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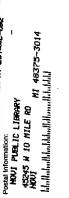
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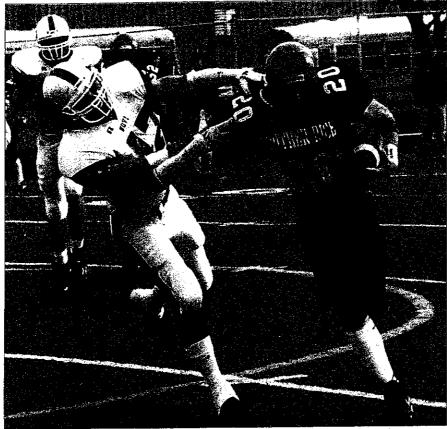
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Novi's Robbie Carter (47) tries to hold on to a Brother Rice running back in the semi-final game held Saturday at Berkley High School as Trent Sisson (68, background) watches the defensive play unfold. Novi, which was undefeated entering the contest, fell to the Warriors 31-28 in overtime after a fourth-and-one situation found the Wildoata being stopped in their goal to reach the MHSAA state football finals.

Novi's season ends in overtime to Brother Rice

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

Six inches is such a small span of space that you would never really expect it to make much of a difference - yet it does, and it

The Novi Wildcats football team fell six inches short of their goal to go to the Silverdome. One half of a foot and they would have made it to the state finals.

But, really, who cares?

Does six inches take away from everything that was accomplished this year? No, it doesn't. These boys were undefeated in the reguseason, kept the Baseline Jug in Novi, won the Kensington Valley Conference outright, were District champions, Regional title winners and semi-finalists in Division II. They were the first team in school history to ever have a 12-win year.
Out of the 32 teams that started

the playoff journey earlier this post-season, Novi is one of the top post-season, Novi is one of the top four. Of the teams that never start-ed the journey, Novi is the elite of 621 high schools. That's an accomplishment in itself.

Novi gave every fan who attended their games a football attended their games a footbar match-up to be remembered. They avenged a loss from last year against Chelsea, topped Lakeland for the 20th-straight year, beat Milford yet again, and escaped South Lyon, Adrian, Brighton and Mackenzie in

hard-fought

better

were better
than any professional game most
of us have seen all year.
Novi gave us the right to cheer,
the right to be proud of the greenand-white and the right to say
we're fans of one of the greatest
teams in Michigan and happy to
be Wildest supporters. We save. be Wildcat supporters. We gave them throngs of fans, deafening cheers at times and applause that would make the biggest superstars

The Novi Wildcats were more than a football team this year -they were symbols of determination, dedication, desire and, most of all, heart. They never quit on us. Their chins never dropped. They became everything that all of us wish we could be – they were

great.
With a single loss, we saw their world crumble around them. Yet, we knew better. It wasn't the end of a journey for the Wildcats.

Be sure to see our tribute hard-lought contests. Five bucks is all it cost you to get in and they but a beginning of the trek for younger foot-

ws. ball players
who watched
in awe from the stands. Novi football has arrived, and there shouldn't be a doubt about that.

This year, the Wildcats showed us that it's great to be champions, us that it's great to be enhalt each and every one of us already are – human. All of us stumble now and again, but we pick ourselves up and brush the dirt off and continue down the path of life. I have no doubt Novi football is going to do the same thing, and they'll be back in the running again in the coming

Losses come and losses go, but so do wins. Soon, they're just faded memories in the back of your mind or fading in the newspaper archives – but there'll always be Novi football. Every fall. we'll come back and chee these 'Cats on, knowing full well that it's just great to be undefeated

and champs, but that there's no shame in losing in style. The team of 2003 taught us a lot. They taught us the joy of win-ning, the excitement of last-seclast-second losses. Most impor-tantly, they taught us that six inches is indeed insignificant – it would take more inches than this universe has to offer to overshad-ow what these Wildcats have been

able to accomplish. To every player and coach with the Wildest football program thanks for everything.

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A bridge too low

■ City must provide more headroom in culvert

How much difference can 12

For Novi's engineering office, one foot could mean thousands of dollars in change orders to a road project on South Lake Boulevard.

Novi City Engineer Nancy McClain obtained a permit in June from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to replace the Shawood Canal culvert as part of the South Lake Boulevard repaying

project.

The canal provides seasonal

See Phil Foley's column on 'the meeting' on page

access for canoes, kayaks and small rowboats between Walled Lake and Shawood Lake, according to Asa Smith, president Lake Area Homeowners Association, "All we want is what we had," said Smith. The problem, said Smith, is that

the new concrete box culvert connecting the two lakes has a foot less headroom than the corrugated steel culvert it replaced Freshman City Council Member

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Ready to ring in the holidays?

By Phil Foley

Santa Claus is coming to town and Novi's Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry is promising this year's Ringing in the Holidays will be bigger and better than ever. The city's annual holiday celebra-

tion will run from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4 on Main and Market streets. Last year's event drew more than 2,000 people, despite temperatures that hovered in

Tracie Ringle, the department's event and marketing coordinator, said this year organizers are expecting better weather and bigger crowds. "This event has become a tradition for many community members, family and friends," she

This year's event kicks off with 11 local restaurants, including Mesquite Creek, Lazy Lizard Cantina, Jimmy John's, Red

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Markham elected to take Nagy's top spot on Planning Commission

Kocan earns the city for nine years. vice chair nod; Avdoulos gets secretary seat

By Pam Fleming

New officers were elected to the Novi Planning Commission at the Nov. 19 meeting. Gwen Markham is the new

chair; Lynn Kocan will serve as the new vice chair; and John Avdoulos was selected at the new

Markham actually took office at the Nov. 5 meeting following former chair Toni Nagy's election to the Novi City Council Nov. 4. A native of Pontiac, Markham

ed to Novi from Flm Grove.

She graduated with a from Western Michigan University in

and worked as

a manufacturing engineer manager in the auto e industries most of her life Markham is currently work

as a full-time mother, caring for and husband Bruce's sons. Matt, 15, and Tim, 11. She works as a volunteer with the music department at Hillside Middle School in Northville and is also active with Boy Scout Troop 54 in



Planning Commission G. Markham from 1996 through 1997 and had an un

"My goal on the Planning Commission is to continue to promote excellent growth in Novi.



L. Kocan

cessful bid for a city council seat in 1997.

She was reappointed to the Planning Commission in 2001. Her term ends in June 2004, at which time she could be reappointed by the mayor.

Markham said in the last year

most of her time on the commis-sion has been devoted to updating the city's master plan, which must be revised every five years by state statute. The plan is scheduled to be completed by June



Michigan

from Eastern J. Avdoulos

University in Ypsilanti and works substance abuse prevention firm in Plymouth. Kocan has been a member of

the Planning Commission for two and a half years and was a mem-ber of the Zoning Board of Appeals for six months before being appointed to the commising appointed to the commis-

Kocan and husband, Richard have two children - Kimberly, who graduated from Michigan State University last summer, and Neil, a junior at Novi High School In her spare time, she's involved with school sports

organizations.
As the new vice chair, Kocan said, "My goal as a member of the Planning Commission has always heen ordinance enforcement and equal enforcement across the board. I am also concerned about developments which impact the quality of life of the residents of Novi." Novi.

Avdoulos is a native of Windsor, Ontario, and has lived in Novi about 11 years. He graduated from Lawrence Technological University with a degree in archi-tecture and is a registered archi-tect in Michigan. Married with two children, Avdoulos has been a member of the Planning Commission since summer 2002. is a member

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up Dec. 6-7

This year's Novi Homeowners Council Holiday Decorating Contest promises to be bigger than ever before, and all you have to do to enter

the lights are on Dec. 6 and 7.

According to council president
Ron Boron, it's all about timing. In
past years, the presidents of the
homeowners associations that make
up the council would nominate a
home from their neighborhoods and

then a group of council members would select the two best decorated

homes in the city.

This year, with Thanksgiving falling so late in the month and the sole city council meeting for December being shifted to the 16th to

accommodate the mayor's work

schedule, council members have decided to take the first weekend in for the best holiday decorations.

Boron said he expects his group

will look at somewhere around 500 homes during the two evenings. He said another format change this year

is that the winners will be presented

their gift certificates at the Dec. 16 city council meeting.

While in past years the council ha

only judged the decorating efforts of residents of subdivisions that belong

to the Novi Homeowners Council,

this year the contest will be open to

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A bridge too low

Freshman City Council Member Lynne Paul raised concerns about the new culvert at the Nov. 10 city council meeting, suggesting that not only is there too little headroom in the culvert, but that the roadway over the culvert is too narrow as well. On Nov. 15, Smith invited Mayor Lou Csordas, along with Novi City Council Members

Robbins to complain the city council members had held an Smith also complained to Todd Losee, the district representative for MDEQ's Geological and Land Division, who issued the original permit.

After inspecting the culvert Friday, Losee said, "they need to lift it a foot."

Losee signed June 18, he noted, "the modification of the Shawood Canal culver is not being authorized by this permit." drawings for the project, "No change in this culvert is allowed by this permit."

The concrete box culvert connecting Walled Lake with Shawood Lake is 4-by-11 feet. The original elliptical corrugated etal culvert was 5-by-10 fect Pearson, McClain noted that one

of the concerns in redesigning South Lake Boulevard was eliminating the bump on the east end of the old culvert while minimizing impacts to adjacent proper-ties. According to McClain, adding an additional foot of height inside the culvert would create steeper driveways and faster storm water run-off into those driveways.

Losee said he would be send-

ing a letter to the city reminding it that the permit for the culvert replacement required the city to maintain the same navigation access between the two lakes that residents had before the road

reconstruction.

According to McClain, if
MDEQ tries to force her office to replace the culvert, "there's gonna be a fight," She said the 50-toot-long box culvert cost the city \$40,000 to install and would Kim Capello, Bob Gatt and David Landry, to take a look at the culvert and other LAHA concerns in the area, sparking Mark

Catherine to complain the city accommodate MDEQ have already added \$10,000 to the

final price tag. In setting the specification for the culvert, McClain said she had three competing interests: traffic through the culvert, public who issued the original permit.
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weight limit and current city ordinances require her office to design any water crossings to support at least a 16-ton load. McClain added the western approach to the original culvert created a ramp that teenagers McClain said the city installed

a box culvert because a gas line runs under the canal at that point and Consumers Energy was concerned that waterflow through the canal might uncover it.

Earlier this week, said

McClain, the contractor was slated to lift six of the culverts eigh

errors, but she added she didn't think that would improve canoe Phil Foley is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 108 or by e-mail at pfoley@ht.homecomm.net.

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serves as a volunteer at his church and community soccer team and enjoys golf, biking and home building projects.. "I want to help Novi realize the

potential that it has and help the naster plan come to some kind of fruition," he said. Mayor Lou Csordas must appoint three new members to

Planning Commission since Nagy and Lynne Paul were recently elected to the city councently resigned. Papp's last

Local residents interested in becoming a member of the fanning Commission should submit their application as soon as possible to the city clerk's office. Deadline for applications is

Citizens can pick up an application at the city clerk's office, townload an application from the city's Web site at www.ci.novi.mi.us or have one faxed, mailed or e-mailed to them by calling the clerk's office at (248) 347-0456.

mission will be Dec. 10.

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Ring in the Holidays next Thursday

Lobster, Starbuck's O'Tooles, Sunny's CafA®, Coffee Trader, Panera Bread Company, Gus O'Connors and McDonalds, offer-

be the longest of parade routes, Ringle said it will be one of the brightest. She said the Electric Light Parade, which starts at 6:45 p.m., has 20 entries and "it's never roo late for more." She said anyone The parade will include floats,

marching bands and clowns. Santa will stop at the corner of Main and Market to light the city's 18-foot Christmas tree. After the parade children will be able to get their photo taken with Santa in the atrium of the Main

Street Building. Parents will be able to do a little holiday shopping at the Novi Lions Club's arts and crafts boutique, which will feature

mentary horse-drawn carriage rides will be available Along with getting their photo taken with Santa at the North Pole, children will be able to see a live reindeer and climb aboard Santa's

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Upcoming Mayl city government meetings for December

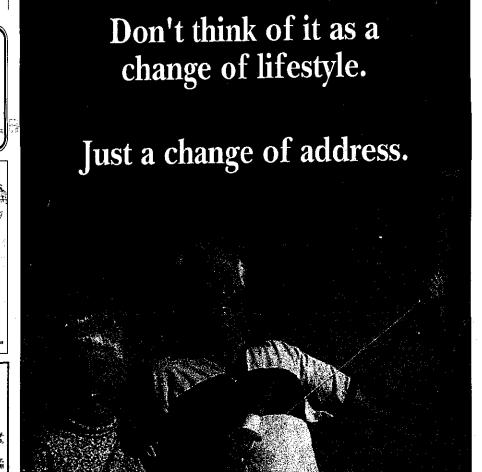
City Council 7:30 p.m Council Chambers Zôning Board of Appeals 7:30 p.m. Council Chambers Gify Council Interviews 7:30 p.m. Council Chambers Dec. 10 Planning Commission 7:30 p.m. Council Chambers
Dec. 11 Parks Recreation and Forestry Commission 7:30 p.m. Civic Center.
Dec. 16 (City Council 7:30 p.m. Council Chambers (Tuesday meeting)

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anyone living in Novi.

Boron said the Holiday Decorating Contest is one of the biggest things his group does each year. The other is negotiating trash hauling bids for par-ticipating homeowners associations. Boron noted that the Willowbrook

Novi, 11 Mile, Taft and Grand Rive have been among the most heavily decorated residential areas in the city



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POLICE REPORT

Some beer?

Officer Erick Zinser stopped a 2002 GMC Yukon at 2:11 a.m. Nov. 22 near the corner of Holmes and Joyce street in The Brownstones development. The driver, a 35-year-old Detroit man, told Officer Zinser he'd had some beer at a friend's house. After failing field sobriety tests and registering a blood alcohol con-tent of 13, Officer Zinser charged the man with operating under the influence of honor. He is later released after posting a

Two for the road

Officer Leonard Lowen arrested a 41-year-old St. Louis, Mo nan and a 19-year-old East Lansing woman following a traf-fic stop at the Speedway gas sta-tion at 10 Mile and Novi roads at 2:33 a.m. Nov. 22. Officer Lowert said he first clocked the man's 2001 Chevrolet Blazer at 56 mph in a 40 mph zone. The man said he'd had two or three beers about 11/2 hours earlier, but he failed field sobriety tests and registered a blood alcohol content of .129 so Officer Lowen charged him with operating under the influence of iquor. While trying to determine f the woman was sober enough to drive the man's truck, Officer Lowen discovered she had a blood alcohol content of .10 and charged her with minor in posses-

sion. The man was later released

Warrant arrest

After stopping a 1994 Ford Ranger at 7:34 p.m. Nov. 22 for traveling 50 mph in a 40 mph zone on southbound Novi Road, Officer Leonard Lowen discovered that the driver, a 32-year-old Rapid City man, was being sought on an Oakland County Friend of the Court warrant. In addition to being taken into custody, the man was cited for speeding, expired plates and no

They already did

A 47-year-old Novi man told Officer Iason Meier that he was headed home from his job at Pontiac Trail and Beck Roads when the officer stopped his 2000 Ford Ranger pickup on north-bound Novi Road near 1-96 at 11:40 p.m. Nov. 22. The man said he'd had one beer about 45 minutes earlier, but after he failed sobriety tests; registered a blond alcohol content of .119 and was ing at Officer Meier. Already inside the squad car, the man hit the divider between the car's said she'd had two glasses of red

after posting a \$37 bond and the

police headquarters, the man with operating under the influcalmed down and told officers ence of liquor. that he wasn't angry with them personally, but rather he was mad at Governor Jennifer Granbolm and the laws. He was later released after posting a \$100

Like this kids...

