleaned the entire kitchen and dining room, after the meel. Shown are (I to r) Harrison Kjos, Enrico Beretta and Mason Logerquist. "I loved it when we went to Grace Centers of Hope," said Mason. "We peeled potatoes and carrots. I had to cut onions and it was hard because they made my eyes water. Our class served all the people there. Our class had fun.

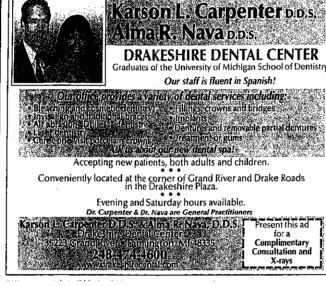


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Novi woman helps to brighten spirits

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Making Spirits Bright, a local non-profit created by two women from Farmington Hills and Novi, along with family and friends, gathered together for four hours on Nov. 7 at the Forgotten Harvest headquar-ters in Oak Park. About 20 volunteers came to assist with food assembly in support of relieving hunger in the Detroit

Making Spirits Bright is non-profit organization cre-ated by María Dismondy of Novi and Meg Rutledge of Farmington Hills in 2008. This is their second fundraise event to date. Their inaugural event (December 2008) was a fundraiser in support of sup-plying Christmas gifts to kids who would have otherwise

woke up with none.
"We chose Forgotten Harvest

this time because we feel strongly about the cause, and thought an event like this could have a powerfully positive effect on us all as we head into the holidays" said Rutledge.

Forgotten Harvest has a net work of more than 135 agencies in the tri-county area and provides food to these agen-cies, which include children's mes, emergency food pantries and homeless shelters.

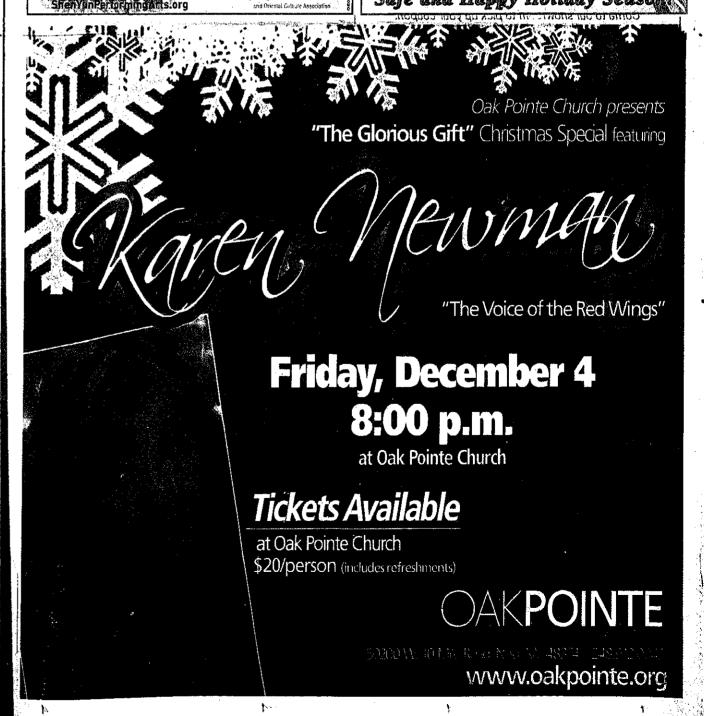
Dismondy and Rutledge also sold Making Spirits Bright T-Shirts to raise money for the Forgotten Harvest.
"When we created Making

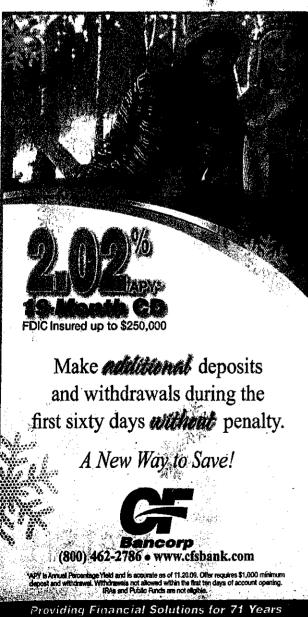
Spirits Bright we hoped it would become a source of inspiration for our friends and family to get involved and make a change in the world" says Dismondy. "Seeing our dream come to fruition is











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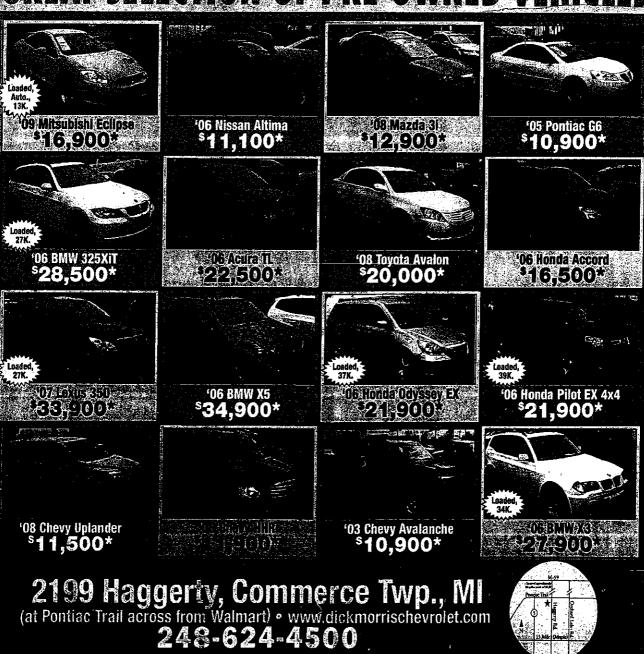
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Shamrocks run away with state title

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

In an extreme clash of styles Catholic Central used brute force to conquer finesse to capture the school's 10th State Championship.

The Shamrocks knocked off

pass-happy Sterling Heights Stevenson 31-21 thanks to a stingy defense and a ground game that racked 360 yards while holding the Titans to

minus-five yards.
"It was a fantastic year," said head coach Tom Mach. "It was a very, very tough game. We knew Stevenson was an excel-lent football team in all areas.

"I feel fantastically fortunate to be in this situation. I thank all my kids for doing such a great job. They were one of the best football teams I've ched as far as camaraderie, hard work, getting along and

sacrificing for each other."

The running back tandem of inside-bruiser Niko Palazeti and outside speedster Anthony Capatina carries most of the load. Palazeti carried 34 times for 146 yards, while Capatina racked up 188 on 20 carries. Both scored two touchdowns

each.
"It's like pure joy," said
Palazeti. "It's indescribable. It's the greatest feeling in the world."

