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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

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V. 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 hittle for factorial formit holiday fun for the whole family. Meet the big man bimself 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.

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

Concert for Gleaners

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

Hailing from the small mining community of Beauty, Ky., Presley possesses a voice tich 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

music. Comfy Couch Concerts is a casual, non-smoking, family friendly, concert venue sponsored by MichiganPolk Live.com and Numerat Europicking and icheld Newport Furnishings and is held in the in Newport Furnishing's Wixom showroom.

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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

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 tourna-

ment, and now was being rec-

ognized 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 sur-

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

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in the sport.

Chris has won the

prise.

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

A yo-yo is just a toy to most peoj 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 tecnager has never

been one to boast about his 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 1

am so committed to it." Fraser first picked up a yoyo when he was about 9 years old after watching famous vo-vo player Jake Maloney erform at the Novi Public Library. He said Maloney's performance "blew my mind

'It's difficult for people to comprehend because when people think yo-yo, they think walking the dog and things like that, it's more about showing them, and hopefully people (were) amazed and admire the fact I am so committed to it."

CHRISTRASEI, Novi yo-yo player

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

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

However, his sou'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

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Shamrocks run away with state title - Sports, B1

School board to decide tonight on privatization

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

BY NATHAN MUELLER Staff Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Two public 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.

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

ting sick time in half. Those changes amount to a savings of nearly \$1.5 mil-lion, 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



Karen Marcus, wife of custodian Tom Marcus, said

Aren Marcus, whe of consolinat for 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') 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



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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 our 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. "Lknow administration is going to say they have

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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 eed. The 85th per percentile spe centile speed is "the speed at, or

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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

"The kids always get a kick

out of seeing the turkey shake

his tail feathers and we always

"Everyone also enjoys trying to

guess who is wearing the tur-

ey suit every year. This year,

we had a great performance b

Daniel Earle who works in our

*Every year, the Turkey Trot is a favorite event at Fox Run,

said Andrea Peragine, senior

community services manager.

event are so important-help

others, keep yourself active

"The basic principles of the

TV studio.

and have fun.

visit Renaissance Gardens

in full costume," she said.

Trot, according to Hixson,

Turkey Trot: Fox donates to area food bank

Thanks to more than 40 energetic men and women, and one guy in a turkey cos-tume, Fox Run concluded its seventh annual Turkey Trot on Nov. 19 by donating 1,300 pounds of food items to the Gleaner's Food Bank in Pontiac.

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Fox Run is the full-service retirement community in Novi that is developed and managed by Erickson Retirement ommunities. "It is always fun to end

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

More than 40 Fox Run

1,300 pounds of food items for Gleaner's Food Pantry in Pontiac residents and staff, plus stuof three courses throughout the advantage of the unseasonably , afterwards for cider and dents from the Franklin Road Christian School, walked one

campus, including an outdoor route that most chose to take warm weather. Everyone gath-ered in the Belmont Clubhouse

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

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not like any other mile road in the city and for that reason LIMIT we should give pause before FROM PAGE A1 we increase the speed limit," said council member Andrew below which, 85 percent of the Mutch. Gatt said he came to his traffic is moving." Rodney Arroyo, vice president of Birchler Arroyo decision because the homes between Nine and Ten Mile Roads are close to the street Associates, the company that conducted the study and recent city sidewalk said the concept behind set improvements have also ting speeds is to get people to drive as close to the same brought children closer. "It is true that if the speed speed as possible. He also limit is 35 mph drivers have a tendency to push the speed limit to 44-45," he said. aid when speed limits are set low, there is an increase in accidents because one Dick Ornekian, a resident on Meadowbrook, was elated group wants to travel at a comfortable speed and the when he heard the news. "It shows they are caring other wants to adhere to the more for the people living in the homes than the people in speed limit. However, that did not deter the council from going with its transit," he said. instincts.

doughnuts. The Turkey Troy culminates a

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"(Meadowbrook) is really

on the Internet and countless ours of practice. He even is "When they announced the top three and said, 'Coming in third in the world is Chris Fraser from the United States, line at an amuser everyone went wild." Jeff said "He did an awesome perforkept with it. I like the challenge of it," he said The third-place finish also landed him a sponsorship Fraser is returning to the world tournament and this from popular yo-yo company YoYoFactory, Fraser is worktime coming out on top. ing on a signature yo-yo that is expected to be released in the nmueller@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, ext, 255

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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 b 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 toge "It's been fun and I am glad they were here to go with me through the process," Michael

said. "It's special to have it done this early and to be able to do it with my brothers." At 15 years old (they are not 16), the three teens reco their Eagle Scout certification faster than expected. The aver-

age 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 Fasquale had the

Omni Manor, and said "going into scouts was natural for kids involved in community All three have earned m service at the age of 8, helping the less fortunate through th than 35 merit badges and hold

to earn Eagle Scout honors.

Gifts for Seniors program at

multiple leadership positions within their troop, and they also did their Eagle Scout project together. The project was a \$20,000 interior and exterior renova-

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

tion at First Baptist Church lot of stuff together." of Novi, including painting the entire church and finding Mayors David Landry of Novi and Chris Johnson of contractors to make additional Northville spoke at the cerrepairs for free. Kevin said having his brothemony, and the teens also received letters from high-

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

ranking public officials like ers with him the entire time was a benefit. "It was different compared Rudy Giuliani, Bill Clinton, Jimmy Carter, George W. to people who were just with friends," he said, "We had Bush, President Barack Obania and more Eric said while the journey has been long, it's been worth it. more of a connection and did "It means a lot to me and ws that we have worked it sho very hard," he said.

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

known to break out his yo-yo while at the mall or waiting it "It was frustrating at first, but I just kept practicing and And the next challenge for







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Set the perfect table · Forks to the left, knives and voice in your head. Does the knife go on the left, fork spoons to the right. Only set out utensils that will be used for various on the right, or is it the other way around? Is that centerpiece too tall? Should I go ahead and put food on courses. "If you're not serving soup or salad, you certainly don't want an extra spoon or fork in your place setting," Slatter says. "Not only will wait until everyone gets here? If you can't answer those questions, those get in the way, the extra utensils may confuse your guests.

don't feel alone. In today's eat-on- The bread plate goes on the left of the-run world, you're not the only one to flunk holiday etiquette. the dinner plate, glasses on the right. • Wait to pour. Water glasses should be the only glasses filled before your guests arrive. Iced tea, wine and other beverages should be "Table manners have become a lost art," says etiquette expert Jill Slatter. "Think back 15 or 20 years ago, families gathered every evening poured once everyone is seated. Wine should be filled halfway, not to the for a proper meal. But these days we're all stretched so thin juggling Salad and bread should be the work, school and home, most folks don't have time to sit down together, so when holidays roll around no one's

only food on the table when your guests arrive. Courses are generally served in the following order in the United

Slatter is an etiquette coach at Greensboro, N.C.-based Replacements, Ltd., touted as the States: appetizer, soup, salad, main course, dessert. world's largest supplier of old and new china, silver, crystal and col-Are you the hostess lectibles. The company is bombarded

estions this time of year from with the mostest? folks looking for a crash course in Remember, the hostess always

proper manners and table settings. Based on the most frequently asked questions, Slatter offers this quick holiday etiquette 101 to give you 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



should blot their lips before sitting down at the table. This will keep you from getting lipstick stains on linen ering. Main given g inpatient of this on intering napkins or glassware,
Wait for the signal. Your host will – Courtesu of ARAcontent 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

Be a gracious guest · Avoid the smear. Female guests



On the Nov. 12 Thanksgiving Traditions holiday page A4, the story, "A twist on tradition," should have "Completely submerge the bird in a large container for about six days." Executive Chef Jim Moschini of the Culinary Arts Institute at the Art Institute of Novi does not record the use of a paint bucket for this tas rigerating the

process

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.replace-

ments.com, under the site's "neat

things" tab. With these tips in mind

you're sure to throw the perfect gath-

EDUCATION Walsh helps workers in

transition Take Charge

CONSULTING BUSINESS

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

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

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

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

nance vehicle. The buses and transportation facility would

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

replacement buses bought by the company would be theirs

and could be used for other

services outside the district

Dan O'Rourke, union rep

resentative for the custodian

and bus drivers, said there is

no way they can match what

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

Walsh College and Ford W. Bergeron said. "We know Motor Company Fund and Community Services will offe the demand is great, since new workshops are filled within additional free Take Charge workshops in December for Workshops will be held at

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workers in transition. The prothe college's Novi campus located at 41500 Gardenbrook gram was initiated by college faculty and staff in January Road, north of Eleven Mile to assist the state's workers Road, south of I-96, and west in transition in pursuing new of Meadowbrook Road. areers in business Workshop spaces are limited Participants can use the and registration is required. To register or learn more, go to www.walshcollege.edu/takecertificates given at workshop completion to waive applica-tion fees to Walsh College charge. For more information, degree programs. "We're grateful to the Ford e-mail takecharge@walshcollege.edu. Foundation for their continuing support," Walsh College President and CEO Stephanis STARTING A

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

enough. GCA's bid includes a total

of 47.5 full-time employees,

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

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pany still has to hire people locally to work and it still may be our neighbors and friends," he said. "Making tough choices of forth exercise hier on which

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

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

a for-profit company, and are

students.

concerned about the safety of

"It was mentioned earlier

there would be no change in services," resident Dennis

Kubas said. "But I don't think

Other people who have



An Orchard Hills Elementary fourth grade student volunteer inputs information during the school's student run credit union sponsored by Community Financial along with Peter Dion, Novi Community School District stendent and Michelle Richards, education partnership coordinator for Community Financia

Community Financial makes donation to education foundation

Community Financial recently presented a check to the Novi Educational Foundation (NEF) to further educational programs in the local 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 enrich ment programs. "The NEF values its community partners, including Community

Financial, in accomplishing its mission to provide resources "This is another way that for maintaining and enhanc ing educational l 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 stu-dents and local schools," said

Community Financial is making a positive difference in the communities we serve. Attending the check pre sentation, which was held at Novi's Orchard Hills Elementary, were students from Dawn Capling's fourth grade class who volunteer at the school's student-run credit union, which is sponsored by Community Financial. "Our partnership with nity Financial gives stu dents a hands-on way to learn basic personal finance," said Dion. "This is a fun and rewarding educational experience

credit union CEO Bill Lawton



Enjoy your holiday season to the fullest with better hearing.