Officer Brian Tillman charged a 45-year-old Wixom woman with retail fraud after loss prevention specialists at Lord & Taylor told him they videotaped the woman removing price tag from a bracelet and then slipping it on her wrist and under her coat deeve. The woman and her two children, ages 13 and 15, were taken to Novi police headquarters, where the woman posted a \$75 bond. The woman and her

Too much wine

Officer Kristic Gruenwald said she stopped a 2003 Cadillac on Grand River Avenue at Meadowbrook Road at 12:24 became angry and started swear- a.m. Nov. 20 because the driver's

hand, and told officers that the had a fight on their hands and would not be taken alive. Later at Officer Gruenwald charged her

front and back seat, cutting his wine at a bar, but she failed field

A 59-year-old Riverview woman was charged with retail fraud after loss prevention spe-cialists at Lord and Taylor told Officer Kristie Gruenwald that they videotaped her putting a \$50 necklace in a box for an item priced at \$6. Before being taken into custody, the woman told Officer Gruenwald that she'd like to pay the difference. She was released after posting a \$100.

Minor injuries

A 46-year-old Brighton man was taken to Providence Hospital in front of his 2003 Ford while he was headed north on Beck near dition is unknown.

Warrant arrest

South Lyon Police brought a 26-year-old South Lyon man to Novi Police headquarters at 3:52 a.m. Nov. 19 following an earlier traffic stop in South Lyon. The man was being sought by Novi Police on a warrant charging him with failure to appear for an earlier charge of driving while license

Refund fraud

Officer Mark Stone charged 28-year-old Detroit woman with retail fraud at 2:53 p.m. Nov. 19 T.J. Maxx told him the woma tried to get a refund on a cafe play set she'd simply taken off the shelf.

Family affair?

Officer Kristic Gruenwald charged two Farmington Hills women, ages 17 and 56, with retail fraud at 3:17 p.m. Nov. 19 after loss prevention specialists a and Center's Novi Campus with non-incapacitating injuries at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 20 after a deer ran \$39.99 necklace and earring set into a box for a lower priced item Officer Gruenwald noted the pair had no price tags on them, bu that the women could produce no receipts for either. They were later released after the each post

Compiled by Phil Foley

The Post Bar works to cut police visits

By Phil Foley

Even before a Westland man was found outside The Post Bar with a blood alcohol content of .362 las month, the popular nightspot's management was taking steps to cut the number of police calls the stablishment has been generating.
That's the word from John

Novi. That works out to about one

police call for every 4,310 cus-

Commission records revealed that while two complaints against Novi businesses have been filed with the

commission since July, neither

Still, said Thomson, he'd begun

making changes in the Novi loca-tion's operations a month before

the Westland man was found out-

side the bar with a blood alcohol

"We've done everything the

police department has asked," said Thomson. "We've worked with every municipality we've been in." Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer

said he and Lt. David Molloy met with managers from The Post Nov. 5 and that they "expressed a desire to be effective in resolving the

numbers of police-involved events

that stem from their establishment."

involved The Post.

Thomson, general manager of The Post's operations in Wayne. store at Novi Town Center, can m and Linda Amick and Amie Oakland and Macomb counties Novi City Council put The Post on notice Nov. 10 that the more Vandercruyssen opened this new store with the hopes of educating

the public about the industry.

"We want to be considered as than 58 police visits to the bar since opened July 15 are unacceptable. Thomson noted that while 58 the information station as far as anything that applies to vitamin supplements, low-carb lifestyle and sports nutrition," Jim Amick incidents involving local police seems like a lot and is more than the next four bars combined. The Post has served close to 250,000 customers since it open its doors in

The store opened Nov. 1 next to Comp USA, and the owners plan to have a grand opening in January 2004.

By Pam Fleming

Most of us have become more health-conscious these days. But

utrition can be confusing.
That's where the owners of

Healthy Jones, a new health food

"I'm using my knowledge in the industry. I think our partner-ship will benefit all of our customers," Vandercruyssen said. "In our business, there has been

Jim Amick said.

"We want to help people take responsibility for their own health. We can offer individual assistance on what they may need," Linda Amick said.

Products include low-carbohydrate foods; a variety of healthy and allergy-specific foods; aro-matherapy and homeopathic prod-

"We also offer advice on natu-ral body care and cosmetics. We like to provide a preventative lifestyle." Linda Amick said. The 2,500-square-foot space was a scuba shop before the interior was gutted for the new shop. The owners borrowed the name of their new store from a restau-rant by the same name in Southfield that featured healthy cooking but closed its doors in the

late 1980s.
"I thought it was a catchy name, and we did a search and found out that no other business had the



Store features low-carb foods, supplements

BUSINESS

Linda and Jim Amick, left, and "Healthy Jones" partner Arnie VanDercruyssen, right, take a look at some of the the products they have for sale at their Novi Town Cer

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Lenn's diners offer free dinner again

Leon's Family Dining in Wixom welcomed the public again this year for a free turkey dinner with all the trimmings the

day before Thanksgiving.
The dinner was to be served from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 26 at the restaurant at 29710 S. Wixom Road near Gate 7 of the Ford Motor Co. plant.

Hundreds of parons look for-ward to the annual event, includ-ing busloads of senior citizens and local volunteers that range from friends and family to Mercy High School Students. Employees at Leon's also donate their time each year to the

vent, which included turkey, cranberry sauce, stuffing, pola-toes, vegetable and pumpkin pic at no cost. Tips received from dinner patrons are used to pur-chase toys for the Toys for Tots

before Thanksgiving for the past 10 years. To date, more than 100,000 people have enjoyed a free turkey dinner at the 10 Leon's Family Dining restau-

'Bachelor Bob' comes to

Bob Guiney of Ferndale, star of ABC's "The Bachelor," was ot ABC's "The Bachelor," was slated to appear in Novi the day before Thanksgiving to promote his new CD "3 Sido-" his new CD "3 Sides" at Borders Books & Music at Novi Town

An in-store performance and

CD signing was scheduled for 5 p.m. at the Novi bookstore.
Guiney also made an appearance at the Borders bookstore in Birmingham Nov. 23, where he scheduled a book signing for his recent release "What a

Difference a Year Makes." Ofé Ofé features band

'Chateau' Olé Olé Southwest Bar and Grille, located at 1103 East Lake Drive in Novi, now features the band "Chateau" Thursday

Owner Moe Leon and his p.m.

Owner Moe Leon and his p.m.

"We just started providing live weeks" brothers have opened their "We just started providing live restaurants to the public for a entertainment a couple of weeks ago, and it's been a huge suc-cess," said Robert Cvetkovski, owner/manger of the restaurant, "Chateau," which include: Novi residents Sid and Jennifer

Novi's employment hangs tough in soft job market

Despite regional job losses, city shows slight

By Phil Foley

Surrounded by a sea of pink and red designating job losses since 1999, the Novi area is one

of the few bright blue spots on the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments' employment map.
While the last year alone has seen 9,000 jobs evaporate in the

seven-county region covered by SEMCOG, between 1999 and

a new report on employment change just issued by the agency. That compares with a 0.1-per-cent increase in employment for

19-percent drop for the region.
Wixom did even better with a 21-percent increase in employ-ment over the same time period. However, Walled Lake recorded a 5.8-percent drop in total employment, according to the SEMCOG

Releasing the report, SEM-COG Executive Director Paul Tait said, "I am hopeful that the economic recovery to actually add jobs in coming months."

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reason to be hopeful Friday by predicting in their annual economical don't know how they arrived at increase 3.8 percent, according to predicting in their annual econom- don't know ha new report on employment ic forecast that the state will add the numbers."

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region will emerge from what been flat and down."
economists have called a 'jobless Pointing to the

more than 169,000 jobs over the next two years after losing nearly 87,000 jobs during the past two.

employment increase by 1,033 jobs since 1999, according to the SEMCOG report, the bulk of those new jobs came in 1999, with new job creation slowing to a crawl in 2001 and 2002. This comes as no surprise to

been flat and down."

Pointing to the opening of Magna Intier, Eberspacher, Owens-Corning and Underwriters Laboratories facilities.

While Novi has seen total

Jim Rodgers, SEMCOG's data center manager. According to Rodgers, "(19)99 was the last of the boom years. Since then it's

Michigan economists gave Tait a ties in the city, Novi City percent of the job loss between

Wixom City Manager Michael Dornan said what's happened in his city pretty much mirrors what has happened to manufacturing across the state.
According to the SEMCOG

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first by economic downturns and Rodgers said the employment Michigan has always been first to come back," said Dornan. He said change report only tracked jobs the recent reports out of Ann covered by state unemployment insurance. According to the Arbor "offer significant promreport, about 20 percent of the region's jobs are not covered by

Walled Lake has seen a sjow, but steady, decline in jobs since 1999 dropping 235 jobs from a high of 4,036.

Novi's slight job increase against an overall background of job loss over the past two years simply highlights that "we can't take a joined job for greated." unemployment insurance.

While Wixom has seen 862 jobs disappear since 2000, the city still has 1,959 more jobs than it did in 1999.

take a single job for granted," said Helwig. report, manufacturing jobs account for 27 percent of the region's job gain in 1999 and 73 percent of the job loss between

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rhorison said to thinks the col-rective measures are working, not-ing that he's seen a decline in police runs to The Post in the past month. "We've been having growing pains with the city," he said. Everybody in the city has been fair

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Zack, has appeared at such establishments as the Blue Martini in Birmingham and plays Top 40 hits, dance music and leads karaoke on

Thursday nights.
The restaurant has been at its new location for almost two years, Cyetkovski said.

recently appointed Dale F. Ewing as general manager, Automotive Structures North America, for Alcan Cyetkovski, former owner and manager of Frigate's Inn in Walled Lake, is trying to attract a more mature crowd to his restaurant. Automotive. In this new position Ewing will be responsible for Alcan's growth as a Tier I and Tier 2 supplier of lightweight structural products for the North American

entertainment for the over-30 crowd," he said. Olé Olé is open seven days a

week with views of Walled Lake available from every window. The kitchen, offering authentic Tex-Mex automotive market Ewing will lead in the establish-ment of a new group to engineer and market lightweight structural subdishes, is open until 10 p.m. during the week and until 11 p.m. Fridays assemblies and crash-management and Saturdays.

Olé Olé is the home of the systems in North America. This will Martini Margarita Olé with freshly

systems in North America. This will include construction and start-up of new manufacturing facilities in Saguenay, Quebec, and Novi to ini-tially produce aluminum bumper squeezed lime, tequila, triple see and Grand Marnier. There is no cover for entertainment, and lunch is beams.

Creating a structural products

strategic expanserved at 11 a.m. daily.

The restaurant is located on the group represents a strategic expan-sion of the company's North American automotive supply busisouthwest corner of Fourteen Mile Road and East Lake Drive in Novi.

For more information, call (248) Before joining Alcan, Ewing was director of sales for Tower Automotive, which also recently moved its headquarters from Grand Alcan wins technology award

Alcan, an aluminum company whose North American headquar ters were recently moved to Novi, received an industry award this year Ewing earned a degree in mechani-cal engineering from the University

for one of its technologies.

Alean's Aluminum Vehicle of Waterloo in Waterloo, Ontario and a master's degree in business administration from Michigan State University in East Lansing, He lives Technology received an award as one of the Technologies of the Year for 2003. The award was part of the in Dexter with his wife and two chilmanufacturing management magazine INDUSTRYWEEK's 11th Annual Technology and Innovation Holiday luncheon planned The Novi Chamber of Commerce

Awards Program Alcan's Aluminum Vehicle Technology (AVT) enables the pro-duction of a sheet-based aluminum structure, similar in principle to a conventional stamped structure but much lighter and stiffer. Vehicles built with this technology deliver Raffle will be offered again at the event. Only 100 tickets will be sold. Tickets can be purchased by one higher performance, greater fuel economy and reduced emissions without the need to compromise on

afety or size. Working with Alcan, Jaguar introduced the AVT system on the first commercially-produced, all-aluminum unibody vehicle, the new

Because of Alcan's AVT, the new XJ hody is 60 percent stiffer, yet 40 percent lighter than its predecessor. This translates into superior per-

formance and handling agility with Alcan's new North American Magellan Drive in Novi in the Beck West Corporate Park.

Alcan aluminum

Rapids to Novi

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will have its Holiday Luncheon at

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person or a group of people. Cost for the lunch is \$18. For reservations,

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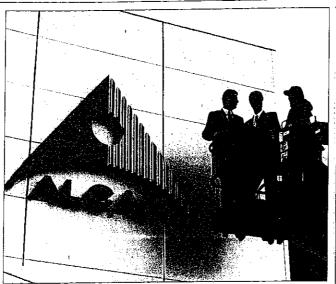
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Staff changes at DeMaria

DeMaria Building Company in Novi announced the recent promo-tion of Jody Mitler from safety coordinator to safety director. Miller trains on-site construction personnel and management in the Sale2work Program encompassing health, safe-ty, fire prevention and other topics related to safety. She also performs on-site inspections to ensure com-pliance to DeMaria's construction

safety program. Roger Kidd also recently joined the company as assistant controller. Kidd was previously assistant controller for the Cadillac Asphalt Division of Edward C. Levy compa-ny. Kidd will be involved in DeMaria's systems integration, process improvement and quality programs in addition to accounting and managerial duties.

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Rising to the occasion

Lou Csordas, center, mayor of Novi, and Dale Ewing, left, new general manager Automotive Structures, North America, Alcan Automotive, unveiled the corpora logo Nov. 21 on the aluminum company's new building located at 46555 Magellan Drive in Novi. Alcan Automotive recently moved its North American headquarters to Novi. Sales and engineering staff have already moved into the building. Manufacturing operations on aluminum bumpers will begin next spring. Annual capacity will be 1 million bumpers a year.