It was the second-best output of the year for Capatina. He ran for more than 200

yards against Livonia Franklin. "It's amazing," said Capatina. "It's the best feeling

ve ever had in my life." The game started in favor of the Titans. A long kickoff and a 32-yard pass on the first play from scrimmage by star quar-terback Jason Fracassa set up

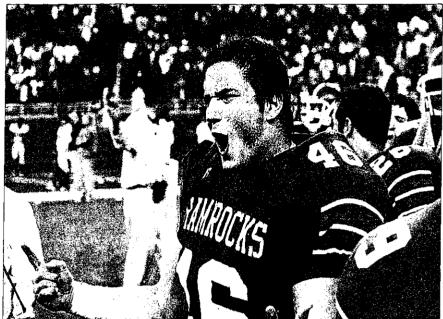


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Fullback Niko Palazeti celebrates the Shamrocks' 10th state title and first since 2003. Palazeti finished the game with 146 yards rushing and two touchdowns.

a field goal just moments into itest for Stevenson. But it would prove to be the only points of the half for the

The Shamrock offense pounded out a possession time advantage of 17:29 to 6:31 for the Titans in the first half

The opening drive for the Shamrocks featured seven

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Mr. Inside and Mr. Outside

Palazeti and Capatina are Shamrocks' best backfield ever

BY SAM EGGLESTON

It takes a lot for Catholic Central coach Tom Mach to outright say an aspect of his football team is simply the best

he's ever coached.
That comes from three decades of coaching experience and 10 state titles. But Mach didn't hesitate when asked about the rushing capabilities of fullback Niko Palazeti and halfback Anthony Capatina

this year. They're the best one-two punch we've ever had out of the backfield," admitted Mach.

And why wouldn't he? Palazeti lit up the highlight reel starting with the first game of the season and continually put up 100-plus yards per contest until a shoulder injury sidelined him for two weeks. Capatina stepped up and started to carry that 100-yard title, rushing through and around defenders

without a hint of hesitation. When all was said and done, Palazeti finished his season with nearly 1,300 yards rush-



Catholic Central fullback Niko Palazeti soars into the end zone for one of his two touchdowns against Sterling Heights Stevenson.

ing. Capatina? Almost 1,400. "They're incredibly talented runners," said Mach, who described Palazeti as "Mr. Inside" and Capatina as "Mr. Outside" because of their differing running styles. . "Niko earned every one of those yards. All of them were inside and all

of them were hard fought."

Palazeti proved to be quite

the bruiser this year, plowing through just about anyone who tried to get in his way. "Capatina has a nose for holes, and he makes yards for himself," Mach said. "He has the ability to get a round as has the ability to get around a defender. He's quick and he's got a great vision on the field."

Jukes and speed kepi Jukes and speed kept Capatina rolling along all sea-son. His 189 yards in the state championship game were an exclamation point added to the

end of an outstanding season.
The respect the two running backs have earned from their coach, their teammates and their opponents is one they share between each other as well. "For me it's pretty easy because Niko does all the dirty work," said Capatina. "When they get sucked inside, I can just go right outside. It makes my job a lot easier."

Palazeti disagreed. From his point of view, Capatina's job is much harder.



Catholic Central's Anthony Capatina cuts up field during the Shamrocks' title game win on Saturday. Capatina finished with 188 yards rushing and two touchdowns.

"(Capatina) takes a lot more athletic ability," he said. "I just run into people. I help him go, and he helps me."

and he helps me."
Heading into this season,
Mach made no qualms about
running the same style of
tough-nose football he has beer running at Catholic Central since 1976 when he took over the program. Lots of running, lots of expectations from the defense and lots of pride and

With a quarterback like Sam Landry and a strong receiver

corps, there is no doubt the Shamrocks could have tried to move to a more spread-like offense and throw the ball like many high school teams are

doing. Mach disagrees. "That's the way we play foot-ball," he said. "They can take their spreads (offenses) and do whatever they want. We have to be able to do what we have to do in our concepts."

And what a concept it is. Play defense. Run the football. Win a state championship.

"It's something you dream about," said Palazeti. "I was talking to a fullback from the '98 team, and he told me to leave the playoffs with a win.
Only one team can do it. That's
the greatest thing in the world. To actually feel that and accom-plish that is a dream come true. It's a little overwhelming right now, but it's an absolute dream."

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

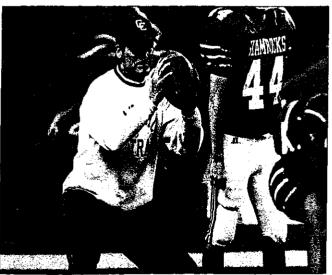


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Catholic Central head coach Tom Mach now has a ring for every digit on both hands thanks to his team's 31-21 win against Sterling Heights Stevenson on Saturday

It wasn't much different 30 years ago

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of a state championship ring. He has nine of them at home. and a 10th on the way thanks

to this year's title. He doesn't like to talk about which team was the best; instead, he talks about what made them all alike. Great running. Great defense. Great teamwork.

But when Mach talks about this year's team, it reminds him of one team in particular: the 1979 state championship Shamrocks.

Sure, 30 years seems like a long time between teams to see very many similarities. Jimmy Carter was president. A stamp cost 15 cents. Gas was a mere

86 cents per gallon.
But the Shamrocks weren't much different than they are

today.
"We had great senior leadership on that team, and great senior leadership on this team," said Mach. "This year's team reminds me a lot of that year."

Mach took over the Shamrocks program in 1976. Back then, a state championship wasn't even a blip on his radar. He was in his 20s, hoping to keep his job at the helm of the program by putting up a few wins. It wasn't a bad year in 1976. The team went 7-1,

though no playoff berth.
In 1977, the Shamrocks were 5-3. In 1978, they went 7-2. And then, in 1979, an unde-

feated regular season pushed the Shamrocks into the play-offs. They were the real deal, too, earning five shutouts throughout the first nine games of the season, includ-ing one against DeLaSalle. In the playoffs, the Shamrocks toppled Dearborn Fordson, 26-8, before beating Hazel Park,

13-0. Then came the state championship. Escanaba, a powerhouse in Class A football at the

time with a state championship that came in 1981, has earned its way to the final game. Mach and his coaching staff did what they knew best: they ran the football and relied on the stingy defense of the 1979 squad. The end result? A convincing

32-7 victory over the Eskymos.
Mach remembers it well. The excitement. The adrenaline. The team that brought him his

first ring.
The names flow from his mind as though he still coached them. Aaron Roberts and Mike Lewis were just two that he mentioned.

That year's team had the

"ease see 30 YEARS, B2

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gather together the State Championship with a 31-2 victory agains Saturday a



PHOTO BY SID SMIT Landry drops back for one of his six pass attempts in his team's 31-21 win

TITLE

runs by Palazeti and four by Capatina, finished off by a two-yard run by Capatina with 4:30 remaining in the opening quarter.

