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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 Claus family will be there Dec. 5 and 12 from noon-4 p.m. for two days of holiday treats.

On both Saturdays, enjoy a completely free afternoon of holiday fun for the whole family. Meet the big man himself as you can take a picture with Santa and give him your wish list for this holiday season. Spend some time with his wife, Mrs. Claus, as she indulges the family with some special storytime. You can also say hello to the rest of the Claus gang as you head over to the petting farm and meet Rudolf and the rest of Santa's enchanted reindeer.

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.

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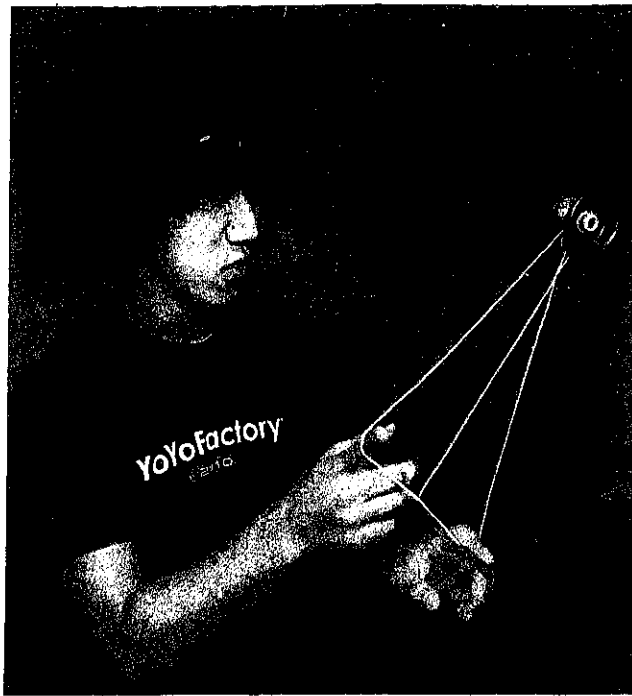
Concert for Gleaners

Novi residents Steven Johnson and Lisa Lepek will present 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 sponsored by MichiganFolkLive.com and Newport Furnishings and is held in the Newport Furnishing's Wixom showroom.

For more information, contact Johnson at stevenjohnson@michiganfolklive.com or (248) 910-4941.



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 showcase his skills to the school.

Throwing down

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

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

A yo-yo is just a toy to most people. But don't tell that to world-renowned 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 teenager has never been one to boast 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 yo-yo when he was about 9 years old after watching famous yo-yo player Jake Maloney perform at the Novi Public Library. He said Maloney's performance "blew my mind

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CHRIS FRASER, Novi yo-yo player

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

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 competitions 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 competing 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 yo-yo 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 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 in the sport.

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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 district 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

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 within the means provided by our state," she said. "But we don't think it should fall on any one group's shoulders."

Two public meetings 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 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 cutting 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

POTENTIAL SAVINGS

Custodial - Summary of estimated savings

District 30-month projected costs - \$7,455,074
Contractor projected costs (GCA with insurance) - \$3,832,398
Gross projected savings - \$3,622,676

Projected savings - 49 percent

Transportation - Summary of estimated savings

District 30-month projected costs - \$5,738,768
Contractor projected costs (Durham) - \$4,759,542
Gross projected savings - \$979,226
Projected % savings - 17 percent

Figures provided by Novi Community Schools

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Meadowbrook speed limit posted back at 30 mph

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

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," said Mayor Pro-tem Bob Gatt, 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 mph.

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

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Turkey Trot: Fox donates to area food bank

Thanks to more than 40 energetic men and women, and one guy in a turkey costume, 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 Pontiac.

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

"It is always fun to end our annual food drive with a Turkey Trot," said Alex 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 over and it is truly amazing to see how people can come together in these tough economic times and pitch in to help those in need in our community."

More than 40 Fox Run



These energetic Fox Run residents, staff and turkey-costumed staffer Daniel Earle, just completed the seventh annual Turkey Trot that resulted in more than 1,300 pounds of food items for Gleaner's Food Pantry in Pontiac.

residents and staff, plus students from the Franklin Road Christian School, walked one

of three courses throughout the campus, including an outdoor route that most chose to take

afterwards for elder and doughnuts. The Turkey Trot culminates a

two-week food collection drive that began over the Halloween weekend. Fox Run residents 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 out of seeing the turkey shake his tail feathers and we always visit Renaissance Gardens in full costume," she said. "Everyone also enjoys trying to guess who is wearing the turkey suit every year. This year, we had a great performance by Daniel Earle who works in our TV studio."

"Every year, the Turkey Trot is a favorite event at Fox Run," said Andrea Peragine, senior community services manager. "The basic principles of the event are so important—help others, keep yourself active and have fun."

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

Rodney Arroyo, vice president of Brehler Arroyo Associates, the company that conducted the study, said the concept behind setting speeds is to get people to drive as close to the same speed as possible. He also said 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 instincts.

"(Meadowbrook) is really

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 Mutch.

Gatt said he came to his decision because the homes between Nine and Ten Mile Roads are close to the street and recent city sidewalk improvements have also brought children closer.

"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. "It shows they are caring more for the people living in the homes than the people in transit," he said.

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YO-YO

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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. "He did an awesome performance."

The third-place finish also landed him a sponsorship from popular yo-yo company YoYoFactory. Fraser is working 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 on the Internet and countless hours of practice. He even is known to break out his yo-yo while at the mall or waiting in line at an amusement park.

"It was frustrating at first, but I just kept practicing and kept with it. I like the challenge of it," he said.

And the next challenge for Fraser is returning to the world tournament and this time coming out on top.

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Three's company - Novi triplets earn Eagle Scout together

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

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 — Eagle Scout.

Separated by minutes at birth, the triplets have been by each other's side throughout their scouting careers, culminating on Nov. 24 at the Eagle Court of Honor ceremony. Their accomplishment marks the first time in the history of scouting that triplets have earned Eagle Scout honors together.

"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 now 16), the three teens received 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 different.

Father Bill Pasquale had the kids involved in community service at the age of 6, helping the less fortunate through the



(From left) Kevin, Michael and Eric Pasquale are the first set of triplets in the history of the Boy Scouts of America to earn Eagle Scout honors.

Gifts for Seniors program at Omni Manor, and said "going into scouts was natural for them."

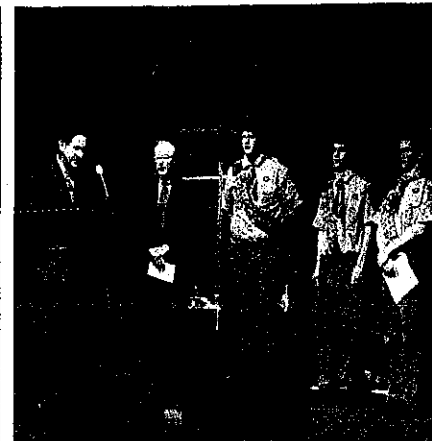
All three have earned more than 35 merit badges and hold

multiple leadership positions within their troop, and they also did their Eagle Scout project together.

The project was a \$20,000 interior and exterior renovation

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

Kevin said having his broth-



Novi Mayor David Landry (at podium) and Northville Mayor Chris Johnson addressed the Pasquale triplets at their Eagle Court of Honor ceremony Nov. 24.

ers with him the entire time was a benefit. "It was different compared to people who were just with friends," he said. "We had more of a connection and did a lot of stuff together."

Mayors David Landry of Novi and Chris Johnson of Northville spoke at the ceremony, and the teens also received letters from high-

ranking public officials like Rudy Giuliani, Bill Clinton, Jimmy Carter, George W. Bush, President Barack Obama and more.

Eric said while the journey has been long, it's been worth it. "It means a lot to me and it shows that we have worked very hard," he said.

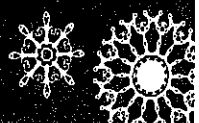
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You've spent the entire day cooking the perfect holiday feast. But it's an hour before your guests arrive, and you find yourself standing in front of the table, listening to a little nagging voice in your head.

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-on-the-run world, you're not the only one to fumble holiday etiquette.

"Table manners have become a lost art," says etiquette expert Jill Slater. "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."

Slater 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 with questions this time of year from folks looking for a crash course in proper manners and table settings. Based on the most frequently asked questions, Slater offers this quick holiday etiquette 101 to give you

insight that will dazzle your guests.

Set the perfect table

- Forks to the left, knives and 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," Slater says. "Not only will those get in the way, the extra utensils may confuse your guests."

- The bread plate goes on the left of the dinner plate, glasses on the right. "Wait to pour. Water glasses should be the only glasses filled before your guests arrive. Lead tea, wine and other beverages should be poured once everyone is seated. Wine should be filled halfway, not to the rim."

- Salad and bread should be the only food on the table when your guests arrive.
- Courses are generally served in the following order in the United States: appetizer, soup, salad, main course, dessert.