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The former Kmart building at West Oaks Shopping Center in Novi will be the site of a new large-format Gander Mountain store scheduled to open in March 2004. The retailer specializes in hunting, fishing and camping gear and will also sell all-terrain vehi-

Gander Mountain brings big-box concept to state

Gander Mountain announced plans Nov. 12 to open a new, large-format store at West Oaks Shopping Center in Novi in March 2004.

The new Gander Me will be located at 43825 West Oaks Drive in the building formerly occu-pied by Kmart, and will employ a sales staff of about 100. With more than 80,000 square

feet, the store will be larger than a typical Gander Mountain and will be the first big-box Gander Mountain store in Michigan.

There was a need in Oakland
County for another store, and Novi's
the perfect place with its great accessibility to the expressways and the fact that it's a growing area," said John Schildt, district manager for

Michigan stores. "We're also happy to take an existing building at the old Kmart. It's nice to not have to put a shovel in the ground. We're going to turn it into a very exciting place," he said. Customers will find new features and services at the new Novi locafull archery technical shop, gun-smith service, professional fish line winding, a live balt shop, a new lodge meeting space.

Customers will be able to try out

hows in the interactive store, and archery leagues are planned.
The new store continues Gander Mountain's aggressive expansion in 2003-2004. The first big-box store opened in Geneva, Ill., just outside

Chicago March 21. Since then, Gander Mountain has opened eight big-box retail establishments and entered the New York market with big-box stores in Buffalo and Rochester. The most recent big-box store opened in Wausau, Wisc., Oct.

Other Gander Mountain stores in Michigan are located in Swartz Creek, near Flint; Lansing; Saginaw; Kentwood, near Grand Rapids; Grandville; Marquette; Taylor; Waterford Township; Traverse City; Portage, near Kalamazoo; Fort Gratiot, near Port

Nationazoo; rot Grandi, near Port Hurror; and Utica. Schildt said that although Galyan's Sports and Outdoor Adventure store opened fairly recently at the nearly Fountain Walk

all snorts, we specialize in hunting fishing and camping," Schildt said.
"We don't market products for team sports, rollerblading or golf, for example," he said, "There's real-ly room for both of us in the market

Sporting the tag line, "We liv stores are located in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Illinoi

Bob Sturgis, a former field and stream buyer for Marshall Fields & Company in Chicago, founded the company in Wilmot, Wisc., in 1960. He named the firm after Wisconsin's Gander Mountain, which was one of his favorite outdoor spots.
Gander Mountain plans to build

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Gearing up for holiday mailing

Mail Boxes Etc. becomes subsidiary of mega-mailer

8y Pam Fleming

mailing packages. And, employees at The UPS Store at Twelve Mile and Novi Road in the West Oaks II shopping center in Novi are preparing for the

holiday rush. Shawn and Judi Cavanaugh, owners of the Novi store, which used to be Mail Boxes Etc., told members of the Novi Chamber of Commerce at a Nov. 18 luncheon hat the store has a lot more to offer

than just shipping.
Shawn Cavanaugh explained that Mail Boxes Etc. was formed in world's largest franchisor of retail shipping, postal and business serv-ice, because a subsidiary of United Parcel Service. UPS is the world's largest express carrier and package

delivery company.

The name change from Mail Boxes Etc. took place in April 2003. Now, The UPS Store fran-

and customers the best of both businesses

in more than 40 countries, the net-work is now the global leader in the

The Cavanaughs, who purchased the Novi store in July 1999, are pleased that the store is now associated with UPS. Shawn Cavanaugh's Drapinski, and her husband, Dave, are also involved in the business.
"We're very excited about the

change," Shawn Cavanaugh said.
"UPS is the largest shipping and
franchise company in the country.
The company ranks 30th in the
Fortune 500 and had \$38 billion in sales last year. Plus, the name recognition is second to none," he There are now more than 100

UPS Stores in Michigan.

Shawn Cavanaugh said that some confusion still exists with the name change, but that the public is beginning to understand.

"It's been a real challenge to get people to realize that we do the

same things," he said. The best aspect about the switch for consumers is the fact that the lower UPS shipping rate is now available at the former Mail Boxes available at the former Mail Boxes
Etc. stores. 'Our shipping rates are down from 25 to 50 percent from what we charged before," Shawn Cavanaugh said.

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Pounding on a tom-tom, Josh White Jr. summons mem-Novi's Parkview Elementary School Monday morning. White and Rochelle Ballard, right, of the Detroit Historical Museum, taught Parkview's pupils about the native american tribe and then divided them into various groups like hunters, toolmakers, fishermen, firemakers

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Engineering project displays

Brian Fischer, who graduated from Novi High School in 1998. will present a project at the 33rd Conference on Senior Engineering Design Projects at Western Michigan University

Fischer is the son of Art and Linda Fischer of Novi and plans o receive a bachelor's degree in

from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. will be held at the Bernhard Center on the WMU campus. It is open to the public free of charge and is spon-sored by WMU's College of Engineering and Applied

lovi High ceramics sale

The Novi High School is having a ceramics holiday pottery sale, which is sponsored by the Art Department and Art Club, during the the Dec. 9 band concert and

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Jr. and Rochelle Ballard bring "Story Living" to the school

ple inhabited the land now known s America, seeing how they ved, seeing their behavior and needed to know from the animals around them.

That's exactly what students at Parkview Elementary School did when Josh White Jr. and Rochelle Ballard came visiting. The two artists came as part of an outreach of teaching students about the Anishnabe the old fashioned way, they did it through a process

it is a learning process that actually came from England called Drama Process Teaching," White Drama Process teaching, write said, "It's a kinesthetic multiple intelligence way of learning so the whole body gets up and learns instead of sitting and talking about a time period and a person." Besides White and Ballard, there are four other people from

> female. All are either presenters of some kind or singers or actors, learned to give back as artists," White said. "I have been doing this

there are four other people from

since story living started back in

1991."

White explained that the stu dents went back in time and they you're not going to forget it. You're more opt to remember

because you got up and did it."

The purpose of this exercise was for the students to remember a certain time frame in history and for them to remember what those people went through.

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Third graders at Novi Woods spent a day as pioneer children at Wing Lake School in Bloomfield Hills. The students spent part of their time in a one room schoolhouse learning lessons similar to those a child in 1891 would have learned. They practiced penmanship on a slate and were required to stand each time they addressed their teacher. They all agreed that their modern teacher and school are much more enjoyable! The students also got a glimpse of what life in a log cabin would have been like, including helping with chores such as candle making. The kids were encouraged to dress in period appropriate attire and pack a lunch with out our modern conveniences.

Pictured in the schoolhouse are Kelly Cauchi, Kara Berg, Bruna Babler, Jenna Giragosian and Taylor Ann Callaban listening to their bioneer teacher.

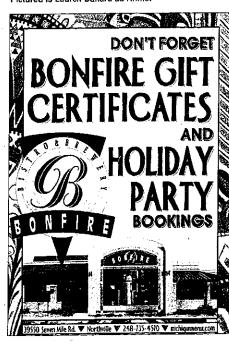


Novi Meadows Student Council

The Novi Meadows 2003-04 Student Council has been named. Teacher representatives are Sylvia Sobran and Capello, fifth grade vice president is Dylan Capello, fifth grade vice president is Joon Kim; sixth grade vice president is Kevin Zak and the secretary Is Sasha Topalian.



Meadows students perform "Annie" Students from Novi Meadows invaded Novi High School on the night of Nov. 12 to perform the musical "Annie."



Up close and personal with live bats

It got a little batty at Parkview Elementary a few weeks ago as the Organization for Bat Conservation brought its new Bats Incredible pro-gram to the school. Oh yeah, two live bats were brought to

digital program run with a

live vampire bat and a larger live fruit bat. He explained that though vampire bats have a bad are less the reputation in the movies, they are actually very small and humans. They want to be left

"Our entire world's ecology would fall apart without bats," Smart said, "Bats make up a quarter of all the mammats on the school as well.

According to Dale Smart, an Education Specialist for the organization, Bats Incredible is to Australia." Smart said that bats eat huge

numbers of crop pests, they eat a lot of other insects like mos-quitos that humans don't want around and fruit bats spread "We're very proud to have nearly all the seeds in the rain "We're very proud to have digital equipment to do this and we're able to do it thanks to a grant from the Toyota Corporation," said Smart, or Mr. Dale, as the kids know him by. "We are doing over a thousand programs per year now throughout the nation, We're mignate the country that we're."

"It like to seed in the rain forest healthy. He entire rain forest healthy. He said they can even re-plant plants. Pollinating bats pollina

unique in the country that way."
Once that program was finished, however, the real fun began as Smart brought out a close to them in a separate room. Visit www.batroost.com Smart explained that vampire bats are less then five inches tall and they're afraid of

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mals are brought out right up

beings. He also said that though the fruit but is quite a bit larger and looks pretty menacing, it too is harmless, efficial for humans and for the such that the first properties of the such that the first properties of the such that they fly away.

drops, then they fly away. The Organization for Bat Conservation's But Zone i location at the Cranbrook Institute of Science Museum, which is the National Headquarters for the organiza and at this time, during the school year, there are even pro grams, so anyone who goes can buy a ticket for a bat show right in the museum. In the summer Bat Zone is open seven days: week and members do five building and not pay for a show

> Smart from Cranbrook brought three live bats to Parkview and introduced the children to the fasci-



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Live birds of prey flock to Meadows school

Students

learn about bald eagle and other

By Ramez Khuri

Students at Novi Meadows got a eal treat a few weeks ago when Wildlife Education Specialist Jesse Gabbard from Michigan United Conservation Clubs came visiting from Lansing. He brought four live birds of prey that can all be found in Michigan, but are either endan-

The kids witnessed first hand what a Red Tailed Hawk, a Circut Homed Owl, a Barn Owl and an American Bald Eagle look like. They were also given an extensive lesson on what the birds eat, where they live and many other important

and interesting facts.
"Our organization just wants to make sure these kids realize what's here in Michigan and appreciate the wild life and the habitats that we have," Gabbard said after his presentation. "I hope the kids realize how backy we are to have these mimals here in Michigan and that some of these animals are right in their own backyards.

important point that Gabbard hoped to get across was

"I hope that the kids appreciate that and not think that they can take one of these birds in," he said. "When they see a red tailed hawk while in a car, I hope that they now know what it really is. Or if they hear an owl at night or if they see a hald eagle on television. they have some knowledge of those birds. I want these kids to know what these animals are capable of and how they live, about their biol-

Family Literacy Night at Village Oaks
Village Oaks Elementary School hosted its first
English Language Learner Family Literacy Night on the evening of Nov. 6. Twenty-three parents and children attended the event. Diana Stotler, reading specialist and ELL teacher, received a grant from the Novi Education Foundation last spring, and in her words, "Parents of ELL students want to help their kids at home. The grant helped they Can use with their child at home. November's meeting was the first of three meetings to be held throughout the 2003-04 school year.

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Incubation: 28-32 days Number of Eggs: 1-3 Typical diet: Small rodents, snakes

Great Horned Owl Lenath: 18-25' ncubation: 30-35 days

Number of Eggs: 2-3, but

Typical diet: Cottontail rabbits seem to be a prominent food, but the owls will eat squirrets, shrews, jackrabweasels, skunks, pocket gophers, snakes, domestic cats, bats, beetles, scorpiand a wide variety of birds, from small passerines like juncos and sparrows to wild ducks, grouse, pheasants,

and even other owls. Barn Owl

Lenath: 15-20" incubation: 32-34 days Number of Eggs: 5-7 Typical diet: Small ground creatures

Length: 35-37 inches ncubation: 35 days Number of Eggs: 1-3

Stotler created the backpacks, which include a book and tape set with story element glove, a lev-eled reading book, a word sort activity and a writing journal. The backpacks are sent home with students each week.

The ELL Family Literacy Nights are for parents of Village Oaks students who receive ELL services at school to receive information about strategies they Can use with their child at home. November's



Jesse Gabbard, a wildlife educational specialist with the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, holds a great horned owl last Thursday morning for an assembly on

birds of prey at Novi's Meadowbrook Elementary. out and enjoying wildlife, the envi- unique our state is and how unique nment, parks and other habitats

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"We travel throughout Michigan and we have three programs, the Wild Woodlands Program, our According to Gabbard, Wonderful Wetlands Program and Michigan Conservation Clubs do our Michigan Birds of Prey prowhat these animals are capable of and how they live about their hiotogy, what they need to survive and how they are affect them are affe and we want to tell people how

our animals are around here and our habitats." For more information, visit www.muce.org or e-mail jgab-

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DATE: Monday, Dec. 8 - Jan. 12

TIME: 6:30-7:30 n.m. LOCATION: Village Oaks Gym DETAILS: This Pilates-based exercise series includes core (abdominals and lower back) training performed on a large exercise ball, Muscle toning and strengthen-ing exercises will be performed with emphasis on flexibility and posture. Bring ball, mat and water

Yoga for Weight Loss DATE: Monday, Dec. 8 - Jan. 12

TIME: 7:30-8:30 p.m. LOCATION: Village Oaks Gym DETAILS: Foundations of breathing, sun salutations, and basic postures are developed. Yoga strengthens and lengthens your body, relaxes and unstresses the mind, promotes better posture, improves overall health and sup-

Jan. 21 TIME: 6:15-7:15 p.m. LOCATION: Village oaks Gym DETAILS: A more vigorous style of yoga which is both ener-gizing and relaxing. Learn sun-salmations, and a mix of postures from the Primary Series of Ashtanga Yoga, Bring a yoga mat

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DATE: Thursday, Dec. 18 - Jan.

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Parkview students learn to hit the skins

Series of assemblies create noisy fun for students

By Ramez Khuri

50 kindergartners in a room full of drums? Well, it wasn't musical harmony, that part is for sure. What you do get, however, is students discovering a musical instrument that they most likely didn't know much about before Drum Circle Facilitator Lori Fithian visited Parkview a few weeks ago and brought her "Drummunity" Circle with her. According to her brochure, a "Drummunity" Circle is a joyful

What do you get when you put

connection, cooperation, team-building, appreciation for diversi-ty and individual and collective The children were told to sit in a large circle in the room and each one was given a drum to play. Following Fithian's lead, they all

group activity that fosters empow-

erment, relaxation, stress release,

"With 50 kids, it's kind of hard to get through to them all," Fithian said, "I'm used to five, but today I was just basically trying to introduce them to the possibility

drums in front of their chairs, what they were supposed to do with them was pretty self-explanatory. For Fithian, there really wasn't much to say. She explained it as an experiential program to get students hands on the drums and hopefully get them excited about music and commu-

"Maybe 5-year-olds are a little bit too young to try to get that message across, but I think they had fun just getting their hands on the drums and just playing togeth-er," Fithian said, "Older kids, like fifth-graders, usually do what you want them to do and they're just a little bit more organized.

Fithian has introduced her "Drummunity" Circle to many people of all ages and doesn't plan on slowing down any time soon. She travels to schools, libraries, churches, conferences and retreats. She wishes that every school had drumming in their were able to create some kind of believes that it's a good metaphor

organized and listening to one person, it sounds great," Fithian to a drum club and it changes their whole life. It's probably kind of like karate, where they get some-thing they're interested in and it changes their lives."