Following a three-and-out by Stevenson, the groundding continued This time Capatina toted Palazeti carrying four times and finishing it off with a one three minutes into the second quarter.

solid drive on the next posses-34-yard field goa The same thing happened to

the Shamrocks, when Justin D'Agostino's 35-yard field goal The final major momentum switch of the half came via a blocked punt by Scott Byrne,

giving the Shamrocks the ball at the Titan 14 with 2:18 Four plays later, Palazeti

scored from the one for a com manding 21-3 halftime lead. We were really tired of

over and CC was soft now that they made the move to Novi." here and wanted to prove that team. Even though we might not have as much athletic ability as other teams, we can still by sheer brute force."

nson made its best run in the third quarter, holding the CC offense off the score-

A 20-vard field roal by David Brown and a 75-yard pass from Fracassa to D.J. Mershman pulled the Titans

interview. "That was a key, key play."
"I just talked to (Jeff)

Sherman, our center, and just said, 'We can get it can't we?'
He said, 'Yeah, of course," said Landry "I told coach Mach and he trusted us, and we got

Defensive end Brandon Tammaro tracks down Stevenson quarterback Jason Fracassa

It was an all hands on deck effort Saturday as Detroit Catholic Central brought home its 10th State Championship

Seven plays later, Capatina followed a Palazeti block on the edge for a nine-yard score and a 28-14 lead.

scrimmage for Stevenson, defensive back Andrew Nelson stepped on front of a receiver on a deep ball for an

Fracassa stared down the receiver so I just made a play on the ball, said Nelson. got it, I just made a play on the ball. "Either one of us could have

"They're a really good offense. We had to play really hard and we did, and I think we played really well."

The ensuing drive resulted in a 35-yard field goal by stino for a 31-14 lead

Fracassa finished 15 for 34 with 293 yards, two touch-Fracassa led his team downs and two intercention on one more scoring drive by connecting with Justice Wright on a three-yard pass The win earns Mach his 10th State Championship at CC. It was also the first title he was picked off by Mike Kinville with 10 seconds campus to Novi and first since

PHOTO BY CHARLIE NEMES

"They're all the same, but

scoring output by Stevenson for the year.

"CC is a very good team," Stevenson head coach Rick Bye said. "Their secondary

was faster than we thought

"No excuses, they beat us."

Catholic Central's Butch Herzon motors through a hole

The 21 points was the lowest this one in particular, since

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we're experiencing it now, is a great, great feeling," said Mach. "You hate to pick out

one over the other because all those other guys on the other

get their State Championship

"Every one of our coaches

mentioned the fact that the had one of the greatest year

coaching these guys. They were very unselfish young

teams did a tr

PHOTO BY CHARLIE NEME

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n Diaz (34) and Louis Diponio (39) gang up to bring down Stevensor

Dubé aces Player of the Year honors

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After winning the State nship as a freshman at No. 2 singles, CC's Joe Dubé last season. He is so mentally has had only two losses in two years, both coming in the State never shows any negative emo-Finals at No. 1.

His 59-2 record and a second-consecutive runner-up finish at the State Finals earned Dubé All-Area Tennis Player of the Year honors.

"Joe's accomplishments have been nothing short of outsaid head coach Joe Stafford. But what is more impressiv is the way he has done it. He is a really humble person and he onducts himself with maturity beyond his years. Joe always keeps his cool on the tennis court and he is a great example of how to play the game the

The Shamrock junior earned his third-straight league title, third-straight regional title and carned All-Catholic for the third-consecutive year. "He's an all-court player." the right shot at the right time

You don't get any free shots "He can get you down and keep you down." Not only does Dubé win

consistently, but he does so in

lominating fashion. Among is wins this season, he won 26 sets 6-0. "He always plays at a high tremendous. He's able to stay relaxed in big points.

"It's been great for CC to

have him as part of the team.

With such loaded teams from the area, making the All-Area First Team is comparable to a Dream Team from around

capped off a 30-1 season with a State Championship at No. singles. Along the way, he

earned the regional title and All-Catholic honors.

"Eric was dominant all season long," said Stafford. "He really improved his skills from tough. He never quits and

The Mustang senior held his own against some of the best talent in the state. He KLAA Conference meet and at regionals. He earned a win at the State Finals and finished 19-11. Ten of his II losses came to players who reached at least the semifinals at States.

Melvin Joseph, Northville

"Melvin is an amazingly hard worker on and off the Matt Stetson. "He fights hard for every point within every match, and his hard work and determination has made him one of the top players in the state. He will play tennis at Wayne State next year. Tim Wasielewski, Northville

Next in the singles order for Northville was Wasielewski, a senior. He finished 23-6, with three of those losses coming to the eventual State Champ champion and went all the way to the semifinals at State before losing 7-5 in the third

"Tim is an incredible fighter," said Stetson. "He had surgery in July that kept him out of tennis all summer and of the top players in the state. He has incredible tenacity to fight through the pain early on in the season and even fight through cramps in the final match of his career at the State tournament.' Kevin Renehan, South Lyon East

The East sophomore had quite a season for the Cougars. He finished 22-2, earning a KLAA Conference title along the way. His only losses were

ALL-AREA TENNIS

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Eric Guindl, CC sophomore Melvin Joseph, Northville senior Tim Wasielewski, Northville senior Kevin Renehan, East sophomore

Nathan Faroon and Greo Richard, Novi Kyle McGuire and Jason Carless, Novi

First Team singles

Nick Petrucci and Robbie Guindi, CC Peter Zhang, Novi Carson Crandell, Novi Kevin Hodges, CC

Vishnu Venugopal and Chaitanya Kanitkar, Novi

Bill Bell and Andrew Cho, Novi-Evan Gatz and Anthony Rossi, Northville Brandon Kosinski and Zach Wisniewski, CC Patrick Bowers and Ryan DeLacy, CC

Novi - Pavan Rao, Alex Brizard, Ani Ravi and Zhao Wang. East - Chris Kyanka and Tudor Bahmata. Northville - Nick Kalweit, Matt Satterfield, Phil Lee, Jordan Blough, Alex Hsu, Albert Chen, Bryce Groshek, Austin Weaver and Rahul Raj. Lakeland - Conner Matteson and Tyler Morsehead

teams.

who compiled a 27-3 record.

regional title and made it to

the State semifinals. All three

of the losses on the year came

"Nathan Farooq and Greg

many outstanding wins during

the season, and just may be the

Kyle McGuire and Jason Carless,

to the eventual State finalist

Richard were one of the best

year, and they came within

points of winning a State

Farooq and Richard collected a KLAA Conference title,

to Joseph from Northville and to the No. 1 seed at the regional tournament. He in the conference finals. He took first place in three of the four tournaments the Cougars played in: "Kevin is a very talented tennis player," said coach Matt Admiraal. "He has really learned how to construct doubles team in the state this smart tennis. He is not only a very good tennis player, but he is also a great team member, Championship," said head coach Jim Hanson. "They had a very hard worker, a great student and he has a great

attitude." best doubles team to ever play at Novi High School."

The No. 1 doubles team for Novi featured a pair of juniors

earned a pair of tournament titles during the season, the KLAA title and regional title along the way to a 24-6 record.
"Kyle's aggressive play at the
net and Jason's steady back-

tured a senior in McGuire and a freshman in Carless. The duo

combined for a 24-6 record and a run to the semifinals
t the State Finals. The two

court game produced many big wins for the Wildcats this year," said Hanson. "They came very close to beating the State Champions from Ann Arbor Huron on two different occasions."

Vishnu Venugopal and Chaitanya Kanitkar, Novi

> Novi senior Venugopal and junior Kanitkar were the third doubles team to make a run to the semifinals at the State record at No. 3 doubles; earning titles in a pair of tourna-ments during the season, a KLAA title and a runner-up

at this flight " said Hanson the State Champions from Ann Arbor Huron

Nick Petrucci and Robbie Guindi,

unner-up finish at the State "Nick and Robbie have grea chemistry on the court and vorked together to have a really successful season," said

Stafford, "Nick and Robbie

were State Finalists, regional

champions and Catholic League champions this year."