This is the time of year when family and friends gather to share new experiences and relive old ones. Everyone takes time to reconnect.





you accidently break a piece of the host's dinner ware," adds Slatter. "You 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 should certainly offer to replace the broken piece especially if it has senti mental value for the host or hostess. sure your guests can see over any table adornments. Slatter says don't lose hope if your host doesn't know the name of Passing isn't just in football. the pattern or the manufactureryou can always take advantage of Replacements' free pattern identifi Always pass food around the table counter clockwise to the right and refrain from serving yourself first. cation service. Always pass the salt and pepper as a set, even if you're only asked for one. If you're still in doubt about holiday





"Right now 1 am looking to the private companies are offering, and they feel they these people are interchange-able. It's not about the number them at a wage tha are being abandoned by the them above unemployment Don't miss out on any of these conversations this holiday season. With a and gives them decent health district. of runs or pickups, it's about those people that are doing those runs and pickups and "I have worked with the diswide range of styles available from Phonak, a leader in hearing instrument care and retirement and try to ride it out until times get bettrict for about 25 years, and technology, we will help you find the best option for your hearing needs. throughout that time it has always been emphasized to us that Novi schools is a team and the people working in the buildings." Glubzinski said she has ter," Light said. "There are no incentives for me to work for this outside company because of the wage they are offering a family," he said. "And I guess heard many of the concerns to the people, along with the cost sharing of health care and no retirement whatsoever. I it feels a lot to our drivers and and said the district still main tains a right of refusal when custodians right now that two members of the family are going to be sacrificed because we are dealing with employment and whatever requirements the district currently has will would just be taking up space with this company; there is no facing economic challenges Chris Corbett, a Novi resiremain in place if the private AMÀ dent with two daughters in company comes in. If approved at tonight's The transportation side also the district, said unfortunately features major concessions from the union, but also is meeting, the private compa-nies could start as soon as the numbers don't lie, and as a small business owner himself, he had to make a decision on not enough to make up for the estimated \$979,226 the dis-January. The board held a final work trict could save by going with Durham School Services. whether to borrow money or session Tuesday after the Novi News' press deadlines, and cut employees. He chose to cut employees Durham's bid includes South Lyon ecause if he didn't, he would Thursday's decision will be maintaining the current wage posted on the paper's Web site at www.hometownlife.com as be out of business. with an increase of 1 percent "The decision you have here in 2010-11 and 2.5 percent in 248-437-5505 will affect the lives of people currently employed, but the fact is that out of state comsoon as the meeting ends. 2011-12; 100-percent employer paid health insurance for drivnmueller@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 255 ers and aides; 70- to 83-per-

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

Country star Aaron Tippin to play benefit for injured soldiers

the soldiers and their families BY KURT KUBAN on are donated. However, the group still has to pay for trans portation and other related

Aaron Tippin, known for his patriotic-themed music, will costs. "We have had so many peo e headlining an upcoming ple step up with time shares Christmas show that will benand guided hunting trips, but efit soldiers injured in Iraq we had to turn them do because we couldn't afford to and Afghanistan. Tippin will perform his send the soldiers," she said. songs at Operation Injured Soldier's inaugural Christmas And that is why Bijansky is hoping for a good turnout at Spectacular Dec. 11 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The event which begins at 7 p.m., will

STAFF WRITER

The Christmas Spectacular, Her goal is to get 1,000 peo-ple to attend the event. She believes Tippin's star power help the South Lyon-based n-profit organization's will help. efforts to send injured soldiers Tippin agreed to do the show when members of Operation Soldier and some of the soland their families on vaca-

tions, to sporting events, and on hunting, fishing and campdiers attended one of his coning trips. The trips are provided at no cost to the soldiers. certs earlier this year. He was already scheduled to be in the According to Operation state to do a Dec. 12 show in Injured Soldier's Pam Bijansk

who also owns Parkside Bijansky is also still look-Cleaners in South Lyon, this ing for a local choir that is the biggest fund-raiser the might be interested in singing Christmas earols during dingroup has ever held. She said the reason they decided to do

it is because more and more Tickets for the show are soldiers are coming home with \$75, which includes a full dininjuries suffered in America's ner. There will be a cash bar available. Bijansky said the current wars. Many of the soldiers are suffering from group is still looking for corpost traumatic stress disorder caused by head injuries, and have had a difficult time adjusting back to everyday life. the two mains corporate spon

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Dear Savvy Senior, **GROWING ACCEPTANCE** I am intcrested in learning Over the past 30 years the cre-mation rate in the United States nore about cremation and would ike to know what religions allow has grown by leaps and bounds, jumping from only 6 percent in it. I understand cremation is a lot aper than a standard burial, 1975, to 19 percent in 1995 to but born and raised Catholic, nearly 40 percent today. And by 2025, that number is expected to I'm not sure the church allows it. What can you tell me? reach over 55 percent. After forbidding cremation for centuries, the Catholic Church Guilty Catholic Dear Guilty

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urches are much more accept-

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

CHEAPER OPTION There are various reasons for the increased rate in cremation personal preference, it's environmentally friendly, uses less land. it's easier to arrange - but the biggest reason is money. Cremation an cost one-tenth (depending or the services you choose) of wh a funeral and cemetery burial brings, which averages around \$10,000 today. also vary, but could include an

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tion limits your funeral options but it actually gives you more choices. With cremation, you can scattering of ashes or keeping them at home. They believe the cremated remains should be burstill have a funeral or merne prial ied or entombed.) service of your choice, either with PREPLANNING

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rial service. The prearrangements should also be noted in your will and advance directive (if you have one), and be sure to tell your famand clergy. Also note that pre-

at www.funerals.org or call 800-Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070. or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" bool



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Business Recognition **Awards**

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After receiving nominations from customers and community members, six awards were esented by Mayor David B. Landry at the second annual **Business Recognition Awards** held on Nov. 23. The award program was created to honor organiza-tions whose exemplify Novi spirit and serve as models for other community nartners. Nominees were evaluated on ousiness practices, corporate citizenship, and green technologies. A committee representatives from Oakland County, Novi Economic Development Corporation ovi News, Novi Chamber

of Commerce, and Novi

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all nominations and selected the winners. In addition to the winners pictured, FanningHowey, Cosmetic & Fannily Dentistry, Bright House Networks, Carrabbas Italian Grill ServPro of Novi, Bonefish Grill, Town & Country Eyecare and Total Sports Complex received Honorable Mentions The City of Novi thanks those who provided nomina tions and wishes continued success to all Novi businesses For more information about the City of Novi, please visit cityofnovi.org. For more infor

Novi, visit InvestNovi.er

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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 mation about doing business in

sfully inspires employees to create an atmosphere that is rewardin



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





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his continued support of Novi's Japanese businesses and residents and for being an exemplary partner to the community



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Suspect grabs property

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The items were valued at hibited U-turn sign but had already started ber turn \$225. There was no evidence for The woman failed field police to process and they have sobriety tests and a prelimi nary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .12 percent. The legal limit for no suspects at this time. Drunk driver stopped by police adult drivers in Michigan is 08 percent. She was given a citation for

2 An iPod and wallet con-taining credit cards were taken from a car overnight on 3 A woman was arrested at 2:06 a.m. on Nov. 29 on operating while intoxicated and was released from the Novi Police Department when Novi Road near I-96 for drunk Nov. 28-29 while it was parked driving after police observed her make a prohibited U-turn soher The owner said she did not from southbound Novi Road Wallets, purses snatched notice damage to her vehicle into the entrance of Denny's from car restaurant. According to the report, the

ound that the rear passenger officer could smell a strong odor of intoxicants, and the woman said she saw the prothere was a large dent on the

Novi police, fire officials offer holiday safety tips

The Novi Police Department Leaving valuables in plain wants to remind you not to let the spirit of giving lull you sight or leaving keys in inlocked cars can be costly into giving criminals a better A few reminders regarding vehicle security: * Always lock your car. chance to do their dirty work. Criminals love the holidays as Secure your valuables in much as everyone else, especially because it's an oppor the trunk, store them out of sight, or take them with you. * Before leaving your work tune time for crime with more people shopping and traveling. "The holiday season is a spe-cial time of year, but it is also a place, lock your laptop or valu-ables in your trunk in case you

time when everyone becomes have to make a stop. You don't want potential thieves to see you placing valuables in the more busy and possibly care less, making them vulnerable to theft and other crime." trunk. notes David E. Molloy, Novi's * Make sure all car windows are closed when the vehicle is Chief of Police. "We can never be too careful, too prepared or too aware and ensuring you and your family, friends, and unoccupied. * After dark, park in a well lighted area.

* If you have a car alarm, be sure to set it

cle as quickly as possible. * When parking at night, park in a well-lighted area. * Be alert when putting packages in your vehicle. Be aware of anyone watching you. If someone approaches and you feel threatened get in your car and lock the doors until the person leaves the area. If the person does no leave, drive away. * Beturn 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 con anies and Web sites that

Communities believe solicitor checks a must, but ACLU disagrees

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Leaders in some communi--- said he plans to push for its tics are supporting a bill that would allow them to pass local passage after Thanksgiving. In Novi, door-to-door ordinances requiring national solicitors are often a top com fingerprint background checks for door-to-door solicitors, but plaint at neighborhood safety meetings, said Police Chief the American Civil Liberties David Molloy, The city, which Union says such a measure won't make anyone any safer. mandates that solicitors be licensed, has looked at the Many local communities records of solicitors and occa already require solicitors to be licensed, and many do local or statewide background checks. ionally will make arrests or outstanding warrants. "We need to know who these But this bill would allow com people are before they are in our neighborhoods," Molloy munities to pass ordinances requiring national checks for said. solicitors -- meaning someone with a criminal record outside Michigan could be flagged and

door-to-door.

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and 7 a.m. on Nov. 29 while

it was parked at a home on Arden Glen Court.

The owner said he discov

vindow had been broken in

the morning and noticed sev

eral 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

- Compiled by Nathan Mueller

process and police have no

suspects at this time.

ered the front driver's side

Ruth Ann Jirasek said she has the same salesman coming to her door weekly, despite her "No Solicitors" sign and denied a permit to distribute flyers or hawk merchandise arres 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 activ-ity. But local officials say more solicitors than that could have

criminal pasts because only local and state records can be "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. he said. The bill's sponsor -- state Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland



repeated refusals to buy his "No one wants solicitors in their neighborhood," said Jirasek, 50, of Novi. "That's a will be in federal records indefinitely, meaning the would be few checks and balavers 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' prompted by a specific inciden but by local officials asking for a way to better check the back grounds of solicitors

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But the ACLU says the prints



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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 'oreen' purchasing strategies.

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Sheraton Detroit Novi, Large Business-Corporate Citizenship

The Sheraton Detroit Novi recently created an incentive program that led to the donation of over \$2,500 to The Sheraton Decroir novi recently created an incentive program that led to the domation of over 92,300 to charities. The Sheraton Detroit Novi has worked with local charitable organizations including Hofy Family Church in Novi, St. Christina's, Faith Presbyterian Church, and Habitat for Humanity Oakland Country. Additionally, internship opportunities are provided for high school students studying travel and tourism

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loiter about holding package in your car out of sight. Preferably, leave valuables in • * Secure packages in the trunk of your vehicle. your trunk * If you do not have a trunk, * If you place packages in your vehicle, mid-trip, you m keep valuables out of sight by covering them or placing the want to move your car. * Avoid carrying large amounts of each and don't on the floorboards or under e seat.

* Do not unlock your vehicle carry it all in one place. * Be careful with wallets until you are close enough to scan the area. Look inside the vehicle

that begins with HTTPS:// Beware of pop-ups ads that lead you to another website o 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 infor-The Holiday Season marks a special time for families and friends to get together. But it's also a time for greater risk of fire. The celebration of the season brings with it increased usage of electric lights, deco-rations, and candles - all of which can be potential fire hazards. The Novi Fire Department would like to remind everyone of the dan-gers of the holiday season and how to keep their family safe. By following a few simple tips, you can ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

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Fox Run residents take Honor Flight

For 14 Fox Run resident veterans, Nov. 14 was all about memories-recalling their military service during World War II and the memories they will share of their whirlwind visit to Washington, D.C. as participants in Honor Flight. The day began for Bill Picotte and the others with wake-up calls at 3:18 a.m. followed by roll-call, coffee and doughouts in the campu 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 connl. "I was looking forward to visiting Washington D.C. again, and was astounded and commitment to our coun by the reception we got, the World War II Memorial, the try," she said. "Many of the guys had tears in their eves

Cemetery," said Picotle, 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 Cassabon, compunity resources coordinator at Fox Run and a U.S. Air Force veteran who accompanied the first groups of 25 Fox Run resident veterans last year. She notes it was one of the most rewarding experiences 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 the S. Marine Corps on his 18th birthday, four days after World War II began,

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during the day, especially at the World War II Memorial. Marine Corps Memorial of the men raising the flag at Iwo Juna and Arlington National It was awesome, like everything they ever did in the ives was suddenly realized. "I have an undying respect for these veterans," Cassabon added. "They are the most amazing group of people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. I have always read a lot and studied World War II but, until I started working at Fox Run. I was not around

and served his 30-month

tour of duty in the South

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 people who had actually lived trip," Cassabon said. "We have

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it. It is like a living history book every day and knowing many more resident veterans who also want to take the next them makes me appreciate, even more, everything we have in this country and why it is Honor Flights." There will be many grea stories and photos of this so great. They truly are the eatest Generatio Picotte joined the U.

Honor Flight trip to spur other Fox Run veterans to sign up. Picotte already has printed pictures he took of fellow trav-elers and the sights, though he regrets not having a picture of himself. "That's OK." he said. "I have the memories

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Santa Claus is coming to town

Community Ringing in the Holidays together

Kids can get their picture BY NATHAR MUELLER STAFE WRITER taken with Santa, and the entertainment, featur-ing the Franklin Road It's Christmas time in the

event

eraft show.