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 be lit during the evening. "Another thing to keep in mind, flickering candles are more than a distraction, those can cause headaches," warns Slater. "That's why you never want to place burning candles directly in front of your guest, and make sure you situate the flame below eye level."

- 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.
- If you need to excuse yourself temporarily, gently place your napkin in your chair.
- 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 your plate with the sharp side of the knife blade facing inward and the fork tines down.
- "One of the most panicked questions we hear concerns what to do if

you accidentally break a piece of the host's dinnerware," adds Slater. "You should certainly offer to replace the broken piece especially if it has sentimental value for the host or hostess." Slater says don't lose hope if your host doesn't know the name of the pattern or the manufacturer—you can always take advantage of Replacements' free pattern identification 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 gathering. — Courtney of ARAcotent

Clarification

On the Nov. 12 Thanksgiving Traditions holiday page A4, the story, "A twist on tradition," should have read: "Completely submerge the bird in a large container for about six days." Executive Chef Jim Moschina of the Culinary Arts Institute at the Art Institute of Novich does not recommend the use of a paint bucket for this task. He also recommends refrigerating the turkey at all times during the brining process.

EDUCATION

Walsh helps workers in transition Take Charge

Walsh College and Ford Motor Company Fund and Community Services will offer additional free Take Charge workshops in December for workers in transition. The program was initiated by college faculty and staff in January to assist the state's workers in transition in pursuing new careers in business.

Participants can use the certificates given at workshop completion to waive application fees to Walsh College degree programs.

"We're grateful to the Ford Foundation for their continuing support," Walsh College President and CEO Stephanie

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

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.

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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 superintendent and Michelle Richards, education partnership coordinator for Community Financial.

Community Financial makes donation to education foundation

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

Andrea Daniels, manager of 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 enrichment programs. "The NEF values its community partners, including Community

Financial, in accomplishing its mission to provide resources for maintaining and enhancing educational opportunities for students of the Novi Community Schools," said Schram.

The donation was made 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 students 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 presentation, 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 Community Financial gives students a hands-on way to learn basic personal finance," said Dion. "This is a fun and rewarding educational experience."



Tech Showcase

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 Bodonovits (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 Learning (MACUL), and co-sponsored by REMC Association of Michigan.

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, up from the 39 currently 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 keep them at a wage that keeps them above unemployment and gives them decent health care and retirement and try to ride it out until times get better," Light said. "There are no incentives for me to work for this outside company because of the wage they are offering 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 future."

The transportation side also features major concessions from the union, but also is not enough to make up for the estimated \$979,226 the district could save by going with Durham School Services.

Durham's bid includes maintaining the current wage, with an increase of 1 percent in 2010-11 and 2.5 percent in 2011-12; 100-percent employer paid health insurance for drivers and aides; 70- to 83-per-

cent employer paid for other employees; one replacement bus during term of contract; and purchase of one maintenance 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 representative 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 district.

"I have worked with the district 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 facing economic challenges."

Chris Corbett, a Novi resident with two daughters in 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 because if he didn't, he would be out of business. "The decision you have here will affect the lives of people currently employed, but the fact is that out of state com-

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."

Other people who have spoken at the meetings do not like their tax dollars going to a for-profit company, and are concerned about the safety of students.

"It was mentioned earlier there would be no change in services," resident Dennis Kibas said. "But I don't think these people are interchangeable. It's not about the number of runs or pickups, it's about those runs and pickups and the people working in the buildings."

Glubizinski said she has heard many of the concerns, and said the district still maintains a right of refusal when dealing with requirements and whatever equipment the district currently has will remain in place if the private company comes in.

If approved at tonight's meeting, the private companies could start as soon as January. The board held a final work session Tuesday after the Novi News' press deadline, and Thursday's decision will be posted on the paper's Web site at www.hometownlife.com as soon as the meeting ends.

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Business Recognition Awards

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

The award program was created to honor organizations whose exemplify Novi spirit and serve as models for other community partners. Nominees were evaluated on business practices, corporate citizenship, and green technologies. A committee of representatives from Oakland County, Novi Economic Development Corporation, Novi News, Novi Chamber of Commerce, and Novi

Community Schools reviewed all nominations and selected the winners.

In addition to the winners pictured, FarmingHovey, Cosmetic & Family Dentistry, Bright House Networks, Carrabba's Italian Grill, ServPro of Novi, Benefish Grill, Town & Country Eyecare and Total Sports Complex received Honorable Mentions.

The City of Novi thanks those who provided nominations and wishes continued success to all Novi businesses. For more information about the City of Novi, please visit cityofnovi.org. For more information about doing business in Novi, visit investnovi.org.



Hotel Baronette, Large Business-Business Practices

The Hotel Baronette operates with an 'open door' management philosophy, provides mentoring programs, seeks to advance careers, and has a Safety Committee made up of employees. The Hotel Baronette successfully inspires employees to create an atmosphere that is rewarding.



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 non-profit organizations. Monetary contributions have been made to dozens of local organizations. Additionally, Lotus Bank continues to participate in the annual Teach Our Children to Save program.



Sho Nakahama of the Japan Business Society of Detroit received the Mayor's Ambassador of the Year Award for his continued support of Novi's Japanese businesses and residents and for being an exemplary partner to the community.



Advanced Vein Therapies, Green Technologies

At the office of Advanced Vein Therapies, many daily items are recycled including paper products, printing cartridges, and batteries. Other 'green' initiatives include energy conservation, electronic medical records and 'green' purchasing strategies.

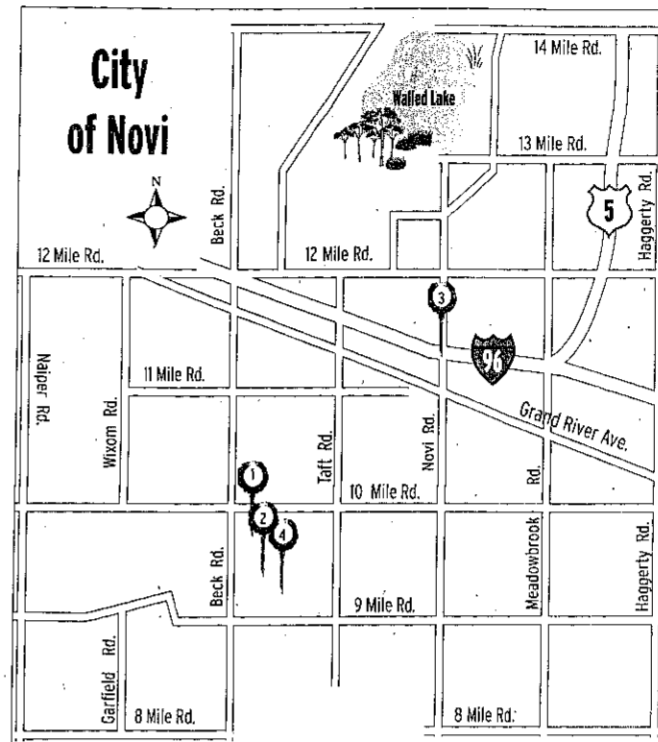


Sheraton Detroit Novi, Large Business-Corporate Citizenship

The Sheraton Detroit Novi recently created an incentive program that led to the donation of over \$2,500 to 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 County. Additionally, internship opportunities are provided for high school students studying travel and tourism.

PUBLIC SAFETY

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS



High-end items stolen from vehicle

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 passenger 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 gone.

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

Police have no suspects at this time but also found several other items 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

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

The owner said she did not notice damage to her vehicle until later in the day and found that the rear passenger door window was broken and there was a large dent on the top.

The items were valued at \$225.

There was no evidence for police to process and they have no suspects at this time.

Drunk driver stopped by police

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

hibited U-turn sign but had already started her turn.

The woman failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .12 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent.

Wallets, purses snatched from car

A black Chevrolet Suburban was broken into between 11 p.m. on Nov. 28

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

The owner said he discovered the front driver's side window had been broken in the morning and noticed several items missing.

Taken in the theft were a wallet, gift cards, driver's license, over \$100 in cash, a Chanel purse valued at \$250, a sweatshirt and shoes.

There was no evidence to process and police have no suspects at this time.

Communities believe solicitor checks a must, but ACLU disagrees

Leaders in some communities 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 communities 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 local and state records can be checked.

"It's a move in the right direction because you often do find many solicitors who have criminal records and even violent criminal records," said 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

--- said he plans to push for its passage after Thanksgiving.

In Novi, door-to-door solicitors are often a top complaint 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 occasionally will make arrests on outstanding warrants.

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

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 wares.

"No one wants solicitors in their neighborhood," said Jirasek, 50, of Novi. "That's a given."

But the ACLU says the prints will be in federal records indefinitely, meaning there would be few checks and balances on how or when they can be used. "We worry about abuse," said ACLU legislative director Shelli Weisberg. "It doesn't secure a community."