The Mustang senior racked up a 26-4 record at No. 3 singles. He was the conference champion and runner-up at regionals. He was the No. 3 seed at the state tournament The No. 2 doubles team fea- and fell in the quarterfinals

The Novi senior went 15-13 at No. 2 singles. He collected a title at the Rochester Invite and finished runner-up at the Port Huron Northern Invite.

The Wildcat senior handled top chore for singles, going player at Novi and won a title at the Port Huron Northern 74 - 29.

The Shamrock sophomore went 18-12 at No. 2 singles. He was a regional and Catholic League finalist, made the quarterfinals at the State inals and earned All-Catholic

Bill Bell and Andrew Cho, Novi The No. 4 doubles team for Novi went 24-7. The sophoregional finish.
"Their 28 wins exemplified won the KLAA Conference just how dominate this duo was regionals before reaching the semis at the State Finals

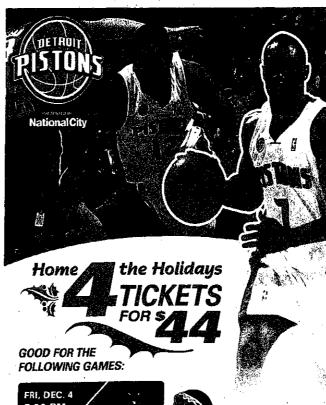
> Evan Gatz and Anthony Rossi, The No. 1 doubles team for the Mustangs finished 17-11. They finished runner-up at the

30-2 season that ended with a Brandon Kosinski and Zach Wisniewski, CC The juniors earned a 20-9 record at No. 2 doubles for the Shamrocks. The two were

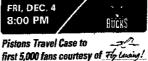
> the quarterfinals at the State Patrick Bowers and Ryan DeLacy,

regional and Catholic League finalists as well at reaching

record at No. 4 singles. The regional champions made a







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of ill year's team had all the just a team, it was a family.

same characteristics," Mach said. Another very similar characteristic is that this team, like that team, got along very well. They believed in

within one score. Fracassa

also hit Marcus Beaurem for

the two-point conversion to

But the Shamrocks got

things rolling again with their

third 12-play drive for a score. The key play of the drive came with CC facing a fourth-

ck the ball for two yards

and-one from its own 30.

Quarterback Sam Landry

for the first.

"He talked me into it, so
I'll let him tell you about it,"

said Mach at the post-game

Mach, since the first day of the 2009 season, preached tradition to anyone who asked him about his squad. They looked to the past to determine what their future could be. No matter the differ

1000 ences between 1979 and now. Mach knows what keeps the Shamrocks advancing to the playoffs, and what keeps them Alt's the same as it was in

naining to end the game.

1979. Here it is, 30 years later. and we have leaders keeping everyone focused on the goal. You can have all the talent you And with Tom Mach at the

short supply, especially after

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ALL-AREA SOCCER

FIRST TEAM

Tom Duquette, Novi senior

William Schwartz, Lakeland

Curt Green, South Lyon senio

Ciovanni Sturia CC senior

Sean Deters, Lakeland junior

Doug Beason, Northville senior

Brandon Cameron, Northville

Alashe Fatai Northville iunior

Brian Herron, Novi junior

David Wuesten, South Lyon East

SECOND TEAM

Joev Zywoil. Northyille junior

Ben Lang, Lakeland junior

Kale Howell, Milford senior

Wes Harding, CC senior

Brandon Hess, CC senior

Kaito II, Novi senior

CC - Sr. Cole Borland

Firoozaan

Jr. Beau Prev

Dan Morris, South Lyon junior

Chase Jabbori, Novi sophomore

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Sr. Sean Carrigan, Sr. Naveed

Milford - Jr. Devon Rusas, Jr.

Northville - Jr. D Dan Yutzy

South Lyon East - Sr. D Matt

Sr. D Brian McElroy

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SECOND TEAM

Novi - Sr. Nick Bowser, Sr. Chris

McGlinnen, Sr. D Nick Mancuso,

both. But when he came back,

we made a long run in state

tournament. I would always

match him up on the other

Devon Newell, So. Dylan Polcyn.

Jordan Selva, South Lyon senior

Gatt boots way to best of All-Area boys soccer team

Built to compete, Detroit Catholic Central senior Josl Gatt got past opponents with a combination of speed, ball work and muscle. He had 22 goals and 14 assists this fall as a midfielder and 50 goals and 35 assists over his career with the Shamrocks.

player with the ability to go to goal from anywhere on the field He was out top finisher and our top point man this year," coach Joe Nora said,

He was named to the Dream Team in 2008 and 2009, and was both a first-team All-State and first-team All-Catholic League member for each of the oast three seasons. He will play at Indiana University next fall.

FIRST TEAM Tom Duquette, Novi

A senior goalkeeper, Duquett led the Wildcats by posting Il shutouts and a O 55 mals gainst average in 20 gan between the posts. His performance carned him second-tear All-State honors and got Novi to the state quarterfinals before losing 1-0 to eventual Division ions Birmingham Brother Rice.

"Tommy played so well this year that he allowed us to be in every game and then he brought it up to another level we were able to ride his great play all the way to the state quarterfinals," coach Brian O'Leary said. "In the first game of Regionals, in our shootout a breakaway during the game, he stopped two PKs in the

William Schwartz, Lakeland

Schwartz was the tip of the tling the competition for 17 goal: and four assists to tie Lake single-season scoring record. He carned All-State, All-Region,

All-District and All-Conference "Great offensive player, can score right or left footed, dan gerous inside the 18 and able to get shots off with defenders

hanging all over him," coach Mark Janssen said

Curt Green, South Lyon

The Lions' captain and team MVP. Green is a three-year starting defender for South Lyon's squad, including the team's 2007 KVC champions season as a sophomore. Playing defense didn't keep Green from

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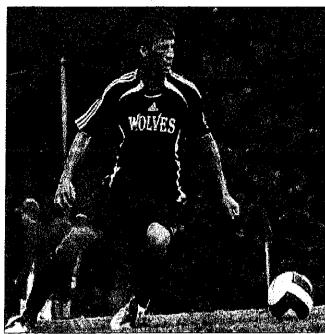
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Player of the Year Josh Gatt, Catholic Central, also played for the Michigan Wolves and the U.S. Football Club SuperElite Discover Europe International Showcase.

contributed one goal and eight assists this fall, combing for four

Jon Bauer, Novi As Novi's captain, Bauer was an All-State honorable mention goals and 18 assists in his high as a midfielder for the Wildcats, often matching up with the sitions best playmaker as a defender, along with run-ning the defense," coach Tracie while contributing to both his team's offense and defense.

"He was the heart and soul of our team. Was a tircless player that could run and play physical for the entire 80 m His fitness level and work ethic were like no other player I have ever coach at Novi and he was an outstanding captain," coach Brian O'Leary said.