Christian Choir (7 p.m.), And for the sixth con unily Self Defense Center secutive year. Novi looks (7:20 p.m.), Performing Arts to bring the community together for an evening of Academy Dancers (7:40 p.m.) Annie Jr. preview (8 p.m.), Youth Philharmonie lights, live pusic, activities and more at its annual Ringing in the Holidays (8:20 p.m.) and the Novi Concert Band (8:40 p.m.), will be held indoors The event kicks off at Awards also will be given out for the parade: Ringing Award (most distinc-6 p.m. on Friday at Main Street with the popular Electric Light Parade, tive use of bells), Electric Light Award (most lights), Holiday Vehicle Award featuring the event's first ever grand marshal, Miss Michigan Nicole Blaszczyk, and Santa Claus. The rest of imagination and creativ ity), Holiday Music Award the evening features some-thing for everyone includ-ing the annual tree lighting (utilizes holiday music best), Mayor's Award (Mayor David Landry's personal eremony, a kid's winter favorite) and Most Unique Award (sets itself apart from others.) vonderland, food and a "The economic times are "It's all about community tewardship," said Derek

to take the family out to do Smith, recreation supervi sor for the city of Novi. "It's a fun family event that beings the community something like this with nothing out of pocket is a huge upside to this event," together a little bit." The entire event is free, Smith said. For more information with the exception of the craft show, where people can get some early shopping about the event, contact Smith at (248) 347-0474.

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Rotary club celebrating its golden anniversary

aspect and getting out with all BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER the people in the community at a very inexpensive price." Tickets for the event are To celebrate 50 years of \$50 per person, down from year's past, and includes an rotary in Novi, the Novi Rotary Club is flashing back to a 1950s theme for its annual open bar from 6:30 p.m. to end-of-the-year fundraiser. midnight and food. Raffle The event dubbed Hot Havana Night takes place at tickets also have been decreased from \$125 to \$50 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 12 at the Hotel Baronette and features a Cuban mob theme and five

and the top raffle prizes are \$5,000, a condominium any where in the world with airdifferent types of ethnic foods line youcher, a condominium from Havana. Secretary Julie Johnson said 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. For more information and to purchase tickets visit www NoviRotary.org. planning on coming back for the 50th anniversary," she said.



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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 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 organizatio: serves about the coat distribution date, and they came in drov the school. Some families came the day before during setup. The balance of the coats left afte the distribution went to PBJ Outreach and to the Clothes Close at Holy Family Church in Nov



worship experience NORTHVILLE / NOVI CHURCH EVENTS

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene Submit: Send calendar submissions Location: 21260 Hangerty Road, via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; north of Eight Mile Road by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit to Church Events/Northville-Novi, 101 dfcnazarene.org N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship Items must be received by noon on service with Praise Band, children's Monday to be included in Thursday's Sunday School and Adult Bible newspaper, Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and

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Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road is a \$15 registration fee, which Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www. crosspointemeadows or a Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all

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Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads) Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m. Sunday School and Nursery Care: Details: Group meets for lunch 10 a.m. Worship Service afterwards. ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP Contact: Sue (734) 459-0016 SINGLE PLACE MINISTRIES Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month every Thursday. Faith Community Presbyterian Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-nevi org details singleplace.org. Sunday Worship; 10 a.m. First United Methodist of First Baptist Church of Northville

Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Location: 217 N. Wing Contact: (248) 348-1020 Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and northville.org Sunday School: 9:30 a.n SUNDAY WORSHIP Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 Time: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m Details: Rev Dr. Sleve Buck Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Coffee hour at 10:15 a.m. Saturday of every month HEALING SERVICE First Baptist Church of Novievery month Family Integrated Church RADICAL JOY Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbap Thursday of every month. tistchurchofnovi.org Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. Family Worship: 11 a.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month. needed First Presbyterian Church of

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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.

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Releases, Waivers and Settlements

Settlement agreements are party? Most importantly, do you understand the ultimate ramifications - say in two or 10 essary "comfort documents" for business attorneys. They allow us to sleep at night when years - of giving up whatever it is you are forgoing? arties sign them. The purpo A prenuptial agreement is of a settlement document is it

puts to rest - forever - all of the a form of "settlement" agreement. The parties agree that ertainties of a particular lispute or claim in the event of a divorce, the There are several types of terms of this agreement will er alimony ntrol whate

will or will not be paid and agreements for whole host how the parties' property will be distributed. An employee's of different reasons; some severance agreement is a form are waivers of "settlement agreement". The employee and employer agree to provide a particular remuor minor mis naps, others are complete neration in exchange for certain blanket releas prohibitions upon the employee es for major such as the right to sue, to talk

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catastrophes about the employer, or work in the same industry for a period It is important to understand of time). An insurance settlethat upon execution any settle ment arrangement, you canment is another form of settlenot change your mind. Unless there was material fraud or nent. The parties agree that in exchange for \$X, the recipient agrees not to make any further claim against the insured for misrepresentation involved, a settlement agreement is a legally binding contract. the underlying wrongful act. If you are presented with The "comfort" is pretty obviis, right? If the agreenie ase" or a "waiver" that is binding, you know that the requires your signature, it is important to understand matter is put to bed. But, what ust what are you giving up in happens if you realize that you made a big mistake long after return? Is it your right to sue you signed the contract? Things do change over time. Maybe someone? The right to work in a particular job or geographic region? The right to discuss the your injuries were not apparent lying dispute or the other at the time you agreed not to

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It is gut check time in southeast Michigan

Gut check time' is a phrase below the personal uncertainty. It is gut check time! The sed throughout the sports and finding that shiny pearl signs of recovery will only be ing. It would be easy to give up and hope that somebody, Hometown Weeklies | Thursday, December 3, 2009 (NRNN) **Å13**

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CHURCH FROM PAGE A12

LOCAL NEWS

St. John's Episcopal Church Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road,

Plymouth Contact: (734) 453-0190 grouped into grades K-5, 6-8 and Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent Time/Date: 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 Contact: Jennifer Teed at 248/478-Details: The service, which follows a format popularized by 7272 or dre@uufarmington.org

King's College of the University of Cambridge, England, alternates Ward Evangelical Presbyterian readings from Scripture with the Church singing of songs and carols appro Location: 40000 Six Mile Road priate for the season of Advent Contact: (248) 374-7400 or (248) Members of the church's music the concert will be donated to the 50 years of age) Gleaners Community Food Bank of Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday to Southeastern Michigan. Gleaners, deepen your personal relationship which was founded in Detroit in 1977, distributes more than 28

with Christ. SINGLE PURPOSE CONNEXSIONS million pounds of food annually through its five Metro-Detroit distribution centers.

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Unitarian Universalist Church of

Location: 25301 Halstead Road. armington 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 UUCF Interfaith Journey curriculum encompasses the Unitarian Universalism philosophy of individual worth and the power of community with a study of the World Religions that are practiced Contact; (248) 374-7400



(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

study classes, volleyball, bicycling group, tennis group, support groups, support group for widowed over age 50, fellowship, friendships and more. Contact the number below for more informa-

Contact: (248) 374-5920 LEARNER'S BIBLE STUDY Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays Roon MEN'S BIBLE STUDY Time/Date: 6:30 a.m. Wednesday Sinnle Adult Ministries office SINGLE'S BIBLE STUDY

> fourth Mondays, Room C309 SPECIAL OFFERING FOR FAMILIES IN NEED Time/Date: 10 a.m. Thanksgiving

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

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OUR VIEWS

Privatizing now necessary in the education business

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

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

Of the districts six employee groups - food service, secretaries/parapros, teachers, administrators, transportation and custodial - privatization of the latter two could be approved by the board tonight, resulting in a minimum savings of \$305 per student Consideration of privatizing these two groups did not come about just because of the recent funding cuts. It was actually back in May that the district began exploring it, knowing that cuts were coming, although not anticipating any as drastic as our gov ernor 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 com-pany 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

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

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

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

mance not seniority. How well privatization works would depend on how well the district oversees these two companies. Now went the district oversees unese two companies. Education has always been and always will be a people business; 85 percent of the district's budget is spent on salary and benefits. The district has been negotiating with both the custodial and transportation groups, and serious concessions have been offered. But the biggest hurdle can be summed up in one word - retirement. The district is state mandated to pay \$16.94 for every \$100 of salary for every

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

But there are close to 100 districts in Michigan who are close to bankruptcy. So let's face it, the real problem is Lansing. Until our leadership figures out that quality education is a priority and will attract diverse businesses that will help bring this state out of the recession, the Novi district will have to keep taking drastic measures to survive Are we thrilled with the idea of custodians' pay and benefits being slashed? No. but it is one of ma decisions that will be necessary to keep Novi schools afloat. Bringing in outside companies that special-ize 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.

COMMUNITY VOICE

When are you putting up your Christmas tree?



"I did it yesterday." "It'll be up this weekend. I Maria Fallone usually wait until the week Novi after Thanksgiving."

Phil Light

"I'll do it today."

LETTERS

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Put speed limit back to 35 on Meadowbrook

I am writing to express my dissatisfac-tion with the recent decision by the City Council to change the speed limit on Meadowbrook Road between Eight Mile and 10 Mile roads back to 30 mph. During the more than 30 years I have lived in Novi, I have been aggravated by the unreason-ably low speed limit on this stretch of road. Therefore I was ecstatic when the speed limit was increased to 35 mph.

I was delighted to read in last week's Novi News that the City Council was expected to approve the increase to 35 mph. Imagine my astonishment when I checked the paper's Web site to verify this change only to discover that the council had reinstated the 30 mph limit!

Although I was not present at the council ship for them. meeting and do not know why this decision was reached, I an guessing from the recent articles in the *Novi News* that com-plaints from residents who live along this I would like the City Council members to publicly explain why they disregarded the results of the traffic study that was per stretch were a factor. According to these articles, some residents had dubbed the road "Meadowbrook Speedway" after the for med 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 increase to 35 mph; and others had com-plained that they had difficulty backing your dissatisfaction with its decision and to ask it to reconsider. out of their driveways due to the increas Yet the traffic study performed along this stretch showed that the average speed of vehicles was 35.2 mph when the speed limit was 30 mph and 38.1 mph when the limit was 35 mph. **School officials**

teaching a bad lesson I cannot believe that the entire popula-I attended the recent meeting concern-ing privatization of Novi Schools' custodial tion of Novi, as well as nonreside its passing through the city, have to be inconve nienced because 50 or so residents who live and transportation services. This com-

this proposal. School Superintendent Peter Dion presented the administration's plan to throw the janitors and bus drivers under We welcome your Letter to the Editor. the bus to save money. The responses from all but one I heard while I was present were Please include your name, address and nhone number for verification. We ask you against outsourcing these jobs to private companies [one of which is from out of letters be 400 words or less. We may edit state]. I wonder with the talk of "We are in this Submit letters via the following formats.

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

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not fully decorated yet,

but I got it up yesterday

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success of our customers.

ments made by some, responding the jobs are being offered at a similar pay rate. Blog: You may also let your opinions be heard Does anyone really believe these for-profit companies will keep any of the senior, higher-paid employees for long? If these Monday to be published in the Thursday edition ies are to provide the same services at a lower cost, making a profit is job one no doubt at a cost to the workers. The recent funding cuts by the state just add fuel to what was already being planned. Just for once I would like to see someone

lead by example, show we really are all in this together, starting at the top or with cuts for all aeross the board. After leaving, it occurred to me, since

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

them so we may have more Darlene Friedman

along this stretch think that an increase in speed of 35 mph creates a significant hardmunity meeting was an opportunity for citizens to view and give their position on

Chuck Tindall

Novi

Be a Tigger not an Eevore this season

thankful, and if you are able, go to www. COMMENTARY use.salvationarmy.org and contribute to

online at hometown/ife.com

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University in Bronx, NY.

Chinnaiyan then continued

Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann

her medical training at St.