Though Fithian is very skilled in the art of drumming, she wants to make it clear that her "Drummunity" Circle is not a show. In fact, she doesn't do shows: she instead brings her drums so others can participate with her. Her presentations are hands-on, and her goal is to teach others how to do it. "It's really all about the sounds

that people can make with the drums and what they want to do," Fithian said. For more information on "Drummunity," visit www.drummunity.com or call (734) 426-7818,

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Students at Parkview Elementary beat on instruments brought by Lori Fithian.

Novi scientist participates in Pfizer SAM JAM

About 1,600 eighth grade students from Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti and Detroit's Cesar Chavez. Academy came together last week with more than 250 Pfizer scientists to explore the adventure of science at Pfizer Global Research and Development Laboratories in Ann-Arbor, The event was called SAM JAM, which stands for Science and

Math Jamboree. One of the senior scientists at resident. His department is responsible for watching medicine go through a human system and they work with other scientists to figure ways they can change and improve upon it. They look at how drugs metabolize in a human system, what they look like a few days later

they're not toxic a few days later. the pharmaceutical industry or in go out to commu Heimbach's department also works with robots to do all of that and that's what their exhibit at the SAM JAM was all about.

"This is a good event for people to understand what type of science we do in the pharmaceutical indus-try," Heimbach said. "It's a good

robots in the skill of quickness. Robots and students put small amounts of liquid into many different valves, and whoever can fill the most valves in a certain amount of

time is the winner.

"The robot can usually beat the students, but some of them who are activity, we are teaching the stu-dents what the robots are used for in reach program in which scientists

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the general world. Ann Arbor and Detroit area and Heimbach explained that robots speak with students across different are good with repetition, they don't make mistakes and they don't tire.

The robots allow scientists to do strations that students could choose work that humans can't do to create from at SAM JAM and each student continue to expand it to other better medicines.
For the competition, students have to take water from a trough and place it into little valves, and

"We say, 'Ready, set, go' and the robot starts running and the kids try to beat the robot by doing it manu-ally," Heimbach said. "They beat

dinated and if they can fill 12 valves at one time. They usually can only beat the robot for a short time.

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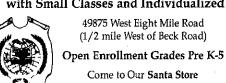
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age groups about science. She said that there are 35 different demon-

demonstrations in a two-hour time period. They spent about 15 min-very successful and the kids really enjoy it. It's something that, as a



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Guernsey co-founder McGuire dies

Longtime Northville resident and co-founder of Northville's Guernsey Farm Dairy Elise "Pat" McGuire died Nov. 15 in her home. She was 89.

McGuire was born March 29, 1914, in Detroit to Otto Wacker and Alice Ray. She married John Thomas McGuire on Nov.

With the help of her husband McGuire started Guernsey Farm Dairy and raised 14 children. McGuire attended Marygrove College and graduated from the in education. She was in the first class that had women in the U of D graduating class. In addition, she received a teaching certificate from Wayne State

Father Bob McGrath and Father Terrence Kerner served as offi-ciants. Interment was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Fowlerville. Northville resident and longtime neighbor of the McGuire family Bruce Turnbull, was among the many who attended the funeral services.

"What a beautiful mass it was," said Turnbull, "I think they had four or five Greyhound buses to take people to the cemetery in Fowlerville. That's



There were eight priests there saying the mass. One priest even played the guitar in memorial for Pat. The church was just packed."

"She was a great neighbor a great person. Each one of the children turned out so well," According to family mem-bers, McGuire was a homemaker, loving wife and wonderful mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt and friend.

"For 89 years, she taught her family how to live and now how to die," said family members in a prepared statement. "Life is so precious. God gives it to us a moment at a time. She loved her family to the fullest and treasured each one as unique and individual. Mom's love was

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McGuire is survived by her husband and her children Tom (Florence) McGuire of Detroit, Pat (James) Lawson of Chevy Chase, Md., Jim (Helen) McGuire of Northville, Mary (Tom) Wicke of Northville, Pag Luffs of Lakeworth, FL, Hugh McGuire of Brighton, Joe (Ardie) McGuire of Northville, Mike (Donna) McGuire of South Lyon, Fran (John) Hardy of Prescott, Ariz., Lucy (Dawe) McGuire-Gancii of Prescott, Ariz., Rita (Tom) Rice of South Lyon, Marty (Linda) McGuire-Lyon, McGuire-Lyon, Marty (Linda) McGuire-Lyon, McGuire-Lyon, Marty (Linda) McGuire-Lyon, M Lyon, Marty (Linda) McGuire of Novi, Paul Gregory McGuire of Northville and Karen (Paul) Kinville of Northville.

She is also survived by 49 grandehildren and 42 great-grandehildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Rath. In addition to her work with Guernsey Farm Dairy, McGuire was involved in the Daughters of Isabel, Our Lady of Victory Mothers' Club, Ladywood Mothers' Club, St. Theresa Sorority, League of Catholic Woman, Bishop Fulton Sheen's Spiritual Adoption Program, Focus Hope and Youth for

Understanding.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice of Livonia or Maryknoll Brothers and Sisters in New York.

Jennifer Zinke is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-

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ENGAGEMENT

Joyce and Matt Quinn of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Allison, to Greg Larson, son of Sharon Larson of Novi and Harvey Larson of Bloomfield Twp The bride-elect is a 1994 gradu-ate of Novi High School. She graduated in 1999 from Western Michigan University and in 2002 from Northern Arizona University with a master's in speech pathology. She is employed by Grays Lake School District.

The groom-elect is a 1991 graduale of Novi High School and a 1996 graduate of Western Michigan University. He is employed by Robert Bosch Corp. A March 2004 wedding is

OBITUARIES

Anibal Nieves of Novi died November 20, 2003 at Providence Hospital. He was 58, Mr. Nieves was born May 22 1945 in Puerto Rico. metal painting co, as a spray

Survivors include his wife. Ruby Kathryn Nieves; five children, Luis Nieves, Carmen (Eddie) Hernandez, Providencia Nieves, Anibal Nieves, Jr., and Jüan "Berty" Lopez; five siblings, Ramona Aviles, Olga Nieves, Herminia Buell, Perfidia Nieves and Juan Nieves; and

fourteen grandchildren.

A funeral service was held
November 25 at Heeney-Sundouist Funeral Home Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

Francis J. "Joe" Schmeltzer

Francis "Joe" Schmeltzer died November 20, 2003. He was 72. Mr. Schmeltzer He enjoyed golf, spending time with his family and cooking. His family nick-named him "Chef Joe". Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann; five children, Robert, John, Mary Jo, Peter

and Lynn; 10 grandchildren; and one brother, William. His brother, John, preceded him in death. November 24, 2003 at Holy Family Church, Novi.

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T, R Bowling a sport?

I was given a copy of the Novi High School newspaper and started reading it. Apart from being appalled by the destruction by students rest rooms and the inability of the "kids" to actually pick up their own mess in the eafeteria, and finally an article on how budget cuts have lowered the amount of custodial help available. I came upon an article of

Bowling being named a Varsity sport.

Before all the left wing socialist fuzzy feeling liberals get their Starbucked hairs all ised by trying to guess what I am about to say, let me start by saying, "OK, bowling is a sport". Fine I said it, My point, however, is hat have we just finally gone to far trying to ne all things to all people in just one arena? orts? I think so, My gosh, I have no facts nor figures on how many varsity sports there are, but it's a ton. Each sport has uniforms, busing, coaching fees, electricity costs, usage o schools and so on. Football probably

to get away with. Talk to any parent in the high school; they will tell you that there are absolutely no rules of engagement at all. Talk to any teacher, and they will tell you the kids oK, what is the quick fix or even perma-

sidize other sports some years. Maybe. 2 No CD or video players allowed in the school at any time during school hours.

3. If the complaints are so rampant about The point of this all is that if we cannot even afford enough custodians to pick up our little darlings' mess and vandalism in the high school, but we can afford a bowling team. I vandalism, then have cameras in the parking

lot (so the thefts and destruction of cars can be monitored); do the same in the cafeteria, pos-In my day the nuns would have investigatsibly in secure areas in the bathroom. ed and beaten us to a pulp and deservedly so. These days there is absolutely no discipline 4. Pay for sports (maybe the monies car pay for an extra teacher or security person or custodian). If you want to play you must pay nor accountability in our schools from first grade and up. It seems tolerance is increasingly tolerated, and we have a bunch of apa-thetic teachers on cruise control who accept it.

School is for learning first, sports second, If you want to play you must pay. you want to play sports bad enough you will carn the \$250-\$400 fee each semester. You will find a way through fund-raisers or just hit your parents up like the spoiled children in Novi do now anyway.

5. And, finally, let the teachers have some

sort of authority via discipline and make it stick. Right now they have nothing and don't

Fred McMann

Things to be thankful for this holiday

details, but it wouldn't be uniforms, jusaccepted rules of clothing.)

mean, what happened to the Three R's?

You only get away with what you're allowed

The day set aside to gorge and not feel guilty about it. To cheer on the Detroit Lions' struggle against the Green Bay

And to acknowledge the good things in life, expressing appreciation for them. While you and yours privately or openly reflect on your personal blessings, at the Milford limes we offer thanks for:

 Our governmental process, despite its flaws. Our Constitution allows us in courtrooms and civic meetings. We have access to police reports, official documents, records. We not only have the right, but the obligation, to know. And we calls you up, walks into your shop or classroom, stops you are afforded the freedom to make sure you do, too.

holidays past, remembering those who might no longer be Thanksgiving from the Novi News.

5. Hopes and dreams. Planning, anticipating and

ing give life to the future.

6. Good health: Often overlooked — until it's gone. 7. Literacy. It's the stuff our world, and our profession, is

8. Employment. We are of the fortunate few who spend our days doing what we enjoy, and getting paid to do it

9. The food, Thanksgiving is a holiday centered around at
feast. Not only is overindulgence OK, it's expected.

10. You. When a Novi News reporter knocks on your door,

the street or at a community event, you open your world to. 2. The Huron Valley community. We are in the midst of an us. And every Thursday, when you open the latest edition of enclave of prosperity. And we have people here who truly our newspaper and start reading, you complete the cycle of care about what goes on in our businesses, schools, neighthat why we're here, why we do what we do:

care about what goes on in our ousmoscopy to bothoods—who aren't afraid to get involved.

3. Family and friends. Gratefully, none of us will be alone

So what are you thankful for? Look around your homes.

So what are you thankful for? Look around your homes, and your dinner table. Look into your heart. We hope they are and your dinner table. 4. Memories. There's quite the value in looking back on all overflowing with a bounty of goodness; Happy

If it walks like a Dukakis...

and philosopher Plutarch noted, "Caesar's wife must be above suspicion."

rules for people in public life and they are not more relaxed.

The real teeth in the act is that if a private rounter such as the control of the control of

Walled Lake area resident Mark Robbin's grade point average all the way back to the has his knickers in a twist over what he sees as a violation of the state's think you're in politics and people think you're an idiot, you are. open meetings act.

What is unquestioned is that Nov. 15 newly-elected

before to mark the bridge's opening.
Robbins, on the other hand, is sputtering

Mayor Lou Csordas and City Council Member Bob Gatt along with veteran City Council Members David Landry and Kim Capello, me Association, to discuss Smith's concerns over road and bridge work completed by the city in the South Lake

What is questioned, howev-The mayor says no, that it was no different than when he and five of the city council members gathered on the CSX Bridge the day

as the mayor contends, that Smith called each of the commissioners individually and believe that they didn't know the oth-

the three council members are forming a boys' club, building a tree house and pulling

ers had been invited until they got to Smith's house. However, at the end of that day, what really matters is what people believe. Robbins wants people to

Just ask Michael Dukakis, In

1988 he put on a helmet and

nacho, but people decided he

looked like a goof, so he was.

believe that the mayor and up the rope. If they are, they're dumb as a box of rocks.

ront of three judges.

In the end, it probably comes down to what

open meetings act, the maximum misde
meanor penulty is only \$1,000. Any politician worth his salt should be able if nother words, yes, there is another set of in nother words, yes, there is another set of in the control in providing the control in the control in providing to the control in the cont

> person pursues and wins a conviction unde the act, they can collect \$500 in damages as

well as court cost and actual attorney fees.

Hmmnm, now if the boys were bad, how many high-priced lawyers, with political ambitions of their own, would be willing to step up to the plate if they were certain their It could be absolutely true, portray themselves as defending the public

> I think if I were sitting on council, I do believe the next time I got an invite like this, I just might suggest that the person making the invitation come to a council meeting and for-

I don't think I'd care to be looking over my shoulder for a cranky neighbor with a really good lawyer. In short, council members should be like

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The thing is this, like most political statutes that the mayor broke his oath of office not a the criminal penalties are, well, minor. If an

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OTHER OPINIONS

Getting to 21st century using a '50s tax system

Year, they'll have to start all over with another budget for next fiscal year.

Michigan's unemployment rate is at an 11-year high!) the tax is complex, difficult to compute,

has tried to work out a household budget has to feel

for these folks.

They are tired. They are stressed.

rapidly shifting

state revenue esti-

mates and fierce

pressures. They

deserve our mixed

their work will

need

The important thing going on

under the surface, however, is

some very tentative talk about the basic architecture of Michigan's

This year's budget crisis is hardly unique. It's just one more proof point that our state budget has been in chronic structural

According to Citizens Research ouncil staffer Torn Clay, possi-

bly the most knowledgeable person in the state about our tax

structure, this structural deficit is the outcome of "Michigan trying

to operate a set of programs that

increase in cost faster than the rev-

enue hase." He cites Medicaid

payments, now at \$ 2.3 billion per year and growing at double-digit

rent deficits that ignores this

chronic budget imbalance is noth-

Workers

the troops.

When

dates didn't get Secret Service protection. Nor would they, until

after the public saw an unguarded

Bobby Kennedy dying in a pool of blood on the floor of a hotel

Michigan's narrow, but solid

longest-serving state attorney gen-

Democratic candidates for a day

in 1962.
"You know, that grace, those

kitchen.)

rates, despite repeated efforts to about how cut payments to doctors and hossible way.

product out the door.

entire tax system.

deficit for years.

and

careful

Anybody who hard to administer.

Worse, in comparison with other states' business taxes, it stands out like a sore thumb.