Keeping his opponents on their toes, Sturla burned the Doug Beason, Northville competition with his speed while scoring four goals and earning six assists this fall. He A four-year starter for the Mustangs, Beason was the team's MVP and leading scorer earned All-District and All-Catholic League first-team honors as a midfielder for the with 12 goals this fall. He was named third-team All-State,

as well as All-District and Alle "Gio had an amazing year, he "Had a tremendous career was able to dominate the outside mid all year. He worked real Great career. Just unbelievable hard to take his game to he next level and it showed all season," speed and the knack for scoring timely goals," coach Henry

coach Joe Nora said. Scan Deters, Lakeland An All-District and All-

since his freshman year.

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Senter said. "He will be play

Wolves, He is first-team KLAA

first-team All-District, first

our team MVP."

Giovanni Sturia, CC

team academic All-State and

A captain for the Mustangs, Conference sweeper for the Eagles, Deters had been a force terpiece for the KLAA Central for Lakeland's varsity defense Division champions, who allowed 28 goals on the season while holding opponents scorefield. Great field presence and vision," coach Mark Janssen

less in 10 games. "Definitely our tower of power in the back," coach Henry Klimes said. "Heart and soul of the defense, back there with some young guys wrapped around him. One of our most

With All-District and Allhis belt, Fatai was second or

"Just a tremendous midfield player, great vision," coach Henry Klimes said. "Most of to do with. He's one of the bes players in the state.

David Wuesten, South Lyon East

to help the team," said coach John Delplace. "His attitude towards the game, his team example of good sportsman-

Brandon Cameron, Northville

consistent players."

Alashe Fatai, Northville Northville's squad in each offen

sive statistic, scoring 10 goals as a center midfielder this season. our big wins, he had something

Leading the Cougars from the midfield with four goals and five assists, Wuesten was an overall bright spot for the second-year

program.
"He was an exchange student from Germany that played in every game. He demonstrated outstanding ball skills and the ability to change his style of pla

Brian Herron, Novi

With none of Novi's starting defenders returning from 2008 Herron was counted on to keep the Wildcats' opposition from getting open looks on the net and keeping the ball out of the

> "He was a great defender that is fantastic at winning battles in the corners from coach Brian O'Leary said. "He

team's midfield play without los-ing ground on his forward posi-

PLAYER OF THE YEAR Ben Lang, Lakeland

> Nearly every win the Eagles had this season was a result of Lang's steady goalkeeping, as the junior provided nine shutouts for the Lakeland squad, carning himself All-District and

In his first varsity season Morris made an immediate impact, tallying seven goals and four assists to lead the Lions this fall. He had a two goals against Plymouth Salem's All-State netminder Sasha Miskovic in a 3-2 upset that inevitably cost the Rocks the division title. He also earned

A second-year captain for the Mayericks. Howell led the team in scoring and proved to be the best player on the team in the eyes of his coach. John

Wes Harding, CC Harding was a leader for the Shamrocks, backing the team in a competitive Catholic League with five shutouts and a 0.94

goals against average.

Using his speed, passing skills and one-on-one abilities. Hess helped orchestrate CC's offensive success throughout the season, earning three goals and five

for the Shamrocks opponents

Nick Peper, Northville

Earning All-Conference honors, Peper played tremendous defense for the division-champion Mustangs.

Jaey Zywail, Northville Third on the Mustangs' squad in goals with five, Zywoil also had eight assists as a midfielder for the Central Division-champion Northville team.

Jordan Selva, South Lyon

With speed and muscle, Selva had three goals and four assists for the Lions this season. He is one of South Lyon's all-time leading point earners with 38 (14 goals, 24 assists). A threeyear starter and forward. Selva was also on the All-KLAA team.

Doug McGinn, Novi

A constant threat in the Wildcats' offense, McGinn captained the team and used his missed the last two games of the regular season and we lost tained the team and used his speed to regularly mix with the

Novi icers still undefeated through Thanksgiving weekend

penalties, the Wildcats continued to prevail. Senior Tyler Manning redirected a slap shot by senio Andrew Cmoluch at the left pos and over the goalkeeper for a 7-1

box a minute later for roughing, Baker's power play shot from the left side hit Peterson in the shoulder, landed behind him and rolled Range and Hall. Novi then led 7-2 with 7:22 remain

power play expired, Valleau hit Sternkoski with a pass along the left boards. Sternkoski was leveled along the left goal line as he post for the Wilocats final goal in

former Novi News staff writer.

Maxwell jumps to top of All-Area volleyball team

ALL-AREA VOLLEYBALL

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Lauren Maxwell, Lakeland senjo

FIRST TEAM

Maggie Hannon, Lakeland junior

Ciara Schultz, Lakeland sopho

Kelly Maise, Northville senior

Alicia Kalik, South Lyon junior

Allison Hoomaian. Novi senior

Ashley Fields, Milford senior

Adrien Allward, Milford senior

Rose Deren, Lakeland junior

Lyndsay Tyler, South Lyon junior

Rachel Zinkosky, Northville junior

HONORABLE MENTION

SECOND TEAM

Laura Subject, Novi junior

Erica Robb, Novi junior

The centerpiece of the Eagles successful season, Lakeland senior Lauren Maxwell earned various individual tournament honors throughout the season, Conference and a nomination for

All-State As a setter, Maxwell served up her teammates for 1.199 assists while earning 164 kills and 90 aces of her own. Defensively, she also made 414 digs in leading the Eagles to a 40-12-3 record

KLAA Association championship and district title. "She is one of the best players in the state. She runs our offense smoothly, distributes the ball to them successful," coach Jen Nighswander said, "She make: a bad pass a good one and also contributes with her effective

jump serving and her attacking abilities."

FIRST TEAM Maggie Hannon, Lakeland Although the competition based their defense on this 6foot, 2-inch middle blocker, Hannon still had a 48.4 kill per centage, which earned her 383

kills on the season. Her height

also contributed to 89 blocks a

she earned All-Region and All-

"Maggie was the most efficient attacker in the area this year. With her height, she was extremely hard to defend," coach Jen Nighswander said. "She was the go-to player no matter the sitpoint, we got her the ball. Teams would defend us based on her

ties for our other attackers.

digs, 82 blocks and 60 aces, this All-Region and All-Conference

"Erica has been a solid force

for us in all areas of the game," coach Julie Fisette said. "She is a

great hitter, server and defensive player. She is a great athlete and

Conference honors.

alongside Gatt and Sturla

As an outside bitter. Robb was a statistical leader in most categories for the Wildcats. With 482 receptions, 362 kills, 311

Coming off a 12-goal freshmarked man most of the season as teams double- and tripleteamed him. He continued to break free of opposing defenders with his quickness and ballhan sive power for the Wildcats.

for himself and his teammates

midfielder for the Wildcats, His

to be in the position to keep the

steady work ethic allowed him

Wildcats in games where his

throughout the season as a

Ii created offensive options

A right-side attacker, Schultz was a key player in the Eagles' Association title both offen and defensively. The sophomore had 417 digs, 249 kills and 73 aces in earning All-Region and All-Conference honors around player. She can also

was on the court.

a pleasure to coach."