Arbor. Where she was the

Chief Medical Resident, This

led to a fellowship in cardio-

vascular diseases at William

Beaumont Hospital, where

she currently holds her posi-

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

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

in Charge of Audit Practice for The Rehmann Group, received the Walsh College Distinguished Alumni Award. N. Patricia Kurtz of Commerce Twp., Walsh College Trustee, received the Walsh College Lifetime Service Award.

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

Patel joins Botsford Amish Patel, D.O., has joined the medical staff at Botsford Hospital. Board certified in Physical Medicine and



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

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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 Redken Exchange in New York City. Along with other stylists from around the globe, Jordan learned advanced techniques in hair design and hair color from leading experts in the salon industry, bringing you the latest in wearable, fashion hair

Ouinn recognized

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

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

He is a 1974 graduate of Detroit College of Law, was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan in 1974, the US District Court-Bastern District practice in front of the United States Supreme

Anderson & Burt

Monica Anderson and



were married Aug. 1, 2009, in St. John's Chapel. The bride is the daughter of Bruce and Denise Anderson f Novi and a graduate of Michigan State University. The groom is the son of Christopher and Theresa Burt of Brighton and an engineer graduate of Kettering University. Father David Howell officiated the ceremony. The bride's attendants were Melissa Affholter, Beth Polchowski, Sarah Affholter, Sara Dionise, Laura Burt and Veronica Burt. The groom's attendants were Ryan Burt, Matthew Gerwin, Ryan Watson, Bill Pare, Eric Renda, and Garrett Anderson A reception was held at the Inn at St. John's. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii and side in Chicago



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

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

Saint John health team, Meyer The American Hear Association announced Jean spent 15 years as the senior Meyer, RN MSN and Dr. vice president and chief nurs Kavitha Chinnaiyan, MD ing officer at Saint Vincent as the 2010 event co-chairs Hospital in Indianapolis. for the Go Red for Women Meyer focused her work on successfully collaborating w campaign. The campaign associates, physicians and premiere luncheon is slated for Feb. 24 from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. hospital leaders in creating the highest and safest quality of care. She has dedicated her at the Detroit Marriot inside the Renaissance Center. career to improving patient care through a high quality Heart disease is the number one health threat for women. This campaign aims to raise workforce, physician partner ships and effective operations. Her passion and vision is to do awareness and encourage nen to understand their what is right for patient care. health risks. The co-chairs esponsibilities include rais-Chinnaiyan is the director ng critical funds for research of advanced cardiac imagand education specifically ing education at Beaumont for women's heart health and hospital. She received her serving as local spokespersons ndergraduate degree fron at various events.

Gulbarga University in India Meyer is the president of and continued her medical Providence Park Hospital training at Albert Einstein in Novi. Prior to joining th College of Medicine of Yeshiv



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Ridge, Novi Township and they have served as the

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 Michigar Association of Municipal Attorneys, and Michigan Association of Planners, He is also an Oakland County Circuit Court appointed

mediator. of Michigan in 1974 and he was sworn in to

Court in 1978.



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Susan Roslek Grace Perry Executive Editor Director of Publisher Advertisin

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

Tom Watkins

s the holiday season begins, I reflect on this old saying: "I was complaining

control about how they react to it. In my address I used two of my favorite fronts, unemployment in excess of 15 per-cent, the state budget still in a mess, home foreclocharacters from Winnie The Pool, the ever depressed Ecyore and the manic Tigger, to drive home my point. Ecyore's attitude res becoming the norm college tuition skyrocketing, wages disintegrating and job losses rolling in like is always dark, negative and without hope - "Oh, well, I lost my tail. I guess I will a roaring tsunami while the

- On, wen, i tost my tail. I guess i v never find it,* Eevore would whine. On the other end of the spectrum, new jobs are added in teardrops, it would be easy to lose sight of all that we have to be thankful for. Tigger was bouncing all over the place with a big "whoohoo!" singing, "bounc with a big "whoohoo!" singing, "bouncy, bouncy, fun, fun fun fun fun — the most

Yet, as we look around our neighborhood, state, nation and the wonderful things about Tigger is - I'm the only one - whoohoo - I'm the only world we can reflect on the glass being half full rather than half empty. Let us choose

It is all about attitude, a can do spirit or, as my old boxing coach would remind me the half-full view. Attitude or what we think today is what "it is not how many times you get knocked down in life or boxing that counts, but we often become tomorrow. We cannot predict or often times control what will down in life or boxing that counts, but rather, how many times you get back up!" I recently was bell ringing for the happen to us — but we can control how we A recently was been ringing for the Salvation Army and was touched by the generosity of my neighbors as they reached deep to give to those in need. I was equally touched by the smiles and the good wishes eact to life as it hits us. I reflect back in a comm I gave to the graduates of Schoolcraft

munity College (our great community offered by friends and strangers that passed the red kettle (if you're feeling colleges, that give many a second chance at an affordable college education, are some-

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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 Goodfellow Fund has been making sure all children for decades can have a merry Christmas. You can beln by calling (313) 237-0034 or go to www.

letroitgoodfellows.org. Sure, there are troubles in our world, nation, state and neighborhood and fami-lies – but if we look around, think half-full Tigger thoughts and find ways to give back, we will find that there is much to be thankful and grateful for in our lives. So, this holiday season let's not only give thanks, but reach out and give to those that are less fortunate than we are. Choose to be Tigger not Eevore.

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

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



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.

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More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Novi Calendar online at www hometownlife.com. Submit: Send calendar submis sions via e-mail to ostone@ oannett.com: by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178, Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper

LOCAL EVENTS

Ladies Night Out 3rd Annual Holiday Shopping Expo/Vendor Show Time/Date: 5-9 p.m. Dec. 4 Location: 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 dwhaley1@yahoo.cor

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

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

ABWA Celebrating the Holidays Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 Dec. 9 Location: DoubleTree Hotel 42100 Crescent Blvd., Novi (southeast of 1-96 @ Novi Road) Details: ABWA Novi Oaks Charter Chapter dinner meeting with holiday decorating tips from Dinser's of Novi. Cost is \$16 per person; \$17 online through PayPal at www. abwa-novi.org.

TIME/Date: 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday

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: 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi Contact: (248) 348-5600 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.

lunch hour. Bring your lunch and and economy in Southeast Chambers at the Novi Civic Center wills, trusts, power of attorney, Michigan and we feel this event Visitors welcome. Check Web site erans, please join these monthly Date: Dec. 12-13 the library will provide a bever-The public is welcome natient advocate conservator meetings; attendance is needed to for speaker information; novirocan grow as an equestrian Details: America's favorite trave age. No registration, Discussing **Wixom Public Library** ship, communica ing train show serving more states. tary.org. The Shack by William P. Young. Location: 49015 Pontiac Trail with your family and any other several years." Prime exhibitor spaces Contact: Commander Dennis than any other show. Show fea-Create a Holiday Card LIBRARY LINES Wixom ovestions reparding estate plan Strikulis (248) 378-7841 or dstriku tures operating model railroads, Date: Wednesday, Dec. 9 are still available. For more Hours: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondayning. Call 248.347.0414 to make an lis@twmi.rr.com or Service Officer Time: 5-5:45 p.m. train dealers, collectors, hands-on nformation please visit www Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday Novi Public Library Paul Erickson (248) 344-7193 or exhibits, demonstrations, worknorthamericanhorsefest.com. Details: Don't give your friends Saturday: and 1-5 p.m. Sunday Panera Bread Library Houss pnerick@aol.com. Show times are noon-9 p.m shops, and much more; www.greand family the usual Christmas/ Time/Dates: 8:15-9:30 a.m. Contact: (248) 624-2512 or visit Location: 45245 W. Ten Mile Road Metro Novi BNI on Friday; 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. on attrainexpo.com. Chanukah/Kwanzaa cards; create wixomlibrary.org fuesdays HOURS: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-Saturday; and 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sec. them from your own imagination. Time/Date: 7-8:30 a.m. ever on Sunday. Tickets are \$10 per day for adults; \$5 per day for **Museum Adventure Pass** Details: With thanks to Panera 9 n.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 BUSINESS We'll provide the supplies and you Wednesday Details: Card holders can check for a great partnership, every p.m.; Sunday, 1 a.m.-5; p.m. provide the inspiration and hard Location: On the Border out free passes, for two to four children 6-12; and free for chil Tuesday is Panera Bread Day Nevi Chamber of Commerce (September-May) Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road dren 6 and under. For more information, please work! Grades 3-6. Registration Details: Unless noted below people, to many area museums. Enjoy bagels, rolls, bread, sweets, The Novi Chamber of Commerce (north of 8 Mile), Novi Required. cultural centers and historical coffee and conversation! No all programs take place at the is an active, progressive chamber Details: BNI is a structured contact Nancy Schoenheide Friends Board Meeting sites. See detroitadventurepass. charge. offering a variety of events, edu-Library. Phares at (248) 486-3424. Date: Wednesday, Dec. 9 networking environment for pro-Contact: (248) 349-0720 org for more information. Bingo Time/Dates: 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays cational programs, an enhanced fessionals. The Metro Novi BNI Time: 7-9 p.m. Website: www.novilibrary.org ESL Cafe Web site, and involvement with team members are committed to Details: The public is welcome Become invaluable. Sharpen your business knowledge. And get ahead Time/Date: 3:30 p.m. every HINKING ABOUT ... and Fridays local charities. Story Times: Please see the in today's economy. The new Walsh Master of Management degree. to attend the monthly Friends. providing bona fide referrals to Thursday Details: Try your luck and get Location: 41875 11 Mile Road. #201. Library website or story time broof the Novi Public Library Board 17 Q each other. Members learn how URNACE? Details: Coffee and conversation those cards filled up. 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Food drive