Research conducted by the

Michigan Economic Development

Corporation indicates that a considerable number of companies facing location decisions take one

amazed look at the Michigan SBT

and immediately run to another

tal structural change taking place in Michigan's economy, from one

based on manufacturing to one depending more and more on

services. Although manufacturing

will be a big deal for decades to come, basic trends such as pro-ductivity improvements and the

export of jobs to low-wage coun

tries like China mean that we're

not likely to have as big a manufacturing sector as back in the 1990s. An economy based on high

value-added services and on the

high-tech spinoffs from research at our state's universities is on the

horizon. The big question is

whether our present tax system

helps that transition ... or hurts it.
As a popular one-liner in
Lansing goes, "Michigan is trying

to get to a 21st century economy

using a 1950s tax system." And although you won't find anybody willing to talk about it in public —

yet - a few far-sighted people are

just now beginning to think about what kind of basic changes are needed in our tax system and

about how to make them in a sen

Phil Power is the Chairman of

the Board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to

There's lots of news to report having to do with the state's dire financial situation. And, as is usually the case, there are a couple of larger, more fundamental issues that deserve more careful scratiny lurking ander the froth of current sevents.

Consider first the folks, whether case, the loss of resolving the details of resolving the budget mess. They're facing a Does this really make any logical sense? Of course not. And the state's levy on businesses — the Single Business Tax that nets budget mess. They're facing a Does this really make any logical sense? Of course not. And the state's levy on businesses — the single Business Tax that nets budget mess they're facing a make any logical sense? Of course not. And the state's levy on businesses — the single Business Tax that nets budget mess come the New Essentially a tax on payroll (when the state's levy on businesses — the single Business Tax that nets budget mess not come the New Essentially a tax on payroll (when the state's levy on businesses — the single Business Tax that nets budget mess come the New Essentially a tax on payroll (when the state's levy on businesses — the single Business Tax that nets budget mess come the New Essentially a tax on payroll (when the state's levy on businesses — the single Business Tax that nets budget mess come the New Essentially a tax on payroll (when the state's levy on businesses — the state's levy on

Gov. Jenniser Granholm last favors suspending the scheduled 0.1 percent cut in the take place Jan. I 2004, in order to use the \$115 million in revenue so gained to offset budget cuts for schools, Although some Republican snarled about "Granholm's job Delaying a tax cut

killing tax hike," I think she's right. sentiny to catch any mistakes made in the rush to get budget

of \$30 a year for the average family is a perfectly reasonable way to share the pain in overcoming a \$920 million state deficit. In other news, school officials

In other news, school officials are having some trouble explaining just why they should not be asked to use some of their "rainy day" funds — totaling nearly \$2 billion statewide — to help meet the budget crisis. It looks as though the poorly conceived lap-top computer program for sixth graders (\$22 million) has been clicked off. And Lansing insiders say the \$2,500 Michigan Merit Scholarship awards for kids who do well on the MEAP is almost

and the legislature come to terms inating the deficit. The good news is that the University of Michigan's annual economic forecast projects a sub-stantial uptick in the state's economy, but not till next year. It predicts Michigan will add 77,600 more jobs in 2004 and another 92,000 in 2005, with the state's nent rate dropping from oday's 7.4 percent to 5.7 by the

who had been sort of the court

eyes twinking merrily. "I love

jester of the New Fron

Detroit, A great thing happened to me there. We were

campaigning in Cadillac Square

on Labor Day and I broke my

watch," Puzzled, l

asked why in the world breaking his watch during

the madness of a

campaign rally

was a great thing. That's exactly

what Powers, then

triumphantly. That was a leg-endary day state Democrats still

talk about. John Kelly, for many

years a state senator, perched on his father's shoulder that day, his

l lth birthday, and briefly grasped

Mary Ann Watson, a professor

of telecommunications at Eastern Michigan University, was a little

girl of four when the candidate's

car whizzed by and she saw him

as she imagined, looking straight at her. She grew up to become the

nation's leading academic expert

on television in the Kennedy era.

younger Americans struggled to figure out what the fuss was all

about, those who knew remem-bered. Michigan played a small, but significant part in sealing

On Election Day, it was those

same Detroiters who gave John F. Kennedy the margin he needed to

ome say it was Millie Jeffrey

dy's victory

him at rallies across the state.

the senator's hand. Tho

Jack Lessenberry

ing more than wheel-spinning.

Moreover, there are serious flaws in two of Michigan's main issues lying below the surface, levied on goods, not services.

taxes. The 6 percent sales tax is 2047 ppower@hamecomm.net

A lot of dreams died that day in Dallas

Years ago, I was doing some research at the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston, and I asked to see Dave Powers, the president's friend, a working-class Irishman 1958, and was instantly taken with the bell with the state of the search of the his charm, his ideas, his' fresh- 'we are all egoists, Frank. The one ness," Jeffrey, now 91, remem- who hides it the best wins."

But labor and civil rights
But labor are civil rights
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But labor are civil r groups were sus- office picious. Jeffrey, died. When he retired, I asked him what his best day on the job was He couldn't say. He knew wha Auto union, the worst one was, though. He chaired his cam-paign, made him acceptable to the cannoon when he looked up to see a

erim-faced aide come in party's base, ral-lied and fired un "All I could think of was tha something had happened to one of my kids," he said. It was Nov, 22, 1963, and when the aide told him Michigan, after seesawing all night, finally what had happened, Kelley felt no sense of relief. "That was the hardest thing to take as a public

sort of a ceremonial curator of the magnificent library, was waiting for "Because Jack Kennedy took his off and gave it to me!" he said move in and protect the president. elect. (In those long-ago and sup- before. If he were still around, posedly gentler times, mere candidoubt that he would have been November, when he did, all people wanted to know about was the assassination. He knew all abou it. It was he who ran to the limou

margin for Kennedy in 1960 also wrenched the door open, looked was a large part of the real reason why Richard Nixon didn't contest have had to see. was a large part of the real reason town on what he should never why Richard Nixon didn't contest the highly suspicious result in Illinois that year. What is often he said. "My goal is to keep the Illinois that year. What is often forgotten is that even if the Republicans could have proven vote fraud there, Nixon still need ed another large state to win. Michigan was his last hope.

"They loved him. We all did," said Frank Kelley, the nation's part of our past isu't, in fact, over. It isn't, as they say, even really It isn't, as they say, even really

crai. He was a recent appointee to the job when the president came to Michigan to campaign for Jaco lack Lessenberry is editorial vice president of Hometown Communications. He can be reached by phone at (248) 901 Kennedy the margin ne needed to foot know, that grace, those tailored and the nation's closest elections suits, that face made quite an ry@homeconum.net.

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Chamber poised for greatness in 2004

and, hopefully, productive one fo yours truly as I begin my tenure on the Novi Chamber of Commerce's board of directors.
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credit, this is a strong organization ple:
"To be a responsible, pro-active

advocate of business interests in the Greater Novi Area. Leading that charge for 2004 will be our chairman, Keith Wilson of Bob Sellers Pontiac-GMC. Although Lou Martin, of Providence Hospital, is officially chairman for the remainder of th year, Keith began to unveil his plans for 2004 at the board's annu-

I'm sworn to secrecy, but I will say he's got some great ideas for the chamber and I'm excited and proud to be a part of this group. The other board members

Joe Sutschek, chair elect, Ramco-Gershenson; Peggy Hayes, vice chair, Twelve Oaks Mall; Jim Koster, treasurer, Novi Community Schools; Lou Martin, past chair, Providence Hospital; Gary Ankers, Howard & Howard, PC; Gina Eggers, All Star Gymnastics; John Bowen, Novi Expo Center; Richard Gual, DTE Energy; Art Johnson, Johnson's Printing Services; Todd Krygier, State Farm Insurance; David McClymont, Consolidated Safeguard Solutions; Tony Musu, Novi Community Constitution Novi Community Credit Union; Nikki Pearse, Forum Entertainment; Christy L. Seaberg, Republic Bank; and Lenny Williams, Hotel

Hats off to Lou Martin for, think, helping to create a new face for this chamber and showing its members the value of belonging. Yes, we always put together some whole Novi community, but there's so many other real perks

that come with joining.

If your business is not a member, you should be. Period.

If you haven't met the hardes working woman in business - our executive director, Nora Champion - you should. Call her (248-349-3743) or me and we'll gladly explain the benefits of joining the Novi Chamber of

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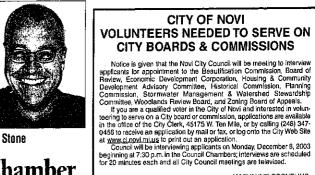
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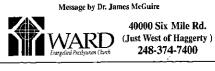
Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church Presents



Thanksgiving Celebration For The Whole Family

Thursday November 27, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. in The Sanctuary

Participants in the service will be: The Ward Chancel Choir and Orchestra, Crossfire. Christian Company and Teen Ensemble. Featuring the choir and brass in "The Battle Hymn of the Republ





CORUNDUM CONUNDRUM

Although sapphires may be syn-tymous with the color blue, they store siler e actually available in a number of gold 10.4 blors. The red variety is called ruby blire braic ecause the arcients did not realize 51,000.00 S1,000.00 and colors. The red variety is called upon because the ancients did not realize that ruby and sapphire were actually taken as the same mineral. It was decided that all gemstones of the mineral corundum would be called sapphire.

Sapphires by the name ruby. Where the same that the same

Toys for Tots slated for Dec. 7

All Star Gymnastics, located at host a Joys for Tots event from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7. Guest appearances will include Novi Mayor Lou Csordas, Barb Sams of the Detroit Shock women's professional basketball team and members of the Novi Middle School Choir, who will

perform from 2 to 3 p.m.
Sairts will also be on hand to sign autographs during this time Representatives from the U.S. Marine Corps will attend the char-ity event, and students from Farmington High School will assist other volunteers.

Activities are scheduled for ages 3 to 48 and will include a moonwalk, trampolines, soecei sine, dodge ball, volleyball and

for the younger children, too, said Pauline Gaffney, Toys for Tets coordinator for the Nova/Northville area.

Mel Earles serves as manager of All Star Gymnastics.
"This is an annual event, but this is the first year that All Star-Civimastics has hired talent and

avited specials guests," Gaffney Cost to attend the event is the charge for food and beverages Cottage Inn Pizza of Novi will provide pizzas costing \$5 for a latee pizza with one topping

Pizza will also be available by the

located near All Star Gymnastics on Heslin Road, will also donate T-shirts for volunteers at the event "I'm hoping to attract 500 children to the event. Galfney said. For more information about the Gymnastics at (248) 380-5330.

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Campus Holiday Plants Sale

DATF/TIME: Phone or fax
orders now until Dec. 1, Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-1:30 roping, grave blankets.
PHONE/FAX: 248-668-5673 Food, prizes and raffles.

Mitch Albom booksigning

DATE: Friday, Nov. 28 TIME: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. LOCATION: Waldenbooks, 12 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, between

DATE: Saturday, Nov. 29 and

DETAILS: Milt Wilcox, pitcher

Northern High School, 6000 Bagie

food and beverage. Proceeds to fund

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AFTER

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Taft and Novi roads
DETAILS: Usher in the holiday DETAILS: Detroit Free Press season with this festive event columnist Mitch Albom will be including refreshments, music, signing copies of his new book, "5 People You Meet in Heaven." entertainment; \$4. Our Mission Project this year: please bring a pair PHONE: (248) 735-8301 of new socks (for children through adult) or laundry detergent, for the Interfaith Food Bank and Clothing Michigan Humane Society 12th Annual

Ladies Christmas Tea

Pantry.
PHONE: Lori Quick, (248) 427-

Sunday, Nov. 30
TIME: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Expo Center, Library Friends Winter Gala DATE: Friday, Dec. 5 LOCATION: Island Lake subdi-

for Detroit Tigers World Series vic-tory in 1984 signing autographs and perform with his dock diving dog ion, on Wixom between Ten and Eleven Mile roads
DETAILS: Members of the "Sparky". Two flyball tournament, pet adoptions. Meet Debby MacDonald, featured in the award-Friends of the Novi Library will enjoy a reception featuring music and refreshments at one of Novi's finest and most luxurious homes. winning Animal Planet series
"Animal Cops-Detroit. the fully furnished model in the beautiful new Island Lake sub. This Walled Lake Casino Rockin'Reunion DATE: Saturday, November 29 TIME: 7 p.m.-11 p.m. LOCATION: Walled Lake new members of the Friends. Those

not currently members may join at the library or at the reception. Individual memberships are \$10. PHONE: (248) 349-0720 DETAILS: Starring-CHUCK BERRY, American Legend. Tickets \$100 each. Two hour show, free

TIME: Friday & Saturday, 7:30 the production of the Walled Lake p.m.; Sunday, 4 p.m.
LOCATION: Friday
Farmington First United Methodist Music Festival, July 1-4, 2004 in PHONE: to order tickets, 248church, 33112 Grand River, Farmington; Saturday Meadowbrook Congregational
Clurch, 21355 Meadowbrook

Lakes Area Chamber of Commerc CALENDAR OF EVENTS

eliday Mixer and Open House
DATE: Tuesday, December 2 LOCATION: Maples Country Club, 31260 Wakefield Drive, Novi. DETAILS: \$7/advance, \$10/door. Road, Novi: Sunday, Church of the

Holy Family, 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi Christmas presented by Novi Choralaires and the Talacoda Handbell Quartet. Tickets are \$7 adults; \$6 seniors and children ages DATE: Tuesday, Dec. 2 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, PHONE: Larry Molly, (248) 474- 348-8514

Walled Lake Central High School

Renaissance Fair DATES/TIMES: December 6, 6:30 p.m., and Sunday, December 7, 4:30 p.m. LOCATION: 1600 Oakley Park

DETAILS: Fair includes a five course meal with entertainment in the style of the 15th century, a small market place with crafts and special-ties, and a boar's head procession. Cost is \$30 per person. PHONE: For more information

call Mary Rashid at (248) 956-4762.

DATE: Saturday, Docum.
TIME: 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
21355 LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi. (between DETAILS: Aftic treasures baked

Walled Lake Western High School PTSA Holiday Arts and Crafts Show

DATE: Dec. 6-7 TIME: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. LOCATION: WLW High School, 600 Beck Rd., Walled Lake. DETAILS: Admission/\$2, wide range of arts and crafts, food, free door prizes. PHONE: Deanna Nazaroff (248)

Walled Lake Tree Lighting Ceremony DATE: Monday, December 8 TIME: 7 p.m.-9 p.m

LOCATION: City complex, 1499 Dance Dynamics performing, carol-

DATE: Thursday, December 11

TIME: 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m LOCATION: Wixom Community Center, 49015 Pontiac

DFTAILS: Klebba Agency, Inc. is hosting this business connection. Robert Hamelin from American Medical Security presents a discusyour company's health benefits. Bring your business cards. Free

DATE/TIMES: December 12, 7:30 p.m.; December 13, 7:30 p.m.; December 14, 3 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center,

Ten Mile Rd., Novi.

DETA(LS: Tickets on sale at Novi Parks and Recreation office, \$10/advance, \$12/door.

Walled Lake United Methodist Churc

"Christmas Walk" DATE: Sunday, December 14 TIME: 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. LOCATION: 313 Northport,

back in time to witness the journey

leading to the bird of Jesus Christ.