Ciara Schultz, Lakeland

"Ciara is a phenomenal all-

a year after setting the school record with 484 kills. Prior to

while getting low for 198 digs and perfecting her serve with 46 aces. "We run a 5-1 with Alicia setting all the way around. Not only is she an excellent setter, but she is a great blocker and a strong defensive player," coach Renee

SECOND TEAM

Allison Hoomaian, Novi

Ashley Fields, Milford

Adrien Allward, Milford

41 aces on the season.

at the net.

This outside hitter not only led

her team in spirit, but by example

natch to earn 330 kills, 175 digs

69 blocks and 48 aces en route to

All-Region and All-Conference

Fields led the Mayericks in

knocking 326 kills and 58 aces past her opponents while block-ing back 163 kill attempts on

With 602 digs, Allward was

the defining vision of a libero

for the Mavericks. She was also

effective offensively, serving up

the ball alive for the Lions, mal

the season while adding 163 kills

As a setter, Zinkosky led her

team with 453 assists and was

third in serving aces with 40

Rachel Zinkosky, Northville

eral areas as a middle blocker

as well, contributing in every

er, Kalik set her te

egories.
"She led our team in aces, serve percentage, kills, kill percentage

and serve receive percentage. Kelly Maise was our lead contrib

utor to earn every victory we had

this year." coach Amanda Yaklin

receive passer in all six patterns,

she hit from every position on the court, she was All-Conference

and All-Region. She has a strong

jump-top serve. Kelly has a pas-sion for volleyball and will be

As the Lions' all-purpose set-

also had 51 kills and 66 blocks.

impossible to replace."

Northville - Sr. Christy Mueller, Fr. Rebecca Martin Novi - So. Katie Enright, Sr. Christine Mech South Lyon - Sr. Alexandria McNeiff, Jr. Raele Buddenborg

South Lyon East - So. Devyn

set, but we didn't need her to do so this year," coach Jen Nighswander said, "She played all the way around for us, including serve receive and has a very effective jump serve. She is a lefty, so is hard to defend coming from the right side of the court and also is always matched up er for blocking responsibilities. She was key to our success this

Any time Novi was looking for a point, the Wildcats got the ball to Subject, who was able to set up her teammates for kills without tipping off the opposing defense. Although this All-Region/ Conference setter/libero amassed 717 assists on the season despite missing 20 games with a severely sprained ankle, Subject also led junior was a force behind Novi's the team with 89 aces while con

tributing 201 digs. "Laura is a tremendous athlete that doesn't doubt her abilities Fisette said. "She is an extremely hard worker and is very dedicat ed to the sport and her team. She was a huge attribute to the team and fun to be around.

Kelly Maise, Northville

Maise led the Mustangs in nearly every statistical category districts, this outside hitter had 322 kills, 299 digs and 88 aces, leading the team in all three cat

Using her efficient pass and lig skills, Deren prov she is one of the top local liberos, providing 612 digs for the Eagles.

SPORTS BRIEF

Seventh grade hoop wins

The Novi Middle School seventh grade white team traveled to Wayne/Westland Franklin

For the first game the boys showed great team work. Rohit Mogalayapelli led the team in points with 10, followed by Ryan Moore, nine; Joey Haddad, eight; with Ryan Kobakof, Ian Hanley, Nick Meadors, and Tomoki Ota contributing to the score. Nick Meadors and Tomoki Ota led the team in rebounds with five each; Joey Haddad, Andy Wilchynski following with our each; Jared Engebretson

Rohit Mogalayapelli each with

three; and Ian Hanley and one. Steals helped in the team win with Ryan Kobakof havwith three: Nick Meadors and Ryan Moore with two Joey Haddad, JuJuan Cooper Connor Howell, and Joey Vacc

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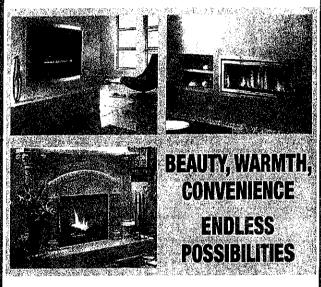
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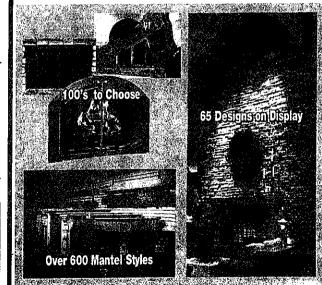
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Following an 8-5 victory vs. Novi's ice hockey tea

BY CHRIS JACKETT

tled Farmington High's team 8-2 Saturday in Farmington Hills The Wildcats (4-0-0) got the scoring started 3:35 into the game when junior Matt Stemkoski hit Tyler Perpich with a pass up the left side with nothing but open ice in front of him. Perpich took it up the side and crossed it through the middle to junior Joey Ferriss. back post to give Novi a lead they

would never give up.
Just 1:23 later, a faceoff win
in the defensive end saw junior
Nolan Valleau flick the puck over several players to senior Brandon Juodikis, who was streaking up ice left of the center circle and hielded the puck from a lone der as a quick wrist

shot rave Novi a 2-0 lead. We're getting good results, but he a state championship team." coach Todd Krygier said. 'In our defensive zone, we're giving up too many opportunities.

tomorrow and currently under Wednesday, both at Novi Ice Arena.

four seconds to score as Ferriss Perpich, crossing the puck from the left faceoff dot to the back

Farmington toughened their defense up by making several hard mid-ice hits on the Wildcats, naro mixtue nix on the windcars but drew, two penalties in the next five minutes, leading to two Novi power play goals that used up only a combined 31 seconds of defenseman Alex Cova 43 seconds

up only a combined 31 seconds of later allowed Farmington to avoid the allotted four minutes of power being shut out at home, as senior

The Wildcats now face last year's **KLAA Kensington Conference** champion, Northville, 6 p.m.

After a tripping penalty was alled on Farmington senior called on Farmington senior Mitch Hall, the Wildcats took just and Valleau assisted on a goal by

Falcons junior Nick Elliott at the rateons juntor Nick Elliott at the 8:55 mark, Perpich took the puck in alone, weaved through a pair of defenders and shielded the puck as he backhanded one between the legs of Farmington netminde Zach Lietz. Ferriss assisted on the

We had a couple power play goals. We move well and move the I'm happy with how he's devel-oped. He's a pleasure to coach."

A roughing penalty on senior

right post. After a slashing penalty on

play, which gave Novi a 4-0 lead. goais, we move well and move the puck well. All four of our forward lines move well, "Krygier said. "I'm extremely proud of Tyler, as I am of a lot of our guys. He's one of our hardest workers, our best players.

Kraig Andrews carried the puck in off a faceoff win on the left side and put one past the Wildcats' per, Michael dorfer, with a wrist shot to narrow Novi's lead to 4-1 with 6:43 remaining in the period. Farmington had two other solid

opportunities in the period where big plays by Wildcat defenders to make a pair of saves. Falcons junior Kyle Rea got a breakawa up the right side, but some hus back skating by Valleau led to a diving block attempt where Valleau threw his stick in front of Rea, drawing a penalty but abolishing the scoring opportunity.
Junior Alex Schmitt then had a clear shot up the middle during the Farmington power play, but Cova dove in front of the puck for a block, hobbling off the ice after-

into the second period before but a possession-pending pen-alty on Farmington gave Novi a temporary six-on-five, allowing Stemkoski to streak up ice and cross the puck to Perpich, who ing toward the left side the goalkeeper for a hat trick and 5-1 Novi lead.