LeBlanc said his bill would allow local officials to conduct broader searches. The bill, House Bill 4601, wasn't prompted by a specific incident but by local officials asking for a way to better check the backgrounds of solicitors.

"This is about prevention," he said.

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Compiled by Nathan Mueller

Novi police, fire officials offer holiday safety tips

The Novi Police Department wants to remind you not to let the spirit of giving lead you into giving criminals a better chance to do their dirty work. Criminals love the holidays as much as everyone else, especially because it's an opportune 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 more busy and possibly careless, 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 Novi Police Department."

In an effort to ensure everyone has a safe and fun holiday 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 intend on being home.
- Shop before dark.
- Coordinate shopping trips with friends.
- Park in a well-lit area and try not to walk to your car alone.
- Lock your car and REMEMBER WHERE YOU PARKED IT, when you return be prepared to get in and go about your business ... don't loiter about holding packages.
- Secure packages in the trunk of your vehicle.
- If you place packages in your vehicle, mid-trip, you may want to move your car.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash and don't carry it all in one place.
- Be careful with wallets and purses.

Leaving valuables in plain sight or leaving keys in unlocked cars can be easily a few reminders regarding vehicle security:

- Always lock your car.
- Secure your valuables in the trunk, store them out of sight, or take them with you.
- Before leaving your work place, lock your laptop or valuables in the trunk in case you have to make a stop. You don't want potential thieves to see you placing valuables in the trunk.
- Make sure all car windows are closed when the vehicle is unoccupied.
- After dark, park in a well lit area.
- If you have a car alarm, be sure to set it.

PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY

- 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 hand it to the cashier. Speak softly to the cashier as you provide personal information.
- Guard any keypads as you enter your pin number.
- When using an ATM machine look around to ensure nobody is watching as you enter your pin number. Use only ATM machines that are located in well-lit 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 your trunk.
- If you do not have a trunk, keep valuables out of sight by covering them or placing them on the floorboards or under the seat.
- Do not unlock your vehicle until you are close enough to scan the area. Look inside the vehicle

before entering. Enter your vehicle as quickly as possible.

When parking at night, park in a well-lit area.

Be alert when putting packages in your vehicle. Be aware of anyone watching you. If someone approaches you and you feel threatened get in your car and lock the doors until the person leaves the area. If the person does not 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 different parking spot after putting packages in it.

SHOPPING ONLINE

Use only reputable companies 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 or ask you personal information or account numbers.

Do not give out your Social Security number, e-mail address, telephone number, or address unless you know who is collecting the information, why they are collecting it, and how they'll use it.

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, decorations, and candles -- all of which can be potential fire hazards. The Novi Fire Department would like to remind everyone of the dangers of the holiday season and how to keep their family safe.

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It's 4:45 a.m. and these Fox Run resident veterans are about to take a whirlwind one-day trip to Washington D.C. as participants of Honor Flight.

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 campus clubhouse 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 saluting than Picotte could count.

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

Marine Corps Memorial of the men raising the flag at Iwo Jima and Arlington National Cemetery," said Picotte, a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. "I had goose pimples all day and that was a surprise for a tough guy like me."

"This is an amazing group of guys and everyone was excited to make the trip," said Michelle Cassaban, community resources coordinator at Fox Run and a U.S. Air Force veteran who accompanied the first group of 25 Fox Run resident veterans last year. She notes it was one of the most rewarding experiences of her life.

"From start to finish, the goal of Honor Flight is to accord veterans with the respect they so deserve and to honor them for their service and commitment to our country," she said. "Many of the guys had tears in their eyes

during the day, especially at the World War II Memorial. It was awesome, like everything they ever did in their lives was suddenly realized."

"I have an undying respect for these veterans," Cassaban 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 so great. They truly are the 'Greatest Generation.'"

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

Pacific. After his discharge in November 1945, Picotte worked for 40 years for the Ford Motor Company, retiring 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," Cassaban said. "We have many more resident veterans who also want to take the next Honor Flight."

There will be many great 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. "I have the memories."

Santa Claus is coming to town

Community Ringing in the Holidays together

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

It's Christmas time in the city. And for the sixth consecutive 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 event.

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 something for everyone including the annual tree lighting ceremony, a kid's winter wonderland, food and a craft show.

"It's all about community stewardship," said Derek Smith, recreation supervisor 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 done.

Kids can get their picture taken with Santa, and the entertainment, featuring the Franklin Road Christian Choir (7 p.m.), Family Self Defense Center (7:20 p.m.), Performing Arts 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.

Awards also will be given out for the parade: Ringing Award (most distinctive use of bells), Electric Light Award (most lights), Holiday Vehicle Award (imagination and creativity), Holiday Music Award (utilizes holiday music best), Mayor's Award (Mayor David Landry's personal favorite) and Most Unique Award (sets itself apart from others).

"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," Smith said.

For more information about the event, contact Smith at (248) 347-0474.

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Rotary club celebrating its golden anniversary

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

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 Baromette 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 destination 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

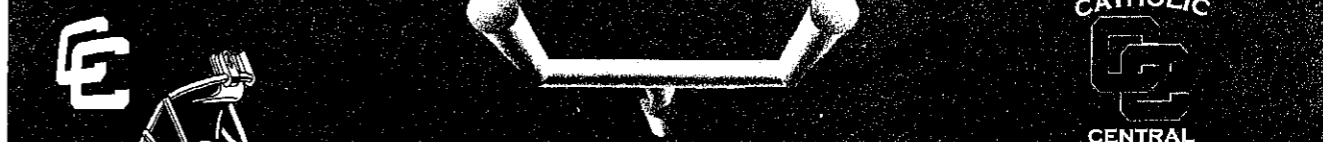
aspect and getting out with all the people in the community at a very inexpensive price."

Tickets for the event are \$50 per person, down from a 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 anywhere in the world with airline voucher, a condominium in the Virgin Islands with airline voucher, an autographed 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 School students.

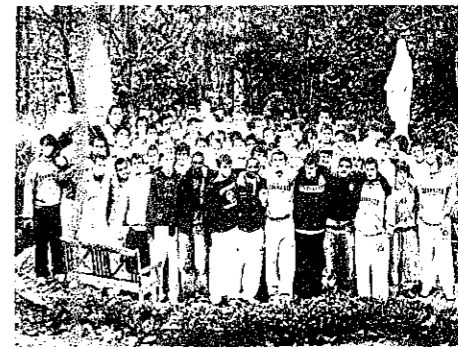
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As of the date of this Notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on the Mortgage the sum of Three Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Ninety and 45/100 Dollars (\$345,690.45). No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted 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 at public vendue to the highest bidder County Courthouse located in Pontiac, Michigan on Tuesday the 29th day of December, 2009, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon. The premises covered by the Mortgage are situated in the City of Novi, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, and are described as follows:

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Tax I.D. Number: 22-11-105-010 and 22-11-105-011.

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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 his father during a Nov. 7 coat distribution at the local organization had at Hillside Middle School. Community members bought or donated more than 450 gently-used coats, including 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 came in droves to the school. Some families came the day before during setup. The balance of the coats left after the distribution went to PBJ Outreach and to the Clothes Closet at Holy Family Church in Novi.



NORTHVILLE / NOVI CHURCH EVENTS

Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to ctolson@gnnet.com; by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Church Events/Novi-Nov, 101 N. Lafayette, 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.org. Mass Schedule 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. last Wednesday of each month Details: Free, informational meeting 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: 11:15 a.m. Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory

worship experience.

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene Location: 21250 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dknazarene.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 Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service 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 p.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. Tee 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 Exodus. 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 Cross Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com

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-novi.org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Northville Location: 217 N. Wing Contact: (248) 348-1020 Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m., Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. Family Worship: 11 a.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m. fourth Sunday of every month.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville Location: 200 E. Main St. Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresbyterianville.org SUNDAY WORSHIP Time: 9:30, 11 a.m. WALKING IN THE PARK Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday Location: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington

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.

Northville Christian Assembly Location: 41355 Six Mile Road Contact: (248) 348-9030 SUNDAY SCHEDULE 9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children 9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium 10:15 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)

First United Methodist of Northville A Stephen Ministry church Location: 777 W. Eight Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-1144 or fucm-northville.org SUNDAY WORSHIP Time: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. Details: Rev. Dr. Steve Buck Coffee hour at 10:15 a.m. HEALING SERVICE Time/Date: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month RADICAL JOY 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 Shepherd Lutheran Church Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi Contact: (248) 349-0555 SUNDAY SCHEDULE Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship

Livonia Church of Christ Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia Contact: For further information, please contact NSD Douglas K. Wells at (313) 964-6595.