DATE: Sunday, Dec. 14 TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, Taft and Novi

DETAILS: The Novi Concert Band will play its annual winter concert, an enjoyable reading of tra ditional Christmas and Hanukkah music plus other new and seasonl music. Sponsored by Novi Parks PHONE: (248) 349-4232

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Too many cooks can't spoil this stew

By Pam Fleming

Attending a cooking class taught by Novi Executive Chef Mary Brady, owner of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro at Novi Town Center, is definitely a hands-on experience. She basically hands students an apron and recipes and says "Go for

to the novice cook, but being responsible for the final product makes students realize how easy most of the dishes are to prepare. I audited one of Bridy's classes,

"Little Plates Two," Nov. 12 at Novi Middle School. Her classes, offered through the Novi school district's in Community Education program, are followed by a feast of all the dishes prepared. Karen Kowalski, who works at the bistro, assisted Brady during the

class. Students receive a handout with all recipes made during the class as well as a sample of Brady's special seasoned salt. "It's the first cooking class I've

taken through Novi Community Education, and I really enjoyed it," said Joanne Bernard of Northville. "The fact that she lets you do the cooking gives you confidence to prepare the dish once you get home," she added. Recipes featured Mussels with "This was the first time I have

attended a hands-on class, and I thought the recipes were very double. It's probably the best cook-Ammogghio Sauce; Shrimp and Lobster Cakes with Avocado and ing class I've ever taken," Bernard Com Salsa and Chili Lime Aioli; and a Mediterranean Plate with

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see if he can do it any better

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language.

lowing an incredible attack by an undetermined assailant possess-ing extraordinary abilities. The

Mutants continue their struggle against a society that fears and distrusts them in sci-fi sequel "X2: X-Men United". Their cause

first. But it ended up being a very enjoyable class. Mary is also very Marinated Olives, Caponata, and

SCREEN BEAT

Opening in theaters this

By Brian Renner

"The Haunted Mansion" follows workaholic real-estate agent Jim Evers, (Eddie Murphy) who, drags his family up to the big, creepy mansion in hopes of rebuilding it into a lavish new condo development. When they

get there, however, the family quickly finds that they're not alone, not when dozens of grim, grinning ghosts come out to socialize! With all these happy haunts that won't leave until their haunts that won't leave until their Line Cinema release and rated unfinished business has been pG-13 by the MPAA for crude completed, it's up to Jim to break and sex-related humor and lartcompleted, it's up to Jim to break the curse - and rediscover a family that needs him - before the clock strikes 13. The film is based upon the popular Disney theme park attraction of the same name.
"The Haunted Mansion" is a Walt Disney Pictures release and rated PG by the MPAA for frightening images, thematic elements and of his girlfriend Grace (Jennifer

language.
Cate Blanchett and Tommy Lee Jones star in this Ron Howard-directed psychological thriller "The Missing" set in New Mexico in the 1880s. Long-estranged father (Jones) and daughter (Blanchett) reunite to rescue her child, who has been kidnapped by a hand of outlaw Army deserters This marks director Ron Howard's first film since the Oscar-winning "A Beautiful Mind" in 2001. "The Missing" is a Sony Pictures release and rated R by the MPAA

"Timeline", a mystery suspense Crichton's best-selling novel about a team of student archaeologists on a dig at a medieval site France, When Professor Johnston, their team leader, disappears, they suddenly find themselves in 14th century feudal France on a perilous journey beyond their wildest dreams. In order, to find their missing professor and avoid a potentially catastrophic event, they won't be exca-vating the past, they'll be living it.
The film cast includes Paul Walker, Frances O'Connor, Gerard Butler, Billy Connolly, Ethan Embry, and Anna Friel.
"Timeline" is a Paramount
Pictures release and rated PG-13
by the MPAA for intense battle equences and brief language.

Bob Thornton and Ajay Naidu star as two conmen who go on a road trip to malls dressed as Santa and his elf in "Bad Santa". Instead

of spreading good cheer, the duo's motive is to rob the stores blind, a strategy that becomes complicated when they encounter an 8-year-old who teaches them the true meaning of Christmas. The film also stars Bernie Mac, Lauren Graham, and the late John Ritter. "Bad Santa" is a Dimension Films release and rated R by the MPAA for pervasive language, strong sexual con-tent and some violence.

In theaters next week

Teen drama "Honey" (PG-13) brian@themovieinsider.com.
und historical epic "The Last

approachable. She's very gracious," Bernard. "I certainly plan to take "Jim Brady's is one of our

plate contained Tapanade, Olive Tananade and Pumpernickel Toasts. favorite places, I have a lot of respect for Mary, I enjoy her cre-ativity. I attended one of the interna-Asparagus Bruschetta, Stuffed Portabella Mushrooms and Vegetable Frittata were also pretional dinners at Schoolcraft . Lamb Croquettes, onzola and Almond Stuffed College when she worked there, so "I was also looking for something and Gruyere Pinwheels were other

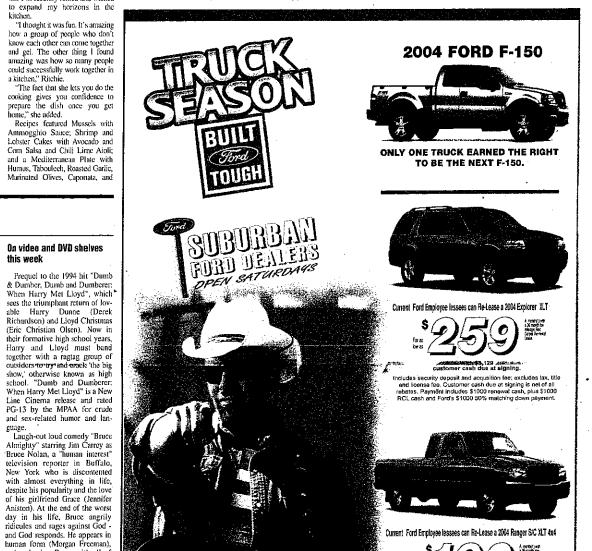
that I could do with my daughter-in-law, Jennifer Clarkson. She likes to cook, too," Olson said. more information about "I thought it was great fun. It kind of gives you the feeling of the hustle and bustle of a restaurant." Carol Ritchie of Novi said she

Pain Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News, She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105 or at attended the class for two reasons. "I like going to Diamond Jim Brady's, and I'm recently retired and wanted

Brady's upcoming classes, call (248) 380-8460.



Certified Executive Chef Mary Brady of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro in Novi answers a question from Michelle Thompson, of Novi, in her "Little Plates II" cooking class Nov. 12 at Novi Middle School. Brady, who also owns Mary Brady's Custom Catering, uses a hands-on approach in her instruction.



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HART BREAKER

Novi's Silverdome dream fall six inches short

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

For those who were near the line, or standing with a good van-tage point, it seemed as though that ball crossed the threshold.

Of course, no one wearing black and orange would say so, but the faithful in green and white quickly exploded as the final attempt to cross into the endzone by senior quarterback Mike Hart was waved off by the line judge in Novi's 31-28 loss in overtime to Brother Rice in the state semi final

The call, which was an option-style play that gave Hart the choice to hand the ball to fullback Josh Buck or take it himself, came after Rice nailed a field goal to take the lead in their overtime pos-

"It was game 13 for us and we knew we had to go for it if we wanted to beat our opponent," Novi coach Tab Kellepourey said. We have a lot of respect for Brother Rice, but we have a lot of respect for ourselves too. Our kids were fired up. We talked about what we should do on the sidelines, and they were all in favor of going for it."

After the hand-off had gone to Buck on the previous three plays that had went three, four and two yards respectively, it seemed as though all of the Brother Rice defenders would be keying on the big bruiser of a fullback. All, except, one A Warrior came blizing off the end, scooted around his blocker and put a hit into Hart's high pads just as the senior cut upfield with the ball. As he was falling forward, Hart stretched the ball and touched the goal line as he hit the ground — but the play was waved off as the official said his knee hit the ground prior to the ball breaking the plane.

"I thought it crossed." Hart said following the game, and then blocker and put a hit into Hart's

following the game and then shrugged. "I can think it, everyone can think it, but the official didn't and that's all that matters

Novi knew right away that this wasn't going to be an easy game. Playing at Berkley High School, on the new, rubber turf that has on the new, rubber turf that has become so popular over the last couple of years, the Wildeats kicked off and proceeded to be picked apart by a patient Brother Rice running game that took five minutes off the clock on their way to a score and a 7-0 lead.

In turn, the Warrior defense held strong, forcing the Wildeats to punt. After a broken civerage allowed the Wildeats to give the Rice returner pressure and caused a fumble, senior utility player

a fumble, senior utility player Trent Sisson dove on it and came up with the football to revive the Wildcats.

Novi took advantage as Hart steadled his team with some steadied his team with some impressive throws from the back-field and eventually finding Trevor Hoover on a nine-yard touchdown strike. Senior Mark Angelocci's kick tied the game at 7-7.

"That was a beautiful pass,"

Kellepourey said of Hart's throw to Hoover. "He's a great quarter-back. He has the ability to lead his team and to take control of a game and does he have one heck of an

The Wildcats took the lead early in the second quarter followscenario, Hart backed up in the pocket, guarded by protection from Ryan Pritchard, Kyle Margrave, Chad Thurman, Steve Jabbori and Mark and found Hoover streaking down the sideline for a 27-yard scoring pass to take a 14-

Rice wasn't deterred though, and answered quickly after return-ing the ball to the Novi 26-yard line on the kickoff. The defense held, for the most part, and forced

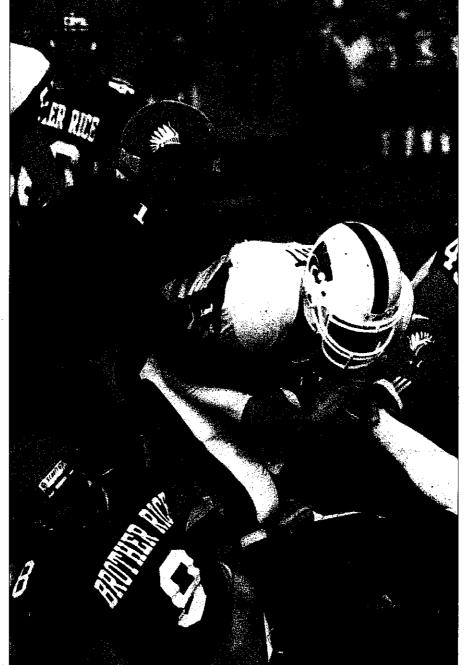


Photo by SAM EGGLESTON

Novi's Mike Hart can't get through the horde of Brother Rice defenders that came up to greet him late in the third quarter. The Wildcats, who finished the season at 12-1, fell to Brother Rice 31-28 in the state semi-finals game.

a fourth and goal. The stand was for naught though, as Rice scored a touchdown to a wide-open receiver in the comer of the end-

With the game tied 14-14 and time expiring in the half, the Wildcats went to work trying to gain enough yardage to get within Angeloce's range. After multiple passing plays, the Wildcats opted for a halfback draw that sprung 39 yards and the touch down as Josh Woods bounced outside, inked a linebacker and outran the defense to the endzone for the sur-prising score with just under 11 seconds left in the half.

"It was strategic in the fact that we needed to move the ball closer to hit a field goal on the next play," Kellepourcy said, "We called a Kellepourcy said. running play, and Josh used his running ability to make it happen. He broke a tackle, made a move to get open and executed the play

The 21-14 lead was one that the Wildcats enjoyed for the majority of the second half. After multiple turnovers, punts and a tenacious defense kept both sides from getting in the redzone throughout the scoreless third quarter, an unfortu-nate fumble to start the fourth quarter gave Rice the momentum they needed. The Warriors marched 63 yards in a minute and a half before scoring to tied the game 21-21

Minutes later, Novi committed another turnover with an intercep-tion, which Rice took advantage of once again. After taking the ball down to the Novi 31-yard line, Rice set up for the field goal but was called for a delay of game that forced them to go for the first down instead on fourth and eight. The play was a pass, which was caught, and then an extra 15 yards was awarded by the offien an extra 15

cials due to a personal foul. With 1:33 left in the game, Rice crossed into the endzone for the score and a 28-21 lead.

The Wildcats, who have been in similar situations throughout the year, started down the field from their own 27 yard line, Hart put together 60 yards in passing and 10 on the ground before find-ing Hoover in the endzone for a touchdown and a tied game with 21.4 seconds left in the game and ooth teams prepping for overtime

After Rice's field goal gave them the lead, the 'Cats came in looking to score but were stopped, according to officials,

stopped, according to officials, six inches from the goal.

"We thought we had the right play," Kellepourey said. "It went for us before. We knew we had good blocking, a good quarterback and a good fullback. It was the right decision at the time.

The kids were emotionally charged up and ready to make that play happen. Unfortunately, we were stopped." Novi will lose a slew of talent

ed seniors, including four of their

et sentors, including for their starting five linemen. "It's not about seniors, juniors or anyone else," Kellepourey said. "It's about Wildcat football. The coaches are so proud of these kids. We know this program is getting stronger and stronger. We know it factors into the school the parent groups and the community. We're proud of all of those things, but we're most proud of our kids."

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proud of our kids."
Following the Mackenzic vic-tory in the Regional final, Kerry Kreutzberg said he wanted to be part of a team that would be remembered 10 years down the

That goal, there's no doubt, has been reached.

What a season!

What can be said about this foot ball season other than one word:

The Novi Wildcats took me, and their fans, as far as any team in school history has ever gone – and this year they were only six inches from the

from the Silverdome and the state finals instead of the six fect in 1988. The Wildcats Novi

should proud of what they have accomplished.

Eggleston

They are great kids with huge hearts that never once gave up. The pushed and pushed and pushed in order to come pushed and pushed in order to come up with victories all year long. They played through injury, played through pain and played through the doubt that so-called professionals cast upon their ability to win.

This was, quite frankly, one her of a year to be a Novi Wildeat.

I came to find myself very ingrained with this football team. If elt as though I were a nat of it in a

inglaneo with this tootoal rectains felt as though I were a part of it in a way. Sure, I never called a play, or gave a pep talk or went onto the field to play – but I felt it nonetheless. These players became a part of my job, and then friends – as did the coaching staff.

Through the years, I've always made an effort to keep separated from a team. If anything bad were to happen, in a variety of definitions, I would be forced to write about it and never wanted my closeness to have a say in my reporting. With these Wildeats, I came to find myself not only close to them, but positive that such an occasion would not arise. Every single one of them are stand-

Every single one or abent are samp up individuals and each deserves an applause greater than any amount a packed sadium could ever bring. It's never easy to take a loss like the one these boys took against a quality Brother Rice team. So close, yet so far away

yet so far away.