Four minutes later, Ferris faked a slap shot and sent a hard pass to senior Nolan Anderson behind the 8-2 win. Curtis Herzog up for a goal in

keeper in the right shoulder before falling into the net. Novi had outseven minutes and took a 6-1 lead into the second intermis

to allow sophomore Spence Peterson to get some experience In a third period laden with

After senior Evan Dixon, Perpich and Farmington's Matt Gutknecht were all thrown in the Farmington got their only goal on Peterson when junior Ethan

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and

NOVI HIGH SCHOOL

Homelown Weeklies | Thursday December 3, 2009

Boys Basketball 12/11/09 @ Walled Lake Northern 12/17/09 @ Livonia Churchill 12/18/09 Saline 01/08/10 South Lyon 01/12/10 @ Salem 01/15/10 Northville 01/19/10 Livonia Stevenson 01/22/10 @ South Lyon East 01/26/10 Plymouth 02/02/10 Salem 02/05/10 @ Northville 02/09/10 @ Livonia Stevensor 02/12/10 South Lyon East 02/19/10 @ KLAA Playof 02/23/IO KLAA Playoff 02/26/10 @ KLAA Playoff 03/02/10 @ KLAA Crossove

Girls Basketball All games are at 7 p.m.

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12/04/09 6 p.m. @ Northville 12/12/09 6 p.m. @ Walled Lake Western (Kensington Valley Ice 12/14/09 6:30 p.m. Plymouth

12/18/09 6:30 p.m. @ Clarkston Invite - Davison 12/19/09 6:30 p.m. @ Clarkston Invile - Clarkston or Cranbrook 12/30/09 6 p.m. @ Livonia Franklin

01/08/10 7 p.m. @ Calumet 01/09/10 7 p.m. @ Hancock 01/25/10 6:30 p.m. South Lyon 01/30/10 7 p.m. @ North Farmington 02/03/10 8 p.m. @ Livonia Stevenson

02/05/10 8:30 p.m. @ Salem 02/08/10 6:30 p.m. Northville 02/12/10 @ MIHL Showcase 02/13/10 @ MIHL Showcase 02/18/10 @ KL AA Conference Crossover

Boy: Swim and Dive 01/09/10 9 a.m. @ Laker Invitational at West Bloomfield HS 01/16/10 9 a.m. @ Lakeland Invitational

01/21/10 6:30 p.m. @ Northville 01/28/10 6 p.m. Salem 02/04/10 7 p.m. @ Livonia Stevensor 02/05/10 @ Oakland County Diving at Waterford Mott 02/06/10 @ Oakland County at Waterford Mott 02/11/10 7 p.m. @ Walled Lake Northern 02/19/10 5 n.m. @ KLAA Division Diving

02/20/10 12 p.m. @ KLAA Division Meet 02/26/10 5 p.m. @ KLAA Conference Divino 02/27/10 12 p.m. @ KLAA Conference Meet 03/09/10 @ MHSAA Regional Diving 03/12/10 @ MHSAA Finals

03/13/10 @ MHSAA Finals Boys and Girls Bowling

All meets are at 3:30 p.m. unless noted 12/08/09 @ Brighton (4 p.m. Century Bowl) 12/09/09 Grand Blanc (Westland Bowl) 12/14/09 Northville (Town & Country)

17/17/09 @ John Glenn (Super Bowl) 01/05/10 Wayne Memorial (Novi Bowl) 01/06/10 Clarenceville (Novi Bowl) 01/11/10 @ Plymouth (4 p.m. Super Bowl) 01/i3/10 Canton (Westland Bowl)

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02/11/10 **@** Canton (Super Bow) 02/16/10 Salem (Novi Bowl) 02/23/10 KLAA Conference Tournament (Town & Country)

Competitive Cheer

12/07/09 6:30 p.m. @ Quad Crossover @ Hartland 12/12/09 @ CCCAM invite 11/06/10 6:30 p.m. @ Quad at South Lyon 01/09/10 9 a.m. Novi Cheer Invite

12/05/09 9 a.m. Novi Winter Warm-Lin Invitational

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02/20/10 @ MHSAA Districts 02/27/10 @ NHSAA Regional

12/05/09 9 a.m. @ Adrian Maple Invitationa 12/18/09 @ Oakland County Wrestling 12/19/09 @ Dakland County Wrestling (Milford)

12/30/09 9 a.m. @ Oxford Team Tour 01/06/10 5:30 p.m. @ KLAA X-Over Quad: Salem/Ptymouth/Cantor

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02/10/10 @MHSAA Team Districts 02/13/10 @ MHSAA Individual District 02/17/10 @ MHSAA Team Regional 02/20/10 @ MHSAA Individual Regional Fri/Sat 02/26-27/10 @ MHSAA Team Final

Boys and Girls Skiing All meets are at 4 nm

01/12/10 @ West Bloomfield (Alpine Yalley Ski) 01/13/10 @ St. Mary Preparatory School 01/14/10 Brother Rice 01/19/10 Lakeland 01/20/10 Hartland @ Alpine Valley Ski 01/21/10 @ Walled Lake Central

01/28/10 @ Walled Lake Northern 02/02/10 Walled Lake Western (Algine Valley Ski) 02/08/10 KLAA Championships

02/18/10 MHS Round-Up Invitational

02/16/10 SEMSL League Championships (Mt. Holly Ski)

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Sun 12/13/09 @ W.L. Northern Wonderland Lanes 1:30 p.m. Mon 12/14/09 @ Novi Town & Country Lanes 3:30 p.m. Wed 01/06/10 Salem High School 3:30 p.m. Mon 01/11/10 @ Clarenceville Super Bowl 4 p.m Wed 01/13/10 ❷ John Glenn Westland Bowl 3:30 p.m. Tue 01/19/10 @ Wayne Super Bowl 4 p.m. Thu 01/21/10 @ Milford Super Bowl 3:30 p.m. Tue 01/26/10 Novi High School 3:30 p.m. Thu 01/28/10 @ Plymouth Super Bowl 3:30 p.m Mon 02/01/10 @ Canton Town & Country Lanes 3:30 p.m. Thu 02/04/10 @ Salem Super Bowl 3:30 p.m. Wed 02/10/10 @ Clarenceville Westland Bow! 3:30 p.m. Thu 02/11/10 @ John Glenn Super Bowl 3:30 p.m. Tue 02/16/10 Wayne Memorial High School 3:30 p.m. Tue 02/23/10 @ Conference Finals TBA

Cheerleading Mon 12/07/09 @ Grand Blanc High School 6:30 p.m. Sat 12/12/09 @ Stoney Creek High School TBA Wed 01/06/10 @ South Lyon High School 6 p.m Sat 01/16/10 @ Rochester HS TBA Wed 01/20/10 @ Stevenson High School 6 n.m. Sat 01/30/10 Northville Invitational 8 a.m. Wed 02/03/10 Quad Meet 6 p.m. Sat 02/06/10 @ Conference Meet TBA Sat 02/13/10 @ Association Meet TBA Sat 02/20/10 @ MHSAA Districts TB. Sat 02/27/10 @ MHSAA Regionals TBA