Meadowbrook Congregational Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads 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. YOGA/FIT 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 Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT Sermon - The Pre-Season, Rev. Art Ritter Waltonwood Worship Service Time/Date: 1 p.m. Dec 6

Cookle Walk Location: 41355 Six Mile Road Time/Date: 9 a.m. Dec. 12 Men's Breakfast Time/Date: 6:30 a.m. Dec. 9 Children's Christmas Party Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Dec. 6

Orchard Hills Baptist Church Location: 23455 Novi Road Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665 PRESCHOOL/KIDS CHOR Time/Date: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday Details: For ages three to six; ongoing event; no fee to pre-register; 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 Thayer, Northville Contact: (248) 349-2621 or ournorthville.org SATURDAY WORSHIP Time: 5 p.m. SUNDAY WORSHIP Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891 Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m. Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service.

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 May 19, 2010 Location: St. James Parish Hall A Details: We provide mothers with fellowship, support and opportunities to grow 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 available but children are also welcome to join their mothers during meetings. Contact: Becky McKee (248) 305-5924 or Kris Endres (248) 946-4080

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: 7:35-9 p.m. every Monday Details: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective. Contact: For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org. CHARMED INFLUENCE Please see CHURCH, A13

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

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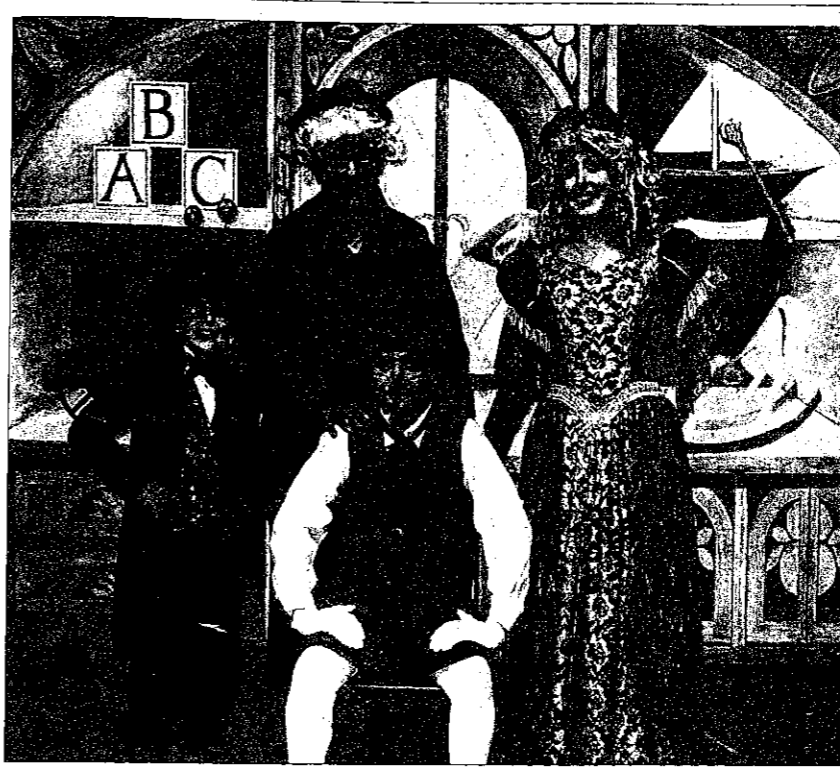
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"Pinocchio"

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. For more information, call (248) 349-8110 or visit www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.

Releases, Waivers and Settlements

Settlement agreements are necessary "comfort documents" for business attorneys. They allow us to sleep at night when parties sign them. The purpose of a settlement document is to put to rest - forever - all of the uncertainties of a particular dispute or claim. There are several types of settlement agreements for a wide host of different reasons; some are waivers for minor mishaps, others are complete blanket releases for major catastrophes. It is important to understand that upon execution any settlement arrangement, you cannot change your mind. Unless there was material fraud or misrepresentation involved, a settlement agreement is a legally binding contract. If you are presented with a "release" or a "waiver" that requires your signature, it is important to understand just what you are giving up in return? Is it your right to sue someone? The right to sue someone in a particular job or geographic region? The right to discuss the underlying dispute or the other party? Most importantly, do you understand the ultimate ramifications - say in two or 10 years - of giving up whatever it is you are foregoing? A pre-nuptial agreement is a form of "settlement" agreement. The parties agree that in the event of a divorce, the terms of this agreement will control whatever alimony will or will not be paid and how the parties' property will be distributed. An employee's severance agreement is a form of "settlement agreement". The 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 settlement is another form of settlement. The parties agree that in exchange for \$X, the recipient agrees not to make any further claim against the insured for the underlying wrongful act. The "comfort" is pretty obvious, right? If the agreement is binding, you know that the matter is put to bed. But, what happens if you realize that you made a big mistake long after you signed the contract? Things do change over time. Maybe your injuries were not apparent at the time you agreed not to sue the driver of that bus that you hit you.

In most instances, there is nothing you can do. You must understand that when you settled with your former employer or business partner, this is permanent. You will not get your pound of flesh because you were paid \$X. If you changed your mind, most likely you agreed to (a) repay the \$X, (b) pay the attorney fees of the party you settled with, and (c) a penalty for breaching the terms of the agreement. Yikes. In addition to being comfortable with your release of rights in a settlement, you should also understand these documents in their entirety. Many times these agreements are based on a previous "form" document used by an attorney in a completely different dispute. It may not be tailored to your particular matter. Be sure that there are no particular aspects of your released rights that the other party may not be aware of. These can be negotiated. If someone is willing to "buy" his or her contract, a simple revision is probably not out of the question. Remember, if you do not negotiate the particular provisions of the release or waiver, you will end up being bound by your silence. Do NOT ever think that "it won't be a

It is gut check time in southeast Michigan

'Gut check time' is a phrase used throughout the sports world to describe a moment where the outcome of an action is not left to fate, a superior talent or a bad call by a game official. It is a time where inner drive and sheer will lock arms to plunge forward through a wall of resistance in order to realize the victory that lies ahead. It is a phrase not limited by gender, socioeconomic income, political affiliation or successive wins by a reigning powerhouse. Coaches who have experienced the thrill of victory, the agony of defeat and the frustration of a rainout, recognize that moment when it's time to put aside the fear and concentrate on the feat. Something in their psyche understands that what appears to be insurmountable odds is nothing more than a rough task that requires a sharp focus. As the leader of the effort, they know that victory is just a matter of digging below the personal uncertainty and finding that shiny pearl of confidence. It is an intangible quality that, when triggered, creates an unstoppable momentum for individual and collective achievement. 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 impact. It is gut check time here in southeast 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. Many, but did not prepare us for what we perceived to be a global sprint, but turned out to be a marathon. As more runners 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 toward the finish line is, in actuality, a rush to start over by running as fast as possible toward a line that keeps mov-

CHURCH

St. John's Episcopal Church Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth Contact: (734) 453-0190 Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent Time/Date: 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 Details: The service, which follows a format popularized by King's College of the University of Cambridge, England, alternates readings from Scripture with the singing of songs and carols appropriate 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 SooShine, will come together to present the music for the service, under the direction of Minister of Music Julie Ford, Jeremy David Tarant, Organist-Chorister at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (Episcopal) in Detroit, will play the church's Gabriel Key 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 through its five Metro-Detroit distribution centers.

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church Location: 40000 Six Mile Road Contact: (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-5978 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 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. SERVICE BROADCAST Details: 11 a.m. every Sunday on WRD-AM 560, The WMU Word Station. SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES (45 and older) 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 CONNECTIONS (20-30 years of age) Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday in the Chapel for singing, Bible study, and fellowship.

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

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 Farmington Location: 25301 Halstead Road, Farmington Hills Contact: www.uufarmington.org YOUTH INTERFAITH JOURNEY Time/Date: 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays Details: This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. The UUUF Interfaith Journey curriculum encompasses the Unitarian Universalist philosophy of individual worth and the power of community with a study of the World Religions that are practiced

Daniel S. Hoops is an associate professor at Walsh Business College teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in the Business Law and Taxation Department. Hoops holds a master of laws degree in estate planning from the University of Miami School of Law, a juris doctor degree from the Michigan State University Detroit College of Law and a bachelor of musical arts degree from the University of Michigan. Hoops is a 1987 graduate of Novi High School. He can be reached at Walsh College at (248) 823-1334 or dhoops@walshcollege.edu.

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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. 5 at the Royal Park Hotel. The event raised more than \$120,000 to support the Jeffrey W. Barry Endowed Scholarship and the General Scholarship Fund. Formerly the Jeffrey W. Barry Tribute Dinner, the event recognizes outstanding members of the community and members of the Walsh College family. Guests enjoyed dinner and silent live auction, all emceed by Rhonda Walker of WDIV-TV.

Beth Chappell of Bloomfield Hills, President and CEO of the Detroit Economic Club, received the Jeffrey 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 Jeffrey 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. Patrick Kurtz of Commerce Twp., Walsh College Trustee, received the Walsh College Lifetime Service Award.