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

speaker will be Daniel Dubay, M.D., keychain to give as a gift or keep help. Registration required. Novi Senior Center state was 2nd Annual Girls' Night Out MISCELLANEOUS former clinical assistant professor for yourself. All the supplies home to Heritage Quest Location: 25075 Meadowbrook Book Sinning more tha at U of M Medical Center, Dubay Date: Thursday, Dec. 3 will be provided. Registration is Road, Novi **Horse Fest** National Alliance on Mental 155,000 will share the latest research on Time: 7-8:30 p.m. required. Grades 9-12 welcome. Contact: (248) 347-0414 horses, with Dec. 10 happiness and how you can use Animal Dance Party Details: This online genealogy Illness "Reflections from the Past" the largest equine population density in Oakland, Livingston LOCATION: Biggby Coffee, 43346 it to enrich your business and database combines searchable Date: Saturday, Dec. 12 Family Support Group Meeting Holiday Tea and Historic Fashion Grand River Ave Time: 11-11:30 a.m. personal life; \$20 pre-registration; Census records with a digitized and Washtenaw counties in Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second Details: Novi author Dana Corbit Details: Bring your favorite ani: Southeast Michigan. The version of the Genealogy & Local Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1 Tuesdays Novi Toastmasters Club History collection, Other content mal, dress like an animal, dance Location: Providence Hospita powerful and internation F45 Join us for a Holiday tea, light ally renowned local eques &includes Freedman bank records, like an animal. We will groove to Novi, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi refreshments and fashions Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every first trian community boasts man PERSI, Revolutionary War Era (Outpatient Center, Conference our favorite animal tunes includand third Juesday from the past. RSVP by calling national breed champion hors Pension & Bounty-Land Warrant ing Old McDonald, the Bunny Room E) 248.347.0414. Price: \$2 at the Location: Novi Civic Center, es and decorated riders, and Application Files and the U.S. Hop, and the Chicken Dance. Contact: (248) 348-7197 or namithe North American Horse Fest Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile Serial Set. Please register. Preschoolers welcome offers the chance to enjoy many metro.org calendar Road, Novi, Michigan 48375 Sing-A-Long with George and Kiddie Crafts Battle of the Books Coaches' of them in one place. Arabians Caroline Giese Details: Novi Toastmasters Quarter Horses, Appaloosas, Date: Saturday, Dec. 5 Kick-Off Meeting Time/Dates: 1:30-3 p.m. Gardeners Of Northville & Novi Club is a community-based club Morgans, Thoroughbreds, Date: Tuesday, Dec. 15 Time: 10:30-11 a.m. Meeting which is part of Toastmasters Wednesday, Dec. 9 Standardbreds, Tennesse Details: Toddlers and preschool-Time: 7-7:30 p.m. Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Monday Details: Sit back and jog your Walking Horses, ponies, dor International, Our diverse group ers will have the opportunity to Details: Team registration forms memory of those old fashioned Jan, 11 provides a mutually supportive keys and more are all reprecreate a work of art using their for Battle of the Books will be Location: Northville Art House, songs and good times! No charge. atmosphere in which all can sented at the Fest. imaginations and the supplies that available at the library's recention 215 W. Cady Street The 2009 Horse Fest is being develop and refine their public Travel Meeting we will provide. Each child must be desk beginning Monday, Dec. 1, speaking and leadership skills. Time/Dates: 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Details: Social time and garden co-produced internally by the **Rock Financial Showplace for** accompanied by an adult helper. 2009. All teams must register by lecture on "In Full Bloom:Flowers & Our members also have fun while Dec. 10 the first time. Registration is required. the Coaches-Only Kick-Off meet-Plants in Art." Guest will be Linda Details: Come see what we have building confidence in day-to-day "This is an important equine Monday Evening Book ing. At this meeting titles for this Well of the Detroit Institute of communications and mentoring to offer and broaden your horicommunity event which has a loyal following and that we Discussion year's Battle will be announced. Arts. The public is welcome. toward professional and personal zons while safely traveling in a Date: Monday, Dec. 7 Contact: gardenersnorthville a set of books for each team will excellence. Guests are welcome group! Come to our travel meeting look forward to each year" said Time: 7-8:30 p.m. Blait Bowman, owner of the Rock Financial Showplace, e distributed, and a discussion novilorg or Renee (248) 231- 2334 - and bring a friend! Visit www. to hear from the tour directions Details: Join your Novi neighbors of coaches' responsibilities will be novi freetoathost.us about all of the exciting day and in a great discussion of Finn conducted. "We've decided to become Contact: Paulette Alioa, V.P. of extended trips offered through American Legion Post 19 re directly involved with the by Jon Clinch. Please register, Library Board Meeting Public Relations at greenspace@ the Novi Senior Center. No charge Monthly Meeting North American Horse Fest as Limited to 20 participants. Date: Wednesday, Dec. 16 mi.rr.com or (248) 756-0907. Estate Planning Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. on third host and presenting organiza-tion to lend our support and Booked for Lunch Time: 7-9 p.m. Novi Rotary Club Time/Dates: 2-4 p.m. Monday Tuesdays Details: General meetings of the Date: Wednesday, Dec. 9 Dec. 14 Location: Rock Financial event production strengths Time/Date: Noon every Thursday Time: 12-1 p.m. entire Library Board are usu-Details: FREE 30 minute, no obli-Showplace, Grand River Avenue for this year and in the future Location: Novi Methodist Church. Details: Join your neighbors in a ally heid the third Wednesday of Horses are a very important pation consultations will allow you between Taft and Beck roads 41671 W. 10 Mile Road lively book discussion during your each month in the City Council element of the community to ask questions about probate, Details: Comrades and fellow yet-Great American Train Show Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting.

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



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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, Center because the

president Ron Watson and the board of directors met with are very similar. nembers of the Detroit Science Center and agreed on a plan to house the hall of fame until at will be moved into a 10,000east December 2010 This is the best of all possibilities," Watson said "It all really came together quite quickly and I was very 21st class this year, and some notable names in the hall of impressed with what they have fame include Mario Andretti, done at the Science Center. I A.J. Foyt, Richard Petty, Dale think we will be a big draw." The Motorsports Hall of Fame of America and Mus had been located at the Novi

Expo Center since 1994

decline in traffic

When the Expo Center closed in 2005, the hall of fame

remained, but saw a serious

In August, Kevin Adell.

owner of the Novi Expo Center, told Watson he would be shutting off the utilities and other pieces of motors-ports memorabilia donated to the organization. Kelly Fulford, Science and canceling the insurance Center vice president of sales and marketing, welcomed the Watson said the hall has been working diligently since motorsports exhibit, getting that news to find a "It's a new offering and very new location and he's excited exciting," Fulford said. "It all came together very quickly. We should have the display about moving into the Science Center because the missions complete sometime after Watson expected to have Thanksgiving." Beyond 2010, Fulford isn't sure of the hall of fame's a temporary exhibit in place by Dec. 1 and the hall of fame

by Dec. 1 and the hall of fame will be moved into a 10,000square-foot exhibit hall in February. The hall of fame inducted its 21st class this year, and some notable names in the hall of fame include Mario Andretti, A.J. Foyt, Richard Petty, Dale Earnhardt, Bill Muncey, menibers of NASCAR's France family and Michigan's own Henry Ford, Louis Chevrolet, Gar Kalitta and Shirley Muldowney.

Kalitta and Shirley Muldowney. The exhibit will feature photos, Indy cars, stock cars, Can-Am and Trans-Am cars, powerboats, dragsters, motorcycles



Thanksgiving outreach

Third grade students at Franklin Road Christian School on Nov. 17 served the homeless at Grace Centers of Hope, Pontiac. The students, their parents and their teacher, Johan McCready, provided all of the food for a Thanksgiving feast. They prepared a meal of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, homemade applesauce, vegetables, salads, and desserti. Each student made placemats and Thanksgiving cards for each person, and decorated the tables. The students dressed as pilgrims and Indians, to represent the attendees at the first Thanksgiving feast. When 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 (1 to r) Harrison Kjos, Enrico Beretta and Mason Loperquist. "Howed it when we went to Grare Centers of Hope," said Mason. "We peeled potatees 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 hed fun."

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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 this time because we feel strongly about the cause, and thought an event like this could have a powerfully nositive effect on us all as we head into the holidays" said Rutledge. for four hours on Nov. 7 at the Forgotten Harvest headquar-ters in Oak Park. About 20 Forgotten Harvest has a net work of more than 135 agencies in the tri-county area and volunteers came to assist with food assembly in support of relieving hunger in the Detroit provides food to these agen-cies, which include children's metropolitan community mes, emergency food pan-Making Spirits Bright is tries and homeless shelters. Dismondy and Rutledge also sold Making Spirits Bright T-Shirts to raise money for the non-profit organization cre-ated by María Dismondy of Novi and Meg Rutledge of Forgotten Harvest. "When we created Making Farmington Hills in 2008. This is their second fundraise event to date. Their inaugural Spirits Bright we hoped it would become a source of inspiration for our friends and family to get involved and event (December 2008) was a fundraiser in support of sup-plying Christmas gifts to kids make a change in the world" says Dismondy. "Seeing our who would have otherwise woke up with none. "We chose Forgotten Harvest dream come to fruition is as our volunteer beneficiary really incredible!



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Dubé aces Player of the Year honors - B3

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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 excel-lent football team in all areas.

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

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

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

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

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

ve ever had in my life." The game started in favor of ľ the Titans. A long kickoff and a 32-yard pass on the first play from scrimmage by star quar-terback 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 advantage of 17:29 to 6:31 fe itest for Stevenson.

But it would prove to be the only points of the half for the

pounded out a possession time

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Mr. Inside and Mr. Outside

Palazeti and Capatina are Shamrocks' best backfield ever

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDEN

It takes a lot for Catholic Central coach Tom Mach to outright say an aspect of his football team is simply the best he's ever coached. That comes from three

decades of coaching experience and 10 state titles. But Mach didn't hesitate when asked about the rushing capabilities of fullback Niko Palazeti and halfback Anthony Capatina this year. They're the best one-two

punch we've ever had out of the backfield," admitted Mach.

And why wouldn't he? Palazeti lit up the highlight reel starting with the first game of the season and continually put up 100-plus yards per contest until a shoulder injury sidelined him for two weeks. Capatina stepped up and started to carry that 100-yard title, rushing through and around defenders without a hint of hesitation.

When all was said and done. Palazeti finished his season with nearly 1,300 yards rush-



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

ing. Capatina? Almost 1,400. "They're incredibly talented runners," said Mach, who described Palazeti as "Mr. Inside" and Capatina as "Mr. Outside" because of their dif-

fering 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

Table prover to be quite the bruiser this year, plowing through just about anyone who tried to get in his way. "Capating has a nose for holes, and he makes yards for himself," Mach said. "He has the ability to get round a Palazeti disagreed. From his point of view, Capatina's job is much harder. 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 sea-son. His 189 yards in the state championship game were an exclamation point added to the end of an outstanding season. The respect the two running backs have earned from their coach, their teammates and their opponents is one they share between each other as well. "For me it's pretty easy because Niko does all the dirty work," said Capatina. "When they get sucked inside, I can just go right outside. It makes my job a lot easier."

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

And he helps me." Heading into this season, Mach made no qualms about running the same style of tough-nose football he has 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 foot-ball," he said. "They can take their spreads (offenses) and do whatever they want. We have to be able to do what we have to do in our concepts."

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

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

PHOTO BY SID SMITH

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

PHOTO BY SID SMIT Jukes and speed kepi

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.



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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

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

Mach took over the Shamrocks program in 1976. Back then, a state championship wasn't even a blip on his radar. He was in his 20s, hoping to keep his job at the helm of the program by putting up a few wins. It wasn't a bad year in 1976. The team went 7-1, though no playoff berth. In 1977, the Shamrocks were

5-3. In 1978, they went 7-2. And then, in 1979, an unde-

feated regular season pushed the Shamrocks into the play-offs. They were the real deal, too, earning five shutouts throughout the first nine games of the season, includ-ing one against DeLaSalle. In the playoffs, the Shamrocks toppled Dearborn Fordson, 26-8, before beating Hazel Park, 13-0.

Then came the state championship. Escanaba, a powerhouse in Class A football at the time with a state championship that came in 1981, has earned its way to the final game. Mach and his coaching staff did what they knew best: they ran the football and relied on the stingy defense of the 1979 squad. The end result? A convincing 32-7 victory over the Eskymos. Mach remembers it well. The excitement. The adrenaline.

The team that brought him his first ring. The names flow from

his mind as though he still coached them. Aaron Roberts and Mike Lewis were just two that he mentioned. That year's team had the

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

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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-

ding continued This time Capatina toted the ball five times with Palazeti carrying four times and finishing it off with a one vard 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 goa 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



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.



PHOTO BY CHARLIE NEME

thony Seling and Scott Byrne converge on Stevenson punter Michael Puzzugi



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



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Dubé aces Player of the Year honors

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BY JEFF THEISEN earned the regional title and All-Catholic honors. SPORTS WRITER "Eric was dominant all sea-After winning the State son long," said Stafford. "He nship as a freshman really improved his skills from at No. 2 singles, CC's Joe Dubé last season. He is so mentally has had only two losses in two tough. He never quits and years, both coming in the State never shows any negative emotion and always gives a 100-percent effort." Finals at No. 1. His 59-2 record and a second-consecutive runner-up Melvin Joseph, Northville finish at the State Finals earned Dubé All-Area Tennis The Mustang senior held Player of the Year honors. his own against some of the "Joe's accomplishments have best talent in the state. He been nothing short of outnished runner-up at the KLAA Conference meet and at

standing the past three years, regionals. He earned a win at said head coach Joe Stafford. "But what is more impressiv the State Finals and finished is the way he has done it. He is 19-11. Ten of his I1 losses cam to players who reached at least the semifinals at States. a really humble person and he onducts himself with maturity beyond his years. Joe always "Melvin is an amazingly keeps his cool on the tennis hard worker on and off the court and he is a great example tennis court," said head coach Matt Stetson. "He fights hard of how to play the game the for every point within every match, and his hard work and The Shamrock junior earned his third-straight league title, determination has made him third-straight regional title and earned All-Catholic for one of the top players in the state. He will play tennis at the third-consecutive year. Wayne State next year. "He's an all-court player." Tim Wasielewski, Northville said Stafford. "He always hits Next in the singles order for the right shot at the right time You don't get any free shots Northville was Wasielewski, a senior. He finished 23-6, with against him. "He can get you down and three of those losses coming to keep you down." Not only does Dubé win the eventual State Champ Wasielewski was the regional consistently, but he does so in champion and went all the

lominating fashion. Among way to the semifinals at State before losing 7-5 in the third is wins this season, he won 26 sets 6-0. "Tim is an incredible "He always plays at a high level," said Stafford. "It's really fighter," said Stetson. "He had tremendous. He's able to stay surgery in July that kept him relaxed in big points. "It's been great for CC to out of tennis all summer and then he fought back to be one have him as part of the team. of the top players in the state. He has incredible tenacity to FIRST TEAM fight through the pain early on With such loaded teams in the season and even fight

from the area, making the All-Area First Team is comparable through cramps in the final match of his career at the State to a Dream Team from around tournament." Kevin Renehan, South Lyon East Eric Gulndi, CC The East sophomore had The Shamrocks sophomor quite a season for the Cougars. He finished 22-2, earning a capped off a 30-1 season with

a State Championship at No. KLAA Conference title along the way. His only losses were 4 singles. Along the way, he 10.00 . .