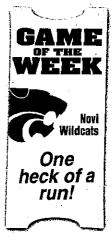
But, they took the loss with their chins up. They knew there was only two ways their season could end – with a championship or with a loss. Only one team in Division II is going to end the season with clation, which means oh-so-many others feel the pain of a season-ending loss. The Novi Wildcats should be

proud of everything they have accomplished and everything they have reached for. Sure, the ultimate prize of a state title was just out of reach, but you got to taste it and know that it is the sweetest thing in the world for a high school athlete. I never knew what it felt like – never experienced the post-season as a player. But, I've been able to experi-

ence it through you, Wildcats.

In my opinion, the better team didn't get a ticket to the Silverdome Saturday. No, the better team packed their bags, took a deep breath and walked to the bus under a barrage of

Beyond anything else, you're football players. You know the game, you love the game and you played the game to the best of your abilities. No one can ever take that way from you. For years to come, they'll talk about you. For years to come, they'll be in awe of you. For the rest of their lives, they'll remember you. Why? Because you're Wildcats.



Mike Hart Senior Football

Here's the kind of athlete that would rather take the ball into his own hands and let the game rest on his shoulders than to give the burne else. In our book, that's the defi-nition of All-Star. Hart was born into this world

ng to out cry the other babies and seeing which of he the other toddlers could learn how to walk first. and the other toddlers could learn how to walk it.
Why? Because he's a competitor and a true athlete one that will never give up



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Mark Kaminski Senior Feotball

There's a reason Kaminski seemed to be a name everyone became familiar with this year — he earned it. Off season workouts turned him from a mild-mannered sec ond-string player to one of the best athletes on the Novi

football team in 2003. His football team in 2003. Its heart and desire are things that every athlete in every sport should learn from — players like Kaminski make champi-onships and players like Kaminski are respected by everyone who ever meets them - because they earned it.



It's all about family, God and coaching

■ Detroit Lions' quarterback coach Kevin Higgins appreciates the opportunities his life has given him

By Sam Eggleston

In the world of coaching much like that of playing, get-ting to the National Football League is an amazing accom-plishment. Northville resident Kevin

Higgins was quick to agree with that statement, but even quicker point out that it wouldn't have even been a consideration if his family hadn't been in complete support of the

Higgins, who is the quarter-ack coach for the Detroit Lions, knew it was a difficult prospect for his children when opportunity knocked for him to take a position in the profes-sional ranks. With some family meetings, and plenty of prayers, the decision was made to pick up their roots in Pennsylvania ing his ability. Hopefully, that and make the move to Northville,

"It was a family decision," and decided as a family that this

was a great opportunity."

For Higgins, Northville had a
lot to offer – both with its convenient location and impressive academic-minded school sys-

"I looked at the South Lyon area because it was more rural, Higgins said, "But I wasn't as issed with the district when it came to the academics like Northville's. The athletic programs are solid here, and the cademies are fantastic, orthville was also located close to the highways, which

was a benefit. Higgins found himself in a situation of a changing head coach following his first year with the Lions, and was glad to come a member of Steve ued on as the quarterback

"As a head coach, Steve

Steve and go through every game tope. He knows quarter-backs, and has been involved with some of the best in Brett Favre, Steve Young and Jeff Garcia in his previous coaching positions."

positions."

Working with great quarter-

e standing individual who is just learning the professional game of football. Higgins said. "If you look at some of the great quarterbacks in the history of the league, it took a couple of years for them to great individual who is just learning the professional game of football. Higgins said. "If you look at some of the great quarterbacks in the history of the league, it took a couple of years for them to great the coaching was a family the opportunity opened up."

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The coaching would present itself to move up to the National Football League. After we proportunity opened up." really begun to get more and more confident in understand-

Harrington noted that having Higgins as a position coach helps him grow as a player. "Coach Higgins is very, very detail orientated," Harrington

said following the Lions victory over the Chicago Bears November 9, "One of the things you need to know as a quarterback is what to do in every situation, and Coach Higgins makes sure I have that covered." Higgins has felt the same

pressures as his quarterbacks. Both Harrington and Mike McMahon have shown impressive skills while under center. Higgins has also worked with third-string quarterback Ty Detiner and former Lions quar-

terback Charlie Batch. Before coming to Northville, Higgins was increasing his foot-hall knowledge at the head coach of Lehigh University in Pennsylvania. Seven years were spent as the Mountain Hawks' head coach, and an additional six were as the assistant at the

highly-successful college. In back,

staff meetings, and when I work individually with my quarter-backs, we often sit down with seasons as the helmsman for the team, Higgins was a candidate for the Eddic Robinson National Coach of the Year, and award Division I-AA.

"We, as a family, had a great time while I coached at Lehigh." Higgins said. "It was a

the league, it took a couple of years for them to completely enderstand the game. Joey was thrown into the fire, but has with the Philadelphia Eagles. While there, he had the opportu now heads up the Tampa Bay

a lot of coaches then," Higgins said, "I studied the West Coast offense and implemented a very similar program at Lehigh. Of things with it that you can't necessarily do in the NFL, like

Higgins career in sports started in his home town of Emerson, New Jersey, There, he was blessed with a great line of "In high school, I had what I

consider a great football coach," Higgins said. "I also had great baseball and basketball coaches. I immediately knew that I wanted to coach at some point. After high school, Higgins cent to West Chester

went to West Chester University, a Division II school, and played free safety for four years as he earned a nod as the team's most valuable defensive

1995, 1998 and 2000, Higgins was the Patriot-League Coach of the Year and was named the lifeld, that Higgins realized his has Higgins made a mark on the his oldest, Tim, is a student at the



Detroit Lions' quarterback coach and Northville resident Kevin Higgins poses with the three things he loves the most: His family, God and football.

"I was a defensive back, and I remember thinking after a play where a runningback made a move and beat me that I wasn't destined to play professionally," Higgins said. Instead, he was destined to

lofty goal of playing profession-al football was something he needed to set aside. Detroit 'Lions and the players who are tutored by him, but his family has made their mark on University of Florida and a member of their football team.
"I've been blessed with a great

family," Higgins said. "I couldn't His wife, Kay, is involved in

daughter Meaghan plays baskethall for the Northville Mustangs. youngest child, Katie and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or by e-mail at seggle-

There's no 'I' in this team

By Sam Eggleston

eing a pro? Especially a pro with t he National Football League. Making the Detroit Lions is an accomplishment that is beyond th e ability of the majority of the pop ulation. Sure, all of us remen

ber our playing days and some of us have this dream that we could h ave made the pro level - but for s ome of us, that dream is realiy. We're talking about your friend s and neighbors. The guys you go to church with and play softball with. We're talking every-day

No, they aren't taking snap on the field or trying to catch those ev er-elusive Joey Harrington passes, but they're part of the Lions and they're pros nonetheless — they're the stat guys. Every week when you see statistics on the television. Internet or in the newspapers regarding the Detroit Lion ink these guys for doing one heck of a job.

Novi seems to be Lions central these days, boasting five team statisticians with neighboring Commerce playing host to one. Willy Mena, Micheal Brenner, Dave Irvine, Dan Blossfeld and Tim May all hail from Novi while

Phil Austin is Commerce's lone Phil Austin is Commerce's lone there are two rookes that have representative on the statistician crew.

"It caught me by surprise," said Blossfield, who is one of the manual play-by-play statisticians, of the number of Novi neighbors he had working along side of him. "It wasn't until they asked me to do it wasn't until they asked me to do it they do.
"It love it," May said. "After my first game, I came home and told my wife that it wasn like dying and the some of the same."

"It caught me by surprise," said state going on beautiful to the same of the game." "When hings are going smoothly, you get to see some of the game," "when said, and then added with a laugh that some things don't go very smooth. "There are actually times things don't go very smooth what the score comments are two rookes that have to water the game now and men the same." "When hings are going smoothly, you get to see some of the game," and then added with a laugh that some times things don't go very smooth. "There are actually times that I don't know what the score comments are two rookes that have caught on nice."

lage, where the ball was spot-and who was the defensive p-maker for the down. Now Mena said of the quality-control then, a small joke or comment statistician from Commerce. ted and who was the defensive

some laughter to echo over the headsets each member of the stat-

Mena, who is responsible for entering all of the data into the Game Statistics Information System for the NFL. "This is a great group of guys. Don't get me wrong, everyone takes their posi-tion seriously, but we don't do it for the money. For us, it's a passon. We enjoy doing it and we enjoy the challenge behind it."

The crew is made up of first-year guys, veterans — and even an eld timer in laying.

"I started to sub in 1982," said the Novi resident, who sends his three sons to Northville schools. "I started full time as defensive

spotter in 1985. I've been here the longest, that's for sure."

The group is headed by Brenner, who has the title of Chief Statistician — a job that Brenner definitely doesn't mind having.

"I've been doing it (keeping stats) for 30 years," Brenner said. "I really don't see myself not wanting to do it. My job is by far the best though. Everyone else the best though. Everyone else has to work with computers and enter data, but I get paid to use my

eyes and watch the game."
From the Novi side of things, there are two rookies that have

masn't until they asked me to do it that I knew some of these guys worked for the Lions."

It's a job that requires plenty of patience, keen eyes, an understeen works are understeen their job done and get it done.

Though not everyone would everyone would even, the stat crew is quick to get their job done and get it done.

Whenever a position opens up the stat team, there seems to the stat team, there seems to the control of the best seat in the bouse game, but it's never like actually get paid to sit in," Brenner said.

So, the next time you open your mith the stat team, there seems to their job done and get it done right. When things go wrong and there are corrections to be made,

Austin is the guy for the job.

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with the crew, is a whiz when i

comes to computer systems thanks to his background working at America On Line, Netscape and Sun Microsystems. According to Brenner, Mena is the guy who keeps things rolling

group," he said. "He's usually the first one in and, though I'm in charge, gets things running the way they are supposed to.
"! don't know this computer work from Adam, but the rest of

these guys do. They have a lot of respect for what each other does, and they get things done right. The process itself is fairly simple. First, the Offensive Spotter (Brenner) calls out the play, such

as a run by a particular player The defensive Spotter (Irvine) then announces who the tackler(s) are. Finally, the ending spot of the ball is determined. All of the information is put directly into a lapton computer and is quickly transferred to the NFL and to the various personnel working in the

smooth, "There are actually times that I don't know what the score is. As long as there aren't any there can be.

"It's the best seat in the bouse in the bouse and paid to sit in,"

be plenty of people to fill in and



Photo by SAM EGGLESTON Who knew Novi was Lions central? Five guys from Novi and one from Commerce help the Lions Dave Irvine, Tim May, Phil Micheal Brenner and Willy

All of that, and these guys get fill in for him if he ever decided to the box and do it. All three of my boys are football fanatics like I am. They think it's very cool, and

they love the preferred seating."

In fact, the seating, which is at the 40-yard line of the southernside of the field and well above

take over — in fact, they are even willing to take their kin's spot. "I'm sure they would," Irvine answered when asked if his three sons. Chris. Phil and Steve, would being on the team.

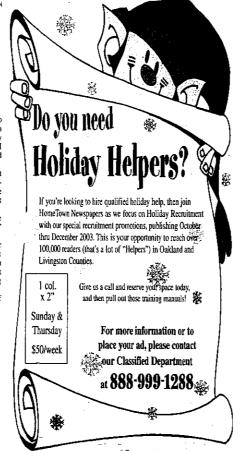
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2003 All-Area Dream Team Basketbal

Shannon Waddell South Lyon senior

Domonique Desira

Vorthville senior

Named first team All-KVC,
 Scored in double figures in 20-of-22 games.
 Maintained KVC-high 15.1 points per game

raged team-high 8.2 rebounds per game

Averaged 2.7 steals per game.
Averaged 1.2 assists per game.

Averaged seven rebounds, six points a

"Her biggest asset is her ability to

well and goes after the ball hard. She's a

solid rehounder as well, and a very active player in the post

me, two steals and three blocks

Honorable mention WLAA

ee for the last two years," Lions head coach Jim Brennan said 'And that's really tough to do, because the second time through sho had every defense focusing on her. Everybody basically planned thei game around stopping her and she was still able to chum out 15

Lakeland senior

Alison Greulich

· 27 3-point field goals

• 13 games with double digit scoring.

"The second time through the KVC (por-ion of our schedule), Alison was just dom-nant." 'Coach Bill Kelp said, "She was

playing extremely well for us. I think the biggest thing about

and something we're obviously going to miss, is the way

Named honorable mention All-KVC. Maintained 6.2 points per game scoring

"Katie matured extremely as a basketball player this season," Eagles head coach Brian Ives said, "Last year there were times when she would shoot the ball too good or the ball t

quick and not use her head. This year she was just deadly with that little 15-foot jump shot from the cially for her size. And she hit some big free throws for us

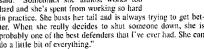
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Named first team All-KVC. Maintained 8.8 points per game scoring

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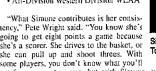
Drilled team-leading 24 three-pointers "Fallon is probably day-in and day-out he hardest working kid I have ever oached," Eagles head coach Brian Ives

Sanborn aid. "Sometimes she almost works too



Northville sonhamore

 Averaged eight points a game, three ounds, two assists and two steals All-Division Western Division WLAA



get from game to game, but with Sin oing to come in and play as well, if not better, than the game

Rachele Folino

- Novi sonhomore Second-team All-KVC
- Averaged 11 points and 7.5 rebounds
- Seven games with double-doubles ints Vs WLC, 17 Vs Howell. 22 Vs

Whitney Fuelling

· Named first team All-KVC.

10.9 points per game scoring average.
 Averaged 5.8 rebounds per game.

"I think Whitney had a very good season,"
Mavericks head coach Don Palmer said.
Whitney

PESpecially considering the fact that we were Fuelling never able to develop a consistent second or third threat to take some pressure off her. Whitney was our first option

on offense, an integral part of our press break and was usuall

assigned to defer a die outer teams oest onenske prayer, wheater it of a perimeter or an interior player. In 27 years of coaching girls' hoop there have been some that were better basketball players, but none that

vere better athletes. Whitney's points and assists represented 35 pe

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signed to defend the other teams' best offensive player, whether it be

"When I think about Rachele, I think about Folino three little losses in the middle of the year and she did a great job for us. I think the biggest thing about Rachele is that she wants to be the best. She'll work to achieve that to no end. She's just a

Corey Innes

Named honorable mention All-KVC. Maintained 6.2 points per game scoring Drilled 22 three-pointers.

"Corey was rock solid for us this year" Eagles head coach Brian Ives said. "She lefinitely played the most minutes for us Innes

il year long. She busts her butt and does on many little things that don't get recognized, between set-ing screens, rebounding, defending, and making a pass. And she's a great spot-up shooter."