Todd Hohausser of Ferndale, President and COO of Harvey Hohausser & 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 American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, the American Pain Society and the American Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine.

Patel practices at Rehabilitation Physicians located at 26465 Haggerty Rd., Suite 200 in Novi. The office number is (248) 693-3200.

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 professional edge and took their hair styling talent to the next level at the award-winning Rodden 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 trends.

Quinn recognized

Novi resident Matthew C. Quinn, a partner at Royal Oak-based Gabe, Quinn & Seymour PLLC (www.gqsolutions.com), with additional offices in Novi at 26200 Town Center Drive, Suite 145 was recognized by SuperLawyers magazine among the top Michigan attorneys in government/clients/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 Association (section of state and local government law), State Bar of Michigan (real property law section and the public law section), Oakland County Bar Association, the Michigan 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.

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 of Novi and a graduate of Michigan State University.

The groom is the son of Christopher and Theresa Burt of Brighton and an engineering graduate of Kettering University.

Father David Howell officiated the ceremony. The bride's attendants were Melissa Affholter, Beth Polchowksi, Sarah Affholter, Sara Dionise, Laura Burt and Veronica Burt. The groom's attendants were Ryan Burt, Matthew Gerwin, Ryan Watson, Bill Farc, Eric Renda, and Garrett Anderson.

A reception was held at the Inn at St. John's. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii and reside in Chicago.



Turkey Trot

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 with 789 food/money donations.

OUR VIEWS

Privatizing now necessary in the education business

Change is rarely easy, especially when it's a necessity.

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 school year.

Of the districts six employee groups - food service, secretaries/paraprofessionals, 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 percent 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 replacement, 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-brainer.

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 interview with GCA and Durham, and the district will have a say in who gets hired. Obviously, the custodial and transportation employees under privatization would be at-will with promotions based on performance not seniority.

How well privatization works would depend on how well the district oversees these 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 employee.

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.

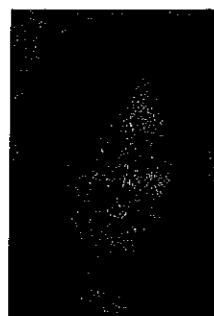
But there are close to 100 districts in Michigan who are close to bankruptcy. So let's face it, the real problem is Lansing. Until our leadership figures out that quality education is a priority and will attract diverse businesses that will help bring this state out of the recession, the Novi district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

Are we thrilled with the idea of custodians' pay and benefits being slashed? No, but it is one of many 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.

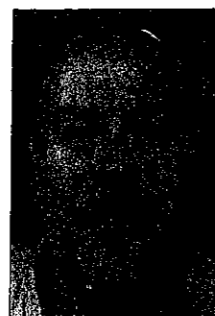
Do we think that ALL of the district's employee groups - including teachers and administrators - must open up their contracts and be willing to take cuts? Absolutely. It's ridiculous to assume that one or two groups alone should shoulder the burden.

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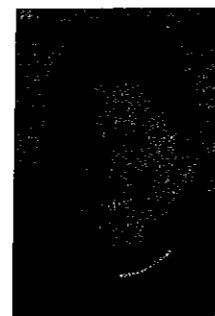
When are you putting up your Christmas tree?



"I did it yesterday."
Maria Fallone
Novi



"It'll be up this weekend. I usually wait until the week after Thanksgiving."
Phil Light
Novi



"I'll do it today."
Cathy Parker
Novi



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

LETTERS

Put speed limit back to 35 on Meadowbrook

I am writing to express my dissatisfaction 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 unreasonably 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 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 complaints 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 complained that they had difficulty backing out of their driveways due to the increase. 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 36.1 mph when the limit was 35 mph.

I cannot believe that the entire population of Novi, as well as nonresidents passing through the city, have to be inconvenienced because 50 or so residents who live along this stretch think that an increase in speed of 35 mph creates a significant hardship for them.

I would like the City Council members to publicly explain why they disregarded the results of the traffic study that was performed 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.

Chuck Tindall
Novi

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School officials teaching a bad lesson

I attended the recent meeting concerning privatization of Novi Schools' custodial and transportation services. This community meeting was an opportunity for citizens to view and give their position on

Darlene Friedman
Novi

Be a Tigger not an Eeyore this season

As 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 no legs."

With the nation fighting a war on two fronts, unemployment in excess of 15 percent, the state budget still in a mess, home foreclosures becoming the norm, college tuition skyrocketing, wages disintegrating and job losses rolling in like a roaring tsunami while the 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 react to life as it hits us.

I reflect back in a commencement speech I gave to the graduates of Schoolcraft Community College (our great community colleges, that give many a second chance at an affordable college education, are some-

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

Then I got home and opened my mail and smiled as the former Detroit News columnist and friend, Pete Waldmeir, reminded me that "no kid should go without a smile on Christmas." The Old Newsboys Goodwill 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.detroitgoodwill.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 Eeyore.

Rather than wishing for the new pair of shoes, donate the money to a worthy cause. I guarantee it will give you a lighter step and even greater joy.

Tom Watkins is a former state superintendent of schools, 2001-05, and is now an education and business consultant in the U.S. and China. See his China Bridge article at: www.domenmagazine.com. He can be reached at: to Watkins@aol.

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LOCAL EVENTS

Ladies Night Out 3rd Annual Holiday Shopping Expo/Vendor Show
Time/Date: 5-9 p.m. Dec. 4
Location: Hilton Garden of Novi
Details: Come spend an evening of fun, food, drinks and shopping. All proceeds will benefit the Gleaners Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan. Free admission.
Contact: Diana Whaley at (734) 462-2030 or dwhaley@yahoo.com

Silver therapeutics lecture
Time/Date: 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5
Location: Better Health Market, 42875 Grand River in Novi
Details: Homeopathic practitioner, Robert Scott Bell, will host a free lecture and training session on the benefits of silver therapeutics.
Contact: For more information about the seminar, please call Tedd Handelsman at Better Health markets (248) 735-8100 or visit www.thebetterhealthstore.com.

ABWA Celebrating the Holidays
Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 Dec. 9
Location: DoubleTree Hotel-42100 Crescent Blvd., Novi (south-east of I-96 @ Novi Road)
Details: ABWA Novi Oaks Charter Chapter dinner meeting with holiday decorating tips from Dinsler's of Novi. Cost is \$16 per person; \$17 online through PayPal at www.abwa-novi.org.
Contact: (248) 344-8800

2nd Annual Girls' Night Out Book Signing
Time/Date: 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10
LOCATION: Biggby Coffee, 43346 Grand River Ave.
Details: Novi author Dana Corbett invites friends and fans to take 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).
Contact: Biggby Coffee, (248) 596-0101.

Rock Financial Showplace
Location: 45100 Grand River Avenue, Novi
Contact: (248) 346-5600

North American Horse Fest
Date: Dec. 11-13
Details: Everything Equestrian! Horses, tack, training, breed clubs, trailers, stables, riding exhibitions, nutrition and much more. www.northamericanhorsefest.com.

Great American Train Show
Date: Dec. 12-13
Details: America's favorite traveling train show serving more states than any other show. Show features operating model railroads, train dealers, collectors, hands-on exhibits, demonstrations, workshops, and much more. www.greattrainexpo.com.

BUSINESS

Novi Chamber of Commerce
 The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an active, progressive chamber offering a variety of events, educational programs, an enhanced Web site, and involvement with local charities.
Location: 41875 N. Mile Road, #201, Novi
Contact: For more information, call (248) 349-3743 or www.novi-chamber.com
Holiday Luncheon
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9
Location: Rock Financial Showplace - Diamond Center, 45100 Grand River Ave., Novi



Food drive

(From left) Novi Drs. Larry Spillane and Jamie Reynolds of Spillane & Reynolds Orthodontics pose with a cardboard cutout of Edward Colton from the movie 'The Twilight Saga: New Moon,' and canned goods collected as part of a fundraiser for the Northville Civic Center, 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.

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.novifreebootcamp.com.
Contact: Paulette Alico, 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, novirotary.org.