ALL-AREA TENNIS Player of the Year

. . loe Duhé CC iunior First Team singles Eric Guindl, CC sophomore Melvin Joseph, Northville senior Tim Wasielewski, Northville senior Kevin Renehan, East sophomore

Nathan Farood and Gree Richard, Novi Kyle McGuire and Jason Carless, Novi Vishnu Venugopal and Chaitanya Kanitkar, Novi Nick Petrucci and Robbie Guindi, CC

Steve Irvine, Northville Peter Zhang, Novi Carson Crandell, Novi Kevin Hodges, CC Bill Bell and Andrew Cho, Novi-Evan Gatz and Anthony Rossi, Northville Brandon Kosinski and Zach Wisniewski, CC Patrick Bowers and Ryan DeLacy, CC

Honorable Mention Novi - Pavan Rao, Alex Brizard, Ani Ravi and Zhao Wang.

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

to Joseph from Northville and to the No. 1 seed at the regional tournament. He avenged the loss to Joseph in the conference finals. He took first place in three of the four tournaments the Cougars played in. "Kevin is a very talented tennis player," said coach Matt Admiraal. "He has teams. really learned how to construct doubles team in the state this points this year and plays smart tennis. He is not only a very good tennis player, but he is also a great team member, a very hard worker, a great student and he has a great the season, and just may be the

Novi

Novi featured a pair of juniors -*14*-

Novi



Second Team



who compiled a 27-3 record. Farooq and Richard collected a KLAA 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 "Nathan Farooq and Greg Richard were one of the best year, and they came within points of winning a State Championship," said head coach Jim Hanson. "They had many outstanding wins during

Attitude." hest doubles team to ever play Nathan Farooq and Greg Richard, at Novi High School." Kyle McGuire and Jason Carless,

The No. 1 doubles team for The No. 2 doubles team fea- and fell in the quarterfinals



Novi senior Venugopal and junior Kanitkar were the third doubles team to make a run quarterfinals at the State inals and earned All-Catholic honors to the semifinals at the State Bill Bell and Andrew Cho, Nov Finals. They compiled a 28-3 The No. 4 doubles team for record at No. 3 doubles; earning titles in a pair of tourna-ments during the season, a KLAA title and a runner-up Novi went 24-7. The sophomore duo won titles at two regular season tournaments, regional finish. "Their 28 wins exemplified won the KLAA Conference title and finished runner a just how dominate this duo was regionals before reaching the at this flight "said Hanson semis at the State Finals.

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Two of the three losses were to Evan Gatz and Anthony Rossi, the State Champions from Ann Northville Arbor Huron The No. 1 doubles team for the Mustangs finished 17-11. Nick Petrucci and Robbie Guindi,

They finished runner-up at the KLAA Conference meet and at 30-2 season that ended with a regionals. Brandon Kosinski and Zach

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The Novi senior went 15-13

at No. 2 singles. He collected

a title at the Rochester Invite

Wisniewski, CC The juniors earned a 20-9

chemistry on the court and record at No. 2 doubles for the Shamrocks. The two were vorked together to have a really successful season," said regional and Catholic League finalists as well at reaching Stafford, "Nick and Robbie were State Finalists, regional champions and Catholic the quarterfinals at the State League champions this year." Fins

Patrick Bowers and Ryan DeLacy, ĊC

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The seniors compiled a 27-5 The Mustang senior racked record at No. 4 singles. The up a 26-4 record at No. 3 regional champions made a singles. He was the conference run to the semifinals at the State Finals.

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champion and runner-up at regionals. He was the No. 3 seed at the state tournament



tured a senior in McGuire and a freshman in Carless. The duo combined for a 24-6 record

and a run to the semifinals t the State Finals. The two

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The seniors put together a

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"Nick and Robbie have grea

Finals for No. 3 doubles

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Steve Invine, Northville

First Team doubles

Four plays later. Palazeti scored from the one for a com manding 21-3 halftime lead. "We were really tired of

within one score. Fracassa hearing about how CC was also hit Marcus Beaurem for over and CC was soft now that the two-point conversion to they made the move to Novi." trail 21-14 But the Shamrocks got aid Palazeti. "We came out things rolling again with their here and wanted to prove that third 12-play drive for a score. The key play of the drive came with CC facing a fourthwe're a physically dominating team. Even though we might not have as much athletic abil ity as other teams, we can still and-one from its own 30. Quarterback Sam Landry by sheer brute force." ck the ball for two yards nson made its best run Ste for the first. "He talked me into it, so I'll let him tell you about it," in the third quarter, holding the CC offense off the score-A 20-vard field roal by said Mach at the post-game David Brown and a 75-yard pass from Fracassa to D.J. ard interview. "That was a key, key play." "I just talked to (Jeff)

Mershman pulled the Titans

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mode. They had the driv racy had the belief.

Defensive end Brandon Tammaro tracks down Stevenson guarterback Jason Fracassa

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Sherman, our center, and just got it, I just made a play on the ball. "Either one of us could have said, 'We can get it can't we?' He said, 'Yeah, of course," said "They're a really good offense. We had to play really Landry, "I told coach Mach and he trusted us, and we got hard and we did, and I think we played really well." The ensuing drive resulted Seven plays later. Capatina followed a Palazeti block on the edge for a nine-yard score in a 35-yard field goal by and a 28-14 lead. stino for a 31-14 lead with 6:55 remaining. On the next play from scrimmage for Stevenson, Fracassa led his team defensive back Andrew on one more scoring drive by connecting with Justice Wright on a three-yard pass Nelson stepped on front of a receiver on a deep ball for an with 4:19 remaining interception. Fracassa stared down the he was picked off by Mike Kinville with 10 seconds receiver so I just made a play on the ball, said Nelson. naining to end the game.

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Catholic Central's Butch Herzoo motors through a hole

PHOTO BY CHARLIE NEME

2003.

The 21 points was the lowest this one in particular, since we're experiencing it now, is a great, great feeling," said Mach. "You hate to pick out scoring output by Stevenson for the year. "CC is a very good team," Stevenson head coach Rick Bye said. "Their secondary one over the other because all those other guys on the other was faster than we thought ndous job to teams did a tr

get their State Championship "No excuses, they beat us." Fracassa finished 15 for 34 with 293 yards, two touch-"Every one of our coaches downs and two intercention mentioned the fact that they entioned the fact that they The win earns Mach his 10th State Championship at CC. It was also the first title coaching these guys. They were very unselfish young ving to the sc men." campus to Novi and first since

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Section 2 Sector same characteristics," Mach Mach, since the first day of ences between 1979 and now. 1979. Here it is, 30 years later. the 2009 season, preached tradition to anyone who asked him about his squad. They Mach knows what keeps the Shamrocks advancing to the and we have leaders keeping everyone focused on the goal. said. 'Another very similar characteristic is that this 30 years. team, like that team, got along very well. They believed in playoffs, and what keeps them You can have all the talent you want, but the leadership is looked to the past to determine what their future could be. ning state chamr other. It was more than "It's the leadership," he said what matters most." No matter the differa fill Yan's team had all the — Just a team, it was a family.". alt's the same as it was in And with Tom Mach at the Record and Novi News,

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

Nearly every win the Eagles

had this season was a result of

Lang's steady goalkeeping, as the junior provided nine shut-

outs for the Lakeland squad,

In his first varsity season

Morris made an immediate

impact, tallying seven goals

and four assists to lead the

Lions this fall. He had a two

All-State netminder Sasha

Miskovic in a 3-2 upset that

inevitably cost the Rocks the

division title. He also earned

A second-year captain for

All-District honors

goals against Plymouth Salem's

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

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

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

"Josh is a great attacking player with the ability to go to zoal from anywhere on the field He was out top finisher and our top point man this year," coach Joe Nora said,

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

FIRST TEAM Tom Duquette, Novi

A senior goalkeeper, Duquett led the Wildcats by posting 11 shutouts and a 0.55 mals gainst average in 20 gan between the posts. His performance carned him second-tear All-State honors and got Novi to the state quarterfinals before losing 1-0 to eventual Division ions Birmingham

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

Giovanni Sturia, CC

chool career.

our team MVP."

Sean Deters, Lakeland

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to ache at the end of the day.

William Schwartz, Lakeland Schwartz was the tip of the Engles' claws this fall, dism tling the competition for 17 goal and four assists to tie Lake and's single-season scoring record. He carned All-State, All-Region, All-District and All-Conference Shamrocks.

"Great offensive player, can score right or left footed, dan gerous inside the 18 and able to get shots off with defenders hanging all over him," coach Mark Janssen said ssen said.

Curt Green, South Lyon

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



Jon Bauer, Novi contributed one goal and eight assists this fall, combing for four As Novi's captain, Bauer was an All-State honorable mentior goals and 18 assists in his high as a midfielder for the Wildcats, "He is a threat to score even often matching up with the sitions best playmaker as a defender, along with run-ning the defense," coach Tracie while contributing to both his team's offense and defense. Senter said. "He will be playing in college next year and plays club for the Derby Count "He was the heart and soul of our team. Was a tircless player Wolves, He is first-team KLAA that could run and play physifirst-team All-District, first cal for the entire 80 m His fitness level and work ethic team academic All-State and were like no other player I have ever coach at Novi and he was an outstanding captain," coach Brian O'Leary said. Keeping his opponents on their toos, Sturla barned the

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

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

Brandon Cameron, Northville

An All-District and All-A captain for the Mustangs, Cameron was the defensive cen-Conference sweeper for the Eagles, Deters had been a force terpiece for the KLAA Central for Lakeland's varsity defense Division champions, who allowed 28 goals on the season "Very smart player on the while holding opponents scorefield. Great field presence and vision," coach Mark Janssen less in 10 games. "Definitely our tower of

power in the back," coach Henry Klimes said. "Heart and soul of the defense, back there with some young guys wrapped around him. One of our most consistent players."



Alashe Fatai, Northville With All-District and All-Conference honors under his belt, Fataí was second or Northville's squad in each offen sive statistic, scoring 10 goals as a conter midfielder this season. "Just a tremendous midfield player, great vision," coach Henry Klimes said. "Most of our big wins, he had something to do with. He's one of the bes players in the state. David Wuesten, South Lyon East

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

from Germany that played in every game. He demonstrated outstanding ball skills and the ability to change his style of pla to help the team." said coach John Delplace. "His attitude towards the game, his team and opponents was an excellent example of good sportsman-

Brian Herron, Novi With none of Novi's starting defenders returning from 2008 Herron was counted on to keep the Wildcats' opposition from getting open looks on the net and keeping the ball out of the midd}e "He was a great defender that is fantastic at winning

battles in the corners from his left defense position coach Brian O'Leary said. "He missed the last two games of the regular season and we lost tailed the team and used his speed to regularly mix with the

Novi icers still undefeated through Thanksgiving weekend

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BY CHRIS JACKETT ON TAP The Wildcats now face last year's Following an 8-5 victory vs. **KLAA Kensington Conference** nksgiving Eve champion, Northville, 6 p.m. Novi's ice hockey tea ı disman tomorrow and currently unde feated Livonia Stevenson 6:30 p.m.

front of the net that hit the goal Kraig Andrews carried the puck in off a faceoff win on the left side keeper in the right shoulder before falling into the net. Novi had outand put one past the Wildcats' per, Michael shot Farmington 7-0 in the past dorfer, with a wrist shot to seven minutes and took a 6-1 lead narrow Novi's lead to 4-1 with into the second intermis 6:43 remaining in the period. Farmington had two other solid With a comfortable lead, the

Maxwell jumps to top of All-Area volleyball team

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

and serve receive percentage. Kelly Maise was our lead contrib

utor to earn every victory we had

this year." coach Amanda Yaklin

said. "She was our primary serve

receive passer in all six patterns,

and All-Region. She has a strong

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

As the Lions' all-purpose set-

with 601 assists. At 6-feet, Kalik

while getting low for 198 digs and perfecting her serve with 46 aces.