Nicole Wilson

Lakeland iunior Named second team All-KVC Maintained team-high 9.0 points per

"On the basketball floor, Nicole is far and away the quickest player in the Nicole league," Eagles head coach Brian Ives said. Wilson

She can explode past everybody. She handled the ball well and really grew into how o be a point guard. Defensively, she got much better. She tarted to learn how to play defense. She definitely benefits

Northville iunior

Evonna Karchon

· Honorable mention WLAA

 21 points first game of season Vs South "Evonna is an extremely quick player as

off of the dribble and finishes well at the rim. This year, s eveloped a mind-set for playing in the game and understood what we were trying to do offensively and defensively. She's so quick, and she has the ability to get in the passing lane and size, because she jumps very well.

7.5 points game, four rebounds, two

· 23 points in post season game Vs Novi

yone saw in the Novi game," Northville ch Pete Wright said. "She can beat kids

Maintained 3.9 points per game scoring

"Katie is very, very athletic," Eagles katie ad coach Brian Ives said, "By the time things she graduates, she will probably have the



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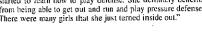
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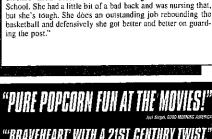
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Soccer just a way of life for this Dream Teamer

By Sam Eggleston

So many people say they wouldn't trade this honor or that honor for anything in the world

who was recently named to the All-State First-Team soccer list as well as a member of the pres-tigious Dream Team, said he

anything I get as an individual word in the Region because of

team was eliminated in the second round of District appreciate the nods he received. Tournament play by a strong Northville team that eventually rather see the team go far first.

This is a team game, and I'd the seam sare ending I'll be able to serious about playing soccer in talk to them more. The more I have the more than the second that the second them the second that the second them to be serious about playing soccer in talk to them more. The more I have the more the second that the s advanced to the Regional finals, Simpson still found himself earning All-District, All-Region, All-State First-Team and Dream Team honors and was named as the HomeTown Newspapers 2003 All-Area Dream Team

Player of the Year.
"Our District was one of the accolades he has received this year in a heartheat.

"I would have rather won the state title." Simpson said, the teams in our District, the "Getting honors is great, but I coaches knew us pretty well, would trade it for a state championship. The team comes first, our team, and we got a good

he said. "If we don't go ran, one I get some personal recognition, then I'm going to accept that. It's make."

Simpson had the opportunity to be a more into the world of recruit-

field – a decision that is paying off. The stellar senior defensive midfielder has had offers flowmidfielder has had offers flowing in from across the board, yet has managed to narrow his selection down.

"It's getting down to the decision process," Simpson said.
"The decision process," Simpson said.
"It's getting flow in the decision process," Simpson said.
"It's getting flow in the decision process," Simpson said.
"It's make and have been prepared a little better."
Hopefully, Simpson said.
"It would have got into it a little more, maybe I would have been prepared a little better."
Hopefully, Simpson said.

First-Team All-State, and I'm happy I was chosen."

Simpson made the decision quite a while ago that he wanted

"I wish I would have paid quite a while ago that he wanted his future to be on the soccer more attention when he was

comes second."

it."

Simpson earned a lot of individual nods this year. Though his ing to trade his honors for a title,

being recruited," Simpson said.
"If I would have got into it a lit-

working at it. If he does, I think he'll be just fine." Simpson said a lot of his success has to do with his parents,

were always driving me places, paying for everything and cheer-ing me on. I can't tell you how much they have meant to my success. I love soccer, and brother, Matt, learns from his brother's mistake and has been watching carefully on the process he has gone through. "Matt is at a year where he has they've always urged me to do

have meant everything to me."

Simpson's love for the game started as a youth in Aria

Boh and Andrea.

where he learned to play soccer and basketball. Once his family moved back to Michigan, there was no doubt in his mind which serious about playing soccer in college, he has to do it now. Your junior year is always the biggest recruiting year, and Matt has to sport he'd be playing - even though football was the top dog on the athletics field. have a big summer and keep

"Michigan is still dominate by football as a high school sport," Simpson said. "Soccer, usually, comes second during the fall. I love it though, and I hope it gets even bigger around here. I played football in middle school, but soccer was the sport I knew I

was going to play.

writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News, He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext.

Wildcats take two early season losses

SPORTS WRITER

It definitely wasn't the begin-ning of the season Novi coach Dan Phelps was hoping for but he's confident his team will

early season losses in their first two games of the season as they fell to the Stevenson Spartans 4I in the first round of the Metro
Invitational held at Novi Ice hockey game and he only Arena November 21 and 22.

In the consolation round dur-ing the second day of play, Novi took their second loss of the notched the second score against

"He's well versed in hockey, and "He's well versed in nockey, and that would be an the scoring he know what he's doing when it comes to running a program.

"Beating Novi was a good win He's got some nice players and a for us," O'Neill said. "It has very solid team this year." been a few years since we've The Mustangs, who fell to done it. I think this was our first

Sports Shorts

The Northville Parks and Rec

department is currently accepting player registration for its Youth Winter Basketball Leagues and

will continue to do so until the

leagues are full.

The game groups for the girls are sixth-eighth grades and ninth-12th

grades. They boys groups have

teams of eighth-ninth grade and 10th-12th grades. All leagues will play an eight or 10 game schedule,

ing for all teams will be held

Adult coaches are needed for the program. The coach's child will

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League forming

Farmington Unified 4-1 in their first game of the tournament, were the first to get on the board. The Mustangs notched their first goal of the night in the first Both Phelps and O'Neill reach for us."

agreed that the first handful of The Wilder period, this time getting the score from Robbie Riehl with an

assist going to Matt Long. The goal was scored against goalie Justin Ruccolo. "I have to give Justin credit to see who is going to go out and work hard in the beginning of the season. We want to see who allowed two goals."

year, this time to the Northville
Mustangs, 2-1.
"Having Brad O'Neill back at
"Novi fought back, scoring a Mustangs, 2-1.
"Having Brad O'Neill back at the helm is a very positive thing late goal by Chris Zarem to cut for Northville," Phelps said. that would be all the scoring

AAU Girls Basketball Tryouts

The Legion AAU girls basketball team will be holding tryouts

December 7 and Dec. 13 at Andover

High School. The time and details

are available at www.legionbb.com or through email at legionbb@hot-

There is a \$20 fee to participate in

the highly-competitive tryouts, and there will be teams in age groups

from 10 years of age through 18

Northville Parks and Rec is cur-

rently taking registrations for the popular ski and snowboard club. All

school are encouraged to participat

10th-12th grades. All leagues will year-old players.

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registration

Teams will practice one or two Ski and snowboard club

win over them in four years.

More importantly, it was good for us to get that first win of the goals on the power play. Take

games in the season are always going to be shaky.
"Both teams were still basically doing tryouts," O'Neill said,
"We have our team, but we want

deserves to be out there. The Wildcats will be back in action when they visit the Howell Highlanders December 3 in the first KVC match-up of the

Stevenson 4, Novi 1

The Wildcats found them-

discounts and lessons at Mt.

Brighton Ski Area. The club mem-bership is limited to 300 partici-

pants.
The fee is \$135 for city and town-

ship residents, \$138 for school dis-

trict residents and \$145 for non-residents. Please oring a current school photo and last year's club ID card.

Also, adult chaperones are needed for trips and will receive compli-

The Novi fee Arena's Learn to

Skate Program runs through December 20 with a wide variety of

classes being offered at different

(248) 349-0203.

Learn to Skate

those away, and the game was in

The Wildcats were in a sticky situation thanks to minutes spent in the penalty box. "We had an over abundance of

minor penalties," Phelps said,
"We have to learn to be more disciplined about some of our play. It showed a lot in that Stevenson game."

the stick of Mario DeGrazia, who took the assist from Brett Jaussi at 5:34 in the first quarter. Dan Morrison, a veteran goal-tender, saved 17 shots on the night as Novi was out shot 21-11 throughout the contest.

Sam Eggleston is the selves being out done in the first game of the year thanks to a number of minor penalties that randed them in the box.

writer for the Northville Record and the North News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. landed them in the box.

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Arena spokesman Jennifer

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to all skaters, and will give prospec-

tive students a chance to skate with

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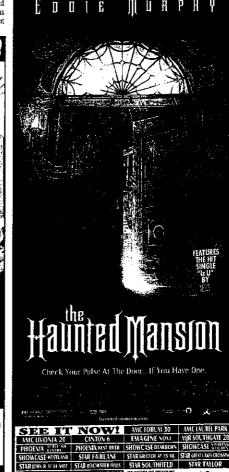
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Arm yourself with a holiday spending plan

If you've not yet crafted a holiday spending plan, consider these strategies to avoid letting your gen-erosity get the better of you. Decide whom you'll buy for. Sit down and think about whom you

really want to buy for this year. Is it really necessary to give gifts to your housekeeper, stylist, pet sitter and office mates? Send them a fun e-card, or take the time the write a heartfelt sentiment in a carefully chosen holiday card - one that you think would appeal to their person-ality. Do you feel compelled to buy for your extended family members? Don't assume your aunts, uncles, grandmas and grand-pas want gifts. They may be up to their cars in gadgets and trinkets. Instead, query them about what's near and dear to their hearts. Perhaps you can make a contribu-tion to their favorite charity (which is tax deductible) or accompany them on a community service out-

Decide how much you'll spend. Once you've determined whom you'll buy for, jot down how much you think you want to spend on gifts. Include incidental items like Christmas cards (be sure to include postage), decorations, crafts, holi-day food and any outfits you want to purchase for you or your kids. Next to each item jot down the dollar amount you want to spend and then tally the costs. Is it more than you're comfortable spending? Look at your list and cut out names

or reduce the gift dollar amounts.

Tup the right side of your brainget creative. Consider some alternatives to store bought gifts. Dr. Sam Quick, human development & family relations specialist with the Kentucky State University Cooperative Extension Office, rec-Cooperative Extension Office; commends crafting homemade gift certificates. What type of gifts might you give? For the friends in your life who are single moms, or for the couple who needs a much-needed break from their kids, the proper four Eriday evenings of free donate four Friday evenings of free babysitting. A son might give his mother a certificate for an hour of his time doing any chore of her

choice - with no protests. To create a gift certificate in Word, open a new document. Click "Insert" on your tool bar, and then choose "Text Box" from the pull down menu (lifth option from the bottom). Draw your text box. Click inside the text box to add text. In the top left hand corner of the box type "To:" and fill in the name of the person to whom you're present-ing the certificate. Next, type "What:" and describe what your gift is. Be specific (Dad will give mom a 25 minute back massage.) Finally, in the bottom right hand corner of the certificate, draw a signature line (To draw a line, choose "Autoshapes" by clicking "Insen" and then "Pictures.") There you'll sign your name, in pen. Also, somewhere on the certificate, indicate how long the offer is good for. You can fit three or four certificates You can fit three or four certification on a page. Print the page, cut out the certificates and put them in envelopes. Consider asking your kids to put their artistic touch on the envelopes. You'll be involving them in the gift giving process and you'll set an example of how you can share the Christmas spirit for instruments.

just pennies.

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Open a Christmas Club Account. In January, open a

Christmas Club account. credit unions and many banks offer Put some money in each month based on how much you spent last year. Arrange to have the amount automatically deducted from your paycheck. This way, when it's time to shop for the holidays again, you'll have all the money you need. And you'll earn interest rather than making big

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Dean and Cindi Rottermond, second and third from left in second row, are shown with staffers and collected gifts for the less fortunate.

Rottermond Jewelers gives back to community

It all began five years ago with a hope and dream of Cindi Rottermond, vice

president of Rottermond Jewelers.
She clearly remembered how during her days at Ford Motor Company she had participated in a Christmas program called "Operation Good Cheer" in which employees "adopted" abused/neglected children, making the holidays brighter for

those in need.

Cindi talked it over with her husband Dean and other staffers at their Milford jewelry store. "Did they want to be involved in a similar local project?" she

When the replies returned in the affirmative, Cindi sprang into action. When she learned that 183 area residents that year had asked for aid through Community Resource Sharing (CRS), a local assistance program, she was shocked.

Thus, "Sharing Christmas with Others"

Cindi and Dean asked their customers also to become involved in adopting 12 families. She distributed flyers around town and Rottermond staffers handed them out to, customers. Cindi even devised a method of keeping track of everyone who agreed to contribute and what the donation would be. Gift certificates for food and clothing were also col-lected and given to CRS for additional families.

From warm boots and pajamas to trucks and dolls, the gifts poured in. The Milford Post Office employees adopted three families and provided everything on those families' lists and more.

And she didn't stop there. Cindi enlisted the help of parents of the Prestwick Village Golf Club Children's Party and asked them to contribute gift certificates.

Instead of exchanging gifts among them-selves, the youngsters brought the gift certificates to their annual party and learned about sharing with others.

Rottermond staffers also were involved. They, too, purchased gifts and wrapped, hauled and delivered them. All of that was in addition to the bookkeeping efforts of making sure every family's gifts

rere together.

That was five years ago, and the program has continued to grow. This year Rottermond Jewelers has adopted 20 families, and the program of Sharing Christmas with Others has been extended to the Rottermond's Brighton jewelry store.

"Our customers have come to expect this outreach," said Cindi, "In addition to the Milford Post Office employees, other businesses have called to pitch in. We try ousinesses have cance to pitch in. We by to allocate one gift per adult and three for each child. For the youngsters, it is often the basics – coats, snow boots and mittens and one toy, We also try to give a grocery gift card to each family for food, "Cindy explained."

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Clients and other donors are asked to wrap each gift and deliver it to the store by a specific day. Families are directed to come to Rottermonds to pick up their gifts on a designated day in keeping with the confidentiality guidelines set by CRS. But the Rottermonds do not stop there

with their service to the community. Dean established a relationship with Huron Valley Schools about 12 years ago, work-ing with jewelry teachers Dorothy Kane at Lakeland and Andrea Bronson at Milford High. He has supplied gemstones and metals for the advanced jewelry classes at both high schools. He also sponsors scholarships for top jewelry stu-dents who further their studies. Students vie for top honors during a



From left, Dorothy Kane, Andrea Bronson, (HV Schools Jewelry Instructors), jeweler Eric Larvick and Dean Rottermond with so

special evening at the store to which par-ents are also invited. Dean and his staff of jewelers judge the submissions, awarding ribbons and scholarships to the students based on design, craftsmanship and

Dean has also served the community in a variety of roles. He has served on the a variety of roles. He has served on the Downtown Parking Authority and been a member and chair of the Milford Downtown Development Authority. He has served as vice chair of the Huron Valley YMCA and has chaired the "Swing for Kids" benefit for the Y's Partners with Youth Scholarship Program. Cindi has assisted in fund raising activ-ities as St. Joseph's School in Howell and

served as a Cub Scout den mother for three years. At the pack level, she helped collect food for the homeless and prepare meal for the less fortunate in Livingston Rottermond Jewelers has also donated

to countless organizations throughout the

Cindi and Dean, together with their staff, work hard at their commitment to the community, particularly with young people and the less fortunate. "Many of us take for granted our bless-

ings, forgetting that there are so many who have real needs. Christmas reminds us of core values, and the love we should share with others," Cindi concluded.

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