Novi Public Library
Library Hours
Location: 45245 W. Ten Mile Road
HOURS: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 a.m.-5 p.m. (September-May)
Details: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the Library.
Contact: (248) 349-0720
Website: www.novilibrary.org
Story Times: Please see the Library website or story time brochure for details.
Tech Time
Date: Thursday, Dec. 3, Tuesday, Dec. 15 and Thursday, Dec. 17
Time: 7 p.m., 7:30 a.m. (Dec. 15) and 2 p.m., 2:30 p.m. (Dec. 3 and Dec. 17)
Details: One-on-one tutoring with either a librarian or computer tech on a topic of your choice. Investigating your family

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. 9
Time: 12-1 p.m.
Details: Join your neighbors in a lively book discussion during your lunch hour. Bring your lunch and the library will provide a beverage. No registration. Discussing *The Shack* by William P. Young.
Create a Holiday Card
Date: Wednesday, Dec. 9
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
Date: Wednesday, Dec. 9
Time: 7-9 p.m.
Details: The public is welcome to attend the monthly Friends of the Novi Public Library Board Meetings.
English Conversation Group
Date: Wednesdays, Dec. 9 and 16
Time: 1-2 p.m.
Details: Make friends while you practice your English pronunciation and conversation skills. No need to register.
High School Craftiness
Date: Friday, Dec. 11

Time: 3-4 p.m.
Details: Come and create a cool keychain to give as a gift or keep for yourself. All the supplies will be provided. Registration is required. Grades 9-12 welcome.
Animal Dance Party
Date: Saturday, Dec. 12
Time: 11-11:30 a.m.
Details: Bring your favorite animal, dress like an animal, dance like an animal. We will groove to our favorite animal tunes including Old McDonald, the Bunny Hop, and the Chicken Dance. Preschoolers welcome.
Battle of the Books Coaches' Kick-Off Meeting
Date: Tuesday, Dec. 15
Time: 7-7:30 p.m.
Details: Team registration forms for Battle of the Books will be available at the library's reception desk beginning Monday, Dec. 1, 2009. All teams must register by the Coaches-Only Kick-Off meeting. At this meeting titles for this year's Battle will be announced, a set of books for each team will be distributed, and a discussion of coaches' responsibilities will be conducted.
Library Board Meeting
Date: Wednesday, Dec. 16
Time: 7-9 p.m.
Details: General meetings of the entire Library Board are usually held the third Wednesday of each month in the City Council Chambers at the Novi Civic Center. The public is welcome.
Wixom Public Library
Location: 49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom
Hours: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday
Contact: (248) 624-2512 or visit wixomlibrary.org
Museum Adventure Pass
Details: Card holders can check out free passes, for two to four people, to many area museums, cultural centers and historical sites. See detroitadventurepass.org for more information.
ESL Cafe
Time/Date: 3:30 p.m. every Thursday
Details: Coffee and conversation. Improve your English speaking skills by speaking with people from other countries trying to improve their English. No tests; instructor help, free.
Contact: Karin at the Information Desk.

SENIORS
Novi Senior Center
Location: 25075 Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Contact: (248) 347-0414
"Reflections of the Past"
Holiday Tea and Historic Fashion Show
Time/Date: 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7
Join us for a Holiday tea, light refreshments and fashions from the past. RSVP by calling 248.347.0414. Price: \$2 at the door.
Sing-A-Long with George and Caroline Giese
Time/Date: 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/Date: 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 10
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 directors about all of the exciting day and extended trips offered through the Novi Senior Center. No charge.
Estate Planning
Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14
Details: FREE 30 minute, no obligation consultations will allow you to ask questions about probate, wills, trusts, power of attorney, patient advocate, conservatorship, guardianship, communicating with your family and any other questions regarding estate planning. Call 248.347.0414 to make an appointment.
Panera Bread
Time/Date: 8:15-9:30 a.m. Tuesdays
Details: With thanks to Panera for a great partnership, every Tuesday is Panera Bread Day! Enjoy bagels, rolls, bread, sweets, coffee and conversation! No charge.
Bingo
Time/Dates: 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays
Details: Try your luck and get those cards filled up. A great way to socialize and meet new people. Price: \$.50 per card at the door.
Blood Pressure Checks
Time/Dates: 11-11:45 a.m. Wednesdays
Details: Every Wednesday blood pressure checks are offered. Check yourself regularly and stay healthy. Your blood pressure record will be on file at the Senior Center so you can track your health. No charge.
MISCELLANEOUS
National Alliance on Mental Illness
Family Support Group Meeting
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second Tuesdays
Location: Providence Hospital/Novi, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi (Outpatient Center, Conference Room E)
Contact: (248) 348-7197 or nami-metro.org calendar
Gardeners Of Northville & Novi Club Meeting
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. **Contact:** gardenersnorthville-novi.org or Renee (248) 231-2334

American Legion Post 19
Monthly Meeting
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. on third Tuesdays
Location: Rock Financial Showplace, Grand River Avenue between Tall and Beck roads
Details: Comrades and fellow veterans, please join these monthly meetings; attendance is needed to maintain and grow the Post.
Contact: Commander Dennis Strikulis (248) 378-7841 or dstrikulis@twni.com or Service Officer Paul Erickson (248) 344-7193 or pnerick@aol.com
Metro Novi BNI
Time/Date: 7-8:30 a.m. every Wednesday
Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road (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 attend free of charge. Continental breakfast provided.
Contact: Julie Paquette at 248-797-1665 or juliepaquette67@gmail.com; www.metrobninovi.com



'Annie Jr.'

Don't miss your chance to see the Novi Theatre's 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 popular Broadway musical, 'Annie Jr.' tells the story of a spunky, Depression-era orphan who is determined to find her parents, who abandoned her on the doorstep of a New York City orphanage run by the cruel Miss Hannigan. In adventure after fun-filled adventure, Annie foils Miss Hannigan's evil plans, befriends President Franklin Roosevelt and finds a new family in billionaire Oliver Warbucks, his personal secretary Grace Farrell, and a lovable mutt named Sandy. Lauren Sorrentino, performing arts coordinator and director, is thrilled to bring this delightful production to Novi Theatre. 'Annie Jr.' opens Friday, Dec. 11 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., located in between Tall and Novi roads. Tickets 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.

Horse Fest coming to Rock Dec. 11

The fifteenth annual North American Horse Fest comes to the Rock Financial Showplace, 45100 Grand River Avenue in Novi Dec. 11-13. One of the region's most popular and long-running 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 horses and their trainers, too.

At last count by the Michigan State University Extension Services in 2007, the state was home to more than 155,000 horses, with the largest equine population density in Oakland, Livingston and Washtenaw counties in Southeast Michigan. The powerful and internationally renowned local equestrian community boasts many national breed champion horses and decorated riders, and the North American Horse Fest offers the chance to enjoy many of them in one place. Arabians, Quarter Horses, Appaloosas, Morgans, Thoroughbreds, Standardbreds, Tennessee Walking Horses, ponies, donkeys and more are all represented at the Fest.

The 2009 Horse Fest is being co-produced internally by the Rock Financial Showplace for the first time.

"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 more directly involved with the North American Horse Fest as host and presenting organization 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 destination event over the next several years."

Prime exhibitor spaces are still available. For more information 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 children 6 and under. For more information, please contact Nancy Schoenheide-Phares at (248) 486-3424.

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Motorsports Hall of Fame finds new home

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

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 came.

But early in November, president Ron Watson and the board of directors met with members of the Detroit Science Center and agreed on a plan to house the hall of fame until at least December 2010.

"This is the best of all possibilities," Watson said. "I really came together quite quickly and I was very impressed with what they have done at the Science Center. I think we will be a big draw."

The Motorsports Hall of Fame of America and Museum had been located at the Novi Expo Center since 1994. When the Expo Center closed in 2005, the hall of fame remained, but saw a serious decline in traffic.

In August, Kevin Adell,

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 10,000-square-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 Muncy, members of NASCAR's France family 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-Am and Trans-Am cars, powerboats, dragsters, motorcycles

and other pieces of motorsports 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 future.

"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 center admission. The Detroit Science Center is located at 5020 John R at the corner of Warren Avenue.

Gannett News Service contributed to this story.



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, JoAnn 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 placecards 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 the 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 meal. Shown are (l to r) Harrison Kjos, Enrico Beretta and Mason Lagerquist. "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."

Novi woman helps to brighten spirits

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 headquarters in Oak Park. About 20 volunteers came to assist with food assembly in support of relieving hunger in the Detroit metropolitan community.

Making Spirits Bright is a non-profit organization created by Maria Dismondy of Novi and Meg Rutledge of Farmington Hills in 2008.

This is their second fundraiser event to date. Their inaugural event (December 2008) was a fundraiser in support of supplying Christmas gifts to kids who would have otherwise woken up with none.

"We chose Forgotten Harvest as our volunteer beneficiary

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 network of more than 135 agencies in the tri-county area and provides food to these agencies, which include children's homes, 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 really incredible!"



About 20 volunteers gathered Nov. 7 to help Forgotten Harvest as part of the Making Spirits Bright group.

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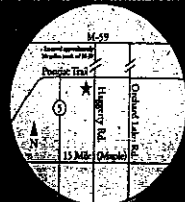
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CROWNED! Shamrocks run away with state title

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 excellent 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 coached 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 I'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 quarterback Jason Fracassa set up



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 the contest for Stevenson. But it would prove to be the only points of the half for the Titans.

The Shamrock offense pounded out a possession time

advantage of 17:29 to 6:31 for the Titans in the first half alone.