"We run a 5-1 with Alicia set-

This outside hitter not only led

her team in spirit, but by example

natch to earn 330 kills, 175 digs

69 blocks and 48 aces en route to

All-Region and All-Conference

Fields led the Mavericks in

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

With 602 digs, Allward was

the defining vision of a libero

for the Mavericks. She was also

effective offensively, serving up

Court movement is importa

for any team and this setter kep

the ball alive for the Lions, mal

the season while adding 163 kills

As a setter, Zinkosky led her

team with 453 assists and was

third in serving aces with 40

heading into the district match

ing 331 passes and 246 digs

Rachel Zinkosky, Northville

at the net.

against Novi.

Rose Deren, Lakeland

with one steal each.

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eral areas as a middle blocker

as well, contributing in every

ting all the way around. Not only is she an excellent setter, but she

is a great blocker and a strong defensive player," coach Renee

also had 51 kills and 66 blocks.

impossible to replace."

Alicia Kalik, South Lyon

er, Kalik set her te

Dutcher said

SECOND TEAM

Allison Hoomaian, Novi

Ashley Fields, Milford

Adrien Altward, Milford

41 aces on the season.

Lyndsay Tyler, South Lyon

CORRESPONDENT ALL-AREA VOLLEYBALL

All-State

FIRST TEAM

Maggie Hannon, Lakeland

Conference honors.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR The centerpiece of the Eagles Lauren Maxwell, Lakeland senjo successful season, Lakeland senior Lauren Maxwell earned FIRST TEAM various individual tournament honors throughout the season, Maggie Hannon, Lakeland junior as well as All-Region, All-Erica Robb, Novi junior Conference and a nomination for Ciara Schultz, Lakeland sopho

As a setter, Maxwell served up Laura Subject, Novi junior her teammates for 1,199 assists Kelly Maise, Northville senior while earning 164 kills and 90 aces of her own. Defensively, she Alicia Kalik, South Lyon junior also made 414 digs in leading the Eagles to a 40-12-3 record SECOND TEAM KLAA Association champion-Allison Hoomaian. Novi senior ship and district title.

Ashley Fields, Millord senior "She is one of the best players Adrien Allward, Milford senior in the state. She runs our offense Lyndsay Tyler, South Lyon junior smoothly, distributes the ball to all of our attackers and makes Rachel Zinkosky, Northville junior Rose Deren, Lakeland junior them successful," coach Jen Nighswander said, "She make a bad pass a good one and also contributes with her effective HONORABLE MENTION

Northville - Sr. Christy Mueller, jump serving and her attacking abilities." Fr. Rebecca Martin Novi - So, Katie Enright, Sr. Christine Mech

South Lyon - Sr. Alexandria McNeill, Jr. Raele Buddenborg Although the competition based their defense on this 6-South Lyon East - So. Devyn Flack

foot, 2-inch middle blocker, Hannon still had a 48.4 kill per centage, which earned her 383 set, but we didn't need her to do so this year." coach Jen kills on the season. Her height also contributed to 89 blocks a Nighswander said. "She played she earned All-Region and Allall the way around for us, including serve receive and has a very "Maggie was the most effieffective jump serve. She is a lefty, so is hard to defend coming cient attacker in the area this year. With her height, she was from the right side of the court extremely hard to defend." coach and also is always matched ut

with the other team's best attack Jen Nighswander said. "She was the go-to player no matter the siter for blocking responsibilities. She was key to our success this ion we were in. If we needed a point, we got her the ball. Teams seasor would defend us based on her and this would create opportuni-Laura Subject, Novi

ties for our other attackers.

Any time Novi was looking for a point, the Wildcats got the ball to Subject, who was able to set up Erica Robb, Novi As an outside bitter, Robb her teammates for kills without tipping off the opposing defense. Although this All-Region/ was a statistical leader in most categories for the Wildcats. With 482 receptions, 362 kills, 311 Conference setter/libero amassed digs, 82 blocks and 60 aces, this All-Region and All-Conference 717 assists on the season despite missing 20 games with a severely sprained ankle, Subject also led junior was a force behind Novi's access regardless of where she the team with 89 aces while con tributing 201 digs. was on the court. "Laura is a tremendous athlete "Erica has been a solid force for us in all areas of the game," coach Julie Fisette said. "She is a that doesn't doubt her abilities or her teammates," coach Julie great hitter, server and defensive player. She is a great athlete and Fisette said. "She is an extremely hard worker and is very dedicat ed to the sport and her team. She a pleasure to coach." was a huge attribute to the team and fun to be around.

Ciara Schultz, Lakeland A right-side attacker. Schultz Kelly Maise, Northville was a key player in the Eagles'

Maise led the Mustangs in Association title both offen and defensively. The sophomore nearly every statistical category a year after setting the school had 417 digs, 249 kills and 73 record with 484 kills. Prior to aces in earning All-Region and All-Conference honors "Ciara is a phenomenal allaround player. She can also

lig skills, Deren prov districts, this outside hitter had 322 kills, 299 digs and 88 aces, leading the team in all three cat

SPORTS BRIEF

lowed by Ryan Moore, nine; Joey Haddad, eight; with Ryan Seventh grade hoop wins The Novi Middle School sev-Kobakof, Ian Hanley, Nick enth grade white team traveled Meadors, and Tomoki Ota contributing to the score. Nick to Wayne/Westland Franklin resulting in a 35-26 victory on Meadors and Tomoki Ota led the team in rebounds with five each; Joey Haddad, Andy Nov. 23. For the first game the boys Wilchynski following with showed great team work. Rohit Mogalayapelli led the our each; Jared Engebretson team in points with 10, fol-Rohit Mogalayapelli each with



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Doug McGinn, Novi senior Kale Howell, Milford Ben Lang, Lakeland junior Dan Morris, South Lyon junior the Mayericks. Howell led the Kale Howell, Milford senior team in scoring and proved to Wes Harding, CC senior be the best player on the team Brandon Hess, CC senior in the eyes of his coach. John Nick Peper, Northville Junio Murnahan Chase Jabbori, Novi sophomore

Kaito II, Novi senior

CC - Sr. Cole Borland

Milford - Jr. Devon Rusas, Jr

Northville - Jr. D Dan Yutzy

South Lyon East - Sr. D Matt

Sr. D Brian McElroy

teams top forward."

Joey Zywoil, Northville

pion Northville team.

Jordan Selva, South Lyon

SECOND TEAM

Novi - Sr. Nick Bowser, Sr. Chris

McGlinnen, Sr. D Nick Mancuso,

both. But when he came back,

we made a long run in state

tournament. I would always

match him up on the other

Third on the Mustangs' squad

in goals with five, Zywoil also

for the Central Division-cham-

had eight assists as a midfielder

With speed and muscle, Selva

had three goals and four assists

for the Lions this season. He

is one of South Lyon's all-time

leading point earners with 38 (14 goals, 24 assists). A three-

A constant threat in the

Wildcats' offense, McGinn cap-

tained the team and used his

Doug McGinn, Novi

year starter and forward. Selva

was also on the All-KLAA team.

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ALL-AREA SOCCER

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

FIRST TEAM

Tom Duquette, Novi senior

William Schwartz, Lakeland

Josh Gatt, CC senior

Wes Harding, CC

Harding was a leader for the Shamrocks, backing the team in a competitive Catholic League Lakeland - Sr. Matt Salcicciol with five shutouts and a 0.94 Sr. Sean Carrigan, Sr. Naveed goals against average. Brandon Hess, CC Devon Newell, So. Dylan Polcyn, Using his speed, passing skills

and one-on-one abilities. Hess

helped orchestrate CC's offen-

sive success throughout the sea-

son, earning three goals and five

for the Shamrocks opponents

alongside Gatt and Sturla

Nick Peper, Northville

pion Mustangs.

Chase Jabbori, Nov

sts to create a trio of terror

Earning All-Conference hon-

ors, Peper played tremendous

defense for the division-cham-

Coming off a 12-goal fresh-

marked man most of the season

as teams double- and triple-

teamed him. He continued to

break free of opposing defenders

with his quickness and ballhan

dling, continuing to be an offen

Ii created offensive options

for himself and his teammates

midfielder for the Wildcats, His

to be in the position to keep the

steady work ethic allowed him

Wildcats in games where his

teams formation would break

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former Novi News staff writer

throughout the season as a

sive power for the Wildcats.

Kaito II, Novi

down.

n campaign, Jabbori was a

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tled Farmington High's team 8-2 Saturday in Farmington Hills. The Wildcats (4-0-0) got the Wednesday, both at Novi Ice Arena. scoring started 3:35 into the game when junior Matt Stemkoski hit

hielded the puck from a lone

it's not where we need to be to

shot rave Novi a 2-0 lead.

many opportunities."

Tyler Perpich with a pass up play time. the left side with nothing but open ice in front of him. Perpich took it After a tripping penalty was alled on Farmington senior called on Farmington senior Mitch Hall, the Wildcats took just up the side and crossed it through the middle to junior Joey Ferriss. four seconds to score as Ferriss who buried it in the net from the and Valleau assisted on a goal by back post to give Novi a lead they Perpich, crossing the puck from the left faceoff dot to the back would never give up. Just 1:23 later, a faceoff win in the defensive end saw junior Nolan Valleau flick the puck over right post. After a slashing penalty on Falcons junior Nick Elliott at the raicons junior Nick Elliott at the 8:55 mark, Perpich took the puck in alone, weaved through a pair of defenders and shielded the puck as he backhanded one between several players to senior Brandon Juodikis, who was streaking up ice left of the center circle and

ward It was nearly nine minutes the legs of Farmington netminde der as a quick wrist into the second period before either team netted another goal, Zach Lietz. Ferriss assisted on the enner team netted another goal, but a possession-pending pen-alty on Farmington gave Novi a temporary six-on-five, allowing Stemkoski to streak up ice and great the pendit to Bureak up ice and We're getting good results, but play, which gave Novi a 4-0 lead. "We had a couple power play goals. We move well and move the he a state championship team." goas, we nove wen and more the puck well. All four of our forward lines more well, "Krygier said. "I'm extremely proud of Tyler, as I am of a lot of our guys. He's one of our hardest workers, our best players. coach Todd Krygjer said. 'In our defensive zone, we're giving up too cross the puck to Perpich, who was cras Farmington toughened their defense up by making several hard mid-ice hits on the Wildcats, I'm happy with how he's devel-oped. He's a pleasure to coach." A roughing penalty on senior hard mid-ice nits on the white ass but drew two penalties in the next five minutes, leading to two Novi power play goals that used up only a combined 31 seconds of

a slap shot and sent a hard pass to senior Nolan Anderson behind defenseman Alex Cova 43 second: the goal line, who set sophomore up only a combined 31 seconds of Later allowed Farmington to avoid the allotted four minutes of power being shut out at home, as senior Curus Herzog up for a goal in

opportunities in the period where to allow sophomore Spence big plays by Wildcat defenders Peterson to get some experience pt Pesendorfer from having in net.

to make a pair of saves. Falcons In a third period laden with junior Kyle Rea got a breakawa up the right side, but some hus penalties, the Wildcats continued to prevail. Senior Tyler Manning back skating by Valleau led to redirected a slap shot by senior a diving block attempt where Valleau threw his stick in front of Andrew Cmoluch at the left post and over the goalkeeper for a 7-1 Rea, drawing a penalty but abollead.