Sat 03/06/10 @ MHSAA State Finals TBA Gymnastics Wed 12/16/09 @ Plymouth High School 6:30 n.m Wed 01/06/10 @ Farmington High School 6 p.m. Thu 01/14/10 @ Brighton High School 6:30 p.m. Tue 01/19/10 @ Canton High School 6:30 p.m. Wed 01/27/10 @ Livonia Churchill 6:30 n m Sat 01/30/10 @ Adrian High School 10 a.m Thu 02/04/10 @ Salem High School 6:30 p.m. Sat 02/06/10 @ Canton High School 9:30 a.m Tue 02/09/10 @ Livonia Churchill 6:30 p.m. Thu 02/18/10 @ W.L. Central 6:30 p.m. Sat 02/20/10 € Conference Meet 9:30 a.m. Sat 03/06/10 @ MHSAA Regionals TBA Fri 03/12/10 @ MHSAA State Finals TBA Sat 03/13/10 @ MHSAA State Finals TBA Boys Hockey

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Sat 02/27/10 @ Conference Meet TBA Thu 03/04/10 Last Chance Meel 6:30 p.m. Tue 03/09/10 @ MHSAA Regional Diving TBA Fri 03/12/10@ MHSAA Stale Finals TRA Sal 03/13/10 @ MHSAA State Finals TBA Wresting

Wed 12/02/09 @ Catholic Central High School 2 p.m. Sat 12/05/09 @ Grand Blanc High School 9:30 a.m. Wed 12/09/09 @ Catholic Central High School 5:30 p.m Sat 12/12/09 Northville Invitational 9 a.m. Wed 12/16/09 Quad Meet 5:30 p.m. Sat 12/19/09 @ Franklin High School 9 a.m. Wed 01/06/10 @ Quad at Franklin 5:30 p.m. Sat 01/09/10 @ Adams High School 9 a.m. Wed 01/13/10 Quad Meet 5:30 p.m. Wed 01/20/10 @ Quad 5:30 p.m. Sat 01/23/10 @ Dexter High School 8 a.m. Sat 01/23/10 @ Wayne Couply Championships 9:30 a.m. Wed 01/27/10 @ Quad at South Lyon 5:30 p.m. Sat 01/30/10 @ Dakola High School 9 a.m. Ned 02/03/10 @ KLAA Association Quad 5:30 p.m Sat 02/06/10 @ KLAA Association Championships TBA Ned 02/10/10 @ MHSAA Team Districts TBA Sal 02/13/10 @ MHSAA Districts TBA Thu 03/04/10 @ MHSAA State Finals TBA

CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Sat 03/06/10 @ MHSAA State Finals TBA

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and are the current owners. 3. Why did you choose Novi?

business to Novi because we already had a good customer and after 60 years in 4. What makes your business

Our family history in the

ness, and the fact that every car is still inspected The business was originally by a family member before

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Keford Collision is celebrating 60 years in business by purchasing the street sign leading into the City of Novi offices. The Herrington brothers outbid Brighthouse Networks for rights to the street sign at the Grapes and

Grooves wine tasting, jazz music and auction put on by the Novi Chamber of Commerce in October. Keford Collision's

name will remain on the sign for one year. Keford Collision is celebrating 60 years in business, and 30 years in the City of Novi. Tim Herrington (pictured) is on the board of directors for the Novi Chamber of Commerce. His brother/

partner Tom Herrington said, "This is a great kick-off to our 60th anniversary, and we plan more in the future to

5. How has it changed since you opened? The vehicles are much

more technical and a lot

the technicians to keep up with the latest techniques and the latest changes to the late model vehicles. We are a training facility for the Automotive Technical them up to date on the changes in the new vehicles

more training is required of Education Group. ATEG trains technicians and keeps

job on it. He had a little mishap while moving the car and it needed some paint was a limited budget tour, he really didn't have a budget for repairs. Well, he was in a tough spot, so we did the work for him and got him back on the road again — and he was able to pay us off with a bunch of Hot Wheels cars. one, but everyone's kids were

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in these tough times 8. Any advice for business

Be the best at what you do 9. What's in store for the future

With real estate prices lower than ever, maybe

NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

Mattress Mountain opens two new stores

Earl Eiben, CEO of Mattress Mountain, announced the grand Opening of two new stores in Fairlane Town Center Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

"We are delighted with the opportunity that the Mall owners have provided our customers. We can offer great prod-ucts at even greater savings in three of the largest shopping malls in Michigan," Earl Eiben said. "We know it's ambitious but it really is a great time to Shoppers have a large selec-

tion of the new Stearns & ster and Sealy Posturepedic collections. All styles and sizes are in stock and ready for ediate delivery. For the grand opening, the stores are offering 20-percent discounts and mattress pads, Coupons are available online at the com-

Mattress Mountain carries several other premium bedding too, such as Restonic, Wolf Mattresses and Futon Mattresses and a large selection of futons and related

Signature leases 4,704 sq. ft. in Novi

Signature Associates has negotiated the lease of 4,704 ated at 21333 Haggerty in Novi Rick Birdsall of sented the tenant, Columbian Mutual Group.

Better Health expanding

Novi-hased Better Health Warren location at 13802 E. 12 Mile Road is moving to 33452 The new 4,600 square foot location will be a complete market including organic meats, dairy, produce, and posibly to-go meals. Employees from the Warren store will move to the new location and es will be hired

costs were approximately \$100K. The store is expected to open sometime in early mber 2009.

2009 and more employees may

products that our customers

are requesting.

Better Health Market also announced the expansion of its Plymouth location at 44427 Ann Arbor Road to 7,200 square feet. The expanded ation will feature more p duce, meats, deli meats, fresh

and frozen foods, everyday and the lakes area comm products, and beer and wine. ties' future. These professionally facili-The store is expected to open sometime in early Decembe

be hired by year's end.
"We expect both locations to move the state forward.

To date over 4,000 people
from top business leaders to do quite well and are excited to open both of them," says Tedd veryday citizens - have partic ipated in the MDM campaign. Health Markets. "More people are becoming aware of the ben-efits of eating natural organic foods and as a result, we are seeing increased foot traffic. other locations to carry more

two dozen Michigan corpora-Lakes chamber hosting Community Conversation

The Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Center for Michigan, is convening a community co ersation as part of Michigan's Defining Moment Public ement Campaign. Engagement Campaign.
The "Community
Conversation" will be held a

Commerce Township Offices. 2009 Township Drive, from 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec There is no charge to attend; however, reservations are attend are asked to RSVP to or phone (248) 624-2826 Michigan's Defining Moment is a multi-year effort to heighten public awareness of the significant challenges and oppor tighten the focus of statewide

agenda best suited to help Michigan achieve a new era of Michigan actions _____ sustainable prosperity. porting and improving the

future of the lakes area and the State of Michigan. We view the Community Conversation as an important contribution to our mission and purpose. We strongly encourage your partic-ipation in this important his-toric effort," said Bob McGee, LACC president-elect.

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