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
CORRESPONDENT

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-

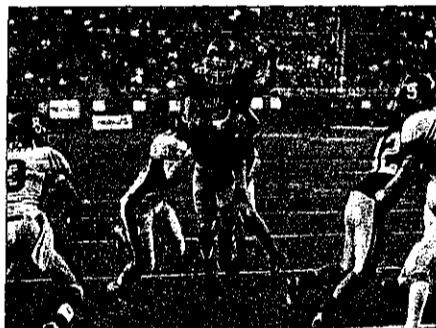


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Catholic Central fullback Niko Palazeti soars into the end zone for one of his two touchdowns against Sterling Heights Stevenson.

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 around a defender. He's quick and he's got a great vision on the field."

Jukes and speed kept Capatina rolling along all season. 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.



PHOTO BY SID SMITH

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."

Heading into this season, Mach made no qualms about running the same style of tough-nose football he has been 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 tradition.

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 football," 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 accomplish that is a dream come true. It's a little overwhelming right now, but it's an absolute dream."

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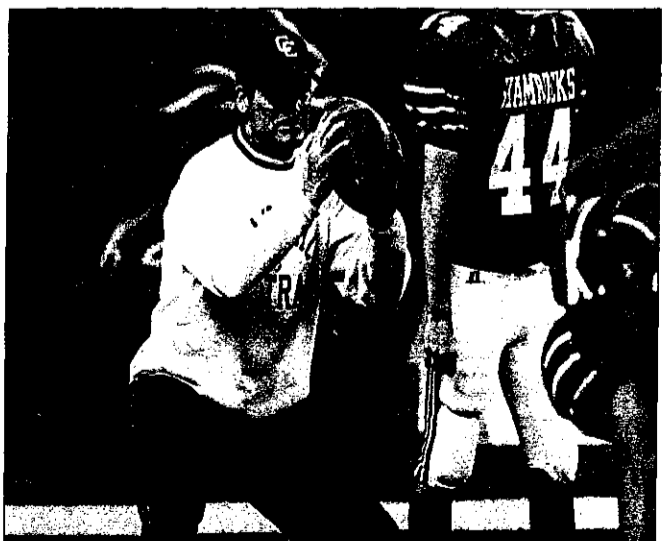


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Catholic Central head coach Tom Mach now has a ring for every digit on both hands thanks to his team's 31-21 win against Sterling Heights Stevenson on Saturday.

It wasn't much different 30 years ago

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Tom Mach knows the weight 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 undefeated regular season pushed the Shamrocks into the playoffs. They were the real deal, too, earning five shutouts throughout the first nine games of the season, including one against DeLaSalle. In the playoffs, the Shamrocks

topped Dearborn Fordson, 26-8, before beating Hazel Park, 13-0.

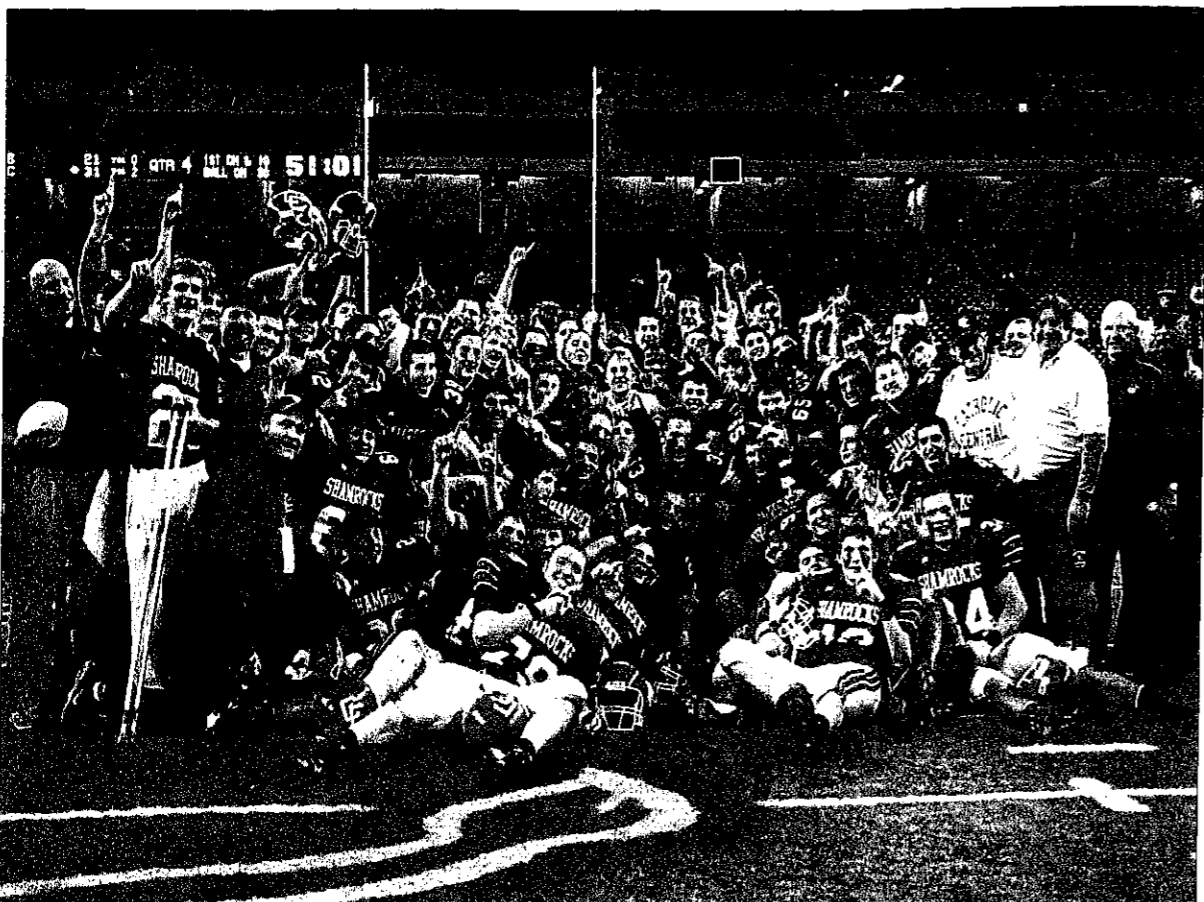
Then came the state championship. Escanaba, a powerhouse in Class A football at the time with a state championship that came in 1981, has earned its way to the final game. Mach and his coaching staff did what they knew best: they ran the stingy defense of the 1979 squad. The end result? A convincing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

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The Shamrocks gather together after winning the State Championship with a 31-21 victory against Sterling Heights Stevenson on Saturday at Ford Field.

PHOTO BY CHARLIE NEMES



Catholic Central quarterback Sam Landry drops back for one of his six pass attempts in his team's 31-21 win against Sterling Heights Stevenson.

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Anthony Sefing and Scott Byrne converge on Stevenson punter Michael Pizzullo.

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It was an all hands on deck effort Saturday as Detroit Catholic Central brought home its 10th State Championship trophy by knocking off Sterling Heights Stevenson 31-21.

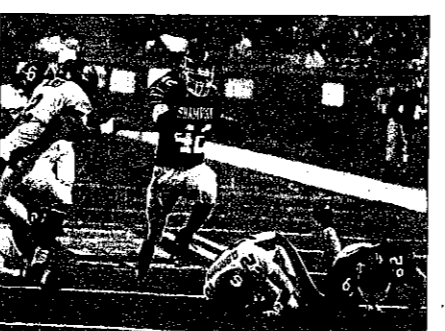


Ben Diaz (34) and Louis Diponio (39) gang up to bring down Stevenson receiver D.J. Mersham during Saturday's championship game at Ford Field.

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Defensive end Brandon Tammara tracks down Stevenson quarterback Jason Fracassa.



Catholic Central's Butch Herzog motors through a hole.

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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 ground-pounding continued.

This time Capatina toted the ball five times with Palazeti carrying four times and finishing it off with a one-yard plunge barely more than three minutes into the second quarter.

Stevenson put together a solid drive on the next possession, but wound up missing a 34-yard field goal.

The same thing happened to the Shamrocks, when Justin D'Agostino's 35-yard field goal was blocked.

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 remaining in the half.

Four plays later, Palazeti scored from the one for a commanding 21-3 halftime lead.

"We were really tired of hearing about how CC was over and CC was soft now that they made the move to Novi," said Palazeti. "We came out here and wanted to prove that we're a physically dominating team. Even though we might not have as much athletic ability as other teams, we can still win by sheer brute force."

Stevenson made its best run in the third quarter, holding the CC offense off the scoreboard.

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

within one score. Fracassa also hit Marcus Beauregard on the two-point conversion to trail 21-14.

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-and-one from its own 30. Quarterback Sam Landry smuck the ball for two yards for the first.

"He talked me into it, so I'll let him tell you about it," said Mach at the post-game 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 it."

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

On the next play from scrimmage for Stevenson, defensive back Andrew Nelson stepped on front of a receiver on a three-yard pass with 4:19 remaining, but he was picked off by Mike Kinville with 10 seconds remaining to end the game.