Vildcats pulled Pes

ishing the scoring opportunity. Junior Alex Schmitt then had a After senior Evan Dixon, Perpich and Farmington's Matt Gutknecht were all thrown in the clear shot up the middle during the Farmington power play, but Cova dove in front of the puck for box a minute later for roughing, Farmington got their only goal on Peterson when junior Ethan a block, hobbling off the ice after-Baker's power play shot from the left side hit Peterson in the shoul der, landed behind him and rolled into the net. Assisted by Ethan Range and Hall, Novi then led 7-2

with 7:22 remain Just two seconds after a Novi power play expired, Valleau hit Stemkoski with a pass along the left boards. Stemkoski was leving toward the left side of the net and tipped the pack over eled along the left goal line as he the goalkeeper for a hat trick and 5-1 Novi lead. crossed the puck to Ferris, who knocked it home from the back Four minutes later, Ferris faked post for the Wilocats final goal in the 8-2 win.

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Fri 01/22/10 @ Churchill High School 6 p.m. Wed 01/27/10 Franklin High School 6 p.m. Fri 01/29/10 Salem High School 6 p.m. Sat 01/30/10 @ Plymouth High School 2:30 p.m. Wed 02/03/10 @ Canton High School 6 p.m. Fri 02/05/10 Roosevelt High School 6 p.m. Mon 02/08/10 @ Novi High School 6:30 p.m. Thu 02/11/10 @ Showcase Invite TBA Fri 02/12/10 @ Showcase Invite TBA Sat 02/13/10 @ Showcase Invite TRA Tue 02/23/10 @ KLAA Crossover TBA Thu 02/25/10 @ KLAA Crossover TBA Tue 03/02/10 @ MHSAA Regionals TBA Thu 03/04/10 @ MHSAA Regionals TBA Sat 03/06/10 MHSAA Regionals 3 p.m. Boys swimming and diving Thu 12/10/09 Brother Rice High School 6:30 p.m. Thu 12/17/09 @ Churchill High School 6:30 p.m. The 01/07/10 Stevenson High School 6:30 p.m. Sat 01/09/10 @ Salem High School noon Thu 01/14/10 @ Salem High School 6:30 p.m. Sat 01/16/10 Northville Quad noon Thu 01/21/10 Novi High School 6:30 p.m. Tue 01/26/10 Canton High School 6:30 p.m. Thu 02/04/10 South Lyon East H.S. 6:30 p.m. Thu 02/11/10 @ Brighton High School 6 p.m. Fri 02/12/10 @ MISCA Meet TBA Sat 02/13/10 @ MISCA Meet TBA Fri 02/19/10@ Division Diving TBA Sat 02/20/10 @ Division Meet TBA Fri 02/26/10 @ Conference Meet TBA Sat 02/27/10 @ Conference Meet TBA Thu 03/04/10 Last Chance Meel 6:30 p.m. Tue 03/09/10 @ MHSAA Regional Diving TBA Fri 03/12/10 @ MHSAA Stale Finals TBA Sal 03/13/10 @ MHSAA State Finals TBA Wresting Wed 12/02/09 @ Catholic Central High School 2 p.m. Sat 12/05/09 @ Grand Blanc High School 9:30 a.m. Wed 12/09/09 @ Catholic Central High School 5:30 p.m Sat 12/12/09 Northville Invitational 9 a.m. Wed 12/16/09 Quad Meet 5:30 p.m. Sat 12/19/09 @ Franklin High School 9 a.m. Wed 01/06/10 @ Ouad at Franklin 5:30 p.m. Sat 01/09/10 @ Adams High School 9 a.m. Sat 01/09/10 @ Rochester Adams (Invitational) 9 a.m. Wed 01/13/10 Quad Meet 5:30 p.m. Sat 01/16/10 @ Stevenson High School 9 a.m. Wed 01/20/10 @ -Quad 5:30 p.m. Sat 01/23/10 @ Dexter High School 8 a.m. Sat 01/23/10 @ Wayne County Championships 9:30 a.m. Wed 01/27/10 @ Quad at South Lyon 5:30 p.m. Sat 01/30/10 @ Dakola High School 9 a.m. Ned 02/03/10 @ KLAA Association Quad 5:30 p.m Sat 02/06/10 @ KLAA Association Championships TBA Ned 02/10/10 @ MHSAA Team Districts TBA Sal 02/13/10 @ MHSAA Districts TBA Sat 02/20/10 @ MHSAA Regionals TB/ Thu 03/04/10 @ MHSAA Slate Finals TBA Fri 03/05/10 @ MHSAA State Finals TBA Sat 03/06/10 @ MHSAA State Finals TBA Basketball All games at 7:30 p.m. Tues 12/08/2009 Thurston ri 12/18/2009 Old Redford Academy Tues 12/22/2009 @ Divine Child Tues 01/05/2010 Loyola Fri 01/08/2010 @ University of Detroi Fri 01/15/2010 Brother Rice Tues 01/19/2010 @ Taylor Kennedy Fri 01/22/2010 @ DeLaSalle Tues 01/26/2010 Orchard Lake St. Marv's ue 02/02/2010 University of Detroit Fri 02/05/2010 @ Brother Rice Tues 02/09/2010 Melvindale Fri 02/12/2010 DeLaSalle Tues 02/16/2010 @ Orchard Lake St. Mary's Fri 02/19/2010 CHSL Sat 02/20/2010 CHSL Tues 02/23/2010 CHSL

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costs were approximately \$100K. The store is expected future of the lakes area and the Mattress Mountain opens State of Michigan. We view the two new stores to open sometime in early Community Conversation as Earl Eiben, CEO of Mattress mber 2009 an important contribution to our community and it fulfills Better Health Market also Mountain, announced the grand Opening of two new stores in Fairlane Town Center announced the expansion of its Plymouth location at 44427 our mission and purpose. We strongly encourage your partic-ipation in this important his-toric effort," said Bob McGee, Ann Arbor Road to 7,200 Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. "We are delighted with the square feet. The expanded LACC president-elect. opportunity that the Mall ownation will feature more p Have your say on what you duce, meats, deli meats, fresh ers have provided our customers. We can offer great prod-ucts at even greater savings in and frozen foods, everyday feel matters most for Michigan groceries, beauty and cleaning and the lakes area comm three of the largest shopping malls in Michigan," Earl Eiben said. "We know it's ambitious products, and beer and wine. ties' future. These professionally facili-The store is expected to open sometime in early Decembe tated dialogues solicit resi-dent's ideas and opinions on but it really is a great time to 2009 and more employees may be hired by year's end. "We expect both locations to strategies and action steps to move the state forward. To date over 4,000 people - from top business leaders to Shoppers have a large selecdo quite well and are excited to tion of the new Stearns & open both of them," says Tedd ster and Sealy Posturepedic veryday citizens - have partic lelsman, owner of Better collections. All styles and sizes ipated in the MDM campaign. Health Markets. "More people are in stock and ready for are becoming aware of the ben-efits of eating natural organic Forums like these are part ediate delivery. For the of the Center's "Michigan's Defining Moment Public grand opening, the stores are offering 20-percent discounts foods and as a result, we are seeing increased foot traffic. s free pillows, bed frames Engagement Campaign." ("MDM.") Launched by more Our goal is to be able to expand and mattress pads. Coupons than a hundred statewide b are available online at the comother locations to carry more products that our customers ness, community and political pany's website. leaders in 2007 and funded by Mattress Mountain carries are requesting. two dozen Michigan corporaseveral other premium bedding Lakes chamber hosting tions and found too, such as Restonic, Wolf Mattresses and Community Conversation The Mega Office Party Futon Mattresses and a large selection of futons and related comes to Rock The Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Center for Michigan, This holiday season brings Signature leases 4,704 inprecedented commuis convening a community co nity challenges as well as sq. ft. in Novi versation as part of Michigan's celebrations and gifts. The Rock Financial Showplace and Defining Moment Public ement Campaign. Engagement Campaign. The "Community Conversation" will be held at Signature Associates has Diamond Center are teaming negotiated the lease of 4,704 up to create a seasonal event square feet of office space Commerce Township Offices. aimed at gathering the comated at 21333 Haggerty 2009 Township Drive, from munity together during this difficult economic period. The Mega Office Holiday Party, Friday, Dec. 18 is a colin Novi Rick Birdsall of 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec Signature Associates repre There is no charge to attend; sented the tenant, Columbian however, reservations are Mutual Group. lective event designed to bring required. Those wishing to Better Health expanding attend are asked to RSVP to multiple small groups togethe info@lakesareachambe for one large celebration of Novi-hased Better Health the holiday season. It's a giant or phone (248) 624-2826 Markets announced that its Michigan's Defining Moment is a multi-year effort to heightbanquet and networking event for all area offices, businesses, Warren location at 13802 E. 12 Mile Road is moving to 33452 organizations and clubs. Live en public awareness of the sig-Van Dyke in Sterling Heights. nificant challenges and oppor entertainment from popular The new 4,600 square foot singer-songwriter Jili Jack, lavish holiday buffet by Epoch tunities Michigan faces and location will be a complete market including organic tighten the focus of statewide Catering, door prizes and spe-cial gift bag are all included in one low price (starting at \$20 meats, dairy, produce, and pos leaders on a common ground agenda best suited to help Michigan achieve a new era of sibly to-go meals. Employees from the Warren store will per person). move to the new location and "We are co For party reservations, call es will be hired

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DETAILS Business Name: Keford Collision & Towing Address: 39586 Grand River Ave., Novì Your Name/Title: Tom Keford/ president Your Hometown: Milford Business Opened When: 1950 Number of Employees: 15 Hours of Operation: 8 a.m. to 6 n.m.: towing is 24/7 Your Business Specialty: auto body repair and towing Phone: (248) 478-7815 Website: www.kefordcollision.com

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s essential in the industry today.

6. Do you have a funny tidbit or story about your experience as a small business owner to share Well, a few years ago, a friend of ours who we had ne some race cars for in

оwners? a tough spot, so we did the work for him and got him back on the road again - and of your business? he was able to pay us off with a bunch of Hot Wheels cars. We didn't make a lot on that

purchasing a building it one, but everyone's kids were Novi, Farmington Hills area





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names; that was in 1950. In 1964, my dad, Jack Herrington, was involved in a head-on accident with a car hauler while he was driving a casket truck for Midwest Casket. Eleven broken ribs later, and being left for dead mark this milestone in our history' at the scene, he decided a in Detroit, but we lived in new career was in order. Joe Farmington Hills since 1969. In 1980, we moved the Siford decided to retire and Bud needed a new partner, so my dad became partners with business to Novi because we Bud. When Bud retired, Jack already had a good customer bought him out and in 1980, after seven eye surgeries Jack decided to retire. Tim 4. What makes your business and I bought the business, unique? and are the current owners. 3. Why did you choose Novi?

Keford Collision is celebrating 60 years in business by purchasing the street sign leading into the City of Novi offices. The Herrington brothers outbid Brighthouse Networks for rights to the street sign at the Grapes and Grooves wine tasting, jazz music and auction put on by the Novi Chamber of Commerce in October. Keford Collision's name will remain on the sign for one year. Keford Collision is celebrating 60 years in business, and 30 years in the City of Novi. Tim Herrington (pictured) is on the board of directors for the Novi Chamber of Commerce. His brother/ partner Tom Herrington said, "This is a great kick-off to our 60th anniversary, and we plan more in the future to

delivery to the customer. We are one of the best equipped shops, whether it is an independent or dealership. and after 60 years in business we take a lot of pride in the quality of work 5. How has it changed since you them up to date on the opened? The vehicles are much that come out each year. It is more technical and a lot vehicle-specific training that

COURTESY PHOTO more training is required of

the technicians to keep up with the latest techniques and the latest changes to the late model vehicles. We are a training facility for the Automotive Technical Education Group. ATEG trains technicians and keeps changes in the new vehicles

the past came in. He was driving a promotional car around that was specially painted with the Hot Wheels go and had a custom paint job on it. He had a little mishap while moving the car and it needed some paint work done to it. Because it was a limited budget tour, he really didn't have a budget for repairs. Well, he was in

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