"They're all the same, but

"Either one of us could have got it, I just made a play on the ball."

"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 D'Agostino for a 31-14 lead with 6:55 remaining.

Fracassa led his team on one more scoring drive by connecting with Justice Wright on a three-yard pass with 4:19 remaining, but he was picked off by Mike Kinville with 10 seconds remaining to end the game.

"They're all the same, but

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same characteristics," Mach said. "Another very similar characteristic is that this team, like that team, got along very well. They believed in each other. It was more than just a team; it was a family."

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 differences between 1979 and now, Mach knows what keeps the Shamrocks advancing to the playoffs, and what keeps them winning state championships. "It's the leadership," he said. "It's the same as it was in

1979. Here it is, 30 years later, and we have leaders keeping everyone focused on the goal. You can have all the talent you want, but the leadership is what matters most."

And with Tom Mach at the helm, leadership is never in short supply, especially after 30 years.

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Dubé aces Player of the Year honors

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

After winning the State Championship as a freshman at No. 2 singles, CC's Joe Dubé has had only two losses in two years, both coming in the State 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 outstanding the past three years," said head coach Joe Stafford. "But what is more impressive is the way he has done it. He is a really humble person and he conducts 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 right way."

The Shamrock junior earned his third-straight league title, third-straight regional title and earned All-Catholic for the third-consecutive year.

"He's an all-court player," said Stafford. "He always hits the right shot at the right time. You don't get any free shots against him."

"He can get you down and keep you down."

Not only does Dubé win consistently, but he does so in dominating fashion. Among his wins this season, he won 26 sets 6-0.

"He always plays at a high level," said Stafford. "It's really tremendous. He's able to stay relaxed in big points."

"It's been great for CC to have him as part of the team."

The Shamrocks sophomore capped off a 30-1 season with a State Championship at No. 4 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 last season. He is so mentally tough. He never quits and never shows any negative emotion and always gives a 100-percent effort."

Melvin Joseph, Northville

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

"Melvin is an amazingly hard worker on and off the tennis court," said head coach 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 Champion.

Wasielewski was the regional champion and went all the way to the semifinals at State before losing 7-5 in the third set.

"Tim is an incredible fighter," said Stetson. "He had surgery in July that kept him out of tennis all summer and then he fought back to be one 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 KLA A Conference title along the way. His only losses were

ALL-AREA TENNIS

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Joe Dubé, CC junior

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

First Team doubles

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Kyle McGuire and Jason Carless, Novi
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Nick Petrucci and Robbie Guindl, CC

Second Team

Steve Irvine, Northville
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Carson Crandell, Novi
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The Shamrock sophomore went 18-12 at No. 2 singles. He was a regional and Catholic League finalist, made the quarterfinals at the State Finals and earned All-Catholic honors.

Bill Bell and Andrew Cho, Novi

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Brandon Kosinski and Zach Wisniewski, CC

The juniors earned a 20-9 record at No. 2 doubles for the Shamrocks. The two were regional and Catholic League finalists as well as reaching the quarterfinals at the State Finals.

Patrick Bowers and Ryan DeLacy, CC

The seniors compiled a 27-5 record at No. 4 singles. The regional champions made a run to the semifinals at the State Finals.

Steve Irvine, Northville

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 and fell in the quarterfinals.

Nick Petrucci and Robbie Guindl, CC

The No. 1 doubles team for Novi featured a pair of juniors who compiled a 27-3 record. Faraog and Richard collected a KLA A Conference title, regional title and made it to the State semifinals. All three of the losses on the year came to the eventual State finalist teams.

Nathan Faraog and Greg Richard were one of the best doubles teams in the state this year, and they came within points of winning a State Championship," said head coach Jim Hanson. "They had many outstanding wins during the season, and just may be the best doubles team to ever play at Novi High School."

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The No. 1 doubles team for Novi featured a pair of juniors who compiled a 27-3 record. Faraog and Richard collected a KLA A Conference title, regional title and made it to the State semifinals. All three of the losses on the year came to the eventual State finalist teams.

Nathan Faraog and Greg Richard were one of the best doubles teams in the state this year, and they came within points of winning a State Championship," said head coach Jim Hanson. "They had many outstanding wins during the season, and just may be the best doubles team to ever play at Novi High School."

Kyle McGuire and Jason Carless, Novi

The No. 2 doubles team fea-

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NOVI HIGH SCHOOL Boys Basketball

Table of boys basketball games for Novi High School, including dates, times, and opponents.

Girls Basketball

Table of girls basketball games for Novi High School, including dates, times, and opponents.

Ice Hockey

Table of ice hockey games for Novi High School, including dates, times, and opponents.

Boys Swim and Dive

Table of boys swim and dive competitions for Novi High School.

Boys and Girls Bowling

Table of boys and girls bowling events for Novi High School.

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Competitive Cheer

Table of competitive cheer events for Novi High School.

Wrestling

Table of wrestling matches for Novi High School.

Northville High School Boys Basketball

Table of boys basketball games for Northville High School.

Girls Basketball

Table of girls basketball games for Northville High School.

Boys and Girls Bowling

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Cheerleading

Table of cheerleading events for Northville High School.

Gymnastics

Table of gymnastics events for Northville High School.

Wrestling

Table of wrestling matches for Northville High School.

Catholic Central High School Basketball

Table of basketball games for Catholic Central High School.

Wrestling

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Hockey

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Wrestling

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Keford Collision: Towing, repairing vehicles for six decades

1. Tell us about your business, including types of services and/or products you feature.



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3. Why did you choose Novi?

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8. Any advice for business owners?

4. What makes your business unique?

Our family history in the business, and the fact that every car is still inspected by a family member before delivery to the customer.

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

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.

Lakes chamber hosting Community Conversation

The Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Center for Michigan, is convening a community conversation as part of Michigan's Defining Moment Public Engagement Campaign.

Mega Office Party comes to Rock

This holiday season brings unprecedented community challenges as well as celebrations and gifts. The Rock Financial Showplace and Diamond Center are teaming up to create a seasonal event aimed at gathering the community together during this difficult economic period.

Better Health expanding

Novi-based Better Health Markets announced that its Warren location at 13802 E. 12 Mile Road is moving to 39586 Van Dyke in Sterling Heights.

Signature Leases 4,704 sq. ft. in Novi

Signature Associates has negotiated the lease of 4,704 square feet of office space located at 21353 Haggerty in Novi.

future of the lakes area and the State of Michigan.

To date over 4,000 people - from top business leaders to everyday citizens - have participated in the MDM campaign.

Bring this ad in to receive \$1.00 off the price of 2 regular admissions.

Handcrafters Holiday Market advertisement with date and location details.

Sophia's Restaurant advertisement with location and phone number.

Mega Office Party advertisement with date and location details.

Better Health expanding advertisement with address and phone number.

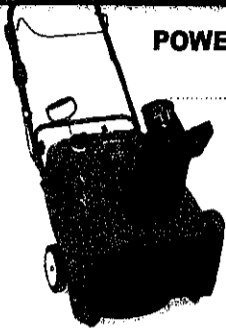
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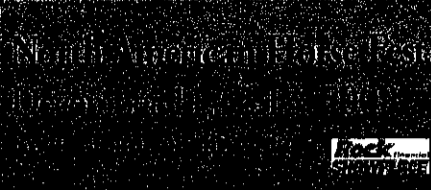
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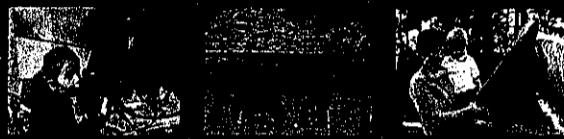
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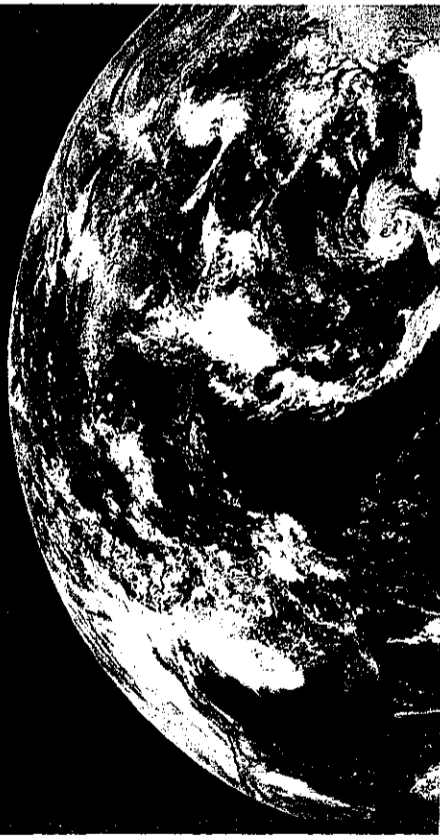
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